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Six to be Inducted into Beta Phi Hall of Honor in 2016

A sixth distinguished Beta Phi has been added to the list of Sigs to be honored with induction into the Hall of Honor on Oct. 28 at the Westwood Look Resort.

The late Channing S. Morse, a '70 Beta Phi, will be inducted during the bi-annual ceremony because of his long service in the military in combat and as a test pilot. (See more of his biography below.) He will join Brothers Reuben Carranza, Chuck Colton, Michael Manson, Bill Reilly and Doug Tilford.

The evening will begin at 4 p.m. with registration in the Sonoran foyer. At 5 p.m. the ceremony will begin in the Sonoran Ballroom. Six to 6:15 will be time for photographs. A no-host cocktail reception will follow until 7 p.m. when dinner will be served. The Beta Phi Celebration Hall of Honor Dinner will feature a fabulous dinner, photo montage of the past and present, more recognition of the new Hall of Honor inductees and a tribute to the Sweethearts.

In memory and honor of Brother Morse, members of his pledge class are urging fellow members to attend the dinner. Plans are being made to reserve two or three tables for the pledge class. They also urging support for Brother Colton, who also is being inducted.

Brother Bob Custer is making the introduction/presentation for Brother Morse, and his widow, Barbara, is attending to accept the award for him.

Following are the biographies:



Reuben Carranza '90

Brother Carranza, and his identical twin brother Richard, grew up in Tucson. He started school at Hollinger Elementary School speaking no English. He and his brother became young mariachi musicians – something that gave them the skills for success in life.

They played with Mariachi Los Changuitos Feos for a while before joining Mariachi Nuevo, a youth group created by their father that provided scholarships to further secondary education for its members. The boys also played in Mariachi Azteca de Tucson with a number of musicians who went on to become some of the top mariachi musicians and teachers in America. They also became student leaders, holding class president and vice president offices each year in high school.

While attending the University of Arizona, the brothers pledged Sigma Chi. During his four years Brother Carranza was selected as a member of Primus, Sophos, Chain Gang and Bobcats honoraries. He was elected student body president in his senior year.



Brother Warren A. "Chuck" Colton, left, chats with U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, Beta Phi, '32 during a dinner at the Sigma Chi house in the late 1960s. Colton is being inducted into the Beta Phi Hall of Honor on Oct. 28.

After graduation, Brother Carranza joined Procter and Gamble, where he worked his way to chief executive officer of Wella North America, the salon professional division. He led an organization of more than 600 employees and developed a portfolio that included Wella Professional, Clairol Professional, Sebastian Professional and Nioxin.

he six inductees:

His training for the jobs began at home. His mother and aunt worked as hairdressers for more than 40 years, "and I grew up in that environment."

After 24 years, Brother Carranza left P&G to partner and serve as group president for Luxury Brand Partners with offices in New York and Miami, where he lives. He serves on the board of several industry organizations, including chairman of the board of the Professional Beauty Association, which represents the 1.2 million licensed professionals in the United States.

From a philanthropic perspective, Brother Carranza funds a number of non-profit organizations,; has been active in the Miami non-profit community and with City of Hope; and was the recipient of the City of Hope Spirit of Life Award in 2013.

Reflecting on his years as a Sigma Chi, he remarked, "So many of the memories, stories and deep friendships I carry with me from my time at the UA are from my experiences with my brothers in Sigma Chi."

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Education Foundation Report



The Beta Phi Educational Foundation hosted the Fourth Annual Beta Phi Leadership Workshop on Aug. 13 in Tucson. This year's event focused on internal chapter matters versus having outside speakers and experts present to the group.

Many of the chapter officers who recently attended the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop presented the Beta Phi Strategic Vision plan to the group. Consul Brian Kewin and Pro Consul Kyle Gunderson led this effort and did a great job of gaining buy-in from the chapter.

The Mentoring Program launched on Sept. 1 with 19 returning undergrads being mentored by alumni brothers. Alumni are invited to contact Kevin Stombaugh at kstombaugh@gmail.com if interested in being a mentor and/or can provide helpful information on potential internships or job opportunities. Most of the undergrads are in business-related fields.

The Foundation board also is hosting the Beta Phi Hall of Honor Induction ceremony on Oct. 28, during the UA homecoming weekend at the Westward Look Resort. Please visit www.tucsonsig.com to purchase tickets for the event.

The foundation recently awarded scholarships totaling \$3,500 to Beta Phi's six top officers for the fall semester as part of \$7,000 in scholarships awarded to the executive board officers each year.

