



SC Gamma Annual Alumni Association Newsletter March 2025

Letter from the President:

It has been quite a year for SC Gamma. We have continued our push to connect with alumni and it is always very rewarding to see members of Phi Delta Theta return to campus or attend an alumni event. It is especially rewarding to see friends returning to the fraternity after being removed for many years.

I will try to summarize a few things that happened in 2024, and the rest of the newsletter will focus on events and goals moving forward.

2024 Summary

- Record number at the 2024 Spring game – over 100 in attendance, this has become a premier event and saw graduates from the 70's all the way into today's class. This year, the Spring Game is Saturday April 5, and SC Gamma Alumni Association invites you to a fun tailgating event. Details are in the social section of the newsletter. From a guy that lives 7.5 hours away it is one of the best times to visit the campus and city of Clemson.
- Football tailgating at it finest. We have mapped out the majority of alumni tailgates and the flags are flying across the campus. Remember, the intent of the flags is to invite visiting Phi Delts to the tailgate, so visit and get to know your brothers.
 - Rob Marchant, Trei Hund, and Chris Cribb formed a union and created a massive tailgate spot just outside of the West Endzone. They have hosted many alumni over the past year and also hosted a now annual tailgate event with live music.
- The Golf Outing was a washout – Hurricane Ian caused a few challenges in the area, but those that made it to town had a wonderful time, even without power.
- Will Porcher started an oyster roast in the Charleston area a few years back and it has grown to over 50 brothers plus guests. This year also included music by Drew Dangerfield.
- We had alumni gatherings in Clemson (thanks Buddy Weeks '87'), Greenville (thanks Zach Newton '975'), and Charlotte (thanks Harry Pirie '295'). We have had events in Atlanta, Charleston, and Columbia in the past two years.
- We will not be having a 55th Anniversary celebration so please plan on joining us for the spring game.
- Over 20 active members teamed up with Alumni for the mentoring program. This will be addressed in the summary of the newsletter.

- We have over 100 consistent members and our bank balance is healthy. Thank you to those that make an effort to contribute and be a part of this special fraternity and university.

Board Members

- Jeff Mackin – President – jmackin23@yahoo.com
- Jon Wise – Vice President – jon.wise@yahoo.com
- Dan Bradley – Treasurer – dan.bradley330@gmail.com
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- Mike Duda – Voting Member – Michael.duda@permobil.com
- Rob Marchant – Social Events – rlmarchant@marchantchevy.com
- David Cooke – Mentorship and Collaboration – David.cooke@forgefwd.com
- Carson Fischer – Young Member Coordinator – carsonfischerr@gmail.com

I am going close out this letter with news that I am resigning from my position on 12/31/25. Having served as the founder of the golf outing 25 years ago and being on the board since its inception, it is time to allow some new blood into the mix. As you will read, our chapter is in need of alumni help now more than ever. My decision has nothing to do with the state of the actives and I will be involved in helping them get back on their feet, but I feel like my contributions are limited at this point and we need some fresh ideas. Thank you to everyone for your support. We will be looking for new board members and volunteers so please step up so we can keep this organization growing. There are currently no term limits for board members, but that is being reviewed and will be determined before the next leaders.

Key focuses for 2025:

- Social events for alumni
- Communication to connect with alumni.
- Investment in social media, the website, and push notifications. This is being funded by our t-shirt fundraiser.
- Transition all outgoing and incoming emails and email addresses to Gmail – clemsonpdtalumni@gmail.com
- Growth in members past bond number '800'
- Creating a plan to support the chapter as it enters its new challenges.

Please continue to read through the newsletter as our intent in 2025 is to find new members, give back to the alumni by sponsoring events, and continue to host meaningful gatherings.

Thank you to those who continue to support our association and to those who continue to come back and enjoy our bond, which is what it's all about.

YITB,

Jeff Mackin '399'

Financial Review

The alumni association had approximately \$17,000 in funds at the end of the year 2024, an increase of \$5,000 from the prior year. Please make sure if you have an automatic deduction scheduled that your credit card information is up to date.

