

# Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

April 2019



## Haven't Joined Facebook Yet?

Hey everyone I'm Nicole Jokubauskas '17 and I'm working on expanding our Facebook page. I love what everyone's sharing on it but would love to expand it more so we can have more of our brothers and sisters involved! If you still have your old pledge books, crack it open and try looking up old friends and adding them to the page! I would also like to start featuring a pledge class/turtledove calling it Turtle Tale and Dove Love Monthly. Our plan is to feature our Turtle/Dove alumni that have just joined Facebook. If you have any suggestions or concerns please let me know at [njokubauskas19@gmail.com](mailto:njokubauskas19@gmail.com)!

And as always, don't forget to join our Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association page!

## Calendar

### Turtle Actives Summer Retreat

**-Alumni Welcome-**

**Saturday  
August 3, 2019**

10:00a – 6:00pm  
McCullum Hunt Club  
West of Richmond IL

### 2019 Homecoming, Annual Meeting

**October 12,  
2019**

**Pre-Game Get  
Together**

**We still need a  
sponsor(s)**

Casa Capri (Louies)  
Starting at 10:00a  
Annual Meeting at  
11:00a

**Carthage vs  
IL Wesleyan**  
Game Time - 1:00p

## To the Alumni of Tau Sigma Chi

The current state of the Turtles & Doves shows nothing but a strong a promising future. Our newest new member class holds some of the larger pledge groups that we have in many years; with fourteen women and eleven men. Our philanthropy has a healthy mixture of tradition to our roots, and yet new and exciting programs getting put into place. This current chapter and its actives hold some of the most enthusiasm and unity!

As the chapter prepared for this past rush event and the process of starting to find potential future turtles and doves, there is always a feeling of excitement that leads up to this time but this year was taken to a new level. With the largest attendance to our rush party than ever before, making the attendance of rushees almost at sixty people there was evidence of the impact that Tau Sigma Chi is considerably making on this Carthage campus. From our philanthropy to our service, and our presence in on and off campus activities, it is without a doubt that when some still hear "you bet your sweet ass" that it holds something powerful.

Our organization was founded as a service organization, and our body makes a valid effort to stick to our roots while maintaining our dedication to our social status as a Greek fraternity. In early November we did our annual pumpkin smash to fight against muscular dystrophy! With great success and such fantastic support from all of you we were able to make an even more significant impact for this great cause then the year prior. Ongoing with philanthropy, Tau Sigma Chi worked with the Skulls and Kappa Phi Eta on our second annual Heels for Hope event. This event is an on-campus drag show with professional drag queens and student volunteers. In one night alone, over \$2,000 was raised to help open a safe house for LGBTQ youth in Milwaukee. Three of our Turtles won the best student drag performance!

In the spring semester, we have been focusing on more localized philanthropic opportunities. Our philanthropy chairs have been working extremely hard with the administration to put on our annual sexual assault awareness week that will be occurring later this month. Another new project in the works in a clothing drive for the boys and girls club. This will create connections with other Greek organizations and local businesses! Finally, our newest fundraising efforts are with the SPARK summer camp! Currently, we are looking to raise money for a fantastic opportunity to help young seventh and eighth-grade girls in the local community help build STEM and Leadership skills! This camp was created by a current Dove, Miss Hannah Skendziel, and many of our members will be volunteering their time to be counselors this summer.

Summarizing the current state of Tau Sigma Chi would take much more than just a letter. But the best word to describe it would be BUSY. All of our members are dedicated to the siblinghood and the betterment of this community as a whole. There is nowhere but up for Tau Sigma Chi.

Antoine M Givens and Madeline Anderson  
Turtle and Dove Presidents

## Extra 65<sup>th</sup> Turtle Throw Blankets and Tumblers Available

If you didn't get a Turtle 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary stadium blanket but would like one drop us a line as there but we only have 5 left. They are \$27 each plus shipping. Also we've got some extra black beverage tumblers lettered in white with 'Tau Sigma Chi 1953'. Those are \$20 each plus a little for shipping.

Please contact Kurt Lehrmann at [kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com) (262.880.2447) if you're interested.

