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IN MEMORIAM: THE IMPACT OF JON HUNTSMAN, SR.





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DID YOU KNOW

Sigma Chi undergrads contributed a combined 302,387 hours of community service, donated \$4,447,561 to non-Sigma Chi charities and scored above the all-men's average GPA on 75 percent of our campuses during the 2016-17 academic year!

LEADER IN THE GREEK-LETTER WORLD

Sigma Chi tops survey

Foundation provides more benefits to undergraduate Sigs compared to Greek foundation peers

According to a 2017 year-end survey conducted by the NIC Foundation, when compared with 42 Greek-letter foundations, the Sigma Chi Foundation continues to deliver the most financial support for its members than any comparable organization.

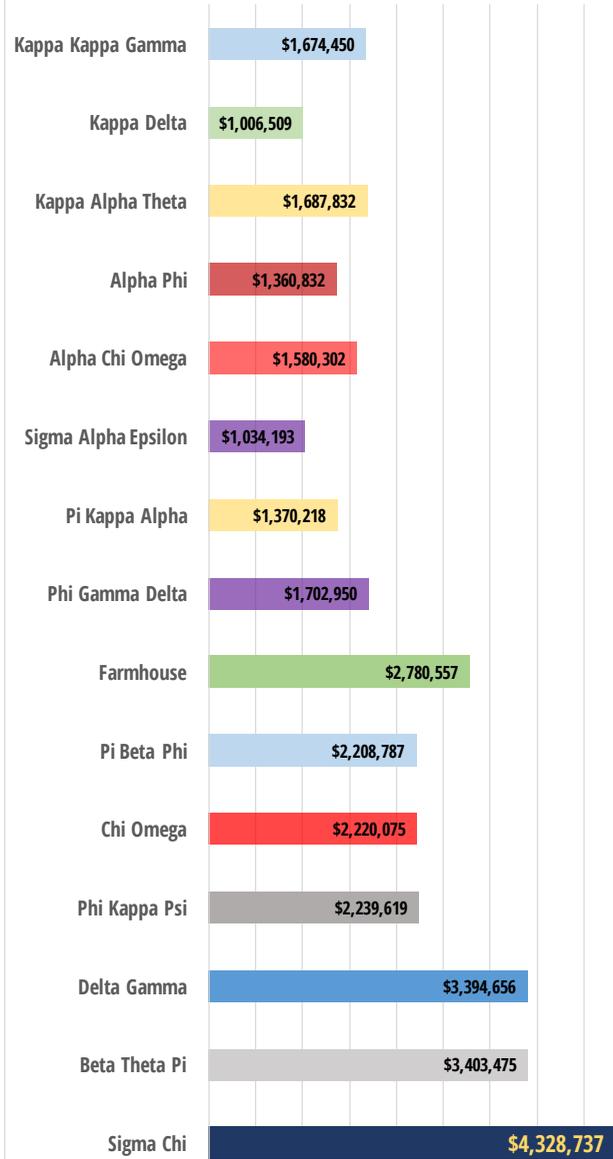
Thanks to the contributions of 4,707 alumni donors during the 2016-17 fiscal year, Sigma Chi provided \$4,328,737 in grants and overall funding, this includes \$3,847,305 in leadership programs, academic scholarships and other awards.

"We all have the privilege of being Sigs at a time when our Fraternity is the biggest it's ever been, doing more in terms of support than any Greek organization at any point in history, and recognized for its excellence in ways never before achieved," said Foundation President and CEO Ashley Woods, **EAST TENNESSEE 2000**.

"We're looking forward and all working to make tomorrow's Sigma Chi better than today. I am inspired by our bold vision as we set our sights on being much more than a mere social fraternity."

Sigma Chi provided over \$925,000 more in support than the nearest organization (Beta Theta Pi) and more than \$3.4 million against the average of 24 participating men's organizations (\$928,422).