In addition, the foundation offered four merit-based scholarships of \$1,250. The four winners had to write a two-page essay on how they exemplify the Jordan Standard. The scholarships were named to honor distinguished Beta Phi alums.

Kevin Stombaugh
President
Beta Phi Educational Foundation Inc.



Grand Praetor Report



Your road weary Grand Praetor is very proud of all the Grand Canyon Province Sigma Chi chapters. Beta Phi (University of Arizona) Zeta Omicron (Northern Arizona University) and Kappa Phi (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University) all won the Petersen Blue Awards for outstanding chapter operations. Congrats to all those chapters for their hard work.

Epsilon Upsilon (Arizona State University) won the James Bash most improved Sigma Chi chapter Award. This is especially noteworthy because the general fraternity recognizes Epsilon Upsilon's efforts to re-structure into an excellent chapter. They came very close to winning the Petersen as well, close enough for an appeal that hopefully will mean four for four for the Grand Canyon Province.

The Peterson Significant Chapter Award, sponsored annually by the Sigma Chi Foundation is the highest honor bestowed upon an undergraduate chapter. Named for past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana '19, the award recognizes excellent, but not impossible, performance by chapters in all major areas of operation and programming. For many years, the Peterson plaque has been a symbol of dedication, idealism, and achievement.

There is no minimum or maximum number of chapters that could win the award in any given year. Award criteria are assigned on an objective scale, and encompass the entire gamut of chapter activities, from financial stability and recruitment to chapter and member reputation to Ritual and Initiation performance. Because chapter operations vary among campuses and chapters, each chapter measures itself against these absolute Sigma Chi standards, rather than against other Chapters.

Beta Phi alums also are serving undergraduate chapters in the Grand Canyon Province.

Brother Rylan Faucet, who was Beta Phi's annotator in 2011, is assisting the chapter's new advisor Sammie Linton (see Chapter Advisor's Report), He recently attended the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop.

The new chapter advisor at Epsilon Upsilon at Arizona State is 1991 Beta Phi Mike Grawe. Assistant Grand Praetor John Komedina will assist Grawe. Komedina was Beta Phi's consul in 2011.

Bart Graves,
Grand Canyon Province's Grand Praetor



Beta Phi Sigs celebrate the chapter's **25th Peterson Significant Chapter Award** with 69th Grand Consul Michael Ursillo, middle of second row. Holding the plaque is Consul Brian Kewin.



Warren A. "Chuck" Colton III '69

Brother Colton grew up in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he attended Arcadia High. While there he played in the marching and dance bands, played football and was a member of the golf team that won two state championships. The University of Arizona was the only school he wanted to attend. During the summer before college he was recruited by Sigma Chi brothers living in the area. Just as with his college choice, he never even considered another fraternity.

During his freshman year he won an intramural golf event, which opened the door for him to join the UA golf team the following year. As a sophomore Brother Colton was a member of Sophos, and he won the first University of Arizona Intercollegiate invitational golf tournament, which earned him a scholarship for his junior and senior years. At Beta Phi he served as Consul in his junior and senior.

He and Claudia Welch, a UA Chi Omega, were married on June 6, 1970. The couple moved to Southern California in 1971, where he began his career in real estate. Brother Colton worked for a number of land development and homebuilding firms during his 35-year career. In the late 1970s he became a senior vice president of DAON, a Canadian land(-)development company. Between 1976 and 1990 he managed the acquisition and development of property from San Diego to Petaluma, Calif. He is most proud of Shadowridge, a 4,000-unit housing and commercial development in Vista, Calif. Later he became president of Empire Land Co., an Ontario, Calif.- based land development firm. He concluded his career working for Standard Pacific Homes on projects in Playa Vista, a major west Los Angeles planned community. During his career he received awards for projects he built from the California Homebuilding Council and the National Association of Homebuilders.

He retired in 2008 and returned to Tucson. His return was timely for Beta Phi. In the following years, as president of the House Corporation, he managed the design and construction of the Sigma Chi fraternity house at 1511 E. First St. After the completion of the house he became chapter advisor. In 2013 he received the Fraternity Chapter Advisor of the Year award from the University's Greek Life organization. He has recently returned to the position of Housing Corporation president.

On what Sigma Chi has meant to him, Brother Colton said, "My recent engagement with both the alumnae and undergraduates has reminded me that Sigma Chi is a lifelong experience. As an undergraduate it provided an opportunity to develop friendships and learn relevant and enduring communications and leadership skills. As an alumnae it provided me with the opportunity to give back to the chapter in a meaningful way."

