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AVC UPDATE

Dear Brothers,

It is a great day—and a proud day—to be a Husky and a SigEp. To quote SigEp's Grand President Billy Maddalon, our community has been "embarrassed with riches" in recent months. In the short time since our last newsletter, our Huskies won their fifth men's basketball NCAA title, and our chapter, AVC, and its members racked up NINE awards from the University and the national fraternity.

Fanfare aside, however, the most memorable parts of the past few months have been the opportunities I've had to reconnect with my Brothers. In February, Brother John Donnelly and I (overcoming a pair of broken snowshoes) enjoyed a subzero summit of Mt. Marcy. Later that month, I had the privilege to catch up with many Brothers—Steve Chaneles, Steve Jason, Joe Langella, and Jonathan Wharton among them—over dinner in Parsippany, NJ. And last month, I reunited with my Brothers Sean Del Gallo and Dean Zacchio in St. Petersburg. For me, these opportunities to rekindle the bonds of brotherly love shine as brightly as our newly-acquired hardware.

As you read through this edition, I encourage you to think of ways you can locate and reconnect with your chapter brothers. We are all SigEps for life. Whether you made your last dues payment in January 2023 or January 1956, make sure you get your money's worth by taking full advantage of the lifelong friendships that CT Alpha has helped foster.

I look forward to rekindling these bonds again in San Antonio this August at the 58th Grand Chapter Conclave—and we look forward to sharing exciting updates from that event in our next issue.

In Phi,

Van Augur, '20
AVC President

CHAPTER UPDATE

Congratulations to the following four brothers for their recent awards.

Brother Will Servino was chosen as a Tragos Quest to Greece Scholar for his many contributions to the Chapter, including his recent term as Vice President of Recruitment. He also received the Living the Ritual Award from UConn.

Brother John Donnelly received the J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award based on nominations from a fellow Brother.

Brother Ethan Lovallo was awarded the UConn Outstanding Chapter President Award for his leadership.

The Chapter received the Excelsior Award for Finance, the Talent Power Award, and the Benjamin Hobson-Frayser Award for Excellence in Communication.

Click **here** for details.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Congratulations to Brother Jerry Dallas for receiving this year's Volunteer of the Year award.

Brother Dallas has been a tireless warrior for CT Alpha for over 50 years, and a constant presence for Brothers both young and old.

Jerry Dallas stories are legendary. For example, he recently took on the challenge of repairing the Chapter couch to help save money. In the early 80's he helped build the fire escape at 9 Gilbert Road over a weekend to secure the occupancy permit.

This award recognizes a volunteer who has maintained a significant positive impact on CT-Alpha or the AVC. He has proven time and time again that he could not be more deserving and we are all very proud to call him Brother!

The AVC received the Sunago Award for Excellence in Mentorship and the AVC Operational Excellence Award.

Click **here** for details.

Brother Servino accepting his Tragos Quest to Greece Backpack from AVC President Van Augur.

Brother Dallas accepting his Volunteer of the Year Award from AVC President Van Augur.

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ALUMNI PROFILE

Meet Robert Phillips (’98, ’01, ’12) - A triple Husky, proud father, and accomplished public servant. Rob shares his story with Tom Birmingham ('86).

Click **here** for the full interview.

SIGEP FOR LIFE

A big shout-out for our 13 alumni who participated in our innaugural SigEp for Life Event this past March. They shared their experiences with about 25 undergraduate brothers as part of a career networking event.

Click **here** for details.

BLEEDING BLUE

You know the old saying "winning never gets old." Well, the fifth NCAA Title for the UConn Men's Basketball Team this past April 4 proved that point. And now the storyline is whether UConn should be considered a "blue blood" along with UCLA, Kentucky, Kansas, UNC, Duke and Indiana. We all know the answer to that question! Read more **here**.

CALENDAR UPDATE

August 2-6, 2023 - Grand Chapter Conclave

- **Registration is now available**

September 10, 2023 - Alumni Golf Tournament

- Tunxis Country Club, Farmington, CT

STAYING IN TOUCH

Help locate “lost” brothers and keep your information current

1. Click **here** to share any updated contact information for brothers on this list.
2. Click **here** to update your own information.

THANK YOU

UPDATE ON THE CHAPTER COUCH:

On behalf of the Connecticut Alpha chapter and AVC, we'd like to thank everyone who supported the repair of the common room couch! Thanks to everyone's support, we were able to:

- Get structural frame repairs done on two sections of the couch at a nearby furniture specialist
- Restore all the missing legs on the couch
- Patch up and reupholster sections with torn fabric or leather
- Apply polish to the leather to restore its original color

A special thanks to the following — because of their support, the couch at the Ed Kaplan House is ready for the next decade of CT Alpha!

TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

George Andrews
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Additionally, we'd like to thank Ralph Hedenberg, Bob Flynn, and Jonathan Wharton for donating to the AVC's Gildhouse Scholarship Fund, and Jim Moreno and Bill Wivell for donating to our annual alumni operations fund.

CT Alpha Common Room Couch After Restoration

Brother's Sean Flaherty and Kris Davis are seen here helping with the repairs.

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