



Epsilon Alumni Connections

Look How Far We've Come
WE HAVE YOUR SUPPORT OF EPSILON CHAPTER TO THANK!

The fall semester for Epsilon Chapter was busy—but an overall success! Our brothers dedicated their time to Homecoming activities, classwork, searching for career opportunities, and Fraternity life. Academics were strong, and the men continued to find ways to lead and give back to the community. They have also begun to look toward recruiting the next class of Beta Sigs.

ADAPTING TO RECRUITMENT CHANGES

As Iowa State and the rest of us move past the last 2.5 years of a pandemic, many things have shifted for Beta Sigma Psi, recruitment being the biggest. 2019 saw a massive change to summer recruitment, as the deadline to break dorm contracts moved from August 1 to June 1 and is now May 1. Then 2020 saw the age of “virtual recruitment” via Zoom, and 2021 was a hybrid year with COVID-19 still being a very present concern.

Facing all these challenges, the men never gave up—they adapted. Learning how to recruit in this new age of college life, the men gradually grew their numbers, and this past summer they welcomed 21 associate members to the Fraternity! While many chapters have struggled, and some have even been forced to close their doors, Beta Sig has started to grow again, and it is thanks to not only the dedication of the undergraduates and advisors, but alumni as well!

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS AND RECIPIENTS

In 2015, the Fraternity offered three Daryl Jahn scholarships, the Senior Legacy, and Balanced Beta Sig awards. Since then, several alumni have come forward to help grow our scholarship program from roughly \$5,000 to a staggering estimated \$20,000 that was awarded to undergraduates this year. These scholarships have not only helped ease the financial burden of our collegiate members, but have also played a large role in the recent triumphs of recruitment.

Our scholarship program is continuing to grow, with more members and families stepping forward each year to sponsor an award. To all those who have, are currently, or are considering helping to fund scholarships, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart! These contributions truly do make a difference in the lives of our members!



ALUMNI BOARD

Finally, I wanted to take some time to recognize the men who make up the Ames Alumni Board. This past year has seen many changes and additions:

- **Michael Flancha '16** joined the board this fall as our first advisor of civic engagement. He will meet routinely with the philanthropy and community service chairmen to further our service to the community.
- **Jeremy Carter '10** and **Tyler Smith '17** took over the role of treasurer.
- **Dan Jacobi '14** has retired from treasurer and will continue to help advise the board as a director.
- The biggest change has been **Jarod Carl '00** retiring as board president and moving into alumni relations. Jarod led the Fraternity and board through some of the biggest changes we've seen in 77 years on Iowa State's campus and has been a trusted advisor to almost 20 years of Beta Sig undergraduates. I cannot thank him enough for his dedication, leadership, and support these past years and am so thankful for his continued guidance.

Members of our board have celebrated many milestones this year, including work promotions, weddings, expanded families, and even passing the Iowa Bar Exam. We have focused on many house projects this year, including the installation of a new grease trap, repairment of the front steps and resealing of the concrete caps, a new AC unit, upgrades to the fire system, replacement of the basement ceiling, and resurfacing of the driveway entry, to name a few. Our biggest project has been replacing some structural failures in the west and south dining room walls and setting up tuck-pointing for early spring.

With all of this going on and busy personal lives, your Alumni Board continues to make time to help advise and guide our undergraduate members and push our organization forward. I am so proud of every one of our brothers and am thankful for their continued contributions to Epsilon Chapter.

SEE YOU SOON!

In closing, I want to thank you all for your continued support of the Fraternity. Thank you to your families and our advisors—you all are a big part of what makes Beta Sigma Psi so special. I cannot wait to see you all again! (If not before then, maybe for our next large gathering at the 75th Homecoming in 2024?)

Fraternally,
Jake Vanderslice '12
 Alumni Board President
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A CHANGING OF MY CALLING

A Note from Jarod Carl '00

I have had the pleasure of serving the members of Beta Sigma Psi for 22 years now. As an undergraduate (2000-04), I held leadership positions, starting as IFC representative, recording secretary, first vice president, and president, among other titles. My last semester in college, I transitioned to a position we now call recruitment advisor, which I held for about eight years. I became one of our alumni advisors for a few years and then took over as president of the Alumni Board.

During my time as a Beta Sig, we saw a wave of membership grow the Fraternity to over 1,000 actives and alumni. The Chapter bought a new house, sold the old one, and paid off the mortgage. We have, and continue to, weather storms along the way, like retention challenges, recruitment challenges, COVID-19, and an aging house.