Michael S. Manson '82



A native Arizonan, Brother Manson fondly remembers the family ranch in New Mexico, Boy Scouts (where he received his Eagle Scout with Palms, God and Country Award and attended the World Jamboree in Sweden) and campfires.

At Central High School he received four varsity swimming letters, served on the Phoenix Mayor's Advisory Council and joined the Arizona Ecumenical Council. He drove his 1929 Model A Ford to the UA, where he became Beta Phi's 1978 pledge class president and served in Primos, Sophos

and a student senator before transferring to Stanford, where he again served as a senator, graduating in 1982.

Brother Manson attended Regent Seminary before moving on to serve as a corporate troubleshooter for Allied Signal, which sponsored him to Harvard Business School. There he met Lyndel Roubos and married her one year and a day later. Married now for 30 years, they enjoy their home in Flagstaff with their three adult children, Mak, Ian and Scottie, their Bernese Mountain Dogs, Siamese cats, elk and bald eagles.

Brother Manson polishes the White Cross by "freeing truth," figuring things out and serving others, so in that vein, he helped secure patents in a wide range of fields from electric motors, fasteners, mining, process controls and pet toys. As a donor, board member, advisor, mentor, or co-founder he has assisted several companies, civic groups and philanthropic organizations including PETS^{SMART}, Brookstone Ventures, Motor Excellence, Parker Fasteners, Arizona Friends of Foster Children, Phoenix's and Flagstaff's Mayors Advisory Councils, Arizona Commerce Authority, Boy Scouts of America, Young Life Ministries, Northern Preparatory Academy, Stanford Medical School Center of Excellence for Viral Cognitive Disorders and Parkinson's disease research (diagnosed 2006, at 46).

He received the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence, the Distinguished or Golden Eagle Scout Award, Arizona's Global Strategic Thinker of the Decade Award and the Significant Sig Award, but his favorite titles include partner, brother and, especially, "Pappa."

Brother Manson loves Jesus Christ and models the Canadian Air Force motto of "Serve to lead." Sigma Chi's values and brotherhood inspire Michael to seek truth, serve others, and polish the Cross (now with his tremor he believes he can polish better). His greatest challenge is that he aspires to becoming the man his Bernese Mountain Dogs think him to be.



Channing S. Morse '70

Brother Morse pledged and was initiated into the Beta Phi Chapter in the 1965-1966 school year and was selected for Sophos. Before his sophomore year, U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, Beta Phi '32, nominated him for the U.S. Air Force Academy. He was a leader in his pledge class; leaving to go to the academy was at the time an honor and but also a loss to the chapter in terms of leadership. Although his time at the UA

was relatively short, Brother Morse regarded his Beta Phi Brothers among his best, lifelong friends.

He excelled at the Air Force Academy in academics and leadership. He made the Dean's List and the Commandant's List several times. In his senior year, Brother Chan was named executive officer of his squadron, a group of about 110 cadets under his command. He graduated from the academy in 1970 with a degree in electrical engineering.

After graduation, Brother Morse was named the outstanding graduate of his class at the U.S. Army Helicopter School. He became an aircraft commander, flying the CH-53, known as the "Jolly Green Giant" and fulfilled a series of assignments as a combat rescue and special operations pilot. He also served as an instructor at Patrick Air Force Base, Nakon-Phanom RTAB, Thailand, and at USAF Helicopter School at Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

Having been tested under fire and having endured only combat operations can give, he went into fixed-wing pilot training and

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again received recognition as the outstanding graduate of his class. He was selected to attend and later taught at the renowned Naval Test Pilot School. He also began a long and distinguished career as a military and civilian experimental test pilot. Brother Morse retired from the Air Force following his service in the Air Force Reserves in 1998, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

After leaving military duty, he worked as an aeronautical engineer and experimental test pilot for Hughes Helicopter, McDonnell Douglas and Boeing. He flew, tested and improved more than eight military and commercial helicopters. In 1988, Brother Morse received the prestigious Kincheloe Award as the outstanding test pilot of the year for his work flying an experimental helicopter that did not use a tail rotor.

Brother Morse also volunteered to drive a Veterans Administration van one day every week for five years, transporting veterans to medical appointments at the VA hospital. His most recent community service was providing wounded veterans with glider plane rides. He would take veterans on a glide ride and after setting them loose to glide, would start his return to the glider port. For unknown reasons, his plane crashed on Aug. 25, 2015, and he was killed. Brother Morse was buried with full military honors at the Air Force Academy.

