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KU SigEp proudly announces...

...a significant development in the evolution of the chapter. Sigma Phi Epsilon Headquarters has officially accredited KU SigEp as a *Sigma Phi Epsilon Residential Learning Community*. KU SigEp has been seeking accreditation as a Residential Learning Community for several years. Only a very small percentage of SigEp chapters achieve this distinction.

The Residential Learning Community program is unique to SigEp in the fraternity world. Patterned after residential colleges that originally started at Oxford University, it encourages chapters to become living-learning communities, adding continuous learning and faculty interaction to SigEp's already strong competence at fostering brotherhood, lifelong friendships, and building social and leadership skills.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Residential Learning Community Chapters must meet the following criteria:

- An active Faculty Fellow
- A chapter GPA above the all-campus average, and a minimum GPA membership standard of 2.75
- Separate space devoted to academic pursuits in the chapter house
- A policy for substance free common areas and academic spaces
- Innovative academic programming consistent with the ideals of the Residential Learning Community
- A superior Alumni Volunteer Corporation Board
- Engagement and support from the University

KU SigEp's accreditation is the result of a significant effort by the chapter and alumni board in adopting high academic standards, and in engaging KU faculty in the daily operation of the chapter. KU SigEp offers tutoring in the chapter house, innovative

leadership programs, and a chapter house that features learning space, an expanded computer center, a faculty office, and classroom/chapter meeting room.

KU SigEp...proud to be a Sigma Phi Epsilon Residential Learning Community!

For more information about the Residential Learning Community, visit www.sigep.org/rhc



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT | BEN CRAIG

Alumnus of the Year

2010 KU SigEp James Naismith Outstanding Alumnus

One of KU SigEp's most prominent members, **Ben Craig**, was honored as the 2010 James Naismith Outstanding Alumnus at the KU SigEp Business Lunch (see photos, page 3).

Often referred to as "Mr. Kansas" or "Mr. Johnson County," Brother Craig has been a pillar in the growth and success of Johnson County. He is credited helping start Johnson County Community College. Whether the College, a nearby park, a new school, or an air center, there are few Johnson County projects in the past 50 years that have advanced without Ben Craig's quiet leadership. Professionally, he has been with Metcalf Bank for almost 50 years, serving as CEO for most of those years. Prior to his business career, he played semi-pro baseball with a teammate named Mickey Mantle!

During his undergraduate days at KU, SigEp was transitioning from the house that it was forced to sell while most members were away serving during WWII (Delta Gamma's current house), and SigEp's current location at 1645 Tennessee. Craig said that interim



Ben Craig with candidate Kay Wolf

house, at 14th and Tennessee, was fondly referred to as the "Brown Palace." Today, Brother Craig said that he is "extremely proud and impressed by all of SigEp's recent accomplishments and awards" and that he "values his many SigEp friendships."

KU SigEp is proud to call "Mr. Kansas," Ben Craig, a Brother!

Thank you, SigEp volunteers!

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Major **Brad Loudon** sends greetings to his KU SigEp Brothers while serving his country in Iraq

Take me out to the ball game!



Brothers **Ian McGonigle** and **Zack Korte** on the bus to the Kansas City Royals game. Each year KU SigEps plan a brotherhood event to Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City.



Please send all tax deductible donations to:

Kansas Gamma Alumni Association
P.O. Box 7050
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Your donation goes towards improving SigEp and we will mail you a receipt!



Turner Gill is keynote speaker at KU SigEp Business Lunch

The KU SigEp Business Lunch featured new KU Head Football Coach Turner Gill. Coach Gill gave insight into his coaching philosophies, answered questions, and, told the crowd that he had already heard about the strong reputation of KU SigEp! 109 alumni, 12 undergraduates, and eight high school recruits attended the luncheon on February 26 in Overland Park.



Clockwise from top: KU Head Football Coach Turner Gill tells the group he's already heard great things about SigEp at KU; Undergraduates and high school recruits attended the luncheon; Dale Seufferling, Turner Gill, Tom Gray, and John Holt discuss strategy to improve their seats at Memorial Stadium next year; Ben Craig accepts the Alumnus of the Year award and tells the Chapter Members how proud he is of their recent awards.



