



Epsilon Alumni Connections



We loved having our families at the house for Parents Day.

GROWING THE BETA SIGMA EXPERIENCE

Remembering Brothers Who Made an Impact and Looking Ahead to a Strong Future

Greetings! It's hard to believe that we are already in December! It's been a busy year so far with the completion of house projects, including tuckpointing, the completion of sprinkler renovations, and the dining room project. The men have been heavily involved on campus and are working hard to grow the Beta Sig experience at Iowa State University.

With everything going on, I want to take a moment to reflect on the lives and legacies of two very important men who helped positively shape our Fraternity over the past 25 years.

In August, we unexpectedly lost **John "Cookie" Anderson '05**. John served as the house cook for 23 years, beginning his Beta Sig experience in the fall of 2000. John was more than just a cook; for nearly a quarter century, he fostered relationships with and mentored 400 Beta Sigs during their undergraduate years. The first question often asked by alumni returning to Ames was, "Where's John?" John was also heavily involved at Memorial Lutheran and on the awards committee for the National Fraternity. As a testament to the man he was, approximately 300 Beta Sigs returned to Ames to pay their respects during his funeral and visitation services. Thank you, John, for all the wonderful memories!

In September, **Chad Winterhof '97** succumbed to a 30-month battle with brain cancer. Chad served as a leader during his undergraduate years from 1996-2000, served the National Fraternity, and helped lead the *Brothers for All Time* capital campaign that led us to where we are today. Chad's motto was "Be Kind and Give Care"—words we can all live by. Chad not only inspired us at the 2022 Homecoming banquet with his words of strength, courage, and encouragement but also through his years

of mentoring and guidance! I, and many more, fondly remember Chad's involvement during our undergraduate years, whether it was a meeting, a side conversation, sharing a joke, or a friendly note. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chad's family: his wife, Jennifer, and his kids, Brenna and James.

Beta Sigma Psi is a better organization because of John and Chad's guidance, devotion, and love. Their legacies will continue with us. They will be truly missed.

Secondly, we have one major project still in the works. In early spring, the stairs to the deck were condemned by the city due to age. The dad of a current member has graciously donated time and effort to help assess and design a new set of stairs for the deck. At this time, the Foundation will cover half the cost, with roughly \$19,000 remaining in needed cash. If you would like to donate to this project, checks can be made out to the Ames Alumni Board, or you can donate via Venmo @betasigames. Thank you to all those who have already contributed!

In conclusion, thank you to all of you for continuing to give back via time and financial assistance! It is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the board for their continued guidance and our advisors for making each day great at Beta Sigma Psi. I look forward to seeing you all next fall at the Homecoming anniversary marking our 75th year as a Chapter at ISU!

Fraternally,
Jake Vanderslice '12
 Alumni Board President
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We Asked Alumni: What are some of your favorite Beta Sig memories?

"I remember the cold-air porch dorm at 158 N. Hyland! Waking up with frost on the blankets." —**Warren C. Puck '58**

"Going to church together, playing racquetball, meals at the Fraternity." —**Tim L Kienast '78**

"The camaraderie of the entire house. My experience helped me in my professional career; it really helped me grow as an individual." —**Lance Leslie '88**

A Year of Excellence

EPSILON CHAPTER'S INVOLVEMENT ACROSS CAMPUS AND THE COMMUNITY

We're off to a great start here at Epsilon Chapter! We have 46 men on the roster this fall and welcomed new house chef Dawn Rettalick. Dawn has done a great job, and it has been a blessing to have her.

Over the past year, the Chapter has seen great success and recognition at ISU for its academic achievement. Beta Sigma Psi ranked third among fraternities with a 3.31 GPA in the spring and third overall last fall with a 3.34 GPA (2022). This fall, our goal is to have the number one GPA on campus. We have remained in the top five fraternities each semester and are very proud of the consistency we have displayed when it comes to academics.

