



GAMMA RAMMA

Fall Semester 2018



GREETINGS FROM KU SIGEP

KU SigEp Overview

- 95 years at The University of Kansas, founded in 1923
- Largest fraternity at The University of Kansas
- Founding Member, Dr. James Naismith, invented the game of basketball
- 16 different states represented among the chapter's membership

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Letter on state of the chapter from current Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapter President - Jonah Cohen

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Message from KU SigEp's house mother of 12 years

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SigEp has had many chapter house improvements in the recent years and has plans for many more

STATE OF THE CHAPTER: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jonah Cohen

KU SigEp 2018-2019 Chapter President

Brothers and Alumni,

My name is Jonah Cohen. I am a junior from Colorado studying Finance and Business Analytics and I have the pleasure of serving as KU SigEp's president for the 2018-2019 school year.

In an effort to be transparent to our alumni, I want to inform you on the status of the SigEp chapter at KU. During the 2018 spring semester, the chapter went through an investigation conducted by the university in response to a third-person hazing allegation.

In conclusion of the investigation the chapter was found responsible of "member dominance" during the Initiation Week. The investigation report stressed that no alcohol was involved and no members' personal safety was ever at risk. Portions of the membership development program needed to be revised to meet today's expectations and standards.

The chapter received social restrictions through December 31, 2018 and a probation status until March 20, 2019. Throughout this year the entire executive board has gained an abundance of assistance while working with the university to improve our member education programming and the chapter as a whole.

I am extremely proud to announce that SigEp's members have responded to this probation by increasing efforts to be involved within the Greek Community and the KU Community altogether.



"Mom Sally" - Sally Company
 SigEp House Mother 2007-Present

We encourage you to drop by SigEp anytime you're in Lawrence. You'll have a chance to meet some of our members, and to see the many improvements that have been made to the house in the past few years.

SigEp at KU is doing very well, and we'd love for you to see it first hand! Please drop by to see us!

In the past few weeks we have had two members elected to the Interfraternity Council Executive Board and three members elected to the Junior Interfraternity Council Executive Board. Keaton Dornath and Jack Bryan will serve on KU's IFC Board as Risk Reduction and Scholarship Chair respectively. Tommy Braun, Sam Friedmann, and Brett Wainwright will serve on KU's Junior IFC Board as Communications, Philanthropy, and Public Relations respectively. We are extremely proud of all five of these members and are excited to see their positive impact on the Greek Community in this upcoming year.

SigEp has been, and will continue to be, a leading fraternity at KU. We are excited to watch our recent programming revisions strengthen SigEp even more!

Fraternally,

Jonah Cohen
 KU SigEp - President

SIGEPS GIVING BACK

Corpus Christi



Last month, members volunteered at Corpus Christi to teach young kids the importance of being a leader and how to be a part of a team. This is one of many ways members frequently volunteer in the Lawrence Community.

Polar Plunge



The annual Polar Plunge continues to be SigEp's largest and most successful philanthropy partnership. The Polar Plunge is an event hosted by Special Olympics - Lawrence, which is an organization that empowers individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society. This year's Polar Plunge will take place on February 24th, 2019.



CHAPTER HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

In the past few years, KU SigEp has been committed to constantly updating the chapter house. Here are a few of the most recent improvements although there are many more to come in the near future.

New Furniture

The chapter house has recieved new furniture in the study room, formal room, media room, chapter room, as well as in the dining hall

Gazebo

Last summer, a gazebo was constructed next to the basketball court. Members of the chapter frequently use the gazebo to grill out on weekends

Grand Piano

A grand piano was generously donated by Tom and Anita Wertz. The piano is located in the formal room and has been a great addition

Updated Entryway

The front entry hallway now displays a quote from James Naismith (KU SigEp Founder) that was painted by artist and junior class member David Accurso

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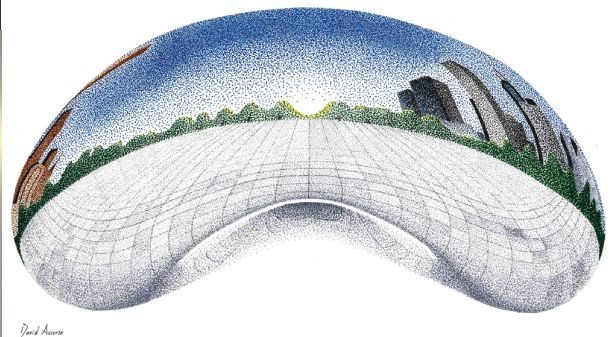
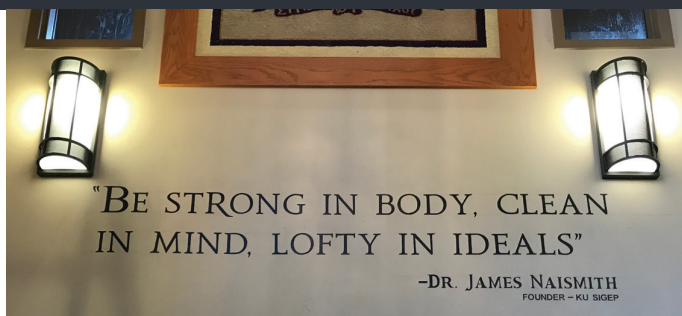
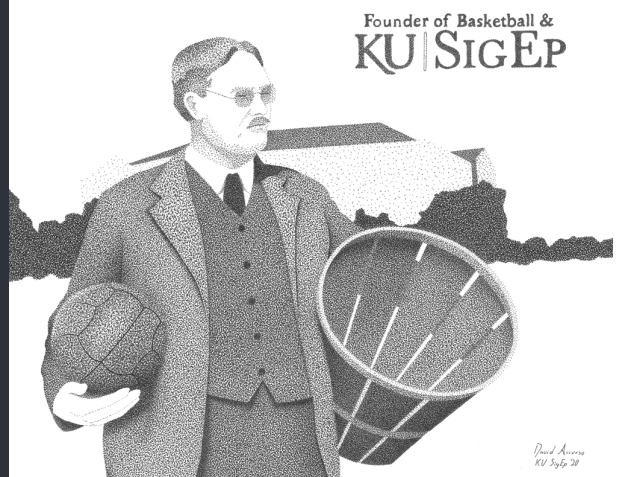
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DAVID ACCURSO

