



THE GATOR SIG



SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

We Have the No. 1 Consulting Team—Now We Need You

LET'S GET TO \$4 MILLION

Brothers, we have an exciting update! We recently hired a financial consultant, Jennifer Henson, to assist us with the *Celebrating 100 Years - Building 100 More* capital campaign. Jennifer specializes in assisting fraternity and sorority chapters with the financial modeling of building projects to ensure fiscal success and solvency for years to come. Now that we have her assistance, realizing our new chapter home relies on one final piece: YOU!

We now have the best team to take on this project with Jennifer; our Gainesville contractor, Scorpio; and our architectural firm, TreanorHL. That team, however, needs the continued support of you, our alumni, to ensure this new home is realized.

We thank the 228 brothers who have honored their Gamma Theta experience by collectively contributing more than \$2.4 million toward the campaign (so far!). To start construction, however, we need the involvement of *all* brothers. There are over 2,000 members in our fraternity and, right now, only around 11% have joined our efforts. **If you have not yet made a gift, now is the time to do so!**

If we can reach \$4 million by early next spring, we can begin construction in time for a fall 2025 completion (following a typical year-and-a-half timeline for college buildings). Starting construction later would hinder our financial position while disadvantaging our undergraduate brothers in their recruitment efforts given the competition around campus.

Brothers, the ability to reach our \$4 million target relies upon *your* involvement. Make your gift today by visiting ufsigmachi.causevox.com and help us secure a strong future for Sigma Chi at the University of Florida!

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Remember, no gift is too small, and you can spread a larger donation over multiple years or make a one-time contribution of any size within your means.

CONTINUING THE SUCCESS OF GAMMA THETA

George Stuart '68 Is Involved in the Campaign to Provide for Future Brothers

In the summer of 1964, right before **George Stuart '68** headed off to the University of Florida, he fell ill and was hospitalized. During his stay, a Sigma Chi he had known from high school came to visit him. That was George's first introduction to the fraternity.

George didn't know much about fraternity and sorority life, but he appreciated the fellowship of the men of Sigma Chi and knew he would be comfortable there. He admired the diversity of Gamma Theta; from athletes to school leaders to scholars, it was an organization he wanted to be affiliated with. George valued the opportunity to serve as consul, as it was an important learning experience that served him well in his life and career.

"Sigma Chi at Florida was a strong chapter when I was there in the '60s. It was one of the top fraternities on campus, and it's stayed that way," George said.

Over the years, George was not as involved in the fraternity, but through his career in politics and business, he networked with his brothers. Around five years ago, he and a group of brothers from the '60s had a Christmas dinner meeting. The late



Frank Saier '68, a longtime member of the house corporation, discussed the condition of the house and the issues the chapter was facing in terms of remodeling and expanding.

"I was a beneficiary of the people who came before me who let me be in a first-class house. I want to provide that same thing to brothers in the next generation and the generation after that."

This inspired the brothers to head up to Gainesville to get acquainted with the situation and see if they could make a difference. With the experience of fundraising firm Pennington & Company and George's review of their recommendations, Sigma Chi agreed to proceed with the *Celebrating 100 Years - Building 100 More* capital campaign.

George is proud of the success of the campaign over the past few years, especially since it has continued through COVID-19, inflation, and supply chain issues.

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WE'RE HALFWAY THERE

*Add Your Name to
Help Us Finish Strong*

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for raising more than \$2.4 million to the *Celebrating 100 Years - Building 100 More* campaign. These individuals, listed below by their initiation year, recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Gamma Theta and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience by making an investment in the future of Sigma Chi at the University of Florida.

Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal. Every donor who contributes \$2,500 or more will have their name placed on a prominently displayed plaque in the chapter house. Room naming opportunities start at \$25,000. If you feel an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 with any corrections.

