

# Sigma Phi Epsilon



Colorado Gamma Chapter  
Colorado State University

**Choosing Colorado State University as a place to further your education was an important decision. Another equally important decision is how you choose to spend your time while in college.**

The Brothers of Colorado Gamma would like to introduce you to the Greek system in Colorado State University. Today's college fraternities offer leadership opportunities, educational support, scholarships, social activities, and life-long friendships. Joining a fraternity will give you a sense of belonging on campus that will make your college experience more personal and rewarding.



Sigma Phi Epsilon prides itself on its individuals and diversity of membership. Although we are men of different talents and interest, we all share the common bond brother. Our fraternal bond is very difficult to express in words, but it's something that can easily be seen amongst members anytime, anywhere.



You will learn more about our chapter in the following pages. As you go through rush, please take time to ask questions about what SigEp and Greek life has to offer. We hope it goes well for you and that you get the opportunity to share of eternal experience the last lifetime.



## Sigma Phi Epsilon

Has 1400 undergraduates on 210 college campuses throughout the United States, SigEp is the largest national for attorney. Over 350,000 men have chosen to get us there for 30 for some very good reasons. SigEp is not only the largest fraternity... We are simply the best for 30. The national fraternity has the largest support staff, the best leadership training program, the largest endowment, and SigEp has the highest-grade point average of any fraternity.



Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity on November 1, 1901, in Richmond Virginia by 12 young men have a high moral character who wanted if eternity that was different. Sigma phi epsilon is different. Our mission is to build balanced leaders espouse the high moral character of our founders.

Our carnal principles are virtue, diligent, and brotherly love. Every SigEp embraces these principles and strives to be a balanced man with a sound mind and body. SigEp's are leaders on college campuses and in their communities. You will find SigEp's along the nation's leaders in business and government as well as sports and entertainment. Your first experience with SigEp probably came as a child via green eggs and ham... Yes even Dr. Seuss was a SigEp.

## Colorado Gamma

Today we are known as the Colorado Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon or CSU/SigEp for short. But we were originally founded in the summer of 1894 at was then known as Colorado Agricultural College, when a group students saw a need to form a club for the sole purpose of reducing the cost of food. They named it the San Juan Cub.

Colorado Gamma is consistently one of the top chapters on the CSU campus and one of the best fraternities in nation. With over 2,500 total initiates, Colorado Gamma has a history of excellent since our founding on November 27, 1915.

Today the active chapter is over 90 members strong, and we excel in all areas of fraternal life from campus leadership to community service... From athletics to all campus events and Greek week... From academics to social functions.



We truly believe Sigma Phi Epsilon is a lifetime experience. The bonds of brotherhood extend along beyond graduation. Colorado Gamma is commonly recognized as having the most outstanding alumni program of any SigEp chapter. Our local scholarship foundation awards scholarships each year to deserving brothers. Our housing corporation maintains the largest fraternity house on campus. Alumni events homecoming dinners, golf tournaments afford all members, young and old, the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of brotherhood long after collage.



## Why Should you Consider SigEp?

We do not just look for anyone, but someone who is willing to commit himself to the principles and goals of the fraternity. SigEp looks for men who want to be associated with an innovative and growing fraternity. For men who want to fulfill their own potential, understand that there are no free rides at life. This is a fraternity where leadership, friendship, scholarship, and achievement are both offered and expected. And so, individual responsibilities as well as benefits are numerous. The result is a highly regarded group of men working together toward the ultimate goal of brotherhood.



Our constant aim and objective is a fraternal organization built on a solid foundation, guided by idealistic concepts, and dedicated to the welfare of a membership made up of top-grade men who have been chosen because we wanted them for themselves and not because of their wealth, social position, or outstanding ability in any particular field.

More than 350,000 men have been initiated into the hall of SigEp and the rich traditions, experiences, and successes of our predecessors give us a fine heritage to follow. We each play a part in making SigEp reach higher for the ideals and goals which help us become better men.

Men united as a group dedicated to principles of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love enriching their lives and college experience through group living.

## What Makes SigEp All Different?

SigEp is a non-pledging, non-hazing, four-year, personal, academic, leadership and professional skills development experience. We know, that's a mouth full, but it is true! Members learn to live their best lives through unique and rewarding programming tailored to fit their needs to prepare them for the journey of life that lies ahead.



At SigEp you will spend much of your time with working and learning with your brothers. You will build close bonds while learning how to better yourself, to work with others, to lead, and to give back to your community. You will accomplish all of this through our Balanced Man Program (BMP).

