



Epsilon Alumni Connections

Epsilon Chapter Welcomes New Alumni Board President

I'll start by introducing myself. I was activated in the spring of 2000—pin number E-650. My wife, Angela, and I have two wonderful children: Wes (8) and Libby (5). We live in Ames, where I work as a production supervisor at the 3M manufacturing plant.

I have stayed involved with the Alumni Board since I graduated from ISU. The first role I served in was recruitment advisor for the undergraduates. That role was passed to my successor about seven years ago, but to this day, I still have a passion for the process of recruiting. I have also been a bit of a special events coordinator, helping plan the two banquets that were associated with the capital campaign. I look forward to helping plan another event in the fall of 2017. **At that time, Beta Sigma Psi will be mortgage free after 30-plus years.** I am truly humbled to now be able to serve as president of the Alumni Board.

For my first article as president, I decided to write about why I joined Beta Sigma Psi. It's a story I have told, to many young men, but it illustrates why Beta Sigma Psi was the right choice for me.

Originally, I was convinced I wanted to be in the dorms. I had been selected for an Honors Floor in Larch Hall. My future roommate and I had already worked out the items we were each bringing to the room. We were all set. I remember meeting with at least two other fraternities that summer; they offered a very uninspired presentation on the benefits of their houses. Truly, I had lumped "frats" all together in my mind as something that was not for me.

I worked for my dad's office that summer; their accountant had a son who joined Beta Sigma Psi the year before. Through my father, she convinced me to have a meeting with Beta Sigma Psi's recruitment chairman. I made plans to come to Ames for an informal recruitment event. On the drive up from Des Moines,

my car broke down on I-35, right by mile marker 107. A good samaritan gave me a ride the rest of the way to Beta Sigma Psi at 223 Lynn Ave.

From the Fraternity house, I set up for a tow truck to meet me at my car. The recruitment chairman, two already-signed freshmen, and I hopped in a Geo Tracker, drove to my car, and waited with me. I think we waited for a couple of hours that day in the heat, on the side of the Interstate. We talked about many things. I knew there was something different about this Fraternity—these guys were real, and they were special.

Later that night, they offered me a bid card. There was no doubt in my mind that Beta Sigma Psi was the place for me. I signed, moved in that fall, and my life was changed forever.

Every once in a while, when I pass mile marker 107, I think about my recruitment. I think about how my life is different because of that experience, and it motivates me to make sure that future Beta Sigs have the opportunities that I have been given through my membership.

I look forward to serving those future Beta Sigs and you, our alumni as president of our Alumni Board in the coming years.

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Faith-Based Brotherhood

Richard Reinhardt '05 Reflects on the Ways in Which Epsilon Encouraged His Personal and Spiritual Development

Richard Reinhardt '05 embarked on his collegiate journey at Iowa State hoping for an experience that would be all but stereotypical. He was impressed by the members at Beta Sigma Psi and realized that the Epsilon Chapter wasn't a "party all the time" environment, like many of the other fraternities. "The spiritual component of BSP helped it live up to a higher standard and helped me learn to grow in all the right areas," Richard said.

With the help of his brothers, Richard has grown into the man he is today. He shared that as an undergraduate, he returned to the Chapter House late one night to find that his brothers had rearranged his pristine room into a perfect mirror image of what it had previously been. "I know it was a playful prank, but I was upset and stayed up several hours to re-arrange it to how it once was."

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Beta Sigma Psi Reflects on Past Accomplishments Looks Forward to Future Achievements

As this past semester seemingly evaporated into thin air, I cannot help but look back and recall all of the joyous memories. Epsilon Chapter was no stranger to being recognized for all of its great efforts within the areas of Chapter leadership, overall excellence, and community service and involvement. The Chapter has been gradually evolving for the better during my time at Iowa State, and I cannot thank all of the past leaders enough for giving us the opportunities that we are currently able to enjoy. I'd like to say thank you to our members who graduated this spring. Thank you for your leadership and wisdom during your time at Iowa State. We cannot wait to see where you go in your journey through life.