**William Lewis
Lockwood Society
(\$100,000 and above)**

William D. Olinger II '61
Joel A. Pellicci '62
Boone Family Gift
Jeffery A. Boone '78
Stephen K. Boone '78

**L.G. Balfour Society
(\$50,000 to \$99,999)**

John M. Nabers '56
Kirkpatrick Family Gift
John W. Kirkpatrick III '62
Kenneth B. Kirkpatrick '86
John C. Briggs '63
Vernon Swartsel '65
Geoffrey A. Frazier '87
James "Clancey" Bounds '88

**Friendship, Justice
& Learning Society
(\$25,000 to \$49,999)**

Charles "Chic" Holden Jr. '59
Henry W. Haeseker '60
In memory of
Nancy Sue Wilson, Sweetheart '63
Hartman Family Gift
William T. Hartman '61
Michael S. Hartman '65
Frank W. Hartman, *Beta Psi* '71
David L. Echols '63
George L. Stuart Jr. '65
Moody/Fulcher Family Gift
Jim Moody '66
Bill Moody '68
Jamey Moody '96
Ryan Fulcher '00
Marion "Bubba" Nelson Jr. '66
William F. Shewey '66
Todd Family Gift
Brad Todd '67
Tommy Todd '70
Michael Todd '97
Whittemore Family
Kent Whittemore '67
Jim Whittemore '74
Don Whittemore '82
Ryan Whittemore '00
Jason Whittemore '03
Chris Whittemore '06
John J. Flad '68
Bergert Family Gift
Fred L. Bergert, *Beta Psi* '59
James W. Bergert, *Beta Psi* '61
Glen F. Bergert '69
Robert F. Stuart Sr. '72
Mike Carroll '73
Jim Dickert '74
In memory of
Robert R. Dickert '44

Keith F. Simmons '74
Patrick C. Everett '76
Mark A. Rosser '76
Scott G. Hawkins '77
James C. Polkinghorn '77
David A. Black '78
In memory of
Deedy and Ross Carrier '78
Robert T. Hawksley '78
Henry B. Hostetter '78
Robert E. V. Kelley Jr. '78
In memory of
Mom Woods
John E. Kampfe '79
Mark A. Sessums '80
J. Daniel Singleton Jr. '80
Lucas Fleming '81
Richard R. Alexander '83
In memory of
John B. Cato '83
Sean E. Noble '84
Michael T. Hoyt '85
Robert L. Castillo '86
Frank F. Fernandez III '86
Michael G. Potapow Jr. '86
J. Kyle Bachus '87
William C. Guthrie '87
W. Todd Menke '87
Gregory D. Prysock '87
James L. Springer Jr. '89
Jim Wetzel '89
Rodrigo Bolanos, M.D. '91
Richard T. Highfield '92
Kevin S. Probel '92
Edward "Alex" Santos '92
Grier Pressly '93
Radley W. Ruland '93
Shapiro Family Gift
Mark Shapiro, *Alpha Eta* '93
Jack Shapiro '19
Hunter Family Gift
Bill Lowery, *Gamma Chi* '50
Brian Lowery, *Gamma Nu* '79
Josh Hunter '95
Theodore S. Kypreos '96

**Constantine Chapter Society
(\$15,000 to \$24,999)**

Pearce Family Gift
Robert J. Pearce Jr. '71
Kem M. Pearce '79
R. J. Pearce III '03
Jay B. Starkey III '82
James R. Thames '86
J. David Torbert '88
Ryan P. Evans '91

**Gamma Theta 1924 Society
(\$10,000 to \$14,999)**

Culpepper Family Gift
P. Bruce Culpepper '60
J. Bruce Culpepper '85
Brad Culpepper '88
W. Russ Mathis '62
Council "Butch" Wooten Jr. '62
Frank P. Saier '66
Young E. Hall Jr. '68
In memory of
Donna M. Hall '71
Martin J. La Barbera '69
Louis "Kipp" Minter '70
Charles S. Stuart '70
George J. Albright '75
Connelly Family Gift
Paul M. Connelly '76
Michael J. Connelly '77
Robert T. Klingbeil Jr. '76
Brown Family Gift
Chip Brown '78
Ted Brown '81
Larry Brown '84
Trevor Brown '10
Parker Brown '12
Dellecker Family Gift
Robert H. Dellecker '78
John R. Dellecker '05
Troy F. Storey '80
In memory of
John D. Bank '80 and
Charles A. Morehead '80
Michael S. Caudill '81
In memory of
Lenny Cruz '79
Steven S. Perry '82
Paul B. Ellis '86
Henry Gonzalez III '88
Vincent C. Horton '91
John "Cater" Randolph Jr. '91
John V. Marra '92
Weinberg Family Gift
Mark H. Weinberg '94
Michael N. Weinberg '99

