



# *Sigma Sigma Phi*

## *Nu Chapter*

*West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine*  
400 North Lee Street  
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901

Nu Chapter Report  
National Sigma Sigma Phi Meeting  
2008

Sigma Sigma Phi is the National Honor and Service Fraternity for the osteopathic medical profession. The Nu Chapter represents the students of Sigma Sigma Phi at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Due to the nature of the curriculum at WVSOM, many juniors and seniors are away during the third and fourth years of school on rotations. As such, there are currently 25 members of Sigma Sigma Phi in the sophomore class, almost all of whom hold offices or membership in other campus organizations. This commitment is a direct reflection of Sigma Sigma Phi's continued tradition of initiation of leaders who serve WVSOM, the osteopathic profession, and the Greenbrier County community.

### *Sigma Sigma Phi Leadership for 2007 - 2008*

**President:** Jim Walter

**Vice-President:** Seth Keiser

**Secretary:** Rayya Saadiq

**Treasurer:** Chris Robinson

**Faculty Advisors:** Robert Foster, D.O. & Robert Fisk, PhD

### *Member Statistics*

Class of **2008:** 25 members

Class of **2009:** 22 members

Class of **2010:** 37 members

Class of **2011:** 25 members

Total: 109 members

### *Current Account Balance*

The WVSOM Sigma Sigma Phi's account balance totaled \$2,605.64 at the time of this report.

### *Meeting Schedule*

Chapter meetings are mandatory and held once a quarter (min. 4 per year) for members and as often as necessary for individual committees responsible for upcoming events.

### *2007 - 2008 Sigma Sigma Phi Activities*

#### *Heart of the Holidays*

This event is Sigma Sigma Phi's largest, most prideful, and most successful event of the year. Sigma Sigma Phi extended its efforts to indigent Greenbrier County families by providing toys, food, and monetary support for the holiday season. This past year, the organization requested 54 names of needy children from a local children's society. Faculty, staff, and students participated in the activity by purchasing specific gifts from the "angel tree." The event culminated with a celebration in December including presentation of the gifts to the families, snacks, music, and an appearance from Santa Claus. The smiles on all the children's faces was heartwarming.

### ***The Grand Affair***

Each year, Sigma Sigma Phi hosts a benefit event to support a scholarship fund. The student scholarship was established in memory of Fredric W. Smith, who was a significant benefactor and administrator of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. The two recipients of the scholarships are upcoming sophomores that are selected by an outside committee. The 2007 Grand Affair was held at the Alumni Center on the campus of West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, West Virginia. The formal event included food, music, dancing, and a silent auction. Items for the auctions were donated by members of both the WVSOM and Lewisburg community. This year, we fortunately were able to raise over \$3,000.

### ***The Golf Tournament***

To honor the man who our chapter models many of its ideals and values after, we held our second annual Fredric W. Smith Golf Tournament. The town supported the event by purchasing advertisement signs and sponsoring give aways. The event coalesced students from all classes, as well as faculty and staff. There was enough food, laughs, and bad shots to keep us excited for next year's tournament!

### ***The Bone Marrow Drive***

This was WVSOM's first year where we initiated a Bone Marrow Drive. We held an informational luncheon seminar for the school followed by the bone marrow drive the next day. It was a great success and we plan on carrying the tradition for years to come.

### ***Rural Health Education Program School Health Fair***

At the county's Teen Health fair, Sigma Sigma Phi directed the Dermascan machine which analyzed the teen's faces and necks for sun damage. Along with the benefits of early detection of damaging sun rays, we educated the teens on sun damage protection and good hygiene.

### ***Rescare***

Inspired by two of our members this year, SSP promoted, "Volunteer for Rescare". SSP members along with other student leaders collected donations and donated a great deal of time serving Greenbrier County's Rescare program which serves the mentally/physically disabled members of our community. SSP coordinated dances, made arts and crafts, developed friendships, and made their presence known to Rescare, that SSP was willing to offer a hand with whatever we could possibly do.

### ***Membership Induction***

New Sigma Sigma Phi members were inducted in April 2008. Selection is based upon community service interest, leadership experience, academics, work experience, research experience, and a personal interview. We are pleased with this year's induction class and look forward to witnessing the influential impact they will have on the community.