



# THE HUSKER SIG

Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi  
at the University of Nebraska

## ALPHA EPSILON ALUM SCOTT D. MOORE '82 RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT SIG AWARD

On October 27th, 2023, about 100 people gathered at Lincoln Country Club to recognize the achievement of Significant Sig award presented to Scott D. Moore, Alpha Epsilon graduate in 1982. The reception also served as a reunion for Sigs from Lincoln from the late '70's and '80's.



*Consul Cole Berrett, Significant Sig Scott Moore & Chapter Advisor Michael Cover*

As one of the Fraternity's highest honors, The Significant Sig Award recognizes those alumni members whose exemplary achievements in their fields of endeavor have brought great honor and prestige to the name of Sigma Chi. The Significant Sig Selection Committee only selects those brothers whose efforts and achievements have positioned themselves at the highest levels of their peer group professionally.

The evening was highlighted by a reception that brought many brothers together after lots of years apart. The camaraderie and brotherhood was still strong after 40 plus years and many laughs and stories and good times were shared. For me, it was truly amazing that we could all pick up exactly where we left off back at 1510 Vine St. Truly, the shared experiences that we all lived have bonded lifelong friendships, even if we're not together every year.

Bobby Martin, Woody Denker, myself, and Jim Reinhardt all shared remarks about Sigma Chi and Scott's accomplishments while at the chapter and afterwards. The strong bond of brotherhood was evident and an amazing amount of friendship was in the air. All in attendance were very grateful to have lived the Sigma Chi experience.

During Scott's remarks at the reception, he recalled how the Jordan Standard, Spirit of Sigma Chi and The Man in the Mirror have all helped him to stay true to himself and others in his personal and professional life.

Scott was very active as a Sigma Chi undergraduate and served as Rush Chairman, Pro Consul, and Consul. In 1982 Scott ran "A Second Century" Fund Drive for the Alums of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter generating funds to keep the house going. As an alum, Scott served on the Leadership Committees of the 1996 and 2010 fundraising campaigns, including being a Legacy Society contributor in 2012. His ongoing efforts over a long period of time to be a strong supporter of Alpha Epsilon have been very appreciated by the chapter.



*Scott D. Moore '82*

Scott's professional life included being a two-term Nebraska State Senator from 1987 to 1994 representing the 24th district that included his home areas of York and Seward and two terms as Nebraska Secretary of State from 1994 to 2000.

Following Scott's public service, in 2000 he accepted a role with Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha as Director of government affairs.

Following a series of promotions adding to his responsibilities, Scott retired from Union Pacific on September 30, 2023 as SVP — Corporate Relations and Chief Administrative Officer reporting to the CEO.

Scott has been President of the Union Pacific Foundation and on many community boards over the decades including stints as Chair of the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce and as President of the Nebraskaland Foundation. He continues civic service on such boards as National Park Foundation's National Council, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Foundation.

Scott said of the award "I have had much professional success and many pleasant surprises in life, but take me back to 1978 and I would never believe I would be named a Significant Sig. This is indeed a great honor for me personally and one I cherish dearly."

Scott has been married to Danene J. Tushar since 1989. They now split their time between Colorado where they spend time hiking and outdoors and in Nebraska where Scott works with a Legislative consulting firm.

Congratulations again to Scott Dale Moore, our most recent Significant Sig from Alpha Epsilon. All honor to his name.

All in all, one could make the point that the "Sixties Vintage" brothers this Homecoming weekend lived out the renewed experience of Friendship, Justice and Learning once again... thankfully, still alive and strong at 1510 Vine. Sixty years later.

In hoc,  
**Dick Siegert, AE '81**

## CHAPTER ADVISOR PERSPECTIVE

As I sit down to write this article for the Husker Sig, I find myself reflecting upon all the great things the UNL Alpha Epsilon (AE) chapter has accomplished at 1510 Vine Street. The recent news of being awarded the Gold Peterson is something to be celebrated and has created a sense of pride among the active brothers and alumni. The active chapter members are working very hard to repeat this recognition for 2023-2024.