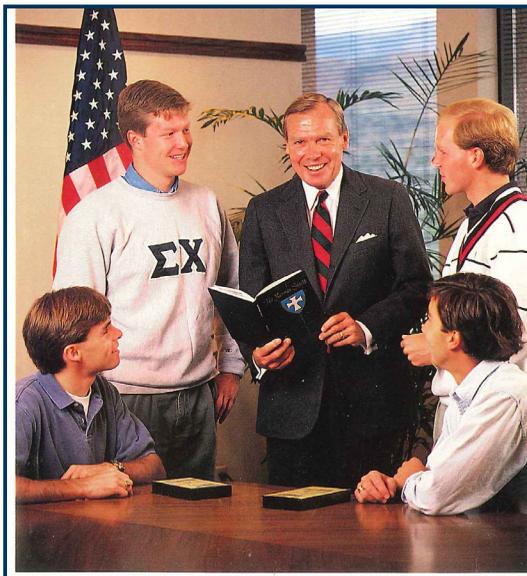
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WALTER HSIANG, YALE UNIVERSITY
RAVI D. GOEL MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Huntsman leaves indelible legacy



Sigma Chi Foundation

Annual Report
1989-90

*An Educational Resource
for Our Fraternity for a
Half-Century—1939-1990*

Significant Sig and Foundation Governor Emeritus Jon Huntsman Sr., PENNSYLVANIA 1959 (above center on the 1990 Sigma Chi Foundation Annual Report), who entered Chapter Eternal on February 2, was an avid philanthropist who counted Sigma Chi and the leadership development of undergraduate brothers among his championed causes.

Philanthropist a long-time Sigma Chi advocate, contributor

Throughout his life Significant Sig and Sigma Chi Foundation Governor Emeritus Jon Huntsman, Sr., **PENNSYLVANIA 1959**, impacted thousands.

The Founder and Chairman of Huntsman Chemical Corporation and philanthropic leader in cancer research and education left an extraordinary legacy when he entered Chapter Eternal on February 2, one that heavily touched his beloved Fraternity.

“Brother Huntsman was many things throughout his life,” said Sigma Chi Foundation Chairman Bob Johnson, **MIAMI (OHIO) 1969**. “He was a great father, grandfather, business leader, philanthropist and, for Sigma Chis, brother. We will always be extremely grateful to Brother Huntsman and his family for their generosity and enduring support of Sigma Chi.”

In 2016, Fortune Magazine named Huntsman as the second most generous man in America, only behind Microsoft founder Bill Gates. While widely recognized for his humanitarian giving both domestically and internationally, Huntsman also supported many causes within Sigma Chi, and held a long and abiding commitment to the standards of behavior for members.

Twice delivering the keynote address at Leadership Training Workshop, Huntsman also served as an alumni volunteer with service on the Presidents’ Committee from the late 1970s into the early 80s, when he began 10 years of service on the Sigma Chi Foundation’s Board of Governors in 1982.

Over the following two decades, Huntsman was a staunch supporter of drug and alcohol abuse prevention within Sigma Chi’s undergraduate chapters. He

spearheaded a 1989 effort to fund every Sigma Chi undergraduate chapter with a video tape detailing the concerns of hazing and alcohol abuse, and later provided support for additional awareness efforts.

In his lifetime, Huntsman provided more than \$1.6 billion in philanthropic donations, but his greatest cause was the fight against cancer.

A four-time cancer survivor, Huntsman and wife Karen established the Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah in 1993. The institute is one of America’s major cancer research centers dedicated to finding a cure for cancer.

Inspired by Huntsman, Sigma Chi chose the Huntsman Cancer Foundation as a preferred undergraduate philanthropic partner in December 2012, and undergraduate chapters have since collectively raised more than \$6 million in the fight to end cancer.

It was in November 2014, however, that Huntsman made his biggest impact on Sigma Chi’s values-based leadership initiative with one of the largest individual pledges in Greek-letter fraternity or sorority history.

Huntsman delivered a \$5 million commitment to continue four annual sessions of Sigma Chi’s Horizons individual leadership training program through 2025. Now known as the Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit, the week-long retreat impacts more than 230 brothers annually.

