National Multiple Sclerosis Society

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Brian Griffin - Activist

The Georgia Chapter works to improve the quality of life for people affected by MS in the state of Georgia and raise funds for critical MS research. Join the movement toward a world free of MS.

Brian Griffin

By Georgiann Caruso

Throughout his life, Brian Griffin has watched his father battle MS. His father, Dr. Charles William Griffin, a practicing neurologist, treated MS patients regularly for twenty years before retiring due to his illness in 2012. As a child, Brian participated at Walk MS with the team known as "Charlie's Angels," which was comprised of his father and many of his nurses. "I have been involved with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society pretty much my whole life. My view is that when a family member has MS, the whole family has MS. It's a family thing."

Dr. Griffin, who was diagnosed with MS in 1995, practiced medicine out of his wheelchair from 1998 until 2012- nearly 15 years. That year, he survived a near-death experience as a result of complications with his medications. The medication led to an ulcer in his small intestine, which perforated and led to a large amount of potentially deadly bacteria to enter his bloodstream. Unfortunately, he was never able to return to work.

Back at school at Georgia Southern University, Brian was determined to help. "I felt like there had to be something I could do to help fight against something that's taken so much away from my dad and my family." Together with his fraternity brothers at Sigma Nu- Theta Kappa chapter, the idea to host a fundraiser for the National MS Society was born, the END MS Benefit concert. Sigma Nu – Theta Kappa sold tickets all over campus for the event, which featured three local bands and a low country boil. In what was named Georgia Southern University's "Most Outstanding Charitable Fundraiser of the Year," a total of $4,700 was raised for the Society. In 2013, $7,206 was raised. In 2014, the fraternity raised over $10,000 from the event and fundraising campaign. "It's become a very well-known thing across campus that everyone wants to come to. We had over 300 people in attendance this past year. That's a lot of people for our front yard." In addition, the fourth annual event is scheduled for October.

"I plan to remain involved with the National MS Society until the day that they put me in the ground. My dad is the greatest guy I've ever met and my biggest role model. To know all that he's done for

my family and for me personally, raising money for the Society and working to fight against the disease that has taken so much from him is to me, a way to give back."

Brian is also on the Georgia chapter's Government Relations Committee, where he shares his personal story but also advocates for legislation that will further mobilize millions of people to do something about MS now. Brian and the other committee members speak with government officials and at public hearings.

You too can advocate to improve the lives of people living with MS, contact Tyler.Lamb@nmss.org or call 678-672-1000.

Read more about the event at Georgia Southern or see event photos, visit sigmanugsu.com/end-ms-benefit

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The 2014 ΣND MS Benefit Campaign

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ΣND MS Exceeds $10,000!

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Date January 17, 2015

Pay to the order of National Multiple Sclerosis Society $10,019.12

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FOR 2014 ΣND MS Benefit Campaign

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END MS Fundraising Campaign

Parents, Alumni, Family, and Friends,

As Community Service and Philanthropy Chairman, I am proud to announce that Theta Kappa had raised a total of $8,200.12 to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society through the 2014 ΣND MS Benefit Concert. This was a little short of our goal $10,000, but admirable! I am happy to report that over the holidays we received an additional check for $1,000 raising the total to $9,200.12 with a challenge to continue our campaign until we hit $10,000.

Unfortunately, our old page was taken down due to rules regarding the MS Society's fiscal calendar, but we can reach our goal here!

Please consider a donation to the National MS Society through Theta Kappa! There is no amount too small, and every little bit helps in the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. Your donation is fully tax deductible.

Together, we can realize our goal of raising $10,000, and move one step closer to realizing the greater goal of a world without Multiple Sclerosis; we will also break the $10,000 fundraising barrier, which is a first for us!

Thank you and God bless,

Brian Griffin

Philanthropy Chairman

ΣN

DONATE > JOIN >

Fundraising Progress

Goal:
$799.88
Achieved:
$819.00

Donate to Activity!

Supporter Honor Roll

Theta Kappa 195
$100.00

END MS Fundraising Campaign - Join Activity	Raised

HOMECOMING 2015

OCTOBER 15-18 • NEW MEXICO STATE

ΣNETT – THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THETA KAPPA CHAPTER – ΣNETT

We are celebrating our 45th Anniversary as a Chapter this year, so it will be a big event!

The football schedule is released and we believe we have a jump on the special dates:

- **Military Day**: Sat., Sep. 19th
- **Family Day**: Sat., Sep. 19th
- **Homecoming 2015**: Sat., Oct. 17th (Weekend of Oct. 15-18, 2015)
- The GSU Eagle football schedule is always at: http://tinyurl.com/GSU-Eagles or www.SigmaNuGSU.com/GSU-Eagles.
- Our Calendar of Events is always at: www.SigmaNuGSU.com/dates.
  See the attached calendar of events on the next page.