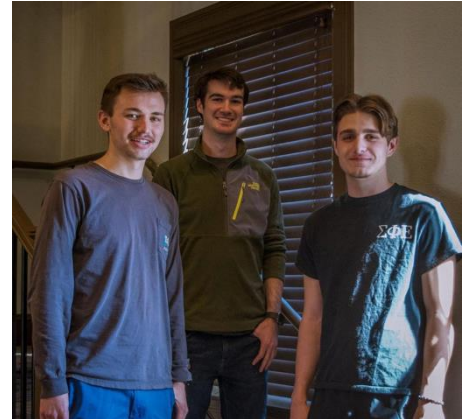
The Balanced Man Program is the centerpiece of the SigEp chapter experience and provides the lessons that today's student needs to be successful during and after college. The BMP offers an experience focused on scholarship, leadership, professional development and life skills.

## What Are Colorado Gamma Requirements for Membership?

### Academic Standards

The minimum high school grade point average for incoming freshman to be eligible for membership shall be a 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent). The minimum college grade point average for continuing college students to be eligible for membership shall be a 2.8 cumulative GPA.

The Chapter GPA for Spring 2020 was 3.39, the all-campus average GPA was 3.31. The Chapter ranked 6th of 23 IFC fraternities.



Any existing member who does not meet this requirement is on academic restrictions and shall not be permitted to be an officer of the undergraduate chapter or a committee chairman. During this period, he shall be required to meet with the chapter's Chaplain and Faculty Advisor Dr. Todd Donovan to develop an academic support plan to improve his academic performance. He must also obtain an academic mentor approved by the chapter's Chaplain and meet with his academic mentor regularly to review his progress.

### Live-In Requirement

As a part of their brotherhood obligations, every member (except Seniors) are required to live in the house until such time as the house is full. The only exception is for those who join in the spring semester after formal rush has ended, as part of our year-round rush program, and have other housing arrangements in place. The exception must be approved by the AVC prior to excepting joining.



### Substance-Free Housing

CSU/SigEp chapter facilities have been a substance-free since 2001. Potential New Members need to want to live in a substance-free fraternity house.

It is our membership's desire that the house be clean, quiet and well-maintained. So, brothers can focus on their lives as students and enjoy the company of one another without having to worry about whether they'll be able to study or sleep over the noise and distraction of parties. By moving social events out of our homes and into third-party venues, our brothers can more effectively use common spaces for studying, conducting Balanced Man Program challenge meetings and hosting other events that will help attract and retain the kind of members and volunteers we are looking to engage.

Substances are defined to include alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, and other smoking materials including vaping, as well as illicit and illegal drugs.

## Membership Requires Involvement

Each member of Sigma Phi Epsilon understands their personal responsibility to live up to and support the philosophical tenets of the Balanced Man Program.

Each member will participate in each of the Sigma, Phi, Epsilon and Brother Mentor Challenges. Members who do not complete their challenge within the maximum time frame face expulsion from the chapter for failure to meet the Fraternity's development expectations.



Each member will participate in philanthropy, community service and service learning – All members of Sigma Phi Epsilon have joined an organization committed to giving back to the community. Members are required to participate in numerous volunteer events, such as our philanthropy events and university programs, to give back to the Fort Collins community.

Each member understands there is no place for hazing or unequal treatment of new members. It is each member's responsibility to ensure a safe and healthy, values-based experience. Any member found in violation of this expectation may be subject to full penalties of the Fraternity, his college or university, and the law.

Each member agrees to support and behave consistently with SigEp's Risk Management Policies. Violation of these policies subjects a brother to fines, suspension or expulsion as defined by the Bylaws as well as a potential loss of general liability





## What Does the SigEp Experience Look Like?

### Scholarship

Sigma Phi Epsilon has high expectations for academic performance. The primary purpose for fraternity involvement is to get the most out of one's educational opportunities. C get maintains a minimum GPA requirement for all members and encourages all members to excel in the classroom.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has the highest GPA of any national paternity and Colorado Gamma is consistently among the top authorities at CSU with an overall grade point average greater than 3.0

Academic success is rewarded at Colorado Gamma. Are Penn and scroll society recognizes all members who maintain a 3.5 GPA and above.

New members can receive tutoring from older members as well as advice on choosing classes, professors, etc. We realize that maintaining, assistance, and encouragement produces better results on an academic level. When attends college to attain an education and we have not forgotten this purpose.

### Community Service

Signify of slime has a long – outstanding tradition of serving charitable causes around Fort Collins. Each year the chapter logs hundreds of community service hours assisting with such where the organizations as Saint Jude Children's Hospital, toys for tots.

We do this to give back to those less fortunate than ourselves. While our service is important and needed in the community, it is personally gratifying and most of all, fun.



## Athletics

Our commitment to athletics is serious, but we haven't forgotten the main reason for sports. When or lose, cigarette does it with good sportsmanship. Fortunately, we don't lose very often. SigEp competes on a consistent basis including football basketball and softball.

Cigarette fields competitive teams in all intramural athletics... From football and basketball to soccer and golf. All members are encouraged to participate whether you are a series competitor or just want to be part of a team, there is a sport for you. We feel competitive teams as well as teams who participate just for the fun of it.



