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SUMMER/FALL 2015

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER
OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON
AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF ARIZONA

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OCTOBER
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HALL OF FAME DINNER
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Hall of Fame Celebration
at Skyline Country Club,
5200 E St Andrews Dr,
Tucson, Arizona.



Dear brothers,

Below are the highlights from AZ Beta's first school year in our new house:

January 2015

Sig Ep Carlson Leadership Academy 2015 -
Western Region:

- Volunteer of the Year - Pete Rich
- Chapter Home of the Year
- Donald C. McCleary Award for Excellence
in Member Development
- Scholarship Cup

February 2015

Scholarships:

We had a little money left after the final construction costs, so Scholarships were awarded – six Needs Based & four Merit scholarships totaling \$10,500.

April 2015

33rd Annual U of A Order of Omega Greek Awards
2015 Chapter Awards:

- Greek Chapter of the Year* (#1 out of 46 chapters)
- Dean of Students Award for Excellence
in the Greek Community
- Olympian Health and Wellness Award*
- Excellence in Diversity Awareness

Excellence in the Areas of:

- Academics
- Leadership & Involvement
- Membership Education & Development
- Recruitment & Outreach

** indicates recognitions never before earned by the chapter.*

Highest Grade Point Average:

- Spring (New Member - IFC)
- Spring (Active Member - IFC)
- Spring (Overall Chapter - IFC)
- Spring (All - Greek)
- Fall (Active Member - IFC)
- Fall (Overall Chapter - IFC)

Individual Awards:

- Chapter President of the Year*: Kevin Johnson
- Emerging Leader in the Greek Community*:
Jack Emery



We had an awesome core of nine seniors.
One will start working for Sig Ep National
after graduation and another will be
serving on our Alumni Association Board.

Thanks to all you guys!



2015 HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD

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Sam Kraus '17

Vice President of Communication

Kyel Powell '17

Dear Alumni, Parents & Volunteers,

Over the last year, this chapter has undergone an unprecedented transformation and has achieved things we never thought possible just three years after colonizing. We started this year with 45 members and ended with 91. Despite having a graduating class of nine members, we plan to break 100 in the fall. Not only have we increased manpower, but we've seen an amazing transformation of our member development program, turned the brand new house into a home, and have continued to program events that give members an unparalleled experience. These feats, along with many others, led us to win U of A Greek Chapter of the Year in addition to a long list of awards won at campus and Sig Ep Regional levels. We look forward to continued success and leadership in the U of A Greek Community. As we build and grow, we hope that we may act as an example for other Greek chapters on campus and across the country. While awards and accolades are certainly something worth celebrating, we know that in order to maintain this success, we must keep pushing our limits and staying true to our mission.

Since the beginning of this year, we've had many great successes. There have been plenty of unforeseen challenges associated with moving into a new house and continuing to grow, but we've embraced these challenges and have done our best to turn them into opportunities. Despite the long list of awards and recognitions that we've received this year, our greatest accomplishment has been maintaining and promoting a new picture of what a Greek organization should look like. Even though many of the founding fathers of the recolonized chapter have graduated or are no longer with the chapter, I believe that the members of the current chapter continue to uphold the initial goal of setting a new precedent for what it means

to be a fraternity at the University of Arizona. We are committed to continual member development, no pledge process or hazing, academic achievement, and proactive risk management.

Moving into next year, we look forward to continuing our path into uncharted territory. As our member development program continues to grow and expand we can't wait to offer new development opportunities and experiences for all of our future members. Additionally, we wish the best of luck to all of our graduating seniors—without their hard work over the last several years, this chapter would be nowhere near where it is today. Finally, we can't thank you enough for all of the support you've given us over the last year. Because of this support, especially that of the chapter's Alumni and Volunteer Corporation, Housing Corporation, and Educational Foundation, we've been able to focus internally without having to worry about external or housing matters. Thank you all for a fantastic year; we can't wait to see what's in store for the future.

Sincerely,
Jack Emery, House President



BREAKING NEWS:

AZ Beta Chartering Petition Approved!

- more information to follow

Meet our Alumni



Pete Rich '76

**Richard G. Guthrie
Service Award**

Pete was born in Colorado in 1954. At 10 years old, Pete moved with his family to

Scottsdale, Arizona. Since he couldn't stay out of the pool he decided that competitive swimming might be his niche. He competed successfully on the Saguaro High School swim team and even considered several scholarship offers to major universities.

