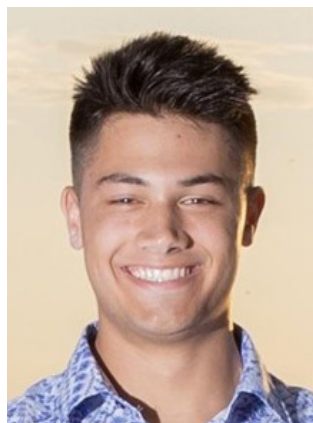




# Eta Rho NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF THE ETA RHO CHAPTER OF SIGMA NU

WINTER 2023



My name is Vijay Blevins, HP 1124. As the Alumni Relations Chairman, I have the pleasure working with the Executive Committee and Alumni Committee. Last year was the first year that the Alumni Advisory Board was created. Working with the Alumni last year has made our connection

with them stronger. We hope to continue building that connection this year working with them. Last year's newsletter was a big success, and we plan to continue making the newsletter. This newsletter is used to keep the Alumni Chapter updated on the current and future news of the active chapter, along with news and highlights from our Alumni. We need help from all the alumni to help keep this newsletter going. If there is anything you want to see included in this newsletter contact [davidsturgeon0560@gmail.com](mailto:davidsturgeon0560@gmail.com). We are excited for this upcoming year and cannot say thank you enough for what the Alumni have done for the active chapter. Even though this homecoming was not a major anniversary year, we had a great time seeing Alumni that stopped by and talked to the Actives. If you weren't able to stop by the house during homecoming you are more than welcome to stop by the house anytime. All the active brothers would love to meet you. This year we will be having a golf scramble at Cross Winds on April 1. If you want to be updated on recent news, I encourage you to join the Facebook group "Eta Rho Chapter Sigma Nu Western Kentucky University". We need to keep this energy that we have for the rest of the year, and I hope you guys are excited as I am. Remember we are the men of Sigma Nu, and we are the best in this country.



Hello my name is Luke Blair, HP 1145, and I am the current Commander of the Eta Rho chapter of Sigma Nu. We had a great fall semester and hope to carry the momentum we built these past few months into the spring. We started out this fall with a successful rush by recruiting 14

young men into our chapter. I would like to thank the many alumni that graciously contributed to our rush. Those 14 were recently initiated on December 1st. We raised over \$1,200 during our Philanthropy Week this semester. We had a young team in this year's flag football league and didn't come out on top but the future is promising. We competed in and won Delta Zeta's Hoops for Hearing philanthropy basketball tournament by defeating ATO, Phi Delt, and KA. I have been blessed with a fantastic group of officers and executive committee. I look forward to next spring to see what we can accomplish!



(Left to right Jackson Smith HP 1158, Drew Logsdon HP 810, Luke Blair 1145, 2023 College of Chapters.)







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## ALUMNI SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL FALL RUSH

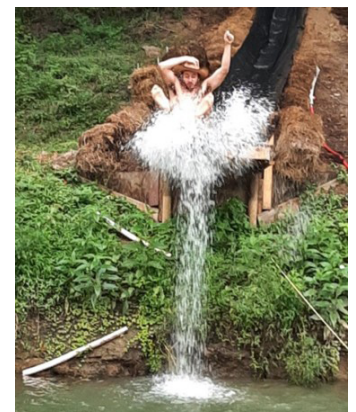
Coming upon Rush this past Fall, due to a small returning group of initiates, the active chapter was faced with the reality of a large shortfall of money to conduct a competitive Rush. A group of our alumni came forward and generously provided funds for us to host a Rush like we never thought possible. The schedule was by far more creative and exciting than any other fraternity on campus. The highlight was enabling us to recreate the famous/infamous "Launching of the Fleet" (aka Tubing), a ΣN Eta Rho tradition that had faded into legend. It was an all-inclusive day of incredible fun that was the epitome of an ultimate Rush event, set a new standard of notoriety and renewed a tradition ingrained in our history. We cannot truly express the depth of our sincere gratitude to the following alumni:

