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St. Mary's University: Sigma Phi Epsilon - Texas Theta

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(Pictured from left to right: Ramiro Torres, Scott Figueroa, Rudy Rodriguez, Matthew Swartz, Antonio Coffee)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring 2019 Recruitment
Week

Jan. 27th - Feb. 8th

Carlson Leadership Academy
(CLA)

Feb. 1st - Feb. 3rd

Spring BID DAY 2019

Feb. 8th

Alumni Golf Tournament

Mar. 29th

Baby Bake 2019

Mar. 30th

Sigma Phi Epsilon Spring Formal

Apr. 5th

St. Mary's Oyster Bake 2019

Apr. 12th - Apr. 13th



(ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018)

2019 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President

Rudy Rodriguez '20

Major: Biology

VP of Programming

Matthew Swartz '20

Major: Finance & Risk Management

VP of Member Development

Coliin Platz '20

Major: Psychology

VP of Finance

Luis Morales '21

Major: Accounting & Pre-Law

VP of Recruitment

Nicolas Vicinanza '21

Major: Computer Science

VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

Scott Nicholas Figueroa

Major: Comm. Studies & Political Science

Chaplain

Desmond Bonsignore '20

Major: Psychology



(Pictured left to right: Nico Vicinanza, Scott Figueroa, Matt Swartz, Rudy, Rodriguez, Desmond Bonsignore, Luis Morales, Colin Platz)

NEW MEMBERS

SIGMAS - ALPHA PI CLASS

The Brother's of Sigma Phi Epsilon Texas Theta are thrilled to announce our Spring 2019 Class! These fine gentlemen exemplify what it means to join a fraternity that strives in bettering yourself as a gentleman and a scholar as well as share the same values of what it means to become a balanced man. We would also like to especially thank our VP of Recruitment, Nicolas Vicinanza, on an exceptional job on recruiting his first Sigma class! Congrats Brother Nico!



(Pictured from left to right: Luis Magaña, Hugo Sanchez, Christopher Villarreal, John Paul Bogran, Bruno Montes De Oca, Jeffrey Annabi, Jack Wittenburg)

(Not Pictured: Christopher Flores, Jaiden Alvarado)



Name: Luis Magaña

Hometown: El Paso, TX/Cuidad Juarez, Mexico

Major: Criminology

Fun fact: I have a birthmark in my hair, so a lot of people think I dyed it

Why SigEp?: I chose SigEp because I wanted to have a family away from home, grow as a person, and meet new people.

Name: Hugo Andres Sanchez

Hometown: Brownsville, TX

Major: Electrical Engineering

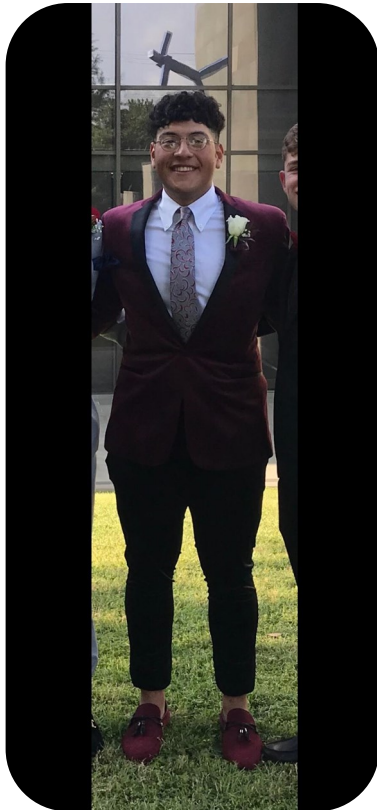
Fun Fact: Came out in a professional movie

Why SigEp?: SigEp gave me a place where I can continue to grow myself as a man and develop myself in a true brotherhood based on loyalty that will be there for the rest of my life.



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Name: Christopher Villarreal

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Major: Business Finance

Fun Fact: I'm a big shoe head. I have over 30 pairs.