The Gold Peterson award was not by chance or luck, but rather by thoughtful effort. This esteemed recognition of being in the top four chapters in the Sigma Chi Fraternity came from building a positive culture over time and consistently emphasizing the Sigma Chi ideals. There have been several leaders during many semesters that have incrementally expected more professionalism, responsibility, and structure from the active chapter. They all have worked hard to encourage the chapter to build on scholarship, philanthropy, brotherhood, ritual, and social responsibility.

The AE Chapter has focused on a strong academic policy that promotes a four-year matriculation rate. The house expects a 3.33 GPA each semester as an active member (UNL GPA 2.5 to graduate), and members that do not meet this expectation are placed on a tiered academic probation status that is designed to help any academic struggling

member get their grades up. Our goal is for active members to graduate in four years with a meaningful GPA that will provide an opportunity to be hired in a career that is right for them, or to continue with graduate or professional school. We are developing a mentor system that involves Sigma Chi alumni and parents that are willing to help a student get an internship, entry level job, or shadowing experience.

The AE Chapter has worked very hard to listen to headquarters advice of limiting the active members to 105. Because of the cap, we were able to be more selective and competitive to find the very best pledges rushing UNL. This cap has increased this next semester to 120 members (30 per pledge class) to give us the ideal house; not too large to be a club, but small enough that everyone knows each other and embraces the ideals of the fraternity. The guidelines of having a high GPA requirement for incoming pledges allowed us to recruit 31 pledges with an average GPA of 3.75 this past fall! This will continue as the active chapter sees the direct impact this has on recruitment and retention.

We have a strong drug and alcohol policy that protects the house from unneeded liability, risky choices, and yet promotes a social fraternity. The brothers have embraced this choice and have owned it. Peer accountability is expected, and they understand the consequences of drinking

or having illegal drugs in the house, and how we can just not tolerate this activity.

We acquired a ritual certification from headquarters last semester where Sigma Chi national officers visited AE, watched and critiqued the ritual being performed, and helped us improve ourselves to represent Sigma Chi to our new members. Watching initiation this past month was one of the best initiation ceremonies I have ever witnessed! There was a great deal of pride shown by the brothers involved, and I feel we have established a new tradition! Other areas we have worked hard on include philanthropy and brotherhood. Our philanthropy focus is to raise money for the Huntsman Foundation to help fight cancer. AE had done an exceptional job, giving us the recognition of being in the 20,000-dollar club in the recent past, and the active brothers feel they can do more!

The Gold Peterson has been the catalyst for the AE Chapter to continue the good work and momentum that sets a standard for future years. It has been a pleasure to help guide this chapter and these men to attain this honor. It is a great goal to strive for each year. We appreciate the support of the alumni and welcome you to 1510 Vine anytime.

In hoc,  
**Michael A. Cover, DVM, Chapter Advisor**

## A MESSAGE TO OUR ALUMNI

Hello Brothers, my name is Preston Bamsey, and I am the current tribune of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This issue of the Husker Sig was dedicated to you, our alumni. Those who came through this house and helped shape Sigma Chi into the house it is today.

This year, our group of Undergraduates have been striving to become better men each day, in the classroom, in our philanthropies, and in our personal goals whether they are long term or short term. With that being said, one of those goals is getting our relationship with you. The past couple of years have seen some improvement in our relationship but our goal is to keep improving. During Homecoming we had some alumni stop by the house and it was amazing being able to hear the stories and memories of the many generations of the Alpha Epsilon chapter here at Lincoln.

Sigma Chi has always been a part of my life. My father, Michael Bamsey, was a part of the 1992 pledge class. In his time at 1510 he held the positions of; House Manager in 1994, Magister in 1995, and Treasurer in 1996. My father has taught me a lot about life and a lot of them come from the Jordan Standard and the beliefs, morals, and ethics that Sigma Chi taught him in his time at Lincoln. He is a prime example of a Sigma Chi as he is a family man with a prosperous career.

The potential that is in the halls of Sigma Chi is incredible and, with your knowledge and help, hopefully we can make 1510 your home yet again. Our door is open here, and we'd love to see all our fellow brothers walk through those doors again in hopes to learn about our past, share our present, and build a better future in which we can all grow together as brothers of this Gold Peterson chapter.

