

ALPHA GAMMA RHO BETA GAMMA CRESCENT

May 2022

Beta Gamma Celebrates 50th Anniversary

By Dave Ward #85

On Saturday April 2nd the Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho at UW-Platteville celebrated its 50th Anniversary in grand style. Alpha Gamma Rho at UW-Platteville dates back to the late 1960's when the Wisconsin State University-Platteville Colony was started. In April of 1972 the Colony status was removed and we became the Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. 388 Brothers, guests and dignitaries from 14 different states attended the banquet held in Platteville. The celebration provided an opportunity to renew the bonds of Brotherhood that we have taken over the past 50 years.

The weekend kicked off with a social at Steve's Pizza on Friday night. It was helpful that we had name badges at the social because many brothers have grown out not up and there were some with gray hair and some with no hair. On Saturday morning the Annual Meeting of the Beta Gamma Alumni Association (see separate article) was held in Russell Hall on the UW-Platteville campus. Also on Saturday Brothers and their guests could see how much the UW-Platteville campus and the UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm have changed over the past 50 years, via tours led by the Undergrads and the Chapter Advisors.

The Undergrad Chapter hosted an Open House and a luncheon at the house. This gave many Brothers and opportunity to see the addition and improvements made to the house over the past 50 years.

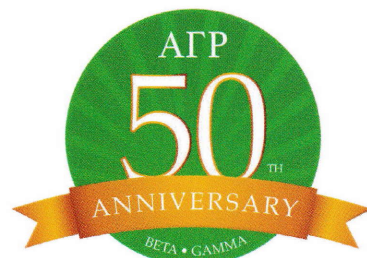
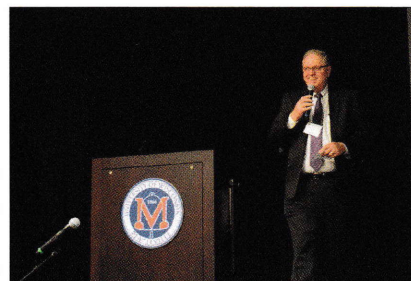
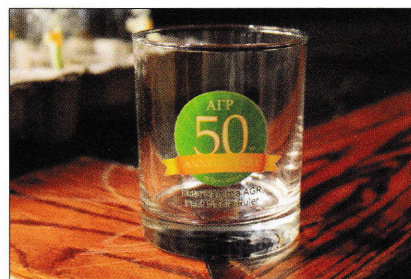
The 50th Anniversary Banquet was held on the UW-Platteville Campus at Velzy Commons. Brother Ken Gibson served as Emcee he led us in a word of prayer and a moment of silence to honor those Brothers who have passed away over the past 50 years. Brother Gibson also introduced the Beta Gamma Alumni Corporation Board of Directors and the Undergrad Chapter officers and the Undergrad Chapter Advisors.

Dr. Chuck Steiner Assistant Dean of the College of Business, Industry, Life Sciences and Agriculture (BILSA) welcomed those in attendance on behalf of BILSA Dean Wayne Weber. Steiner also serves as a Chapter Advisor for the Undergrad Chapter.

Rex Martin, Chief Executive Officer for the National Alpha Gamma Rho addressed the crowd. Martin gave high praise for Beta Gamma on reaching the 50 year milestone. Martin also commented on how great it was to see a gathering of this size celebrating Brotherhood in AGR. Martin explained that this was the first celebration in over two years due to Covid and it was good to see the bonds of Brotherhood as strong as ever.

Over the past few years the Beta Gamma Alumni Corporation has started a scholarship fund to reward members of the Undergrad Chapter. Aaron Frey and Cole Krueger each received \$500.00 Recruitment Scholarships from the Beta Gamma Fund which is housed at the Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho.

The will of Brother Dennis Valstad #75 left a sizable donation to Alpha Gamma Rho at UW-Platteville. The Alumni Board decided to use some of Brother Valstad's contribution to establish a scholarship in his name. The recipient is nominated by the Undergrad Chapter to a brother who is hard working, have an interest in Agriculture and be of high moral character all this is what Brother Valstad stood for. Luke Trustem was awarded a \$750.00 Dennis Valstad Scholarship. If you are interested in contributing to either scholarship fund please contact an Alumni Board Member.



