



Epsilon Alumni Connections

The Future Is Bright

Epsilon Chapter Celebrates Exciting Milestones

As we reflect on this last academic year, we have a lot to be thankful for at Epsilon Chapter, and we are grateful to you all for coming back for Homecoming, stopping by the house, sharing our good news via social media, mentoring, donating, and more. What an amazing tradition we have at Iowa State University!

Another Strong Year of Awards

- At this year's National Membership Education Forum, undergraduates brought home:
 - Edwards Award for Best Chapter Management
 - Founder's Cup for Best Chapter Education
- Caleb Mueller '15** was recognized with the Alumni Service Award.
- Jake Vanderslice '12** received the Karmeier Award for his dedication to the Fraternity.
- A big congratulations is due to:
 - Scholarship winners from the fall
 - Those recognized on the dean's list

See You Soon at an Event?

We have many milestones coming up that will allow opportunities to get together and celebrate the Fraternity.

- First, we will be celebrating our 75th chartering anniversary this Homecoming.** Please be on the lookout for information as we get closer.

- Second, we will be celebrating 100 years of Beta Sigma Psi over the 2025 President's Day weekend in St. Louis, Missouri.** We look forward to a strong showing from Epsilon and the chance to celebrate with our Brothers from across the National Fraternity! There will be more information available during our Homecoming celebrations.

If you don't already, I would encourage you to follow the Fraternity social media outlets (listed on page 4); it's a great way to see what the undergraduates are up to and stay in the know regarding alumni events.

Making Our Next Generation the Greatest

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to recognize our amazing staff and advisors who work every day to mentor the next generation of Beta Sigs. Mom Jet, Chef Dawn, Pastors Dave and Mark, **Dr. Donald Beitz '99**, and Bob Anderson thank you for all that you do! We also appreciate the board of alumni advisors that continues to lend time and experience.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and can't wait to celebrate 75 years of Epsilon Chapter at Homecoming!

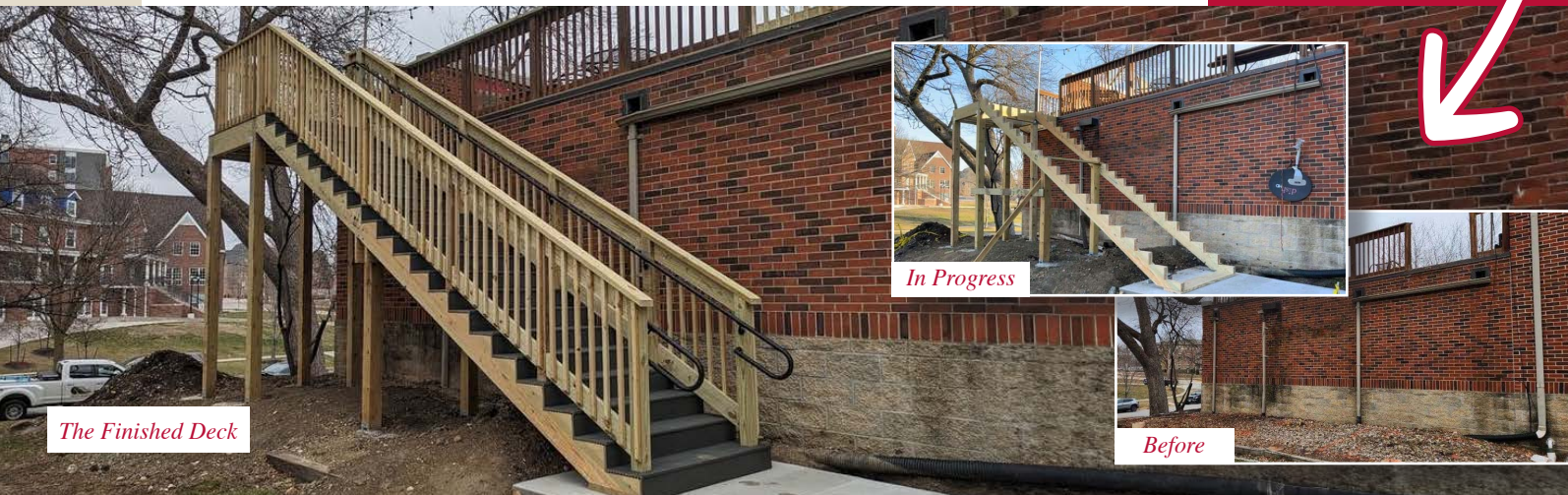
Per Aspera Ad Astra,
Jake Vanderslice '12
Ames Alumni Board President
Beta Sigma Psi National Fraternity Vice President

Deck Stairs? CHECK!

