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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON
AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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WHO IS JOHN WAGGONER OR AS MANY OF YOU KNOW HIM "CJ"? SIGMA PHI EPSILON - OH GAMMA CLASS OF 1970

During his undergraduate career, CJ majored in marketing and was able to serve the chapter as the social chairman during his tenure in the undergraduate chapter. Many people referred to CJ as the life of the party and you can ask any undergrad or alumni today and they would tell you that nothing has changed. CJ is always a bright light and is always encouraging and supporting the undergrads and the chapter as a whole.

After college CJ went on to work in the insurance business with Nationwide Insurance in Columbus for over 30 years and eventually settled down in Vermilion, OH with his wife Janet. John is now able to enjoy retirement being able to spend time with his wife, three daughters, and grandchildren which always keep him on his toes.

CJ always loved his fraternity, and in the late 1990s, he decided to get re-involved with SigEp to help the fraternity re-colonize on the Ohio State Campus with the new Balanced Man Program. Learning the details of this new "no-pledging and no hazing" model as he went along. CJ has served in several roles on the Alumni Volunteer Corporation as a Secretary, Member at Large, Mentor, and now the AVC President, a title which he has held for some time over the past two decades.

During his tenure, the fraternity has achieved so many accomplishments. From promoting the vision of SigEp nationally; emphasizing a diverse and inclusive culture in the chapter which is a key part of our identity. He has also helped to become the first house to eliminate alcohol and parties; to uphold the standards of excellence that

Ohio Gamma has seen through numerous Chapter of the Year awards, Student Organization of the Year, Buchanan Cups, Gold Buchanan Cups, Largest Chapter on Campus, Highest GPA awards, dozens of members in Honoraries, Sphinx, Homecoming Court, USG, OUAB and so many more. CJ has been one of the most passionate and supportive volunteers to help see through these accomplishments of the chapter and its members.

OH Gamma would not be the chapter we are without the love, support, and years of dedication and service that CJ has given to the chapter, especially when he has chosen to step in at a very low point in our Chapter's history. CJ has always been able to ensure our chapter promotes and works towards the best of what SigEp stands for, here at The Ohio State University.

CJ over the past 25 years has worked alongside many great alumni and volunteers like himself such as Chapter Advisor, Don Stenta, BM Steward, Kay Robinson, the Late Alumni Volunteer Mike Lockwood as well as the man who led the charge for so many years, the late Bob Barnett, who passed away in 2021.

CJ has been there through it all over the past five-plus decades in SigEp. From reunions to fundraisers. From chapter meetings to MOB Weeks. From Conclaves to Golf Outings. From the worst of times when our boys don't live up to their values, and in the best of times, where he's given unreservedly of his time and talents

to lead our fraternity forward, back to the values, ideals, and prosperity that it was built to espouse. Throughout his time he has never asked us for anything. Never asked for a single award, ovation, or medal.

So on November 7, 2022, the undergraduate chapter as well as several distinguished alumni gathered to give him something he deserves, whether he's asked for it or not. It is with great pride that the Ohio Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has officially named the chapter home located at 1943 Waldeck Avenue, The John "CJ" Waggoner Sigma Phi Epsilon House. Named for our very own humble servant, John "CJ" Waggoner to show our appreciation for his 50+ years with SigEp. I would ask you to please reach out to CJ to give him the praises he deserves for his continued service and support. If you would like to show your appreciation for CJ we are encouraging folks to donate to the AVC or scholarship fund in his name. If you would like to donate please visit www.ohiogamma.org/donate and leave a note of gratitude for CJ in the note section.

If you have any questions please reach out to me directly.

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