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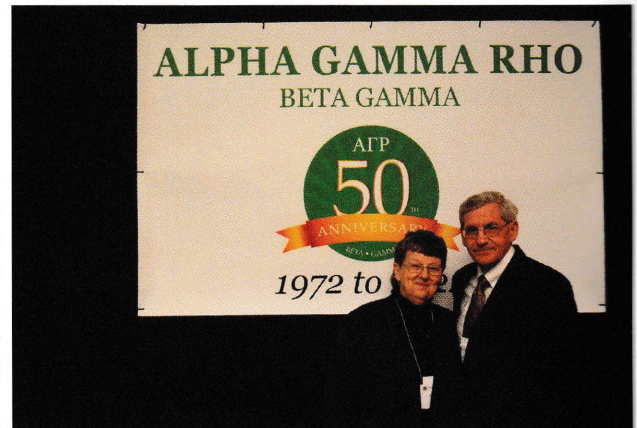
Shortly after Brother Valstad's passing CBS Sunday Morning did a story about Dennis the kind of person he was and a unique part of his will that many were surprised with. A short video on that was aired on CBS was shown. A link to the video can be found here:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/a-suprising-funeral-announcement/#x>

One of the reasons Alpha Gamma Rho has been so successful at UW-Platteville has been its leadership. The Beta Gamma Chapter has had 51 Noble Rulers since it organized as a Colony back in 1969. 30 of those Noble Rulers were in attendance and were honored. From Michael Sands in 1970 to Jay Long in 2022 these leaders were introduced and given a token of appreciation.

A Beta Gamma event would not be complete without the singing of old fraternity songs. Brother Ron Goplin on the Banjo and Brother Jeff Kroes on the Piano led the group in song.

This successful event was put together by the 50th Anniversary Committee led by Brother Jack Ellickson. Plans are already on the way for the 55th Anniversary.



2022 Founders Day Live & Silent Auction

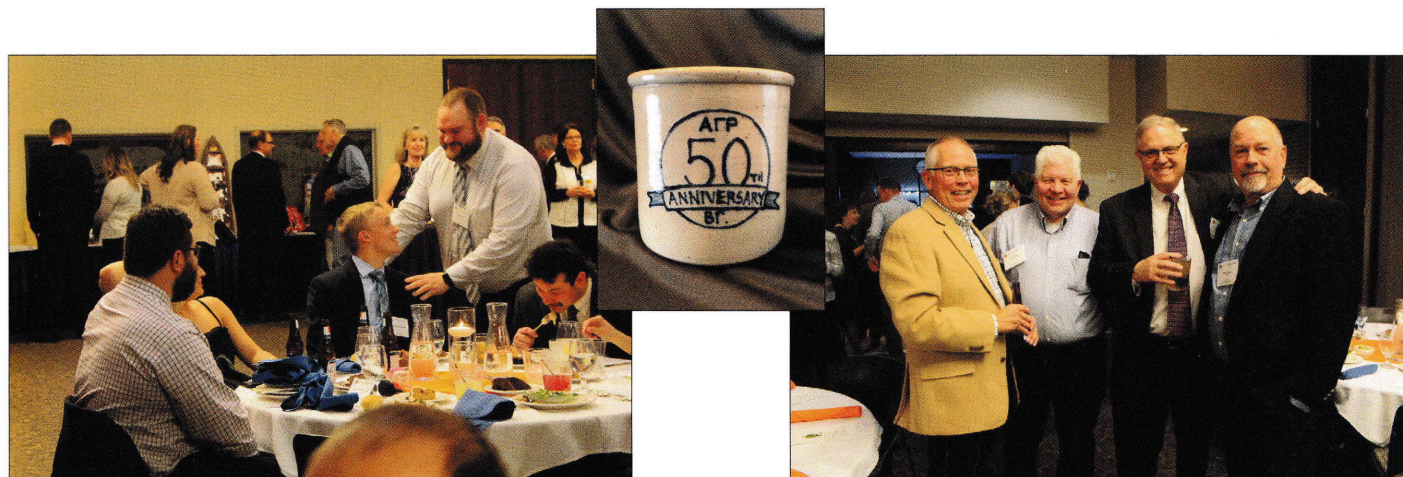
Live Auction

Live Auction	Donor	Buyer	Price
John Deere Pedal Tractor	Bryan Hansen	Kevin Klubertanz	\$800.00
Cooler Bag	Dave & Kris Welsh	Mike North	\$500.00
Golf at The Oaks	John Blaska	Dave Ward	\$450.00
John Deere 4020	Bryan Hansen	Dylan McGowan	\$700.00