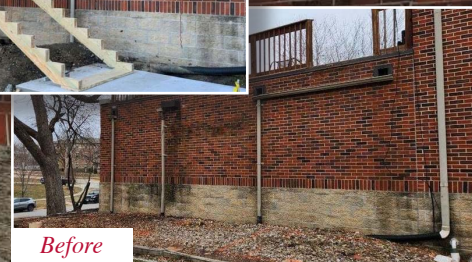
During Homecoming in November, we shared that due to their age and being unsafe, we needed to tear down and rebuild the deck stairs on the back of the house. We are pleased to report that as of May, the work has been completed and this project is in the books!

Thanks to Wally Pelds of Pelds Design Services out of Des Moines for donating the design time and alumnus **Alex Retallick '18** of Showtime Homes out of Urbandale, Iowa, for being the general contractor for the project.

Finally, we're grateful to the alumni and parents who stepped up to contribute to the project through the ISU Foundation's Housing Fund and general cash donations. All donations helped significantly, and we thank you for that generosity!



In Progress



Before

The Finished Deck



Parent's Weekend

RENEWING OUR MINDS

Undergraduates Reach New Heights

Epsilon Chapter's most recent goals were to build up, renew, and innovate on what had been done before. Throughout the spring semester, we rethought how the Chapter went about accomplishing its tasks across all four "S's."



SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Chairman **Cole Doty '23** worked tirelessly to create a new academic support and accountability system for our members. New study logs that emphasized not only planning a member's week but also executing various tasks were a big and effective addition. Cole also created a résumé workshop to help with professional development and presentation to hiring firms. These efforts helped the Chapter achieve a spring GPA of 3.23, an increase of .06 from the fall.



SERVICE

The Chapter harnessed a new connection with Food at First in Ames in addition to continued support for Habitat for Humanity. These efforts

were led by Community Service Chairman **James Creel '21** and led to achieving over 250 service hours this semester.

Philanthropy Chairman **Calvin Howard '24** went above and beyond when it came to planning this semester's Sunset Cookout, which supports the Puppy Jake Foundation. We raised over \$2,900, which is the most from this event in recent memory.



SPIRITUALITY

We have continued in fellowship with Memorial Lutheran Church but have also added a new Bible study group, which meets once a week. This effort was led by Chaplain **Justin Brandt '24** and Cole Doty. Beta Sig Sunday has continued and is still a tradition everyone looks forward to.



SOCIAL

We held an incredibly successful formal at Jasper Winery in Des Moines planned by Social Chairman **Owen Fast '24**, participated in

intramurals such as volleyball, soccer, golf, ultimate frisbee, and basketball, and worked with other chapters on campus almost weekly in addition to bowling together and being heavily involved in Greek Week.



RECRUITMENT

In a new approach to recruitment, led by **Robert Dillon '23** and **Steven Wolfe '23**, we placed a heavy emphasis on recurring and personal interactions with potential new members. We have nine in-house freshmen slated to join the house in the fall, which is a huge success for the entire Chapter! We hope to continue signing more new members throughout the summer.

Overall, Epsilon Chapter worked tirelessly to innovate last semester, and we look forward to continuing to do so when we return this fall.

Per Aspera Ad Astra,
Tom Nitsch '21
Epsilon Chapter President



Congratulations!
Our sunset cookout
raised over \$2,900
for the Puppy Jake
Foundation!

FOUR YEARS OF GROWTH

2024 GRADUATES SHARE LESSONS LEARNED

"The four years I spent surrounded by the fantastic men of this Fraternity granted me the motivation and support I needed to succeed and the comfort I needed to be myself.

Additionally, it has instilled a wide variety of cross-functional abilities in me and equipped me with the courage and skills it takes to be a leader.

