

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bid Day
January 31st
MLK Service Day
January 17th
Alumni Dinner
Tentatively March 28th

The EPSILON SIGMA News



Important: If you have not already done so, please use the Alumni Update form on our website to [update your information](#) so you can continue to receive messages and updates from the Chapter. Furthermore, we encourage you to share interesting news/events so that we may incorporate them in future newsletters. Please forward information about alumni (promotions, activities, insights, stories, etc.) to Rahul Peravali, perra-17@rhodes.edu.

Greetings from the Active Chapter

Hello Brothers,
It is an honor to serve as your new Alumni Relations Chairman. First and foremost, I want to wish you and your families a happy New Year on behalf of the Epsilon Sigma chapter. With a new year, we wanted to rekindle this newsletter to ensure alumni stay up to date about the growth and success of the chapter. Without your continuous love and support, we would not be where we are today. 2014 was an outstanding year for the Epsilon Sigma Chapter! The active chapter continues to have a positive impact on all aspects of the college campus and currently has over 50 brothers after initiating a fall pledge class of 10. Furthermore, Epsilon Sigma once again won the Fraternity of the Year award and former Commander Demitri Jerow received the "Greek Man of the Year" award. It is also rumored that Epsilon Sigma is in high contention for the Rock Chapter Award, Sigma Nu's highest Chapter-level award. The Sigma Nu House Corporation was also reestablished to help fund and coordinate housing repairs. With every brother of the chapter committed to the Pursuit of Excellence, I am positive 2015 will be just as, if not more, successful!

Fraternally,
Rahul Peravali ΕΣ 1188
Alumni Relations Chairman



Recruitment

The Epsilon Sigma Chapter continues to grow and is now 53 members strong! Please welcome the class of 2014.

Initiated Knights – Spring 2014

ΕΣ 1186	Patrick Knight	Atlanta, GA
ΕΣ 1187	Bradford McCullough	Lorton, VA
ΕΣ 1188	Rahul Peravali	Memphis, TN
ΕΣ 1189	Amit Shah	Memphis, TN
ΕΣ 1190	James Stuckey	Atlanta, GA
ΕΣ 1191	Haider Tiwana	Memphis, TN
ΕΣ 1192	Adrian Williams	Memphis, TN



Spring



Fall

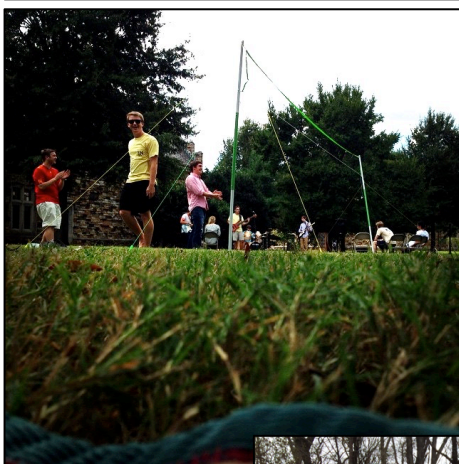
Newly Initiated Knights – Fall 2014

ΕΣ 1193	Spencer Regelson	Gainesville, FL
ΕΣ 1194	Shelton Clark	Nashville, TN
ΕΣ 1195	John Dewar	Beaver Dam, WI
ΕΣ 1196	Justin Geeza	Atlanta, GA
ΕΣ 1197	Samuel Miller	Mansfield, OH
ΕΣ 1198	Charles Ogles	Memphis, TN
ΕΣ 1199	Aaron Romanowski	Nokesville, VA
ΕΣ 1200	Harris Short	Durham, NC
ΕΣ 1201	Bakari Williams	Flowood, MS
ΕΣ 1202	Griffin Williams	Daphne, AL



Chapter House Update

This past semester we have worked hard to maintain the appearance of the house. Along with building a bench extension to the rear porch, bushes were planted along the front of the house, and many windows/doorways received repairs. In addition, the ground level restroom was transformed into a dedicated women's restroom - a move which has received tremendous positive feedback. Looking ahead in 2015 we hope to reevaluate the look and purpose of each room of the house. Future projects include renovating the basement, organizing the archive room into an area for study halls and meetings, restoring kitchen cabinets, and installing Wi-Fi.



Homecoming

While this past year has been excellent in terms of brothers and their involvement on campus, it has not been as kind to our chapter's house. Last summer we were struck with an unexpected and disastrous mold infestation that significantly damaged the basement. Unfortunately, the successful removal of the mold required gutting much of the basement walls.