I personally went through our archives and hoped to bring back some nostalgia from years passed with some of the latest photos included in this year's issue of the Husker Sig. I am personally reachable at (402)-750-9255 and prestonbamsey33@gmail.com, I'd love to hear from all of you or sit down in the future in hopes to connect you with the current active brothers of our chapter. We all share the bond of choosing to sign that bid card to join the best brotherhood and that choice having no regrets with it. We hope that you come back to the house on 1510 and share and relive the best years of your life that have shaped you into the man you are today.

In hoc,  
**Preston Bamsey '26**



# CONSUL CHAPTER UPDATE

Brothers, what a great year it has been. I am ecstatic to share that the Alpha Epsilon Chapter has been thriving. The passion our brothers have to stay involved in the chapter, on campus, and to push Sigma Chi to better places is outstanding. With morale at an all-time high, the chapter has been achieving remarkable things. Here are some highlights from the past year:

On the morning of September 23rd, 2023, 31 new brothers were initiated into the Alpha Epsilon chapter. With the effort of our rush chairmen, Blake Kile '26, Joseph Maier '25, Gus Kriegler '26, and their magister Brennan Frewing '25, the pledge class had the highest incoming GPA in chapter history, with a 3.75 average. Their efforts continued throughout pledgship and this semester to stay motivated in the house, on campus, and academically. We are very proud of the steps the chapter has taken to continue the improvement of our academics and the culture as a whole.

Another success of the chapter has been our philanthropic efforts. This past year, we had six events that raised money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. To touch on a few, we hosted a philanthropic concert in the back parking lot last spring with local artists, including recent graduate and alum, Brandon Zohlen '23, as well as platinum-selling artist Sammy Adams. Over 500 people attended the event. We also hosted

our annual, week-long Derby Days philanthropy last spring, which helped raise a large portion of our overall philanthropic donation for this previous school year. Through our philanthropic efforts and events last year, the chapter raised almost \$20,000 in total.

Overall, the chapter has been moving in an optimistic direction that every single brother is proud to be a part of. I am honored to be an element of this incredible journey, being able to serve and lead my brothers every day to achieve great things. Another academic achievement we have experienced recently has been the initiation of seven of our brothers into Order of Omega, a Greek honor society containing members with the top 3% of GPAs in the Greek community. With a house GPA of 3.463 last spring, the entire house wants to continue to push the needle, raising our standards to be the best house academically on campus.

Additionally, if you have not already heard, the Alpha Epsilon chapter received the Gold Peterson Award for this past school year, which is the highest distinction a Sigma Chi chapter can obtain. This achievement would not have been possible without the efforts of our previous Consul, Blake Welker '24. Even with this great success, our work is not done. This upcoming year, I have made it my goal to win this award again. With the effort that all of our brothers

are putting forth through involvement, grades, and philanthropic efforts, I know this chapter is capable of staying at the top.

Finally, I would like to make myself available to all of you. If you have any questions or would like to stay involved in the house, please feel free to contact me via email: coleberrett@gmail.com or via phone: (402) 983-1430.

The walls of 1510 Vine Street are always open, and the active chapter appreciates your continuous efforts to keep this house the special place we all hold dear in our hearts. I hope all is well, and thank you for everything!

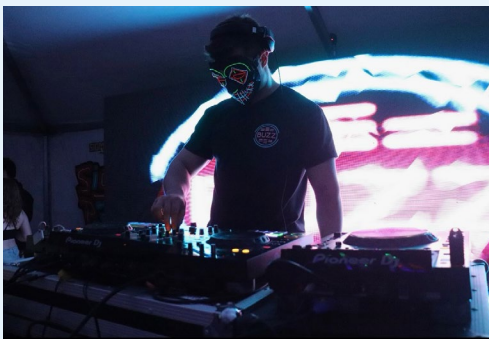
In hoc,  
**Cole Berrett '25**  
 Consul of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter  
 of Sigma Chi



## SIGMAPALOOZA

This past year, the Alpha Epsilon Chapter has been busy with many different involvements and activities. Last April, we hosted SigmaPalooza, our most ambitious philanthropy event of the year. The concert took place in our back parking lot and featured a variety of local bands and DJs including alums Jack Dobson '23 and Brandon Zohlen '23. Sammy Adams, a platinum-selling artist, headlined the event. We sold over 500 tickets and raised over \$17,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Multiple local businesses sponsored the event and helped us promote it to the community. Our philanthropy committee spent months planning the concert and working with the university to follow all guidelines. It was a massive success and was talked about for weeks to come by other students around campus.