William R. Reilly '56



Brother Reilly was born in New Jersey, moved to Maryland at age six and attended Blessed Sacrament School in Chevy Chase. His family then moved to Prescott, Ariz., where he completed high school. After graduation, he and his closest friend, Mike Devoy, were accepted at Notre Dame.

Following his freshmen year, his brother Tom contacted polio. Brother Reilly's dad asked if he would transfer to the University of Arizona, which he did, entering the School of Electrical Engineering. He pledged Sigma Chi, and the second semester Devoy transferred to the UA from Notre Dame and pledged Sigma Chi. They became roommates once again.

After graduating in 1956 he entered the sales training program at General Electric and spent time in the Aeronautics and Space and the Large Power Transformer Divisions. Upon completion, he returned to Phoenix to modernize the family business, Dye Oxygen Co. Brother Reilly designed and built the first liquid oxygen and nitrogen plant in Arizona serving the hospital, electronics, steel, aviation and national defense industries. Named president and CEO in 1968, Brother Reilly expanded the business into a large regional company from that served Los Angeles to Houston. In 1972 he sold the business to a French company, L'Air Liquide, the largest industrial company in the world, to enable their entry into the American market.

In 1974 he founded Reilly Medical Supply, which specialized in respiratory services and home oxygen delivery. He expanded the business to include hospital supplies, ICU and CCU cardio monitoring equipment and services, and artificial limbs and brace manufacturing. The business expanded to into four states. National Medical Enterprises Inc., a large hospital and management company purchased Reilly Medical Supply in 1984. Brother Reilly subsequently founded six other businesses. He is now president of a Phoenix-based Reilly Investments. The firm specializes in public securities and real estate investments.

Brother Reilly has been active and in civic and business endeavors. He is past chairman of the Independent Oxygen Manufacturers Association, past member of the Board of Directors of

Continental Bank, founding member of the Arizona Manufacturing Association, past chairman of the Arizona Veteran's Memorial Coliseum and Arizona State Fair, past chairman of the University Medical Center Hospital, past member of the Board of Directors of Cardio West Technologies Inc., Young Presidents Organization, CEO Organization and Phoenix Thunderbirds.

"I was so fortunate to have been invited to join Sigma Chi, Beta Phi Chapter" Brother Reilly said. I knew that the friends that I made at this point of my life would be friends for life. I found my lifelong friends and values of friendship that have enriched me always. I will do anything to aid a Sigma Chi Brother whenever needed."

Doug A. Tilford '89



Brother Tilford began his college career at the University of Arizona in the fall of 1985. While at the UA, Doug was a member of Bobcats Honorary, Arizona Allegiance, and multiple student government committees. In addition to a full load of classes and extracurricular work, he paid his way through college by working numerous jobs. Notably, as a senior, he worked for the UA athletic department and managed marketing programs for non-revenues sports

and special events for the university.

During his years in Beta Phi, Brother Tilford served as historian, philanthropy chairman, Greek Week chairman, Spring Fling chairman and pro consul.

Upon graduating, he began working for the Xerox Corporation and was recognized as one of the top 5 percent of sales people nationally for seven of his eight years there. While in Northern California, Brother Tilford served as regional director for the San Ramon Special Olympics.

Brother Tilford earned his master's degree in business from the University of Southern California. After graduating, he joined with classmates to create an Internet start-up specializing in public relations strategy. The company, Market Wired, has since been sold and is one of the largest press release distribution companies in the world.

After this venture, Brother Tilford joined another start-up, Akamai Technologies, in September 2000. At Akamai, he ran the national product specialist division, managed the United States sales division and eventually managed sales for all of the Americas. Most recently, he moved his family to England to oversee all business operations for Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Russia. As the senior vice president and general manager, Brother Tilford manages more than 1,000 people and has turned the under-performing region into the fastest growing business in the company. During his 16-year tenure, the company has grown from \$37 million to nearly \$2.5 billion in annual revenues.

For the past 12 years, Brother Tilford has volunteered his time to Habitat for Humanity, organized large fund-raising events for the Tustin Unified School District and financially supported numerous charities.

Brother Tilford met his wife, Beth, at the Sigma Chi house more than 27 years ago. They have two children, Sarah and Benjamin.

"Sigma Chi represents a turning point in my life – where confidence, morals, ideals and generosity were cemented into who I wanted to be as I matured. I feel incredibly fortunate to have lifelong friends and experiences that were made possible by my years as a Sigma Chi at the University of Arizona," Brother Tilford said.

