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WHAT'S NEXT FOR WYOMING ALPHA?

2025 and Beyond Alumni Events

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar now for the 7th biannual Round-Up on April 24-26, 2026, in Laramie! Your alumni association has organized this event since 2013, and hundreds of alumni and undergraduates have enjoyed a wonderful time connecting with old friends and making new ones.

Traditionally, the weekend has kicked off with a "Welcome Home" reception on Friday night, moved on to a "Our Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys" dinner (featuring the induction of distinguished alumni into the Wyoming Alpha Hall of Fame) on Saturday evening, and concluded with a "Bustin' Out of Laramie" farewell breakfast on Sunday morning.

HELP GET THE WORD OUT?

The roadmap for pulling all this off has been well-established, but the alumni association is actively recruiting a small posse of alumni to take the reins to make the 2026 Round-Up even more successful than those in the past. The most challenging task is to efficiently inform and engage alumni from every generation. Those of you who have the expertise and the inclination to reach out to fellow alumni through email, snail mail, social media, and other avenues are encouraged to saddle up!

HALL OF FAME FEEDBACK

We need you to identify alumni for potential induction into the Wyoming Alpha Hall of Fame! The alumni association intends to make the process open and transparent, and all brothers are welcome to submit nominations. The general, broad criteria for Hall of Fame induction can be accessed at **wyosae.org**.

Some interest has been expressed in expanding the eligibility pool to include our younger alumni. The current criteria call for a minimum of 30 years from the time of initiation into ΣAE before a candidate is eligible for induction. If you have thoughts on this or any other aspect of the Hall of Fame process, your alumni association would like to hear from you.

ZOOM MEETING COMING SOON!

In the shorter term, the alumni association keenly hopes to engage all alumni and to increase participation at all levels. The alumni association bylaws (also available on the website) call for regular meetings of the association and the election of various officers. Sadly, and for various reasons, it has proven challenging to arrange such meetings, but the association would like to remedy this shortly by calling a preliminary alumni association meeting to be convened via Zoom soon. Please keep a lookout for a scheduling email!

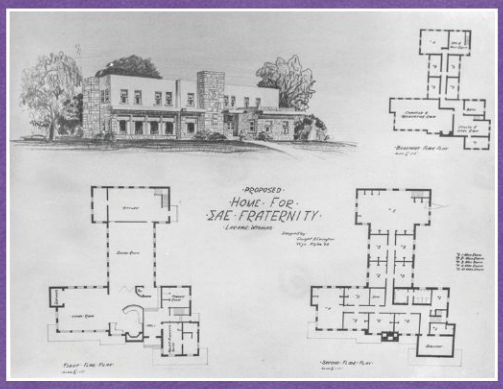
If you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below. Your volunteer commitment, thoughts, questions, and comments are highly encouraged!

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Fraternally,
Joseph Kelly '80
Alumni Association President
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Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965

ΣAE Through the Years









Brothers gather for a photo after an intense flag football game.

Sharing in Triumph

UNDERGRADUATES REFLECT ON A SUCCESSFUL 2024

As we reflect on another successful year of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, we take pride in the accomplishments that have not only strengthened our brotherhood but also benefited the community. This year, our chapter focused on both philanthropic efforts and personal growth, and we are thrilled to share the positive impact we've made together.

PHILANTHROPY

One of the most notable events was our participation in Paddy Murphy Week, a time dedicated to giving back to our community. We raised an impressive 5,128 cans of food and $1,006, all of which were donated to the local food pantry. This effort exemplifies our commitment to supporting those in need and our dedication to the values of service and the compassion that defines our brotherhood.

Additionally, our haunted house fundraiser raised over $7,200 for the University of Wyoming's Veterans Service, a cause we are deeply passionate about. Our partnership with Alpha Phi for a car smash event also raised $200. These initiatives demonstrate our Fraternity's focus on making a real difference in the lives of others, particularly those who have served our country.



Members enjoy an unforgettable lake trip, which featured cliff jumping, relaxation, and brotherly bonding.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

This year, we proudly signed up 63 new members to the National Marrow Donor Program, furthering our dedication to life-saving causes and ensuring that our Fraternity remains a beacon of service and compassion. On top of this, every member has completed over 20 philanthropic service hours, with executive members contributing more than 40 hours of service both on and off campus. These efforts pair with our commitment to fostering a culture of leadership, responsibility, and excellence.

Academically, our chapter continues to strive for improvement. Currently, our GPA stands at 3.1, and we are actively working to elevate that through mentorship, academic support, and a renewed emphasis on scholarly achievement.



The fraternity participates in the Homecoming Parade, representing the chapter and engaging with the community.

As a chapter, we also led the way in community service by having the highest attendance at the University of Wyoming's Big Event, which serves as a day of service for residents and local businesses. Recognizing the dedication of our brothers, we were proud to see **Jackson Miller '26** awarded Emerging Leader of the Year and **Jerry Henderson '25** named Fraternity Man of the Year. Our chapter was also honored to receive the Philanthropy Event of the Year award for our outstanding contributions.