Most importantly, Beta Sig gave me a house to call home and friends to call family as I move through the rest of my life. It is an absolute honor to be part of the Fraternity's legacy!" **—Isaiah Walsh '20**

"Being a member of Beta Sig helped me mature as a person alongside others in the same stage of life. It also helped me grow my faith tremendously. Always having Brothers to disciple helped me realize that a life without Jesus is no life at all. That's made me a better and happier person today!" **—Luke Schmid '20**



WELCOME, 2024 NEW MEMBERS

Salem Bird
Waverly, Iowa

Kenneth Conlin
Northwood, Iowa

Phillip Drahos
Belle Plaine, Iowa

Tyler Holtz
Sioux City, Iowa

Allen Jackson
Bryan, Texas

Joshua Miller
Winterest, Iowa

Nicholas Pollock
Marion, Iowa

Zach Post
Walker, Iowa

Aidan Sash
Clive, Iowa

CHAPTER OFFICERS

President
Thomas Nitsch
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Hayden Moore

House Manager
Carson Green

Treasurer
Justin Hingtgen

Recruitment Chairmen
Spencer Clifton
Elijah Pelds

Recording Secretary
Justin Brandt

Scholarship Chairman
Cole Doty

Social Chairman
Thomas Nitsch (Temporary)

Philanthropy Chairman
Robert Dillon



Summer 2024 Goals

Achieve a Chapter GPA of 3.35

Earn 300 community service hours as a Chapter

Raise \$3,000 at our philanthropy

Know Someone We Should Know?

Recommend a New Member

Recruitment referrals can be
sent to Recruitment Chairmen

Elijah Pelds '22

(elijahp@iastate.edu)

and **Spencer Clifton '22**

(sclifton@iastate.edu).

Please include any pertinent
information about who you
are referring to.



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2024 HOMECOMING

Save the Date

Friday, November 1

Campus Tour and Innovation

Center Opportunity: 2PM-5PM

Cost: TBD at this point. There will likely
be a cost so we can provide the comfort of
transportation for our guests.

Description: Campus has changed a great deal
since we were there. The opportunity we are
exploring is to provide a guided tour around
campus for about an hour, and then reserve time
in the World-Renowned Innovation Center on
ISU's Campus.

Saturday, November 2

Chapter House Open for Tours: Time TBD

Football Tailgate: Time TBD

Cost: \$10 per person

Football Game: Time TBD

Cost: \$50 per person

75th Anniversary Celebration: 6PM-10PM

Cost: \$75 per person

Description: Casual celebration of 75 years
of Beta Sigma Psi. Will have opportunities to
hang out with friends, and meet Beta Sigs of all
ages. Little Sisters and Families welcome. Will
have small program including announcements
from board members, actives. Plan to recognize
scholarships. Open mic opportunities for stories
from all generations.

Includes: Buffet dinner, cash bar.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn 1325 Dickinson
Ave, Ames, IA

***If the game is scheduled as a late game, we
will move the event to Friday, November 1.
Hilton Garden Inn is reserving the weekend for
us so we can have the most flexibility.

Sunday, November 3

Beta Sig Sunday: 11AM

Location: Memorial Lutheran Church

We will host an open house at the Fraternity before the game.

Scan the QRcode to visit
epsilon.betasigmapsi.org/events
to reserve your spot and purchase tickets
for the event.

SCAN
FOR MORE
DETAILS



Alumni News

Robert F. Morrison '52 shares that,
"At 93, activities become more limited.
I still play tennis (doubles), garden (fruit
trees and vegetables), and participate
in a nationwide peer group book club."
Robert lives in San Diego, Calif.
Email: rfmorrison@jps.net

William M. Trester '62 founded
Christian Love Gifts after retirement.
The organization sends doctors, dentists,
and nurses on medical missions in the
Philippines. He also supports missionary
work in France and the Middle East
from his home in Camarillo, Calif.
Email: bill.trester@gmail.com

Gary L. Ramsey '65 published his first
book, *To Be the Best by Any Measure*, in
2023 under his birth name, Pat Magee.
It's a true story of lessons learned and
lessons applied and a unique approach
proven to breathe fresh life into businesses
and non-profit organizations. Gary stays
busy traveling, speaking to a variety of
audiences, and promoting the book
(which is available on Amazon).
He resides in Brevard, N.C.
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