NEW ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS BOOST CHAPTER GPA

In order to promote better academic habits within the Chapter, scholarship bylaw revisions were passed at the beginning of the spring semester. This spring, we decided to require members to receive tutoring if they met one of two criteria: not meeting the minimum grade requirements and/or



Members of Epsilon Chapter hold a Beta Sig Sunday to celebrate Memorial Lutheran's 75th anniversary.

failing a midterm grade report. Any members who meet this criteria are required to receive tutoring or seek additional help from professors and/or teaching assistants; they are required to visit twice a week and document the visit via a form to be signed by the tutor, professor, or teaching assistant. We also brought back the use of study logs for members who were on academic probation and changed our bylaws to require members to be in good academic standing with the Fraternity in order to participate in events with other Greek organizations at Iowa State. Our goal with this change is to emphasize that our primary reason for coming to Iowa State is academics. With these changes, the Chapter GPA for the spring semester was a 3.16, which is an increase from the fall semester by 0.10. Amongst all IFC Chapters on the Iowa State campus, we ranked as the eighth Chapter in overall GPA.

PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS

This April, we held our second annual Sunset Cookout with Phi Beta Chi.

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Small examples like this helped Richard to become more laid back. "My brothers really helped me to loosen up, step out of my comfort zone, and accept things as they come. There is a lot of uncertainty in life and college was a time where I learned to accept that."

Beta Sigma Psi also helped Richard to more closely examine his faith. He shared that several upperclassmen helped him progress in his understanding of the Bible. "This was truly the beginning of me establishing my own faith, which was different from what I grew up with." Now, Richard shares his spirituality with others as the preacher at New Providence Church of Christ near Murray, Kentucky. Through his profession, Richard is graced with the opportunity to learn from visiting with others and grow from sharing in a-ha moments with members of the church community.

While Richard's Epsilon experience ushered him into adulthood, he and his brothers still had plenty of opportunities for fun. Richard still has hilarious memories of his 20th birthday, which was his first summer living in the house. "My brothers told me that they wanted me to swim in a pool of macaroni and cheese for my birthday, so that is exactly what I did and dozens of people showed up to watch," Richard explained. Richard still keeps up with the brothers who partook in the mac and cheese festivities through Facebook and occasional phone calls. He believes that even years down the road, you still share the important things in life with the brothers to whom you were closest. E-mail: rreinhardtjr@gmail.com

Welcome, New Brothers

Darrell Allman III '16*
Columbus, Ohio
(Father **Darrell Allman II '88**)

Harrison Daubitz '16
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Caleb Fails '16*
Watertown, Minn.
(Father **Perry Fails '86**)

Travis Foust '16
Plainfield, Ill.

Robert Holden III '16
Carmel, Ind.

Douglas Hopper '16*
Robins, Iowa
(Brother **Dan Hopper '04**)

Nathan Kimle '16
Ames, Iowa

Caleb Larison '16
La Porte City, Iowa

Ethan Laughery '16
Yale, Iowa

Matthew Levan '16
Stacyville, Iowa

Keegan McCarthy '16
Plainfield, Ill.

Dakota Olson '16
Keswick, Iowa

Joshua Prentice '16
Elgin, Iowa

Nicholas Reecy '16
Ames, Iowa

Luke Stoll '16*
Newhall, Iowa
(Brother **Jacob Stoll '14**)

*Legacy; relative
in parentheses

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Epsilon Chapter participates in the annual Reformation Bowl with Phi Kappa Theta.



Brothers participate in the annual Highway Cleanup event on Highway 30.



Kody Olson '15, Joe Gremel '15, Ethan Laughery '16, Michael Nelson '15, and Reed Burres '15 with their can sculpture at the Iowa State Cansgiving.



Members of Epsilon Chapter gather around Dean of Students Vice President Dr. Thomas Hill.

We served burgers and brats to the community to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project and Bethesda Lutheran Homes. We held the event two separate times: following services at Memorial Lutheran Church, and then the following Wednesday at Beta Sigma Psi. Between both Chapters, we were able to raise \$1,719.40 after food expenses were deducted. We split the money evenly, so each Chapter was able to donate \$859.70. As a Chapter, our members had a total of 597 volunteering hours for the spring semester; however, one member in particular, **Kody Olson '15**, logged 100 community service hours on his own. Kody's amazing heart and itch to help others inspired many other members to get involved as well, making him a huge contributor to our success. By the end of the semester, we supported 20 different organizations, community services, and tasks.