**White Cross Society
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)**

James D. Wiltshire '50
In memory of
Sweetheart, Susan Wiltshire '55
W. Wayne Woodard '64
Anthony E. De Los Santos '66
Kenneth P. Mingleddorff '66
Ken Norrie '66
Charles S. White '66
David L. Holbrook '67
Curtis T. Jones '68
Robert A. Heekin Sr. '70
G. Frederic Joy '70
David G. Neale '72

John P. Drawbert, M.D. '73
Mahler Family Gift
Frank G. Mahler '74
Michael B. Mahler '98
Kevin S. Mahler '00
Richard A. Johnson Jr. '76
David S. Lewis '77
Bright Family Gift
P. Blaise Bright '84
Paul Bright '20
Timothy Wagner '86
John T. Cash III '87
Sean Cuda '87
Brant Fleming '87
Jerry F. Kempton '87
Victor J. Musleh Jr. '87
Lee Chojnacki '88
Steven C. Fernandez '88
Michael B. Greiner '88
Todd Menendez '88
Tony Rodriguez '88
Richard C. Wahl '88
Jeffrey "JC" Wells '88
John W. Reaves Jr. '89
Steven J. Vinci '89
Michael A. Gibbs '90
Bradley Eavenson '91
Brad T. Bassler '93
David L. DeAngelo '93
Anthony Ingrassia '93
Jeffrey M. Sullivan '93
Timothy G. Anderson Jr. '98
Jeremy A. Steding '00
Albert F. Kaminsky '09
Paras S. Saxena '11
Tyler L. Cameron '15
Jack S. McCall '15

**Blue & Gold Society
(\$2,500 to \$4,999)**

Warren B. Wiltshire Jr. '53
George A. Sprinkel IV '61
Leonard M. Vincenti '61
Bill Roachat '63
M. Wayne Johnson '64
Thomas A. DeMarco III '68
R. David Kerrins Jr. '68
Joseph P. McGuigan '69
R. Terry Rigsby '70
Robert H. Buck '71
Towney G. Kennard Jr. '71
Blake L. Stichter '71
Mark W. Goodson '72
Steven C. Orman '72
James R. Patrinely, M.D. '73
Robert R. Lindgren '73
Jim Hummel '74
David J. Akins '75
John "Jay" Caffey III '75
Robert D. Hummel '76

Lee Ritenbaugh '77
In memory of
John Stock '77
J. Michael Brown '78
Robert A. Porter, D.V.M. '79
Harold P. Reddick Jr. '79
In memory
Chuck Saunders '85 and
Aster "Tochy" Garcia '83
Eric P. Carlson '81
In memory of
Carl G. Carlson '53
William Obregon Jr. '81
Page Family Gift
Robert Draughn Page
Gregg A. Page '81
Allen L. Johnson '82
In memory of
Bob Burge '82
Derrick E. Cox '84
Bruce H. Denson '85
Robert W. Pitcher '85
William B. Wiltshire '86
David R. Horrell '87
Michael A. Short '87
Anthony E. Wilson '87
Christopher Pflueger '89
Don Moll '90
Scott M. Benke '92
Wesley D. Tibbals '92
Gregory "Scot" Grooms '93
Calvin G. Whitaker Jr. '94
Max R. Macon '95
M. Todd Pembroke '96
Taylor C. Kessel '97
Ryan T. Hyde '99
Jason LaBarbera '99

