



Epsilon Alumni Connections

Season's Greetings from Epsilon Chapter!

UPDATES FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD

It's hard to believe that 2024 is already nearing its end as I write this. As we enter the holiday season, it's a great time to look back at another eventful year for Epsilon Chapter! We truly have a lot to be thankful for.

Reasons to Celebrate

First, I want to wish you all a happy 75th chartering anniversary! Thank you to all those who were able to make it to Ames for Homecoming this year to celebrate. Second, recruitment continues to strengthen with another strong class of associates, all of whom are in the house. The members also excelled in their men's overall GPA, community involvement, philanthropic efforts, and leadership! A special point of pride is the \$23,000+ in scholarships awarded to the undergraduates thanks to alumni contributions. Truly, thank you!

Chapter House Projects

At Homecoming 2023, we shared the desperate need to repair the deck stairs at the Fraternity House, which were deemed unsafe and unusable. Through your generous contributions, we were able to complete this project in spring 2024! After the completion of the stair project, many inquired about future projects. After careful consideration, the Ames Alumni Board presented the first phase of a multi-phase project to increase the quality of the Chapter House.

Phase 1 will consist of a landscaping overhaul on the north/front-facing side of the house, addressing issues such as the parking lot, retaining wall, and plant beds. With recruitment becoming more competitive and first impressions more important than ever, we believe this is a great place to start. We would also like to take the opportunity to recognize **John Anderson '05** and his quarter

century of dedication to the Fraternity by naming the front flower beds in his memory. With your help, we would like to begin work this upcoming spring/summer!

Save the Date!

I also want to share another major milestone for the Fraternity. April 17, 2025, will mark the 100th anniversary of Beta Sigma Psi! There will be a celebration in St Louis over **Presidents' Day weekend in February**. We look forward to you joining members of every Beta Sig chapter to celebrate 100 years of brotherhood! Be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to the event. Details will be posted to the Chapter's social media accounts.

A Story Worth Telling

This fall has been full of milestones and accomplishments. I am reminded of a particular sentiment: "Never doubt for a second that a small group of thoughtful and dedicated individuals can change the world." November 29 marked 79 years since Rev. Mueller, Herman Siefkes, and eight students met for the first time to discuss the concept of a new Lutheran-based Fraternity at Iowa State. What an amazing journey we've had so far! What an amazing story that I am proud to share with each one of you. Thank you for all that you do.



Dennis Engh '61, Lynn Anderson '66, Michael Pochop '89, Brad Johnson '83, Kelly Johnson, and Jarod Carl '00 peruse ISU Yearbooks (The Bomb) at the Alumni Center.



Jake Vanderslice '12 takes a commemorative photo with our current housemom, Jet, chef Dawn Retallick (2023-present), and Mom Barb (2014-18).

Here's to a bright future for the Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi!

Faternally,
Jake Venaderslice '12
Alumni Board President
Beta Sigma Psi National Fraternity Vice President



"For me, Beta Sig is about the relationships that we have formed, maintained, and added to over a lifetime."

HEAR MORE FROM ALUMNI PAUL PETERSON '77 ON PAGE 4!

Epsilon alumni tailgate for the 2009 ISU vs. KSU game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri. From left: Kevin Selk '77, Paul Peterson '77, Dennis Munson '78, Doug McKechnie '76, and Bill Winkelman '79.

Congratulations, Scholarship Recipients!

2024 SPRING AND FALL AWARDEES

Darryl Jahn Scholarship Josh Miller '24, Phillip Drahos '24, and Zach Post '24	Chad Edgar "Wad" Winterhof Scholarship Cole Doty '23
Jake Vanderslice Balanced Gentleman Kenneth Conlin '24	Senior Legacy Scholarship Marcus Sunlin '24
Lynn A. Anderson Beta Sigma Psi Leadership Scholarship Thomas Nitsch '21	Balanced Beta Sig Samuel Bredensteiner '22, Hayden Moore '23, and J.K. Prentice
Doug McKechnie E-353 Scholarship Jacob Schulmeister '22	Scott and Kim Herren Scholarship Keiran Sullivan '24
Duane Grummer and Jan Cooper Scholarship Justin Brandt '23	Dick Juergens Year 1 Scholarship Michael Schneider '24
Don Beerman Scholarship Owen Fast '24	Dick Juergens Year 2 Scholarship Cole Doty '23
Brothers in Agriculture Owen Fast '24	Beta Sig Commissary Spring Staff Scholarship Matthew Johnson '23
Keith and Jamilya Leitch Scholarship Evan Hubbs '23	Richard A. Harrison and Karen G. Harrison Beta Sigma Psi Engineering Scholarship Jacob Schulmeister '22
Beta Sig Iowa State Marching Band Carson Green '23	Avery Andersen Beta Sigma Psi Spirit Award Samuel Bredensteiner '22
Beta Sig Commissary Fall Staff Scholarship Keiran Sullivan '24	

Additionally, 11 members earned the Dean's List Award in the fall semester.