Silent Auction

Liquor	Alpha Delta Pledge Class	Lynn French	\$70.00
Bonnie Mohr Print	Chuck Miller	Sam Peetz	\$180.00
Blaum Bros Bourbon	Chuck Miller	Gregg Wolf	\$100.00
John Deere Pillows	Collins Bays	Duane Schaefer	\$50.00
Yeti Roadie 24 Cooler	Colwell Farms	Duane Schaefer	\$325.00
Terry Redlin - Woodland 5 Plates	Dr Chuck Steiner	Dan Wetherell	\$205.00
Milwaukee Tools	Griffen Headley	Austin Beitlich	\$305.00
Rowe Pottery - AGR Crock	Jack Ellickson	Ryan Pralle	\$105.00
AGR Quarter Barrel Lamp	Jerry Pegelow	Justin Nehls	\$400.00
Mecan River - Outfitters Package	Jim Krueger	Brooke Pralle	\$255.00
Timm Acres - Wine, Honey & Syrup	Jim Timm	Dick Jarvis	\$100.00
RTIC Travel Mug & Grill Tool Set	Johnny Canalle	Seth Bartelt	\$70.00
DeWalt Cordless Grease Gun	Johnny Canalle	Patrick Killelea	\$225.00
Henning Cheese Basket	Kerry Henning	Chris Atten	\$170.00
Jonamac Orchard - Wine/Cheese	Kevin & Denice McArtor	Becky Atten	\$110.00
Glass Art - Buddha	Leslie & George Killbride	Gary Smith	\$100.00
Glass Art - Tree of Life	Leslie & George Killbride	Jack Ellickson	\$85.00
Glass Art - Flag	Leslie & George Killbride	Barb Henning	\$55.00
Craft Rustic Table	Mark Mueller	Jim Timm	\$150.00
Betty Buffalo Print	Pam & Paul Ruschmann	Kari Herbrand	\$115.00
Surge Milker Sign	Pat Kelly	Scott Laufenberg	\$150.00
More Barns T-Shirts	Scott & Linda Weisinger	John Krueger	\$50.00
Ray Allen Basketball	Tim Mueller	Kim Keesey	\$100.00
Zank's Brewing Co - Homebrew	Zack Ankney	Dakota Smith	\$80.00

The 50th Anniversary Committee and the Board of Directors wish to sincerely thank all donors, bidders and buyers of the auction items. The auctions raised over \$6,000 which will be used for house improvements.



Honoring Those Who Have Served - Brother Richard Jarvis

By Dave Ward #85

With Memorial Day approaching a day set aside for honoring the men and women who have passed while serving their country and to thank those who have served their country. Brother Richard Jarvis (#27) is doing his part to honor those who have served our country. Richard (Dick) Jarvis a member of the Delta Pledge Class graduated in 1973 with a degree in Agri Business. Brother Jarvis has found a meaningful way to give back to his Wausau, Wisconsin community and its military veterans by his involvement in the "Never Forgotten" Honor Flight Hub in Wausau.

The mission of Honor Flight is to transport American's Veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country. Participation in an Honor Flight gives veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam to travel with fellow veterans to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with each other. The Honor Flight Network is a national network of independent Hubs working together to honor our nation's veterans the trip to Washington D.C. a trip that many would not be able to afford.

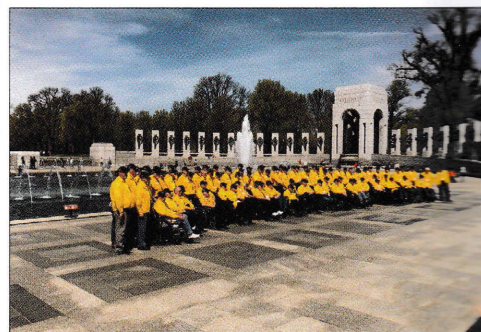
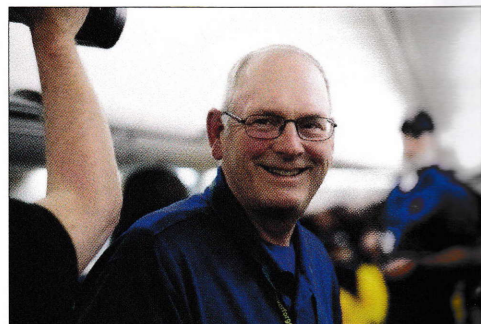
Brother Jarvis first learned about the Honor Flight Program when he was a companion with his father Ray Jarvis on an Honor Flight originating from Appleton in April of 2009. Ray Jarvis was a veteran of World War II. After the Honor Flight with his father Brother Jarvis told of his experience to his Wausau Early Bird Rotary Club. Dick said he could tell by the reaction from his fellow Rotarians that the interest was there to start an Honor Flight Hub in the Wausau area. On Veterans Day 2009 the "Never Forgotten" Honor Flight Hub was started. Jarvis said the "Never Forgotten" Honor Flight Hub, which serves veterans in 13 northern Wisconsin counties, has flown groups of veterans and their companions 39 times Jarvis personally has participated in 38 of these flights. Brother Jarvis said he has witnessed many times that when these veterans of WW II, Korea and now Vietnam leave in the morning they are 85 year men and women, when they return they are 18 year old soldiers. "People who have never met form an instant bond of brothers in arms" Jarvis explained. Dick also mentioned that a few of the Green Bay Packers have joined in and visited with the Honor Flight participants.