2015 GSU Eagle Football Schedule – Sun Belt Conference – Division I Football				
Date	**Opponent**	**Location**	**Time**	**Special Event**
Sat, Sep 05	West Virginia University	at Morgantown, WV	TBA	
Sat, Sep 12	**WESTERN MICHIGAN**	**PAULSON STADIUM**	**TBA**	
Sat, Sep 19	**THE CITADEL**	**PAULSON STADIUM**	**TBA**	**Family Weekend****
Sat, Sep 26	Idaho*	at Moscow, ID	TBA	
Sat, Oct 03	ULM Monroe*	at Monroe, LA	TBA	
Sat, Oct 17	**NEW MEXICO STATE***	**PAULSON STADIUM**	**TBA**	**Homecoming****
Sat, Oct 22	Appalachian State*	at Boone, NC	TBA	
Sat, Oct 29	**TEXAS STATE***	**PAULSON STADIUM**	**TBA**	
Sat, Nov 14	Troy State*	at Troy, AL	TBA	
Sat, Nov 21	University of Georgia	at Athens, GA	TBA	
Sat, Nov 28	**SOUTH ALABAMA***	**PAULSON STADIUM**	**TBA**	
Sat, Dec 05	**GEORGIA STATE***	**PAULSON STADIUM**	**TBA**	
	Bold/CAPS – Home Games	*Conference Games	**Just published as of 03/02/2015	

Mark your Calendar with the Theta Kappa Chapter's

Calendar & Upcoming Dates

2015

01/01 146th Anniversary of ΣN
01/03 College of Chapters (03-06)
01/17 3rd Commanders' Dinner
01/24 Officers' Plans Presentation Day
01/30 Spring Bid Day
01/31 Sigma Nu Institute – UGA (Athens)
02/08 Spring Candidate Induction
02/16 Spring Candidate Parents' Call
Atlanta Alumni Mixer – Spring
Macon Alumni Mixer – Spring
Savannah Alumni Mixer – Spring
03/12 Chapter Consultation Visit (12-13)
03/14 GSU Spring Break (14-22)
03/24 Archie Manning Speaks at GSU
03/30 GSU Greek Week (30-03)
04/11 **Spring Brothers' Initiation**
04/18 AAB 2nd Spring Meeting w/Council
04/18 **Spring Parents' Weekend (17-19)**
04/18 **Blue-White Football Spring Game**
04/25 White Star Formal (24-26)
04/30 **SNEF Atlanta Honorary Board***
Atlanta Alumni Mixer – Fall
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony– 47 Years
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 45 Years
06/20 Summer AAB Meeting
Atlanta Alumni Mixer – Fall
Macon Alumni Mixer – Fall
Savannah Alumni Mixer – Fall
08/15 First Fall AAB Meeting
08/18 Fall Semester Classes Begin
09/05 GSU at WVU
09/12 **GSU vs. Western Michigan**
09/19 **GSU vs. The Citadel**
09/26 Mid Fall AAB Meeting
10/03 GSU at ULM Monroe
10/17 GSU vs. New Mexico State
10/17 GSU Homecoming (15-18)
10/29 GSU vs. Texas State (Thu. Night)
10/31 GA-FL in Jacksonville
11/17 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 48 Years
11/28 GSU vs. South Alabama
11/29 GSU at UGA in Athens
12/05 GSU vs. Georgia State
Atlanta Alumni Dinner - EOY

*Sigma Nu Educational Foundation

2016

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣN) 147th Anniversary
01/16 4th Commanders' Dinner
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 48 Years
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 46 Years
11/01 35th Anniversary of the Black & Gold
11/14 30 Years since 1986 Alumni Initiation
11/17 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 49 Years

2017

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣN) 148th Anniversary
01/14 5th Commanders' Dinner
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 49 Years
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 47 Years
11/17 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 50 Years

2018

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣN) 149th Anniversary
01/13 6th Commanders' Dinner
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 50 Years
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 48 Years
11/17 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 51 Years

2019

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣN) 150th Anniversary
01/19 7th Commanders' Dinner
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony – 51 Years
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 49 Years
11/11 30 Years since the House Dedication
11/17 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 52 Years

2020

01/01 Sigma Nu (ΣN) 151st Anniversary
01/18 8th Commanders' Dinner
05/06 Theta Kappa Colony– 52 Years
05/10 Theta Kappa's Founding – 50 Years
11/17 ΘK Founder's Day (1967) – 53 Years

Founding Day: November 17, 1967
Colonization of Chapter: May 6, 1968
Chapter's Chartering: May 10, 1970
House Dedication: November 11, 1989

For the most up-to-date calendar of events visit our website at www.SigmaNuGSU.com/dates.

