Message from the Eminent Archon

Dear South Carolina Gamma Alumni:

Welcome to the first issue of our Alumni Newsletter, a way to stay in touch with alumni brothers of our storied chapter of SAE. We have decided to have a stronger focus on our relationship with alumni to form a stronger bond between the undergraduate brothers and the post-graduate brothers. We want this newsletter to bring us all closer together and inform the alumni about what their beloved chapter has been accomplishing.

This newsletter will feature several different articles and photographs focused on:

- Developing a continuous bond between alumni and undergraduate brothers
- Sharing various experiences at Wofford College by highlighting different brothers
- Encouraging alumni to communicate with the chapter by responding to any questions or concerns, allowing for recruitment recommendations, and encouraging alumni to visit the campus when in the Spartanburg area
- Providing information of the new member class
- Keeping everyone informed about our upcoming events and philanthropies

We are very excited to better our relationship and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Phi Alpha,
Miles Bidwell
### BRINGING COTTON BACK

After lengthy conversations with the school, very generous donations from alumni like you, the brothers of SAE were able to bring back a piece of SC gamma history to the new house. Thank you again, this addition to the chapter could not have been attained without the generosity of our alumni.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS AND EVENTS

Hear the perspectives of a few new Wofford SAE brothers and learn about upcoming events for the nearing school year.

### PHILANTHROPY

Building from a successful year supporting the breast cancer foundation, SC Gamma is not only looking to raise money but also impact the school and the community in a positive way by creating important conversations about emotional health and suicide prevention as we partner with the JED Foundation.

### SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

SC Gamma had an excellent year in receiving individual and chapter recognition from both the province and Nationals. The brothers of the chapter are excited to continue their hard work and dedication to bettering SAE for future brothers to come.

### SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

SAE boasts expansive involvement in a number of organizations, programs, and sports. This page will highlight our two groups with the most members in our fraternity.

### WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR

When you have the best faculty sponsor at Wofford and in the province, we feel it is necessary to have a couple words from him. We cannot Thank Dr. Boyce Lawton enough for the work he does.
For many years, Cotton, the great lion stood at the back of the SAE house serving as a symbol for the years of brotherhood and community of the chapter. When the old house was torn down, Cotton was moved on to a trailer and sat there for over a year. The summer before the 2017-2018 school year, Will Zeigler and others decided to reach out to the school about bringing Cotton back. This installation of Cotton would take the approval of the physical plant along with the Dean of Students as stated in the house lease. Tom Rocks, Dean Hammett and Dean Bigger were all cooperative with the installation once Will Zeigler showed them the plans that he had drawn up. However, now the fraternity was left with a bigger problem, raising the money for such a herculean effort.

4,000 POUNDS AND $5,000 LATER

With selling old portraits of the old house and generous donations from alumni, the SC gamma chapter was able to to finance a trailer, a crane, and remolding of the Cotton’s legs. Thank you all for your great contributions, we now have the best looking house because of everything you have contributed.
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EVENTS FOR NEXT YEAR
2018-2019

Homecoming
Homecoming will be the weekend of October 20th. We will be having a beer and liquor bar on Friday and Saturday night. The band we will be having for the event will be determined soon and is sure to be spectacular. We would love to be able to schedule a meet and greet at RJ Rockers on Friday afternoon, please contact Rhett Andrews at 949-463-4799 or post on the Facebook.

Philanthropy cookout will be on October 3rd or October 10th.

Cowboy Party Date
To make sure that as many alumni can attend the Cowboy Party as possible, it is necessary to pick the date for the event now.

Please contact your pledge classes and send us a desired date.
“Through the 2017-18 school year, the SAE chapter of Wofford contributed financially to the National Breast Cancer Foundation as well as participated in an effort to help clean up Wofford’s campus. "It was both a rewarding and positive year for the fraternity."

-Nolan Dee of Gastonia, North Carolina, Philanthropy Chair

The fraternity hosted an auction in the fall to raise money for Breast Cancer. The event was close to the fraternity’s heart because of the impact Breast cancer has had on some of the member’s in the fraternity. Pictured here is Stephen Grove, a graduate in the class of 2018 and the previous Eminent Archon helping with the auction.

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**2018-2019 PHILANTHROPY**

Our Chapter has decided to partner with the Wellness Center at Wofford College to raise money for the Jed Foundation, a foundation that focuses on raising awareness for emotional health and suicide prevention.

The Fraternity will center the philanthropy event around the week of October 3-7 which is Mental Health Awareness week. We will have speakers on Tuesday night to speak on mental health and on Wednesday will have a cookout with a raffle to raise money for the foundation.