Tom Hart, HP 57  
Jeff Morgan, HP 300  
Darell Pierce, HP 310  
Robert LaGrange, HP 312  
Shane Van Meter, HP 321  
Jerry Bodenbender, HP 326  
Buddy Jones, HP 330  
Chuck Miller, HP 331  
Hunter Watkins, HP 333  
Chris Zirkelbach, HP 334  
David Sturgeon, HP 335  
Tom Nord, HP 342  
David Butler, HP 346  
Jamie Spurlock, HP 406  
Greg King, HP 494  
Duke Porter, HP 502  
Jacob Sander, HP 1087  
Glen Davis, Initiation pending  
Debbie Link Hibbett, Little Sister



Combined, these individuals provided a total of over \$8,000 and produced the opportunity for the active chapter to go all out and go head-to-head with even the top fraternities at WKU.

Also, much gratitude goes out to all of the alumni who participated in a couple of the dinners/cookouts and Top 5 and Preference Nights.



## A LIFE WELL TRAVELED, JOHN LUDWIG HP 60.... ΣΝ BROTHER THAT STILL HAS MANY MILES TO GO

*When it was brought to my attention several months ago that the Alumni Newsletter would start featuring an alumnus each issue I immediately thought about and suggested John Ludwig, HP 60. John was a Beta pledge brother of mine. His story amazes me. I have been in somewhat regular contact with John the last 25 years and still was not aware of all of his path. John was given a tough blow in his life and yet has accomplished so much. Here's to you Brother/Captain Ludwig!*

*-Tom Hart*



Growing up in Rahway, New Jersey, during his teens John often went to a small grass airfield to take flying lessons in a J-3 Piper Cub, paid with money working after school hours at the local Dairy Queen. Becoming a pilot was John's ongoing ambition. After graduating High School, John eventually attended Western Kentucky University, graduating (Jan of 1968) with a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology. He put himself through college with a mixture of hard physical labor during the summers and

bar-tending at night at a local bar/restaurant in Bowling Green. John joined Sigma Nu Fraternity during his time at Western and "although the wood pile is getting thinner" he is still in touch with the Brothers and the friendships that were created many years ago.

After graduating from Western "with hardly an exemplary grade point average," and having virtually no technical or math background, John was able to score high enough on his flight exam to be accepted into Marine Corps Officer Candidate School (OCS) with an Aviation Contract. While waiting for his OCS class to begin in the summer of 68, he worked in Harlem as a caseworker for the Department of Social Services in NYC.

OCS in Quantico, Va, and Flight School in Pensacola, FL, presented his first significant structural and academic challenge. After a year and a half of OCS and flight training, he qualified in both fixed wing and rotary aircraft. After tours in Asia and Europe and seeing the world from the decks of aircraft carriers, John finished his active duty commitment

in Quantico, VA with the sister squadron to the presidential squadron. Although he was selected for Major, he was medically retired with the rank of Captain. To this day he is still close with his Marine Squadron pals.

After active duty with the Marines, John took a flying job with a foreign company that had various flight contracts throughout the world. He lived abroad for almost three years in Africa and the Middle East; flew the police helicopter in Johannesburg, South Africa during their time of strife over apartheid and did a stint culling and tagging White Rhino from the air in Umfolozi, a small game preserve in the heart of Zulu Land, just south of Mozambique. The closest village was 50 miles away. "In the evenings I could see the eyes of various wild animals just beyond the clearing of my small hut. Nothing but the sound of the wild prevailed except for a generator that was turned off each night at 9:00 pm. "

Over a year was spent in Nigeria living in the tiny village of Eket (in the so-called "Bite" of Biafra), just north of Cameroon, flying the bush and supporting oil exploration off the coast. An interesting aside, he was there shortly after the war in Biafra where the revolting tribes during the civil war were cut off from all exports of food and provisions.