Bother Jarvis explained that there is no government money involved in the Honor Flight program. "It's funded completely through donations many of which come from local fundraisers." When Dick and his father took that Honor Flight back in 2009 many of the participants were WW II vets. Over the years and several flights there are very few WW II and Korean War vets but the number of Vietnam War vets has grown.

Brother Jarvis encourages anyone who is a Vietnam War veteran or knows of one to look into taking this trip to see the memorials built in their honor. If you are interested go to the Honor Flights website: www.honorflight.org

Then click on FIND AN HONOR FLIGHT NEAR YOU this should direct you to a local Honor Flight hub.

Thank you Brother Jarvis for your work to honor those who have done so much for us.
In the third photo Dick is pictured with Green Bay Packer Gilbert Brown.



House and Grounds Update

by Scott Laufenberg #224

The house updates laid out in 2021 are nearly completed and the house is in great shape as 845 West Madison remains the the best Greek Housing on campus. The updates completed are as follows.

- Carpet and flooring. New carpet in all bedrooms and the library
- Rubber treads and landings for the main stairwell
- All window treatments were replaced with products designed for durability
- New furniture for the two lounges and a new bench for the library

- Parking lot, the old product was removed, and the base was upgraded before new asphalt was but down.
- The entire interior of the house was repainted by the undergrads at their expense. The work was very well done.
- Air Conditioning will be added this month allowing us to remove window units.
- Minor landscaping will be completed to blend in the new parking lot this fall.

Advisor Report

By Dr. Ryan Pralle, Beta Gamma Advisor



Another busy year is in the books for the brothers of Beta Gamma and UW-Platteville. As campus and the country at large has started to open, our brotherhood and campus community has enjoyed getting involved in the club activities and development opportunities that we missed these past two years. Three words that come to mind when we consider describing the semester are: bustling, reunion, and celebration.

Of course, the hallmark event of Spring 2022 was our celebration of Beta Gamma's 50th anniversary. What a special day of fraternal brotherhood and reunion of our chosen family. We are proud of all the work put in by the alumni and undergraduate members in preparing the house and organizing such a fantastic event. The amount of positive feedback the advisors have received about the condition of the Chapter and quality of alumnus-student interactions has been breathtaking. This positive momentum in whole-brotherhood engagement is something we constantly strive for, and it is satisfying to witness. Now that we are all back at home, gearing up to get into the fields and enjoy the warming weather, let's not forget the seeds we planted at the 50th anniversary. The advisor team encourages everyone to maintain contact and engagement, whether that is sharing career opportunities, charita-

ble giving of time or money, or even stopping by the Chapter house to visit with the undergraduates. Our deepening ties across the whole of the Beta Gamma brotherhood is what will get us to our next momentous celebration in 2047.

Campus has seen several changes at the end of this semester. Chancellor Dennis Shields has been named the next President of the Southern University System and Chancellor of Southern University and A&M College. He will depart UW-Platteville at the end of term. While a search for his replacement takes place, Dean Wayne Weber (BILSA) has been named interim Provost and Vice Chancellor and our own Dr. Charles Steiner will serve as interim Dean of BILSA. Additionally, Sara Whitaker, long-time secretary for the School of Agriculture, has joined the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. We are actively seeking her replacement.

As always, we advisors are appreciative of the hard work and dedication the young men of Beta Gamma put into continuing and improving upon our legacy. Thank you. This is especially true for our young men graduating this Spring semester. Congratulations! Of the outgoing Seniors, 11 out of 12 served as officers in their tenure at Beta Gamma. Your leadership and comradery will be sorely missed, but we look forward to continuing our relationship with you as fellow alumni in the business of making better men.