We would love any support or help you can offer. If you would like to be involved in the event whether that be donations, items for the raffle or want to attend, please contact Nolan Dee or Carter Atchison.
(deenl@email.wofford.edu / 704-8982207)
(Atchisoncb@email.wofford.edu / 706-474-9018)
"Brother Stout and I both applied for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation Scholarship which entails an array of 14 awards, ranging from leadership, service, and excellence in specific fields of study. I received the Richard Generelly Leadership Award, and brother Stout received the Charles Collins Leadership Award. It is a great privilege to be a member of a fraternity that values scholarship with the capacity that Sigma Alpha Epsilon does. Brother Stout and I are Biology majors and plan on attending medical school. We are deeply appreciative of the scholarship support we received from Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the positive impact it will have on our undergraduate career at Wofford."

-Wells Ducas of Lexington, Kentucky, Sophomore

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

AWARDS

In February, 20 members of our chapter traveled to Columbia to attend the Province Rho Conference.

Miles Bidwell, Eminent Archon of SC Gamma Chapter at Wofford, accepts the SAE Province Rho John Deas Zeal Chapter Award at the Province Rho Leadership School on Sat, Feb 24 in Columbia. The chapter is recognized as the most improved and best chapter in South Carolina for 2017. Under Miles leadership, the chapter has made significant advances and improvements in all the categories of the True Gentleman Experience. Presented by Province Rho Deputy Archon Steadman Boston

Miles Bidwell, Eminent Archon of SC Gamma Chapter at Wofford, was presented with the Steadman Boston True Gentleman of the Year at the SAE Province Rho Leadership School. Miles’ leadership has brought outstanding improvements and advances in the chapter while dedicating much of his time to the fraternity.
**SOCCER**

This past year twelve members of our fraternity played on the soccer team.

"Coming in to Wofford College as a freshman soccer recruit from Florida, I did not have much interest in joining a fraternity. I assumed my brotherhood would be with my teammates due to the countless hours spent together in practice and travel. However, I realized the teammates I became closest with were all brothers of SAE. Throughout the year, as I was introduced to more and more brothers, I realized I wanted to become apart of the lifelong brotherhood and memories they had. Rushing in Spring of 2017 was one of the greatest decisions I have ever made. The bonds and countless memories I have formed are stronger than most of the bonds and memories I made with friends of many years in Florida. Being able to be a member of both the soccer team and fraternity has created even deeper connections between teammates, myself, and other brothers – they love to come support us at our games. This fraternity has truly given me the greatest brotherhood I could ask for, and I am extremely proud to be able to call myself a brother of SAE."

- Christian Womeldorph

**ROTC**

We have four active members in our fraternity that are members of ROTC.

“When I enrolled in Wofford College I was unclear if I was going to join a fraternity organization or not. However, when I arrived on campus and saw everything that brotherhoods had to offer me, I decided to rush. Having a close knit group of friends from the fall semester rolling into spring rush, it was an easy choice for me to join Sigma Alpha Epsilon. I am beyond happy with my decision, not only have I stayed close to that original group but I have met so many more like minded people through my experiences. I have meet people from all over the nation and have had open invites into my brothers homes from Orange County, California all the way down to Miami, Florida. Being an ROTC cadet I've had the opportunity to be mentored and learn from older brothers that are now commissioned as second Lieutenants. It has also given me the opportunity to guide and give pointers to my little brother in the fraternity, who is also a cadet. These experiences have given me leadership skills that have allowed me to have the privilege of being the Vice President within the fraternity chapter. I am grateful for all the experiences and opportunities SAE has given me”

- Chase Storch, Sophomore.
2018 Graduates

James Calvin Barkley, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina
Bachelor of Arts degree in government, minor in business
Intern, Charleston Mercury (a newspaper company), Charleston

Walter Patrick Bridges, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia
Bachelor of Arts degree in finance, minor in accounting
Traveling, playing amateur golf tournaments with plans to turn pro in September

Jackson Stewart Carter, Charleston, South Carolina
Bachelor of Arts degree in English and international affairs
Sales Development Representative, Gather, a software start-up company in Atlanta

Parker James Golz, Savannah, Georgia
Bachelor of arts degree in economics
Working at the A Bar A Guest Ranch in Wyoming until September

Robert Earle Gregory, III, Roswell, Georgia
Bachelor of Arts degree in finance, minor in accounting
Account Executive, Huguenot Fuels in Charleston
Part time work for Rivals.com and GamecockCentral

Stephen H. Grove, Dunwoody, Georgia
Bachelor of Arts degree in business economics and German, cum laude
Sales development representative at CPS Payment Services, a Fintech Company, in Atlanta

Benjamin Landers Headley, Lexington, Kentucky
Bachelor of Science degree in biology, cum laude
University of Kentucky Medical School

Kenneth Scott Hiler, Pawleys Island, South Carolina
Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, minor in business, magna cum laude
Clemson University, Masters in Real Estate Development

