

THE BENCHMARK

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CONNECTING UC TRIANGLE ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

UC Triangle Receives Second Legacy Donation

In June, John and Suzanne Phillips became the second Legacy donors by making a generous gift to the Park W. Gast Jr, Education foundation. John and Suzanne have decided to name the “island” between Clifton Avenue and Swiss Chalet Court, which was purchased with the new house. Many thanks to John and Suzanne for their generosity. Learn more about the many options for making a donation to the Chapter. Please visit www.uctriangle.org/donate.



UC Triangle Continues Its Academic Leadership

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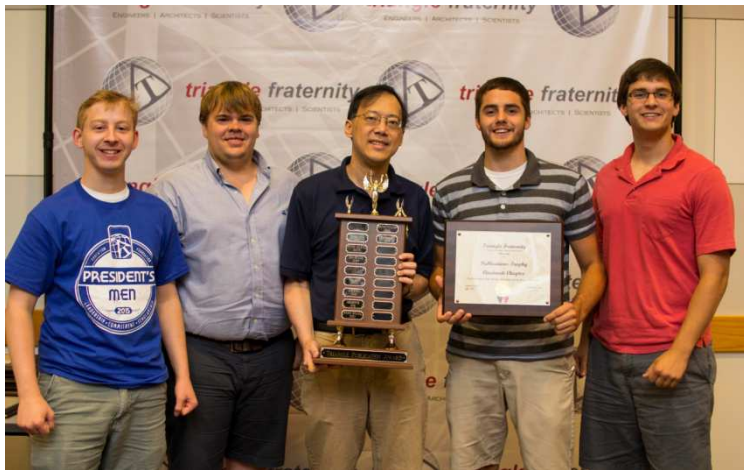
The Cincinnati Chapter made another strong academic showing last spring. It's average GPA of **3.23**, up from 3.20 in the Fall semester, put the group in 4th place among fraternities, and well above the fraternity average of 2.89. The tradition of academic leadership continues!

Cincinnati Chapter Receives Numerous Chapter Performance Awards at Herb Scobie Leadership School

On the weekend of July 11-13, four Cincinnati Actives attended the Herb Scobie Leadership School at Rose Hulman Institute in Terra Haute, Indiana. The program included three jam-packed days of lectures, discussions, workshops and exercises, all aimed at creating a “World of Better Men”.

The program closed on Sunday with presentation of the annual Chapter Performance Awards. Cincinnati made another strong showing, taking home awards in 4 of the 8 categories, so many awards, in fact, that they called on Alumni to help hold them all during the picture taking. Cincinnati's awards included:

- **Publications Award** – given to the Chapter with the most outstanding newsletter for its members.
- **Chapter Growth Award** – given to a select group of chapters (16 in all) that have added between 10 and 19 new members in the last year.
- **Outstanding Leadership Award** – given to individuals that have provided leadership to their Chapter above and beyond the call of duty. Cincinnati's past President, Abe Boyles, was one of six recipients this year.
- **Campus Involvement Award** – given to Chapters whose members are involved in two or more campus organizations other than the Fraternity. Cincinnati was one of 4 recipients.



Actives And Alumni Celebrate Founder's Day Together

On April 13th, Actives and Alumni joined at the Montgomery Inn to celebrate Founder's Day. Following a great meal, numerous awards were distributed to recognize leadership and exceptional contributions.

Topping off the festivities, the Park W. Gast Jr. Educational Foundation distributed scholarships to **25** deserving Actives totaling **\$14,800**.



Save These Dates

Fall is always a busy time, and this coming fall is no exception. The Active Chapter is looking for Alumni participation in several events, so mark your calendar and save these dates.

August 9th – Fall Worksession. Help the Actives prepare for a full house and a successful recruiting season this fall.

September 13th – Bid dinner. Join the Active Chapter for dinner with the Fall recruits, and witness the swearing in of the new pledge class.

September 20th – Homecoming. Plans are still being formulated and game time has not yet been set, so watch your email for more details. One thing is certain, however, the Actives want to restart the tradition of making Homecoming the big Alumni event of the Fall.

From Your Editor

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of the Benchmark. With most of the Actives off campus during the summer, this issue is primarily written by Alumni, for Alumni.

We truly appreciate the participation and outstanding support that we get from our fellow Alumni. We want to do everything possible to connect Alumni to each other and to the Active Chapter, and we hope that the Benchmark helps accomplish that.

If you ever have suggestions (or criticisms) on the content or format of our communications, please contact us. Want more? Less? Have we left out a topic of interest? Written too much? Want electronic distribution? No, keep it on paper? Whatever your opinions and preferences, we'd like to hear them. Please write us at:

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Alumni Elect New Board Members

At the annual Member’s meeting on July 3rd, the Cincinnati Alumni elected a new Board of Trustees. The group now consists of:

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One of the Board’s top priorities for the coming year is to involve as many Alumni as possible – regardless of which Chapter they are from. The Board has a long list of projects – large and small – for which they need help. Anyone with an interest in helping out should contact any of the Board members for information.

Brothers Share Spring Break Adventure

Over spring break, a few of the Cincinnati brothers chose to take a different route from the typical spring break trip. These brothers chose to hike nearly 40 miles along the southern most portion of the Appalachian Trail. Over this five day excursion, we met a lot of amazing people, slept on top of a mountain in a cloud, and formed many more memories to last us a lifetime. A few of the guys who went even plan on one day hiking the entire 2,180 miles from Georgia to Maine.





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Park W. Gast Jr. Education Foundation Announces New Scholarship Programs

At the Founder’s Day banquet on April 13th, the Park W. Gast Jr. Education Foundation announced its new lineup of scholarships. Funded by generous donations from Alumni (Thank You!) the array of scholarships is designed to encourage and reward academic excellence. Look for exciting scholarship news throughout the school year.

AWARD	CANDIDATES	QUANTITY	CRITERIA	AMOUNT
Recruiting Scholarship*	Incoming freshmen	2 At Active’s discretion	Application review and interviews by Actives	\$750 total
Pledge Dean’s List scholarship	Pledges	unlimited	Pledges that make Dean’s list during pledging semester	Pledge fee
Beef and Beans Challenge	Actives and Pledges	n/a	Group with the higher GPA	Alumni prepared Steak dinner
House Challenge Scholarship	Actives	unlimited	House has top 3 GPA among UC Greeks	Amount equal to one month’s rent
Service Scholarship	Actives	5	PWG Board review of applications	\$1000 each, \$2000 if in house
Individual Best Scholarship	Actives	unlimited	Dean’s list in fall, improved GPA or cumulative GPA from previous semester	National Dues, 2x National dues if in house

Actives Become Inmates For Sigma Sigma Carnival

In April, the Cincinnati chapter participated in the Sigma Sigma Carnival. Now in its 72nd year, the event is an annual tradition on campus. Student organizations set up booths with carnival events ranging from a ring toss to riding a mechanical bull. This year’s theme was “Carnival on Patrol” and Triangle chose to do “Pie the Inmate.” Our booth was a huge success with a lot student involvement and we went through nearly \$100 worth of whipped cream. Funds raised help the Sigma Sigma men’s honorary make improvements to the campus.



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Participation In Sin5 Campaign Continues To Grow

Alumni continue to show their generous support by contributing to the Sin5 fundraising campaign. At the end of June, 11 months into the 5 year campaign, the effort has achieved 24% of its \$500,000 goal. As reported in the annual meeting, 57% of the donations are pledges which will arrive in future years – a great foundation for future success.



A heart felt THANK YOU to all contributors! To become a contributor, visit:
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