

SC Gamma Alumni Association Newsletter

October 2, 2023

Alumni Association Update

- We now have 77 active members of the SC Gamma Alumni Association. We're looking for more! You can sign up at: <https://www.scgammaalumni.org/about>.
- Special swag for anyone who contributes at the \$100+ level!
- The Alumni of the Year award will be announced at the Alumni Golf Outing on 10/6/23.
- The Board's primary objectives for the Alumni Association include:
 - o Drive increased communication throughout the fraternity
 - o Bringing together Phi's of all ages
 - o Maintain the brotherhood
 - o Coordinate events
 - o Drive increased membership and involvement

Current Board Members



Jeff Mackin '399'
President



Jon Wise '320'
VP



Chris Cribb '498'
Secretary



Dan Bradley '330'
Treasurer



Mike Duda '509'
Voting Board Member

Recently Added Non-Voting Board Members



Rob Marchant '336' was a 1986 graduate in Economics. While at Clemson, he was honored to serve as Social Chairman and President of SC Gamma. Serving in these roles has greatly helped him in his work and in serving on various nonprofit boards, Church boards and committees and professional boards. Rob is married to Dana Hollingsworth Marchant (sister of Dime '432') and they have three "grown" children. Dana and Rob live in Wadmalaw SC and spend a lot of time at their pond-cabin in the SC foothills. Rob has been a car dealer (Chevy and Ford) in Charleston for 35 years and he considers himself almost 70% retired.



David Cooke '464' received a B.S. in Economics and a B.A. in Political Science in 1992. In addition to being a proud Phi, David was also a four-year letterman in swimming. He later received an M.B.A. from George Washington University and is currently the CEO of Forge Forward, a public sector consulting firm. David' wife, Traci, is also a Tiger as are all 3 of their children. Two sons are current active Phi Deltas and are strong contributors to the fraternity.

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Carson Fischer '1089' grew up outside of Philadelphia, PA with two older siblings. One being a fellow Clemson University Phi – bond number '1047'. During his time as an active member, Carson services and President and Recruitment Chair. He also lived in the lodge for his senior year. Currently Carson works for United Bank in Washington, DC. "Phi Delta Theta had the biggest impact on me as a person during my time at Clemson. I'm extremely grateful for the fraternity and looking for ways to give back. I was very flattered and honored to be nominated as a Board Member for the SC Gamma Alumni Association and I look forward to serving all of you as we grow this organization."

Projects for 2023

- **Mentorship program.** We'll be updating the list of volunteer mentors we put together last year and share with the actives so those who have an interest can reach out and connect as needed. We have a list of 60 mentors and have had some great success in the past year.

Bennett Cooke '1128' worked with Rob Smith '391' last year. Rob is an Executive Vice President at General Dynamics. Bennett showed interest in government contracting so the two were connected. They had a few conversations that led to a very successful summer internship. From Bennett: "The Alumni Mentorship program led me to a great summer experience that helped prepare me for my future career. I was granted the opportunity to make great connections and learned a lot of technical, financial, and practical knowledge about how to conduct myself as a professional."

- **Alumni enrollment.** We're seeking ways to communicate more effectively to the alumni, considering the following options, and welcome your feedback and ideas.
 - o Social Media
 - o Newsletters/Weekly Flyers during Football Season
 - o Events – Happy Hours/Spring Event, QR codes to enroll
 - o Emails – general communication
- **Work with the Active Chapter.** Discussions have started around programs to benefit the actives through financial sponsorship. We are considering leadership sponsorship, scholarship funds, or donations to projects. We need membership to expand our offerings.

Upcoming Events in 2023

- **Home game tailgates** – please see the attached tailgate map.
 - o Look for the Phi Delt flags waving proudly!
- **Golf tournament** weekend October 5-7:
 - o Thursday, October 5 – Alumni Happy Hour at Esso club starting at 5:30 pm.
 - o Friday, October 6 – Phi Delt Golf Outing at Boscobel. Shotgun start at 1 pm.
 - **We're sponsoring a hole-in-one for paying members of the Alumni Association Only.** Join with a paying member to the Alumni Association and get a shot at the hole-in-one prize or make a \$20 donation to the Alumni Association at the tournament. Non-paying members will not be eligible for the prize.

