



# SIGMA NU NEWS

## ΓM Chapter - University of Illinois



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### Alumni Spotlight: Chip Turrisi

Chip Turrisi, ΓM 1693, entered his Freshman year at University of Illinois with no plans of joining a fraternity. After being invited to a rush BBQ at the chapter house his plans quickly changed, as he realized he could become a part of strong brotherhood with outgoing, driven members. From then on until his graduation in 2014, Chip remained very involved. During his time in college he held executive positions as both the Social Chairman (sophomore year) and Chaplain (junior year). Some of his proudest accomplishments in those roles included organizing a blacklight-themed party and brotherhood camping trips. As an executive member, Chip says his ability to work in a team and natural leadership skills both improved greatly. Because of this experience, Chip recommends that active brothers should make a strong effort to take leadership positions both in the fraternity and in other student organizations as well. These roles facilitate lasting connections and build habits that will be useful for career development. Outside of his executive involvement, some of Chip's favorite memories came from being around his brothers every day. He says that the positive habits of discipline and integrity rubbed off on him, making him realize that everyone has attributes you can learn from. He is very grateful for the unique experience of living in the house with his brothers and credits them with making him into the person he is today. After graduation, his passions for leadership and communication coupled with a degree in Psychology and minor in Leadership Studies guided him towards a career in talent recruitment.



Chip Turrisi, ΓM 1693, Class of 2014

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### Save the Date: 2024 Homecoming (October 11-14)

This year the Gamma Mu chapter will be hosting our "Reunion of the Decade" homecoming gathering on the weekend of October 11-14, where the Illini will be taking on Purdue at Memorial Stadium. It is important to note that this date is not on the weekend of the university scheduled homecoming, since it would be interrupting our fall rush cycle. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact our Alumni Relations chairman Billy Frantzis. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus soon!

**OCTOBER 11-14, 2024**

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**SIGMA NU REUNION OF THE DECADE**

Celebrate Gamma Mu's 2000th Member

**Weekend Activities:**  
 KAM'S Private Event  
 Illinois vs. Purdue Football Game With Tailgate  
 Curtis Orchard Trip  
 Black Dog BBQ  
 Professional Panoramic Photo

**Book Your Rooms Today!**



## Casino Night Marks the Arrival of a New Tradition

In the Winter of 2022, philanthropy chairman Luke Novosel ΓM 1932 and his committee wanted to come up with a charity event that would enable all brothers to raise money for a good cause and have a lot of fun doing it. After some discussion, the idea of Casino Night—and its annual traditional—was born. At Casino Night, brothers and their dates purchased chips at \$1/per and would play a variety of classic Casino games including Blackjack, Roulette, and more, competing for the highest number of chips as a couple by the end of the 1 hour playing period. But as the saying goes, “The House Always Wins.” In our case, all of the proceeds from chips that were purchased are donated to St. Jude’s. Fast forward to 2024, and the tradition has cemented itself as a yearly event. Thanks to the great planning of current Philanthropy Chairman, Maclain Happold (ΓM 2031), we raised \$540 this year! Also, congratulations to our winning couple, brother Andrius Avina and his date.



Brothers enjoying Casino Night with their dates

## Senior Spotlight: Matt Hamilton

Our 2024 Spring Spotlight belongs to Matt Hamilton, ΓM 1952, who is graduating this May with a degree in Statistics and Computer Science. Matt is from Mount Prospect, Illinois, and went to Hersey High School. Throughout his time at University of Illinois, Matt has been very involved with both our fraternity and extracurricular student organizations, namely the Illini Bass Fishing Club. With the Gamma Mu chapter, Matt served as the Social Chairman during his Sophomore year and Public Relations Chairman during his Junior year. During his social term, he organized our 2022 Nashville formal and led a strong social committee that planned exchanges with multiple sororities. As Public Relations chair, Matt diligently maintained our social media accounts and website, growing our Instagram following by over 200 students and alumni. Additionally, he designed a variety of merchandise including shirts, hoodies, and hats for chapter philanthropy events and each of our rush cycles. Outside of Sigma Nu, Matt served as the President of the Illini Bass Fishing Club for 2 years. He is an avid fisherman alongside his other favorite hobbies of golf, lifting, running, and competitive Catan. Looking back on his time with our chapter, Matt says his favorite memory was winning the SNUperbowl (our house intramural football league) in both the fall of 2023 and winter of 2024 with his self-proclaimed “dream teams.” The Gamma Mu chapter is very grateful for Matt’s contributions to the brotherhood and we wish him luck as he moves onto work in Cincinnati, Ohio for Fifth Third Bank as an Information Technology Leadership Program (ITLP) participant. Hi Rickety, Matt!



