GAMMA SIGMA ALPHA

History of Gamma Sigma Alpha
National Greek Honor Society

1989

Gamma Sigma Alpha founded November 9, 1989 at the University of Southern California

First Gamma Sigma Alpha display is unveiled at the 1989 AFA/NIC Annual Conference in Dearborn, Michigan

1990

Official Seal and Badge adopted in Fall 1990

University of Wisconsin-Madison establishes the second Gamma Sigma Alpha Chapter

1991

First meeting of the Gamma Sigma Alpha Board of Directors at the AFA/NIC Annual Meeting

California State University-San Bernardino establishes the third Gamma Sigma Alpha Chapter

National Panhellenic Conference features Gamma Sigma Alpha and its expansion in the Fall issue of the PH Factor

1992

National membership certificate designed and printed
Gamma Sigma Alpha establishes 6 new chapters
National table display is developed
Board of Directors establishes a National Charter

1993

Official Charters are sent to all Gamma Sigma Alpha chapters
Gamma Sigma Alpha chapters initiate 1,102 greek scholars and the 38 th chapter is established

1994

Gamma Sigma Alpha chapters initiate 1,384 greek scholars and the 64 th chapter is established
Lists of Gamma Sigma Alpha members are compiled and sent to their respective national organizations
Second display for national and regional conferences developed

1995

Gamma Sigma Alpha chapters initiate 1,722 greek scholars and the 91 st chapter is established

Gamma Sigma Alpha begins to solicit contributions for the first edition of the Gamma Sigma Alpha Literary Magazine

New badge design featuring Gamma Sigma Alpha letters is approved

1996

Northwestern State University in Louisiana is chartered as the 100 th chapter

Gamma Sigma Alpha chapters initiate approximately 2,000 Greek scholars

Buttons and ribbons are introduced to increase visibility at conferences

1997

Gamma Sigma Alpha chapters initiate more than 2,500 greek scholars and the number of chapters climbs over 120

Honor cords and podium banners are made available to members and chapters

Gamma Sigma Alpha receives the NIC Laurel Wreath Award at AFA/NIC Conference

1998

Gamma Sigma Alpha chapters initiate approximately 2,500 greek scholars and the 132 nd chapter is established

Gamma Sigma Alpha co-sponsors the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon

Gamma Sigma Alpha collegians from Northwestern University, Purdue

University and University of Michigan are panel participants at the NIC/NPC Academic Forum

1999

Gamma Sigma Alpha chapters initiate approximately 2,500 greek scholars and the 141st chapter is established

Gamma Sigma Alpha is incorporated and receives 501.c.3 status

Gamma Sigma Alpha establishes a website

2000

GSA chapters initiate approximately 3,000 greek scholars and the number of chapters climbs to 147.
GSA co-sponsors the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon.
GSA hires a public relations consultant and begins to place ads in Perspectives.
GSA co-sponsors the Association of Fraternity Advisors Annual Meeting, supplies notepads and presents a program at the conference.

2001

GSA initiates approximately 3,000 Greek scholars and the number of chapters climbs to 153.
GSA begins funding graduate research on academic issues at Bowling Green State University (BGSU)
GSA continues to co-sponsor NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon.
GSA adopts a new tagline: Achieve More!

2002

GSA initiates over 2,500 members and adds chapters at Washington and Jefferson College, Monmouth University, St. Mary's University, Dickinson College, San Diego State University, and Western Michigan University.
GSA continues its research initiative in partnership with BGSU and the AFA Foundation. Research may be downloaded from the GSA website, www.gammasigmaalpha.org
GSA begins presenting regional awards for academic excellence.
GSA continues to support NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon.

2003

GSA continues to grow and adds chapters at the University of Toledo, Mercer University, University of North Florida, Christian Brothers University, Ursinus College, University of Vermont, and Wayne State University.
GSA awards first graduate scholarships.
GSA awards for academic excellence are presented at regional conferences.2004
GSA grows to 173 chartered chapters.

2004

GSA presents $2,500 in graduate scholarships to students attending The John Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, The Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania, and Arizona State University Law School.
GSA continues to present regional academic initiative at the 5 regional conferences.
Outcomes from GSA's sponsored research initiative at Bowling Green State University are presented at the AFA Annual Meeting and at the NASPA regional conference.
GSA continues as a sponsor of the NASPA Interfraternity Luncheon.