



Staying Involved as Alumni

Awards, Scholarships, and More

Spring 2022 has been a rather active time for the Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Read all about our latest updates below.

On February 20, a ceremony was held at the House of the Southern Woods to dedicate a plaque and a shadowbox that frames a piece of the original siding of the HOSW, dated 1940. The plaque and shadowbox were dedicated to honor the 100-plus Gamma Iota Sigs who financially contributed to the restoration of the HOSW and the initial operation of the Sigma Chi Zeta Colony. Without their contributions, Gamma Iota Chapter would not have been able to regain the charter and be a fully functioning chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Our brother, 51st Grand Consul **George Jones '42**, celebrated his 100th birthday on March 6.

Several alumni and active members of the Gamma Iota Chapter attended George's party. On March 25-27, 50 "Super-Senior" Gamma Iota Sigma Chi alumni and spouses attended their 17th reunion in 25 years. A lunch at the House of the Southern Woods with Gamma Iota active chapter members was the first activity on Friday. Other events during the weekend included a guided walking tour of the "old and new LSU campus," including the Memorial Tower's museums, the oak and magnolia-lined quadrangle, and the Student Union followed by a festive dinner at Carrabba's Restaurant. On Saturday, Professor Clint Willson of LSU's downtown Water Campus gave the group a guided tour of the huge-scale model of the Lower Mississippi River. On Saturday evening,

Les Nicholson '62 and former Gamma Iota

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Dr. George Jones '42 and Mrs. Jones at George's 100th birthday party, along with Gamma Iota Order of Constantine Sig Jim Bollinger '67.



Past House Corporation President Loren Kleinpeter '77 presenting the HOSW's 100 plaque and shadowbox.



From left: House Corporation President Judson Sanders '03, Gamma Iota Consul Miles McLendon '23, Past Sigma Chi Zeta Colony Consul Oscar Scruggins '22, and Chapter Advisor Tommy Bell '84 at the LSU Songfest 2022 Order of Omega Awards.



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Sweetheart Lauren Higgins Nicholson hosted a party at their new home in Bocage Lake. On Sunday, a casual brunch at the Residence Inn was the final event of the activity-packed weekend.

David Brinson '60 and wife Frances, **Larry Champagne '61** and wife Connie, Karen Corkern, and **Henson Moore '62** and wife Carolyn helped Les organize and host the reunion activities. The continued success of these reunions is a testimony to the enduring bonds of Sigma Chi.

The second annual Steve Carter Derby Days were held from March 28-April 3. Per 2022 Derby Daddy **Oscar Scruggins '22**:

"From the sponsorship standpoint, our alumni put up over \$3,000. This amount only includes checks written to the chapter. Our top sponsors were **Rickey Heroman '76** and **Robert Steele**

Yeargain '94. Alumni contributed hundreds of dollars to our charity fund at the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and individually during the fraternity's Venmo-A-Thon. To our alumni who aided the Gamma Iota Chapter in organizing the most successful fraternity philanthropy event thrown at LSU in the last five years, the undergraduates remain extremely thankful for your contributions and unwavering support."

Alumni participated in the March 11-12 initiation of 13 Gamma Iota Sigs. Brother **Robert Barham '70** was named a Significant Sig in March. **Oscar Scruggins '22** met in person and via Zoom with **John Cadwallader '70** and several past Gamma Iota consuls to gather information for the drafting of the sequel to "Milk and Donuts Forever." This project is an effort to document the history of the Gamma Iota Chapter since 1975.

We welcomed the following new officers to the HOSW House Corporation:

- President: **Scott Ritter '99**
- Secretary: **Alexander Dalmau '92**
- Treasurer: **Keith Benit '85**

Chapter Advisor **Tommy Bell '84**, House Corporation President **Judson Sanders '03**, Alumni Chapter President **John Cadwallader '70**, and **Wheeler Parker '81** with the assistance of **Dr. Lake Douglas '72**, evaluated and submitted applications for the following awards and scholarships:

- Lod Cook Sigma Chi Leadership Awards: Submitted nine Gamma Iota Sigs' names to LSU Foundation for six awards at \$2,500 each.
- Zibilich Scholarship: Submitted the applications of four outstanding Gamma Iota Sig freshmen to **Michael Zibilich** and his wife, Gayle, for the award of a \$3,000 scholarship in the name of their son, **Keller Zibilich '13**. The 2022 Zibilich Scholarship was awarded to **Carter Kerrigan '25**.