*Virgil
Starks
Memorial
Fish Fry*

Having saved methodically for a number of years, the chapter was able to pay for the removal of the mold and some disrepair of the house. However, we are unable to financially support the remaining repairs to the basement and the rest of the house. We ask for your help in achieving the aforementioned goals! We would be most grateful if you would consider donating to our chapter's efforts to repair the house.

Brotherhood Retreat



We promise that 100% of your donation will go to the Housing Corporation's account, which can only be used towards house renovations. You may make a contribution in one of the following ways:

1. Send checks to our treasurer, Koshy George at the following address:

Rhodes College
2000 North Parkway
Rhodes Box 1853
Memphis, TN 38112

Checks can be made to Epsilon Sigma, with the memo of "House" or "House Corporation."

2. If you have a Paypal account, you can click [here](http://www.ephilonsigmasigmanu.com/), log in, and send money to the email address rhodeseptionsigma@gmail.com.

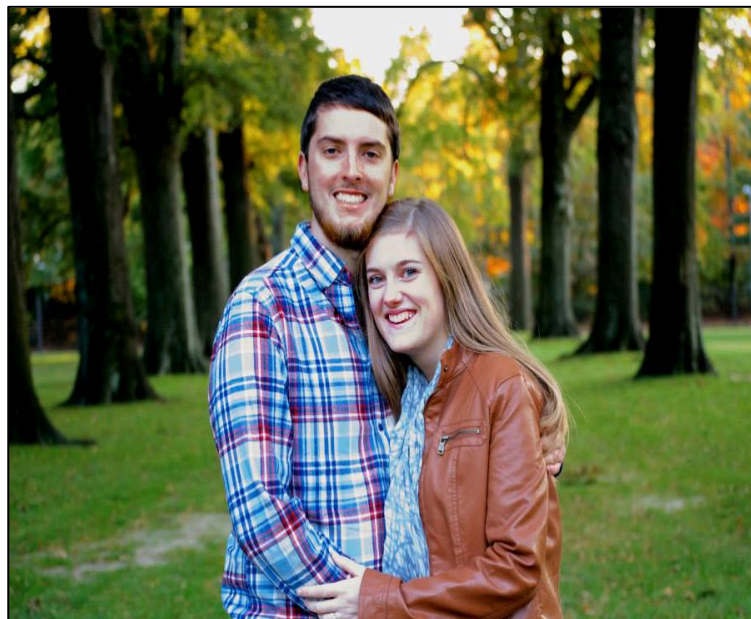
I appreciate your generosity and taking the time out of your day to think about Epsilon Sigma.

Fraternally,
Amit Shah ΕΣ 1189
Housing Chair



Brotherhood Appreciation

Epsilon Sigma's rise to being the finest fraternity on campus is largely due to the chapter's involvement within the student body and institutions of Rhodes. Andrew Tait exemplifies the chapter's dedication. Brother Tait is completing his second term as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. His defining passion at Rhodes may be The Pack, a school spirit organization that he has lead the past three years as President. Andrew noted in his Faces of Rhodes profile, "I think my work with the Pack has really come to define much of my Rhodes experience. It has been incredibly rewarding to see the positive impact of a passionate and energized student section on our athletes." Within Sigma Nu, he has served as recorder, alumni chair, and has successfully worked to revitalize the chapter's LEAD program. The brotherhood would like to congratulate Mr. Andrew Tait not only on his success at Rhodes College, but also for his recent engagement to Hannah Asbell.



Alumni Spotlight: Demitri Jerow '14



Demitri Jerow made an impact on Rhodes College from the very beginning of his college career. As just a freshman, he was featured on the front of the *Rhodes Magazine* as a "Faces of Rhodes," a distinction given to the best and brightest of Rhodes College. From co-founding the Rhodes Entrepreneurship Club to mentoring new students as a Peer Assistant to leading Sigma Nu as Eminent Commander, Demitri represented the ideals of Rhodes to their fullest. Before he graduated Cum Laude in Economics/Commerce & Business, Demitri was inducted into Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the Order of Omega honor societies, and was elected Greek Man of the Year in 2014. He accomplished all of this even after taking time off to study abroad in Greece as well as Spain. Currently, Demitri works as a Financial Analyst at Mercer Capital in Memphis. These are all amazing accomplishments, but "D" is most fondly regarded as a beloved brother, roommate, and friend who inspired others to join the ranks of Sigma Nu.