We would like to increase the frequency of the Phi Delt Alumni gatherings. If you would like to plan and host one, please contact Jeff or myself and we can contribute to the cost. Also, we'll be committing to providing some funds to assist with the restart of the chapter in the coming year as needed.

Please remember that the purpose of the SC Gamma Alumni Association is to connect alumni by sponsoring events, regional social functions, mentoring programs, and electronic media. If you can help us in growing connections between brothers in geographic areas, please reach out and help us connect with the alumni.

Thanks,

Dan Bradley '320'

Chapter News

– David Cooke '464' and Doug Brown '626'

As we move into another exciting year for SC gamma, we want to thank you for being a valued member of the Alumni Association. Your support strengthens the legacy of the Chapter and helps us continue building a strong community of former Phi Deltas.

As you likely saw in the recent communication from Doug Brown (<https://www.scgammaalumni.org/chapterupdate>), the active chapter is currently going through a rebuild after the University found violations of multiple sections of the student conduct code. Reconstructing the Chapter will not be easy and will require a total team effort. If you have a desire to see the next version of the SC Gamma chapter succeed and would like to play role in helping us rebuild, please reach out to Doug Brown, Jeff Mackin, or any board member of the SC Gamma Alumni Association.

Time to Renew Your Membership: The new membership year is here, and we encourage you to renew your SC Gamma Alumni membership today. Staying active in the association provides access to exclusive benefits, special events, and continued connections with SC Gamma (<https://www.scgammaalumni.org/join>).



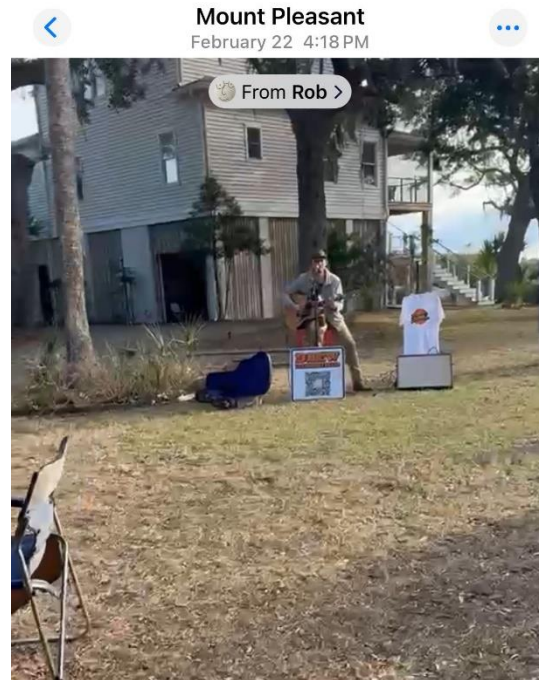
SC Gamma Photo Drive: Reminder SC Gamma now has a shared photo drive to help remember and share all the great moments together. Anyone can access the drive. If you choose to post, please keep the photos PG rated (well, maybe PG-13). To help folks easily get to the pics they care about, there are several different albums by bond number, but it is your choice on where to post and view. Links are below. If you have any questions or issues, feel free to reach out to David Cooke at docooke@gmail.com

- [Bonds under 300](#)
- [300-600 Bonds](#)
- [600-900 Bonds](#)
- [Bonds over 900](#)

Social Events

Hello and welcome to 2025! We kicked the off the year with the SC Gamma Annual Oyster Roast, graciously hosted by Will Porcher. This year we had another great turnout with lots of BBQ and of course oysters which are harvested in beds not too far from Will's house on the marsh in North Mt Pleasant. We also featured our new favorite musician Drew Dangerfield who played live for us last fall at a home game!





SPRING GAME

Our next planned alumni event is on Sat April 5 for the annual Clemson Spring Football Game. We have Drew lined up to play some of his awesome music and also have some light tailgate snacks and a Bloody Mary bar. Rob Marchant and I will have the tailgate setup on the corner of Lot 2 just like we have done for the last 2 years. Please come join us!!



