# A TRANSFORMATIONAL IMPACT

# YOUR 2024 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE Sigma Chi



# **PAYING IT FORWARD FOR THE BROTHERS OF TOMORROW**

Thanks to your generosity, more than \$4.5 million were provided in grants and academic scholarships to benefit Sigma Chis across North America during the 2023 to 2024 fiscal year.



during 2024 fiscal year

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS: 306 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$423,500 TO BROTHERS FROM 120 SIGMA CHI CHAPTERS

**Thanks to you**, the following number of individuals were awarded with academic scholarships for the 2024 to 2025 academic year:

- > 274 undergraduate brothers
- > 21 graduate brothers
- 7 undergraduate and graduate brothers serving the military
- > 4 undergraduate sweethearts
- Plus, Sigma Chi's International Balfour Award winner and runners-up, International Sweetheart, Daniel William Cooper and Legion of Honor recipients

As the cost of tuition continues to rise, so does the need to support our young brothers financially. Our goal is to provide \$1,000,000 in academic scholarships on an annual basis and we can't get it done without you.



lost without any direction and I can confirm that joining Sigma Chi was the single best decision I have ever made. Here I have found brotherhood,

I came to college

friendship, and support. I have been molded by Sigma Chi to be my best self and set an example in whatever I do."

Dariel Gutierrez, **SAN DIEGO STATE 2027** Bell Chapter Scholarship

This scholarship will significantly ease the financial burden of my education, allowing me to concentrate more fully on my studies. The values of Sigma

Sigma Chi Foundation

Chi — friendship, justice, and learning — have profoundly shaped who I am, guiding me in building meaningful relationships and pursuing knowledge with integrity."

Nicholas Boccadifuoco, **TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE 2025** Donor-Scholarship

Sigma Chi's vision is "to positively impact the world by inspiring and empowering our members to be transformational leaders."

donors to Sigma Chi's Life Loyal Sig Annual Fund

# **THE RESULTS**

#### Where We Are

- > 232 active chapters
- **> 15,000+** undergraduate members
- > 370,000+ all-time members

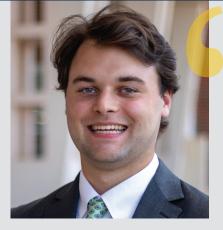
#### **Campus and Community**

- > 112 chapters recognized for excellence on their campuses
- 105 chapters with at least one student body officer on campus
- > 10 members are student body presidents
- > 308 members involved in student government
- > 9,322 members involved in other campus extracurriculars
- > 114,232 total community service hours performed by chapters
- \$4.51 million in total philanthropic dollars donated by chapters

#### **Solid Academic Performance**

For the 2023 to 2024 academic year, **124 chapters** exceeded the all-men's average at their schools





Sigma Chi has blessed me with a support system, a guide for my life, and a brotherhood that has impacted me to my core, and it continues to give back to me every

day of my life. This is one of those examples. I look forward to helping other undergraduates, as I hope they will see the opportunity and impact that Sigma Chi can have on the world."

Jeffrey Tetrick, **OKLAHOMA STATE 2023** Business Graduate Scholarship

## **BUILDING LEADERS**

Thanks to your groundbreaking financial support, Sigma Chi, in partnership with the **Sigma Chi Leadership Institute (SCLI)**, delivered more than 5,100 leadership certificates during the 2023 to 2024 fiscal year through its revolutionary **Transformational Leader** program.

The Transformational Leader program teaches critical leadership and career skills that will benefit our members throughout their lives, such as:

- > How to identify and focus on their core values
- > How to persist through adversity
- > How to lead and motivate their peers through change
- > How to recognize character in others

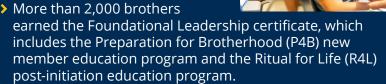
A research study of young Sig alumni conducted by Gallup shows the leadership certificate programs — funded in part thanks to the generous support of our Annual Fund donors — are making an impact:

- 95% of respondents found SCLI certificate programs helpful to their professional success.
- > 96% of certificate program students report what they learned has helped them succeed outside the workplace.
- > 75% of respondents report that what they learned through SCLI programming has been important or very important in helping them grow their careers.

#### **On Track for Additional Growth**

In addition to the successful 2024 fiscal year numbers, more than 2,500 brothers have completed leadership certificate courses through the first half of the 2024 to 2025 academic year:

In August, more than 600 brothers completed leadership certificates (Values-Based Leadership, True North Leadership, Servant Leadership, Adaptive Leadership) during the 2024 Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop.



\* In July 2022, the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute achieved accreditation by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education







## **GIVING BACK TO SIGMA CHI**

Your gift to Sigma Chi's Annual Fund will immediately support the greatest need of the Fraternity at-large.