50th Anniversary Report

By Jack Ellickson #90, Committee Chairman

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended the 50th Founders Day Anniversary. The number of brothers and guests that attended shows how much Beta Gamma means to them. Friday evening numbers were reported approximately at 200 people. (If Platteville Fire Department asks you say only 120) The annual meeting there was standing room only. Luncheon at the house Dave and Molly Heimerdinger said they served 240 people and did an excellent job. Saturday evening, I had a personal goal of getting 300 people there. I told this over a year ago at our Annual Meeting via Zoom. We surpassed that with 388 guests. For comparison the 40th Founders Day we had 178 people. I believe the committee achieved our goals.

I observed many people who first walked into Velzy Commons and observed how many tables were set up, the best way I can say it they were in awe. The committee goal was to try to have as much time for brothers and guests to visit and catchup on what's happening in their lives. Also, I wanted Brothers and guests on Sunday morning heading for home to say "I had a great time".

Many things needed to be in place to make this a successful event. Thanks to Dr. Chuck Steiner reserving Velzy Commons in Ullsvik Hall. Then the committee getting Steve's Pizza reserved as well as getting the local motels to commit to block of rooms. The committee asked the board of directors to change the time of the Annual Meeting to the morning. That way everyone could share a lunch and tour the house. This again gave people more time to visit and reminisce. It was good to see Brothers, wives and Rhomates looking at the Composites and remembering when moments. Saturday Banquet we tried to keep the program short so again to give guests time to share memories.

I want to thank the Board of Directors for all their support. Special mention to Chuck Miller, who did an outstanding job in getting communications out about the event. Scott Laufenberg and Mike Long in organizing the silent and live auction. Jordan Alf keeping the finances all straight.

Justin Nehls and Rodger Williams calling brothers they went to school with. The advisors in helping out securing campus facilities, serving lunch helping with the tours. Suzanne Lois, took charge in finding addresses for Rhomates and making sure they were invited. Lori and Mike Fisher, Don Von Rueden and Jeff Blaska acted like detectives to get the latest phone numbers and addresses updated so they could personally invite people. Jim Kruger getting information of Alpha Psi (River Falls) and Eta (Iowa State) for getting ideas what they did for their anniversaries. I called Rich Daluge of Iota Chapter (Madison) and asked him what they did for their 100th Anniversary. Jim Kruger and Larry Raupp also called many brothers to invite them to come. Jay Long, Noble Ruler and special thanks to Zack Wynstra along with the rest of the undergraduates. I had asked for help from the undergraduates for special tasks and without hesitation they got the work done. Dave Bohnhoff organized the Saturday morning coffee gathering and he as well called many brothers to ask them to attend. Many of you have seen by now the pictures taken by Morgan Phillips and Danielle Chwala of Sigma Alpha Sorority. Thank you, to these young women. Rosalie Morgan the pianist played the music though out Saturday evening. (Rosalie and her husband Jim are special friends of Kerry and Barb Henning). Jeff Blaska was right along with me from the start in help organizing the anniversary. We made many trips to Platteville to get some tasks done. I made many phone calls this past year consulting with Jeff. A big thank you!

Shelby Lang, Alumni Relations Manager for UW-P and her staff did a very professional job, thank you. They were invaluable in helping to organize the facilities, name tags and getting the technical support throughout Saturday evening program.

Saturday evening, I was one of the last people to leave, looking back at Velzy Commons I reflected on the weekend on how I saw many people having a good laugh and going home with a smile on their face.

The Whiskey Bottle

By David Biggs #301 and Jay Long #864

"Life is full of ironies" said my pledge brother Brian Long when I shared with him, I had been asked to write an article for the Crescent about a bottle of whiskey.

We pledged in the Fall of 1983 and were the Beta Gamma Pledge class, almost 40 years ago. There were 11 of us. Jeff Agnew, Todd Gerlach, David Hill, Todd Klahn, Kevin Klubertanz, Brian Long, Ron Martin, Todd Stiede, Kent Weigel, Taylor Weisensel and myself. My pledge class elected me as Pledge Class President. This meant you were responsible for their faults and deficiencies as well as your own. It was my first semester at UW- Platteville after transferring from Sauk Valley Community College (Dixon IL). My Big Brother was Tom Bull. Vern Pierce was our Pledge Trainer and Steve Chamberlain was his assistant.

I don't believe my pledging experience was any different than those of that era. Butter run, Line ups, completing your interview book, a skip out to Iowa State, and learning the necessary curriculum to pass the national test.

