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Spring 2020 greetings to all Sigma Nu Fraternity Gamma Kappa chapter alumni, active members, families and friends.

I would be extremely remiss, if I first did not express and send forward the ΣN-ΓK alumni board of directors thoughts, hopes and prayers to our "ΣN-ΓK extended brotherhood" for a continued safe and healthy life during this unprecedented COVID-19 situation - **please stay strong!** It has affected all of us in many different and unprecedented ways. Our ΣN-ΓK chapter at the University of Colorado - Boulder has not escaped this outbreak.

Attached to this email, is a great and informative update from our current undergraduate **Eminent Commander Stokley Brace**, regarding how the officers and active members are actively addressing the COVID-19 crisis at the ΣN-ΓK chapter. I would urge each of you to take a few moments to review Stokely's comments. Many of you had an opportunity to be serve in the role of an executive officer during the undergraduate time that you lived at the 1043 Pleasant St. compound. Throughout the 118-year continuous history of ΣN-ΓK chapter, each of our undergraduate officers and leaders have faced unique annual challenges and difficult decisions. Our current undergraduate executive officers are now facing their own obstacles and are exhibiting outstanding decision making and leadership, as the situation changes daily.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 situation, schedules are changing, and future plans are in a state of flux:

- For those of you that are planning on attending the upcoming 69th Grand Chapter of the Sigma Nu National Fraternity (Denver, CO / 07.11-07.15.20 at the Hyatt Regency Denver Hotel), please be advised that the conclave is still scheduled to be held. Obviously, this scenario could change depending upon the ongoing situation with the COVID-19 situation. Please monitor the Sigma Nu National website <https://www.sigmanu.org/events/grand-chapter> for future updates or possible schedule changes.
- The 118th anniversary celebration of the ΣN-ΓK chapter and the annual alumni dedication ceremony that was scheduled for Saturday 09.12.2020 has been cancelled. As of this date, there remains too much uncertainty as to the future of the COVID-19 situation, to prudently plan to proceed with the event as scheduled. Additionally, there remains a "possibility" that the Univ. of Colorado may cancel or delay the beginning of the fall 2020 football season. Our Buffs are scheduled to play Fresno State on the 09.12.20 date. To accommodate and better finalize the planning for the families and alumni classmates of our deceased alumni brothers that were previously scheduled to be recognized and have bronze alumni plaques dedicated at the fall 2020 event, the event has been moved forward. The **119th anniversary celebration of the ΣN-ΓK chapter and annual alumni dedication event is now scheduled for Saturday September 11, 2021** at the Boulder chapter property compound. The CU Buffs will be hosting the Texas A&M Aggies at Folsom Field on that date. This should be a great matchup of SEC and PAC-12 football teams. More information will be forthcoming regarding purchase of game tickets in the "Sigma Nu alumni block", as this game will most probably be a "sell out" due to the tremendous game travel participation by the Aggie alumni ("the infamous 12th

man"). Please **save the date of 09.11.2021** (and consider making your lodging reservations ASAP, to ensure you receive your preferential choice as the hotels will certainly be fully booked that weekend).

- If you become aware of a deceased alumni classmate that you would like to have recognized with a bronze alumni plaque at the upcoming 09.11.2021 alumni dedication event, please reach out to me directly for further information. You are also encouraged to visit our website - www.sigmanuboulder.com for additional information and photos regarding our outstanding ΣN-ΓK alumni dedication program.

Our property management team (Sunnyside Property Management / Peter Ramo) has done a remarkable job of prudently addressing and actively managing the never-ending daily challenges that have arisen from the COVID-19 situation. The University of Colorado has closed the campus and all classes are now being held for students via remote video conferencing. About 70% of our undergraduate members have elected to return to their family homes, until the COVID-19 crisis has abated. Other undergraduate members have chosen to remain at the property compound and participate in "safe social distancing practices". Our property manager was able to successfully secure (very difficult as the supply is extremely low and the demand very high) hand sanitizers and install them at the interior entrance doors of each of the five Sigma Nu property buildings. Additional hand sanitizers are "back ordered" and will be installed in each of the various bathrooms located on the Sigma Nu property compound. Our professional cleaning services firm continues to provide regular sanitation and thorough cleaning of the interior property common areas, as well as providing airborne disinfectant spraying in the common areas early in the mornings. Our food services provider (The Sink) has created a 7 day per week food delivery scenario (lunches and dinners), for those members that are still living on the property. Our property manager and bookkeeper (Robinson Investment Management) have also established a plan / protocol for addressing individual undergraduate members / parental guarantors concerns regarding ongoing financial obligations due to the Gamma Kappa chapter. As an example, any ΣN-ΓK member that is not currently living at the Sigma Nu property compound will be receiving a "financial food credit", to their individual account for those remaining meals that they will not be eating due to their absence. Also, those undergraduate members / families that are experiencing undue financial duress during the COVID-19 crises (due to job loss, etc.) have been instructed to contact the property management team regarding their individual situation. These personal financial challenges are being addressed confidentially, on a case by case basis, to help provide a viable solution for those affected members and their families.

As always, thanks to all of you for your continued interest in and support of the Sigma Nu Fraternity Gamma Kappa chapter. I look forward to reconvening with all of you in the near future and certainly at our upcoming 119th anniversary celebration and alumni dedication event on Saturday 09.11.2021. ***To believe in the Life of Love, to walk in the Way of Honor, to serve in the Light of Truth - this is the Life, the Way, and the Light of Sigma Nu, this is the creed of our fraternity.....***

Fraternally,

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