## Campus Events

Sigma Phi Epsilon competes in many events on campus – usually while teaming with one of the top sororities. From homecoming to Greek Week, to get has a wedding tradition second to none.

Homecoming, a week of hard work and even more fun, has been our pride winning dance competitions and banner displays we won the homecoming competition this last year.

While the trophies are nice, the real victory is in the fellowship with our brothers and the time we get to spend with some of cutest girls on campus.





## Social

Sigma phi epsilon boasts the best social calendar of attorney. The social functions of our brothers the opportunity to solidify the bonds of brotherhood as well as the opportunity to mix with the best sororities on campus.

Brother events include football games, camping trips, white water rafting, and paintball. There are also date parties, sorority parties, and of course formals.



There are also social networking opportunities through alumni Vince. I've been entered into employed by an alumnus, while others have just a contact and enjoyed some stories from the good all days.

SigEp offers a wide variety of social outlets because we believe in being in a fraternity is not about being drunk and partying all the time. We believe our primary goal in college is our education, but there is no reason that you can't have a little fun also.

## Brotherhood

Brotherhood is the element of fraternity that last forever. The road begins with a bid, or a formal invitation to join fraternity. Once you become a member you will learn our history, traditions and most importantly your brothers. You will learn how the fraternity operates on the local and national level. Each New brother will receive a big brother to assist and guide him during your time in the fraternity.



After graduation, brotherhood continues as an alumnus. Functions such as homecoming, alumni golf tournaments before alumni the opportunity to reminisce and renew paternal bonds. In addition to alumni are kept abreast of the fraternity news through our local newspaper, the Spear and our national publication, the journal. The paternal experience is an ending because the bonds of brotherhood last a lifetime.

## Commonly Asked Questions

### Q: What do my Fraternity dues pay for?

Fraternity dues pay for dues to the national organization and to into CSU Interfraternity council, insurance, house upkeep, leadership conference, intramurals, and social events. After mandatory expenses are covered, the members decide how to dues are spent.

### Q: If I go through Rush, do I have to join?

Most men who participate in Rush except a bit, however, participating in rush does not obligate you in anyway. Many men participate in rush because to get acquainted with some of CSU's most outstanding students.

### Q: Will membership in a fraternity hurt my grades?

Contrary to popular belief, fraternities assist members in achieving high academic marks. Through study hours, networking, incentives, and scholarships, fraternities have been able to substantially enhance the learning environment of their members. The overall GPA is the higher than the all-campus average.

### Q: Are fraternities expensive?

Fraternities are a small portion of your total college expenses. Fraternities are actually inexpensive when you consider aggregated savings on housing, food, parking, and scholarship opportunities. Social, athletic, enable remember to get more than his money's worth through participation and involvement.



## **Rush Tips**

### **1. Go to Recruitment Events at More than One Chapter**

The best strategy for Recruitment is to explore all of your options. Visit all the chapters early in the week, narrow down your choices to the three or four that you like best, then concentrate on them during the rest of Recruitment.

### **2. Ask Intelligent Questions**

More importantly, look for intelligent answers. Questions are one of the best ways to show your interest in the chapter and getting the answers ahead of time will save you any surprises down the road. Can I move into the house? How much are dues? What would be expected of me as a member?

### **3. Be Confident**

One of the most important tips during Recruitment is to act confident. No one is truly one hundred percent confident, but the more self-assured you can appear to be, the better.

### **4. Don't Try to Be Something You Are Not**

Pick the chapter that fits your personality. Don't worry, there is a chapter out there for everyone. Just be yourself!

### **5. Beware of Subtle Clues**

Remember that Recruitment is a two-way street. You're looking for a chapter that fits your style, and they're looking for members that will fit theirs. If you're not getting a warm reception, then don't waste time your there.

### **6. Meet as Many Guys as You Can**

Meet as many guys as you can, and don't hesitate to ask them to introduce you around. Be assertive and act confidently. Ask to meet the Recruitment chairmen and the officers. If they like you, they can have a lot of influence.

### **7. Be Available During Recruitment**

Many chapters will send out flyers, invitations, and bids to you throughout recruitment week. Be sure that the fraternities you like have your phone number and room numbers. If you need to turn down an invitation to an event, be sure to call their Recruitment chairman, thank him, and maybe make plans for a different event.

### **8. Use Careful Consideration in Accepting a Bid**

Remember that Recruitment is a limited time period. Your fraternity affiliation will last a lifetime. Keeping that in mind, don't make any rash decisions on accepting a bid. You don't need to feel pressured to accept a bid the moment it is offered. It won't be revoked while you check out other chapters. Don't always accept the first bid you receive. You'll probably get others, and they are all valid until the end of Recruitment, often times longer. Take your time and make the right choice!



## A Lifetime of Brotherhood



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