Why SigEp?: SigEp is a group of guys who care and love one another and if anyone ever needs anything just call a SigEp and they will be there.

Name: John Paul BogrAn Jr.

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Major: Finance & Risk
Management

Fun Fact: I've been to Africa. (Ask me about it!)

Why SigEp?: I feel at home here and wanted to create lifelong friendships.



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Name: Bruno Montes De Oca

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Major: International Business

Fun Fact: I can stack 5 apples in under a minute

Why SigEp?: Because I could see that all the brothers had each other's back and supported each other.

Name: Jeffrey Annabi

Hometown: El Paso, TX

Major: Biology

Fun Fact: I enjoy playing guitar and working out

Why SigEp?: SigEp builds character and brotherly love through all of its brothers.



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Name: John D. Wittenburg III
(Jack)

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Major: Communication Studies

Minor: Virtual Communication
Design

Fun Fact: I love to play the drums
and couldn't live without music.

Why SigEp?: I was sold after we
all went out and bonded over mini
golf and arcade games and had
genuine fun for the first time in a
while.



Name: Christopher Flores

Hometown: McAllen, TX

Major: Philosophy

Fun Fact: I have a Husky named
Nico

Why SigEp?: I chose SigEp
because of the Balanced Man
Program and the relationship I had
with current members.

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Name: Jaiden Alvarado

Hometown: El Paso, TX

Major: Criminal Justice

Minor: Economics

Fun Fact: I can burp the alphabet.

Why SigEp?: I choose SigEp because of the great connections and networking opportunities SigEp has to offer.

RENAISSANCE BROTHER



Meet Texas Theta's first Renaissance Brother, Sean Hughes! Sean is from Springfield, Illinois and graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in U.S. History. He is currently getting his M.B.A. at St. Mary's while also working as an Army Officer. Fun fact: He went sky diving with 62-year-old mother on a whim. Sean joined SigEp because it has a long history of shaping balanced men and offer a culture of growth.

“The Renaissance of Brotherhood Program provides for men who live up to the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon to be part of the Fraternity even though they may not have had the opportunity during their college years. Any chapter can participate in the Renaissance of Brotherhood Program any time during the academic year. As much care should be used in selecting a Renaissance brother as is used to select an undergraduate member.”

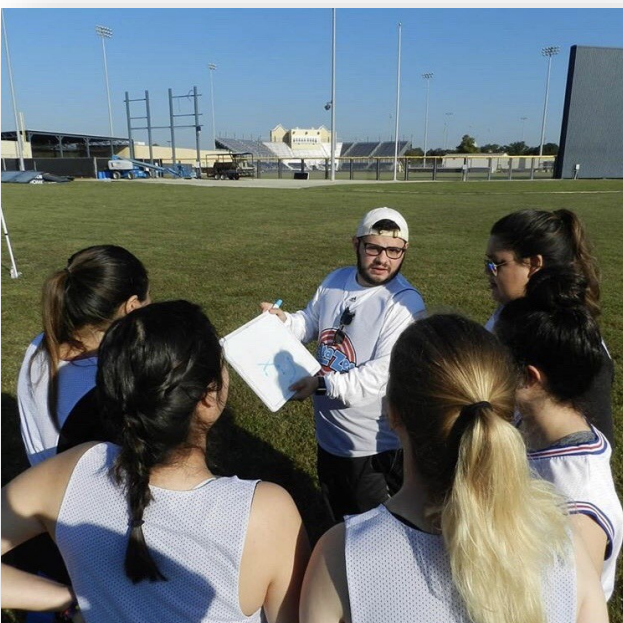
BROTHER'S SERVICE

Each semester St. Mary's invites the whole community to participate in Continuing the Heritage (CTH). This past fall semester the brothers of Texas Theta participated in Continuing the Heritage by taking time out of our Saturday morning to serve others since it is part of our journey on growing as a balanced man. On March 2nd, we will once again participate in CTH. As our Fraternity was founded on our Cardinal Principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love, Sigma Phi Epsilon Texas Theta is committed to serving our community.