In the mid-seventies, he moved from Africa to Abu Dhabi and Dubai, two of the Arab Emirates located on the Persian Gulf. It was an interesting time. Old traditions of the Bedouin culture clashed with the new emerging oil rich societies of the nouveau riche.

Old Souks (think Indiana Jones, narrow alleys with tents filled with wares) were slowly being replaced with modern shopping centers. John flew for local sheiks in support of their new oil industry, sometimes landing in the desert to fill his helicopter up with gas from Jerry Cans pausing long enough to join in for a cup coffee in one of the many nomadic Bedouin campsites sprinkled through the Sahara.

The Middle East was his last location before returning to the States after a few years of being abroad where he thought he was ready for more stability and moved to Dallas to join the girl he left behind some years before. He had several business ventures, opening up a new Dallas nightclub among others, but eventually put his energy into helping a new aircraft brokerage company get off the ground. Entrepreneurial businesses require total dedication with regards to time and money, a lesson that has stayed with him to this day and made him appreciate what it takes to be successful in a start-up business.

While continuing to feed his new business ventures, he joined a Marine Reserve Squadron in Dallas. He lived 15 minutes from the airfield so he was able to earn extra money flying test flights during the week in addition to his one-weekend/mo. reserve commitment. It was the best of both worlds; being a civilian and flying part time as a reserve pilot. Unfortunately, on his two-week reserve commitment and





during a joint military exercise, he had a catastrophic crash that broke his back and rendered him a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair. A 50-cent cotter pin that was not installed caused a \$30 million CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopter to go down in a catastrophic crash. He never had to ask why, especially in light of his past flying experiences. "I figured my number came up." He then started to figure out how to deal with this abrupt change of lifestyle.

He spent seven months in rehab at the V.A. hospital in Long Beach, Ca. and moved to the beach as an outpatient. He decided to enter Graduate School during this time and upon receiving his degree, spent two years interning at a local counseling center, after which he became a State Licensed Family Therapist. Ever the entrepreneur, he opened up a counseling clinic with a partner and served concurrently as part of the clinical staff of a research center under the world renowned bio-engineer, Dr. Jerold Petrofsky. The clinic specialized in different treatment modalities for central nervous system disorders. In addition, he taught for the Graduate School of Psychology at Pepperdine University as an Adjunct Professor.

Wanderlust started to grab hold of him by the mid-80s and he felt it was once again time for adventure. However, starting a solo trip from the confines of a wheelchair was a new experience. The urge was strong enough that after arranging for his partner to cover their practice, he packed his car and took off down the Baja peninsula, eventually crossing over to mainland Mexico. Going

a day at a time with no itinerary, after nearly a month on the road, he arrived at what became his spiritual home away from home, a small village, Ajijic, in the foothills of the Sierra Madras on Lake Chapala. Ajijic and Chapala during this time had a Hemingwayesque atmosphere where slices of humanity made for great conversation at lakeside gathering places. Drug dealers, writers, ex-cons and artists all converged to make life there interesting. He eventually built a home on the side of the mountain overlooking the lake and village. It became his spiritual home and he spent time there whenever he could get away from work.

From that point forward he realized that solo trips to faraway places, with no itinerary and maybe just a plane ticket in hand, despite his physical condition, had become even more of an obsession. "There is something seemingly romantic and exciting about being alone, raw, and having to trust the universe, that all will be OK. This is especially true in third world countries".

These existential journeys have continued over the years. John was in Albania in the 90's on a humanitarian mission just before the Kosovo uprising,

and then traveled by land to Sarajevo after its collapse. On his way to Bosnia-Herzegovina through Montenegro, he was detained by Serbian police and spent time in a Serb relocation camp for several days before they realized he was too dumb to know where he had traveled. John eventually reached Sarajevo, a city still under strife, that necessitated him to leave the Balkans through Croatia not wanting to declare himself a political liability..

