

SC Gamma Alumni Association

Dear Clemson Phi Delta Theta Alumni,

I hope this letter finds you well. Following this letter is the annual Alumni Association newsletter. Our mission is to bring alumni together and to keep the brotherhood of Phi Delta Theta alive and well post-graduation. 2023-2024 has seen the Alumni Association offering more opportunities to reconnect. Some of our accomplishments are:

- Flag placements at Alumni tailgates to show available tailgates to visiting graduates.
- Relaunch of the Alumni Mentoring program
- Continue expansion for the Spring game tailgate.
- Home football tailgate for Alumni in Lot 5.
- Regional happy hours in: Clemson, Greenville, Charlotte, Columbia, Charleston, and Atlanta
- Home game tailgate maps
- Hole-in-one sponsorship for the annual golf tournament
- Awarding of Alumni of the Year – Jody Hunter 2023
- Awarding of the Jim Douglas Graduation Mugs to graduating seniors in the Fall and Spring
- 3 Alumni Speaking Events via Zoom

The Board and I work hard to make the Alumni Association something that allows members to continue to be a part of our fraternity and Clemson University. The projects that we are tackling this year are:

- Continue Alumni Mentoring matching.
- Expanding the Spring game tailgate
- Continued flag placement as alumni identify their spots.
- Expansion of regional happy hours to be more consistent.
- Bi-Annual Alumni Speaking Events via Zoom
- Initiative to preserve our history – pictures and interviews working with the active chapter.
- Expansion of our communication tools to invest in a “push” technology to get notification to alumni via email, text, and social media.
- Fund raising effort via t-shirt and golf shirt sales as well as a membership push.
- Transition from personal email space to clemsonpdtalumni@gmail.com for future users
- Constant cleansing of our alumni database to keep contacts up to date.
- Participation in the 55th reunion celebration, led by Alex Stefanic and committee.

As you can see, we have our work cut out for us in the upcoming year. We always appreciate anyone who is willing to volunteer in a committee or lead the charge. I have enjoyed my time getting to know everyone and working to make our group as interactive as possible. Success is hard to measure, but based on the number of connections that we have made I think we are doing a good job.

As this year transitions we need to consider the future of the Alumni Association. We do not have terms published in our bylaws but will be seeking nominations for future board members and

leaders in the next year. As we enter our busy season around football, I have one ask and that is to make the effort. It is very rare that someone coming back for the golf outing doesn't come back every year following. We have a large database of contacts. Before you miss out, reconnect with your friends from college. Give back, its rewarding.

Thanks for your trust in me to lead this organization. Thank you to those that participate and support our events and efforts. We hope that all of you can utilize this organization this year.

Sincerely,

Jeff Mackin '399'

President of the SC Gamma Alumni Association

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Update from our Treasurer

The Alumni Association ended the 2023 with \$12,976 in available cash for a net increase of \$3,032 from year end 2022. Through dues and fund-raising efforts, the association received \$8,675 and distributed \$3,032 for social functions, gifts to the chapter and other miscellaneous expenses. The association currently has approximately 100 active members.

A Venmo account (@pdtscgalumni) has been established as another method of payment for contributions to the association. Funds from the sale of Golf and t-shirts net of expenses will also be used as a source of funds this year.

Thanks,

Dan '330'

Update on the Chapter

I had a nice conversation with the active president Jack Weisenberger this evening. Jack is a junior and a Construction Science major and prior to being elected president he was the philanthropy chair. Jack said their biggest accomplishment from this past spring was achieving status as an Iron Phi Chapter for the second year in a row due to their philanthropy and fundraising efforts. They lost a big graduating class in May and thus are looking to take a pledge class of 30-35 of the right guys.

As far as Rush goes, it kicks off the day after school starts with the informal pre-rush activities. They have a series of Rush lunches and dinners on Aug 21-22 with Smokers taking place on Aug 23-24. The schedule is a little compressed this year with the final round at the lodge on the evening of Tue Aug 27.

We discussed several other topics including the mentorship program and alumni tailgates at football games. After Rush is over, we will schedule for Jon Wise and me to attend a chapter meeting and present this year's program to the chapter.

Thanks,

Doug Brown '626'
Chapter Advisor

Mentorship Program

In our successful relaunch of the Mentor Program last Spring, we have 62 volunteering mentors available. Late in the Spring Semester, we lined up 44 active members with their mentors. The majority of mentors and actives connected over the past 6 months and the process of connecting alumni and future graduates has started. We expect strong participation in the Fall and into the future.

The number one thing, the actives are looking for is internships. This is a strong group of Phi Deltas as evidenced by their success on campus and national activities. If your business accepts interns, please reach out and we can connect you with candidates.

