

**Floyd W. Field Award for Outstanding Greek Affairs Professional**

The Floyd W. Field Award was commissioned by the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity to honor an outstanding Greek Affairs Professional for commitment to and support of the ideals of Greek student life. The award is named in honor of Floyd Field, the first initiate of our Alpha Nu Chapter at Georgia Tech Institute of Technology. Brother Field exemplified our motto of The Helping Hand by reaching out to students in all areas, by creating the first representative Student Government and establishing the first Dean of Men position at Georgia Tech. His outstanding character and determination to address student needs serve as an example to all.

**Recipient:**  
Amanda Dunivan, *Director of Fraternity and Sorority Programs at Florida Southern College*

**Mabel M. Oswaldt Appreciation Award**

The Mabel M. Oswaldt Appreciation Award was authorized and established by the Grand Chapter on July 15, 1946, as a means of recognizing women who have rendered service worthy of recognition to Theta Chi Fraternity

**Recipient:**  
Cindy Meeks— *Assistant to the Directors of Chapter and Leadership Development*

**5K Run/Walk**

**Winner:**  
David Seitzinger (*Alpha Kappa/West Virginia '08*) 22:13

**Second Place:**  
Eric Berntson (*Beta Delta Interest Group/Rutgers*) 23:30

**Third Place:**  
Brian Buchholz (*Beta Sigma/Lehigh*) 23:55



Cindy Meeks, assistant to the Directors of Chapter Development and Leadership Development received the Mabel M. Oswaldt Award. She was nominated by Bill Russo (Epsilon Xi/Clarian '02), Director of Leadership Development.

THETA CHI SCHOLARSHIP

Gamma Chi's

By Andrew Price (Gamma Chi/Randolph-Macon '04)

*(Editor's Note: Gamma Chi doesn't just re-peat their triumphs; they **five-peat!** Matthew Brim, Andrew Price and Brian Bielecki have all been recipients of a Foundation Chapter scholarship.)*

When Matt Brim ('08) walked on stage to collect the Outstanding Chapter President award at the annual Greek Awards Ceremony last spring, he received a hero's adulation. Brim collected the award in style, being carried to the stage by another brother with the rest of the fraternity standing and cheering "as if you just scored a touchdown for your college football team in over-time," he said.

*This was not the only occasion a Gamma Chi brother was recognized on that stage.*

For the fifth year in a row, the President of the Gamma Chi Chapter at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va. was honored as a leader of the campus and Greek community.

The first president to earn the award was Andrew Price ('04) in 2003. He was followed by Brent Wagner ('05), Brian Bielecki ('06) and Jason Carmichael ('07). The recipients say the award is just a reflection of the chapter in general.

"I was more happy to win the award on behalf of my chapter, than I was to receive the individual credit," said Wagner, who recently completed his second year in an MBA program at Virginia Commonwealth University. "A good chapter president is a reflection of having a strong supporting cast of brothers, and I most certainly had that." "We have so many strong leaders in our chapter that it is difficult to select a president each year, but the streak of awards shows that we have consistently done a good job," agreed Carmichael, who is currently teaching fifth grade in Portsmouth, Va. "The chapter has gone from probationary status to three straight Chapter of Excellence awards on top of the Outstanding President awards. It just speaks to the accomplishments and hard work of our chapter."

With five consecutive winners, joining the list has almost become one of the requirements of being a chapter president.

"I didn't think it would grow into what it is today," Price said. "The younger guys have taken a lot of pride in keeping this tradition going and have put in a lot of hard work into NOT being the guy who ends the streak! It is really special to see that and it gives me a lot of pride to see the leadership of the chapter so determined to do well."

Bielecki said he noticed two big factors playing a role in each president's ability to succeed: the timing of the turnover in the spring, which allows the president to hold the position throughout

## WINNERS TAKE HONORS AT RANDOLPH MACON!

# Five-Peaters!



**Gamma Chi Five Presidents Andrew Price '04, Brent Wagner '05, Brian Bielecki '06, Jason Carmichael '07, Matthew Brian '08.**

his entire junior year while the past president is a senior, and the fact that the winners have continuously stayed in tough for support and guidance. "Having access to the Past President is very beneficial and has seemed to allow for a smooth transition," said Bielecki, an analyst in the Transaction Advisory Services for Ernest and Young in Philadelphia.

In addition to the Outstanding Chapter President award, these five brothers have plenty of other interests in common. All five were athletes, with four playing soccer and Price representing the Yellow Jackets as a pitcher on the baseball team. Price, Carmichael and Brim served as captains of their respective teams. Bielecki, Wagner and Price were selected as orientation leaders to guide new students during their first week at R-MC. The four most recent presidents all served on the steering committee for Dance Marathon, an annual fundraiser that raises money for the Children's Miracle Network. "It just shows how well-rounded our brothers are and how they take the leadership experience gained through the fraternity and apply it to other aspects of college life," said Price, who is currently employed a mortgage loan officer with SunTrust Mortgage in Richmond.

That versatility was honored this past summer when Carmichael was awarded the 2007 national Shug Jordan Award given annually to a brother who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership, citizenship, brotherhood and a commitment to excellence in intercollegiate athletics. "I have seen others win it, but didn't really think it would be something that I would have a shot at," Carmichael said. "The fact that I received the honor is truly a reflection on our chapter and the support that the brothers give to one another."

While each of the Presidents had different experiences while guiding the chapter—from Price and Wagner leading the transition to alcohol-free housing to Bielecki, Carmichael and Brim setting the stage to earn consecutive Chapter Excellence Awards—there are always several pieces of the puzzle that remain the same for a chapter's leadership regardless of the situation. **Bielecki said there were several traits that come with being a good president.** "I think a good president is one with a level head, the ability to weigh various decisions, who has the ability to influence people, and be flexible but also consistent in decision making," he said.

"I made mistakes, as all leaders do, in the process of improving my chapter and brothers. My experience as president gave me much pain, stress, joy, and excitement in the process," said Brim, a senior and biology major from Jacksonville, Fla. "A good president is one who dedicates leadership, responsibility, and countless hours of work for the improvement and survival of his chapter, knowing that he will probably not be rewarded, applauded, or talked about on a stage in the auditorium on his campus."

And, with Brim turning the role over to Sam Cappellanti, he hopes the chapter will continue to improve in the areas of "leadership, academics, philanthropy, social activities, and community service," he said. "Currently, our chapter is very active on campus. We have two brothers on IFC and one in Student Government and over 80% involved in intercollegiate athletics. Our brothers share a common interest and goal, but at the same time express unique personalities that contribute to the chapter's improvement and presence on campus."

... and, hopefully, to a sixth, consecutive Chapter President of the Year.



**"Men may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do."**

—Lewis Cass