

# Become a Volunteer Webinar

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# **Today's Presenters**

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#### "Your association with Sigma Nu Fraternity does not end with college. Ours is a Fraternity for Life..."



#### **Importance of Getting and Staying Involved**

...full appreciation for Sigma Nu does not come instantly; often it takes years to gain a complete understanding and appreciation. Rest assured that alumni experience and involvement in our Fraternity – on both the local and General Fraternity level – are essential ingredients in the successful operation of our international organization.

No chapter survives for any length of time without strong and involved alumni backing."

The Legion of Honor





### Why Volunteer for Sigma Nu?

Belief in Sigma Nu's mission to "develop ethical leaders"

More important now than any other time in our lifetime

Insuring today's college student has the opportunity to have the same positive experience that that others were fortunate to have over the last 150 years





## **Investing in Young Men**

Often asked "Why should I volunteer?" This is the "Why" in our volunteering efforts

Men of Honor = good citizens

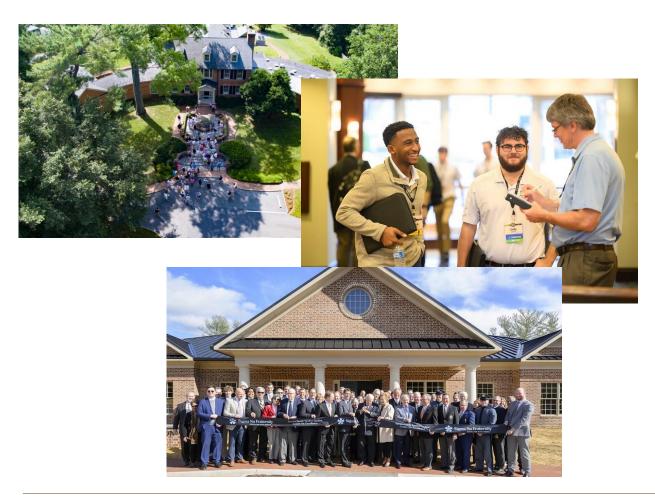
Educational success Improve Career Readiness Teach how to resolve ethical dilemmas

Create a sense of professionalism





### Lifetime Commitment



CONNECT

Information is key

#### ENGAGE

Rekindle old friendships, build new ones

**INVEST** 

Time, Talent, Treasure...Whatever moves you



### **Volunteering Overview**



The General Fraternity Your Home

Chapter

A Chapter in your geographic area



#### **National Volunteers**



#### **The High Council**

The High Council has general charge of all business and administrative affairs of the Fraternity, except for those which are specifically conferred by <u>The</u> <u>Law</u> to other Grand Officers and the Office of Executive Director.

The powers and duties of the High Council are enumerated in <u>The Law</u>. During the interval between Grand Chapters, the High Council has authority to act on all matters relating to the General Fraternity, especially those which are not specially regulated by <u>The Law</u>.

The High Council is analogous to a board of directors of a business corporation or to a cabinet of the executive branch of government. It serves as the governing arm of the General Fraternity during the two-year period between Grand Chapters.

#### Sigma Nu Fraternity National Volunteers



#### **The High Council**

**Regent** – not elected, serves two years as Regent, preceded by two years as Regent-Elect

**Regent-Elect** – serves two years and automatically ascends to the Regency

**Grand Treasurer** – elected, may serve up to 3 consecutive two-year terms

Vice Regents (4) – may serve up to two consecutive two-year terms (more if half are term-limited)

**Collegiate Grand Councilmen (4)** – current collegiate initiates in good standing selected through an interview process during College of Chapters to serve a one-year term



### **National Volunteers**



#### **Division Commanders**

The Division Commander represents an important link between the various alumni entities (Alumni Advisory Boards, Alumni Clubs, Alumni Chapters and House Corporations) and the General Fraternity. Like other Grand Officers, the Division Commander is a volunteer who receives no financial compensation other than reimbursement for reasonable cost of official Fraternity business travel. His role is primarily advisory, although he may be appointed by the High Council to represent them in specific times of need.



#### **Local Volunteers**



**Alumni Advisory Board** 

**Alumni Chapter** 

**House Corporation** 

**Alumni Specialist** 

### Sigma Nu Fraternity Alumni Advisory Boards



Alumni Advisory Boards provide ongoing support and assistance to the collegiate chapter. Splitting the duties among several individuals lessens the time commitment for each alumnus, as well as increases the overall support available to the undergraduate members.

## Alumni Advisory Boards



Make Up Chairman **Chapter Advisor Financial Advisor** Recruitment **Advisor LEAD Advisor Alumni Relations Advisor** Social/Risk **Reduction Advisor** 



# Alumni Chapter

An Alumni Chapter can be established for each collegiate chapter that has been chartered by the Fraternity. Upon submission of a petition that is signed by at least ten alumni brothers in good standing with the Fraternity the High Council may grant a charter to an Alumni Chapter. An Alumni Chapter in good standing is entitled to vote at the Grand Chapter. The primary purpose of the Alumni Chapter is to provide support to the collegiate chapter and encourage alumni participation and engagement in the Fraternity. In addition, the Alumni Chapter serves as the record-keeping and information exchange resource for chapter alumni.



# House Corporations

The House Corporation is a legally chartered corporation authorized to conduct its affairs in the State or Province where the chapter is located. It serves as agent to the local chapter and its alumni. The members of the House Corporation board are typically alumni of the local chapter and play a role similar to that of a landlord or property manager



# Alumni Specialist

Specialists assist chapters in a limited, specific area of operations. Rather than working with one chapter on all areas of chapter programming, the specialist may work with numerous chapters on one specific area of operation.

An alumnus in the sales profession may, for example, become a recruitment specialist, or someone with a banking background become a finical advising specilist.

## Alumni Clubs



Sigma Nu Alumni Clubs exist to provide opportunities for Sigma Nus in a geographical area to meet new people, expand networking opportunities, and enjoy social outings. Sigma Nu Alumni Clubs also participate in various service and philanthropic events to benefit groups in the area. These clubs also allow Sigma Nus to maintain a connection to the Fraternity.





The Sigma Nu Mentor Network is the Fraternity's key effort to offer its collegiate brothers and young alumni access to the professional knowledge and career experience of its broader alumni membership.

"Careers in" webinar series

Navigators

**Brothers Mentoring Brothers** 





## Make it Enjoyable

Fun is the secret ingredient to volunteer engagement and

An environment where volunteers can easily develop personal connections

A positive and enjoyable atmosphere

"Who as an Alumnus will remember that Sigma Nu is for Life...and thus extend the Helping Hand to those who follow." - The Way of Honor by Dick Vaughan





# **Questions?**



# Thank You!

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