Annual Fund dollars support our general academic scholarships, the Transformational Leader program, and ongoing leadership development initiatives by the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute. The fund also aids ongoing historical archiving and preservation efforts, our headquarters and other general Fraternity initiatives.

More than 2,500 brothers annually, on average, support this wide range of efforts through their one-time annual or monthly contributions to this fund — thus providing the most significant impact for our undergraduate members across North America.

Many of these men are members of the White Cross Trust, contributing \$1,000 or more annually to provide more resources to the Fraternity, and to improve the quality and scope of leadership and educational programming and scholarships.

Beginning with the 2024 to 2025 fiscal year, over the next seven years, all donors who generously give \$500 or more will receive a special annual challenge coin depicting one of Sigma Chi's seven founders.

#### ADDITIONAL AVENUES FOR SUPPORT

#### **DONOR-SCHOLAR INITIATIVE**

Did you know? Sigma Chi has more than 80 individual academic scholarship funds that directly impact members of specific chapters, regions or students pursuing degrees in designated areas of study or serving in our military. Contact the Foundation's development officer in your region to learn how you can provide designated scholarship support.

#### THOMAS COWAN BELL CHAPTER CHALLENGE

Through the annual Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter campaign, chapters that receive \$10,000 or more in annual support or endowment-level funding from its alumni and friends receive designated scholarships and enhanced leadership program opportunities. Contributions made during the 2022 to 2023 fiscal year provided these added benefits to 53 undergraduate chapters for the current academic cycle.

#### LEGACY GIFTS

Alumni and friends can pay it forward for the future with gifts of stocks and bonds, cryptocurrency, retirement assets, a life insurance policy, gift of real estate, personal property (such as artwork, coins, wine) or other general bequests. Brothers who include Sigma Chi in their legacy plans are named to the James Parks Caldwell Society and will receive an exclusive challenge coin.

#### **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The Sigma Chi Foundation holds a variety of funds that support Sigma Chi at the international and chapter level. Through these specific funds, brothers can make a direct impact on the leadership certificate programs through The Transformational Leader program, a legacy event such as Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop or Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit, or even a chapter's specific educational fund.

To learn more about these and other giving opportunities, visit the Foundation's website at **sigmachi.org/foundation**, call us at **(847) 869-3655** or email us directly at **foundation@sigmachi.org**.

## **SHAPING LIVES WITH YOUR SUPPORT**

Research provided by the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC)^ has shown that Fraternity members are experiencing stronger mental health and wellness, are better prepared for success beyond college, and have a stronger connection to their campus, community and their peers.

Nearing our 170th anniversary, today's Sigma Chi truly reflects this data. Our members are more diverse, both in appearance and thought, are excelling academically, involved on campus and giving back significantly through volunteer and philanthropic initiatives.



"(Sigma Chi) has allowed me to meet a diverse group of people and forge lasting friendships that have enriched my college experience," said sophomore **Aaron Coley, DUKE 2027**, a 2024 Sigma Chi Foundation academic scholarship recipient. "Through the Fraternity, I have

continually provide invaluable advice and support. These connections have been crucial in guiding me through my academic pursuits and helping me grow as a person."

Thanks to your continued generous support, Sigma Chi is exceeding our Greek-letter peers in one additional vital category: pivotal leadership development initiatives and wellness programs. Our Fraternity continues to provide more value to our members than any other Greek-letter organization.

Through **The Transformational Leader** program, our young brothers are exiting their collegiate experience with leadership certificates and stackable credentials that both enhance their academic journey and prepare them for career growth.

According to young alumni surveys conducted by Gallup, 84 percent of young Sig alums report our Fraternity's Transformational Leader programming was important or very important in receiving a promotion, and 70 percent report they were important or very important in receiving increased pay.

Approximately 89 percent of Sigma Chi graduates within the last five years demonstrated strong satisfaction with their undergraduate experience versus 75 percent of all fraternity members per NIC research. Brothers who receive at least two Transformational Leader certificates are two times more likely to be satisfied with their Sigma Chi experience.

"My sense of high ambition has excelled from self-ambition to an ambition to help the world," said **Joel Cummings, STEPHEN** F. AUSTIN 2025, a 2024 Foundation scholarship recipient and Horizons Huntsman Leadership Summit attendee. "This was instilled in me (during) Horizons, and I've set my goals on loftier aspirations. Being a brother of Sigma Chi has been more than just a



college experience; it has truly been a transformative endeavor that will be evident in my life to come."

By continuing your vital support of the Sigma Chi Foundation, you are directly impacting these important initiatives which help our members excel.

^ nicfraterity.org/research

### THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 TO 2024 FISCAL YEAR DONORS

Thank you to our generous donors! For a full list of brothers, sweethearts and friends who supported the Sigma Chi Foundation during the 2023 to 2024 fiscal year, visit sigmachi.org/foundation/donors or scan the QR code using the camera or reader on your mobile device or tablet.

