

## Letter About Convention

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Sigma Theta Prior Justin Maio and I attended the 2008 National Sammy Convention. It was a great experience to meet some of the most committed alumni from around the country as well as a great opportunity to get to know some of our undergraduate brothers from other chapters. Some of the leadership-based programming at the convention included seminars on preventing alcohol-related incidents, recruiting successfully, and model for how to perform our sacred initiation ritual. In addition, we attended an awards banquet during which the national fraternity honored both chapters and individuals for their accomplishments. Sigma Theta chose to honor the founding fathers by receiving 8 awards:

- 1) Outstanding Prior Award Honorable Mention
- 2) Outstanding Community Service Award Honorable Mention
- 3) Scholastic Recognition Award
- 4) Recruitment Excellence Most Improved
- 5) Recruitment Excellence Special Mention
- 6) Founder's Level Achievement
- 7) Jimmy Hammerstein Best In Province Award
- 8) Founder's Cup Honorable Mention.

The most publicized message during the convention though was the Sigma Alpha Mu celebration of its 100 years of existence in 2009. Foundation chairman, Larry Schaffer, spoke about the \$6,000,000 raised for scholarships thus far and the additional \$5,000,000 the Centennial Committee is raising to contribute more to scholarships and the construction of a new Sigma Alpha Mu headquarters. It was very exciting to find out that next years convention will be held in Dallas, and so we hope to see many of you there when Sigma Theta shines again at the Centennial celebration.

Fraternally,  
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