In the Summer of 1972, Pete decided to attend the University of Arizona. The next Spring, Pete went through Rush and along with several friends from Saguaro High, he pledged Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Upon graduation, Pete joined the family business and began his career in commercial real estate. In 1980 Pete met his wife Gail and together they raised three wonderful children, who incidentally, all attended the University of Arizona. Like many of us, Pete's closest friends are Sig Ep buddies from the House.

Pete has always been a huge supporter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. When he saw that the House was in trouble, he immediately took action and began working to save the fraternity from expulsion. Unfortunately, it was too late and the House lost its Charter. So, Pete took on the role of President of the Sig Ep Alumni Association and began negotiating with the University and Sig Ep National to bring Sigma Phi Epsilon back to the University of Arizona. After successfully negotiating to sell the old House to the University, Pete and the Board took the proceeds along with an option on a new site and parlayed the funds into a down payment on a new home. Pete has worked tirelessly to raise additional funds, recruit a new Fall pledge class and oversee the construction of a beautiful new fraternity house.



Zane Stoddard

**Zane Stoddard speaks
at the Greek Alumni
Speaker Series**

For 22 years Zane Stoddard has been at the

nexus of sports and entertainment. Prior to his current role as Vice President of Entertainment Marketing & Content Development at NASCAR, managing NASCAR's Los Angeles office, Stoddard was responsible for launching the NBA's LA office and Entertainment Marketing unit in 1996, which he managed for 9 years.

Stoddard's career began with the Los Angeles Clippers in sponsorship, and along with the NBA league office role, has included positions at NIKE and as partner and CEO of a record company under major label Interscope/Geffen Records. Stoddard currently serves on the Nickelodeon Kids Choice Sports Council, alongside Cal Ripken, Jr., Deion Sanders, Ken Griffey Jr., and Tony Hawk. He's been interviewed by USA Today, People magazine, the Los Angeles Times, Sports Business Journal, Entertainment Weekly, Variety, ESPN the Magazine, The Hollywood Reporter, Fox Sports and ESPN, and has served on executive panels from Sports Business Journal Motorsports Marketing Forum, to the CSE Sports Marketing Symposium and the Variety Sports & Entertainment Summit.



Meet our AZ Beta Sigma Epsilon Executive Team

President - Jack Emery

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Jack is a sophomore from Fort Collins, Colorado studying Finance.

VP Finance - Austin McCormick

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Austin is a sophomore from Phoenix, studying Systems Engineering with a minor in Electrical & Computer Engineering.

VP Programming

Hossein Namazyfard

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VP Member Development

Blake Stacy

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Blake was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is a junior studying Biomedical Engineering.

VP Recruitment - Kyle Sedate

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Kyle is a sophomore majoring in Computer Science.

VP Communications - Kyel Powell

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Kyel is a Sophomore majoring in Systems Engineering with a minor in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Chaplain - Sam Kraus

Chaplain@sigepazbeta.com

Sam is a sophomore pursuing dual degrees in Physiology and Applied Mathematics.

For more in depth bios on our Executive Team please visit: <http://sigepazbeta.com/officers.html?m>

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Financial Update:

Per Larry Woolson & Pete Rich, the Total Project Costs for our new house was \$3,353,000, with an initial loan balance of \$1,580,000, at 5.75% for 20 years. Thanks to some generous alumni donations, the Educational Foundation has contributed \$658,000 to date for our new house. The current cash positions are \$25,000 for the Educational Foundation.

A special thanks to John O'Dowd, CPA, for handling the Educational Foundation's tax preparation & annual filings since it's inception and Ryan Cramer, CPA for assuming the Foundation's Treasurer duties.



Dear Alumni, Parents, and Volunteers:

Educational Foundation's Scholarship Update

This spring, Richard Gonzales, the undergraduate VP of Communications, created a great online application to capture & consolidate the key info. We received 37 scholarship applications consisting of 15 Arts & Sciences, 11 Business and 11 Engineering undergraduates. After reviewing and scoring each application, five members of the Educational Foundation met to select the winning candidates. We awarded: three \$1,000 Sigma or Merit Based scholarships, one in each major area of study; six \$1,000 Phi or Needs Based scholarships and one \$1,500 Epsilon scholarship to the top overall applicant.