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Atlanta Honorary Board

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Greetings Brother,

The Sigma Nu Atlanta Honorary Board would like to invite you to join us for our annual luncheon at Cherokee Town & Country Club in Buckhead on April 30, 2015. The luncheon serves as a unique networking and development opportunity for the 8,000 Sigma Nus who reside in the greater Atlanta community.

The Atlanta Honorary Board exists to help all of us stay connected with our alumni, and network with Fraternity brothers from other schools. This event provides a great lunch, speakers, and camaraderie while giving back to your Fraternity. I give to many organizations; however, the Sigma Nu Fraternity experience had a major influence on my life. This is a way of giving back to the organization that made a difference in your life.

Past speakers have included Gary Fayard (Coca Cola CFO) and Chris Haack (UGA men's golf coach). This year's luncheon will feature Auburn alumnus Josh Harris (Atlanta Falcons long snapper) and past Regent Robert Durham (managing director with Credit Suisse). Please invite some of your Sigma Nu alumni friends whom you don't see on a regular basis, and help us grow the Honorary Board.

To become an honorary board member, we have two giving programs based upon the financial resources available to you as a Sigma Nu alumnus. If you are interested in learning more about joining us for this event, please contact Spencer Montgomery at spencer.montgomery@sigmanu.org.

Fraternally,
Mitchell V. Brannen
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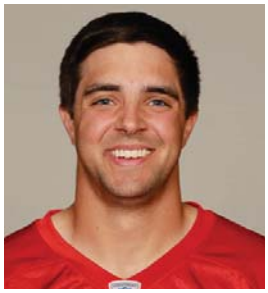

JOSH HARRIS
LONG SNAPPER
47

HT: 6'1" **WT:** 224
BIRTHDATE: 4/27/89

NFL EXP: 3 **ACQ:** FA '12 3rd YEAR WITH FALCONS
COLLEGE: AUBURN UNIVERSITY

2014 (FALCONS)

- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts vs New Orleans (9/7).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts at Cincinnati (9/14).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts vs Tampa Bay (9/18).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts at Minnesota (9/28).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts at New York Giants (10/5).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts vs Chicago (10/12).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts at Baltimore (10/19).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts vs Detroit (10/26).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts at Tampa Bay (11/9).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts at Carolina (11/16).
- Played as the long snapper on field goals and punts vs Cleveland (11/23).

TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by the Falcons as a College Free Agent on April 30, 2012.

2013 (FALCONS)

- Served as the Falcons long snapper on field goals, PATs, and punts in all 16 games.
- Snapped for K Matt Bryant who connected on 24 of 27 field goal attempts. Bryant's 88.9 field goal percentage was the third highest of his career and his best mark since making a career-high 93.1 percent of his kicks in 2011.
- Snapped for P Matt Bosher who boasted a 46.6 yard punting average while breaking his own franchise record and ranking sixth in the NFL with a 41.1 yard net punting average.

AUDIBLES

Harris was a member of Auburn's 2010 BCS National Championship winning team. The Tigers beat Harris' Falcons teammate WR Drew Davis and the Oregon Ducks to win the title.

CAREER

- In two seasons with the Falcons, has played in all 32 games serving as the Falcons long snapper on place kicks and punts. During that time, K Matt Bryant has hit 57 of 65 field goals (87.7 pct.), including 22 of 27 from 40+ yards.
- Played in all 16 games during his rookie season, serving as the Falcons long snapper on place kicks and punts.
- Snapped for K Matt Bryant who connected 33 of 38 field goal attempts (86.8 percent) in 2012, including all four of his attempts of 50 yards or longer. Also connected on all 44 of his extra point attempts and scored 143 points.
- Long snapped for Bryant's game winning field goal against Seattle (1/13) in the NFC Divisional round. Snapped on all three of his game winning field goals in 2012.

COLLEGE

- Served as Auburn's long snapper on field goals, punts and PATs for the last three seasons, including 2010 when the Tigers won the BCS National Championship. The Carrollton, GA native was a SEC Academic Honor Roll selection in 2008 and 2009.

PERSONAL

- Native of Carrollton, GA. Began his career at Auburn as a walk on before earning a scholarship. Named the National Sigma Nu Athlete of the Year in 2011.
- Majored in Political Science