



THE HUSKER SIG

Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi
at the University of Nebraska



CONSUL CHAPTER UPDATE

My Brothers, last fall, you heard about the difficulties of COVID-19 and how they affected us here at 1510 Vine St, but I am happy to share that life is slowly returning back to normal and we are feeling a great sensation of excitement for what is yet to come this fall.

Over this summer, we will have 4 brothers represent our chapter at the Sigma Chi Horizon's Program in Snowbird, Utah. Horizon's is a week-long leadership development experience for Sigma Chi's who wish to improve their understanding of leadership as it relates to personal development, group dynamics, and intentional efforts to make positive change in the world. The program is offered at no cost to participants thanks to the generous support of the Sigma Chi Foundation. As a former Horizon's Participant, I can truly say that brothers **Sam Vernon '23**, **Isaac Alvarado '24**, **Jackson Anderson '23**, and **Preston Kotik '24**, will have a life-changing experience at this program.

This summer, recruitment will most likely return to something that looks more normal than what we saw this last summer. Since our last publication, our chapter pledged and initiated 7 new members. Our Rush Chairmen are working hard to plan in-person rush events, and already have one planned right at the conclusion of the Spring Football Game right here at our chapter house. Socially, it has been

hard to get out and meet new people, but with loosening restrictions and increased vaccinated members, we have been able to host several outdoor social events with different sororities on campus, such as volleyball, grill-outs, and more.

Last fall, you heard from **Garrett Sanders '22**, about a new academic bylaw that we passed to improve our Chapter GPA. Once again, our chapter beat the All-Male University GPA Average and the All-Fraternity GPA Average. We achieved a semester GPA of a 3.405, putting us in the Top 5 Fraternities. We are continuing to raise the standards and hold each other to be students of fair ability. Our chapter is also going to be hosting a strategic planning session before coming back to campus this fall to set goals for our entire chapter to achieve, along with action steps to help guide us in our journey. This goal is coming along very well, and we have seen 4 brothers this semester becoming inducted into Order of Omega, a Greek Honor Society honoring the Top 3% of Greek Life in regards to academic standing.

One goal of our chapter is to increase involvement from Alumni, more specifically, Alpha Epsilon Sigma Chi's. Our chapter has weekly meetings every Monday evening, and we try to invite Alumni from all walks of life to come share their Sigma Chi experiences with us along with share their professional life with

us, providing us with resources and connections to future opportunities. We have been blessed to have several Alumni come talk to us this school year, such as **Christopher O'Connell '83**, **Tony Skradlant '83**, and **Paul Allen '58**. I am also currently in the works of planning an Alumni Weekend during our Homecoming Football Game the first weekend of October versus Northwestern. This weekend would most likely include a golf tournament, happy hour, and alumni Chapter Meeting. Stay tuned for more information on this closer to that date.

Lastly, I would like to make myself available to all of you and get to know the Alumni of our chapter. If you would like to reach out to me, feel free to give me a text or call at (402) 995-1995 or an email at bobbymartin263@gmail.com. Our active chapter loves to hear the stories of all the great times you had while being an active, and I would love to hear them as well as thank you for helping our chapter get to where we are today.

Together, we are all Sigma Chi's. We appreciate all that you do for the Alpha Epsilon Chapter and we hope that you are all doing well during these times!

In hoc,
Bobby Martin '22
Consul of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the
Sigma Chi Fraternity

DAVE CLAWSON SIGNIFICANT SIG AWARD

Brothers, this year, one of our Chapter Advisors, **Dave Clawson '83**, was awarded one of the highest awards that can be bestowed upon a brother — the Significant Sigma Chi Award. The Significant Sigma Chi Award honors alumni who exemplary achievements in their fields of endeavor have brought great honor and prestige to the name of Sigma Chi. Aside from being one of our chapter advisors, Dave was commissioned as a Navy Officer where he

went to Flight School and was selected to fly an Airborne Early Warning E-2C Hawkeye. After finishing flight school, he continued to serve in the Navy. He served as a Chief Operations Officer and as a Squadron Department Head in the Navy before transitioning into the U.S. Strategic Command in 2002. At the U.S. Strategic Command, he served as a Deputy Director, a Concepts and Technology, and as a Legislative Affairs Branch Chief. Dave's dedication to our

county has allowed him to quite literally sail the seven seas. More importantly, Dave is a father, and has three children who will for certain continue the Clawson Legacy. Only 1,900 Sigma Chi's have been bestowed this honor, and brother Dave Clawson is more than deserving. Congratulations!