In recognition of his long-time support of Sigma Chi, both as a volunteer and philanthropist, Huntsman was inducted into the inaugural class of the Sigma Chi Founders Circle during Grand Chapter in 2017.

“I am beyond honored to receive an award by my brothers in the Sigma Chi family. Pursuing a professional degree is a costly process, and this award will be put to great use in helping me obtain this level of education. Thank you to Sigma Chi and ‘God Bless America.’”

CONNOR BERGER, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI (FLORIDA)
MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP





Order of Constantine Sig Kent Johnson, IOWA STATE 1978, (right) and wife Sara (left) share a moment at J. Dwight Peterson Sigma Chi International Fraternity Headquarters in December following their \$1 million planned gift in support of Sigma Chi.

Major gift cements Johnsons' lasting support of Sigma Chi

LTW alumni division named for couple following \$1 million gift

EVANSTON, IL — With his home chapter, beloved Fraternity and a dear brother in mind, Order of Constantine Sig Kent Johnson, **IOWA STATE 1978**, wanted to further a lifelong commitment to Sigma Chi.

During a December visit to J. Dwight Peterson International Fraternity Headquarters, Johnson and wife Sara made a major commitment to the future of the Fraternity with a \$1 million irrevocable planned gift to the Sigma Chi Foundation.

"It's important to me because I saw how Sigma Chi, our values and our Sigma Chi friends have changed my life in a positive way," said Johnson. "I want the next

generations to have that same chance."

Johnson, a recently retired Senior Territory Manager for Merck Animal Health and longtime Sigma Chi alumni volunteer, will impact his home chapter, honor the historical preservation legacy of 62nd Grand Consul Douglas R. Carlson, **MINNESOTA 1973**, and support the leadership and scholastic needs of the organization as needed through his gift.

With this gift, the Fraternity and Foundation have honored Johnson by naming the alumni division of Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in their honor.

"I'm excited that we could split it three ways,"

Johnson said. "We could honor our good friend Doug Carlson, provide some money for my home chapter at Iowa State and also the general fund so the Fraternity can use it where it is needed."

One might say Johnson, who was born on the centennial anniversary of Sigma Chi's founding (June 28, 1955), was destined to be a Sigma Chi.

Following an undergraduate tenure at Iowa State, he was quickly ushered into a volunteer role as Chapter Advisor of the Theta Gamma chapter at Drake.

"When he was an undergrad, he went to Drake and helped colonize the Drake chapter," Sara Johnson said.

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"When he graduated there was a need for a Chapter Advisor."

Over three decades later, after years of volunteer efforts on a local and national level, Johnson maintains the same role for his home Beta Omicron chapter.

And beside him is the love of his life, who Johnson noted is equally passionate about Sigma Chi.

"I was lucky enough to marry a woman that also loves the Fraternity," he said.

"When I started dating Kent, I fully embraced Sigma Chi," added Sara Johnson. "I met a lot of these young men he was Chapter Advisor for. They were so real and dedicated and their friendships are deep."

As a volunteer and Chapter Advisor, Kent and Sara have regularly attended Grand Chapter and other Sigma Chi events regionally and nationally. While Kent shared bonds of brotherhood with men from across the United States and Canada, Sara developed lasting friendships with fellow sweethearts and maintains a support of the Fraternity to this day.

"I was all in right from the beginning," she said. "I believed in Sigma Chi and the young men they supported."

With Sara at his side, the decision to make the significant planned gift felt right.

Part of the gift will support the Beta Omicron chapter through scholarships, leadership opportunities and the Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter Challenge, which will enable additional slots at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop and Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit.

"Sending eight guys to workshop instead of five is huge," said Johnson. "The guys need to be there, pay attention, learn and take it back to the chapter and everyone else. Sending another brother to Horizons — that's a program that builds amazing Sigma Chis."

