

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Homecoming 2023 events, spring awards, and Conclave recap! Read through this edition to learn more, plus an update from AVC President Austin McKain on the future of the chapter's facility.



## Brothers raise over \$3,000 for Cystic Fibrosis research

We are thrilled to share the success story of "Rolling Roses," a roller skating philanthropy event hosted by the brothers of SigEp at Austin Peay. This event raised over \$3,000 for Cystic Fibrosis research and showcased the incredible unity and generosity within our community.



In a powerful display of solidarity, several SigEp brothers pledged to shave their heads, symbolizing their commitment to the cause. Their courageous act of hair sacrifice further raised funds and awareness for this challenging genetic condition.

The success of Rolling Roses is a testament to the compassion and generosity of our community. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone involved, as your support will make a lasting impact on the lives of those affected by Cystic Fibrosis.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS:

5 brothers achieved a 4.0 GPA, situating SigEp with the highest IFC GPA again this semester!

Tyler Gilbert and Matthew Robinson officially earned their diploma from Austin Peay.

6 more undergraduate brothers went through the Brother Mentor rite of passage: Chase Crook, David Kim, Nathan Maynard, Tyler Gilbert, Cameron Wright, Matthew Rutter

Chapter hosted their Spring 2023 formal, where they distributed awards for Virtue, Diligence, Brotherly Love, the Balanced Man and their Sweetheart award.



## 1901 CLUB:

Special thanks to those loyal alumni who have committed to joining the **1901 Club**!

### 1901 CLUB (\$19.01/mo):

Taylor Beals (1997)

Dustin Bowling (1999)

Jason Hayes (1999)

Stewart Tanner (2005)

Alaric Klinghard (2006)

Justin Shirley (2007)

Will Moore (2009)

Joshua Franklin (2010)

Blake Haney (2010)

Ben Sterling (2013)

Joe Marler (2013)

Zac Gillman (2015)

Dylan Cross (2018)

Drake Harris (2021)

Jacob Knight (2022)

Anna Plumley ('22 Sweetheart)

### SIGMA LEVEL (\$25/mo):

Joseph Christian (1974)\*

Janet and Joe Winn (1974)

Chris Clark (1998)

John Klahn (2000)

Jason Choate (2001)

Ryan Pitts (2009)

Chris Drew (2010)

Kyle Comley (2014)

Will Roberts (2016)

Mark Brown (2018)

Joseph Palmer (2020)

Brandon Di Paolo

(Renaissance)

### PHI LEVEL (\$50/mo):

Jeremy Nichols (2000)

Austin McKain (2018)

### EPSILON LEVEL (\$100/mo):

New **1901 Club** members since the last newsletter edition.

\*Deceased



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## SigEp's 58th Grand Chapter Conclave was held in San Antonio, TX from August 2-6, 2023

Tennessee Eta sent one of its largest delegations yet to this summer's Conclave, where over 1,200 SigEp brothers from across the nation came together to celebrate award recipients, consider legislation for the future of the Fraternity, and learn about new and ongoing initiatives. **The 59th Grand Chapter Conclave will be held in Tampa, FL from July 23-27, 2025!**



## Tennessee Eta cleans house with Austin Peay awards

This year, the chapter walked away with these awards: Greek Week Winners, Greek Week Spirit Award, Highest IFC GPA, and APSU Student Organization of the Year. A special recognition is deserved for the student organization award, as this award is typically awarded to a non-Greek organization. Check out the full post on the chapter's Instagram @apsu\_sigep!

And congratulations to these brothers for being recognized with these individual awards:

- Tyler Gilbert, Vice President's Excellence in Leadership Award
- Michael Lobdell, Intramural Leadership Award
- Nick Rye & Mason Walker, Sentinel Society
- Tyler Gilbert & Nathan Maynard, Student Leader of the Month Awards
- Cameron Wright, Character Award

## 2023 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

- **10/26 @ 7:00PM:** Trivia @ Strawberry Alley Ale Works
- **10/28 @ 11:00AM:** Parade Viewing @ Browning Lawn
- **10/28 @ 12:30PM:** Tailgate @ Foy Rec Center Parking Lot
- **10/28 @ 3:00PM:** APSU Football vs. North Alabama @ Fortera Stadium
- **10/28 @ 6:30PM:** Alumni Social Event with Open Bar @ SigEp House



**Join us at the chapter house for the alumni social event on 10/28 for a special presentation about the future of the chapter facility!**

## Tennessee Eta recognized with national SigEp honors

In March, the Tennessee Eta chapter and alumni were recognized with several awards, including the Excelsior for Member Development, Drake Harris as the Outstanding New Volunteer, and Austin McKain as the Volunteer of the Year.

**Mike Dunn** was also recognized as one of just a few recipients of SigEp's "Distinguished Alumnus Award". Here's a brief snippet from his award bio:

*No matter the title – be it chapter advisor, faculty fellow or chapter counselor – this volunteer is the one so many have turned to regarding important decisions about the chapter. A fount of institutional knowledge, he also leverages his relationships at Austin Peay and knowledge of university resources to assist the development of the chapter and individual brothers. He encourages the heart and is widely respected as a solutions-oriented leader. "Thoughtful" and "compassionate" are just some of the words that have been used to describe this generous man who we are proud to simply call "brother."*



District Governor Stephen Yeargin presents awards to Tennessee Eta president Nick Rye and volunteers on Tennessee Eta's AVC at Mike Dunn's favorite birthday tradition, Olive Garden!



# For the Good of the Fraternity

*A word from AVC President Austin McKain*

Brothers, for the good of the Fraternity,

As you probably know, our fraternity house is in need of some major renovations. The roof is leaking, windows are broken, the walls are in need of paint, and the furniture is outdated. We have been working hard to raise the funds necessary to make these repairs, and, thanks to the generosity of our 1901 Club, we are now ready to move forward with beginning massive renovations to the facility.

We believe that our fraternity house is more than just a place to live. It is a home away from home for our members. It is a place where they can make lifelong friendships, learn valuable life skills, and grow as leaders. We want to ensure that our fraternity house is a place where our members can thrive for years to come.

Several months ago, the AVC established an “asset committee” with a charge to determine the future of the facility and protect our assets as an entity. That committee has worked countless hours to get to the point of where we are today. We have engaged an architect, shopped housing loans, and drew up plans to make substantial improvements to the chapter’s facility, which will continue to house Tennessee Eta for years to come.

**We’re excited to share some of these updates and plans with you at Homecoming during our alumni social event at the chapter facility.**

So many of you have fond memories of your time in the chapter house, whether it be the one at 218 S. 7th Street or not. You know the value of living and learning together, and the bonds that grow because of that space. We need your help to ensure that it can still exist for the next generation of SigEps after you.

One of the first questions a bank asks when we have been shopping for loans is, “what is your monthly revenue?” Of course, once it’s fully completed, we’ll be able to rely on rent and parlor fees from undergraduates. But, what has made us more comfortable and competitive with leveraging the banks has been the generosity of our 1901 Club members. When the banks hear that we have over 30 alumni and friends backing this financial investment, we become a legitimate line of business for them. However, in order for us to get the best possible rates and invest more money back into the SigEp undergraduate and alumni experience, we need more. **We need at least 15 more monthly contributors of at least \$19.01 or more to move forward with the next step.** If your name is not yet on our donor rolls, consider making a gift today by visiting [austinpeay.sigep.org](http://austinpeay.sigep.org) or scanning the QR code on the other page of this newsletter.

I look forward to sharing more updates with you over the next several months. It’s great to be a SigEp!

Fraternally,

*Austin McKain*

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AVC President