On the philanthropic side, we hosted our Sunset Cookout in the spring, benefiting The Puppy Jake Foundation, and raised more than \$1,400. We hosted our Beta Sig Brunch this

fall and raised more than \$2,100 for Habitat for Humanity. Epsilon Chapter also supports Habitat by volunteering at the Ames Re-Store biweekly.

Spiritually, the Chapter is heavily involved with Memorial Lutheran Church. Members frequently attend, read, usher, play handbells, and more during the service. Also, the church hosts Friday International Student Hospitality Dinners with the Beta Sigs preparing, serving, and cleaning after the meals.

Socially, the men recently finished competing in Homecoming with Alpha Omicron Pi and Kappa Sigma. We competed in Greek Week with Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Sigma Phi this past spring and took home third place overall! We also competed in lots of intramurals, multiple brotherhood events throughout the semester, and socials with other fraternities and sororities.

The future looks bright here at Epsilon Chapter. We are excited about our achievements and look forward to seeing Beta Sig continue to grow. At MEF, we took home three awards: the Welge Award (best recruitment program), Founders Cup (best new member education program), and the Jorns Award (community service and philanthropy).

If you know of any incoming students to Iowa State University who you think would be a good fit for Epsilon Chapter, please refer them to our recruitment chairmen by emailing betasigrecruitment@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
Luke Jacobi '20
 President
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Brothers participating in a highway cleanup.



Our pomping display with our Homecoming pairings, Alpha Omicron Pi and Kappa Sigma.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Fall 2023

- President
Luke Jacobi '20
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- First Vice President
Chris Sabharwal '20
- Second Vice President
 (House Manager)
Hayden Moore '23
- Treasurer
Justin Hingtgen '23
- Recording Secretary
Samuel Bredensteiner '21

- Scholarship Chairman
Marcus Barker '23
- Social Chairman
J.K. Prentice '23
- Philanthropy Chairman
Aiden Meseck '21
- Community Service Chairman
Nick Felbinger '23
- Chaplain
Justin Brandt '23
- Public Relations Chairman
Robert Dillon '23

- Assistant House Manager
Luke Post '21
- Commissary
Kyle Mueller '21
- Assistant Social Chairman
James Creel '23
- Recruitment Chairmen
Robert Dillon '23
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- Steven Wolfe '23**
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Refer a Potential Brother Today!
 HELP US GROW THE BROTHERHOOD

If you know of anyone coming to Iowa State University, don't hesitate to send us his name and number! We can reach out to him, or he can stop by the house anytime he is in Ames.



Contact Our Recruitment Chairmen
 or Email:
betasigrecruitment@gmail.com

Welcome New Members!

"I wanted to be in a group where I can forge lifelong friendships and also be surrounded by people with similar goals as myself."

Harrison Ahlrichs

Anamosa, Iowa

"I wanted to surround myself with people who excelled in classwork, were involved on and off campus, and shared a love for God."

Owen Fast

Ankeny, Iowa

"I joined Beta Sig because of the supportive and active community that is present. Also, because of the unique experiences Beta Sigma Psi provides."

Calvin Howard

Polk City, Iowa

"I joined Beta Sig because of the tight-knit relationships everyone had within the house and values upheld in the Fraternity."

Evan Hubbs

Birmingham, Mich.

"I felt there was a strong presence of community and brotherhood in this Fraternity."

Alvin Luu

Lincoln, Neb.

Ryan Sabol

Center Point, Iowa

"The environment of Beta Sigma Psi was really welcoming and felt like a place where I could grow."

Keiran Sullivan

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

"I joined to have other people push me to excel in my classes."

Marcus Sunlin

Monticello, Iowa



CHAPTER GOALS

1

Earn the No. 1 Fraternity GPA on campus.

2

Set clear expectations for the Chapter.

3

Improve communication from leadership.

WE ASKED ALUMNI:

What words come to mind when you think about Beta Sigma Psi?