**George Ade Society
(\$1,000 to \$2,499)**

George E. Greene III '56
In memory of
Jack M. Wallace '54 and
Claude I. Allen Jr. '54
Russell W. Carpenter '60
Carl D. Collins '60
William W. Wright '61
Tayler "Mac" Boyd '62
John E. Morris '63
Michael R. Zern '67
Gregory A. Heydel '68
Richard A. Chazal, M.D. '71
Robert W. Revels '71
David R. Tienstra '77
Daniel J. Engbretonsr '81
David C. Arnsparger '84
David A. King '89
Brian D. Smith '90
James W. East '92
William A. Yaegers '93
J. Olivier "Oli" Larrauri '97



Tom Watson '56 retired in 1999 and moved to New Bern, N.C., where he played trombone and worked in publicity for the community band as well as wrote for *Taberna Tribune*. In 2022, Tom moved to the Army Residence Community in San Antonio, Texas, where he writes for the community newsletter, *The Eagle*.
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R. Keene Kohrt '58 is retired and stays involved in local events in Wrangell, Alaska. Keene has served as chairman of Ducks Unlimited for 34 years and chairman of his church for 40 years. He loves hunting moose and fish (king salmon) as well as canoeing in Canada and Alaska.
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W. Sam Deloach Jr. '59 is a retired real estate broker and appraiser. He has been married for 67 years and is enjoying life as a grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of seven. Sam has traveled through all 50 states and all seven continents. He lives in Houston, Texas, and has volunteered in scouting, rotary, and his church.
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Ned B. Lovell '59 is happy retired and living in Salem, S.C. "I will always be proud of my affiliation with Sigma Chi!"
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W. Ted Mealor Jr. '62, Order of Constantine, has retired twice: first as a university professor, college dean, and vice provost, and second as pastor of two Presbyterian (USA) churches—one in Arkansas and one in Tennessee. He lives in Memphis, Tenn., and currently fills pulpits on invitation.
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James A. Lawrence '63 is a retired orthodontist living in Columbus, Ga. Son Mark (also a Sigma Chi) is a local pediatric dentist.
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Paul L. Bailey '68 retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel and later as a school guidance counselor. He now lives in Palm Coast, Fla., where he manages a few properties and enjoys traveling. Paul's son, **James '03**, is a Gamma Theta brother as well.
Email: paulbailey7@msn.com

David L. Holbrook '70 and his wife, Sarah, have moved to Chapel Hill, N.C. They have four adult children and seven grandchildren who keep them active. David recently retired from 48 years of practicing trial law in Orlando, Fla. "Hoping to see the Holy Land soon."
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Bob H. Buck '75 retired 10 years ago and spends his time golfing, fishing, RVing, and visiting his grandchildren in Tennessee and Alaska. He lives in Sugar Land, Texas, and volunteers weekly with church maintenance as well as assisting neighbors with projects.
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Gordon H. Fair Jr. '78 finished writing his novel, *Lethal Light*, during the pandemic. He lives in Belmont, N.C.
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Michael J. Braddy '83 recently retired after 31 years with The Home Depot. He lives in Maryville, Tenn., with his wife of 38 years, Sharon. They are cruising the world on Holland America cruise lines. Next stops: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Hawaii.
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T. Mills Fleming '86 shares that his older brother, **Lucas '84**, was a Gamma Theta. Lucas was consul in 1984, and Mills was consul in 1986. Mills lives in Savannah, Ga.
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Michael B. Greiner '91 has been a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch since 1999. He lives in Ocala, Fla., and is married with four adult children.
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J. David Torbert '91 is a partner at the Orlando-based architecture and interior design firm SchenkelShultz. David and his colleagues are passionate about making connections and inspiring the Florida community through impactful design. Recent notable projects include the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation headquarters in Winter Park, the new Geneva School K-12 campus in Casselberry, and UF's new public safety building. David lives in Orlando, Fla.
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Scott A. Butler '97 shares that his oldest son, Robert, is entering his sophomore year at UF; he did not try recruitment as a freshman, but he might this year! Scott lives in North Palm Beach, Fla.
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Chase B. Terrell '04 is in active recovery from his addiction struggles since leaving UF. "It's been a long road of ups and downs, and I lost contact with a lot of my brothers." Chase is sober and happily getting his life back on track! He lives in Orlando, Fla.
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CONTINUING THE SUCCESS OF GAMMA THETA

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"It's been a tough go, but I'm very gratified that our volunteer brothers have done a good job of getting through this whole process," he shared. "We have exceeded the minimum recommended goal of the feasibility study, which is very positive, but this is a big project. We need to go beyond \$2.4 million to make it work. I know our brotherhood can rise to the challenge."

