







MU CHAPTER

SIGMA NU FRATERNITY The University of Georgia

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### LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

Greetings Brothers, Alumni, and Parents,

I want to sincerely thank you for your continued support over this past year on River Road. I've thoroughly enjoyed my term as Commander and am excited about the future of our chapter with the great brothers that we have. As we look back on the year, it is my pleasure to highlight some of our accomplishments, as well as provide a preview of our exciting future.

Our Chapter is very proud to have won our 4th Rock Chapter in a row. This would not be possible without the tremendous work of our alumni and current brothers. The completed a very successful candidate education program. We initiated 33 new brothers in October and are extremely excited about their potential. During their candidacy they were mentored by both active brothers and by alumni volunteers. They each served a total of 15 community service hours (approximately 500 hours combined) participating in things such as AOPis "Take a Walk in Her Shoes" philanthropy to raise awareness about sexual assault as well as a River Road Clean-up to keep our backyard as clean as possible. Many of these young men have already been involved with Student Government Association, Freshman Greek Leaders and other various academic and leadership organizations on campus. Most importantly, they came together as a group and have built long lasting friendships and memories. Their results have set the bar high for the next group of incoming freshmen!

Our second annual "Classic City Bowl" philanthropy football game was a huge success. A team of 30 brothers played Kappa Alpha Fraternity in a full pads, high school style football game at Clarke Central High School and we were able to get the win this year! The contributions raised were dispersed

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amongst four different philanthropies Project Safe, Children's Miracle Network, Prevent Child Abuse, and Breast Cancer Awareness. In all, we raised over \$20,000. We had close to 750 attendees and expect to double that number this upcoming year. Please keep a lookout for further information regarding the 2017 "Classic City Bowl" to be held sometime in April. I also want to give a special thank you to all our participants and donors. You were crucial to the success of our philanthropy and we thank you!

Our campus involvement and academics continue to be top class across the board. We have maintained a 3.37 overall brother GPA, while also having leaders active on the executive boards of various campus organizations such as the Inter-Fraternity council, Miracle, and Dean Tate Honor Society. For the first time since the revitalization of the chapter, **Brother Allen Bagwell (M 2598)** was recently elected IFC president. All of this could not have been achieved if it wasn't for the steadfast commitment to excellence and the active mentorship upon which our culture is built.

Though we work hard, we are able to save some time to have fun. This semester, we had eight socials with sororities including Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Mu, and Chi-O. We held our annual "Kick-Off" band party before the first home football game. In addition to those parties, we also had a bowling date night, and our annual semi-formal. Currently, brothers are looking towards a fun Spring as we plan for our three-night formal in Charleston, South Carolina, a luxury mountain weekend in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and our famous spring party, "Shakedown," all of which have been great successes in the past.

Again, our chapter is grateful for the support of our Alumni and Parents. We hope everyone who attended our Parent's Weekend were able to catch a glimpse of how exceptional it is to be a brother at the Mu Chapter of Sigma Nu. **Ross Uhlar (M 2642)**, the new Commander of Mu Chapter, is a great leader and is surrounded by an exceptional team. I am confident that they will only continue and grow our strong legacy at the University of Georgia.

Fraternally,

**Max Brandon M 2579** BBA, Finance

### Endowed with 40,000 acres of land in 1784 and chartered in vas. the charter was the first granted by a state for a government controlled university. After Louisville and then Greenbart was

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### NO HONOR IN MEDIOCRITY. It gains strength by continuing.

- Fraternal Relevance in the 21st Century.

Mu Chapter has experienced great growth, achievement and brotherhood over the last decade. The dedication and effort delivered by our brothers - both actives and alumni - is simply unparalleled. Our chapter leaders are well versed (and continually reminded) of their obligation to continue to build upon prior successes and to redefine the definition of the superior fraternity experience at the University of Georgia. For the last decade, the men of Mu Chapter have known nothing other than Excellence.

Just as the Chapter must evolve, grow and mature, so too must its alumni leadership. Over the course of the next year, **Alan Brown (M 1789), John Hearn (M 2000)** and I are carefully and deliberately transitioning a new team of alumni leaders. It has been an honor to serve Mother Mu, but in order to ensure that Sigma Nu will continue to thrive well into the next decade, it is vital that the alumni leadership demonstrate the excellence that comes from successful leadership. We are all fortunate to have these men step forward and serve Mu Chapter - we are confident that they will carry the mantle of responsibility well:

Joel Stern, M 2297	Alumni Advisory Board Chairman House Corporation President-Elect	
Nathan Whitmire, M 2318	Finance House Corporation Treasurer-Elect	
Buck Dixon, M 2326	Rush	
Ben Booth, M 2460	Rush	
Austin Hackney, M 2323	House	
Nick Hendricks, M 2298	House	
Chris Green, M 2367	Communications / Newsletter	
Wes Robinson, M 2373	Communications / Newsletter	
Chris Sanders, M 2339	Website	
Alex Croy, M 2480	Philanthropy / Classic City Bowl	
Bobby McMillin, M 2283	Mentor Program	
Jeff Brum, M 2478	Candidate Program / LEAD	
Clayton Cox, M 2305	At Large	
Wells Ellenberg, M 2400	At Large	

NEW Alumni Leadership Team:

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This leadership team is second to none in terms of their dedication to our Chapter and the success they will bring to the next group of leaders on River Road. When the men who have so generously stepped forward to assume responsibility for Mu's future growth call and ask for your assistance, we hope expect that as in prior years, you will eagerly extend "The Fifth Point - The Helping Hand" and assist in whatever way possible. We sure will.

A fraternity doesn't "just happen." In the 21st century, the University experience has changed -- more is expected of the students, housing is different, students arrive with several semesters of credit and the University campus (nor society, neighbors, parents or alumni) does not tolerate a fraternity that fails to consistently and meaningfully contribute to a positive campus experience. Change is inevitable. Mu's leadership has consistently believed that in order for the Fraternity to survive (thrive) in the 21st Century (and beyond), it must continue to examine its standards, its operations and what it provides to its members. What worked for us in the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s doesn't always work today. What we do know works today, however, is that a fraternity built on a solid foundation of brotherhood, leadership and accountability cannot be matched. A fraternity founded in love, honor and truth and which prepares men to lead in all walks of life, will always be relevant at the University of Georgia -- and will remain one in which we will always be proud to be called "brothers".

Thank you for all you do to ensure that Mother Mu will always Lead, never Follow, and that our Home on River Road will continue to serve an important role at UGA and beyond.

Fraternally,

#### R. Michael Barry, M 2071





# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

After another successful Classic City Bowl, Mu Chapter has continued its strong philanthropic success around the University of Georgia's campus and local communities during the fall. Active brothers participated in several community service projects throughout the city including a highway clean-up, a cemetery clean up at Brooklyn Cemetery, volunteering at Extra Special People (ESP), partaking in the River Road cleanup, and much more. For their first project as a group, members of the new initiate class were pleased to head over to the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" fundraiser to help support the stop to female rape and sexual assault. Newly initiated member **Landen Benson (M 2563)** had this to say about his time at the fundraiser:

"It was our first opportunity to get involved philanthropically as a pledge class and within the fraternity. We all wanted to show support for sexual assault victims and promote prevention. It was a great experience rallying together with other students, raising awareness for a rising issue on college campuses."

The men of Mu Chapter were able to raise over \$10,000 for the MS Society at the annual fall Parent's Weekend. A big thank you to the current philanthropy chairs **Johnny Whatley (M 2590)** and **Thomas Woodard (M 2603)**, as well as all current brothers of Mu Chapter, for helping the chapter support a tremendous cause. With the fall semester winding down to a close, we begin preparing for the 3rd annual Classic City Bowl benefiting multiple charities in April, where they hope to surpass expectations on the field as well as in fundraising efforts. Last year the chapter raised \$20,000 and had over 750 attendees join us for the inaugural event. All proceeds went to Project Safe, Children's Miracle Network, Prevent Child Abuse, and Breast Cancer Awareness. Mu Chapter will build upon our success and hope you will make plans to come watch the Chapter defend the Classic City Bowl Title. For more information please check out our Classic City Bowl website *www.classiccitybowl.com.* A huge thank you to our philanthropy chairs Logan Purvis (M 2595) and Tyler Haaland (M 2614) for their leadership last year in planning another successful Classic City Bowl.



### "BROTHERHOOD FOR GOLF"

#### BISHOP, GA

The experience of being part of a brotherhood is powerful. Mu chapter continues to exemplify the tradition of its strong brotherhood culture. On Sunday, October 15th, Mu Chapter continued the annual "Brotherhood for Golf" tournament. The inaugural brotherhood golf tournament was held at the Lane Creek Golf Club in Bishop, Georgia. The event was a two-man scramble and was won by Brothers **William White, M 2683, and Grant Metts, M 2668**. The Chapter's brotherhood chair, **Eddie Lloyd, M 2613**, led all the logistics and planning for the afternoon. The event brings together all pledge classes in a unique way while brothers showcase their skills. **Junior Connor Dillon (M 2620)** expressed his thoughts on the tournament saying, "It is always great to see who all in the chapter is good at golf. One of the best parts of the tournament is being able to strengthen relationships between pledge classes." The tournament came down to a playoff hole where brothers **Eddie Lloyd (M 2613)** and **Bill Monico (M 2600)** lost a heartbreaker on one last putt.