From there, the Johnsons made the first major contribution towards the future Douglas R. Carlson Sigma Chi Fraternity Archives and Center for Archival Studies.

"He knew everything about the history of Sigma Chi," Johnson said of Carlson. "If you had a question, he had the answer. It's an honor for us to help toward the future construction of what's going to be the Doug Carlson Center."

The other half of the gift will support Sigma Chi as needed.

As noted, the Johnsons' impact on Sigma Chi will not only be measured through their generosity. Giving back and making a difference as an alumni volunteer has been equally an important part of their lives. Being recognized through the future alumni tracks at Workshop, including the Chapter Advisor session — also a future Sigma Chi U training module — is an honor in itself.

"The people I've met as a Chapter Advisor have been such a big part of my life," Johnson added.

FOUNDATION NOTES & CALENDAR



Sigma Chi Grand Historian Dr. Michael Codina, CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO 1993 (right), pictured with Foundation President and CEO Ashley Woods, EAST TENNESSEE 2000, hosted a special reception for alumni in Boise, Idaho on February 9 in conjunction with the Big Sky Province Workshop. Alumni received an update on the state of Sigma Chi's leadership mission and were able to meet Sigma Chi International Sweetheart Allie Hagemeyer and fellowship with other local Sigma Chi volunteers and community leaders. For more information on Foundation events, or to be placed on an invitation list for an upcoming event in your metropolitan area, contact us via e-mail at foundation@sigmachicago.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 22 — Dallas-Fort Worth Foundation Alumni Reception (Invitation Only)
- April — Washington D.C. area Foundation Alumni Reception (Invitation Only)
- April/May (TBD) — Los Angeles area Foundation Alumni Reception (Invitation Only)
- June 22-23 — Grand Council at Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Suites Hotel in Rosemont, IL
- June 28 — 163rd anniversary of Sigma Chi's founding in Oxford, OH
- June 30 — Foundation Fiscal Year Giving Deadline
- August 1-4 — Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH
- August 1 — Sigma Chi Health and Safety Policy changes go into effect (visit sigmachicago.org for add'l info)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Applications for Sigma Chi undergraduate and graduate academic scholarships are due March 12, 2018. Last year, the Foundation awarded \$478,000 in awards to deserving Sigs. Graduate scholarships are available in general business, engineering, law, medicine and mass media. Contact Scholarship Administrator Heidi Holley at heidi.holley@sigmachicago.org for more information.

ANNUAL REPORT CORRECTIONS

- **White Cross Trust:** Stuart Alan Walters, **TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA 1992**
- **White Cross Trust Associates:** Mark A. Ellison, **WESTERN CAROLINA 1992**
- **Caldwell Society:** Hon. Gordon Whiting, **CORNELL 1987**

SUCCESSFUL YOUNG ALUMNI

Are you a Sigma Chi alumni, age 25 to 40, that has been impacted by Foundation-sponsored leadership programming (Horizons, Balfour Leadership Training Workshop)? Does lessons learned through Sigma Chi impact your daily life today? If so, we want to hear from you! Our Fall FOCUS newsletter will feature the stories of young alumni who are making a difference in today's world. Contact Foundation Associate Director of Communications Wes Holtsclaw, **EAST TENNESSEE 2012**, at wes.holtsclaw@sigmachicago.org for more information.



THOMAS COWAN BELL CHAPTER CHALLENGE

Photo contributed

Thomas Cowan Bell chapters will receive additional designated slots at the 2018 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in Bowling Green, Ohio.

56 attain Bell status

On the heels of the program's 10th year, the Sigma Chi Foundation's Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter Challenge continues to transform participating undergraduate chapters.

Thanks to the engagement of alumni and the Foundation's development team across the United States, 56 of Sigma Chi's 240 chapters attained Bell benefits for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

"The long-term goal of the Bell Chapter Challenge program has been to provide top of the industry values-based leadership programming and scholarship support to our undergraduate brothers," said Foundation President and CEO Ashley Woods, **EAST TENNESSEE 2000**. "The impact it has on our local chapters and the satisfaction of our alumni donors, has proven to me that it has the tools necessary to make a big difference."

