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The Campaign for Wyoming Alpha

CAMPAIGN GAINS MOMENTUM WITH $1 MILLION AND COUNTING

Early Commitments off to a Great Start—Now Is Your Chance to Make a Difference

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is looking forward to what 2026 has in store for Wyoming Alpha Chapter at UW. Last fall, we announced our capital campaign to help with renovations and expansions for our chapter house. In just a few months, we have reached over half our goal of $1.5 million! We are beyond thankful to the 85 loyal donors who have committed a total of $1,027,282. This is truly outstanding and proves that our brotherhood is still important to many of you.

As momentum builds and more brothers decide to pledge Wyoming Alpha again, we are confident we will meet and exceed our ambitious $1.5 million goal, which will help our undergraduate brothers thrive in the best environment and allow future members to come home to a new facility that meets their needs. Let's ensure our house reflects the outstanding men who inhabit it.

To continue our position as a premier chapter at Wyoming, all Wyoming Alpha men must come together to support *Founded in Tradition, Continuing the Legacy – The Campaign for Wyoming Alpha*. Rally your brothers for a class gift, honor a loved one through a five-year pledge, or join your family to place your name on the distinguished list of donors.

If you have already made a gift to the campaign, thank you! You are providing critical leadership at a time of great need for Wyoming Alpha Chapter. We appreciate your support and ask that you consider increasing your gift if you are able.

If you have not yet joined the campaign, what are you waiting for? We need you now more than ever. Think back to your time at the house and remember what gifts Wyoming Alpha has given you. Each donation—no matter the size—will make a difference, and gifts given today will help us begin construction on time.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the campaign committee if you have any questions about the campaign or need additional information to consider making a gift.

Thanks to all for your support of Wyoming Alpha!

Phi Alpha,
Wyoming Alpha House Corporation

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT A GLANCE

As of March 20, 2026

$1.5 Million
FUNDRAISING GOAL

$2.5 Million
TOTAL PROJECT COST

$1,027,282
TOTAL COMMITMENTS

85
DONOR COUNT

CAMPAIGN CHAIRMEN

Kirk Fowkes '70
Rick Tempest '72
Rick Cook '81
Paul Duncan '81
Tom Phelan '05
Greg Vaughn '07
Nick Turner '14



SAVE THE DATE

Wyoming Alpha SAE 7th Biennial Alumni Round-Up and Hall of Fame Extravaganza

Let 'er Buck
April 24-26, 2026

We invite all alumni to join us for a weekend to remember!

- **Friday, April 24**
  - ***Welcome Party and Cocktail Hour***
  - at Altitude Steakhouse
  - **Cost: $35**
- **Saturday, April 25**
  - ***Our Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys***
  - Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner
  - at Black Fox on Welsh
  - **Cost: $105**

For more information, please contact Nick Turner '14 at [redacted] or [redacted] (MT).

RSVP here:
saewyhalloffame.ezregister.com

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HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR ΣAE FAMILY!

Our deepest gratitude to our remarkable brothers and friends who've committed to *Founded in Tradition, Continuing the Legacy – The Campaign for Wyoming Alpha*. Your generosity echoes the spirit of our cherished Fraternity, ensuring its enduring legacy. Together, we've already achieved more than $1 million in pledges—a testament to the strength of our bonds.

As we embark on this transformative journey, we invite all alumni to join us. No gift is too small, and pledges or continued gifts are truly appreciated.

Gifts of $25,000 or more are eligible for named room opportunities. Donors of $1,000 and above will be recognized in appropriate giving categories in all campaign publications unless otherwise requested. Pledges of $5,000 and above will be displayed on a permanent donor plaque at the house.

ARE YOU IN?

If you're ready to join the brothers who have already donated to *Founded in Tradition, Continuing the Legacy – The Campaign for Wyoming Alpha*, scan the QR code to visit **wyomingsae.causevox.com**.

Your commitment will help ensure a stronger future for Wyoming Alpha!

Phi Alpha Society
($100,000 and above)
W. Richard Scarlett III '64
Lindsay Hooper '75
David Le Norman '85

Minerva's Society
($50,000 to $99,999)
Curtis E. Meier Jr. '75

DeVotie Society
($25,000 to $49,999)
V. Frank Mendicino '62
Jack Nunn '67
Frank L. Shriver '72
Richard Tempest '72
Paul Alan Dona, D.D.S. '73
Don Christmann '74
Tom Lee '74
Glenn Hertzler '76
Robert Edwards '77
Paul M. Duncan '81
Greg Vaughn '07

Phoenix Society
($10,000 to $24,999)
Richard Titus '63
A. Rodgers Everett '67
Steve Stelter '71
Patrick Gleason '74
Gary Hutton '75
Daniel Perdue '75
Liz and Chad Deaton '76
Jerold M. Hertzler '79
D. Michael Kellam '79
Richard Cook '81
Richard Hammer '81
Charlie Shopp '82
Lizzy and Dan Cable '84
Tom Phelan '05
Zane Brady '08
Doug Kenik '08
Nick Landen '08
Nick Turner '14