After the tournament was over the brothers congregated on the back porch at Lane Creek for dinner and awards. The award ceremony included a small trophy for the winners as well as good natured bragging rights until next year's tournament. The event exhibited the solid brotherhood that exemplifies Mu Chapter. Several of the pairs included fraternity "family" members. Other pairs included brothers from different pledge classes. Eldest family member, **Harrison Milford (M 2555)**, took on the course with his little brother **Wyatt Cotter** (**M 2621)**. The strong brother bond was evident throughout the day; and the Chapter even showed some promise in its golfing ability.

# Mountain Weekend

### 2016

### GATLINBURG, TN

The men of Mu chapter and their dates all flocked to the city of Gatlinburg, Tennessee for a weekend full of great views, hiking, and brotherhood. Brothers would be playing pool, using the hot tub, or just take in the views while at their cabins. When not enjoying the cabins in the mountains, brothers and their dates traveled down to the city to enjoy all the unique stores and restaurants. Some would even spend their days hiking in the Smoky Mountains and admiring the views from atop the mountains. You cannot ask for a better way to spend a weekend away from the Chateau and Athens!



Brothers Ross Uhlar (M 2642), Jonny Spratt (M 2664), and John Dubose (M 2641) on Mountain Weekend



Brother Chris Cannon (M 2554) and his date on Mountain Weekend

### ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENT:

ALUMNI: We send out the Mu News twice a year –once via email (in the Spring) and once in the Fall (regular snail-mail). If we don't have your current email address we can't send you the News. Take just a few minutes and update your information at our website ugasigmanu.com. We do not share your information with anyone (even other brothers). We want to keep you informed with everything happening on River Road.

# Saturdays In Athens

# GAME DAYS AND FORMAL



Brothers Logan Purvis (M 2595), Connor Dillon (M 2620), and Tyler Haaland (M 2614) enjoying Formal Weekend in Charleston, SC.



Brothers Kyle Eliff (M 2611) and Morgan Beam (M 2610) tailgating at the Chateau.



Brothers John Sheffield (M 2575) and Jack O'Neal (M 2557) tailgating with their respective dates.



Brothers of Mu Chapter with their dates at Formal Weekend..



Brothers of Mu Chapter enjoying the UGA vs. UNC game in Atlanta.

# SENIOR Spotlight

### Cole Graham

**Cole Graham (M 2572)** from Jacksonville, FL receives his diploma this May, marking an end to his memorable four year journey at the University of Georgia and Mu Chapter. Cole will graduate with a degree in Finance accompanied by certificates in Legal Studies, Personal and Organizational Leadership, and Business Professionalism. During his time at UGA, he exhibited excellence within Mu Chapter while achieving great success outside the chapter.



Externally, Cole was a member of Freshman Greek Leaders, starting quite the list of accomplishments. He was selected to serve on the public relations committee for IFC. As a brother, Cole served his brothers to the fullest possible extent. He was selected to six total different positions over his four years. Over the years on River Road, he took the reins of Brotherhood Chair, Internal Social Chair, External Social Chairman, Rush Chair, and Treasurer. Cole covered almost all aspects of the fraternity over his time. Cole has been a great role model to the younger brothers, sharing some valuable advice, encouraging brothers to strive for excellence and to leave Mu a better place than when they found it. Cole emphasizes to all brothers the importance to stay involved in the Chapter. When asked about why he decided to join Mu Chapter he replied,

#### "I realized that Sigma Nu had an unparalleled brotherhood that was associated with a great social environment."

Cole has had significant work experience outside of school and the chapter. He spent two summers interning for two financial firms. He first interned as a financial analyst for Tishman Hotel Corporation and his second internship was with Fidelity National Information Systems in Jacksonville, Florida. Cole has already accepted a full time job as a financial analyst for Fidelity in mergers and acquisitions. Cole has expressed great thanks to everybody who helped him reach the success he has achieved throughout his time at Mu Chapter.

Congratulations Cole, thank you for your service to Mu Chapter and UGA. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

# INITIATION

### OCTOBER 3, 2016

On Sunday, October 3rd, 2016 Mu Chapter initiated thirty-three Candidates into the Legion of Honor. A big thanks to all the alumni that were in attendance for the initiation ceremony. Mu is proud to call these men our brothers:

M 2661 M 2662 M 2663 M 2664 M 2665 M 2666 M 2667 M 2668 M 2669 M 2670 M 2670 M 2671 M 2672 M 2673 M 2673 M 2674 M 2675 M 2675 M 2676 M 2677 M 2678 M 2678 M 2680 M 2681 M 2681 M 2682 M 2683 M 2683 M 2684 M 2685 M 2685 M 2687 M 2688 M 2688	Avery King Nick Barlow John Boucek William Morris Jack McGolrick Chad Kupec Landen Benson Grant Metts Charlie Ogletree Jack Sawyer Antonio Imbornone Charles Peroyea Alex Landry Evan Kellams Garrison Hotchkiss Kevin Riordan Alex Taylor Andrew Wilson Connor Meitin Nathan Adams Charlie Goldman Will Ezrine William White Corey Soper Luke Miltner Ryan Mulkey Conner Day Sean Murtaugh Josh Owens	New Orleans, LA Roswell, GA Roswell, GA Monroe, GA Richmond, VA Cumming, GA Bishop, GA Tifton County, GA Peachtree City, GA Macon, GA New Orleans, LA Zachary, LA Kennesaw, GA Suwanee, GA Macon, GA Roswell, GA Richmond, VA Alpharetta, GA Alpharetta, GA Thomaston, GA Atlanta, GA Milton, GA Atlanta, GA Peachtree City, GA Atlanta, GA Dunwoody, GA Atlanta, GA
M 2687	Conner Day	Dunwoody, GA
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M 2690	Stuart Copeland	Peachtree City, GA
M 2691	Kerrigan Arnold	Peachtree City, GA
M 2692	Scott Rossi	Atlanta, GA
M 2693	Jared Siegel	Roswell, GA



### NEW BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

#### Ryan Mulkey

#### Ryan Mulkey (M 2686) is a freshman

Chemistry major from Kennesaw, Georgia where he attended Roswell High School. Ryan has already demonstrated impressive work ethic and leadership potential in his first semester as a brother of Mu Chapter. Ryan has started to get involved outside the Fraternity. He is actively pursuing membership in philanthropic clubs on campus such as UGA Miracle and several other clubs.

Ryan was elected Pledge Class Philanthropy Chair to lead his pledge brothers through community service projects and the candidate process. When asked his experience as Pledge Class Philanthropy Chair, Ryan had this to say, "It was an amazing experience getting to represent my pledge class as philanthropy chair. One of the things I find extremely important is giving back to those less fortunate, and as the philanthropy chair I was able to get everybody



**Ryan Mulkey (Mu 2686)** graduating from Roswell High School in May 2016.

excited to give back. We were able to help multiple causes throughout the community and I couldn't ask for much more out of the experience." Ryan expressed that what drew him to Sigma Nu was the evident brotherhood and specifically the Classic City Bowl as he saw it as an awesome way to give back to the community. Ryan is excited about future leadership opportunities within the Fraternity and has expressed his interest in working as Philanthropy Chairman to help plan the Classic City Bowl. Following graduation, Ryan hopes to work as a trauma pharmacist.

Keep up the good work Ryan!

# 2017 RUSH RECOMENDATIONS

Mu Chapter is constantly looking for new men to join our ranks. If you are aware of any UGA men that will be rushing second semester or fall semester of 2017, please send us their names and addresses. Mu Chapter, just like most other active fraternities, start the rush process during late spring and continue through the summer. We have had terrific recommendations from alumni in past years and we want to continue doing so. We also have an online recommendation form at <u>www.ugasigmanu.com</u>. We are proud to have the continued support and help from alumni throughout the rush process.

# HONORABLE MENTIONS

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

**Lawson Ives (M 2624)** will be returning to Athens for the spring semester from his study abroad in Australia that lasted all of fall semester.

**Thomas Fernandes (M 2586)** will be graduating this fall and has accepted a full-time position with EY.

**Sam Street (M 2578)** will be graduating after spring semester and working full time for Eastdil Secured.

**Allen Bagwell (M 2598)** was elected IFC President this fall and is the first President since Mu Chapter was revitalized.

**Donley Henson (M 2571)** received a paid Research Assistant position in experimental design and development at UGA's Regenerative Bioscience Center.

Christian Anderson (M 2481) has started his PhD in Immunotoxicology.

Allen Hetzel (M 2582) is currently a Portfolio Research Intern at Broad Street Capital Advisors LLC.

**Cal Kendrick (M 2589)** spent his summer interning with Charles Koch Institute and Americans for Prosperity in Washington, D.C.

**Tyler Haaland (M 2614)** is currently participating in a practicum with the Atlanta Falcons and their data collection team.

Daniel Raps Huffman (M 2558) interned over the summer with GM Financial in Fort Worth, TX.

**Kasey Clark (M 2594)** and **Logan Purvis (M 2595)** were selected to be Greek Ambassadors this upcoming spring.

Frank Rogers (M 2560) went on a mission trip to Nicaragua providing dental care.

**Carson Miller (M 2615)** and **Nick Khater (M 2599)** studied abroad in Costa Rica this past summer studying about the economic culture.



**Chris Levy (M 2618)** and **Nick Brandes (M 2601)** spent their summer in Barcelona studying international marketing and cultural management.

Jan Berland (M 2654) recently got his certification in scuba diving.