Lt. Commander



Bryan Martin

Recorder



Haider Tiwana

Treasurer



Koshy George

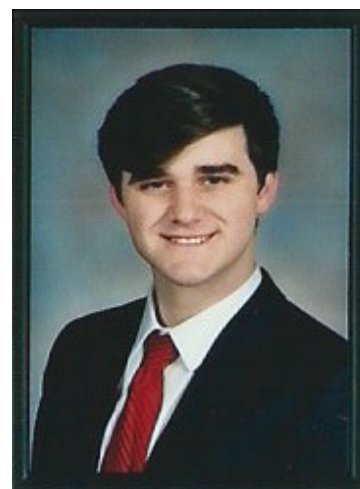
Chaplain



Cullen Williams

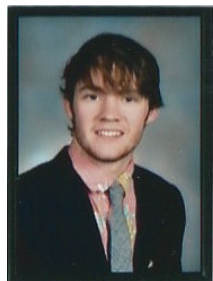
2015 Executive Board

Eminent Commander



Lee Matlock

Marshal



Jay Clinton

Social Chair



Joseph Ozment

Recruitment Chair



Patrick Knight

Sentinel



Colin Rye

A Closing Message from the Eminent Commander

Greetings,

I am Lee Matlock, the incoming Commander of the active chapter. Having just returned to Memphis from the College of Chapters in Roanoke, I am reinvigorated with the passions and vision of the founders for our order. Originally, I was an initiate of Epsilon Xi at the University of Mississippi, but I am proud to call Epsilon Sigma my home today, after transferring in the summer of 2013. I believe the cross-chapter experience has given me a deeper insight into the inner workings of chapter operations, and how to ensure the continuity of our pursuit of excellence.

Our chapter has seen 2014 to be another fruitful year, despite the numerous tribulations with the house. Fearlessly, we fully expect 2015 to be one of accomplishments and devoid of woes.

For the third time in the past four years, the chapter was named "Fraternity of the Year" at Rhodes. The honor was awarded following a vote by all Rhodes sororities, as well as the Rhodes chapters comprising N.P.H.C. The criterion for the award includes campus involvement, philanthropic efforts, academics, and school spirit. We are hopeful that we will once again receive this honor in 2015.

Students involved in Sigma Nu continue to be rewarded for their commitment to Honor. Demetri Jerow won "2014 Greek Man of the Year," which demonstrated our distinction and continuing efforts as the finest fraternity at Rhodes. Demetri was a hardworking and involved student on campus, and continues to lead with his work ethic at Mercer Capital in Memphis. Brother Kondwani Banda was inducted into the Rhodes College Hall of Fame, and continues to live his life in an honorable way in New York City. Colin Rye served in 2014 as the Vice President of IFC. Brother Rye is the son of the distinguished alumni, Brother Scott Rye, a Captain in the United States Navy. Ian Turner received the Vision Award from Kinney for his work in revitalizing the Sexual Assault Task Force, while our Sweetheart, Katelyn Dagen, was chosen as Mrs. Rhodes. Brothers Bailey Kimmitt, Jess Wilder, and Mason Levy have been chosen as Faces of Rhodes by a panel of Rhodes students. The list of achievements by our Legion goes on and on, but for brevity's sake, I must press forward. I apologize to unmentioned brothers, and commend them for their valor in the Light of Truth.

Philanthropically, we flex our capable muscles. In coordination with many other groups and alumni, Sigma Nu co-hosted a fundraiser for a scholarship fund in the name of the late Brother Virgil Starks last fall. On Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, we will be working alongside the Kinney program to work with the children of the Ronald McDonald House of Memphis. Rushees have been invited to participate in our day of service to give them a broader understanding of what we do outside of the gate.

Last fall, the Housing Corporation was successfully reestablished for oversight of the lodge. The active chapter feels empowered and secure knowing that brothers Jim Mulroy, Bill Short, Derek Pegram, John Gehrig, Jim Durham, and other members of the board are at the helm during our time of need.

Brother Bud Richey, who works at the college as an Associate Vice President, has more fully affirmed his role as our faculty advisor in the past year. Bud has years of experience in Greek life, both in working for Sigma Nu and in administration at other major schools in the south. Brother Richey's guidance and assistance has been paramount to our successes as a chapter of Sigma Nu in recent memory, and we intend to use his wisdom and careful direction as much as he will allow in 2015.

After dominating many of the facets of campus life, now we must expand our gaze to national recognition in tandem for our work as a fraternal machine. Yes, gentlemen, the coveted Rock Chapter has been set in our sights. This goal is absolutely attainable for us, and we remain steadfast in our resolve to see this realized by the summer of 2016.

I thank you for your time, your commitment to the chapter, and your oath to our fraternal profession.

Honor is not Honor if it cannot be lost.

Love, Truth, Honor.

Lee Matlock
ES Bond #1175
EXi Bond #2655