## Any Alums Getting Together?

I finally got together last fall to play some golf with my bro's. The memories started flowing and it felt like we graduated just a few years ago. How about anyone else out there, did you get together? If so send us a quick note and a picture that captured the moment so we can get it in the next newsletter. If not, start planning something now so another year doesn't slip by. Contact Kurt Lehrmann at 262-880-2447 or [kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com).

## The Doves Summer Service Project Needs Your Help!!

### SPARK SUMMER CAMP STEM Progress Alliance for Racine and Kenosha

In keeping the Turtle service commitment, current Dove active Hannah Skendziel created the SPARK summer camp from scratch! With the help of other Doves serving as counselors (Rachel Roschi, Sonja Katt, Lauren Patt, Kate Janes, Lexie Wheeler, Kayla Shuman) and Jordan Tallman, who is doing all the graphics for the camp and media pro-bono, the group will be hosting its inaugural event this summer at Carthage.

SPARK Summer Camp is a free science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) camp for 7th and 8th grade girls in the Kenosha and Racine area, held July 26-28th, 2019 at Carthage College. Hands-on, interactive workshops aim to captivate, excite, and educate campers on the possibilities of a career in STEM. In addition to one-of-a-kind demos, campers will participate in leadership training and college preparatory seminars. Our mission is to break down social and financial barriers, making STEM assessable to all girls who have the interest and passion. The STEM Progress Alliance for Racine and Kenosha is ready to spark the next generation of scientists and innovators in our community.

Check out the GoFundMe link below to learn more or reach out to Hannah Skenziel at [hskenziel@carthage.edu](mailto:hskenziel@carthage.edu) or call her at (262)945-5626 to learn more about how to donate or get involved.

[https://www.gofundme.com/spark-summer-camp?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=fb\\_dn\\_cpgntopstickysm\\_all\\_r](https://www.gofundme.com/spark-summer-camp?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=fb_dn_cpgntopstickysm_all_r)

## Dove Tales

### Bro Files & Dove Tales

Do you have an interesting story to tell about a fellow brother or sister? Why not give us a quick Bro File or Dove Tail so the rest of us can enjoy.

Just follow the format to the right and send us a picture or two and we'll see that they get recognized.

Email your information to [jeffrey.menter@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.menter@gmail.com)

### Solange Bayerl '19: Client Consultant Specialist

#### Major: Management

Solange Bayerl is trading the cold Kenosha winters for the hot Arizona desert with her job as a Client Consultant Specialist for the company ADP. "I found this job through a LinkedIn article naming some of the best places to work for in 2019," Solange explained. "I decided to apply to Arizona because my family is relocating and I wanted to be closer to them. Solange is set to start in June 2019. She thanks the Carthage Business Department for all the support throughout her time at Carthage, as well as her Tau Sigma Chi Turtles and Doves. Solange was a member who excelled in all that she did she will be missed.



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<http://www.tausigmachi.org>

## Dove Tales

### Tara Smith '19: Teacher

#### Major: English and Secondary Education

Tara will be teaching English at an urban middle school in the Kenosha area and will continue her work towards closing the gap that historically exists between underrepresented students and higher education. Tara has many she would like to thank, "I would like to thank my mom, of course, and my boyfriend Nathan Morris for their love and support. I'd also like to thank the fraternity as a whole for being my on-campus family." Tara is the former Dove President, she has offered great guidance to many in the chapter and will be greatly missed.



### Homecoming Pre-Game Sponsor Needed

For over 5 years we've been fortunate to have some Turtle alums step up and sponsor the Homecoming Pre-Game festivities at Casa Capri.

As many of you know we offer free beer with pizza and appetizers for all those attending. Maybe you're interested this year or why not find out if any of your brothers and/or sisters are coming and make it a group thing.

The total cost is less than \$500 and don't forget, its tax deductible as a donation to the Alumni Association. If you're interested in being this year's sponsor, contact any of the board members.

### THE FOUNDERS MATCH

On behalf of the FOUNDERS I would like to thank all the people who made contributions to our matching \$1,000.00 event. We now have \$2,100.00 in the "Fathers' Fund". We are having discussions on how to proceed at this time and will keep you posted in the future.