In hoc,  
Joseph Maier '25



## KRACH TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS WORKSHOP

This past summer I had the incredible opportunity to attend the Krach Transformation Leadership Workshop in Bowling Green, OH. Going into my senior year of college, I wanted to ensure I had a complete

Sigma Chi experience. Not only did I get great leadership education and experience, but I also had an amazing opportunity to bond with three other Sigs on the extensive 12-hour car ride. The Chevy Trailblazer, owned by our Rush Chair Blake Kile, was filled by Blake, Cole Berrett (Consul), Evan Byrd and myself. While Cole and Evan were both in my pledge class, I wasn't as familiar with Blake, having been in the pledge class below me. When I found out we would be sharing a dorm room I knew I was in for an interesting week.



*Parker Wall, Evan Byrd, Blake Welker, Cole Berrett & Blake Kile at KTLW in August 2023*

My favorite day was the first. We talked about our strengths, using Gallup's Strengths Finder, and discussed how we can develop each strength that was marked in our Top 5's. Though leaders can have similar objectives and outcomes, the way they reach these goals differs depending on which strengths they utilize and are best at. I learned how I can contribute as a leader in Sigma Chi and hope to do that this and next semester.

The workshop had a deep, thought out curriculum. This included 8 hours of schooling that outlined not only how to be a strong independent leader, but also how to develop properly as a man and member of society. Isn't that the beauty of Sigma Chi and our core values? Our values and ideas not only make us worthy to be a part of Sigma Chi, but they help us succeed as men, husbands and fathers.

In hoc,  
Parker Wall '24

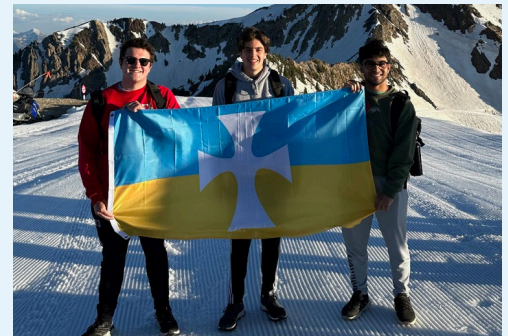
## HORIZONS

Over the summer I had the opportunity to attend Horizons with fellow brothers Steven Faltas '25 and Logan Walsh '26. Horizons is Sigma Chi's premier week-long leadership summit that takes place up in the mountains of Snowbird, UT. Throughout the week, I learned new skills and made connections with active and alumni Sigma Chi's from across the country.

On the first full day, we got the chance to tour the Huntsman Cancer Foundation's state-of-the-art facility (where all of our donations go), which was an eye-opening experience. Each day we would have a series of activities revolving around building leadership traits and teamwork skills, followed by my favorite part each night, meeting in small groups of 8 and having in-depth discussions on different topics. My small group leader was an alumni and Order of Constantine recipient from Mississippi State named Marc Smith. Not only did he help me become a better leader, but we've continued to stay in contact at least once a month.

Horizons was a phenomenal experience, and I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to attend.

In hoc,  
Nicolas Harris '25



## HOMECOMING

Last month, we joined forces with Kappa Alpha Theta for the homecoming competitions. Brothers participated in a blood drive, food drive, dance competition, scavenger hunt and cornhole tournament — among other events — to earn points for our team. We also created a yard display to fit the '100 Years Through These Gates' theme. It was a fun week of bonding for our house as we competed against other Greek organizations.