Through it all, one of the greatest pleasures has been being able to be a part of the team of alumni who pour their time and effort into the Fraternity. The board looks very different than when I first joined the Fraternity, but it is no less passionate about the brotherhood. I reflected at Homecoming, and I believe I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know over 60% of our brothers—600 men who I am connected to by the choice we made as ISU students.

I have reached the time in my life where I need to pass leadership on to someone else. We announced **Jake Vanderslice '12** as the new Alumni Board president. Jake has served in a variety of roles on the national and Ames alumni boards since he graduated in 2015. I believe he has an excellent eye for strategy and talent, and he will be a good leader for our Fraternity for years to come.

Over the course of the last six months, I have been transitioning out of the president role and carving off a piece of the role for myself that will specialize in alumni relationships. I will now be the point person on the board's behalf for areas like *Epsilon Alumni Connections*, working with the ISU Foundation, and alumni gatherings. Our thought in me taking the lead on these items is that it will continue the work we have done to carve off chunks of work to share the load.

Please join me in congratulating Jake on his new calling as our president.

Fraternally,
Jarod Carl '00
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And thank you,
Jarod, for all your
efforts for Epsilon!

Keeping the Momentum Going

EPSILON CHAPTER ACHIEVES GREATNESS THIS FALL

RECRUITMENT SUCCESS

The fall semester started off exceptionally well. Our recruitment chairmen, **Luke Jacobi '20** and **Chris Sabharwal '20**, did an excellent job over the summer and recruited a class of 21 guys, 17 of whom we have retained! It's been great getting to know our new brothers and seeing them get excited about what they can do to help our Fraternity grow and succeed.



Undergraduates and alumni honoring the life of Avery Anderson '19 by dedicating the new tree in front of the house to him.

GPA GOALS

Last spring, we achieved a 3.39 GPA, placing second overall among fraternities behind FarmHouse at a 3.40—just one point above us. This encouraged us to shoot for the stars this fall and set our house GPA goal at 3.50. Our scholarship chairman, **Jacob Fosse '19**, helped us work toward this goal by providing the freshman with resources to succeed while also making sure everyone put their best effort into their academics.

BETA SIG BRUNCH

In other news, we had an extremely successful Beta Sig Brunch this semester. With the help of Philanthropy Chairman **Thomas Nitsch '21** and Cookie, we were able to put on a great event with amazing food. We managed to raise approximately \$3,000 for Habitat for Humanity, which is more than we've raised in the past few years. We are proud of this accomplishment and know how much it will positively impact the community.

HOMEcoming 2022

Homecoming was fun as well! We were paired with Tau Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Delta, and we took first place in lawn displays for the second year in a row. It's also the fourth year in a row that we've been paired with TKE, and it has been great getting to know those guys as well as the sisters of KΔ.



Beta Sigs enjoying our Halloween semi-formal at Sweet Caroline's.



A group of brothers at Greek Trick or Treat ready to hand out candy to kids in the community. From left: Tyson Prentice '22 Jared Greiner '19, Aidan Meyer '19, Andrew Creel '22, and Marcus Barker '22.

FALL RETREAT

Lastly, we had our house retreat this semester, which was enjoyable. During our weekend away, the brothers had the opportunity to bond, talk about how we can keep our momentum going in recruitment, and discuss the current state of the Chapter and where we want to be in a few years.

It has been a fantastic fall semester, and we can't wait to see what the spring will bring.

Fraternally,
Aidan Meyer '19
Outgoing Chapter President

2023 Chapter Officers



The newly elected spring 2023 executive members.

President

Luke Jacobi '20

Vice President

Chris Sabharwal '20

Second Vice President

Kyle Mueller '21

Recruitment Chairmen

James Creel '21

Luke Post '21

Treasurer

Justin Hingtgen '22

Recording Secretary

Hayden Moore '22

Scholarship Chairman

Jacob Fosse '19

Social Chairman

Gavin Petrak '20

Philanthropy Chairman

Justin Prentice '22

LEAVING A LEGACY

Chad Winterhof '97 Makes an Impact on Beta Sigma Psi

When **Chad Winterhof '97** joined Beta Sigma Psi, he knew he would not only gain 30 instant friends, but would also grow in his faith. Furthermore, he could see himself having an impact on others and leaving a legacy after his time there.

And a legacy he did leave.