Congratulations to Our Scholarship Recipients

Spring 2023

Balanced Beta Sig
James Creel '23
Thomas Nitsch '21
Luke Post '21

Scott and Kim Herren Scholarship
Hayden Moore '22

Dick Juergens (Year 1) Scholarship
J.K. Prentice '23

Dick Juergens (Year 2) Scholarship
Thomas Nitsch '21

Richard and Karen Harrison
Engineering Scholarship
Samuel Gentz '22

Avery Andersen Spirit Award
Luke Schmid '20

Dean's List Award
12 brothers

Fall 2023

Darryl Jahn #1
Harrison Ahlrichs
Carsyn Leistikow
Oliver Louden

Jake Vanderslice
Balanced Gentleman Award
Owen Fast

Lynn A. Anderson Leadership Award
Isaiah Walsh '20

Doug McKechnie E-353 Scholarship
Thomas Nitsch '21

Duan Grummer
and Jan Cooper Scholarship
Jacob Schulmeister '22

Don Berman Scholarship
James Creel '23

Brothers in Agriculture Award
J.K. Prentice '23

Keith and Jamilya Leitch Scholarship
Ryan Sabol

Beta Sig Iowa State
Marching Band Scholarship
Ryan Sabol

Beta Sig Commisary Scholarship
Kyle Mueller '21

Senior Legacy Award
Kyle Mueller '21

Dean's List Award
18 brothers

See what else our
brothers have
been up to inside!



Beta Sig Sunday.



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"I am enjoying being a part of the Fraternity family and look forward to continuing to add to and improve the food program and to develop relationships with the students and alumni."
-DAWN RETALLICK

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Honoring John and Welcoming Dawn

Beta Sig's House Cooks

Remembering John Anderson

John "Cookie" Anderson '05, our beloved house cook, unexpectedly passed away on August 23, 2023. John was quite the cook and baker; before finding his home with Epsilon Chapter, he worked with numerous camps, institutions, churches, and sororities. He also served Memorial Lutheran Church in Ames. John played a variety of instruments, loved gardening, and had a passion for raising chickens. He was a great mentor for the men of Beta Sigma Psi and will be deeply missed by many brothers.

Welcome, Dawn Retallick

As we sadly said goodbye to John, we were thrilled to welcome our new house cook, Dawn Retallick, in August.

When Dawn's son, **Alex Retallick '18**, started getting more involved with the Fraternity in 2019, Dawn had just closed her restaurant of nearly 10 years, Dinners by Dawn, and was trying to decide which direction she wanted to go. With Alex and her son-in-law, **Russell Hubby '14**, both members of the Fraternity, and her daughter, Danielle, a lavalier member, Dawn found her home at Beta Sigma Psi.



Dawn and her family during Homecoming. From left: Russell, Danielle, Dawn, Alex, and Dawn's husband, Mike.

Over the past few months, Dawn has enjoyed getting to know the brothers and Mom Jet. "They have made me feel very welcome, and I love every conversation with them. The alumni have also been very supportive in the transition, and I feel we have been able to make some great changes in the food program."

She felt even more welcome when the members decorated for her birthday! "It is the little things that make this job special to me."

She enjoys making the brothers her special chocolate chip cookies for their birthdays. She also loves trying new recipes and serving the men entrées and desserts they may have never tried before. As her time continues at Epsilon, she looks forward to "finding new ways to spoil them."

In her career, Dawn was a property manager and real estate agent for Hunziker in Ames, a personal chef for five years, and ran her restaurant in Story City before finding her way to Beta Sig.

Dawn's husband is the chairman of the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies at Iowa State University. They have a puppy named Whiskie and will become grandparents in January. "We are all very excited about the new addition to the family!"

In her free time, Dawn enjoys golfing, traveling, training and cuddling Whiskie, and hanging out with her family.

You can connect with her at betasigchef@gmail.com.