



BETA PSI HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

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Greetings Sigma Pi Brothers

Homecoming weekend October 6-8, 2023. A short Alumni Meeting. There will be a short annual meeting for Brothers and Alumni of Sigma Pi Beta Psi at the Pi House Saturday 10/7/2023 12:00 noon.

There were food and refreshments will be available. Last year was an enormous success. We hope you will join us this year. Tell your pledge class to come and join in. This marks 62 years on the ESSC/ESU campus. The first and best Fraternity at ESU. See the Chapter newsletter from our Chapter Director Jared Munoz

Last Year's minutes are on the Beta Psi Housing website. [BPHA-Resources \(betapsihousing.com\)](https://betapsihousing.com)

"A fraternity is an association of persons banded together by common interest, brotherly affection, and uniform purpose."

The Sigma Pi Beta Pi alumni lost a great brother way before his time. God speed Chris "Max" Yeager. We will have a brief remembrance at the beginning of our meeting on Homecoming.

This year's Housing Maintenance

Replaced the sewer line for \$5000.

Charged and certified 4 Fire extinguishers

Replaced ceiling tiles

Trimmed bushes along the Driveway

Replaced repaired some Fire escape lumber

Replace Smoke detector Batteries.

Repaired sump pump on basement Humidifier

Hired Landscaper and snow Removal Company

Repaired front cement steps

Repaired Toilet stoppers

Replaced some rotten Porch Railings and boards

Partially Repaired back V steps

Trimmed bushes in front of house

Repaired Steps in the back of house

Weed Wacked around the house several times

Replaced 5 Smoke/Carbin monoxide detectors

Replaced some older windows.

Cleaned out Dryer vents.

swiped out dead bults and keys

Drywall repairs throughout

Thanks to Ron Steckel for rehabbing the Sigma Pi sign. Check it out at night with the lights on.



**A call for some help! Donate to the Pi House Maintenance Fund
Our Goal is \$10,000.00**

The house has now been back in service for over 12 years with over 200 new brothers. It has given Brothers an opportunity to live in a strong tight knit Brotherhood. However, it is time to take some measures to enhance the quality of housing. She needs some Tender Loving Care

We need Brothers to help with Maintenance and upkeep of the house. We have major updates we would like to do in the coming year. We will not be able to do it without Alumni help. We need help raising funds to do this major repairs. Much like the Parking lot project. This is the first-floor renovation project.

We would like to get these projects accomplished next summer with your help. We have a brother that may be able to get the materials at cost to help keep the cost down yet get quality materials. Anyone that knows of a floor covering installer to provide new floor covering Bids.

This is the list of items for the first-floor renovation project.

- Update Kitchen sink, Oven/Stove and cabinets
- Update 1st kitchen and Dining area floor covering
- Update 2nd floor hallway floor covering.
- Repair and update the back V stairs.

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION: [Click Here](#)
[Donate or Payments \(betapsihousing.com\)](http://betapsihousing.com)

Please go to the BPHA website to donate and pay your dues with our secure PayPal site. **PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AS YOU HAVE IN THE PAST.** We would like to be proactive in other areas in need of updating. You will get a receipt directly from the site. You can also Snail mail your Donations/Dues. Send them directly to Jeff Bruno at:

Beta Psi Housing

922 Bentley Ct.

Chalfont PA 18914.

C/O Jeff Bruno

Do not send donations/dues to the Pi House address. If you are mailing them, please remember to make your checks out to **Beta Psi Housing Association**

Recommended Graduating Donations

5 years- 2018-2023 \$10.00

10 years-2013-2017-\$20.00

15 years- 2008-2012 \$50.00

Regular Donation/Dues \$75.00

Suggested stretch Donation-\$100-150

You can also help by participating in a Work Party

Please volunteer some time to come to a work party. We hold them ***the third Saturday of each month***. We do it jointly with the active undergraduate chapter.

Afterward we head down to local watering hole.

Work Party Days- Check the website for any changes due to bad weather or scheduling conflicts.

The Chapter has done some painting all around the house, replaced some couches, hung the New White Board with Brother names. Great Job guys for taking ownership.

Dates – Come out and lend a hand.

Oct. 21, 2023,

Nov. 18, 2023,

Dec.16, 2023-Weather permitting.

Jan. 20, 2024-Weather permitting.

A call for some help!

We need Brothers to help with Maintenance and upkeep of the house. We always have ongoing house repair and maintenance that go along with running any house.

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Important aspect of Fraternal life- Provided by Sigma Pi National

Fraternity members graduate at higher rates than their peers. And, while two-thirds of college students aren't optimistic they'll get a job that fits their career goals post-graduation, fraternity members can tap built-in alumni networks, finding jobs more quickly than their unaffiliated peers.

As you may have seen in the news recently, college-aged students are experiencing loneliness and depression at increasing rates. And the unfortunate reality is that young men in particular often feel lost ([*The Wall Street Journal*](#)). And even as mental health conversations continue to make their way to the forefront of college preparedness ([*The New York Times*](#)), students continue to need in-person or telehealth support at their institution. Yet, on many campuses, counseling centers are overwhelmed and struggling to keep up with the clear need ([*The Hechinger Report*](#))

Recent [*research*](#) on fraternities shows members experience stronger mental health and wellness than their unaffiliated peers. In fact, fraternities empower men to create healthy support systems.

