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# Spirit of Brotherly Love honored

The Texas Beta Chapter at the University of North Texas has produced many great brothers over the years, but none has had more of an impact on Sigma Phi Epsilon than Past Grand President Jack Wheeler. SigEps through the years have benefited from Jack's leadership and his consistent promotion of our Cardinal Principles: *Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love*. Jack has been a Dean of Students, a Chapter Counselor, an AVC President, a District Governor, Grand President, and Chairman of the Educational Foundation. Twenty years ago he endowed the Honor of Philias, which is awarded at Conclave for an outstanding example of Brotherly Love.

For the last year, alumni and friends of Texas Beta have raised money to honor Brother Wheeler and promote the success of our younger brothers with the Texas Beta Jack D. Wheeler Scholarship. These are the initial contributors:

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| Neil Adams     | Bill Murphy      |
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From left: Sam White, Jack Wheeler, Duffy Oyster

*"We wanted to honor Jack for his friendship and support of the Fraternity. He has unselfishly and generously given of himself for the benefit of others and is the epitome of the Balanced Man. The Jack Wheeler Scholarship is our small way of telling Jack that he is loved and respected by his brothers and that we will never forget him."*

~ DUFFY OYSTER (NORTH TEXAS '69)

The first scholarship was awarded last month at the Carlson Leadership Academy in Dallas. Brother Sam White, class of 2012, received the \$1,000 award for his exceptional contribution to the chapter, campus and community. Congratulations Sam!

All chapters are encouraged to start or bolster your scholarship funds held at the Foundation so you can foster, promote and help exceptional brothers. Awarding chapter scholarships builds the spirit and unity of a chapter and is an excellent example of how fraternities build lifelong relationships and *Balanced Men*.

## Scholarships | Zollinger Scholars

The Foundation supports scholarships to foster academic achievement and encourage excellence. Thanks to your gifts, we offer scholarships such as:

The Zollinger Endowment recognizes the relationship of Sigma Phi Epsilon to the life of J. Edward Zollinger, William & Mary '27. Brother Zollinger was Sigma Phi Epsilon's Grand President from 1967-1971, and a Trustee of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation from 1962 until his death in 1976, at which time he was serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

As men with outstanding leadership potential, Zollinger Scholars are sophomores selected by the chapter of the Zollinger Senior. They receive a \$500 scholarship in their junior year and another \$500 scholarship their senior year.

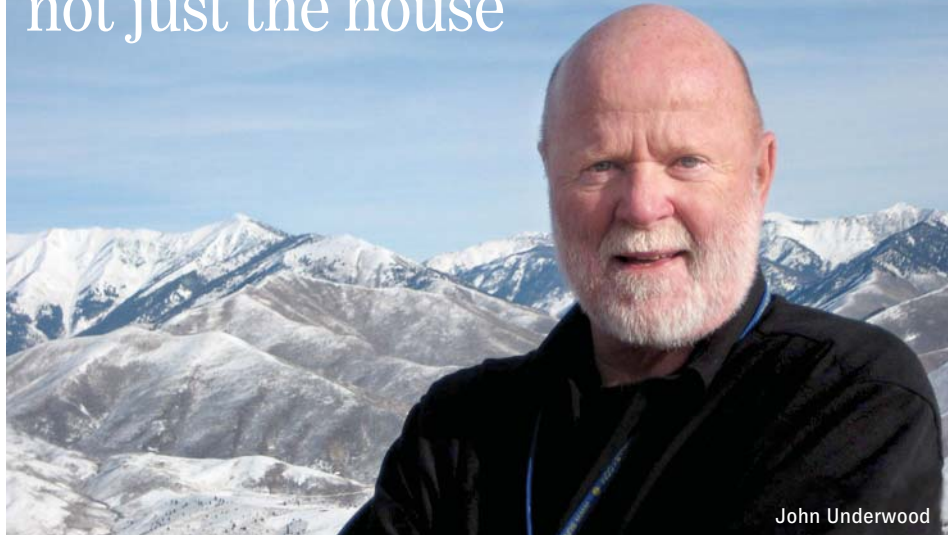


**Daniel Gerges, University of Maine '12**

"Although I greatly appreciate the financial support associated with this award, it is the meaning behind it that makes me so grateful. I am honored that my brothers feel that I have demonstrated

the qualities of a Balanced Man and shown leadership potential throughout my time at Maine Alpha. Receiving this award excites and motivates me to take on future leadership roles within the chapter. The award, as well as this year's Zollinger Senior, Owen McCarthy, inspires me to pursue excellence in my next two years as an undergraduate.

## Investing in the brothers, not just the house



John Underwood

Twenty-two years ago the SigEp house at Washington State was in serious disrepair. To avoid being shut down by the local public safety officials, a very small number of SigEp alums raised funds through personal donations and loans from various sources and made the estimated \$800,000 repairs to the house.

Not long after that, the facility again fell into disrepair and was closed by public health officials. Unfortunately, the university barred the fraternity from campus activities, and Headquarters revoked the chapter's charter. Not to be deterred, several committed alumni worked diligently to once again fund and renovate the facility. John Underwood was one of the alumni asked to invest. However, out of patience with the

continual abuse of the facility, he chose an alternative investment—the Brothers themselves. The Washington Alpha Underwood Leadership Fund was created. He explains, "I was made aware of a program at another WSU fraternity through which upperclassmen who lived in the house were awarded small stipends in consideration of their presence in the residence and their unofficial function as premises caretakers, guardians, if you will."

The chapter house was rebuilt in 2006 through the significant effort and donation of Ken Christianson, a WSU SigEp alum, and the continuing attention of Craig Dewey and other SigEp alums. Mr. Underwood's establishment of the endowment "was simply an effort to ensure that older, more mature, individuals would continually reside in the facility and operate to ensure that the premises would be maintained for future generations of responsible young men." To date, the Endowment has awarded five scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$1,250 each. Mr. Underwood states, "from what I have seen, we now have those responsible young men in residence. Whether my investment has had anything to do with



300 brothers, alumni and guests joined the celebration as Washington Alpha rechartered in April, 2009.

the marked improvement, I do not know. I am hopeful that it might have played, or might someday play, a small part in maintaining the integrity and brotherhood that many of us have come to value. I am pleased with what my wife and I elected to do at WSU for SigEp and with the thought that student aid from this source may well continue perpetually."

## Programs | Leadership Continuum

# Carlson Leadership Academy

Last month, CLAs were held in Hartford, Connecticut; San Mateo, California, Saint Louis, Missouri; Dallas, Texas; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Atlanta, Georgia. In 2010 the CLAs achieved record attendance with over 2,200 attendees. All of these Academies were made possible by your support of the Annual Fund of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation.

This two-day training program for chapter officers and aspiring leaders brings Brothers together from regional chapters for leadership education to share best practices for chapter improvement. They interact with alumni who have experience in management, leadership, finance, and sales. These alumni impart their knowledge and mentor young Brothers through developing their chapter leadership plans. Undergraduate officers and leaders leave the Carlson Leadership Academies with hands-on training and goals for SigEp's core area of operations; recruitment, development, finances, academics, housing, and volunteers. Each officer in our Fraternity plays a role in each category.



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The University of Texas-San Antonio received the Excelsior Award for academics at the Dallas CLA in February