Chapter Advisor's Report



My name is Sammie Linton. As the newly appointed Beta Phi chapter advisor, I wanted to offer a little bit about myself. I was initiated by the Kappa Psi Chapter in spring 2007 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. While at UTM, I had an excellent opportunity to serve as a resident assistant, Student Government Association president, and risk manager for the chapter. These experiences coupled with my love for our fraternity inspired me to seek a career in student affairs and higher education. After a journey through Tennessee, Florida and Georgia, I was recently married and began my new position at the University of Arizona working within Residence Life as the coordinator of leadership development. Since moving here, it has been my pleasure to serve the students of this university and the Brothers of the Beta Phi Chapter.

As this is experience is new to me, my initial plan for the Beta Phi Chapter consists of three goals.

1. Provide each Brother with the access and ability to excel in

his fraternal experience,

2. Promote the daily understanding and implementation of the ritual as it applies to chapter excellence and goal setting,

Pursue chapter, campus and fraternal recognition through the assessment of current practices and seek to improve where needed.

While this may seem slightly ambiguous, I find it incredibly valuable for me to seek knowledge from the active brotherhood while simultaneously getting to know the individual goals of the chapter (short and long-term) while balancing the all important expectations of the alumni Brothers and the Fraternity.

My overarching hope is to only be a service to the White Cross and each of our Brothers. If I can be of any service to you, certainly email me at samrlint@gmail.com

Sammie Linton, Beta Phi Chapter Advisor

30 Pledge Beta Phi

Beta Phi took in 30 pledges during fall rush during which as many as 1,000 men passed through the house.

"We believe we received the most diverse group of young men and future leaders of any fraternity on campus, Consul Brian Kewin said.

The class consists of 26 freshman and four sophomores. Fourteen are from the Phoenix area, eight are from California, and the remainder from eight from other states. Here is the list:

Jacob Austin-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
Cam Birchen-Perry Hall, MD-Freshman
Paul Bullington-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
Jack Chapel-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
Joey Costa-La Jolla, CA –Sophomore
Zach Coty-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
Jonny Dunkleberger-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
Jake Edwards-Scottsdale, AZ-Freshman
Jack Goodwin-Sun Valley, ID-Freshman
Jackson Hill-Monterey, CA-Freshman
Todd Jarvis-Newport Beach, CA-Sophomore
Nick Kapler-Ahwatukee, AZ-Freshman
Trevor Lawrence-Irvine, CA-Freshman
Joey McCarty-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
Scott McGill-Scottsdale, AZ-Freshman
Matt Ng-Thousand Oaks, CA-Freshman
Cole Northrop-Mercer Island, WA-Freshman
Alex Paul-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
Joe Pierson-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
Chase Frado Adams-Huntington Beach, CA-Freshman

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Consul's Report



It is with great honor that I write to you once again. The undergraduate chapter of Beta Phi is sitting in a great position with the University and the International Fraternity. We recently won the Dean of Students Excellence Award, an award given to only one fraternity or sorority in the near 50 on campus. Through the International Fraternity we were awarded a Peterson Award, only about 40 of the nearly 240 undergraduate chapters were recognized with this honor.

We have recently transitioned to a new chapter advisor, Sammie Linton. Sammie offers many great characteristics and ideas to our chapter. He is employed by the UA as a director of Leadership Development in the Residence Life division, and we hope that he can connect many of our Brothers to leadership opportunities throughout campus.

Lastly, we recently finished the fall recruitment process. We had close to 1,000 men come through the doors and finished with 30 accepted bids. We believe we received the most diverse group of young men and future leaders of any fraternity on campus. We can now say we have a pledge class that spans from coast to coast, young men from Newport Beach, Calif., to Washington, DC.

We would like to thank all of you again for your continued support of our chapter and we are excited to see all of you at homecoming in October. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at briankewin@email.arizona.edu or call me at 818-703-3363. I'm always proud to be a Sigma Chi.

**Brian Kewin
Beta Phi '17**



Houston School District Sings Praises of Richard Carranza

Story courtesy of Houston Public Media

Moments after Richard Carranza, Beta Phi '90, signed his new contract with the Houston Independent School District, a school band struck up.

It wasn't a marching band or jazz ensemble. They were mariachi musicians mostly from [Sam Houston High School](#) with a serenade for their new superintendent. Carranza loves mariachi because it connects him to his heritage as a Mexican-American.

