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Alumni Newsletter of Sigma Phi Epsilon
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Great accomplishments and even greater EXPECTATIONS!

It's really a pleasure to write this article today because Ohio Gamma is in great shape!

The undergrad chapter has 80 members and a GPA of 3.37. The new Executive Leadership group is excellent and 30 of the second level leadership spots are filled. 24 undergrad brothers and 2 alumni attended our Carlson Leadership Academy in Pittsburgh over the weekend of February 10-12. We were by far the largest group. We also have 13 undergrads and at least 3 alumni who will attend Conclave in San Antonio this August. We have submitted all the data for a Buchanan Cup and are hoping to receive our 10th Cup at Conclave and make a new run to compete with the 8 straight Buch Cups we received from 2003 to 2019. You will get a better sense of what our undergrads are doing in the **Undergrad Update** article.

On the Alumni side we have greatly increased our alumni volunteers in the past 3 months. We now have alumni mentors in place for all 9 Exec team members as well as 4 of the second tier positions. In addition, 33 more alumni have signed on to be Career Counselors for our undergrads. The Career Counselors provide both one-on-one advice for the men in their field of study and are also available to participate in panel discussions. In some cases they are able to provide internships and even jobs after college. When we count our Alumni Executive Leadership Council in the mix, there are now 54 alumni serving in volunteer roles.

Our expectations are to grow the chapter to around 90 members, improve our GPA to always be #1 or #2 of all fraternities, enhance our Campus engagement and philanthropic activities, and perfect our Career Counseling program.

DONATE

You may notice in the Scholarship section that we paid out more in scholarships than we took in last year, so ongoing fundraising is important. Our rental fees for the chapter house are structured in a way to assure we are financially sound, have adequate cash reserves, and a fund built to reduce our mortgage in 2026. So your donations are going for scholarships to help our men, encourage good grades, maintain the house at a high quality, and pay down the mortgage.

We also would like to highlight the option to provide a Matching gift to Ohio Gamma which can be made as a donation to our fund at OSU. The website below is a list of all companies that offer a matching gift program just in case you are not aware if you company offers one.

In effect, most companies will match what you donate yourself. Your donation is doubly effective as your donation through OSU counts as both a gift to OSU and a gift to Ohio Gamma.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5df97c9f541d243d80bf2036/t/61562fe826370a32499cdaa2/1633038312667/Gift-Matching-Company-List.pdf>

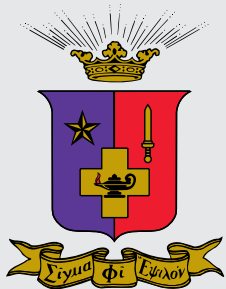
Ohio Gamma would also like to set up a scholarship fund in the memory of Dave Hay. If you would like to donate to this fund for Dave just make your donation to the website below, then send an email to CJ Waggoner at waggonj55@gmail.com.

You can donate in 2 different ways to Ohio Gamma on our website: ohiogamma.org/donate

VOLUNTEER!?



There is still room for more volunteers, so if you are interested in any volunteer function, let us know! Just email C.J. Waggoner at waggonj55@gmail.com. We can just discuss some options and you can decide if anything works for you. Career Counseling only takes about an hour and is based on when we have an undergrad who is interested in your type of career.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year our alumni brothers generously donate toward various scholarships for our undergrads. For calendar year 2022 donations amounted to \$92,991. Total scholarships awarded were \$123,100, \$8500 of which are funded by endowments.