BROTHER'S SERVICE

Texas Theta holds an annual powderpuff tournament in the fall open to all females called "SigEp Bowl." This past year was our 3rd annual bowl game. SigEp Bowl is our philanthropy event for the semester, all proceeds made from the tournament goes to Big Brothers Big Sisters.



CARLSON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

February 1st, 2019, the executive board of Texas Theta took a trip to Dallas, TX to attend the annual Carlson Leadership Academy. Our Exec. Board has had the opportunity to represent our chapter since 2017. Each year our board members are always excited to travel to different states for this event to learn the proper and necessary skills that will set our chapter up for success not only for the present, but also for the future. "This was my second time going to CLA and it was a blast. It's truly a great experience to get to meet brothers from different chapters and be able to collaborate with one another so that we can take back what we learned to ensure our chapter will flourish." - Vice President of Communications: Scott Nicholas Figueroa

(Pictured left to right: Nico Vicinanza, Desmond Bonsignore, Rudy Rodriguez, Matt Swartz, Luis Morales, Scott Figueroa)



LIFE AFTER COLLEGE



Say hello to Alumnus Mike Gonzales! Brother Mike graduated from St. Mary's University in 2012. While attending St. Mary's he was involved in the Marianist Leadership Program, Rattler Awakening, and of course, Sigma Phi Epsilon. As an active, Mike held leadership positions where he had the opportunity to create skills and habits that would help him prepare for the professional world. I had the chance to interview Mike to talk about life after college and his time here at SigEp Texas Theta.

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Mike Gonzales and Scott Figueroa sit down to discuss SigEp and Post-grad life.

Scott Figueroa: How has SigEp benefited you since graduating?

Mike Gonzales: Since graduating SigEp has provided a network of Brothers I can reach out to for help. It also built friendships in college that continue on long after graduation.

Scott Figueroa: What is your favorite SigEp memory?

Mike Gonzales: I would have to say my favorite SigEp memory was my first Retreat. It was a great bonding experience with my class and I was able to get to know the older members.

Scott Figueroa: What made you want to join SigEp?

Mike Gonzales: In every area I was involved in at St. Mary's there was also a SigEp I knew from Intramurals, MLP, Rattler Awakening, etc. A relationship was built over time and not just during recruitment week.

Scott Figueroa: What are you doing now?

Mike Gonzales: I work for Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union as an Asset Liability Analyst. I run an Interest Rate Risk model and am helping the Finance department prepare for crossing the \$10 Billion Asset mark.

Scott Figueroa: Do you have any advice for active members?

Mike Gonzales: For any active member I would suggest taking advantage of all the resources that SigEp and St. Mary's provide to benefit your future. Also, be as highly involved in the SigEp/St. Mary's community as possible to network and build relationships.



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MESSAGE FROM VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

The brothers of SigEp Texas Theta are working to improve our connections with our alumni. Your support is greatly appreciated and we want to do anything we can to get everyone involved with our chapter. Successful engagement with our alumni brothers will cultivate new volunteers in mentorship with undergraduate brothers and donors to support our chapter. Your support makes a difference!

Texas Theta continues to strive to be the best Fraternity not only on campus, but off campus as well. This spring semester we participated in Continuing the Heritage which took place this weekend to give back to our community as servant leaders. This is important to us because it directly aligns with our core values of Virtue, Diligence, & Brotherly Love.

We are excited for this year's upcoming events and have many plans for the future of the Texas Theta chapter. In addition, we strongly encourage you all to become involved with our chapter. Any assistance our alumni brothers have is more than welcomed. If you have any questions on our upcoming events and how to get involved you can contact me at sfigueroa6@mail.stmarytx.edu for more information.

Fraternally yours,

Scott Nicholas Figueroa

Vice President of Communications

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Email or call us for more information about our events!

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