In hoc,
Bobby Martin '22

IN SEARCH OF LOST BROTHERS

Brothers, we want to share the newsletters and Alpha Epsilon information with our Alpha Epsilon alumni and Sigma Chi members. It has been approximately 4 years since we sent out a BIO. Before we pursue this again, our first objective is to locate brothers that we do not have a current address for. Our apology in advance if we missed a change of address but we try to do the best we can with our master mailing list. Below are the brothers we cannot locate. If you have the current address of a brother or happen to see this information on our website, please pass along contact information and or addresses to: cwdenker13@gmail.com. We will get these updated on our Master List.

In hoc,

Curt “Woody” Denker, President
Greater Nebraska Area Alumni Chapter

— LOST BROTHERS —

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Dusty Albers	David M. Dyson	John S. Jones	Dick L. Nelson '76	Kenneth M. Skutnik
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Mark Anderson	David P. Eickholt	Aaron M. Klaasmeyer	Robert Nunns	Mark D. Smith
Matthew A. Annalora	Richard A. Engelmann	Brett E. Klabunde	Tony H. Okun	Robert E. Spearman
Robert B. Baldwin	Evan J. Ewoldsen	David B. Kranda	Greg J. Olmer	James L. Stephenson
Michael T. Bamsey	Douglas P. Fahleson	Arden & Susan Krugerud	Charles E. Ormesher	Steve Takacs
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Scott S. Bunger	Shawn R. Greisen	Jack P. March	Randy M. Redden	Austin D. Walters
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PHILANTHROPY DURING A PANDEMIC

Hello Brothers! My name is Claude Mueller '22, and I served as our chapter's Philanthropy Chair for the 2020-2021 school year. It is no secret that COVID negatively impacted what we could do in terms of events, but I am still proud to share that our chapter raised over \$10,000 this year benefiting the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Here at Sigma Chi, we are dedicated to being the generation to end cancer, and that message hits home with all of our members. This past school year we held three major philanthropic efforts.

The first event we held was Sigma Chi Cinema. We purchased large inflatable projector screens and projectors and showed the movies *Black Panther* and *Grease*, while serving popcorn to attendees. Our second event was an online

raffle where we auctioned off a \$500 lululemon gift card. Our third event was Chi Hop, which we hosted with the sorority Alpha Chi Omega. At this event, we served pancakes and sausage on our front lawn.

This next year, we have set an ambitious goal of raising \$20,000 to fund cancer research. Together, I have no doubt we will be the generation to end cancer. If you would like to learn about more ways to help achieve this goal, please email me at nebraskasig@gmail.com.

In hoc,
Claude Mueller '22



From left to right: Kyle Ronspies, Matt Dutka, and Ryan Sidman serving sausage at Chi Hop

HUSKER SIG RUSH TEAM



Our recruitment team from left to right: Brandon Zohlen, Chris Karmazin, and Connor Loftus

Hello Brothers! My name is Connor Loftus, and I am one of the Recruitment Chairmen for the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. The process of recruiting new members for the 2021-2022 school year is just beginning! The newly elected recruitment chairs, myself, Chris Karmazin and Brandon Zohlen are excited and motivated to recruit new members that will carry on the legacy of our founders and live their life by the Jordan Standard. The recruitment team has held several positions in the past and know what it takes to be a leader of men. Chris Karmazin '23, was the former Magister and House Manager. I have served the chapter as the former Service Chairman and newly elected Derby Days Chairman. Brandon Zohlen '23,

was the former Service Chairman and two term Social Chairman. The recruitment team is looking for men that exemplify our values, become assets to the house, and then continue to contribute to Sigma Chi as alumni.

The rush team has planned several tailgates, barbecues, and lake events over the summer to show potential new members the life and brotherhood a Sigma Chi has the privilege of being a part of. Being a Sigma Chi is one of the most impactful experiences a young man can have, and we want to extend those opportunities of brotherhood to those who share our values.