*The newest fall class of '31, initiated the morning of September 23, 2023.*

## MAGISTER & FALL 2023 PLEDGE CLASS UPDATE

This fall, I had the honor of being elected to the position of Magister by the Alpha Epsilon chapter. This opportunity was something I was looking forward to for my first two years in Sigma Chi. Since I have stepped into this house, filling the role of Magister had been my dream due to the awesome pledgship I happened to be a part of. This experience was credited to my Magister, Jeremy Webb '22. He guided our class through intense and surreal tests to give us opportunities for self-evaluation. Those weeks severely changed my life direction for the better. For this reason, I strived to give the incoming pledge class the same Sigma Chi value-based experience.

With my passion in learning more about philosophy, I thought teaching it would be an easy task. I never understood the difficulty in teaching our Preparation for Brotherhood until we began our weekly discussions. As we were progressing through the weeks and finding our groove, I began to realize that I was learning just as this class was. These highly intellectual men were giving new

perspectives and understandings of their pledgship that I would have never thought of. I was not the only one that noticed. The active members were just as inspired by these pledges. The drive this class had to understand our ideals encouraged our house to root back into our values. In a sense, they reminded us of our desire to strive for the White Cross. It was an awe-inspiring four weeks for our house.

I would like to mention two new members who excelled in their Preparation for Brotherhood teachings. Noah Beninato '27, delved deep into the understanding of what it meant to be a Sigma Chi through the values he was learning. After initiation, Noah told me, "Pledgship constantly pushed me to be the best man I could be." Noah embodies the man of integrity and uprightness. I am happy to call him my brother.

Trenton Andringa '27, sought after high ambition and wisdom. He was always the first to do assignments and requirements and always showed eagerness to learn. Trenton is

a go-getter. He is always striving to see what he can do better. After pledgship, Trenton told me, "The morals that this house holds made me reflect on myself as an individual and taught me what to strive for in life." He strives to be successful in everything he does and will be a credit to this house. I am proud to call him my brother as well.

These are only two gentlemen, out of many, who I am proud to call my brothers.

On September 23rd, 2023, the Alpha Epsilon Chapter initiated 31 new members into its order. These men that we sought after truly have the Sigma Chi spirit and demeanor. I am excited to see this group become leaders of this house and to see how their newly given values shape their futures. I want to wish this class good luck in their endeavors; it was an awesome time being your Magister.

In hoc,  
**Brennan Frewing '25**



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## ALPHA EPSILON WINS GOLD PETERSON AWARD

I am proud to announce that the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi has been awarded the Gold Peterson Award. Alpha Epsilon has been ranked the #4 chapter out of 244 for the

2022-2023 Academic Year. This is the first time our chapter has been awarded the Gold Peterson in history. In order to achieve such an award, Gold Peterson recipients are required to score in the 95% percentile of all chapters on their annual report. Numerous aspects are taken into account in this report. The main elements are academics, philanthropic efforts, involvement on campus, community service, and internal decisions and actions. With a 3.463 Spring 2023 GPA, multiple members holding executive positions on campus and in non-profits, and \$20,000 donated to cancer research, it is very prominent that the Alpha Epsilon Chapter is in a great position.

Our past consul, Blake Welker '24, chapter advisor Michael Cover, house dad and alum, Colin Crayne, the executive team, and the undergraduate chapter worked very hard to meet the requirements for the Peterson Application, and it paid off. I am extremely proud to be a part of this great accomplishment, and it is my goal to earn the Gold Peterson once again this year.



Blake Walker & Cole Berrett

In hoc,  
Cole Berrett '25

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Sigma Chi Fraternity Active members have scheduled a golf event on **Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at Mahoney Golf Course in Lincoln**. All alumni are INVITED and ENCOURAGED to put together a foursome or be placed with a group. Play will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp with registration beginning at 8:15 a.m. Sigma Chi Fraternity members will be participating and they are looking forward to alumni attending.

### GOLF & CART

\$42.25 per individual (under 57 years)  
\$34.00 per individual (57+ years)

We want this golf outing to be a fun event so please make time to connect and reconnect with our alumni brothers and members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Plan to take the day off on 4/27/24 and participate.

**Formal registration will be sent out by email in the coming weeks.**

See you soon!