Andrew Darby Martens, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Bachelor of arts degree in business economics
JEAR Logistics in Charleston

John Graham Monroe, Pawleys Island, South Carolina
Bachelor of arts degree in government, minor in economics, cum laude
Taking a gap year before law school

Matthew Philip Nocella, Greenville, South Carolina
Bachelor of Arts degree in government and Spanish
Applying to OCS for the Coast Guard

Johnathan Laban Rhyne III, Gastonia, North Carolina
Bachelor of Arts degree in history
Sales, Nucor Steel, Edenton, North Carolina

Austin Gregory Seilkop, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and German
Clemson University, PhD in Chemistry

William Earl Wofford IV, Rome, Georgia
Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, minor in business, cum laude
Legal investigator at Brinson, Askew, Berry Law firm in Rome, Georgia

William Roland Zeigler, Dunwoody, Georgia
Bachelor of Arts degree in business economics and environmental studies
Researching drones usage to map car accident scenes for faster clearance and better evidence collection
Ronnie Andrews, founder and senior partner of the Bethesda Group, has nearly 30 years of experience in the clinical and molecular diagnostics industry. He was president of the Genetic Science Division of Thermo Fisher Scientific until December 2014, overseeing the integration of Life Technologies Corp.’s genetic platforms, including Life’s chip-based Next Generation Sequencing Technology, Ion Torrent.

His passion for seeing the transformation of cancer to a chronic disease was the primary driver of the investment to create one of the industry’s most robust bio-informatic engines in oncology, the Oncomine Cancer Knowledgebase. On that foundation, informatics tools and Next Generation Sequencing panels were developed to provide insight to the primary genetic drivers of a tumor and linking them to live-saving clinical trials for patients globally.

Prior to that, Andrews was chief executive officer of Clarient Inc., a pioneer in molecular pathology; the public company sold to General Electric Healthcare in 2010 for the highest multiple in the history of the lab services industry. From 2000 to 2004, he held various senior executive roles at Roche Molecular Diagnostics in Pleasanton, Calif., and at Roche Diagnostics Corp. in Indianapolis, Ind.

Andrews is known for his passion for the need to democratize academic oncology information into community-based environments to better manage complex diseases such as cancer. He speaks regularly to industry groups and has extensive experience on Capitol Hill.

Andrews also sits on the boards of directors of several companies, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology’s CancerLinq program. He and his wife, Toni, live in southern California.

His son, Rhett, is a rising junior at Wofford majoring in finance. Rhett is a member of the SC Gamma chapter of SAE.
It has been an honor to work with the SAE brothers at Wofford College over the past two years. We are working hard to get the chapter in good working order - making sure that we reflect all aspects of what it means to be a True Gentleman. I'm especially proud of all the work that the chapter has invested in the upcoming philanthropy project for the JED foundation.

I'll be joining several members of the SC Gamma at the John O. Moseley Leadership School in Phoenix in August where I'll serve as a faculty member. The school will focus on what it means to “Be a man” in today's world - including issues of toxic masculinity, risk, and responsibility to others. It meant a lot to hear from Robert Barber ’71 recently as he talked about his time at the Moseley Leadership School and the 1969 national SAE convention in San Francisco.

I think it is very important to connect the young men in the Chapter with the alumni, and I would like to personally invite each of you to consider how you can help the current brothers and recent alums - through mentorship, internships, or financial support. As a chapter, we want to make sure that we welcome you to share your time and talent.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at lawtonbm@wofford.edu.
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The brothers of SC Gamma would appreciate your time, talent, and/or financial support. We always welcome speakers at our meetings, alumni who can provide mentoring or internship opportunities, and help with seniors looking for a job or a friendly face in a new community after Wofford. Please contact Eminent Archon Miles Bidwell (bidwellma@email.wofford.edu) or our advisor, Dr. Boyce Lawton (lawtonbm@wofford.edu) if you would like to help in any way.

Giving
With the new Greek Village and strong numbers, SC Gamma is as strong as ever. However, there is still plenty that we need. If you would like to give to the fraternity, you can find us:

on Venmo at @WoffordScGamma,

You may also send a check to:
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
429 N. Church Street
Spartanburg, SC 29303

Unless its intent is specified, we will use all funds for one of our items on our Wish List:

Furniture
Furniture repair
Composite framing
Cleaning supplies
Record storage
Sound system
Stage equipment
Back porch deck
Rush events funds

If you would like to provide scholarship, dues, or other financial support to SAE members with financial need, please contact our advisor:

Boyce Lawton
Dean of Student Success,
864.381.1257 or lawtonbm@wofford.edu

If you are interested in donating directly to the philanthropy, please Venmo @scgamama or send a check to the above address with "JED Foundation" in the memo field. We appreciate all donations as we try to make a difference at Wofford and the world.