John traveled through Israel during the time of the Palestinian uprising. A Palestinian got him into the West Bank when Hebron and Bethlehem were off limits and were ghost towns. The Church of Nativity was overtaken three days later and made international news.

He traveled throughout Salvador after the war. He trekked across Thailand and Cambodia for over a month. He joined a friend who lived in Quito, Ecuador, four-wheeled it down the mountain through triple canopies and waterfalls and after three days arrived at a tributary that joined the Amazon where they canoed.

John then traveled Peru during the uprising of the Shining Star, as part of a humanitarian group that brought supplies to a small village atop the Andes where no roads or electricity existed and where at



night, as John described it, the “Milky Way was almost a solid ribbon”.

*“These are just a few of his travels, all having special moments that made him realize “the paradox of life as we know it: feeling so infinitesimally small yet at the same time feeling completely symbiotic with the whole of the universe.”*

At the age of 60, he took up one of his life-long passions--to write, direct and produce film--and thought that some of his experiences would lay a foundation for his writings, grist for the mill. – He enrolled in film school for a short time, gaining just enough knowledge to pursue his passion. He spent a year writing, casting and directing a short film titled The Unbroken Circle, a tri-lingual film that portrays the conflict and sad conditions that continue to envelop the Middle-East. He was fortunate to gather a few national and international awards on the festival circuit for this piece. An adaptation of his original screen play “Remembrance” may still be developed into a feature. Although John continues to write, his passion for film has lead him to establish the John C Ludwig Production Grant at the local college. An ongoing Grant that helps student film makers with their project funding. It also helps keep him in the creative loop.

In 2018, John established Muriel’s Angels, a 501(c)(3) charity that helps provide needs for the families that have children with disabilities, and add the costs of these needs that are not covered by State or Federal funding. “It is a cause that is close to my heart, knowing that some of the children and their families are not so fortunate to have the ability to pay for simple needs that makes their life more bearable.” John also would like for his fellow Brothers to visit [murielsangels.org](http://www.murielsangels.org) to learn more. Within that web-sight their is a YouTube blog/article, Celebrating Act 2, An Act of Love, capsulizes the genius of the Charity and its Mission.

Over the past 20 years, John has been a member of The Red Cross Mental Health Disaster Team, and Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces.

He is also a member of various other Civic organizations: The Elks, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the American Legion to name a few.

In closing, John gave his parting thought: “Although Life may present many unexpected challenges, the one thing that helps one through those challenges, is to have family and the Brotherhood of good friends that are always there . I am fortunate to have them in spades.”

**John C. Ludwig, MA, Lic MFT; Captain, USMC (Retired)**

Story by  
**Art Kirsch**, SOCALshow biz  
**Vijay Blevins**, HP 1124

To view the short films Go to Youtube and search:

- Celebrity Act2 Remembrance
- The Unbroken Circle John Ludwig.

Website links:

- <http://www.murielsangels.org>



**Lonnie Jackson, HP 97, and John Ludwig, HP 60, on a 2022 get together in Southern California**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** In the 2023-24 Alumni Newsletter, a feature article will be about Eta Rhos who have served in all branches of military service over the decades. If that is you, to be included we ask that you forward to us your name, HP #, current place of residence, branch and dates of service, rank, deployments and a small commentary on experiences, memories, highlights and life lessons learned during your service. This collective recognition is well deserved and long overdue. Please send an email by October 15, 2023, with your information and story to [david-sturgeon0560@gmail.com](mailto:david-sturgeon0560@gmail.com).





## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### ALUMNI MOLDS A YOUNG GENERATION

Jake Amettis, HP 1086, pledged Sigma Nu in the spring semester of 2018. Throughout his time in Sigma Nu, he would be recorder, brotherhood chair, and rush chairman. After his time at Sigma Nu, he would go on to student teach at a high school in Louisville. He is now currently teaching at Eastern high school in Louisville, KY. It is always a pleasure when Jake visits the Active chapter for a LEAD session. We are forever thankful for the impact that Jake left on Sigma Nu and wish him the best of luck with his teaching career. "Sigma Nu brought me many great memories and many lifelong connections. The networking I was able to do through Sigma Nu has allowed me to help guide students down the right career paths" – Jake Amettis HP 1086

### VETERANS GATHER TOGETHER

Whenever Brother Don Timmons, HP 51, travels to Louisville to visit family, a band of brothers rally for a reunion while he's in town. They've been doing this for many years. This past Fall was no different. In addition to all being Eta Rhos, they also share a very special bond - each has served in the military. Thank you for your service.

From L to R: John Henderson, HP 100,



Louisville (US Army Reserve), Ed Taylor, HP 95, New Albany, IN. (US Army), Chappy Rice, HP 16, Glasgow (US Marine Corps), Tom Hart, HP 57, Bowling Green (US Army Reserve), and Don Timmons, HP 51, Clemmons, NC. ((US Army)

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR ALUMNI CHAPTER CHAPLAIN, JERRY EVERLEY, HP 76

At the 2021 Homecoming celebration, I was elected Chaplain of our alumni association. When I asked "What am I supposed to do as Chaplain?" one brother said, "pray for our souls". I've thought about that a lot over the last year. As your Chaplain, "I can do that!"

A little about me, I am a retired United Methodist pastor (maybe the only Eta Rho pastor?). I've been a youth minister, director of a counseling center, and a associate pastor at several churches including Marble Collegiate Church in New York City. I retired after several years as director of the Wesley Foundation at East Tennessee State University. I say all this hopefully, to give some assurance of who I am.

Another note for your alumni Chaplain... As we continue down our road, many of us wonder "what is out there" Let me share two books with you that have been very meaningful to me. The first one was given to me by Wink Menser, HP 50, entitled "Imagine Heaven" by John Burke. The second is "Proof of Heaven" by Dr. Eben Alexander.

If any of you have concerns, questions or just want to share something, I am available on Messenger at Carolyn-Jerry Everly and I will get in touch by phone or text.

-Jerry

### AWARD WINNING ALUMNI



Denny Brand, HP 156, pledged Sigma Nu in 1969. After Denny graduated from Western he had a very successful career in broadcasting that would span over

25 years. During his broadcasting career, he was recognized with many awards. In 1997, he would be in 1st place for the best newscast for the Kansas City Press Club, and in 1998 he would win the Telly award. He got that award for covering and detailing dangerous fountains in Kansas City. Another award that Denny got was in 1999; he came in 1st place for general reporting. Out of all the awards that Denny won over his broadcasting career, he is most proud of the Emmy for investigative reporting on dangerous school bus drivers in Kansas City. He retired in 2001 from broadcasting. Denny would start a new career in assistant coaching in football and teaching at the high school level. When he was an assistant coach, he would win 3 State High School and 5A Football championships. He coached in Kansas for 14 years. After his coaching career in Kansas ended, he would go on to coach the Barren County High School football team. He coached that high school for another five years before he retired again. We are thankful for Denny's impact on the chapter and are very proud of his career outside the chapter.



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## ETA RHO ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

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In the last active chapter alumni newsletter, we introduced the newly formed Alumni Advisory Board (AAB) comprised of 14 HP alumni. As stated in that article, the role of the AAB has many aspects, primarily focused on the development of the chapter officers' organizational, management and leadership skills development.

A chief objective is to guide the officers in creating and implementing a goal specific Strategic Master Plan, envisioning the chapter's future progress in achieving excellence in all areas and laying out the action steps to achieve set goals. At the beginning of each semester, the AAB holds a daylong discussion and planning session with the whole active chapter officer team, producing the Master Plan for the upcoming semester. The plan is then presented to the entire chapter and adopted. It is important to support the concept that such a plan is ever changing and is influenced by unplanned circumstances and unforeseen opportunities, and advising the team on adaptability.