Pictured from left to right: Dan Knauss & Scott Styrmo-alumni; Sigma scholarship winners: Adam Crompton-MIS-senior, Kyel Powell-Systems Engineering-sophomore, Joseph Neely-Molecular & Cellular Biology & Physiology-junior. Enrique Valenzuela-Retailing & Consumer Science-junior, Tim Stilb-alumni, Sai Shah-Business & Biology-freshman, Epsilon scholarship winner: Kevin Johnson-Finance & Entrepreneurship-senior. Richard Gonzales-Electrical & Computer Engineering-senior, Blake Stacy-Biomedical Engineering-junior, Hector Villafana-Industrial Engineering-sophomore, Tristen Watmore-Physiology/Spanish-freshman. Not pictured: Rob Aronoff & Robin McGeorge-alumni.

The University of Arizona has again raised tuition for the upcoming school year so we REALLY need your help in establishing a strong scholarship program here at Sig Ep. The AZ Beta Educational Foundation is one of only ten independent Sig Ep educational foundations nationally and of course, we want to be the best. Going forward, our plan is to award larger scholarships every fall semester. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support!

Sincerely,
Scott Styrmo '77 - President
AZ Beta Educational Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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A few thankful words...



Adam Crompton

"First of all, I want to sincerely thank the AZ Beta Educational Foundation. Being one of the founding fathers that has put an unbelievable amount of time into the fraternity and specifically building the Member

Development program, it is such a satisfying feeling when you're recognized for your hard work. This honor definitely has solidified my positive feelings towards this chapter and there is no doubt in my mind that I will donate in the future. I currently work around 20 hours Mon-Fri to cover my housing and tuition and I plan to use these funds to offset the difference and also take more time to begin building a leadership series of workshops for Sig Ep. We're at a very pivotal moment where 6 of the 7 new Exec Board are sophomores and I believe they can use any help they can get to refine their leadership skills."



Kyel Powell

"I want to thank you again for the scholarship, it was a true honor to receive the Sigma Engineering Scholarship. I will be using the money for my engineering college fee and honors college fee for the Fall 2015

school year. Again, thank you so much"



Joseph Neely

"I wanted to extend my gratitude to the entire AVC for this very generous scholarship. I greatly appreciate the countless hours and generous donations that our alumni have given to our chapter. I plan on utilizing

this scholarship to assist my parents in paying for the tuition that my Arizona Regents Scholarship does not cover. I also plan on using the funds to pay for my Honors College enrollments and books I will need for next semester. Again, thank you for this great gift!"



Kevin Johnson

"First off, I would like to say thank you for selecting me for the Epsilon Scholarship. It is a great honor to be recognized for my contributions to the chapter. I will be using the funds to pay the final portion of rent

and the meal plan here at the house. I am hoping to get involved with either the Educational Foundation or House Corporation upon graduation. Please keep me in mind over the next few months and if any positions become available, let me know. Thank you again, I really appreciate all you have done for me and for our chapter. Looking forward to seeing the chapter grow for years to come!"



Richard Gonzales

"Thank you again to the entire Educational Foundation for the generous scholarship. The funds will be used to recover what I have already paid for my dues, parlor fees, and meal plan for this semester as well as

some of what I have put towards books. Looking forward, it will be used to cover my housing costs (rent and utilities) for the rest of the semester."



Tristen Watmore

"Thank you so much for nominating me as a candidate for this wonderful scholarship. With this money, I will be able to pay my chapter fees for Sig Ep so that I may continue to benefit from such

a wonderful fraternity. I wasn't sure how I was going to continue to pay our fees and this money will give me the break that I need to allocate more funds. Thank you so much!"

Alumni Updates

Channen Smith

Channen is the owner of Stratus Building Solutions, and enjoys building businesses and exploring entrepreneurial opportunities. Channen hikes, bikes, skis, and spends time with his wife Rene and daughters Vada, Zoe, and Schuyler.

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Richard Berta

Richard is a Digital Strategist for Google. He recently relocated to Manhattan from San Francisco a year ago. He was also accepted into the America Needs You mentorship program, where

he will mentor low-income, first generation college students over a two year period.

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Andrew Nemeth

Andrew is currently beginning his second year in the Executive MBA Program at the University of Notre Dame with expected graduation of May 2016. This June he is traveling to the state of Santa Catarina,

Brasil to consult a distiller as to how to bring and create market penetration into the U.S. He and his wife Ashley have two sons ages 4 (Declan) and 2 (Sean). They currently reside in the South Bend area in Indiana. Andrew hopes to meet fellow pledge class members from Fall 95' for a 20 year reunion this fall in Tucson. Anyone interested please contact me, (574) 850-5794.