Finally, we are brainstorming on a Summer Event which features golf and perhaps an after event. These are TBD, please get back to us with any ideas you might have. More info to come.

YITB

Chris Cribb '498'

Rob Marchant '336'

Golf Outing – David Kochamba '614'

The Alumni Weekend is set for the SMU game weekend.

Thursday 10/16 – SC Gamma Happy Hour at the ESSO Club – Alumni Club pays for the Appetizers.
5pm on Thursday 10/16.

Friday 10/17 – Alumni Golf tournament

- Where: Boscobel Golf Club – Pendleton, SC
- Cost: \$135 per golfer (includes golf, cart, lunch, giveaways, and prizes)
- When: 1:00pm Shotgun start – lunch starts at 11:00am.
- For those that paid to play last year, there will be some type of credit, or you can donate it to the tournament or alumni association, just let us know.

Saturday 10/18 – Football vs. SMU – tailgates across the campus

There will be an event link created this weekend and sent to the Alumni. In the meantime, if you want to play golf email David Kochamba (davidkochamba@gmail.com) or Jeff Mackin (jmackin23@yahoo.com).

Membership

Brothers,

It's disheartening to see what has happened to the chapter this past semester, especially after a 54 year run on campus. Although this is a setback for the chapter, we have the strongest alumni network in all of Clemson Greek Life to help us bounce back quickly once we're reinstated on campus in 2027.

That being said, our alumni network was not built overnight and we are going to need everyone active and bought in more than ever. The younger brothers often communicate through GroupMe, so I felt it would make sense to make one for all Clemson Phi's as a good way to keep in touch about SC Gamma events both locally and across the country, updates regarding the chapter (especially as we get closer to 2027), tailgates, etc.

Please join the GroupMe via the link attached [HERE](#).

All in all, we've spent 54 years building this chapter into an incredible place for young men to grow throughout their college years and make life long brothers. I'm confident we'll all step up to make a strong comeback in 2027, and have this suspension look like nothing more than a small hiccup in our chapter's history.

YITB,

Carson Fischer '1089

Summary

Another key alumni objective this year is to continue the SC Gamma Mentoring Program, to help those who will be graduating soon and seeking employment, internships, or simply to have a contact to share advice or experiences. As such, we are seeking feedback from both students and alumni who would like to participate in this program. Over the last couple of years, we've developed a fairly comprehensive list of mentors to whom we'll be reaching out but certainly encourage others who would like to offer their services, and a diversity of work experiences are always welcome.

The Mentoring Program has and will continue to be a key initiative to helping our active students in learning more about potential career paths, opportunities, and key insights from those who have experienced success in their fields. The fact that we are navigating new waters with the current state of the chapter further emphasizes the need to engage in the Mentoring Program to provide an ongoing connection and support where we can.

Please contact any of the board members if you would like to participate or have any questions regarding this program.

In closing, I want to share that over the last few months I, like many of you, have connected with other brothers to discuss the current state of the program and, in the process, had a chance to reflect on past experiences dating back to when we were Phikeias. The importance of our brotherhood and the lifelong friendships we have developed, and share cannot be understated. At the core is our commitment to being Brothers in the Bond, and that commitment needs to be as unified and strong as ever as we develop a path of continuity for the next phase of the active chapter of SC Gamma. We look forward to a productive and engaging year and appreciate your support.

Jon Wise '320'

How to contact us:

- **Website** - <https://www.scgammaalumni.org/>
- **X** - @SCGammaPDT
- **Facebook** – Phi Delta Theta (South Carolina Gamma) Alumni - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/216730772959>
- **LinkedIn** – Phi Delta Theta Fraternity – SC Gamma Chapter - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12268491/>
- **Email** – clemsonpdtalumni@gmail.com
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- **GroupMe** - https://web.groupme.com/join_group/106648549/Md78E79p
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