Don (Ace) Henderson,  
1956  
1st Turtle President



# 2019 Turtle Summer Retreat

## Saturday August 3, 2019 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

(Overnight camping available through Sunday July 28)

McCullom Lake Hunt Club – Hebron IL  
[www.mccullomhuntlakeclub.com](http://www.mccullomhuntlakeclub.com)

Are you ready for the annual summer retreat picnic at McCullom Lake Hunt Club in Hebron, Illinois? The Turtle Actives will once again be hosting the event so make sure to get the word out to all those that like to spend time outdoors with friends/family socializing, sharing refreshments, grilling turtle brats and other exotic roadkill, telling stories and playing games. The Actives will be standing tall and in charge so things should be interesting. Please feel free to contact Antoine Givens ([agivins@carthage.edu](mailto:agivins@carthage.edu)) or Madi Anderson ([manderson13@carthage.edu](mailto:manderson13@carthage.edu)) with questions/concerns.

Signs will be posted along Okeson Road directing folks to the picnic grove. Once at the picnic grove there will be plenty of spots available for everyone to set up tables/chairs and claim camping sites for those who would like to spend the night out in the woods. There will be plenty of firewood for the campfire. Please let us know a couple of weeks in advance if you plan to spend the night. For the fisherman/women, there's a fishing pond (catch & release for bass, bluegill and catfish) for all to enjoy. Please bring your own equipment and bait. We encourage folks to bring outdoor games (bocce ball, bags, lawn jarts, etc.). Come for some of the time or all but there is no reason not to join in on the fun.

**When:** Saturday July 27st 10:00am thru 6:00pm – *RAIN or SHINE*  
*Campers may stay Saturday 10:00am until Sunday 4:00pm*

**Where:** McCullom Lake Hunt Club – 10603 Okeson Road, Hebron, McHenry County, Illinois 60034

**Cost:** No Charge

**Donations:** All are encouraged to support the event and the Turtles with a \$10, \$15, \$20 or the most generous donation you can afford to help out with grounds fees, mosquito control, and incidental club fees.

**Food/Drink:** Grills are provided by the Hunt Club, but you will need to bring your own charcoal, grilling equipment, plates/cups/utensils, food and liquid refreshments.

**WE ARE GUESTS OF THE HUNT CLUB - PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL!**

**Tables/Chairs/Camping Gear:** None provided so make sure to bring our own stuff.

If you are not into camping but want to stay in the area overnight, the following accommodations are nearby:

- Super 8 Richmond – 11200 N. US Route 12 (Main Street), Richmond, IL 60071
- Comfort Suites Lake Geneva – 300 E. Main Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147
- The Cove of Lake Geneva – 111 Center Street, Lake Geneva, WI 53147
- Harbor Shores on Lake Geneva – 300 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva 53147

We can always use help with these events. If you would like to participate and provide assistance with promotion, games, raffles, set-up, clean-up, etc. please contact Jeff Menter [Jeffrey.menter@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffrey.menter@gmail.com) (262.914.8574); Kurt Lehrmann [kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com) (262.880.2447); Antoine Givens [agivins@carthage.edu](mailto:agivins@carthage.edu); or Madi Anderson [manderson13@carthage.edu](mailto:manderson13@carthage.edu).

## What?? You Weren't There? At the 65<sup>TH</sup>?

There were Actives, recent grads, Turtle Doves, Turtle representatives from every decade including two from the 50s - two Presidents - Rich Dokmo and myself. And how about two Presidents -65 years apart talking together - Sam Mischio. And he wants to help us out after graduation. Chris Steenrod also did a great job as MC and how about John Sladek still fitting in his Turtle sport coat from fifty years ago.

As always there are a lot of people to thank for putting this event on and it is usually the 70s gang that makes it happen. This year I also have to thank a person for helping me get the table Turtles when I neglected to tell her until the day before we were leaving - Thanks Judy!!!

As usual "A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, OH BOY!"