In addition, a prime focus of the AAB is to assist the chapter in its transition of the current officer team to the successor team that will be the leadership in the following academic year. Last April, a daylong agenda of responsibilities review and one-on-one training and transfer of functions was conducted for the first time. It provided a true structure for officer team transition. This will be an annual exercise each April.

There are significant other objectives and opportunities for the AAB. One is the personal mentoring of each alumni's assigned officer, educating, influencing and encouragement in their managerial skill set and leadership qualities. Another is to provide for a strong alumni presence among the active chapter and always improve and enhance the relationship between the two.

We are most grateful to all alumni who are a part of this support system and guidance. We are always seeking additional alumni to join in this team. All input is valued very much and we tremendously enjoy developing these relationships with individual alumni. Should you be interested in joining or getting more information on the AAB, please contact David Sturgeon (Hoover), HP 335, at 502-408-5966 or davidsturgeon0560@gmail.com.

## HOUSING CORPORATION

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All is well with the Eta Rho Home Association this year. Last year we had some repairs that stretched our budget but we are lucky so far this year. Income from rent is covering expenses and I expect that to be the case for the rest of the year. We report on a calendar year. Upkeep at the house has been much improved over the last two years. I am very pleased with the work the actives do to keep it nice.

Sorry to report that not much has been done on the fund drive agreed to at homecoming last year. Maybe someone will step up and get that rolling. Our debt balance is just over \$600,000. With over 1,000 brothers one would think we could make a big dent in that.

We do have a few brothers making monthly contributions to the WKU Foundation and that gives us some emergency money if needed.

Thanks for any support!

-Tom Hart HP 57







## 2022 WKU HALL OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CLASS WAS ALL ABOUT ΣΝ

In 1992, the WKU Alumni Association established the Hall of Distinguished Alumni (HODA) to confer the University's highest honor on its alumni. It is intended to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of alumni who have made significant contributions to their field of endeavor and who possess the highest standards of integrity and character to positively reflect and enhance the prestige of WKU. Each year, nominations are made to the Alumni Association, reviewed by a Selection Committee and the honorees are then chosen by the WKU Alumni Association National Board of Directors. The induction ceremony is held annually at a luncheon on the Friday of Homecoming weekend. Prior to this year there have been 117 inductees, whose bronze plaques are displayed in the hallways of the WKU Alumni Center, directly across the street from the ΣΝ house. To learn more about HODA and previous recipients, you may go to [alumni.wku.edu](http://alumni.wku.edu).

The 2022 Class and their induction ceremony was overwhelmingly focused on ΣΝ. Only 2 alumni were selected for the 2022 class, Dr. Randall

Capps (HP 1147) and Ms. Mary Nixon. All of us are well aware of the achievements of Dr. Capps in the educational, business and community service worlds, in addition to his lifetime service and contributions to ΣΝ, both to Eta Rho and the national fraternity. Many brothers may well remember Mary Nixon, class of '77, as she was a ΣΝ Little Sister during the mid 1970s. To read a comprehensive summary of their lives, you may go to the above mentioned website as well.

The induction ceremony luncheon was comprised of video presentations about the 2 honorees and speakers with testimonials and personal stories. In the video about Dr. Capps, the 2 primary contributors were the Honorable Jody Richards (HP 1148) and Reed Morgan (HP 15). One of the live speakers was Bernard Williams (HP 223). Dr. Capps' daughter, Jill, accepted the award in her father's memory and Mary Nixon accepted hers in person. Indeed, the ceremony was attended by a great number of Eta Rhos (see photo), all privileged to be a part of the moment.

You may watch the entire ceremony on YouTube: WKUAA Live Stream - Hall of Distinguished Alumni Induction 2022.

