

CHAPTER'S FIRST PARENT'S WEEKEND

by Ryan Fry



Trent Lowe and family pose for the camera before touring the house.

Another tradition has returned to the house this spring Parents Weekend!

The parents and family began arriving at 121 East Lake Street around 2pm. The festivities began with a catered Chick-Fil-A lunch at 3pm, all the parents received a house tour, Parents Weekend t-shirts were handed out, and all the brothers got to introduce and meet everyone's families. It was a beautiful warm Fort Collins spring day, so everyone was out in the front yard enjoying yard games. A couple of the members' younger brothers even joined us for a game of basketball!

At 5pm everyone made their way to the New Belgium Brewery where we had a private room rented out until 8pm. After a fun filled day, the event winded down. It was a lot of fun to meet everyone's parents and it was good for everyone to have some quality family time!

A big shout out to Luke Chamernik '25 one of our newest members who planed and oversaw the event so all the brothers could enjoy the day!

GET FIRED UP FOR CSU HOMECOMING AND SIGEP REUNION!

Let's get the old clan together to celebrate the past, present, and future of CSU & SigEp this fall. The undergraduates will be hosting their annual BBQ & Tailgate the day of the game.

Dig out you bell-bottom and tie-dye T-shirts because rumor has it that the 70's brothers are planning to hold a reunion. Specific details will be released once the date and time of the game are announced. In the meantime, if you want to help or know more, contact Claude "Smitty" Smith his email is smittytraveldeals@yahoo.com



CHAPTER SEEK LEARNING COMMUNITY ACCREDITATION

by Ryan Fry

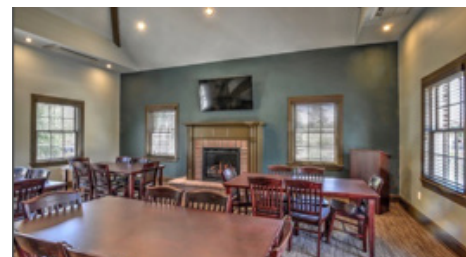
The chapter has begun the process of turning the Jenkins Family Library into an accredited SigEp Learning Community, they also hope to become the first CSU Greek Learning Community.

At the beginning of the semester the Chapter elected Matt Lodi as Vice President of Learning Community and Academics. His responsibilities include learning community accreditation, developing programing content, members grades and providing academic support to members as needed.

Matt recently submitted the chapter's first learning community application to headquarters. He is working with university faculty and the AVC to develop programing that includes coursework, special dinners, speakers, cultural activities, and retreats that will enhance members personal growth and success after college.

Every week Matt ensures members are utilizing the house library, he also reserves study rooms at the Morgan library for out of house members to go study. Each week he sends out grade checks to every member

of the fraternity, they must send Matt a picture of their grades he then calculate their GPA. We are happy to say it seems to be paying off! The entire fraternity's grades are on the rise and the average members' GPA is currently 3.45!





MEMORAIL DAY SOLUTE

Captain Otto Bismarck "Bizzy" Kayser '28

by Dan Reagan

In school Bizzy was an all-conference Guard on the football team, star wrestler, Battalion Adjutant, and Colorado Gamma President. Upon graduation in 1928 Bizzy began his service in the US Army Air Force.

In November of 1941, as tensions were mounting in the Pacific, Bizzy was assigned to the 5th Interceptor Command in the Philippine Islands. The Japanese would attack only 17 days later on destroying the field and all their aircrafts.

With no aircraft left his mission shifted to providing ground defense. Although willfully unequipped, they gallantly fought for 93 days until they were forced to surrender. In the end 10,000 men were killed and 20,000 wounded.

Now a prisoner he was forced to march 66 miles from Bataan to San Fernando. An estimated 10,000 POWs died on the March; the Bataan Death March is one of the worst atrocities in modern warfare. Bizzy was imprisoned at the notorious Comp O'Donnell for 71 days, in conditions that were so horrendous that 26,000 Filipinos and 2,000 Americans would die of disease and undernourishment.

In July 1942 Bizzy was moved to the POW Camps at Cabanatuan. By now death rate soared to 50 men/day. Those that did survive faced brutal living conditions, disease, torture, and

malnourishment, and lived in constant fear they would be executed.

Bizzy would remain there for more than two years until October of 1944, when he was selected to serve in forced-labor camp and was moved to Manila where he was loaded into the Hell Ship Arisan Maru headed for a labor camp in Republic of Formosa, now known as Taiwan.

Once again Bizzy would experience extreme cruelty. He and his fellow prisoners were crammed into cargo holds with little air, ventilation and food or water, for journeys that would ultimately last weeks.

On October 24, 1944, unaware of the American prisoners were among the convoy U.S. submarines attacked the Arisan Maru just off the eastern coast of China. Only nine of the prisoners would survive. At the time, the sinking of the Arisan Maru was the largest loss of American lives in a single disaster at sea.

Sadly after surviving 1066 days of pure hell, Bizzy was tragically lost that night, presumably drowned at sea during the attack. He was 36 years old, posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.



To read Bizzy's full memorial profile [click here](#) or scan the QR-Code.

OBITUARIES

Craig Dolezal '69



Craig passed away on March 15th, 2022, at the age of 71 while surrounded by his family.

Craig graduated from Julesburg High School with the class of 1969. He earned his bachelor's degree at Colorado State University in Fort Collins in 1973 and his masters in banking from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1986.