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956  
1st Turtle President

### Congratulation to the entire 2019 Turtle senior class is as follows:

Suneed Ahmed  
Solange Bayerl  
Antonio Conner  
Rebecca Ensor  
Malea Fischer

Sam Gabriel  
Jordan Gabriella  
Jessica Graziano  
Sean Kilbourne  
Samuel Mischio

Ryan Morales  
Hannah Jane Pearson  
Bryan Pierce  
Jocelyne Sanchez  
Mitch Scarski

Hannah Skendziel  
Tara Smith  
Joanne Stanfa  
Phillip Vaccarello

We thank all of our seniors and wish them the absolute best in the future they have all made great contributions to the fraternity and will be greatly missed.

## Sean Kilbourne '19: Walt Disney World

### Major: Mathematics and Secondary Education

Sean's plans are to go work at Walt Disney World in Florida from August- January then to start subbing in schools in the Kenosha area then hopefully get a job teaching high school mathematics around Kenosha.

Sean would like to thank his brothers and sisters for "always supporting me in whatever I did, especially when a Disney song came on; my family for supporting me through college and letting me live this dream I've had since freshman year, Antoine Givens for being there for me when I needed some guidance, and Grace for making it a little bit harder to leave Carthage College." "School will always be a home for you to come back to but that party will only happen for one night. Thanks for giving me that home to come back to." Sean has touched many in the chapter and has helped with the growth of many in the chapter he will be missed.



## What's New in Turtle Apparel!!

Brothers and Sisters,

We're still working on selecting some new items for purchase this summer. Current the jury is leaning toward a nice 64 oz vacuum-sealed stainless steel growler. Of course we'll have it customize with some cool Turtles banner to you can show it off a little. We're also discussing getting several items that the newly activated Turtles and Doves can pick up so they're ready to show off their letters when they hit the campus this fall.

Unfortunately we don't have the specifics for this newsletter as we didn't want to delay its publication. We do plan on sending out information via email blasts and Facebook posts when they become available.

As always, please let me know if you have any suggestions on items you'd like to see offered or if you have any ideas on how to make this experience better for everyone!

Cheers, Chris Steenrod '09  
[steenrodchris@gmail.com](mailto:steenrodchris@gmail.com)

### A Different Approach to Fundraising

Sixty-five years ago, a group of men in Carthage Illinois decided that they should form a service fraternity and the Turtles were born. As we look at refining our benevolence we look at individually targeting our fund raising activities with targeted emails and in some cases utilizing mailing services through Carthage. By targeting those specific activities we hope to bring specific attention to those that we feel you might contribute to. Stay tuned for those individual campaigns and as always, thank you for our generous donations as provide funding for TEX composites, homecoming events and other initiatives.

To make general donations to the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association, make your checks out to TEXAA and write General Fund Donation. Send your donations to: Harry Flanagan, 1024 Oaktree Trail, Lake Villa, IL 60046.

### Financial Report (thru 4/1/19)

Current Balance  
\$5869.03

*Summary since  
July 2018*

Donations- \$4,140.92

Expenditures for  
65<sup>th</sup> Pre-game and  
banquet -\$1,530.47  
MDA Donation- \$695

### Membership

This spring we started working with the Carthage Alumni Office to identify past presidents and officers of the Turtles and Doves. Our hope is that in the near future we can do a mailing with Carthage to reach out to all Turtles. You can help by checking out our Alumni Directory from our website ([www.tausigmachi.org](http://www.tausigmachi.org)) and let me know if you have any of the "missing" emails and street addresses for the "missing" brothers/sisters. Just as a reminder, the password to get the spreadsheet is "TEX1953". Thanks in advance!

*Please send any updated info to me  
at [twhughes17@gmail.com](mailto:twhughes17@gmail.com).*

## 2018-19 Turtle and Dove Executive Board:

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## Annual TEXAA Meeting

**Casa Capri Restaurant October 12, 2019 11:00am**

As an official IRS 501c3 organization and in accordance with our constitution, this is a notice that our annual meeting of the membership will be held on October 12, 2019 at 11:00am at Casa Capri restaurant at 2129 Birch Road Kenosha, WI.

