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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - The late Jack C. Fields, Illinois Wesleyan class of '71, was honored by Sigma Pi Fraternity with the Founders' Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a member of the Greek social organization, for his "tireless and devoted service to the development of higher education and to the Sigma Pi Fraternity," at the fraternity's 48th Biennial Convocation Aug. 5 in New Orleans, La.

During his collegiate years at Illinois Wesleyan, Fields was fundamental in the establishment of the University-recognized Sigma Pi, Zeta Epsilon colony. One of the original colony members, he served as colony president, pledge educator, and recruitment chairman. After the colony received its charter and was recognized nationally as Sigma Pi, Epsilon-Gamma chapter, Fields served as the first chapter sage (president).

As an alum, Fields began his service on the Grand Council, the fraternity's international board of directors on Aug. 9, 1986, taking the position of grand third counselor (treasurer). After taking some time off, he rejoined the council again in the same position on Aug. 1, 1992, and later served as grand second counselor (vice president) in 1994, grand sage (president) in 1996 and past grand sage from 1998-2000.

Beyond positions on the board of directors, Fields served on the fraternity's Scholarship and Standards, and Housing and Finance and Expansion committees. He was a trustee of the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation, as well as chapter director from 1983 until his death on Oct. 21, 2004.

"We all have fond memories of Jack and we are all fortunate to have known him," said Executive Director of Sigma Pi, Mark Briscoe. "Jack epitomized all the values and ideals of Sigma Pi and was truly one of the finest men I have ever known."

Returning to his alma mater in 1983, Fields was an associate professor of business administration at IWU. He later served ten years as Illinois Wesleyan University's Registrar, beginning in 1994.

The Sigma Pi Fraternity was founded in 1897 at the Vincennes University in Vincennes, Ind. and is headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee. Sigma Pi has 118 active chapters, 14 colonies in the United States and Canada, and over 86,000 alumni. The Epsilon-Gamma Chapter at IWU was founded in 1975.



Jack C. Fields

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