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▪ **Note from Chris Cribb:**

- Guys, I'm happy to announce SCGammaalumni.org are going to host a post golf event on Friday Oct 6 with catering from Salsarita's (taco/burrito bar) and invite all SC Gamma Phi Delt Alumni who will be in town this weekend for homecoming to come and join us.
 - LOCATION: 216 Pendleton Rd, Clemson, 29631
 - Party is BYOB, and the Wall of Beer is just across the street. Pick up a 6 pack and come on over!
 - If the weather is good, we will be out back at the Party Deck. Bad weather we can move it inside like last year. You can park across the street or in the spaces we have setup in the side yard, but they will likely be full with the guys who are staying with me.
 - We are expecting anywhere from 40-60 guys, and will get catering for 50.
 - We hope to see you there! Yours In the Bond. Chris Cribb '498' (770-313-3815)

- Saturday, October 6 – tailgating before the game (3:30 pm kickoff).

- **Notre Dame weekend November 3-4:**

- Friday, November 3 – pre-tailgate party TBA.
- Saturday, November 4 – tailgating before the game (kickoff time TBA).

- **Regional Phi Gatherings** and coordinators:

- Clemson – the first Thursday of each month at the Esso Club – Buddy Weeks
- Greenville – Zach Newton
- Charleston – Rob Marchant
- Columbia – Jay Holloway and Chuck McDonald
- Atlanta – Doug Stewart
- Charlotte – Mike Duda

- **Alumni Speaking Events.** The alumni speakers have been excellent and we look forward to future events.

Information on the next Alumni Speaker will be released shortly. This has been for all Phi Delt Alumni, but will shift to paying Alumni Association Members only as of 1/1/2024. We need your support.

- Keith Eades: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96VnJ4QAMrw>
- Brandon Greenplate: <https://youtu.be/g3uRvYxiMO4>

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Comments from Alumni Association Activity:



James Flinn Douglas

Admin · September 17 at 7:59 AM · 🗨️



What a great new tradition flying the Phi Delt flag at our tailgates. Yesterday, I had two actives, three Brothers including [James Vinson](#) a.k.a. Bogus, 8 Phi's from FAU and our sweetheart from 1987, Lee Ann, stop by to say hello.

Proud to be a Phi!

'11'

After the great speaking event with Keith Eades:

- Text: Hey Jeff, I'd love to learn a little more about the mentorship opportunities when you get a chance. What steps should I take to get involved?
- Text: I was on the Zoom call with you a couple of weeks ago and wanted to reach out. I would love to hop on a call with you to discuss any possible internship opportunities as well as hear any advice that you may have as I am exploring my options for this upcoming summer.

UPDATE FROM THE ACTIVE CHAPTER

Will O'Connell – Alumni Chairman – 617.943.4974 – wc.oconnell18@gmail.com

- 91 actives and 24 Phikeia
- Philanthropy Events
 - o 5k run with the IFC benefiting Live Like Lou.
 - o ZTA's Big Man on Campus Contest for breast cancer.
 - o ATO's Mogadishu Mile for Army Vets
 - o AXO's Walk a Mile on 10/10 for domestic violence awareness
 - o Par 3 Fundraiser at the Lodge.
- Homecoming week has started, and the float is being constructed with KA, Tri Delt, and Delta Zeta

Please consider donating to the Active Chapter and you can specify the event or general donation. You can Venmo to [@clemsonphidelt2023](#). Thank you for your consideration.

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Latest Pictures – Fall Tailgating



Marianne Duda, Kathy Hunger, Charlie Barron '141', Mary Barron, Jody Hunter '207', Mike Duda '509'



Stewart McQueen '522', Mike Duda '509', and Chris Cribb '498' welcome visiting Phi's from FSU that saw the flag and came to visit.