Not sure you're a voting member? According to our constitution, "any person who is either an alumnus, honorary, or good-standing member of Tau Sigma Chi or Tau Sigma Chi Turtle Doves Fraternity" is a member. Each year we need elect Board of Trustee members and in some cases we could be voting on constitutional changes or financial obligations. We will let you know in advance what's on the agenda and while we'd love to have you attend, our constitution also gives you the right to "execute and send in by mail or electronic mail a proxy designating one or more members to vote in his or her behalf." Send an email to someone who is attending or to Kurt Lehrmann granting your proxy vote and to whom it was granted. Don't forget the meeting is during our Pre-Game reception, which starts at 10:00am, so come before the meeting and talk with other Turtles. Hope to see you there.

### Donate Through Us - We're Tax Deductible with the IRS

As I hope you know our alumni association is recognized as an **IRS 501c3 tax deductible organization**. With this status it gives us the ability to do tax deductible fund-raising and accept donations from people and organizations. With the same tax advantage as Carthage, Turtle and Dove alumni can send donations through us so we can have a stronger presence with the College. If Carthage has a fund raiser you're interested in supporting, send us your donation and we'll write a check to the College with all other contributions. If you've got an idea for Turtle or Carthage fundraiser don't hesitate to contact us.



## TEX Alumni Association Executive Update

With memories of the 65<sup>th</sup> still fresh in my mind I look forward to some new initiatives that we hope will continue to strengthen the Alumni Association. Over the past few years we've made a concerted effort to engage with the actives as they will become the alumni that continues to support the Turtles as the leading Greek organization on campus. While I'm always excited to hear about older alums that want to help out I understand that it's the graduating seniors that we need to stay engaged with or we will never see them as supporting alumni.

Speaking of the actives I'm sure you've seen their energy throughout this newsletter. I'm excited to hear about the SPARK program and that the Turtles are the leaders in making it happen. Interestingly the education based science organizations are still in the back seat on this one. It looks like the current Director of Greek Life is stepping down which provides a great opportunity for the Greeks to be a part of the selection process. With current administration promoting national based Greek organizations this provides a chance to change the conversation about the value of local organizations. We will continue to speak to that cause and I encourage any of you that have President Swallow's ear to let him know our concern. It's encouraging that he's asked all the Greek Presidents to serve on the screening committee. The actives are once again going to host the Summer Retreat which is open to all Turtles. Check out the articles in the newsletter for information and contacts.

As you may have noticed in the newsletter we're trying to change our promotion tactics to provide better clarity on each effort. In the past we embedded notices in newsletter but will now be looking at sending out targeted emails and in some cases, getting a mailing or two sent from Carthage. Thanks to everyone who supported the Founders Club Match, the Turtles MDA fundraiser and the composite picture purchase. As our new efforts progress, we're interested in your feedback.

Rekindling and maintaining lifelong friendships does take a little effort. Make a phone call, email or text someone to get the ball rolling, you won't regret it. Finally, don't hesitate to step up and volunteer to help the alumni association. It's a great way to stay connected with your friends as well as provide some much needed experience for the younger Turtles. Have a great summer and I hope to see you at the summer retreat or the next Homecoming.

Kurt Lehrmann '75

### Obituary for Dale D. Hittman

#### *Sorry we missed this earlier*

Dale Dennis Hittman, 71, of Oconomowoc, WI passed away peacefully in his sleep after a 2 year battle with cancer on Dec 2, 2017. Dale was born in Milwaukee on July 16, 1946. Dale and his wife Jackie were married for 43 years. Dale was an entrepreneur, real estate broker, teacher and coach. He enjoyed being on the lake, playing golf and tennis, watching and coaching his children and grandchildren in life and in sports. He was a man of faith and brought a smile and love to all who knew him.

Dale is survived by his loving wife Jackie; children Kristi (Terry) Kloos, Shawn Hittman, and Kaelyn (Scott) Benham; grandchildren Cassidy Kloos, Jackson, Noah, and Violet Benham; and Baby Benham (due June 2018); brother Lance (Shelia) Hittman; brother in law Pat Manders; nephew Ryan (Monica) Luxon and their children Raleigh and Grace Luxon; best friend Bob Richter, and other family and friends. Dale is preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Ruth Hittman, as well as twin sister Dawn (Richard) Luxon.