Participating chapters at the Blue level (\$10,000 annually) receive additional registration slots at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, a designated spot for a qualified applicant at Huntsman Horizons Leadership Summit in Snowbird, Utah, two \$1,000 academic scholarships for active brothers, a comprehensive

Crossroads drug and alcohol awareness retreat and a travel stipend for the trip to BLTW.

"These scholarships and programs mean so much to college students and really impact our lives," said Bell scholarship recipient Christopher Johnson, **PENN STATE 2018**. "I feel great pride in being rewarded a scholarship through the Bell Chapter Challenge and I know my fellow brothers do as well."

Interested alumni and alumni groups can support their home chapters with a combined donation of at least \$10,000 per year to the Foundation. Establishing a \$250,000 endowment will ensure chapter Bell benefits in perpetuity, whereas a \$500,000 endowment adds an increased workshop stipend, two additional BLTW slots, an additional Horizons slot and an additional academic scholarship.

For more information on the Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter Challenge program, contact Director of Development Matt Pagan, **NORTH FLORIDA 2010**, at matt.pagan@sigmachicago.org or Development Coordinator Dakota Chavez, **NORTHERN ARIZONA 2015**, at dakota.chavez@sigmachicago.org.

2018-19 CHAPTERS

- ALPHA EPSILON | Nebraska
- ALPHA GAMMA | Ohio State
- ALPHA LAMBDA | Wisconsin-Madison
- ALPHA NU | Texas-Austin
- ALPHA OMICRON | Tulane
- ALPHA PHI | Cornell
- ALPHA UPSILON | Southern California
- ALPHA XI | Kansas
- BETA CHI | Emory
- BETA IOTA | Oregon
- BETA KAPPA | Oklahoma
- BETA NU | Brown
- BETA OMICRON | Iowa State
- BETA PHI | Arizona
- BETA PI | Oregon State
- BETA PSI | Georgia Tech
- BETA RHO | Montana State
- BETA THETA | Pittsburgh
- DELTA | Georgia
- DELTA DELTA | Purdue
- DELTA ETA | California-Los Angeles
- DELTA OMEGA | Tulsa
- DELTA RHO | Bradley
- EPSILON OMEGA | Ball State
- EPSILON SIGMA | Florida Southern
- EPSILON THETA | San Jose State
- EPSILON UPSILON | A College in Tempe, AZ
- ETA PI | Central Florida
- ETA UPSILON | Texas A&M-College Station
- ETA ZETA | Georgia Southern
- GAMMA CHI | Maryland
- GAMMA DELTA | Oklahoma State
- IOTA IOTA | Alabama
- IOTA KAPPA | Farleigh Dickinson
- KAPPA | Bucknell
- KAPPA KAPPA | Illinois
- LAMBDA | Indiana
- LAMBDA LAMBDA | Kentucky
- OMEGA OMEGA | Arkansas
- PSI PSI | Syracuse
- RHO | Butler
- SIGMA CHI NU | Texas Tech
- SIGMA CHI PSI | San Diego State
- TAU | Roanoke
- TAU TAU | Washington (St. Louis)
- THETA CHI | Arkansas State
- THETA THETA | Michigan
- THETA ZETA | Bridgewater State
- XI | DePauw
- XI XI | Missouri-Columbia
- ZETA KAPPA | California-Santa Barbara
- ZETA LAMBDA | Kent State
- ZETA OMEGA | East Tennessee
- ZETA PHI | New Mexico State
- ZETA PSI | Cincinnati
- ZETA XI | Cal. State-Northridge



"I am grateful you have chosen to believe in me for my academic career. The significance and purpose of this scholarship is that it is ensuring my future as a scholar and a physician. I am beyond humbled and I promise to not let my peers and brothers down. I hope in the future I will be able to give back to brothers in need like myself."