Lions Society
($5,000 to $9,999)
David Bitner '69
Donald P. Prehoda Jr. '67
Kirk Fowkes '70
Alexander Kalasinsky '70
Colin Keith Keeney '71
Bernard Phelan '71
Karl Pingel '71
W. Thomas Sullins '71
Bart Trautwein '71
Thomas A. Youtz '71
Ron McPherson '73
Michael Martin '73
George Lantz '74
Ann and Keven Aggers '75
Doug "Nordy" Nordmeyer '78
Mark DeMattia '81
Ide Family Gift
Robert C. Ide '81
Jeffrey H. Lang '83
Lee Betsill '84
Bradley Bonner '87
Christian Keller '00
Peter Irey '08
Nicholas Vaughn '12
Adam Boyd '13

Purple & Gold Society
($2,500 to $4,999)
C. Edward Webster '67
Gary Prehoda '71
Tom Turek '71
Bud Missel '73
Joseph Braly Kelly '80
Matthew Cassel '81
Bryan Watt '09
Steven Schoeber '12

Wyoming Alpha Society
($1,000 to $2,499)
Denny Goode '66
Fred Emerich '68
Jay Carpender '71
Robert Jensen '79
Mark Diller '81
Pearley Wells '82
Patrick Duncan '85
Joseph Wingerter '85
Henry Sheffler '90
Nick Metzler '87
Toby Bonner '93
Nate Mullen '11

Kiltie Parade Throwback



CONGRATULATIONS, Graduating Seniors!

GARRETT CLAMAGE
Finance and Professional Sales
[redacted]

TRENT FITZGERALD
Finance and Sales
[redacted]

DAMON GRACE
Finance and Sales
[redacted]

LEVI JOHNSON
Finance and Professional Sales
[redacted]

ANTON KUDAR
Finance and Economics
[redacted]

SAM LANGFORD
Economics
[redacted]

JACKSON MILLER
Finance
[redacted]

REECE MOORHOUSE
Criminal Justice
[redacted]

GARRETT MUNDELL
Entrepreneurship and Professional Sales
[redacted]

LIAM SIPPLE
Economics and Blockchain
[redacted]

ERIC THOMPSON
Economics and Finance
[redacted]

BRETT VONAU
Finance and Professional Sales
[redacted]

ONCE AN ΣAE, ALWAYS AN ΣAE

Dick Scarlett '64 Generously Supports the House Campaign

How did Sigma Alpha Epsilon shape your life path? **Dick Scarlett '64** reflected on his Wyoming Alpha experience and personal success that motivated him to generously contribute to *Founded in Tradition, Continuing the Legacy – The Campaign for Wyoming Alpha*.

FINDING HIS WAY

Dick grew up on a ranch and was neighbors with a nearby ΣAE alumnus. He suggested that Dick visit Wyoming Alpha Chapter when he went to college, and after two years of military service, Dick made it to Laramie with the Fraternity on his mind.

"I was on a basketball scholarship and discovered the ΣAE house (previously known as the 10th Athletic Club) had several football, basketball, and track members. It made me feel most comfortable. They offered me a room in the house, if I pledged which would allow me to move out of the athletic (Ape) dorm. This also appealed to me. The house had a terrific housemother, Mom Turner, whom I was very impressed with."

Dick's fraternal leadership began as president of his pledge class. At the end of freshman year, he was elected recruitment chairman for his sophomore year. Under Dick's leadership, the house recruited the largest pledge class on campus with more than 50 pledges. When President Kennedy, who reactivated veterans during the Berlin Crisis, Dick was called back to active duty in the Army for his third year in the military. Upon returning to college in 1962, he was elected Eminent Archon for the second half of junior year.

BUILDING A CAREER

Upon graduation, Dick joined the First National Bank of Lander, Wyoming. After nearly three years at the bank, and after graduating from the Southwest Graduate School of Banking at SMU, he joined the American National Bank of Denver, Colorado's fifth-largest bank. In 1971, he joined the Cherry Creek National Bank in Denver and became its president in 1972.

In 1981, Dick bought the Jackson State Bank with several friends and investors. Throughout the years, Dick and his holding company acquired or chartered and owned four banks in Northwestern Wyoming and one in Eastern Idaho. The United Bancorporation became the largest bank holding company in Wyoming and one of the state's three largest corporations. He later sold it to Wells Fargo in November 2007.

Beyond banking, Dick and his wife have leveraged their success to contribute to nonprofits, underwrite UW professorships, and chair various organizations. They also underwrote the Scarlett Auditorium at the UW College of Business. "I was one of the organizers that started the Cowboy Joe Club."

SUPPORTING ΣAE'S FUTURE

Despite changes in Fraternity life throughout the years, Dick hopes his campaign contribution can help ΣAE remain a prominent force in the UW Greek system for years to come. He encourages fellow alumni, especially those remaining from his era, to join the campaign and support the house's future.