Matt Hamilton, ΓM 1952, Class of 2024





### Alumni Spotlight: Continued

Initially, Chip worked in the Chicago area as a university recruiter for multiple companies. Then he moved to Miami, Florida where he is currently the Senior Manager of Early Career Recruitment for Royal Caribbean. His main responsibility is Early Career Recruitment, meaning he hires interns and creates the detailed programs necessary to assimilate into their roles and sustain success long-term. Outside of work, Chip enjoys going to the beach and playing sand volleyball, camping/being outdoors, and being part of a church.

### Chapter Quick Facts

As we continue to rebuild and update our contact list, we understand it may have been a while since you last heard general statistics about our chapter and active members. Below are some important facts:

<b>Active Members</b>	109
<b>Chapter GPA</b>	3.41, Ranked 17/35 on campus. Above all male undergrad GPA of 3.39 and all fraternity GPA of 3.37
<b>Campus Involvement</b>	Club Basketball, Club Soccer, Illinois Business Consulting, 4 Different Business Fraternities, Mexican Student Association, American Advertising Federation, Arab Student Organization, OTCR Consulting, Prime M&A, and many more
<b>Internship Companies</b>	Beckman Institute (Research), Creative Wealth Group, State Farm, Marmon Foodservice Technologies, BOWA Construction, Elanco, Molex, CMT Digital, IBM, Ulta, and more

### 2023 Duffer's Open Brings Brothers Together for Summer Golf

Last August, brothers from all eras of the Gamma Mu chapter gathered at Lost Nation Golf Course in Dixon, Illinois for a beautiful day of golf and an opportunity to rekindle old friendships and memories. Playing in a 4-man scramble format, both alumni and active members alike competed for the lowest score and bragging rights amongst their brothers. The scenic and hilly course provided a different challenge than many of our Chicago area brothers are accustomed to. The day was concluded with a delicious Steak Dinner at the clubhouse. Additionally, the event provided a great chance to honor Robert Peacock (ΓM 764), who has hosted the gathering at his course since 1994. His generosity has resulted in a wonderful summer tradition and brought together a wide range of brothers and their families. A plaque commemorating Peacock and the event is now on display at the chapter house in the trophy case adjacent to our signature moose.



Brothers Presenting the Plaque to Robert Peacock, ΓM 764



### SNUMurals' A New Athletic Staple

In the spirit of NFL season, 2023 Athletic Chairman Naoki Tang ΓM 1976 and his committee developed SNUMurals football, a house-funded and organized intramural football league played on Sunday afternoons. Nearly 50 brothers were involved on 6 different teams, with games being played in a 7-on-7 format at the Arboretum fields on the corner of Florida and Lincoln Avenue. The referee crew was led by Jackson Cotner ΓM 1999, who is a certified intramural official for University of Illinois as well. A competitive 2 week playoff led to a champion being crowned on a cold October day, perfect for football. The inaugural league's massive success led to the creation of a basketball SNUMural league as well. Utilizing a similar format, current Athletic chairman James Lee ΓM 2028 pioneered a 5-on-5 basketball league this winter. Regular season games were played in February and March prior to spring break, with playoffs and the championship happening in late March. Yet another competitive championship resulted in a packed gym at the East Rec Center (CRCE). Due to their popularity, SNUMural football and basketball will now have seasons happening every semester from now on.



Naoki Tang rolling out to throw a pass during Fall Football



Andrius Avina rising up for a jumper during Spring Basketball

### Brothers Enjoy Nashville Formal

This year for formal, the brothers brought their gorgeous dates to Nashville for a weekend. The fun started Friday when the brothers arrived at the Holiday Inn Express - which was right on Broadway. They took full advantage of the many hot dog stands, the BBQ & Hot Chicken, and the Honkey-Tonks littering Nashville's vibrant streets. Many ended up at Lonnie's for the night, impressing their dates with their karaoke skills. On Saturday, a few Gamma Mu brothers made the trek to Vanderbilt University and extended a warm Hi Rickety to the brothers at the Sigma chapter. They capped the weekend off Saturday night with a private venue at the Nashville PBR, where they took turns dominating the mechanical bull and awarded well-deserved superlatives for the year.



Brothers Enjoying the Venue in Nashville prior to Formal Dinner

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