



Epsilon Alumni Connections

Epsilon Remains Strong, Bright Future Ahead

As spring is coming upon us quickly, I hope that life is treating you and your family well. I am pleased to inform you that Epsilon Chapter is doing very well! Our active members continue to impress all of us with their hard work and dedication to success as recipients of the Beta Sigma Psi Edward's Award for Best Chapter Management and the ISU President's Award for Fraternal Excellence. Both of these awards are the highest level of recognition that a chapter can receive, and we are proud of the continued achievements of our undergraduate brothers.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR UPPER CLASSMEN

Lynn Anderson '66 and his wife, Diane, have bestowed the Fraternity with the Lynn A. Anderson Beta Sigma Psi Leadership Scholarship. The annual scholarship will recognize a junior or senior in-house member for outstanding leadership through active participation in Beta Sigma Psi, campus, and community organizations while an undergraduate student of Iowa State University. This year's Lynn A. Anderson scholarship was awarded to senior **Dan Jacobi '14** in the amount of \$2,000.

THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

Several of our Fraternity brothers have sent notes with their address updates and 2016 year-end fundraising forms. I feel truly blessed to have read about your experiences and feelings of what Beta Sigma Psi means to you. Though space is limited, I have included some of those notes in this issue and will add more in later newsletters for you to read so you can smile as I have.

ALUMNI CHAPTER MORTGAGE FREE THIS SUMMER

Lastly, it is my great pleasure to announce that the Ames Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi will be mortgage free in July. It has been more than 30 years since the original mortgage was taken out on 223 Lynn Avenue. In that time, five presidents of the United States have taken office. Iowa State football has been to eight bowl games; Iowa State men's basketball has been to 15



Epsilon Members at MEF with the Edwards, Kettler, Baehr, and Glee Club awards.

NCAA tournaments; VIESHEA has gone away, come back, and gone away again; Beta Sigma Psi has chartered five new chapters and closed six chapters; Epsilon Chapter has moved from 158 N. Hyland to 223 Lynn to 2132 Sunset; and Epsilon PINs have grown from E-470 to E-945. It is because of our strong partnership with you, your undoubting faith in the active and alumni leadership over the decades, and your personal investment that we find ourselves in this position.



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We hope to see you this fall for Homecoming and the Burn the Mortgage Celebration! Details on page 4.

NEW MEMBERS' SIGNING DATE MOVED UP

ISU has moved up the new members' signing date from August 1 to July 7!

This came as a total surprise to us and is in conjunction with hundreds of new university apartments and dorm rooms bursting onto the scene this fall. That said, we need your help with recommending potential new members this year more than ever. We can only fill the Chapter House with new members who sign with us before July 7. This year, as with each of the past 15 years, we have room for 15-18 new members to move in, which will put us at capacity.

If you have the name of a young man who you feel would benefit

from developing a connection with Beta Sigma Psi, please forward the student's name and contact information to **Brian Clark '95** at brian.clark@betasigmapi.org. Thank you for your time and consideration as we take steps to prevent this from becoming a long-term problem for our very successful recruitment process.

And as always, please encourage each and every young man at your church interested in attending Iowa State to apply for the Darryl Jahn Scholarship online at epsilon.betasigmapi.org/scholarship.

Serving the Men of Beta Sigma Psi

Barbara Gurganus Shares the Joys of Being Housemother at Epsilon Chapter



Housemother Barbara Gurganus became acquainted with the men of Beta Sigma Psi at ISU years before she served them full time. “A group of young men came to my home in Ames to help me with some yard work,” Barb shared. “This showed what kind of character the men of Beta Sig had and I became interested in them as a whole.” A few years later, her friend and former housemother, A.J. Walters, recommended she apply for the open position. Barb has enjoyed being able to support the young men in the house ever since.

Barb spends her days supporting the members living in the house and advising them on where to go to solve an academic or personal problem. “These are young men who have left home for the first time,” Barb said, “They come to Iowa State as boys out of high school and leave four years later as men, smarter and able to make decisions for themselves.” She enjoys spending time with the members of Epsilon Chapter because their conversations help the young men learn from their own experiences, and Barb gets a taste of current culture.

Every semester is different, as each brings a new group of freshmen to know. Barb also makes an effort to meet the members’ parents and assure

them that their sons are in good hands and in a nurturing environment. She makes a point to teach the men of Epsilon Chapter proper etiquette and proper behavior. Barb sticks by Beta Sigma Psi’s three S’s: spiritual, scholarship, and social.

As housemother, Barb enjoys spending her time engaging in the history of her own family and makes a point to bring this into the minds of the young men in the house. “Many of the members come from other cities in Iowa, small and large, and sometimes from out of state. I want them to know about Iowa, what it offers to those who live here, and the accomplishments of those who have lived in Iowa in the past,” she stated. She recently came across a list of 10 inventors from Iowa whose inventions have changed our lives in the 21st century. These inventors include men like E.F. Lindquist, the creator of the ACT test, and George Gallup, the creator of the well-known surveying method called the Gallup Poll. “The father of the digital computer, John Vincent Atanasoff, came from right here at Iowa State,” Barb said.