ALEJANDRO VELASQUEZ, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

SIGMA CHI GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Whether it's world-class leadership programming, including the groundbreaking Sigma Chi U platform, academic scholarships or operational support, gifts to the Sigma Chi Foundation impact each aspect of the Sigma Chi mission.

On average, the Sigma Chi Foundation generates more revenue, provides more program support and directs more of it to leadership and scholarships than any other Greek fraternity or sorority Foundation, but there is much more to be done.

ANNUAL FUND

Increases in funding, along with the addition of Sigma Chi's more recent leadership training modules such as the eight-week Preparation for Brotherhood online pledge education program through Sigma Chi U, serve as evidence of the work sponsored through annual fund donations.

The Annual Fund supports every facet within Sigma Chi from programming and scholarships to operations and headquarters/historical facility maintenance.

These funds support increased chapter development efforts, as well as the opportunity for every Sigma Chi chapter to request one of the many workshops concerning everything from drug and alcohol abuse to sexual misconduct prevention, putting an end to hazing to improved recruitment.

Whether it's a gift as small as \$10 or a contribution at the White Cross Trust level (\$1,000 or higher), Annual Fund gifts make an immediate impact.

For more information about the White Cross Trust level of giving or Annual Fund donations, contact Director of Development for Annual Programs Barbara Barabas at Barabas@sigmachi.org.

PLANNED GIVING

One of the most enduring ways a brother or friend can demonstrate support for the Fraternity is by making a planned gift in support of Sigma Chi.



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2017 Founders' Scholarship recipient Casey Nichols, MONTANA 2019, is among over 300 brothers to receive academic scholarship support thanks to contributions to the Sigma Chi Foundation's Annual Fund, Bell Chapter Challenge and Donor-Scholarship Initiative — three of our giving opportunities that make an immediate impact on our undergraduate brothers.

Planned gifts provide direct financial support to the Foundation upon a donor's passing, funding important initiatives and allowing a donor to leave a lasting impact. Planned gifts may also provide a meaningful tax benefit during a donor's life and to his estate.

Over 250 brothers presently have included gifts to benefit Sigma Chi's values-based leadership programming and academic scholarship efforts in their futures through planned gifts.

Foundation development professionals are available to discuss various planned giving options and to aid

you in drafting an agreement that meets your charitable intent. General options include a bequest or gifts of life insurance.

For more information about an insurance estate plan or any of our Planned Giving options, please contact Senior Director of Development Frank Raymond, PENN STATE 1971, at (847) 420-3731 or at frank.raymond@sigmachi.org.

DONOR-SCHOLAR INITIATIVE

The Sigma Chi Foundation's Donor-Scholar Initiative provides a naming opportunity to interested alumni who wish to directly support the Foundation's expanding scholarship program.

Donors contributing to this effort at an endowment level (a one-time gift of \$25,000) will have an annual academic scholarship named for themselves, or an honoree, for a minimum of 30 years.

Donors are also encouraged to establish a mentor relationship with the recipient(s). The Foundation increased its donor-scholarship endowment by 15 from 76 awards to 91 for the 2016-17 academic year.

HISTORICAL SPONSORSHIP

Founded in 2005, the Sigma Chi Historical Initiative oversees the care and preservation of the Fraternity's historical collection including the new *Chuck and Kim Watson Museum of Sigma Chi*, and the monuments and memorials of our Fraternity.

It is estimated that the various collections hold nearly 250,000 documents, images and artifacts.

A significant way to support Sigma Chi's historical initiative, leadership and scholarship efforts is to provide a naming and sponsorship level gift.

Opportunities include exhibits and artifacts within the Watson Museum, Founders' displays within J. Dwight Peterson International Fraternity Headquarters, archival preservation efforts and displays at the newly renovated Sigma Chi Founding Site in Oxford, Ohio.