The Impact of Giving

More than \$23,000 Awarded in Scholarships

In 2024, the scholarship committee, alumni, families, and friends of the Fraternity awarded \$23,750 in scholarships to members of Epsilon Chapter. The continuous growth of our scholarship program is only possible due to the generosity of our many supporters.

For much of the scholarship program's history, the awards were funded by a combination of Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation grants, Alumni Board funds, and irregular alumni donations. This changed in 2016 when **Lynn '66** and Diane Anderson funded the Lynn A. Anderson Beta Sigma Psi Leadership Scholarship.

In 2018, we unveiled our "named scholarship" initiative. Leveraging the resources of the ISU Foundation to collect tax-deductible contributions, we sought to assist donors with founding and funding their own scholarships. This effort has led to the creation of almost a dozen new scholarships since then! To ensure sustainability, we asked donors to pledge to fund their scholarships for a minimum of five years. It is hard to believe, but the original class of named scholarships were awarded for the fifth time this year.

Therefore, we have begun assisting scholarship donors with the process of renewing their pledges. I want to thank those donors who contacted **Jarod Carl '00** and me over Homecoming weekend and renewed their scholarships. We will reach out to the remaining donors over the next few months to provide the proper forms to renew or modify these scholarships if desired.

Homecoming also presented the opportunity to reflect on the impact of our brotherhood. Dozens of alumni, family, and friends came together to create a scholarship in honor of **Chad Winterhof '97**. The organizers noted Chad's positive and selfless spirit and sought to memorialize his impact in an endowed scholarship. The Chad Edgar "Wad" Winterhof Scholarship recognizes an active member embodying a selfless and encouraging spirit.

Cole Doty '23 was selected as the first recipient of the scholarship. The organizers wish to endow an annual scholarship award of \$500 to be awarded in perpetuity. If you wish to contribute toward the scholarship, please contact Jarod or me so we can make the proper arrangements!

Fraternally,
Ethan Laughery '15
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Diane and Lynn Anderson '66 with Thomas Nitsche '22, their scholarship award winner for 2024.



Don Beerman '68 gets to know Owen Fast '24, the fall recipient of Don's scholarship.



The Winterhof Family (Jenni, Brenna, and James) gather with Cole Doty '23, the first awardee of the scholarship created in honor of their husband/father, Chad Winterhof '97.

EPSILON CHAPTER RISING

Fall Semester Highlights

This semester at Epsilon Chapter, we focused on advancing the innovations we've prioritized over the past few semesters. We made exciting progress in the four pillars of our brotherhood: Scholarship, Spirituality, Social, and Service.

❖ SCHOLARSHIP

Our academic system, developed last semester by Scholarship Chairman **Cole Doty '23**, has delivered impressive results. The Chapter achieved a spring GPA of 3.23 and set a goal of 3.35 for fall 2024. Members supported each other academically, fostering accountability and encouragement. Tailored guidance for struggling members proved highly effective.

We also emphasized professional development by hosting a résumé review with alumni, providing valuable insights and preparation for members entering the job market.



Beta Sig alumni, actives, and associates attend the 75th celebration.

❖ SPIRITUALITY

We expanded our spiritual efforts by creating a diverse religious community with three weekly Bible studies at the house. We continued supporting Memorial Lutheran Church by participating in FISH, the student Thanksgiving dinner, and volunteering for services.

To strengthen our spiritual foundation, we appointed leaders to organize service attendance and discussions with four local churches. Chaplain **Justin Brandt '22** led efforts to maintain strong fellowship with Memorial Lutheran Church.

❖ SOCIAL

Weekly socials, either within the Chapter or with other Greek organizations, helped us build community connections this semester. Homecoming, paired with Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Tau Delta, was a highlight. We earned recognition for our displays, pumping, and "Best Line" in Yell Like Hell.

A pumpkin painting social with Alpha Chi Omega was well attended, and we look forward to partnering with Kappa Delta and Theta Delta Chi for Greek Week in spring 2025. Social Chairman **Luke Post '21** and Assistant Social Chairman **Marcus Sunlin '24** excelled in creating a vibrant social environment.