Twenty-year-old David Accurso is an up-and-coming artist out of Kansas City, Kansas. Accurso currently showcases his work in the local Kansas City area. In addition, he has made appearances in Chicago to expand his reach. David's following is growing alongside his aspiration to share his art with world-wide audiences.

Accurso's artistic journey began at a young age when he first discovered his talent and passion for drawing. Although art has always been a part of Accurso's life, it was not until his teenage years that he realized his artistic inclination. In his middle school years David was exposed to stippling, a technique in which the artist strategically places dots to create a desired image. A fascination and obsession for this technique ensued as David continued to develop his artistic abilities throughout his remaining teenage years.

Accurso's artistic abilities are the result of years of practice and dedication that have made his craft unique among all other techniques. David is a junior member that has completed several extraordinary pieces for the chapter. If you are interested in looking at more of his work or purchasing a piece of his, visit his website at <https://www.davidaccurso.com>



Thank You for Your Support:

We are extremely grateful for recent alumni donations that have greatly benefitted the chapter and have assisted the future success of SigEp at The University of Kansas. These donations do not go unnoticed and all current members are extremely grateful for the support. If you would like to donate to the chapter please go to kusigep.com/donate or KGAA, PO Box 7050, OP, KS 66207-0050



The 2018-2019 New Member Class:

The 2018-2019 new member class is composed of 38 young men, 33 of which are freshmen and the other 5 are in their sophomore year. The new member class has shown tremendous commitment to live out the principles of SigEp and have collectively shown their desire to be balanced in their academic and personal lives.



IN MEMORIAM: Charlie Storey Gillis 1998-2018

This portrait of Charlie was painted by brother David Accurso shortly after Charlie's passing

We are absolutely heartbroken to inform you that SigEp lost one of our members this semester in a car accident. Charlie Gillis was a junior from St. Louis studying film at KU, which was a longtime passion of his. Charlie was known for his unrelenting joyful and adventurous spirit. He was someone who never failed to bring a smile to those around him. We are extremely grateful for the tremendous outpouring of love that has been shown towards our members during this time. We continue to pray for Charlie's family and hold them very close in our hearts.

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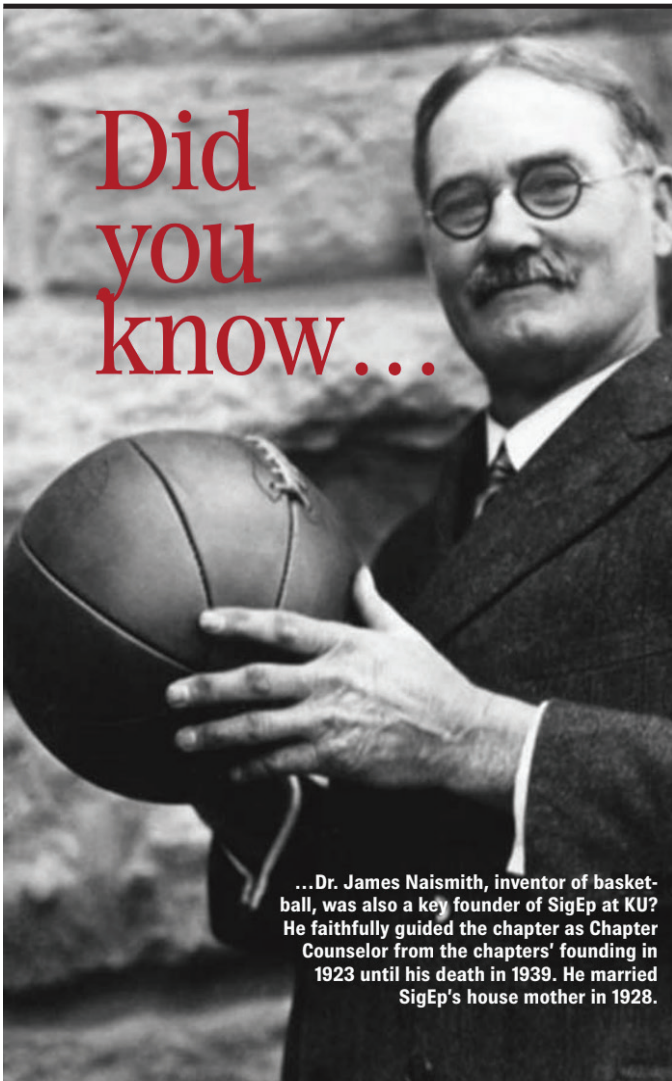


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Did
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know...



...Dr. James Naismith, inventor of basketball, was also a key founder of SigEp at KU? He faithfully guided the chapter as Chapter Counselor from the chapters' founding in 1923 until his death in 1939. He married SigEp's house mother in 1928.



Brian "B.D." Davis is in his 27th continuous year of friendship with SigEp! Brian comes to us as part of the Natural Ties special needs program. Brian is famously known around SigEp for sharing jokes after dinners. We can confirm that after 27 years, his jokes have not changed one bit, however they continue to make members laugh every week.