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Gene Westhafer

Gene is a retired attorney living in Highlands Ranch, CO with his wife Terri. Gene has been making progress on building his 1932 Ford Roadster.



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Jerry Bange

Jerry is excited about the new house and congratulates the brothers for bringing back the chapter and maintaining the facilities.

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Red Moulinier

From Red – "I am semi-retired and enjoy living in Rehoboth Beach. I have two sailboats and love sailing in the summer. I stay busy with volunteer work, I'm president of the Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation which owns the Harbor of Refuge Lighthouse. Our mission is restoration and preservation, we are currently waiting for permits to rebuild our dock. I am also president of the Rehoboth Bay Foundation which fosters inland bay preservation and education. I am also very involved in my church. I have a wonderful wife and we also love photography and spending



time with our grand daughter. Life is good! I am so happy that Arizona Beta has done such a wonderful job recolonizing, very impressive. Keep up the good work. I still keep up with some the brothers from the class of 1973."

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John Kinerk

John is Vice President of Acquisitions at Landmark Dividend LLC.

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Ken Detweiler

From Ken – "Congratulations on your new house, also on your outstanding achievements this year, especially your grades! Things have changed considerably since I was the chapter President in 1960. I was one of the first residents in the Old-New house. Hopefully your success will continue in the future."

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a year in

2014
2015

pictures



Q & A

Matt Noble interview with Johanne Ives, MA
Assistant Dean of Students at the University of Arizona

Q: As the Director for Fraternity & Sorority Programs at the University of Arizona, what are a few areas in which AZ Beta Sigma Phi Epsilon has excelled in 2014/2015?

A: AZ Beta won the SVOB Award during the Greek Awards for 2014 and this award recognized them as the most outstanding chapter in the entire community. Sigma Phi Epsilon has also excelled in grades and has the highest GPA of all chapters for the spring 2015 semester.

Q: Again from the eyes of the Director, is there any advice to the chapter leaders on what they can do to sustain some of the successes they have achieved since coming back on campus?

A: The best advice I can give the chapter leaders is to follow the mission statement the organization created during the spring retreat. Do not be distracted by what other chapters are doing or what pressure you hear from others to conform. Be proud of the legacy Sigma Phi Epsilon is leaving and be very careful who you recruit, as it is a privilege to be part of your brotherhood, and too many members join for the wrong reason will set the organization back.



Johanne Ives, MA, Assistant Dean of Students
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Q: Parents of most college students get just snippets of information on how their children/young adults are doing in school and activities. What are some areas that the AZ Beta Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter is having a positive impact on campus.

A: AZ Beta is setting the example for all Greek organizations in academics and they are focused on building an inclusive brotherhood. For example the chapter invited LGBTQ affairs to host a chapter SafeZone training for their members. The members have been encouraged to get more involved with the Greek community by applying for IFC positions, Greek Standards Board and I would love to see the organization get more involved with plans for the Greek 100th.

Q: And lastly, any comments regarding the chapter leaders that you have interacted with during this last year.

A: I have been incredibly impressed with the professionalism, maturity, and work ethic displayed by the chapter members I have met. The organizations' leaders are motivated, well rounded men who are eager to learn, partner with the institution, and continue to improve their fraternity.



The 5th Annual HOF Dinner

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Hall of Fame Celebration
at Skyline Country Club, 5200
E St Andrews Dr, Tucson,
Arizona.

Cost \$50

**6:00-7:15pm
No Host Bar**

**7:30-10:00pm
Hall of Fame Banquet**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Join us as the
defending PAC-12
Southern Conference
Champion Arizona Wildcats
take on the
Washington State Cougars.
Kick-off is still TBD.

Cost \$10

We have a limited allotment
of 50 tickets in section 206
available for \$30 each. They
are first come, first serve.

For more information contact,
azbeta@sigepazbeta.org
or call Craig Lowden at
520.622.0125.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Adam Crompton, Arizona '15, named Regional Director for Region 1, covering Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ADAM:

<http://www.sigep.org/about/who-we-are/headquarters-staff/regionaldirectors/>





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SPECIAL NOTE

Look for
National's quarterly
Sig Ep Journal as
there will be a
two-page spread
on Arizona Beta.



A Visit with Terry Lundgren

VIP visit from Terry Lundgren - CEO of Macy's, Inc.

"Really great to see the awards and recognition so quickly out
of the gate for the new Sig Eps."