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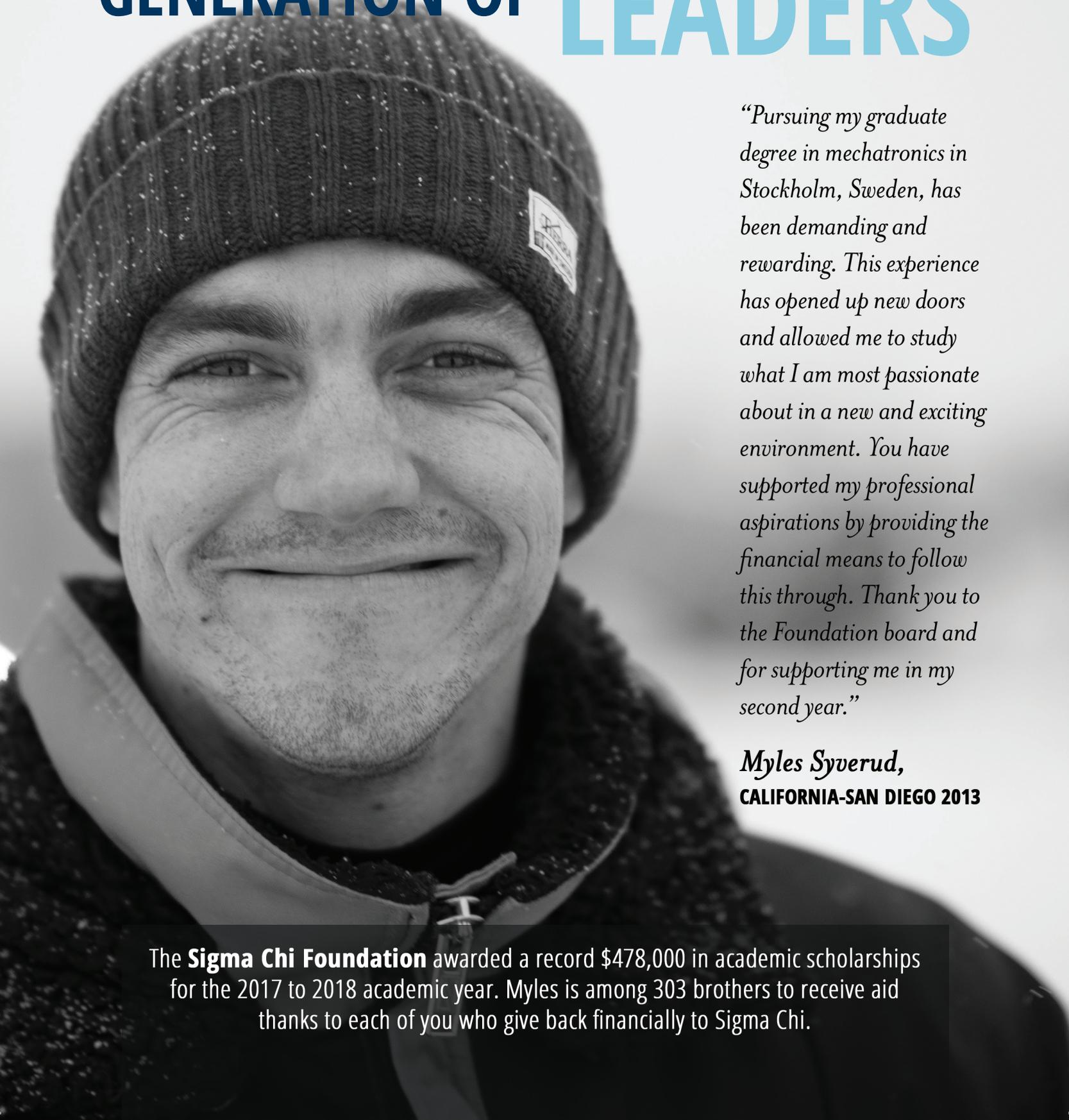
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Myles Syverud,
CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO 2013

The **Sigma Chi Foundation** awarded a record \$478,000 in academic scholarships for the 2017 to 2018 academic year. Myles is among 303 brothers to receive aid thanks to each of you who give back financially to Sigma Chi.