The recruitment team is also looking for recommendations! We are excited to bring in a

top tier new class of men to live their life by the Jordan Standard, and we could use the help of Alumni. If you know anyone that would make a good Sigma Chi, the contact information for the recruitment team is below:

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Brandon Zohlen
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In hoc,
Connor Loftus '24

2021 PLEDGE CLASS

On March 5, 2021, the Alpha Epsilon chapter initiated seven new members into our brotherhood. While still following the battling the existing challenges COVID has given us, the pledges and members of the house worked together to make the process the best it could be over the four-week pledgship process.

While in the roll of magister this spring, some of the same trials and tribulations of last semester were still apparent. Following the rules and regulations that keep us safe, and also facilitating the pledge ship to be as fulfilling as possible was made possible by a great group of assistant magisters who helped organize and complete all of our meeting in person, although

limits were still in place that limited what we could and could not do.

While we continue to see lighter as we get closer to the end of the tunnel, the chapter did an outstanding job to resume pledge ship to a normal schedule. Throughout the process not only did the pledges take lessons away from the process, but the chapter and myself were also reminded of the brotherhood such a process can generate and maintain. I would like to congratulate the following men on their recent initiation to our order:

- Al Diaz '23**, Wauconda, Illinois
- Blake Walker '24**, Kansas City, Kansas
- Brandon Hart '23**, Norfolk, Nebraska
- Nick Padula '24**, Mokena, Illinois
- Nick Rasnic '24**, Downers Grove, Illinois
- Owen Ferguson '24**, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Tristen Schlecht '24**, Norfolk, Nebraska

In hoc,
Ryan Sanchez '23



From left to right: Tristen Schlecht, Nick Padula, Nick Rasnic, Owen Ferguson, Brandon Hart, Blake Welker, and Al Diaz.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

This year may have been riddled by the effects of COVID-19, but that did not stop the members of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi from going out and serving the community and assisting those in need. Community service is something that our chapter takes great pride in. A man of good character and a man that is possessed of good morals puts a great responsibility upon himself to serve his community, and that is shown by our chapter gaining over 1500 service hours this year. At Sigma Chi, we build leaders of men. Serving the community is a perfect example of this, and that is why the members of this chapter put a huge emphasis on assisting people and organizations in need.

While in the roll of magister this spring, some This year we have had several of community service projects that exemplify the hard work the members of our chapter have accomplished. From house improvement projects to volunteering at children's petting zoos and children's rec centers, the members of this chapter have a lot to be proud of. At the

beginning of the semester, we had a blizzard come through Lincoln which left over a foot of snow all over campus. The next morning, twenty of our brothers went up and down Greek Row and shoveled the driveway, parking lot, and walkways of several sorority houses on campus. This act of kindness improved our relations with sororities on campus, our reputation in the community, and really showed that we are the leaders of men that we strive to be.

The community service projects that the members of this chapter have accomplished is really something to be proud of. With the effects of COVID-19, community involvement has become more important than ever. There are so many people that have been affected by these hard times and the members of this chapter have taken it upon themselves to do everything they can to help the community and those around them.

In hoc,
Connor Loftus '24
Service Chairmen



From left to right: Riley Wood, Noah Tuebo, and Bobby Martin standing behind over 2,000 lbs of food we donated



A NEW YEAR, A NEW HOUSE

Hello Brothers! My name is Tyler Fendrick, and I am a sophomore from Omaha, NE. I am the current House Manager at the Alpha Epsilon chapter of Sigma Chi. When I was rushing Sigma Chi, the first thing that I was given was a full-length house tour. As large and impressive as the house appeared to me being an incoming freshman, what caught my eye was the cleanliness and attention to detail of maintaining the house. From this time, I knew I wanted to be the House Manager at some point in my college career.

When thinking about what it takes to be a top house, alongside grades, social scene, philanthropy, and community service, having a clean and presentable house is just as vital to our fraternity's image. Whether you are a brother, a girl, parent, friend, or alumni, seeing a clean fraternity house is impressive and shows a degree of dedication for keeping your home orderly. Though these other factors of a

fraternity help create an image, how our physical house looks inside and out is what people see and what represents us as Sigma Chis. With this in mind, being House Manager and keeping the house spotless was a core goal of mine.