The most dramatic thing I experienced while pledging was our first line up. Lights off in the basement, spotlight turned on you and then questions asked of you about the chapter and national fraternity, you knew the person asking had no clue what the answer was but expected you to know. I went to my bedroom that night upset and ready to quit Alpha Gamma Rho. Denny McDougal came and talked me out of quitting.

Our class had two lineups. Due to the weekly schedule of the fraternity, they were held on Wednesdays. I think our finest moment as a pledge class was picking the right Wednesday and being away from campus. We were together as a pledge class, away from campus and no one could find us. We did not return till around 10 pm. Some actives were upset, others expressed pride that we could pull it off. The lineup resumed the following week, and we became a pledge class.

This story is supposed to be about a 40-year-old bottle of Jack Daniels Whiskey. I turned 19 in the Fall of 1983. The legal drinking age in Illinois was 21, but 18 in Wisconsin. In my head, I was not of legal age. I didn't like beer, usually quit after 2 cans. I did enjoy a champagne breakfast as a graduating senior, and was the only time I remember being imbibed at UW-P.

The night of Pledge Banquet, Vern Pierce, our Pledge Trainer did his part of the program. I don't remember going from pledges to actives. Vern

presented me with a bottle of Jack Daniels. If I was a normal "frat guy" I would have drunk it all that night and kept the bottle as a "badge of honor". I know it sat on my bedroom shelf a lot of years, it moved with me when I got married. I am sure my wife, Marianne asked, "what is this all about". Over time, I thought I would take the bottle back to Platteville and share it with my pledge brothers. Beta Gamma's 50th anniversary was that day and close to my classes 40th anniversary.

When I shared my plan with Kevin Klubertanz, he said "I agree. It seems like a good time to crack open that bottle. Time Flies".

Four of us made it to the 50th celebration. I would have needed to bring a backup bottle if more had made it. I haven't seen any of my pledge brothers in 20 years. I served on the Alumni Board in the early 1990s and have not been back to a Founder's Day since. The 50th brought back so many memories and really showed me what being brothers is all about. Ken Gibson did a phenomenal job emceeding after the tragedy that he went through. I remember meeting him as an FFA Member while he was serving as a State FFA Officer.

Alpha Gamma Rho-Beta Gamma has provided us with great mentors and a great network of friends for 50 years. I am glad I kept that bottle of whiskey.



Left to Right - Taylor Weisensel, Brian Long, Kevin Klubertanz, and David Biggs

Message from the President

By Michael Long #727, Alumni Board President



We have had quite the spring for the Beta Gamma chapter. I first want to thank everyone that help make the 50th Anniversary a success. The Undergrads, 50th Anniversary Committee, Alumni Board and UWP staff all worked incredibly hard to make the event a success. It's hard to believe we had attendance of close to 400 at the banquet. I enjoyed interacting with everyone over the

weekend and wish there was time to meet anyone I missed. I was amazed at the end of the night to learn that the silent and live auctions netted over \$6,000 which will be used to continue improving the house in the coming year. What a great weekend!

This year's graduating seniors are a special group. These men have helped to pave the way forward for Beta Gamma. I believe they will all be

successful in all their future endeavors. It's amazing how far our chapter has come in the 6 years since I graduated. I hope to see all of you involved as Alumni members in the future.

Now more than ever, I feel we as Beta Gamma Alumni have the opportunity to better the lives of our undergraduate and future members in many ways. When I think about giving to AGR I typically think about financial means that can help with chapter house improvements scholarships but giving can mean much more. We have many alumni that give their time toward being on the Alumni Board or an Alumni Committee. I think a great opportunity for our alumni and undergrads in the future is to build better relationships with each other. In the future I would like to see more Alumni engagement with our active brothers. That might include going to meetings on Monday, a weeknight dinner or just stopping at the house if you are running through Platteville. I expect you will gain as much from the time spent as the undergrads do.

Beta Gamma Annual Meeting

By Dave Ward #85

On April 2, 2022 the Platteville Alumni Association of Alpha Gamma Rho held its Annual Meeting in Russell Hall. The meeting was held in conjunction with Founders Day and the 50th Anniversary of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho at UW-Platteville. There were 112 Alumni, Undergrads and Guests in attendance.

