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Alumni Association Scholarship Essay

Sigma Nu means everything to me. This is my junior year at ECU, and time couldn't be passing more quickly. As a freshman, I had not intended to rush a fraternity, due to the undesirable traits that are often associated with fraternity life, though I quickly found with Sigma Nu, the brothers are different. After being greeted by a brother and invited to a rush event, I reluctantly made an appearance and was blown away by the character of the men of Sigma Nu. I immediately knew that this was the group I needed to join. Now, two years later, I am proud to say that Sigma Nu Eta Beta has become the cornerstone of my incredible college experience.

Since the beginning of my candidacy, Sigma Nu has encouraged growth and opportunity in our organization. Brothers are continuously pushing each other to run for executive positions, perform their best, and lead in ways that are effective for the whole brotherhood. This is evident through chapter meetings and LEAD sessions, which focused on building effective leaders for the future of the chapter. In addition to leadership development, Sigma Nu provided me with many social opportunities and networking experiences. Since joining, I have attended countless social events ranging from sporting events to socials with various sororities. Thanks to Sigma Nu, I have also been able to take advantage of several community service opportunities, such as three blood drives, running the special olympics, and cleaning up streets on the grid each month. Through each occasion, I have bonded with my brothers, established lifelong friendships, and broadened my interests. Finally, as a brother of Sigma Nu I have embraced the values of love, honor, and truth. Sustaining these values has inspired me to always remain a gentleman. Sigma Nu has helped me to better lead, network with my peers, and give back to the Greenville community. Because of these experiences and friendships, Sigma Nu has become the most valuable aspect of my academic career at ECU.

Because of the value that Sigma Nu has established in my life, I do all that I can to give back to our brotherhood. In the first meeting of my candidate class, I was elected unanimously as Sigma Nu Eta Beta's first Candidate Class Commander since our return to ECU. This required an immeasurable time commitment. Hours of each day during my candidacy were spent keeping my Gamma class brothers in check, reserving rooms in the library for studying, confirming that each brother attended LEAD sessions and all required meetings, while simultaneously personally meeting each brother to know them better. While serving as Candidate Class Commander was one of my most rewarding experiences in Sigma Nu so far, I am proud that I acted in a manner that bettered my brothers to bring the chapter to where it is today.

In the same way that I chose to lead as a candidate nearly two years ago, I have continued this legacy since initiated as a brother. One of the traits that initially drew me to this organization is its academic performance. For each of the last two years, I have been appointed as Scholarship Chairman for our chapter. In this position, I have maintained thorough contact and guidance with each brother that does not meet our academic standards. Additionally, after realizing that there are incentives for brothers at the top to continue stellar academic performance, but no incentives for brothers at the bottom to improve, I created a new academic

plan that rewards the top brothers who improve their GPA the most over each semester. These brothers are rewarded with gift cards to local restaurants, such as Sup Dogs. This past semester alone, multiple brothers who were previously unable to run for an executive board position due to grades have greatly improved their academic performance and now sit as valuable officers of our brotherhood. Through each and every semester that I have served as Scholarship Chairman, Sigma Nu has been awarded for having the Highest Fraternity GPA at ECU. I am extremely proud to say that I played a major role in this achievement.

Engaging in this brotherhood has contributed to my life through lifelong friendships, social life, pursuit of academic excellence, and teaching me to effectively lead. Through my first role as Candidate Class Commander, I solidified the bond in the Gamma class and led effectively to bring this part of our chapter to where it is today. As two-term Scholarship Chairman, my record demonstrates a powerful continuation of Sigma Nu's academic heritage. Lastly, given all that the Alumni Association has done as brothers, it is an honor to be considered for this scholarship. Through my involvement in our chapter since the day my candidate class first met, I hope that in the eyes of the selection board I have demonstrated commitment deserving of the 2018 Sigma Nu Alumni Association Scholarship. I sincerely thank you for taking the time to read my essay, for your commitment as a brother, and for your support of our chapter. I cannot thank you enough for your selflessness!