

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What will my son gain from Sigma Pi that they would not get out of any other college organization?

The fraternity experience is multifaceted and offers numerous leadership learning opportunities for your son. In addition to developing life-long friendships within their chapter, the fraternal experience helps a young man transition to college by making campus smaller, and in many cases, the Fraternity becomes a home away from home. While finding a support system, your son will gain skills on leadership, scholarship, philanthropy, and financial responsibility as he works with his brothers to manage their finances, run committees, put on community service projects, while also engaging in civic responsibility via involvement with their campus and community.

### Will my son's academics be compromised if they join?

The average GPA among Greek Organization members has consistently been higher than the All-University Student's GPA. Sigma Pi has a minimum GPA requirement to join of 2.5, and a minimum Chapter GPA of 2.7. Chapters of Sigma Pi maintain a Scholarship Committee to assist members' matriculation through college implementing support structures such as study partners, mandatory study hours, and time management workshops. In addition, being a part of the Fraternity provides your son access to a network of chapter members who already know how to use campus resources such as the library, study skills center, computer labs, and academic advisors. In addition, the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation has several scholarships available for members to apply for that, upon being awarded one, are distributed to their campus account to help with their educational cost.



## OUR HISTORY

Sigma Pi Fraternity was founded at Vincennes University, in Vincennes, Ind. on February 26, 1897. The Executive Office is located in Nashville, Tenn. Sigma Pi has chartered more than 230 chapters in North America and has initiated over 118,000 members since 1897. The founding fathers of Sigma Pi are: Rolin Rosco James, William Raper Kennedy, James Thompson Kingsbury, and George Martin Patterson.

## OUR CREED

I Believe in Sigma Pi,  
a Fellowship of kindred minds,  
united in Brotherhood  
to advance Truth and Justice,  
to promote Scholarship,  
to encourage Chivalry,  
to diffuse Culture,  
and to develop Character,  
in the Service of God and Man; and  
I will strive to make real  
the Fraternity's ideals  
in my own daily life.

## OUR MISSION

To inspire, promote, and support  
the lifelong development of our brothers.

## OUR CORE VALUES

Promote fellowship  
Develop character and leadership  
Advance heightened moral awareness  
Enable academic achievement  
Inspire service

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A PARENTS GUIDE TO THE SIGMA PI

# EXPERIENCE



YOUR SUPPORT IS  
**VITAL**

A parent's support for their son joining a fraternity is vital for his success during college as well as his post-graduate life. Your involvement provides emotional and moral support during the transition, guidance and perspective, assistance with academics and finances, and encouragement to build a strong network.

Parents also foster responsibility, promote health and well-being, and aid in leadership development. They play a crucial role in post-graduate planning and help their son to develop effective communication skills, ultimately shaping well-rounded individuals who can excel academically, socially, and professionally.

### HOW CAN I ADD TO MY SON'S SIGMA PI EXPERIENCE?

There are a variety of ways to support your son and his chapter. Creating a Chapter Educational Fund (CEF) and donating will aid the long-term success of the chapter. Establishing a parent's/alumni club and an advisory board will build a support system for the undergraduates. Fathers may initiate into Sigma Pi if they choose to. There will be opportunities for parent's to help plan and host parents' weekend events and other activities.

### THE BENEFITS OF A CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL FUND (CEF)

The potential education uses of a CEF can include: scholarship awards to chapter members, grants to cover travel and accomodation expenses for members to attend events such as the Mid-Year Leadership Conferene and the Tony Siress Leadership Summit, grants for educational resources (desks, bookcases, books, computers, and software), and even construction, renovation, and outfitting of educational areas within the chapter house.



### ALCOHOL AND DRUGS POLICY

In the United States, the Federal Uniform Drinking Age Act of 1984 sets the minimum legal drinking age to 21 and every state abides by that standard.

The Fraternity's Alcohol Policy prioritizes safety and adherence to the law in all our activities. Individuals below the legal drinking age who have or consume alcohol or are connected to illegal drugs or controlled substances while at the premises of a Sigma Pi Entity or during endorsed events are not in compliance with Sigma Pi policy.

Regarding alcohol, it must either be provided by licensed third-party vendors or brought by individual members and guests (BYOB). Alcohol above 15% ABV is only allowed when served by licensed vendors. We discourage excessive alcohol quantities not provided by such vendors.

Sigma Pi Entity funds cannot be used for alcohol purchases and co-hosting events with alcohol providers should be avoided. Events with non-members are invite-only, maintaining a 3:1 guest-to-member ratio within local capacity limits.

New member-related activities are substance-free, and rapid alcohol consumption activities like drinking games are strictly prohibited. This policy ensures safety and responsibility within our fraternity.

### HAZING POLICY

Sigma Pi has a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, of which is contrary to the creed, standards, ideals, mission, and goals of the Fraternity. No chapter shall encourage or conduct hazing activities. Permission or approval by a person being hazed is not a defense. Hazing activities are defined as:

*"Any action taken or situation created intentionally, whether on or off Fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol, paddling in any form, creation of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks, quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any such activities carried on outside or inside the confines of the chapter house, wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste, engaging in public stunts and buffoonery, morally degrading or humiliation games and activities, and any other activities which are not consistent with fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulation and policies of the educational institution."*

Sigma Pi prohibits all forms of hazing. The Fraternity investigates all allegations. Sigma Pi also has a toll free anti-hazing hotline: **1-888-NOT-HAZE (1-888-668-4293)**.

### ALL OTHER POLICIES

To learn more about the policies surrounding Sigma Pi, please visit our website at [sigmapi.org](http://sigmapi.org).