Craig worked at United Bank before serving as the Executive Director of the Sedgwick County Economic Development Board. In 2009 when he founded JCD Wealth Management, LLC. In 2017, Craig was appointed as the judge of the Sedgwick County Court in the 13th Judicial District.

William "Jamo" Jameson '80



Bill Jameson, 63, passed away at his home in Aurora, Colorado on April 19th, 2022.

Bill graduated from Fort Collins High School, received his Bachelors form Colorado State University, and his MBA from Oklahoma State University. He was an accomplished executive in the food and horticulture industries.

Melvin Gary Pruse '57



Melvin Gary Purse '57 passed away on August 30, 2021 at his home in Caldwell Idaho he was 85 years old.

CHAPTER HOSTS MAKE-A-WISH PHILANTHROPY WITH CHI OMEGA

By Ryan Fry

This spring the chapter held a joint philanthropic event with the Chi Omega sorority in support of Make-A-Wish Colorado! The event was called "Burgers and Fries with SigEp's and Chi's."

Chi Omega helped decorate the entire house in a Disney theme for the beautiful five-year-old girl named Piper, who is battling cancer.

Outside, we had Disney music playing, cornhole, ladderball, spikeball, and basketball going. Inside there was face painting, coloring, Disney movies were playing in the living room and crew served burgers and fries for all to enjoy.

Later in the afternoon Piper got a huge surprise! The Poudre Valley Fire Department dropped by to surprise Piper! Poudre Fire took Piper into their firetrucks and even gave her own pink

firefighter's helmet. Piper had a great time and so did everyone involved. It was an honor and blessing to help make Piper's dream come true!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2022 Sigma Phi Epsilon Colorado Area Tournament

by Dave Madden



Get the clubs out of storage and start practicing that short game for the 2022 SPECAT! For more than a quarter of a century, this annual tournament has provided a great opportunity to meet SigEp's from around the Rocky Mountain region to raise money for a great cause. Last year, the tournament raised more than

\$7,500 for the Colorado Gamma RLC Fund. In addition to golf, there will be a luncheon and live auction. You can help keep cost down and the fundraising strong by bring an item for the silent auction. The tournament will be held on Friday August 19th at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club in Denver. and will begin promptly at 8:00 AM with a shotgun start. Online registration is now open, and spots are filling up quickly; the field will be limited to the first 30 foursomes who sign up, so register early to ensure your spot in this year's event - It is guaranteed to an Epic!

SAVE THE DATE!

What: The 28th annual SPECAT

Where: Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, 4900 Himalaya Rd, Denver, CO 80249

When: Friday, August 19, 2022, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM MDT

Cost: Alumni Entry fee per player is \$150
Undergraduate Entry fee per player is \$75

Contact: Dave Madden, SPECAT Committee Chair,
720.218.0727, dave.md.madden@gmail.com

To register go to: <http://www.csusigep.org/calendar>
Or just scan:



2022 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

by Ryan Fry and Dan Reagan



It is said the true measure of a Fraternity's greatness can be found in the achievements of its alumni. With our long history there is no doubt that Colorado Gamma has developed

many locally and yes even some globally known leaders in many different fields of endeavor.

From time to time the AVC has chosen to give recognition to brothers who have gained unique distinction through success in their chosen professions, service to the University, or made significant contributions to their communities.

So it is with great honor that we introduce Troy Clair '82 President and CEO of Clair Global Corporation.

The name "Clair" has a long history in the entertainment industry. Ever since Troy's father Gene and his brother Roy started the business in 1966, after being asked to bring their sound system on tour with Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. It is believed they were the first professional sound company to tour with a band.

Flash forward to the summer of 1975, when Troy was 15, he was allowed to tag along with his father. His dad even let him occasionally man the console when he would have to take a bathroom break. He was lucky enough to briefly man the console for the Rolling Stones during one of their concerts at Madison Square Garden. Troy said, "it was a real eye-opener." Troy knew then this is what he was passionate about and would return home after graduating from Colorado State University in 1982 with a degree in business to help run the family business. In 1995 Troy took over operations when he named President and CEO.

Today Clair Global the world's largest provider of live concert amplification and infrastructure, they employs about 650 worldwide and generate over \$135 million in sales (USD). Clair Global provides sound and support services to all of the top grossing concert tours: the Rolling Stones; Elton John; Bob Seger; Pink; and Ariana Grande, among others. During any peak summer touring season, the company's equipment and crews are involved in up to 125 concerts a day.



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THE AVC HAS OPEN POSITIONS!

by Ryan Garthright

If you have a couple hours per month and want to ensure the long-term success of the chapter, then we could use your help.

AVC Treasurer is responsible for all financial aspects of the corporation. The treasurer also advises the undergraduate Vice President of Finance (VPF). Along with the AVC housing director, the treasurer is responsible for managing the assets of the AVC.

AVC Vice President of Relations is responsible for providing alumni with a continued connection to SigEp by developing and managing consistent alumni-focused communications.

Additionally, they engage with parents and university faculty to support the chapter.

Want to know more being an AVC volunteer? Contact Dan Reagan, AVC President at: dsreagan@reaganpartnership.com

Today's chapters also needs **mentor volunteers** to work directly with the undergraduates!

Your professional experience will help a chapter leaders develop the skills needed to be successful. No matter where you're located, today's virtual environment and technology advancements make it easier than ever to volunteer remotely.

Want to know more about being a mentor? Contact Ryan Garthright, Chapter Counselor at: ryan.garthright@gmail.com



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