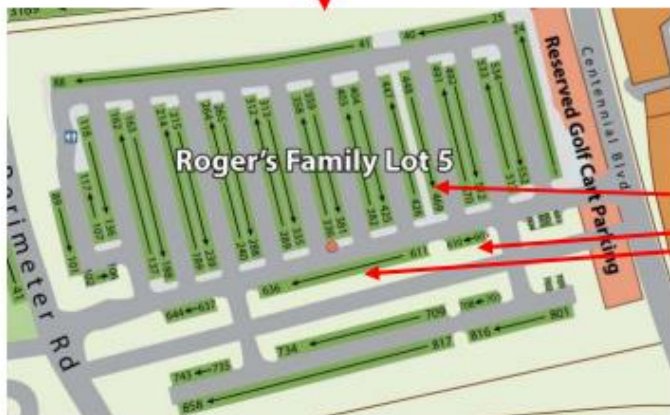
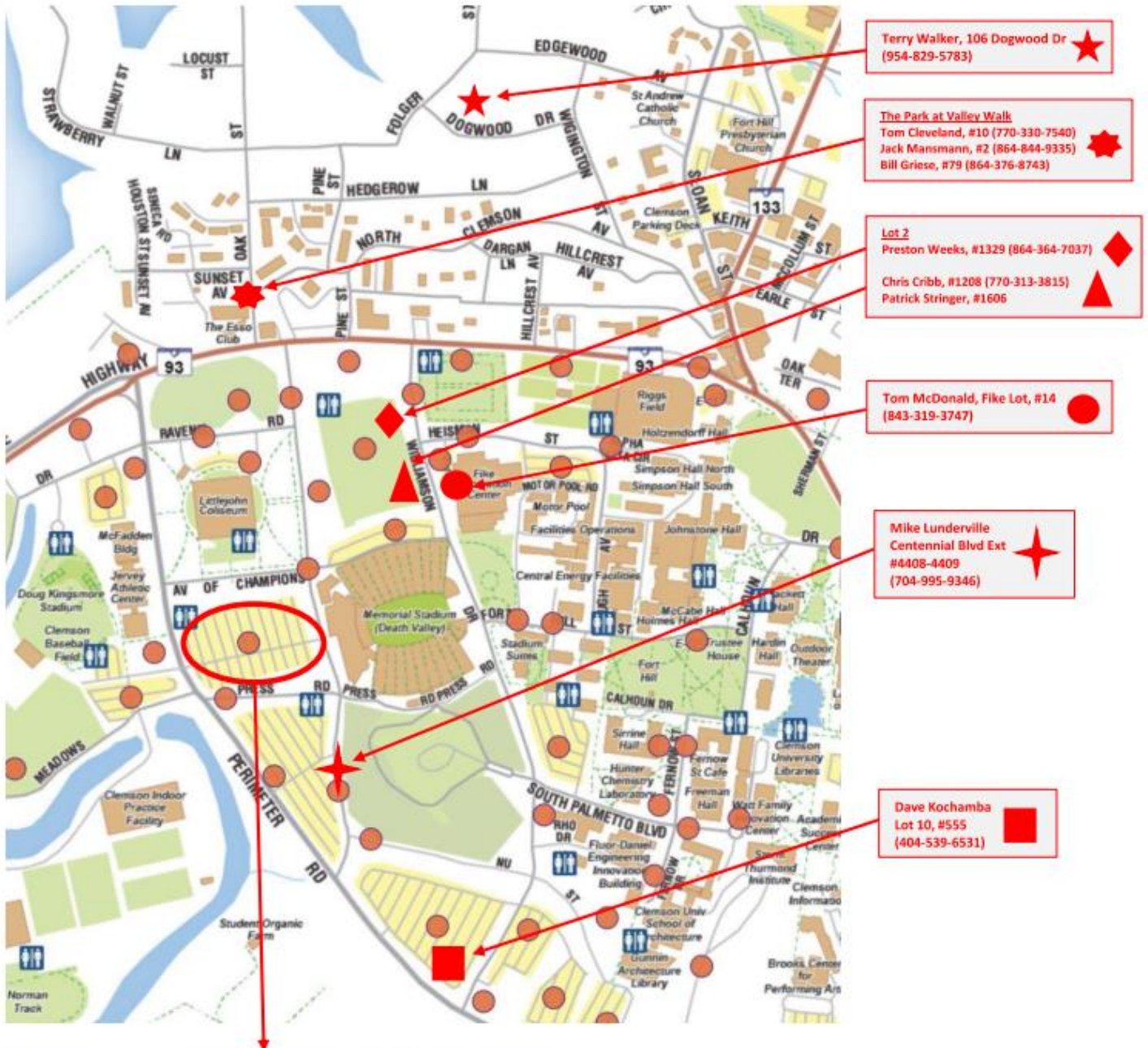


Stewart McQueen '522', Will Porcher '491', Chris Harte '457', Mike Duda '509'

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Phi Delta Theta Clemson Tailgating Parking Map – Fall 2023



- Lot 5**
- Jody Hunter, #465 (803-422-3837)
 - John Sturman, #464 (864-238-7860)
 - Rob Marchant & Trei Hund, #606-609 (843-696-6902)
 - Jim Douglas, #619-620 (864-986-1306)

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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
Chris	Cribb	770-313-3815	Lot 2	1208
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	619-620
Trei	Hund	904-315-7323	Lot 5	606-607
Rob	Marchant	843-696-6902	Lot 5	608-609
Mike	Lunderville	704-995-9346	Centennial Blvd Extension	4408-4409
David	Kochamba	404-539-6531	Lot 10	555