At the LSU Songfest 2022 Order of Omega Awards, **Tommy Bell '84** was awarded Chapter Advisor of the Year and **Judson Sanders '03** was awarded House Corporation President of the Year.

In Hoc,
Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter

Welcome, Eta Class New Members

Noah Bates '25
Covington, La.

Tyler Brooks '25
Denver, Colo.

Eli Connor '24
Seattle, Wash.

Stephan de Smidt '24
San Jose, Costa Rica

Sam Elliott '24*
Charleston, S.C.

(Great-grandfather was part of the first-ever Gamma Iota pledge class; grandfather was also a Gamma Iota Sig)

Wyatt Fakler '25
Las Vegas, Nev.

Shane Gallagher '24
Slidell, La.

Damien Hirschfield '25
Littleton, Colo.

Gavin Langston '25*
New Orleans, La.
(Dad was a Sig in the Theta Delta Chapter)

Jordan Martin '24
Saginaw, Mich.

Zane Scott '25
Cranbury, N.J.

Jeremiah Taylor '25
Circleville, Ohio

*Legacy



HOSW's 100 plaque and shadowbox.



Over 600 participants from all 12 sororities come together for a picture at the field day games portion of the Steve Carter Memorial Derby Days.

GAMMA IOTA LEADS THE WAY

CHAPTER SEES MASSIVE PHILANTHROPY SUCCESS IN 2022

In spring 2022, Gamma Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi continued to demonstrate excellence on LSU's campus. We extended 15 bids during spring recruitment, all of which were accepted (100% acceptance rate), making ours the largest IFC spring pledge class on campus. We hosted our first-ever initiation of a new class on March 10-11. With the help of our alumni, it ran flawlessly to the benefit of all new members involved.

Brother **Michael Zibilich**, father of deceased Brother **Keller Zibilich '13**, gave a speech on mental health awareness to the entire Greek community on February 23. This event was attended by more than 1000 students from every fraternity and sorority on LSU's campus.

In March, we hosted Grand Consul **Tim Sanderson** and Grand Trustee Representative **Rick Lewandowski** for a visit to celebrate the 100th birthday of Brother **George H. Jones '42**. Regional Support Coordinator **Don McKinney** also visited the chapter in March, and after meeting with our executive board, concluded that Gamma Iota is a shining example of how the colonization process can work.

In April, we hosted our second annual Steve Carter Memorial Derby Days, which was a weeklong philanthropy event to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. In 2021, Derby Days lasted one weekend, involved 100 participants from five chapters, and raised \$5,000. This year, Derby Days was an entire week, involved over 600 participants from all 12 sorority chapters on campus, and raised over \$62,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. **We raised 900% more money in 2022 than we did in 2021 and had a 500% growth in participation.** As of April 27, Gamma Iota Chapter is among the top 10 Sigma Chi chapters in money raised for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. This year, we raised more money than any other fraternity on campus, and we fundraised more than almost every sorority. **Only one other fraternity raised over \$20,000 (Kappa Sig with \$30,000), and we doubled that number.** The success of our Derby Days represents our hard work and efficient internal systems, and our large reputation and impact on LSU's campus.

In Hoc,
Miles McLendon '23
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Senior Noah Tyler '22 and junior Consul Miles McLendon '23 holding a sign encouraging girls to honk for sophomore Tyler Guercia '24 to bench press, with sophomore Eric Primiano '24 spotting him during the Derby Days car wash.



From left: Quaestor Ethan Wachtel '24, Derby Daddy Oscar Scruggins '22, and Consul Miles McLendon '23 riding on horses during the kickoff to the second annual Steve Carter Memorial Derby Days.

SAVE THE DATE



Join Us for These Upcoming Events

FOURTH TUESDAYS

Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

JULY 26

The second annual Brotherhood and BBQ Feast will be held at the House of the Southern Woods on the evening of July 26.

OCTOBER 14-15

Fall Initiation for Gamma Iota Chapter will occur on October 14-15.



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Fall 2022 Recruitment Planning

SEND US YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Please send the following information on legacies and other potential recruits to Brother **Brennan Phillips '24**:

- Name
- Their Sigma Chi Relation
- Phone
- Email
- School
- GPA
- Awards
- Extracurricular Activities (i.e., clubs, sports, church, etc.)

Brennan's email address is lsusigmachirecruitmentchair@gmail.com, and his cell number is (225) 921-9234.

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