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# Commander's Update

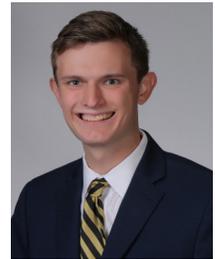
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Hello Alumni,

I am very excited to provide you all with an update as to the status of the Epsilon Eta chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity. We started the semester by taking a small spring class of quality men. After that, we partnered with the women of Phi Mu and placed 2nd overall in Carnicus. While I am excited to have accomplished our short term goals, my long term goal of Epsilon Eta becoming a Rock Chapter is still at the forefront of my focus. Rock Chapter is the award by Sigma Nu Nationals for Chapters that are excelling in fields like Recruitment, Operations and Alumni Relations. Alumni Relations is a vital part of the success of the chapter. Members of the Alumni Board and Housing Corporation make the Executive Boards and my job much easier and we appreciate the hard work. A small thing that any Alumni can do is refer quality men for us to recruit by contacting our Rush Chairman, Russell Wilson at [rwilso93@vols.utk.edu](mailto:rwilso93@vols.utk.edu) or myself at the email listed below. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have. LHT.

Regards,

**Will Hensley, Commander | EH #1695**  
**678.986.9976 | [whensle6@vols.utk.edu](mailto:whensle6@vols.utk.edu)**



Fellow Knights,

My name is Sam and I've been serving as the Lieutenant Commander so far this year. I'm very excited to be working alongside Will and ensuring our executive team is accomplishing the goals we set at the beginning of our term. The success of Carnicus, our spring social events, and our Orange and White alumni tailgate have all been very inspiring to be a part of, and I will continue doing my best for the chapter. We recently submitted our Pursuit of Excellence document to the national organization and are patiently awaiting our results as we continue striving to become a Rock Chapter, or at the least, pave the way for the next administration to achieve this goal. If you are ever in town I would love to show you around the fraternity house or meet up and grab a bite to eat. I've included my contact info below and look forward to seeing you this fall!

Regards,

**Sam Stepp, Lt. Commander | EH #1750**  
**706.618.8868 | [sstepp@vols.utk.edu](mailto:sstepp@vols.utk.edu)**



# Recruitment

This year the University changed the fraternity recruitment process to begin before classes started with Bid Day being the evening of the first day of classes. The Epsilon Eta chapter initiated 44 new brothers during the 2018 - 19 academic year. The fall semester candidate class initiated 36 new brothers and the spring class candidate initiated 8 new brothers. The highest badge number is 1833.

Fall semester saw the recruitment process ending with the annual Riverboat event for over 230 brothers and their dates. Dr. Jack Lacey (EH #754) hosted the chapter at his house for the annual recruitment pool party again this year. The event celebrated the new candidates and another very successful fall rush. If you have anyone interested in going through the recruitment process this fall, send their contact information to the Chapter's rush chairman, Russell Wilson (rwilso93@vols.utk.edu).



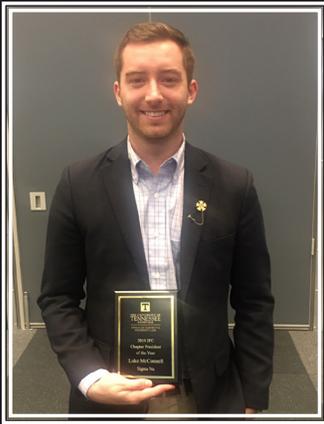
## Chapter Leadership

Commander  
Lt. Commander  
Recorder  
Treasurer  
Recruitment  
Social  
Marshal  
Alumni Contact  
Chaplain  
Historian  
LEAD  
Philanthropy  
Risk Reduction  
Scholarship  
Sentinel

Will Hensley  
Sam Stepp  
Matthew Peterson  
Phillip Deaton  
Russell Wilson  
Austin Reynolds  
Michael Brown  
Emerson Burd  
Alex Hardie  
Drew Donegan  
Chris Moriconi  
Brett Houdeshell  
Mack Scanlon  
Ethan Cerrito  
Cameron Merritt

Alpharetta, GA  
Dalton, GA  
Glenview, IL  
Memphis, TN  
Seneca, SC  
Murfreesboro, TN  
Timonium, MD  
Cumming, GA  
Kennesaw, GA  
Goodlettsville, TN  
Lutherville, MD  
Gallatin, TN  
Arlington Heights, IL  
Owings, MD  
Raleigh, NC





## CHAPTER OFFICERS WIN AWARDS

At the IFC Awards banquet past Commander Luke McConnell was named IFC President of the Year. Luke served as Commander in 2018-19 and served as Lt. Commander in 2017-18. Brother James Eun who served as IFC President during 2018, was named IFC Executive Member of the Year.

## Snake Daze Returns

In October, the chapter hosted the return of Snake Daze. Eight different sororities participated in events over three days. The initial events consisted of a “football pong” tournament where sorority girls competed by attempting to throw footballs into pre-set targets and painting banners representing the theme of the philanthropy event. The final evening the chapter hosted a Powder Puff football tournament for the sorority members with brothers serving as coaches. The chapter raised \$2,500 for Camp Koinonia from the event.



## Brother Wins SGA Election

Brother Emerson Burd (EH #1704) was elected the SGA's Director of Student Services. The Director of Student Services is the #3 person in SGA. Emerson is the first Epsilon Eta elected to an SGA campus wide executive position since brother Ed Ingle (EH #1024) served as SGA President in 1981-82.