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Updating your information is easy as 1-2-3 at: **kusigep.com**

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2. Update your current information (don't forget your email address)

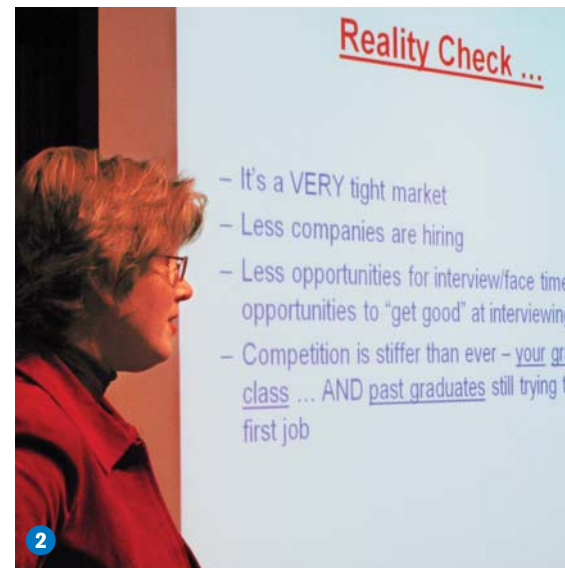
3. SUBMIT

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Believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, LeadEP Leadership and Self Development Conference was hosted by alumni of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at the University of Kansas. The conference featured over 26 KU student organizations, and outside professional speakers to assist SigEp with personal development, involvement on campus as well as developmental leadership skills. The one day conference featured resume and interviewing skills, etiquette training, student involvement and networking.



“KU SigEp programming would lead almost any college campus today.”

~ AMY LONG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
STUDENT LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT OFFICE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS



Read more about
LeadEp in the
Spring 2010 issue
of the *SigEp*
Journal



1) Michael Dalbom addresses the Chapter
2) Professional Recruiter Barb Brown
discusses interview tips from a recruiter's
perspective

3) Dave Frederick discusses opportunities
within the Chapter
4) Chapter members gain leadership
and career skills

5) Representatives
from KU's Student
Leadership &
Involvement Office
discuss campus
involvement
opportunities

6) Sally Company
discusses etiquette
skills

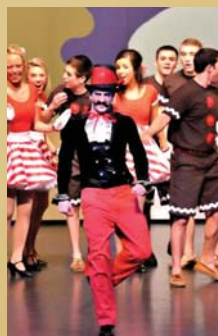
7) 26 organizations
participated in
SigEp's "Get
Involved" Fair to
showcase their
opportunities with
their organization

8) Kyle Turbitt visits
KU Greek Ambassador's booth in the "Get
Involved" Fair
9) Members received a complete binder
filled with leadership and career tips
upon arrival.

KU SigEp takes the Gold in Rock Chalk Revue 2010

Rock Chalk Revue is a campus-wide variety show and philanthropy event. This weekend marked the 61st year of the program. Campus living organizations, including greek houses, are paired together in April for the next year's event and instructed to create a 20-minute musical show. In November, twelve groups auditioned and five groups were selected as finalists to perform on the big stage at KU Lied Center in March.

In a sweet mix of music and song, Sigma Kappa and Sigma Phi Epsilon's "Meet me in Candyland" won six awards, including Best Show! Watch SigEp's "Best Pre-Show Video" at kusigep.com





Congratulations to KU SigEp for their winning performance in the 2010 Rock Chalk Review

- BEST SHOW!!!
- Best pre-show video
- Best performance by a chorus
- Best costumes
- Best choreography
- Best supporting role



See video clips and pictures online at kusigep.com



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**Homecoming,
October 23, 2010**

Watch for details at kusigep.com

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Good Times at KU SigEp



KU SigEp undergraduates enjoy holiday gatherings and SigEp Formal.



**KU SigEp senior wins
KU's "Outstanding Greek
Senior" and now serves
kids on his path to a
medical career.**



Read all about Brad Cardonell's experience in Kenya (and Kansas!) in the spring issue of the *SigEp Journal*!