Alumni Board President Michael Long called the meeting to order. Board Secretary Justin Nehls read the minutes of last year's virtual Annual Meeting. Alumni Board Treasurer Jordan Alf reported that:

- Dues collections are up
- Income and expenses are on budget
- We should break even by years end which is June 30th
- The Alumni Association's net worth stands at \$475,792

Michael Long reported that after years of setting things up and fund raising our Scholarship Fund is at a point where we will be giving scholarships this year. Long said the board is continuing to build a better contact list. House and Grounds Committee Chair Scott Laufenberg reported on the work that was done this past year including repaving the driveway and parking lot. Laufenberg also Chairs the Scholarship Committee he announced that we now have over \$125,000 in the Beta Gamma Fund and the Dennis Valstad fund. Scott also announced that

the estate of Brother Mike Grulke left Beta Gamma Alumni Association a nice gift and the Alumni Board is working on establishing a scholarship in Mike's name. Recipients of the Beta Gamma and the Dennis Valstad Scholarship were announced at the 50 Anniversary Banquet.

Chuck Miller gave a brief report on the Crescent. Miller reported that the Crescent is now a shared responsibility between the Alumni and the Undergrad Chapter.

Undergrad Chapter Advisor David Heimerdinger updated those in attendance on UW-Platteville and the College of Ag. UW-Platteville and the College of Ag are seeing a decline in enrollments due to declining numbers of high school graduates. Heimerdinger announced some Undergrad Scholarships:

- Highest GPA, Aaron Fry
- Most Improved GPA, Gavin Lankey
- Key Committee Man, Blake Gieck
- Outstanding Undergraduate, Jay Long

Three Board positions were up for election. Michael Long and Jordan Alf were reelected for three year terms and Brother Kevin Klubertanz was elected to a three year term to replace Justin Nehls who did not run for reelection.

Know Your Board – Newly Elected Board Member



Kevin Klubertanz #304 – Member of the Alpha Zeta pledge class, Noble Ruler in 1987, and graduated with BS in Agricultural Engineering in 1988. Served nearly 20 years ago on the Alumni Board during a phase of home improvements and reviewing additional options. He grew up on a hog farm near Columbus, WI and is still involved with the farm today with cash crops. His career

has been filled with broad experiences during the transition of the business units of J-STAR, DIGI-STAR and TOPCON AGRICULTURE. Roles within the business progressed from Engineer, Technical Sales, Director of

Engineering, Director of Sales, General Manager, and recently retired as President. Opportunities within the job brought a great deal of international travel, starting a sales unit in South America, oversight of an office in the Netherlands, business purchase in the United Kingdom, and lead on the sale of the business with a private equity firm. He married his high school sweetheart, Barbara, and have 3 great young adults starting their own families. Currently lives in Sun Prairie, WI and activities include continued travel, skiing, hiking, snowmobiling, motorcycle rides, and home improvement projects. Kevin is excited about being on the board again, is pleased to see the continued investments in the facility, and would like to find new ways to strengthen those relationships that so many of us were able to rekindle from the great 50th Anniversary Party.

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Are you interested in running for the Board? Two terms expire in 2023. Please make it known and attend the annual meeting if possible.

Scholarship Funds Update

by Scott Laufenberg #224



The generosity of Beta Gamma Brothers continues impress me and the entire Alumni Board. Since the last Crescent the Beta Gamma Fund has received \$21,600 in donations and the Dennis Valstad Fund has received \$9,850. Beta Gamma Fund balance is \$91,786 and Dennis Valstad Fund balance is \$38,873 as of March 31, 2022.

Disbursements for the past fiscal year were \$2,100. Thank you to everyone that have generously given enabling Beta Gamma to continue "Builder Better Men".



Brother **Mike Grulke #398** passed away on January 1 2022 at the age of 51. A generous gift from Mike and the Grulke Family has allowed us to establish the Mike Grulke Engineering Scholarship. Mike was a driving force during the 2009-2010 house remodel. The Mike Grulke Engineering Scholarship will reward brothers studying in the engineering and construction fields. The

scholarship is set at \$1,000 to be awarded annually following the fall semester.

Scholarships Awarded in 2022

Dennis Valstad Scholarship Luke Trustem \$750

Fall Recruitment Scholarships Cole Krueger \$500
Aaron Frey \$500

Highest GPA Aaron Frey \$250

Most Improved GPA Gavin Lankey \$250

Key Committee Man Blake Gieck \$250

Outstanding Undergraduate Jay Long \$250

New Initiate Grade Point Scholarships

Aaron Frey \$100	Zach Wynstra \$75
Trevor Verhagen \$75	Luke Trustem \$50
Kael Kruse \$50	Wil Roling \$50
Austin Beitlich \$50	

Giving Tree Update

by Scott Laufenberg #224

We would like to recognize the Brothers who have reached new award levels of giving since the Giving Tree was installed in the chapter house. Through their giving the Brothers below will have an engraved

leaf add to the Giving Tree. We wish to sincerely thank all donors, large and small, for truly helping AGR 'Make Better Men.'