❖ SERVICE

This fall, we began partnering with Iowa State's student food pantry, SHOP, serving fellow students. We also volunteered for Ames by assisting with post-art festival cleanup. Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity thrived as we participated in Habitat Build Day and achieved 300 service hours, led by Community Service Chairman **Ryan Sabol '24**.

We also raised \$2,400 for Habitat for Humanity with record participation from the Greek community. This success was driven by Philanthropy Chairman **Robert Dillon '22** and our house chef, Dawn Retallick.

❖ CHAPTER GROWTH

We welcomed 11 new members in 2024 who have already made an impact. Two, **Kenny Conlin '24** and **Phillip Drahos '24**, joined the executive board as recruitment chairman and recording secretary for the spring. Vice President **Hayden Moore '22** ensured their seamless integration with an outstanding new member education program.

We implemented an exec shadowing program, allowing members to observe executive board meetings and learn about leadership firsthand. Many participants ran for or were elected to positions on the executive board, demonstrating the program's effectiveness in developing future leaders.

❖ HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Fall Recruitment Chairmen **Robert Dillon '22** and **Steven Wolfe '22** achieved full occupancy at the house, enabling us to open two new, beautifully maintained rooms. House Manager **Carson Green '22** worked tirelessly to keep the house clean and impressive.

We also reorganized Chapter files into a comprehensive binder, making Beta Sig information more accessible. Recording Secretary **Justin Brandt '22** and I led this project.

❖ LOOKING AHEAD

This past semester has been a remarkable chapter in Epsilon's story. Our progress in academics, professional development, spirituality, social connections, service, and chapter growth highlights the dedication of our members. I'm proud of all we've accomplished and look forward to an even brighter future for Epsilon Chapter!

Fraternally,
Tom Nitsch '21
President, Beta Sigma Psi Epsilon Chapter



Ryan Ungs '21 gives a "press conference" at Coach Campbell's podium in the Stark Performance Center while giving alumni a campus tour.

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UNITED IN BROTHERHOOD

Paul Peterson '77 Gives Thanks for Beta Sig

Paul Peterson '77 needed a place to live at Iowa State. At the start of his freshman year, dorms were overflowing to the point that students slept on cots in Hilton Coliseum. Paul's parents were both in Greek life, and the idea of a Lutheran Fraternity—Beta Sigma Psi—intrigued the family.

The young men in the Chapter House made good impressions, and Paul eagerly accepted a bid to Epsilon Chapter. Throughout his college years, he learned great life lessons from his Beta Sig brothers—as well as the house parents and the cook, Irma Matsen, who became a grandmother figure to the Chapter. The late **Arnold Feldt '49**, a founding father of Epsilon, even became Paul's father-in-law.

"For me, Beta Sig is about the relationships that we have formed, maintained, and added to over a lifetime," Paul said. "I think one reason they've lasted is the common foundation we share in Christ, our Lord and Savior."

From the moment Paul became a brother, there was no shortage of activities. Cleaning the Chapter House on Saturday mornings, standing in line to save football seats, and walking from

campus to downtown Ames provided plenty of time to form friendships with brothers like **Steve Johnson '77**, **Eric Larson '77**, and **Brian Schafer '77**. Paul and Brian went on to recruit across the state of Iowa, visiting incoming students and their parents. ("**Bill Winkelman '79** has shared how impressed his parents were with Brian.") Paul also served Epsilon Chapter as treasurer, vice president, and Chapter president.

Paul graduated in 1981 to double-digit inflation, unemployment, and interest rates. Despite being "an average student at best," he was blessed with a wonderful career and bosses whom he still calls friends. "I am convinced my career was a blessing from God and an answer to my mom's prayers," he said. "I'm blessed to have the vocation of husband to my wife, Gloria, and father of Amy and Carl." (Carl is engaged to marry in October.)

Time spent with Beta Sigs hasn't slowed down since college! Paul and his wife, Gloria, have spent long weekends playing mini golf with **Kevin Selk '77** and his family, and they've gone fishing with Jana and **Dennis Munson '78** in British Columbia and Lake Superior.



Paul has attended many ISU football games, often with his former "foosball instructor," **Doug McKechnie '76**. Living in Kansas City allows Paul to see many visiting Beta Sig friends, even making new ones like **Mark Olson '71** and his wife, Deb.

Paul retired on April 1, 2024 ("Yes, April Fools' Day"), giving him more time to do what he already enjoys. That includes family time, church activities, ISU sports, golf, and fishing. "Beta Sig friendships, relationships, and *new* friendships have spanned my life, and I pray they continue."

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