According to research, these support systems can create a strong sense of belonging, leading to more positive mental health and less anxiety and depression than other students. *In fact, nearly 80% of fraternity men reported having excellent to good mental health and wellbeing.*

Fraternity brothers feel comfortable having tough conversations and learn from each other, and when seeking help, research shows members are twice as likely to reach out to a fraternity brother than anyone else.

Help an Undergraduate. See Jared Munoz Chapter update.

We would like to recognize these Sigma Pi Beta Psi Alumni Brothers for their accomplishments.

1976 Karl Dickl '63 Helen G. Brown Award

2003 Rick Rose '76 Jim Barniak Award

2008 John Gantz '63 Distinguished Alumni Award

2013 Tom Petro '72 Distinguished Alumni Award

2015 John Gudikunst '63 Conrad Idukas Service Award

2016 Buddy Cole '66 Helen G. Brown Award

2017 Jerry Forrester '64 Distinguished Alumni Award

2018 Don Scheuer '66 Excellence in Education Award

2019 Ken Davis '68 Excellence in Education Award

2020-Christopher McMonegal '23-Nation Sigma Pi Guy 'Red" Mackey Award

2021 Ed Curvey '63 Excellence in Business and Management Distinguished Alumni Award

2021 Lloyd Lyter '72 Excellence in Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award

2022-Rick Vroman '67- Excellence in Business and Management

2023- Chris "Max" Yeager '74' Excellence in Education-Posthumously

2023- John "Jake Jacobi '63'-Entrepreneur Award

Dates to Remember:

November 18, 1961, Sigma Pi Beta Psi has been on the East Stroudsburg Campus.

December 3, 2011 New founding fathers Charter was reestablished.

ESU Dates to remember this year

December 15, 2023, Fall Classes end

January 16, 2024-Classes begin.

May 3, 2024- Classes end

May 4, 2024- Undergraduate Commencement

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Thank You Brothers

Jeff Bruno – President

Here is a Message from the Chapter Director

Fall 2023 Update

Beta-Psi Chapter Director Update

Greetings Beta-Psi Alumni,

After a long summer of hard work I am going to provide an active chapter update prior to homecoming. Spring 2023 started off quite a run for the active chapter. The chapter has participated in and won 3 major events on campus. To start off the won Relay for Life at ESU, which is the largest cancer benefit in America. The chapter worked hard for a month to raise over \$7,000 and partied all through the night in Koehler Fieldhouse with other organizations to battle such a horrific illness. A few weeks later the chapter participated in the annual Greek week games. For just the second time in the last 10 years, the chapter has won Greek week, defeating the other fraternal organizations on campus. And just recently, the ladies of Sigma Sigma-Sigma hosted their annual Mr. Greek competition. Spring 2023 initiate Brother Jordan Valenti was the chapter representative and with his hilarious stand up comedy act, took home the win for Beta-Psi. Not only through Jordans efforts was this possible, the chapter raised \$3,000 in just 7 days to benefit Tri Sigmas philanthropy, March of Dimes, which is an organization that works to prevent birth defects! Beta-Psis fundraising was responsible for more than half of the total money raised.

Spring 2023 the chapter welcomed 6 new initiates. Through the efforts of New Member Educator, Brother Gage Horvath, he has molded 6 great men who will be the future of Beta Psi. Gages brothers were confident enough in his abilities to unanimously vote him back in as NME for the Fall 2023 class, in which they extended 3 bids and all were accepted. We Cannot wait to see what Gage can do once again.

This past week, Beta Psi held elections for the next Executive Board, They will begin their 10 week shadow period and assume the roles of their elected office November 8, 2023 as per the bylaws. The results of the election were as follows:

Sage: Jack Spahn (Spring 22)

Vice President: Elijah Rivera (Spring 21)

Sergeant At Arms: Alejandro "Juan" Flores (Fall 22)

Treasurer: Brian Bollendorf (Spring 22) (Re Elected)

Secretary: Joey Marzacco (Spring 23)

Herald: Steve Tellez (Spring 23)

We cannot wait to see what these men can do in their new roles. Huge shoutout to Current Sage Hendrix Lindsay and his executive board for their efforts during their terms. We are sure that the transition of power will be smooth.

On my end, I have appointed an assistant chapter director, Brother Frankie Rosario (Spring 19). He is a graduate student that lives in the ESU area still and has been a tremendous help with things that require immediate attention that I cannot tend to being I live two hours away, I look forward to working with Frankie for the foreseeable future. I have also appointed two chapter financial advisors (Not a comptroller, we do not have a need for that) Brothers Cruz Manatt (Spring 19) and Daylen Mann (Fall 20). Both of these men served as treasurer and excelled so they will make a positive impact. I will be serving as the New Member Education advisor. Brother Aaron Castillo (Fall 20) has been appointed as Community Service advisor.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at homecoming, I am coming up on my first year as Chapter Director and I cannot express how proud I am of these young men!

In Sacred Trust,

Jared Munoz

Beta-Psi Chapter Director

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