Barb is no stranger to the Iowa State campus; her husband was a professor at the university, and Barb remains active in the ISU Women’s Club with other faculty wives. When she is not staying at the Chapter House, Barb lives in a retirement community nearby. If you’d like to connect with Barb, you can reach her at barbaragurganus@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EPSILON CHAPTER

We are extremely grateful to the 26 loyal alumni who contributed a total of \$5,430 to our annual campaign in fall 2016. Thanks to your generosity during the Christmas season, we raised \$1,805 for the Beta Sigma Psi Scholarship Fund and \$3,625 for the Building Fund. Thank you very much for your support. The support you give truly makes a difference for our Chapter and its future.

If an error has been made in recording your name or you’ve been mistakenly omitted from our list, we sincerely apologize. Please contact **Jarod Carl ’00** at (515) 321-8324 with any corrections.

DeWayne Ehler ’51
Gerhardt A. Dohmeier ’55
Norman R. Malmberg ’57
Verne E. Weiss ’57
Richard A. Harrison ’60
Johann L. Willers ’61
David L. Moeller ’62
Roderick H. Benjamin ’65
Rudolf J. Hermann ’70
Glen A. Vetter ’70
Mark D. Rutz ’71
Gene G Thiedeman ’75
Mark D. Jensen ’76

Scott O. Thompson ’76
Kent D. Dvorak ’78
Mark R. Niebuhr ’78
David D. Backhaus ’79
Mark A. Hofer ’79
Mark D. Schmidt ’84
Perry W Fails ’86
Brian L. Keys ’87
Michael A. Pochop ’89
Donald C. Beitz ’99
Christopher F. Bahls ’04
Tyler D. Rasmussen ’04
Nathan Meisgeier ’07

To Me, Epsilon Chapter Is...

Richard A. Harrison ’60

“Epsilon Chapter is the most outstanding Beta Sigma Psi Chapter in the country—I am so proud to be an alumnus.”

Johann L. Willers ’61

“Epsilon Chapter is a great blessing to all who have been and are members.”

David L. Moeller ’62

“Epsilon Chapter was the highlight of my college experience.”

Nathan Meisgeier ’07

“Epsilon Chapter is a great foundation in faith and friendship.”

CONNECT with EPSILON ONLINE



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(1) Brothers lend a hand with yard work in the Ames community. Special thanks to our fall 2016 community service chairman, Travis Foust '16, for organizing these efforts to serve the community we call home. (2) A few brothers went ziplining as part of the fall Chapter retreat. (3) Dakota Olson '16 interned at the White House for the former First Lady, Michelle Obama, during the fall 2016 semester. (4) Epsilon Chapter chef, John "Cookie" Anderson, blows out candles on his cake during his 65th birthday celebration at the Chapter House. (5) Epsilon brothers prepare and serve a dinner at the church for a Friday International Student Hospitality dinner. (6) Epsilon brothers cheer on the Cyclones at an Iowa State basketball game.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD PUSHES EPSILON CHAPTER TO NEW HEIGHTS

ΒΣΨ Leads Academically and on Campus

It's been another busy year for Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi. After winning the President's Award last spring, we have been driven to maintain the same level of excellence for the 2016-17 school year. We were thrilled to welcome 17 new members into the brotherhood early this semester and look forward to all that they will bring to the Chapter in the years to come.

SECOND-HIGHEST GPA IN IFC

Academically, our Chapter has seen great improvements. We wrapped up the fall semester with one of the highest GPAs the Chapter has seen with a 3.27, moving us into second place in IFC. We are proud of the academic requirements we've established and the accomplishments made because of them.

BETA SIG BRUNCH RAISES MORE THAN \$2,500

Our annual philanthropic event, Beta Sig Brunch, was held last fall during parent's weekend and the money benefited Habitat for Humanity. With company donations, we are proud to report we raised more than \$2,500!

LEADERS ON CAMPUS

Homecoming last fall gave us a chance to get together with other Greek organizations on campus; we were paired with Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Kappa, and Beta Theta Pi. Some

of our achievements were being Yell Like Hell semifinalists and placing third in the banner competition. We're also proud to have several of our brothers involved on campus in various areas:

- **Dan Jacobi '14**, IFC Vice President of Council Operations
- **Harry Daubitz '16**, IFC Vice President of Recruitment
- **Matthew Levan '16**, Agronomy Club President
- **Caleb Larison '16**, College of Engineering Student Government Senator
- **Nathan Kimle '16**, College of Ag and Life Sciences Student Government Senator
- **Michael Flanscha '17**, Freshman Council Vice President

EPSILON CHAPTER'S SUCCESS RESULT OF ALUMNI SUPPORT

Thank you for helping our Chapter succeed during the last year. We can't do what we do without the hard work and effort of our members, both undergraduate and alumni. If you ever want to stop by Epsilon Chapter, we would be happy to welcome you home!