Thanks,

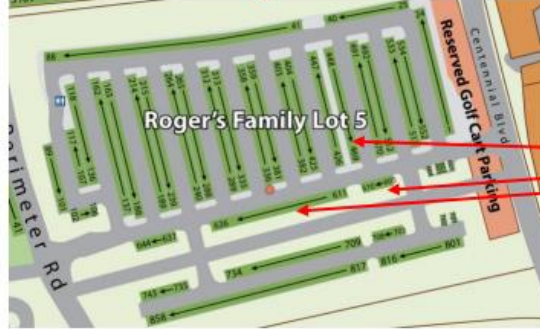
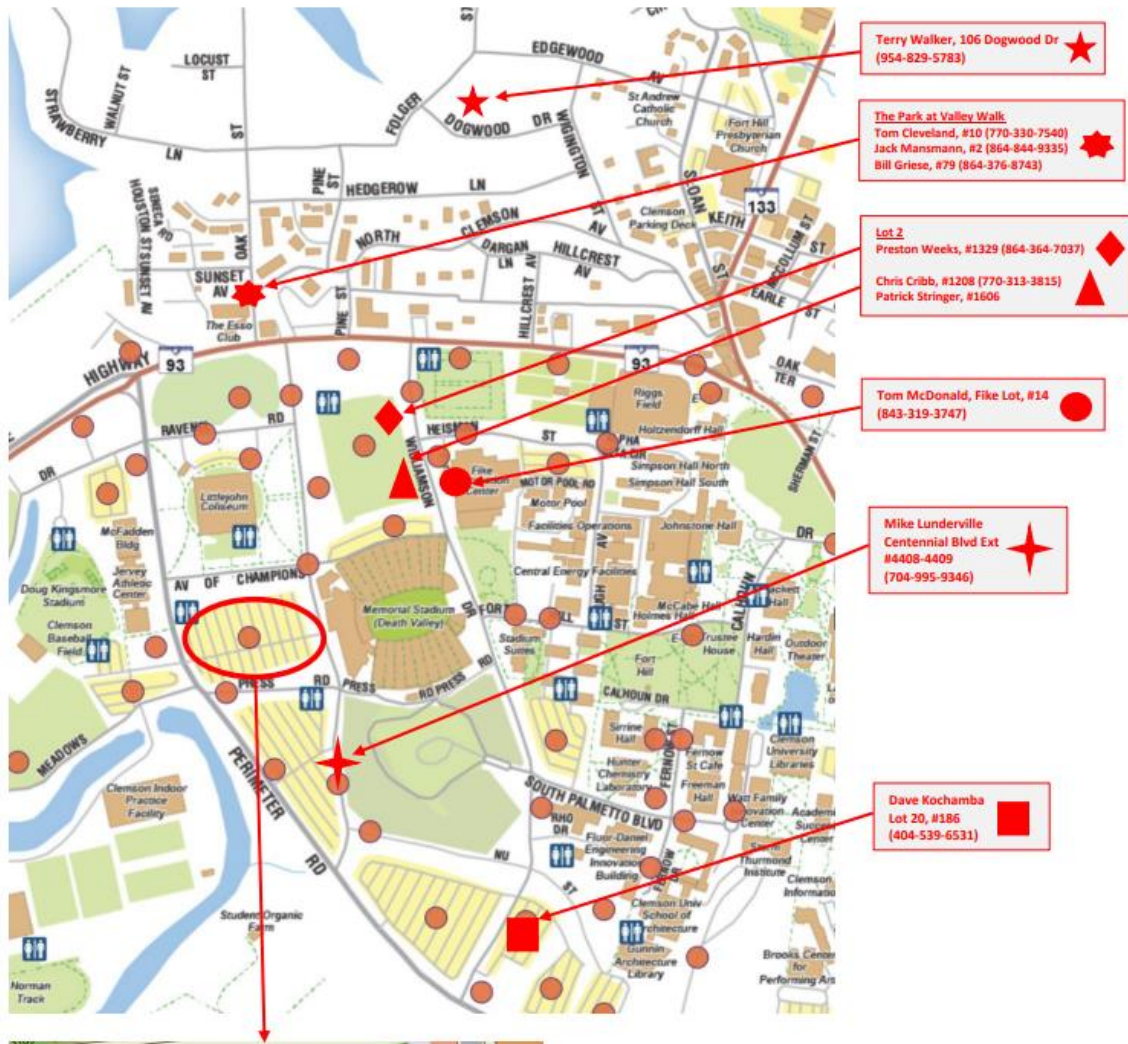
Jon '320'

2024 Tailgate Map

Please join us on campus for the football season. Below is the tailgate map showing where fellow Phi Delts enjoy the pre and post game activities.