When I was elected, the first major changes I made were revamping the entire duty sheet, enforcing strict fines, and holding all-house cleans on a regular basis. Altering the duty sheet along with enforcing fines made for an even greater level of cleanliness that had not been seen for a while. House cleans are vital because they allow for the house to look presentable and neat before the weekends when we have girls and other people coming over after social events and just to spend time at the house. House improvement-wise, a team of brothers and I have spent countless hours painting, hanging paintings, and renovating various parts of our chapter house. Regardless of the work put in,

the finished product of having a beautiful, clean house was worth it for us all and has since been a point of pride for all brothers. We were fortunate enough to have several brothers lay a new wood floor in our Brotherhood Room, dedicated after brother **Curt "Woody" Denker**.

Overall, being the House Manager has not only taught me how to keep a house clean, but it has taught me invaluable qualities of leadership, hard work, and cooperation. These are all necessary life skills, and without these you cannot achieve a clean house or success in any other field. After my term, I believe that I have changed our brothers' view of the importance for keeping our house clean, and I hope that this carries on for years to come. In any organization, aside greatness and success is cleanliness and order.

In hoc,
Tyler Fendrick '22

A SIG RETURNS HOME

Howdy Brothers! My name is Jeremy Webb, and I am from Boise, ID. Recently, Alpha Epsilon Alumni **Paul Allen '58** came to the chapter house to visit the undergraduate brothers and spread knowledge about his history as a Sigma Chi and the lessons he has learned in life and business through his years.

Paul was joined by his two sons who were excellent additions to the presentation, sharing their experiences in Greek Life and business to empower the undergraduate brothers in life after they get their degree.

The biggest takeaway that Paul shared with the chapter was "To be a good parent." When Paul shared his life story, he was extremely grateful for the work his parents did to put him where he needed to be in life. It was obvious that he

believed this, as the success his children and grandchildren are having to this today is a testament to the work that one set of parents can do. As an undergraduate brother, it was inspirational to not just hear this but to see its physical manifestation as well.

In business, Paul has a storied career with much success and doesn't need much explanation. As undergraduate brothers are always thinking about their lives after school, Paul was an inspiration on how to become a servant leader. He lived the mantra of "Never ask anyone to do something if you aren't willing to do it yourself first." He told us stories of serving pancakes to night shift workers at 2 in the morning and making sure that he was showing every person that worked for him that he cared about him.

It was the undergraduates' pleasure to show Paul and his sons around the chapter house. The memories that 1510 Vine Street holds for many is powerful and is the reason that many have developed to become leaders of men.

Brother Paul, thank you visiting us at 1510 Vine Street. It was our pleasure to have you in the house and speak to current brothers. Your story is truly inspiring and has touched all of us.

In hoc,
Jeremy Webb '22



Brother Paul Allen joined by his son and Woody Denker

BROTHERHOOD

My name is Riley Wood, and I'm a Junior Marketing & Supply Chain Management Major from Orange County, CA. I am the current Scholarship and Brotherhood chair. We have made great strides into emphasizing our brotherhood scene in the house. COVID made classes a lot different than we are used to around campus, so in order to encourage strong study habits, our chapter created 7 different academic and brotherhood teams (named after each of our founders) to compete against each other to see which team could achieve the highest GPA each semester. This helped hold everyone accountable, and the teams were given rewards for good grades.

The whole chapter was bought into this idea, which I originally thought of to try and create competition among grades to be better, which being brotherhood chair I was quick to intertwine the two. Events we have had so far include attending the Lincoln stars hockey games, a lot of video game tournaments, and more. These events are fun and draw all members to want to participate. We have a lot more events planned down the road, including a paint ball trip, a brotherhood overnight camping retreat, poker nights, and a handful of other events we are excited to implement.

In hoc,
Riley Wood '22



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Alumni — please mark your calendars for **October 1st–3rd** for **Alumni Weekend** hosted in Lincoln, NE during the Homecoming Football Game! More details will be shared in the near future.