# Spring Formal

*This April*, the men of the Epsilon Eta chapter packed up and made the journey to New Orleans once more for their spring formal. The chapter reserved hotel rooms near the French quarter and luckily for them, but not their wallets, very close to bourbon street. For three days and two nights, the men experienced the culture of New Orleans in true fraternity fashion, visiting the local bars, attending ghost tours, and recovering in the mornings with the best gumbo the nation has to offer.



*Big* **ORANGE**  
**GIVE**

*Sigma Nu Wins  
Greek Challenge*

In early November, the UT Foundation conducted Big Orange Give. UT raised \$2.14 million during the Big Orange Give in 2018. As part of the Big Orange Give campaign, the University conducted the Greek Challenge. The Greek Challenge was sponsored by Ron and Don Frieson (Kappa Alpha Psi). Greek organizations from IFC, NPC, NPHC, and MGC competed against each other in two categories: Large Chapter (more than 100 members) and Small chapter (100 members or less). The organization with the most donors (not the most money raised) won \$5,000. The minimum donation amount was \$10. As a part of the Greek Challenge, UT created the Sigma Nu Enrichment Fund. The chapter will have the fund in the future for chapter initiatives.

Sigma Nu finished first with 199 donations. Sigma Nu would like to thank the many alumni and chapter family members who helped us win the \$5,000 first prize.

**Save the date for Big Orange Give 2019 - November 13, 2019!**





# Epsilon Eta Brother Wins ALPHA AWARD

This summer Luke McConnell was notified that he was one of ten Sigma Nu seniors nationwide to receive the Alpha Alumni Chapter Affiliate Award. His letter stated “Your commitment to the Mission of Sigma Nu, as evidenced by your great body of work, is one of distinguished proportion. We are grateful for your dedication to honor and excellence. Your name will be added to the Alpha scrolls alongside Founders Hopkins, Quarles, and Riley.” This is the highest honor that an undergraduate receives from headquarters.

Luke served the chapter as Commander & Lt. Commander and was named IFC President of the Year. Outside of the chapter Luke served as Vice President of Membership for SAA. As a member of the Haslam College of Business, Luke participated in two internships while an undergraduate and made the Dean’s list for seven of eight semesters at UT. In the Fall, Luke will be enrolled in the Master’s in Sciences in Business Analytics at UT.



## *Epsilon Eta Continues Academic Success...*

The chapter had another successful year in academics. The chapter had 30 brothers during the fall semester and 33 brothers during spring semester make the Dean’s List. Students are recognized on the Dean’s List who have a semester GPA of above a 3.50.

In addition, six brothers made a 4.0 during the spring semester.

	Semester	Candidates	Cumulative
<b>FALL 2018</b>	2.92	3.14	3.02
<b>SPRING 2019</b>	2.97	3.03	3.04



**ADDRESS CORRECTIONS NEEDED**

As the chapters begins preparation for the 100th Anniversary year Celebration, please let the chapter know if your mailing address changes. If the chapter does not have your correct email address, please send it to [sigmanu@utk.edu](mailto:sigmanu@utk.edu).

**LOST ALUMNI**

The chapter has created a list of lost alumni on the chapter web site. If we do not have a mailing address or mail is returned we will list brothers as lost on the chapter web site. Chapter website is [www.utksigmanu.com](http://www.utksigmanu.com)



## Homecoming 2018

Last fall, the chapter participated in Homecoming with Zeta Tau Alpha. They entered the large float competition, large banner competition, tower of cans, anything goes, chalk drawing and the Smokey's Howl competition.

## Chapter Finishes Second in Carnicus

The chapter joined Phi Mu for Carnicus 2019. After winning Carnicus for two consecutive years, the chapter finished second this year. Under the direction of Matthew Peterson, the groups spent many hours working together in February in preparation for the performance.



### SAVE THE DATE! Alumni Tailgate, Fall 2019

The chapter will be hosting an Alumni Tailgate during the Alabama game October 19<sup>th</sup>, Fall 2019. We will be providing food at the house for alumni who notify us ahead of time that they will be attending.

*Alumni Contact, Emerson Burd, [eburd@vols.utk.edu](mailto:eburd@vols.utk.edu) will email out more information in the fall. Please make sure the chapter has your correct email address. Email address updates should be sent to the chapter website at [sigmanu@utk.edu](mailto:sigmanu@utk.edu).*

# 2021

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Epsilon Eta

Recently, a small group of alumni spoke by conference call to begin to think about the 100th Anniversary of the Epsilon Eta chapter. Tentatively, April 2021 is being looked at as the month of the event. Information will be shared with alumni as details are worked out.

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# Sigma Nu By the Numbers

**95%** Of brothers initiated in the past 10 years have graduated or are still in school on course to graduate.

The number of brothers who graduated Fall 2018 and Spring 2019.

**35**

**7** Fall Semesters in a row that chapter has signed more than **30** candidates.  
**1 of only 3 chapters on campus to reach this level.**

**44**

The number of brothers initiated during the 2018-19 academic year. This represented the largest candidate class among IFC fraternities on campus.

**2** years until the chapter will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Epsilon Eta chapter.

**199**

Number of donations made on behalf of Sigma Nu during the One Million, One Day campaign during the fall semester. The chapter won the large group competition and received an extra \$5,000.

**33**

Chapter members are from the state of Georgia.

**122**

Number of brothers in chapter for Spring 2019.

**17**

the number of states represented by brothers in the chapter.

**33**

Brothers on the Dean's List (3.50 or above GPA) Spring 2019.



**6**

brothers had a 4.0 GPA in Spring 2019.