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Richard Osslund— Capacity Building Scholarship

The Ames Alumni Board of Beta Sigma Psi Lutheran Fraternity sponsors the Richard Osslund—Capacity Building Scholarship. The program is designed to build capacity and raise the level of awareness in the importance of thanking clergy and youth ministers who provide leadership and spiritual programming to young people each and every day in Lutheran organizations.

The scholarships are intended to be used by clergy for professional development to advance programming for youth in their respective Lutheran congregation. Funds may be used by individual clergy to attend a conference or seminar for professional development. Youth leadership and programming materials may be purchased with justification of how the materials will be used to enhance the youth programming in the Lutheran congregation.

Scholarships will be awarded in two cycles each year. Applications will be due January 15 and July 15. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the scholarship review committee, scored, and ranked. The Ames Alumni Board will review and approve recommendations from the selection committee. Richard Osslund—Capacity Building Scholarships will then be awarded.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, individuals must work for or be affiliated in a youth leadership capacity with a Lutheran church organization classified as 501(c)(3) tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code, must be Iowa based, and cannot be a private foundation under Section 509(a).

The Ames Alumni Board anticipates awarding up to \$3,000 annually in capacity building scholarships. Each scholarship award will be valued up to \$250. First cycle, we will award six \$250 scholarships and, in the second cycle, we will award an additional six \$250 scholarships. Mark your calendar for these key dates.

If you'd like more information about this scholarship, please contact **Brian Clark '95** at brian.clark@betasigmapsi.org.

	First Cycle	Second Cycle
Capacity Building Scholarships Due	January 15	July 15
Review Committee Meets	January 30	July 30
Alumni Board Approves Recommendations	February 15	August 15
Capacity Building Scholarship Award Winners Notified / Awards Issued by Check	March 1	September 1

ALUMNI UPDATE



IN MEMORIAM

Larry V. Genzen '57 passed away on February 9, 2016, following multiple health battles over 11 years. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1961 with a B.S. degree in agricultural education. While at ISU, he served in the Army Reserves and was honorably discharged on November 2, 1962. On August 30, 1959, Larry married Cynthia Ann Peters at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning. He taught school in Hubbard for several years before moving to a farm north of Manning and farming with his father. He also taught school in Manning and Irwin-Kirkman-Manilla, until retiring in 2004. Larry loved music and was involved in many choirs. As a teenager, he sang with the National FFA chorus and on the Bill Riley talent show on KRNT-TV in Des Moines. Later, he was a member of the Iowa State College singers, the Elk's Chorus in Carroll, the Zion Lutheran Church choir, and the Manning Liederkrantz men's chorus. Larry is survived by his wife, Cynthia, five children, 19 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

ALUMNI NEWS

Edgar W. Dorow '48 celebrated his 97th birthday on November 14, 2016. He attends church every Sunday and goes to Rotary Club meetings regularly. Edgar goes to the local gym five times a week to use an exercise machine for 20 to 30 minutes, plus walking on the track a quarter of a mile. He was part of the group that organized the Concordia Club that became Beta Sigma Psi. He lives in Osage, Iowa.

Otis L. Sunderman '49 lives in Lincoln, Neb., in a retirement home with around 200 occupants. He is in relatively good health for someone at 92. Otis has a daughter and son-in-law who also live in Lincoln, and a daughter and a son who live nearby in Omaha, Neb., with their families. E-mail: osunderman@neb.rr.com.

Norman R. Malmberg '57 has had a variety of experiences in his life, including his work as a U.S. Navy captain for 34 years. Beta Sig was home to him for 4.5 years, and Mom Thoeke was an integral part. He lives in Greenview, Calif., with his wife, Pam. E-mail: pandn42@sisqtel.net.

Arlo J. Minden '59 and his wife, Ann, travel often; they have visited Israel, Hawaii, and 15 states. Their family includes five children, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. They moved to Laguna Vista, Texas, (South Padre Island) in 2015 and added a fun and interesting chapter to their lives. E-mail: arlominden@yahoo.com.

Keith Leitich '86 co-authored *The History of Myanmar*, published by Greenwood Press. He lives in Seattle, Wash. E-mail: why_the_sky@hotmail.com.



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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.

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SAVE *the* DATE

October 27–October 30

Homecoming 2017 and
Burn the Mortgage Celebration
*To commemorate the accomplishment of being
mortgage free, we are going to celebrate at this
year's Homecoming.*

Friday, October 27

- Golf outing in the morning to early afternoon (weather permitting). Course TBD.
- 6 p.m.–11 p.m. Party at Prairie Moon Winery in North Ames, including a bonfire with the burning of the mortgage.

Saturday, October 28

- Tailgate and football game against TCU. Open house at 2132 Sunset following the game.
- Light brunch at the Chapter House and Beta Sig Sunday at Memorial Lutheran Church.

*More details to come in future mailings,
but start talking with your brothers to
come home to Ames this fall!*