*Note - a permanent memorial to Dr. Capps is being designed for the chapter house. Details are forthcoming and will be put on the Eta Rho Alumni Facebook page soon.*



FRONT ROW (L to R): Reed Morgan (HP 15), Harold Brantley (HP 40), Mary Nixon, Jill Capps, Jack Quire (HP 355), Bryan Russell (HP 405), Chappy Rice (HP 16), Luke Blair (HP 1145), Jakob Oechsli (HP 1121), Jody Richards (HP 1148), Bernard Williams (HP 223)

BACK ROW (L to R): Trevor Clark (HP 1140), Kahlil Garmon (HP 1085), Read Pennington (HP 279), Tom Hart (HP 57), Dave Roberts (HP 296), Jack Glasser (HP 177), Robert Huffman (HP 374), Chris Zirkelbach (HP 334), Joe Natcher (HP 293), Bob Bristol (HP 34), David Sturgeon (HP 335)

NOT PICTURED: Darell Pierce (HP 310), Mike Simpson (HP 414)



### ETA RHOS GATHER TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MARSHALL GALLOWAY, HP 145



Seated L to R: Ed Taylor (HP 95), Reed Morgan (HP 15), Everard Eaton (HP 184)

Standing L to R: Ken Bowman (HP 140), Mark Cox (HP 157), Chuck Merrill (HP 163), Andy Stahl (HP 204), Rick Vilines (HP 162), Ronnie Paris (HP 167), Bill Turpen (HP 135), John Tuttle (HP 137), Clark Kincaid (HP 149)

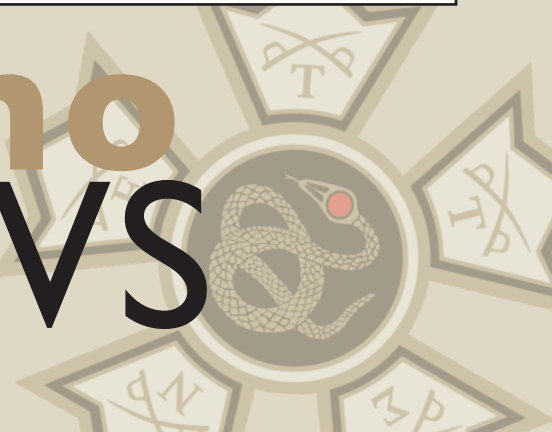
### 2022 CHAPTER ETERNAL

.....in life and death, men may truly say of him: "he ever bore, without abuse, the grand old name of gentleman." - ΣN Ritual

Below is a list of our Eta Rho brothers who passed on to the Chapter Eternal this past year:

- Arnold Brown, HP 752/OK 22 - October 2022
- George Church, HP 41/OK 93 - June 2022
- Robert Himber, HP 59 - January 2022
- Jerre Haynes, HP 78 - December 2022
- Marshall Galloway, HP 145 - October 2022
- David Flippo, HP 571 - August 2022
- Randall Capps, HP 1147 - February 2022

May they Rest In Peace and be always remembered.







## RECAP OF GOLF SCRAMBLE

Last year we had our first annual Golf Scramble and it's almost time for our second. There were about 30 of us that made it last year and we had a great time reconnecting and competing on the course. After everyone completed their 18 we went out for dinner at Mariahs where a few more joined us. First of all, I want to thank everyone who got to come last year, and hopefully we will see you again this year. For those of you who didn't make it, I, and all of the brothers of the active chapter, are looking forward to seeing you out there getting whooped by the young guys! Whether you're a pro or have never played, I encourage you to come and have fun with your brothers. I know Vijay has been working hard on improving it so that this year can be even better than the last. I am thrilled to see his dedication to both the alumni and active chapters be put into something that meant so much to me, and helps both chapters come together and connect with one another. I look forward to seeing everyone one in Bowling Green on April 1, 2023!