“Epsilon was a small Chapter and on the verge of closing; in my time there, we grew it into one of the strongest fraternities on campus and the strongest Beta Sigma Psi Chapter nationally,” Chad shared.

Along with transforming Epsilon Chapter, Chad’s favorite memories from his time as an undergraduate were winning Greek Week and serving as Homecoming chairman. His Fraternity experience had such an impact on him that he remains devoted to Beta Sig as an alumnus.

Chad was proud to continue his legacy at Epsilon by serving on the Alumni Board. Many of his brothers were on the board as well, and they enjoyed their time together. The most rewarding aspect of this experience was the success of the *Brothers for All Time* capital campaign.

“Helping lead the capital campaign, moving the Chapter into a new house, and being able to burn the mortgage shortly after is one of my fondest memories and experiences,” Chad said.



Chad and his family visit the National Mall.



Chad and his wife, Jennifer.

After serving on the board for four years, Chad took his commitment for ΒΣΨ to the national level as president of the Fraternity. “Epsilon Chapter was having success, and I wanted to keep that momentum and apply those lessons nationally,” he shared.

Chad’s experience as national president was memorable, and he applies the knowledge he gained into his professional life today.

He has been an engineer at Collins Aerospace since 2001 and is now a chief engineer in the advanced technology department.

Chad has been married to his wife, Jennifer, for 13 years, and they have two children, James (10) and Brenna (11). In his free time, he loves coaching Little League Baseball and watching Cyclones football and basketball games.

Although he has remained dedicated to his Fraternity, family, and favorite activities, Chad was unfortunately diagnosed with brain cancer in March 2021. He has been committed to finding a cure and hopes to soon begin treatment.

You can connect with him at cwinterhof@hotmail.com.

Looking to Give Back to Epsilon?



Epsilon Alumni Connections

Here Are a Few Ways You Can Help!

We greatly appreciate our alumni support! Your generosity ensures that we have the funds and materials to maintain our home and support our undergraduate brothers. Here are some ways you can support Epsilon:



Financial gifts to help offset costs.

Visit foundation.iastate.edu or send your donation to:
Beta Sigma Psi Alumni
P.O. Box 2362, Ames, IA 50010

Gifts related to construction materials and labor.

We also welcome brothers with experience in construction to assist us with planning our projects.



If you can't donate today, don't worry—your support doesn't have to be monetary.

There are many other ways to get involved, including volunteering or mentoring our active members.

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Recapping a Homecoming Celebration to Remember

We Hope You'll Join Us for Our 75th Anniversary in 2024

A fantastic Beta Sig Homecoming celebration was held on the weekend of November 4. On Friday night, we held a scholarship banquet, where we celebrated the over \$20,000 in scholarships awarded annually to our undergraduate members. At Prairie Moon Winery, 90 alumni, spouses, and active members gathered, enjoyed a nice buffet, and listened to some outstanding speakers.

We heard messages from Recruitment Advisor **Caleb Mueller '15**; Scholarship Advisor **Ethan Laughery '15**; Erik, son of **Dick Juergens '65**; and our new Alumni Board president, **Jake Vanderslice '12**.

Chad Winterhof '97, who is our alumni spotlight on page 3, delivered our keynote address about how his battle with cancer has paralleled his experience with Beta Sigma Psi. He has thrived in the role of underdog—and Beta Sig has often found itself there—with

the drive to persevere and succeed in all challenges thrown our way.

On Saturday, Epsilon Chapter rented a tent outside Jack Trice Stadium. **John "Cookie" Anderson '05** and a huge group of undergraduates served over 300 guests a nice warm meal. Over 100 members of our group attended the game, watching Iowa State beat West Virginia. A good number of guests wrapped up the weekend by attending church at Memorial Lutheran, followed by lunch at the Chapter House.

We appreciate all who made time to stop by and reconnect with Beta Sigma Psi. We plan to tailgate and sell football tickets next year. Our next banquet and big gathering will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of Epsilon Chapter and is to be held on Homecoming 2024. We hope you'll join us then!



Top Left: Chad Winterhof '97 delivers the keynote address for the evening. Top Right: Erik Juergens on why he and his mother decided to create a scholarship in honor of the late Dick Juergens '65. Bottom Left: Jake Vanderslice '12 gives his first address as the new Alumni Board president. Bottom Right: Jacob Fosse '19, the seventh recipient of the Lynn Anderson Leadership Scholarship.