BROTHERS FOCUS ON RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

We spent the summer recruiting the new pledge class for the fall of 2016; 20 new members joined us, with 14 living in the Chapter House and six living on campus. As a large recruitment event, we hosted a cookout for potential new members and active members, as well as coordinated an Iowa Cubs baseball game for everyone to attend in Des Moines. This event was very successful because we were able to sign three members of those who attended. Our Chapter has been extremely successful in all aspects of Greek life over the past few years, which has helped make our jobs easier.

CHAPTER AWARDS

This past year, Epsilon Chapter had the honor of receiving numerous awards. On a national level, Epsilon Chapter was recognized as having the best overall Chapter management and received the Edward's Award. During VESPERS, Beta Sigma Psi received two extremely prestigious awards: the Community Service Event of the Year award for our

collaboration with Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Chi Omega, and the Boys and Girls Club of Ames, during which we took children in the program to the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines; and the President's Award for Fraternal Excellence. Beta Sigma Psi was recognized as one of the top two fraternities within Iowa State's Greek community.

ALUMNI, PARENT SUPPORT CREATES BRIGHT FUTURE FOR EPSILON CHAPTER

As we look back on all of the awards that Epsilon Chapter received over the course of the year, we cannot help but reflect on the great memories made and the brotherhood bond strengthened; whether it be early morning runs to Perkins, late nights at Pizza Pit for SPAD, or even the occasional trip around Sorority Circle. Our men are always finding ways to excel and challenge themselves every day. There is nothing that a Chapter could do to make their president or Alumni Board more proud of their everyday accomplishments. As our members continue to grow, I look forward to sharing their accomplishments as well as the accomplishments of the Chapter with our loyal alumni. Again, I extend a heartfelt thank-you to all of Epsilon Chapter's alumni and parents. We truly do appreciate everything that you do for us and without you, we could not achieve greatness. Please feel free to stop by the Chapter House if you're ever in Ames!



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*A new sign for the Chapter House
was installed this summer.*

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SAVE THE DATE

**Please join us in celebrating
Iowa State's Homecoming with
Epsilon Chapter on October 29!**

We've got a block of tickets reserved for the ISU vs. K-State game for \$25 each—they can be purchased by contacting **Joel Pudenz '10** at jdpudenz@gmail.com or **Austin Laugen '10** at austinmlaugen@gmail.com.

**We hope to see you at the tailgate
and football game!**



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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Iowa State University, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

Thank You for Supporting Epsilon Chapter

We want to thank three men who have decided to step down from the Alumni Board after their many years of service. We can truly say that Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi would not be the same without their time and energy. Their leadership and drive have directly resulted in the success our Fraternity has seen over the last 20 years.

Mike Cooper '95 served on the board in various capacities, but primarily as the active Chapter advisor. As advisor to the active Chapter, he spent countless hours in meetings and conversations with the undergraduates providing personal insight and molding generations of Beta Sigs. Additionally, his mastery of construction was crucial throughout the capital campaign as we worked to understand the true value of the improvements we could make to the Lynn Avenue house versus relocating to Sunset Drive.

Chad Winterhof '97 served on the Beta Sigma Psi National Board for a few years after college before serving on our local board. There, Chad's leadership on the capital campaign set us up for an amazing future, one that included the unanticipated transition to 2132 Sunset Drive. While

servicing, he also headed up the Scholarship Committee, awarding more than \$25,000 to our undergraduates via the various scholarships offered.

Mark Anderson '93 was the president of our Alumni Board. As president of the Alumni Board, Mark laid the foundation for many generations of Beta Sigs to thrive. Under his watchful eye, we saw the Chapter grow from 30 members to consistently over 50 in-house members. We also saw the Chapter move from 223 Lynn Avenue to 2132 Sunset Drive after an incredibly successful capital campaign. His role keeping the Alumni Board grounded in the business expectations of our Alumni Board was second to none.

These men played a pivotal role in the development of our Fraternity, and from the bottom of our hearts, we say, "Thank you."