-Nick Stauble HP 1122

## ALUMNI RETREAT

.....by Dan Disalvo HP 500

The transition from an "Active" Sigma Nu Brother to an alumnus doesn't seem like much but it truly is because the focus changes to a career, personal and professional goals and eventually on a family. The Brotherhood is still there but it doesn't exist in the same way because it is very easy to get disconnected from your fellow Brothers. As we all know, our lives get pretty busy and we lose track of time. Before you know it, a year goes by and then several years go by and you lose touch with your beloved brothers. As an alumnus, who cherishes his relationship with his Sigma Nu Brothers, please don't ever take it for granted. Make Sigma Nu promises to your brothers to get them together each year taking the time out of your busy schedules to just make it happen.

Myself and a committee of fellow Sigma Nu Alumni Brothers have made that commitment to chair an event next May to organize a few days of fun for our fellow brothers to partake in, reminiscing old memories and creating new ones. The intent is to advertise this event to make it as big as we can to plan follow-on annual events that we can collectively enjoy together. Please make this a priority in FY2023 to attend this event because it is going to be a big one.



At the Cross Winds Golf Course "ΣN Rock", from L to R: John Vaughn, HP 358 (Glasgow), Dave Roberts, HP 296 (Owensboro), Chris Zirkelbach, HP 334 (Eddyville) and Robert Huffman, HP 374 (Bowling Green).

### Upcoming Dates:

AAB Spring strategic planning meeting, January 29th

Golf Scramble April 1st

AAB officer transition meeting April 23rd

Alumni retreat, Louisville KY May 17-21



On their 2022 Retreat, from L to R: Ed-die Hanks, HP 492 (Bowling Green), Dan DiSalvo, HP 500 (Sarasota, FL.), Duke Porter, HP 502 (Whites Creek, TN), Greg Brown, HP 503 (Lexington) and Mike Johnson, HP 514 (Alexandria, VA.). The highlight of their adventure was catching this 24 ft. long, 2,964 lb., hammerhead shark off the coast of Grand Bahama Island. It took all 5 of them and 11 Bahamian fishing guides and cocktail servers to reel it in over 2 ½ days. They were exhausted and severely sunburned

### Please see the agenda below:

**May 17th** - Arrive at Hotel, welcome reception - Bob's Steak & Chop House (Omni Hotel)

**May 18th** - Kentucky Bourbon Tour (Wild Turkey, Evan Williams and Old Forrester Distilleries) - Dinner at Bob's Steak & Chop House (Omni Hotel)

**May 19th** - Churchill Downs Live Racing - Dinner at Pin + Proof Restaurant (Omni Hotel)

**May 20th** - Golf Tournament at Nevel Meade Golf Course (Links course) - Dinner at Doc's Bourbon Room

**May 21st** - Farewell Breakfast - Neighborhood Services Restaurant (Omni Hotel) - planning and preparing for the next annual retreat

**Who** - WKU Sigma Nu Alumni Brothers

**What** - 1st Annual Alumni Retreat

**Dates** - May 17-21, 2023

**Where** - Louisville, KY

**Lodging** - The Omni Hotel - 400 S. 2nd Street, Louisville, KY 40202 (502)-313-6664



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## HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU

As an active chapter, Eta Rho wants to have a reliable communication system with our alumni. That depends on having the most up-to-date contact information on each of you, especially email. We obtain that information from the database at ΣN National Headquarters. To update your current information, you may submit it to Hoover (davidsturgeon0560@gmail.com) and he will send it in, or below is a direct link that allows you to go into the database individually and update your own information. Please click on/type in the link and fill out the form. It updates the database immediately. Thank you.

<https://www.sigmanu.org/alumni-and-volunteers/change-of-address>

Join the Facebook page! It is called "Eta Rho Chapter Sigma Nu Western Kentucky University." The page is great way to catch up with old brothers, see news about fellow alumni, and follow the active chapter

## **2nd Annual Eta Rho Alumni Golf Scramble Saturday April 1st starts at 8am Located at Cross Winds Golf Course**

**1031 Wilkinson Trace Bowling Green, KY 42103.**



**Please RSVP to Vijay Blevins by  
March 18th at vijayblevs@gmail.com.**