As George looks back at his college years, he recalls going through recruitment without a house and attending events outside of the construction area. He moved into the new house in 1965 and remembers how it helped to continue the quality of the men attracted to the fraternity and the academic and leadership performance of the brothers.

Now, 58 years later, the house needs to be replaced.

"I want brothers today, and in the next 60 years, to have the advantages I had," he said. "I think if they have a first-class facility, they will continue leadership and success over the next generation."

George is excited about all the house will offer with its beautiful collegiate Gothic style design and modern technology. He reminds his brothers that this cannot be achieved until they raise \$4 million, but he has faith it can happen.

You can connect with George at george.stuart@att.net to hear more about why he supports the campaign—and why you should too.

Chapter Eternal

"The White Cross of Sigma Chi has gained new luster by my life. All honor to his name."

Robert G. Terrell Jr. '58 entered Chapter Eternal on February 14, 2023, peacefully at home at the age of 86.

Frank P. Saier '68 entered Chapter Eternal on April 26, 2023. Frank was a member of the house corporation for over 40 years and was instrumental in launching the new capital campaign. Frank attended college on a basketball and track scholarship and was the first high jumper to clear seven feet in the SEC; he is also in the Florida Track & Field Hall of Fame. After college, Frank practiced real estate and business law in Gainesville, Fla., for over 50 years.

Curtis T. Jones '69 entered Chapter Eternal on May 29, 2023. Curtis was a long-time house corporation board member and will be remembered fondly for his brotherhood and service.

Vrett H. Karas '99 entered Chapter Eternal on May 22, 2023, following a diagnosis of liver disease. Vrett proudly served our country in the U.S. Army as a liaison officer for the past 15 years.



THE GATOR SIG



Gamma Theta Surges Ahead

Campaign Stats as of June 15, 2023

Together, we've made a fantastic leap forward since December. The more that alumni like you get on board, the sooner Sigma Chi succeeds. Check out the numbers below, then enjoy *The Gator Sig* and give what you can today!

\$4 Million Goal

\$2,488,400 Written Commitments

62% of Goal Raised

215 Total Contributors

10% Participation

Help us double this number!

Scan the QR code to join the campaign today.



ALUMNI NEWS

Ken D. Driggs '70 is working on a scripted, fictional TV series based on his career as a death penalty defense lawyer in Florida, Texas, and Georgia: *Death Shop*. Ken lives in Atlanta, Ga. Email: kendriggs@comcast.net

Pat C. Everett '77 retired in 2015 and lived with his family in Spain for several years. He now lives in Johns Creek, Ga., and is a treasurer and board member at Angie's Kitchen, a nonprofit dedicated to feeding the homeless in Atlanta. Pat returns to Spain from time to time to see friends and practice his Spanish. Email: pceverett550@gmail.com

J. Daniel Singleton Jr. '83 retired in 2021 after a lengthy and varied career; his last roles were as CEO of both Harland Clarke and Valassis. Dan and his wife have been married 40 years and have two daughters and four grandchildren. They stay busy supporting Childrens Hospital of Atlanta and traveling regularly; Dan also enjoys golfing and boating in his free time.

"Sigma Chi was a big part of my time at UF, and I will always cherish those days and the relationships made with amazing brothers." Dan lives in Kennesaw, Ga. Email: jdansingleton@gmail.com

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Attention: *This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents.*

If your son is still attending the University of Florida, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

It's time to invest in Gamma Theta—and in leaders like these!



The spring 2023 executive committee.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Consul **Brennan Dampier '24** at brennanmdampier@gmail.com or (850) 712-1847.

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