GPA Scholarships based on Fall semester GPA:

Recipient	GPA	Amount	Alumni Donor
Namith Anil	4	\$1,000	George Smith
Jake Bertler	3.94	\$500	Brent Bishop
Daniel Bordenkircher	3.26	\$500	Larry Bond
Alberto Casas	3.825	\$500	Ken Butler
Nathan D'Agostino	3.533	\$500	Devin Woodyard
Bryce Eagon	4	\$1,500	Jim Burkhard & Terry Schieber
Ryan Elaoud	3.737	\$500	Dick Bangs
Keegan Fay	3.868	\$750	Hunter Bloecher
Liam Fernandez	3.9	\$500	William Grundemann
Kyle Germann	3.781	\$500	Mark Hallam
Lawrence Gonzales	3.55	\$500	Jim Hendrickson
Benjamin Hanlin	3.46	\$250	Chris Maskevich
Maxwell Holtman	3.712	\$500	Jim Crossley
Mark Kavulich	3.38	\$250	Dave Hyre
Philip Kaufman	3.925	\$500	Brent Bishop
Apostol Kule	3.935	\$500	Mike Roberts
Brady Leemaster	3.55	\$500	John Conkle
Brandon Paul	4	\$1,000	George Smith
Jeffrey Sharko	3.323	\$250	Don Kender

Balanced Man Scholarships are given annually to potential new members. These awardees are selected from our pool of potential members and are promoted as a method to explain our BM program to them:

Award	Recipient	Amount
1st Place	Sean Hodges	\$1,500
2nd Place	Durshil Doshi	\$1,000
3rd Place	Abdirahman Nur	\$500
Honorable Mention	Zayne Jaber	\$250
Honorable Mention	Lucas Ferrari	\$250
Honorable Mention	Brayden Truex	\$250
Honorable Mention	Pedro Rodriguez	\$250

Housing scholarships are designed to make the chapter house affordable for all the men who wish to live there. They are paid per semester and this chart indicates the total award for both semesters.

Recipient	Amount	Alumni Donors
Namith Anil	\$4,000	George Smith, Dan Prucha
Jake Bertler	\$4,000	Brent Bishop, Bill Killgallon
Alberto Casas	\$5,300	Ken Butler, Nathan Barbo, Brad Brinzo
Nathan D'Agostino	\$4,000	Devin Woodyard, Ken Butler
Bryce Eagon	\$4,000	Ken Misener, Nate Busch
Keegan Fay	\$5,300	Ken Misener, Chris Burk
Liam Fernandez	\$5,300	Ken Misener, Andy Latham
Kyle Germann	\$5,300	Ken Misener, Joe Lennon
Lawrence Gonzales	\$5,300	Ken Misener, Bryan McIntrye, Robert Fogoros
Benjamin Hanlin	\$4,000	Ken Misener, Tom McLaughlin, Brian Birkmeyer
Maxwell Holtman	\$4,000	Jim Crossley, Ken Butler
Mark Kavulich	\$5,300	Jim Pfeifer, Dave Cessna
Philip Kaufman	\$5,300	Ken Butler, Brent Bishop
Apostol Kule	\$5,300	Ken Butler, Austin Stewart, Jimmy Dinh
Brady Leemaster	\$5,300	Ken Butler, Chris Case, Bert Cousins
Brandon Paul	\$4,000	George Smith, Charles Allbery
Jeffrey Sharko	\$5,300	Ken Butler, Joe Roman, CJ Waggoner
Drake Cromes	\$5,300	Brent Bishop, Wade Guzdanski
Brock Merritt	\$5,300	In memory of Dick Walters, Brent Bishop
Jake Rossiello	\$4,000	In memory of Robin Schmidt, Brent Bishop
Jason Cotenoff	\$4,000	Brent Bishop, James Weider, Jim Griesen

The following Senior Awards have been selected by the undergrad chapter:

Award	Recipient	Amount
Mike Lockwood Faithful Friend Award	Nicolas Brizzi	\$500.00
Ken Butler Community Service Award	Alberto Casas	\$500.00
Jim Allshouse Campus Impact Award	Casey Petrae	\$500.00
Bob Barnett Balanced Man of the Year Award	Casey Petrae	\$500.00

The following alumni brothers have provided endowments for the highest undergrad GPA based on their field of study:

Brent Bishop Outstanding Business Major		
Jake Bertler	3.94 GPA	\$1,000
Philip Kaufman	3.925 GPA	\$1,000
George Smith Outstanding Engineering Major		
Namith Anil	4.0 GPA	\$1,000
Brandon Paul	4.0 GPA	\$1,000
Ray Lok Outstanding Arts or Science Major		
Bryce Eagon	4.0 GPA	\$1,000
Apostol Kule	3.935 GPA	\$1,000
Colonel James Allshouse Military Science Award		
Brock Merritt		\$500

Our VP Communications, Brandon Paul, has provided the following list of recent ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

CAMPUS-WIDE CHAPTER EVENTS

- Our Vary Shary fundraiser collected 2247 pounds of food to donate to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.
- Our St. Patrick's Bake sale raised \$180 dollars for Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- As a chapter, we helped during the Buckeye Love event by planting signs of positivity all over campus.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Andrew Sokolowski was accepted into the University of Illinois Law School.
- Our chapter President, Lawrence Gonzales, was able to secure a MATES Engineering Internship at The Boeing Corporation in Seattle WA this summer.
- Aidan McLaughlin was elected as On-Campus Senator for the 56th Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly.
- Our Sound Body program has helped Kyle Germann lose 70 pounds in the past year.



Senior Night and a Bob Barnett Outstanding Alumni Service Award

We held our annual Senior night at the Varsity Club to honor 13 seniors who really led us to recovering the charter in 2022. They are: Nicholas Brizzi, Alberto Casas, Isaac Espinoza, Kyle Germann, Mark Kavulich, Ethan Kohler, Mitchell Mantsi, Joseph Sewell, Andrew Sokolowski, Spencer Theobald, Kahler Kurtz, Jon Lemieux, Casey Petrae.

We also used this evening to take the opportunity to honor Matt LeDonne '17 for 3 years of outstanding service as our House Director. We surprised Matt by awarding him the prestigious Bob Barnett Outstanding Alumni Service Award.





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In Memoriam

G. David Hay, PhD, Aeronautical Engineering, passed away March 3, 2023 following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Dave met Judy when they were both students at Ohio State. He was a proud alum and always enjoyed returning to OSU, especially for various Sigma Phi Epsilon events. After earning his doctorate, Dave went on to enjoy a fulfilling career spanning over 38 years as Director of the Bettis Reactor Engineering School. Dave was very involved in the Peters Township Community serving as president of the youth baseball association, president of the high school swim club, as well as on the board of Parks and Recreation. He also enjoyed being active in the Trinity United Methodist's Men's Group and Financial Committee.

On a personal note, I have known the Hay family since I was 5 years old. Dave, Kent (also a SigEp) and I played little league baseball together as kids and shot a lot of hoops in the backyard. Younger brother Wayne is also a good family friend. Dave was my Big Brother while in college and a person I greatly looked up to and admired for his intellect, athletic ability and, most important, his decent and kind personality.

– John C.J. Waggoner

Please see the Donate section to consider a donation to a scholarship fund in Dave's memory.

The following link includes Dave's full obituary:
<https://www.beinhauer.com/memorials/g-david-hay/5151829/index.php#details>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ohio Gamma Golf Outing

August 19, 2023
Bent Tree Golf Club
Delaware, Ohio

Homecoming

Homecoming this year is October 7 versus Maryland. No game time announced yet but we are planning to return to the Ohio Union as we did before Covid.

So we will be able to spread out between the SigEp Lounge and the Interfaith Hospitality room down the Hall for a meal and drinks. We are planning to include a lunch or breakfast buffet depending on game time and a cash bar in both rooms.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS as this event has always been very popular in the past. This event will start 3 hours before game time. We will also make arrangements at a local restaurant on Friday night, October 6, for those who are interested.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express, 55 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235, phone 614-977-0530, \$139 a night. Use code **AFE** when you call.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