Jon '320'

Phi Delta Theta Clemson Tailgating Parking Map – Fall 2024



- Lot 5**
 Jody Hunter, #465 (803-422-3837)
 John Sturman, #464 (864-238-7860)
 Rob Marchant, Trei Hund, Chris Cribb #606-609 (843-696-6902)
 Jim Douglas, #628-629 (864-986-1306)

Phi Delta Theta Clemson Tailgating Parking Map – Fall 2024

| Phi Delta Theta Tailgating Parking Locations | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Brother's Name | | Cell Number | Parking Lot | Parking Spot |
| Terry | Walker | 954-829-5783 | 106 Dogwood Drive | -- |
| Tom | Cleveland | 770-330-7540 | The Park at Valley Walk | 10 |
| Jack | Mansmann | 561-901-3246 | The Park at Valley Walk | 2 |
| Bill | Griese | 864-376-8743 | The Park at Valley Walk | 79 |
| Preston | Weeks | 864-364-7037 | Shaw Family Lot, Lot 2 | 1329 |
| Patrick | Stringer | | Lot 2 | 1606 |
| Thomas | McDonald | 843-319-3747 | Fike Lot | 14-15 |
| Jody | Hunter | 803-422-3837 | Lot 5 | 465 |
| John | Sturman | 864-238-7860 | Lot 5 | 464 |
| Jim | Douglas | 864-986-1306 | Lot 5 | 628-629 |
| Rob | Marchant | 843-696-6902 | Lot 5 | 606-609 |
| Trei | Hund | 904-315-7323 | | |
| Chris | Cribb | 770-313-3815 | | |
| Mike | Lunderville | 704-995-9346 | Centennial Blvd Extension | 4408-4409 |
| David | Kochamba | 404-539-6531 | Lot 20 | 186 |

Activities and Social Events

Welcome to 2024 Football everybody! The past two seasons, the Alumni Association along with some actives and Phikeias, delivered flags to Alumni tailgates to mark Phi Delt tailgates during football weekends. We are again excited to fly those Phi Delt flags at your tailgates. As Jon shared with us, the tailgate map pinpoints current tailgates who participate in helping visiting alumni navigate the scene. We have had visitors from the past, the active chapter, and from visiting schools enjoy our tailgates. All you have to do is “look up” and you will see several flags in the tailgate lots.

The main event planned for this fall is the annual Golf Outing and get together on Friday September 27th. This coincides with the Homecoming game versus our new ACC member, Stanford. If you have not signed up already, the deadline has passed, but we may still be able to squeeze you in. For non-golfers, we are adding carts to enjoy the day. We also need some volunteers to help setup, breakdown, and be witnesses for the SC Gamma Alumni Association sponsored hole-in-one contest.

Here are some pictures from the past couple of years:



Large tailgate spot by the Oculus in Lot 5. With Rob Marchant and Trei Hund.



Flag flying proud at Tom '35' and Susan McDonalds tailgate. Pictures left to right: Mike Sale, Steve Backman, Doug Stewart, Jon Wise, Dan Bradley, Mike Reid, Richard Swetonic, Chuck McDonald, and Tom McDonald



Tailgate on Tiger Walk.



No explanation necessary.

Appalachian State is our first home game and it is a NIGHT game !!!! For those who have not been to a night game in Death Valley, they are super special especially with all the new lighting setup in the stadium. Here is a pic from the UNC night game last year:



Special Note for the Louisville home game on November 2

We are excited to share that Drew Dangerfield (son of David Dangerfield '371' and brother of Langston Dangerfield '1004') will be performing a live acoustic set in the Lot 5 tailgate spot designated as the Phi Delt Castle. Before the game, Rob Marchant '330', Trei Hund '332', and Chris Cribb '498' host this tailgate in spots #605-609. You can't miss it by the West End with the flags flying high. Come by for a visit.

Finally, this past Spring, we hosted the 2nd annual Spring Game Tailgate Event. We stake out a large area in Lot 2 and provide food and beverages, and the game is free. This is a great family friendly event that the actives and alumni enjoy together. Pictures from past Spring Games:



Spring game 2024. Actives with Chris Cribb, Doug Stewart, Rob Marcant, Jeff Mackin, Mike Duda, Jon Wise, Ron Maday, and Chris Fenwick.



2023 Spring Game: Greg Robinson, Doug Stewart, Jeff Mackin, Rob Marchant, Doug Brown, Chris Cribb, Chris Fenwick, Mike Lunderville, Scott Austin, TC Cooke, Jon Wise, Jason Fleck, Buddy Weeks, Ken Leland, Scott McMillan.



Chris Cribbs tailgate 2024.

Thanks to everyone who helps with the social events. We look forward to seeing you around campus this fall.

YITB,

Chris Cribb '498'

Rob Marchant '336'

Preserving History of the Chapter

The Alumni Association is making a conscious effort to preserve our history in 2024-2025. We are assembling a committee to help capture the pictures that are currently in the lodge and move them to electronic media to share with the alumni and chapter. This will include composites and the old picture albums that are stored at the lodge. We will also have a group of actives and Phikeias helping with the effort. We are also making a video to capture the original members of the fraternity.

To make this successful, everyone needs to participate. A Google Drive has been setup to capture pictures to start. Please use the following links to add photos from current events and events when you were active members.

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](#)

If you are experiencing difficulties with the links to the Google Drive, please email your pictures to clemsonpdtalumni@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your help and in sharing your memories.

David Cooke '464'

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