It was a celebratory mood as administrators and a crowd of Houstonians welcomed [Carranza](#) at the district headquarters. The board had picked Carranza as the sole finalist for the job in late July, but they had to wait 21 days under Texas law to finalize his contract. They voted unanimously on that at a special meeting in August.

"I'm very proud to have you come to Houston, very proud to have learned of all the accomplishments that you set out in San Francisco, in Clark County," said Trustee Greg Meyers. "You have a tremendous record of achievement."

Carranza previously led the San Francisco Unified School District with about 50,000 students and was a region superintendent in Las Vegas.

He signed a three-year contract with a base annual salary of \$345,000 with the Houston district. It's effective immediately and Carranza plans to tour some campuses on the first day of school next week.

He shared his approach to education.

"First and foremost what you see is what you get. I'm a teacher. I was a decade in the classroom. I know what it's like to do a lesson plan and have it go south the first two minutes you walk into the classroom," he said, drawing some chuckles from the audience.

He said he wants to focus on several themes, such as the state's beleaguered school finance system and equity for all students. But he said that he isn't bringing a "preconceived agenda."

"Except that every child will be served in our schools. That's the agenda," he added.

Carranza also showed he knows how to hold a crowd. He stepped up to the mic with the student mariachi band behind him. He sang an impressive *ranchera*.



Richard Carranza, Beta Phi '90, made his debut as Houston's new superintendent by singing Mexican songs to students. Carranza grew up playing in mariachi groups in Tucson.

Sigma Chi Ranked No. 1 by several online sites

Several online publications have chosen Sigma Chi as the best fraternity on U.S. campuses for the past three years. Here's a sample of four:

Collegiatlas.com wrote: With over 246 collegiate chapters, Sigma Chi stands out among other organizations for its incredibly prestigious alumnae roster. Over 10 congressmen and all-star athletes, like Saints' quarterback Drew Brees, are former members of Sigma Chi. Founded in 1855 at the University of Miami in Ohio, the loyalty of the organization's member shines through with over \$1 million in donations to the Sigma Chi Foundation. Notable alumnae include ESPN host Steve Weissman, Fox News anchor Bret Baier, actors Woody Harrelson, Brad Pitt and John Wayne, and CEO of Kroger, David Dillon.

<http://www.greekrank.com/best-fraternities-sororities-fall-2016> wrote: For the third time out of four semesters Sigma Chi has been the overall highest ranked fraternity. According to the fraternity's website, their vision is to become the preeminent collegiate leadership development organization — aligned, focused and living our core values of Friendship, Justice and Learning. Semester after semester the men of Sigma Chi continue to lead the way.

In picking Sigma Chi No. 1, Odysseyonline.com wrote: Sigma Chi was founded on June 28, 1855 at Miami University in Ohio. Sigma Chi is the second fraternity on this list that belongs to the Miami Triad. Sigma Chi has approximately 240-plus chapters nationwide, with over 300,000 lifetime members. In December 2012, Sigma Chi designated the Huntsman Cancer Foundation as its sole preferred philanthropic partner.

Fun Fact: On June 13, 2005, Sigma Chi was the first Greek-letter society to be honored by the United States Congress for the fraternity's 150th anniversary.

<https://www.thrillist.com/lifestyle/nation/best-fraternities-and-sororities-famous-greek-members> wrote: Notable members: Drew Brees, Ty Burrell, Brian Dennehy, Brad Pitt, John Wayne, Rip Torn, Tony Hale, David Letterman, Andy Rooney.

Seriously, can you imagine the kind of party these cats could have thrown together if they were all in the same house?? Pitt and Buster Bluth would be having a shotgunning contest while Drew Brees and John Wayne arm wrestle and Rip Torn douses everyone with acid and chases them around. Then, the next day, Andy Rooney comes out and wakes everybody up at 8am and complains about how the house is a wreck. Who let him pledge, anyway?

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- Chad Robertson-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
- Michael Romero-Chadler, AZ-Freshman
- Adam Schiller-Castle Pines, CO-Freshman
- AJ Scott-Paradise Valley, AZ-Sophomore
- Amos Sepkowitz-Charlotte, NC-Freshman
- Jack Shearer-Huntington Beach, CA-Sophomore
- Gabe Snyder-Leawood, KS-Freshman
- Tommy Swinscoe-Sammamish, WA-Freshman
- Blake Tawney-Phoenix, AZ-Freshman
- Rich Vanis-Newport Beach, CA-Freshman
- Oliver Wilson-Dallas, TX-Freshman