"I was blessed with a good education from the University, and I was also blessed with making a few right choices to be financially successful," he said. Dick's support is a reflection of the lifelong impact of Wyoming Alpha Chapter. "Once an ΣAE, always an ΣAE."

You can connect with Dick and discuss the campaign at [redacted]

LEADING THE WAY

Brothers Develop Valuable Skills

This semester marked a season of growth and momentum for Wyoming Alpha. Academically, the chapter maintained a 3.15 term GPA and a 3.13 cumulative GPA, reflecting a continued commitment to scholarship while balancing leadership and campus involvement.

One of the most notable academic and professional highlights came from the UW Finance Club's trip to New York. A group of students met with top-tier money managers who work closely with the University of Wyoming Foundation, gaining firsthand exposure to both public and private equity investing. The trip was later published by the university, recognizing the impact of the experience. Students sat in on a live due-diligence meeting where executives presented market and strategy overviews before opening the floor for questions. As one member reflected, "The trip really put into perspective the true scale and capacity of the world's markets and how they operate, and then just the level of seriousness it takes to work in the industry at that level." The experience provided unmatched insight into high-level investing and demonstrated the caliber of opportunities our members are pursuing.

Leadership development also remained a cornerstone of Wyoming Alpha's progress. Eminent Deputy Archon **Sydney Bolden '28**, Warden **Colten Saville '28**, and I attended the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Leadership School. It was an incredible experience. Interacting with the leaders of chapters across the nation was beneficial.



Brothers at our fall 2025 camping trip in Buffalo, Wyoming, in November.

The motivational speakers lit a fire in my heart to improve Wyoming Alpha in every way possible. The small-group discussions provided practical insight into recruitment and philanthropy strategies from similarly sized chapters nationwide.

Campus leadership was also exemplified by **William Ward '28**, who serves as IFC president. He reflected, "IFC president has taught me how to build back an exec and a community that was taken advantage of and destroyed. It taught me not to be scared of problems, but more to be the person who finds the solutions for them." His focus on chapter expansion and community rebuilding has strengthened the broader fraternity community at the University of Wyoming.

Philanthropically, the chapter hosted its annual Haunted House event. Raising $7,280, it was the most successful event of the semester. Through academic focus, professional engagement, leadership development, and impactful philanthropy, Wyoming Alpha continues to build momentum and set a strong foundation for the future.

Phi Alpha,
Kelly Kalsen '28
Chapter President

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Chapter Goals

- Improve organizational structure and overall operations.
- Increase member attendance and engagement.
- Increase our presence in the greater Laramie and Wyoming communities.
- Win everything!

Read about chapter highlights and campaign updates inside!

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GLAD TO BE AN ΣAE

Why Matt Cassel '81 Gives to Wyoming Alpha

WHAT WE GAINED

Growing up in Goshen County, pledging SAE, and getting a degree from UW set the path I continue to follow today. I know being exposed to that little poem by John Walter Wayland, "The True Gentleman," had a huge impact on me (as it did for most brothers), and many life lessons were learned (both good and bad). Having a band of brothers to share those lessons was super valuable.

Looking back, it is incredible how much fun we had with all the socials, dances, intramural sports championships, and just plain old clowning around at the house. Along with all the fun, we learned there are lots of moving parts that make a chapter successful.

We were fortunate the work done before us by a solid bunch of young men set the stage that allowed us to win the Minerva Award for being the best chapter in the country—a proud moment for every generation of brothers.

WHAT WE CAN GIVE

As you all know, changes to UW's infrastructure mean our house needs significant updates. A plan is in place to raise the necessary funds so it continues to provide a quality living experience. Jane and I were happy to make a pledge to the renovation fund. **We hope you will join us.** *(And remember, you can't recruit quality pledges to live in a dump—dumps are for Bushman's Ball!)*

MORE FROM MATT AND JANE

We still reside in Casper. Jane retired after 40 years as a physician's assistant in cardiopulmonary, and I'm still grinding at Cliff Outdoors (a company we founded almost 30 years ago). Our three daughters enjoyed their time in Laramie, as did their husbands. Our four granddaughters (so far) are very familiar with the term "Go Pokes." Our hope is they follow in our footsteps.

Jane and I look forward to attending the Hall of Fame social in late April (see page 1). We always enjoy these events and hope to see you there.

Phi Alpha,

[redacted]

Know Someone Who Would Make a Great ΣAE?

SEND US THEIR INFO!

Submit your recruitment referrals to:
Recruitment Chairman **William Ward '28**
at [redacted] and President
[redacted]

Information to include:
- What is their age and hometown?
- Is there a connection to the Fraternity?
- What was their high school GPA?
- Any high school involvements?
- Any prior leadership experience?
- Why would they be a good fit for our chapter?

Thank you for helping us grow the brotherhood!

Welcome to our newest brother, Kevin Macartney!