Sigma Alpha Epsilon Encourages Community Service by Rylan Homscheid

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Founded in 1856 at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, SAE is the only remaining fraternity started in the South before the Civil War. At present, the fraternity is made up of approximately 242 active groups in 49 states and provinces. The fraternity’s creed, The True Gentleman, is memorized and recited by each member. The creed promotes scholarship, friendship, and service.

SAE offers its members a variety of educational and networking events, leadership development programs, and social outings. The fraternity also actively encourages philanthropic activities and community service. For instance, SAE hosts an annual True Gentleman Day of Service to coincide with Global Youth Service Day. Members also are encouraged to organize fundraising events or donate time to local charitable organizations. Their volunteer work is featured in SAE’s award-winning magazine The Record, which has been published continuously since 1880.