We look forward to continuing these efforts in the coming year, growing as individuals and as a Fraternity, and making a lasting impact in our community.

Fraternally,
Kellen McCoul '27
Eminent Archon

Lifelong Brotherhood

V. Frank Mendicino '62 Reflects on His ΣAE Story

V. Frank Mendicino '62 credits his time with Sigma Alpha Epsilon as transformative, shaping both his personal and professional journey. "I pledged at the beginning of the second semester of my freshman year," Frank recalled. "My best friend from high school had joined in the fall and encouraged me to meet the brothers. With his support, and knowing several members from my hometown of Cheyenne, I decided to join."

From the beginning, Frank found himself drawn to the people who made up the Fraternity. "The relationships with my brothers stood out the most," he said. "We also had a fantastic alumni board—active, supportive, but never overbearing." Frank's four years with ΣAE were marked by camaraderie and a shared sense of purpose, memories he cherishes to this day.

One particularly fond memory took place during a Homecoming. "We participated in the sing and float competitions," Frank shared. "One year, we won both events. My closest friend, **Dave Carmichael '62**, led the chorus but told me to work on the float because I couldn't carry a note!" Frank was painted gold and posed as The Thinker atop the float.

During his college years, Frank balanced Fraternity life with academics and leadership. "I was selected as student body president, and I'm sure much of that was due to the support of my brothers." After earning a business degree, he joined the Army, and inspired by his friend Dave, he later pursued a law degree. Frank's career has been wide-ranging, including practicing law, serving as Wyoming's Attorney General, and co-founding a venture capital fund.

Frank attributes much of his success to the principles instilled during his Fraternity years. "ΣAE's values aligned closely with those my parents taught me. Maintaining those principles has been crucial throughout my life," he said. The friendships he formed through ΣAE have also endured. "Though I'm 85 now, three close brothers are still alive, and our relationships remain incredibly important to me."

Staying connected with ΣAE and the University of Wyoming has always been a priority for Frank. "I served on the house corporation board and as chapter advisor," he said. "Even after moving to Northern California, I've attended reunions and visited the house during Homecoming." He also served on the University Foundation Board for 26 years. "Both the Fraternity and the university were significant influences on my life, and I feel a deep sense of gratitude toward them."

Now semi-retired, Frank and his wife, Barbara, split their time between Laramie, Boulder, and a fishing village in Mexico. They travel frequently, visit family in Italy, and enjoy time with their three children and six grandchildren. Reflecting on his entire journey, Frank said, "The Fraternity was an important part of my life as I was becoming an adult. I've always felt an obligation to give back, and I'm deeply grateful for the experiences and friendships that ΣAE brought into my life."

If you'd like to contact Frank, you can send him an email at [redacted]

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DEI Chairman | **Jackson Miller '26**

Aiming for Excellence

Goals for 2025

Wyoming Alpha Chapter is dedicated to fostering personal and leadership growth within our brotherhood. This semester, our goals are to strengthen bonds, enhance academic success, and achieve a record-breaking year in philanthropy.

- **We want to create an environment that supports personal and leadership development.** Through workshops, mentorship programs, and speaker events, we will focus on building leadership skills, fostering accountability, and encouraging initiative. By setting clear expectations and providing support, we empower each member to grow into strong leaders and make lasting impacts.

- **We are focused on improving our chapter GPA** through study schedules, academic resources, and mentorship programs by pairing underclassmen with upperclassmen for guidance and support. By fostering a culture of academic achievement, we ensure both personal growth and continued Fraternity success.

- **We aim for a record-breaking year in philanthropy.** Our commitment to community service includes charity events, volunteer efforts, and fundraising initiatives aligned with our values. By engaging our members and the larger community, we strive to set new standards for philanthropic achievement.

Through personal and leadership development, academic excellence, and impactful philanthropy, ΣAE is dedicated to strengthening our brotherhood and creating a positive legacy in our community.

Invest in Our Future



GIVE BACK TO ΣAE

As we look ahead to 2025, your support is crucial for Wyoming Alpha Chapter to continue thriving. Whether through financial contributions or volunteer service, your involvement helps us build a stronger brotherhood and maintain our legacy of excellence. Join us in making a lasting impact—every contribution counts! Visit our online portal at **wyomingsae.causevox.com** today to explore giving options.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



Our newest members after participating in initiation, which symbolizes their shared commitment and bond as brothers.

Sydney Bolden | *Jackson, Wy.*
Roscoe Cone | *Cheyenne, Wy.*
Jack Connolly | *San Francisco, Calif.*
Reece Doner | *Casper, Wy.*
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Hayden Vandell | *Cheyenne, Wy.*
William Ward | *New Orleans, La.*
Charlie Watson | *Libertyville, Ill.*

WHY ΣAE?

"I joined ΣAE to embody the values of a True Gentleman. Being a brother in ΣAE holds me accountable and helps me grow into a better man every day."
–Colton Neal '28

"I chose to join because of the strength of our philanthropy and the close-knit brotherhood. The sense of unity and the impact we make together really stood out and played a significant role in my decision."
–William Ward '28