



Beta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity

Mentors - The Leadership Makers

WE KNOW. WE KNOW. You can't just pop a colorful piece of candy into your mouth and instantly become a leader, realize outstanding achievements or attain your long-term goals. But successful people aren't just born, either. They are cultivated over a period of time by a number of individuals—they're comprised of bits and pieces of the colorful people they encounter throughout their lives. They learn life's finer points, then wrap them up into their own individual packages.

Oftentimes, we are not able to point to just one person who made a difference or an everlasting impression. Rather, we have to cite several individuals—a variety pack of parents, teachers, coaches, bosses and friends.

In this issue we present articles about the folks who leave lives forever changed, the folks who give of themselves so that others might lead, achieve and succeed. The mentors. The leader makers.

You've probably already been affected by multiple mentors, whether you realize it or not. We can't tell you who they were, but we can help you realize one thing—no two will be the same. One could be the young Sig who made a major league impact on a group of 11- and 12-year-old ballplayers. Another could be that teacher who taught you so much more than what was in the text. "They don't necessarily have to be major, famous people," Keith Ferrazzi, Yale 1988, told us. "They can be the people right around you who help you to be successful, who care about you and who are walking in the tracks you ultimately want to walk." Or they could be Sigma Chi alumni who, thanks to a new leadership program, have a fresh perspective on improving the health of our undergraduate chapters and the personal development of our undergraduates. Be inspired. Be inspiring. Share what you know with others. Take your place among the mentors of yesterday, today and tomorrow. We're confident you'll be satisfied.

~ The Editors

- Article from Spring 2003 on the importance of mentoring – *The Magazine of Sigma Chi*