Chapter Builder Small Stone \$10,000-15,000	#148 James Kruger, #324 Vincent Bush, #398 Michael Grulke
Founder Award Gold Leaf \$5,000-\$9,999	#81 David Houston, #85 David Ward, #31 Duane Sanner
Brotherhood Award Silver Leaf \$2,500-\$4,999	#8 Ron Goplin, #32 John Elvekrog, #58 Don Von Rueden, #370 Duane Schaefer, #134 Gary Klug
Pioneer Award Copper Leaf \$1,000-\$2,499	#57 Ken Von Rueden, #78 Scott Weisinger, #90 Jack Ellickson, #120 Pat Kelly, #178 Wayne Gerlach, #202 Ken Janes, #495 Chris Atten, #727 Michael Long

New Donations To The Chapter Funds (Since 11/15/2022)

3	Michael Sands	90	Jack Ellickson	215	Terrance McMahon	398	In memory of Mike Grulke
7	James Timm	109	Charles Miller	224	Scott Laufenberg	473	Aaron Seim
31	Duane Sanner	120	Pat Kelly	231	Kenneth Gibson	727	Michael Long
32	John Elvekrog	127	John Hulbert	280	Kevin McArtor	Iota	Jerry Steiner
37	Steven Bowdish	134	Gary Klug	296	Lyle Poch		Richard Henderson
58	Donald Von Rueden	138	In memory of Duane Sherven	320	Michael Daniels		
81	David Houston	148	Jim Kruger	324	Vincent Bush		
85	David Ward	202	Kenneth Janes	370	Duane Schaefer		

67th National Convention - July 27-29, 2022

Come join the Alpha Gamma Rho Home Office and members at this year's National Convention in Milwaukee Wisconsin! The National Convention will be held at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center at 509 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Participate in several events including a career fair, silent auction, breakout sessions, and more. A Wednesday evening event will be held at the Milwaukee Public Museum and the Thursday evening event will be held at the Harley Davidson Museum. The AGR Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Friday at the Hilton. On Thursday morning a Career Fair will be held this will be a great opportunity for you or your company to get in contact with the best and brightest collegians in the country.

Don't forget, a Spouse Program will be provided, and we encourage

our brothers to bring their spouses to participate in the program which will take them through the wonders of Milwaukee. We look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers are needed to help with registration, loading buses and for directing attendees to events. To sign up please contact Dave Ward at palum76@yahoo.com, 920-723-1211 or Scott Laufenberg at slaufenb@gmail.com, 608-575-6189. Registration is OPEN at <https://www.alphagammarho.org/2022-national-convention>, along with other information. Contact the Home Office at 816-891-9200 or at agr@alphagammarho.org with any questions.

FIND YOUR FORWARD

8th Annual AGR Chicago Alumni Golf Classic & Social Event

If you live in the Chicago area and are an AGR you are invited to attend the Chicago Golf Outing on September 6, 2022 at Bolingbrook Golf Club, 2001 Rodeo Dr., Bolingbrook, IL 60490. 12 PM Registration, 1 PM Tee Times, 6 PM Cash Reception, Dinner, Program and Alumni Chapter Raffle.

Cost: \$115. Includes practice greens before golf, 18 holes with cart, golf prizes, and Pick'Em dinner afterwards.

Hear the latest on the Chicago Alumni Chapter and the state of the Fraternity from CEO Rex Martin.

Send checks and number of golfers to: Carl Luebchow, 2010 Stone Dr., McHenry, IL 60051, 630-248-2841, cluebchow@gmail.com.

Questions on Event: Fred Reichelt, 630-248-0850, fredreichelt@gmail.com.

Registration deadline: August 30, 2022. If you register by June 23, 2022, your chapter will earn the chance to win a \$250 raffle to go towards attending National Convention this summer!

Notice of Alumni Dues

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Alumni Updates



Greg Nelson #77, Geneseo, IL

Greg and Barb Nelson live as the third generation on their family farm in northwest Illinois. The original farmhouse on their farm was constructed in 1866. In November of this year their holiday decorated home will be featured in Country Sampler magazine. The photos showcase the collection of heavy antique pine pieces along with

creative ways to decorate for Christmas throughout the home. The Nelsons farm together with their daughter and son in law, Nick and Kim Gehling, who also operate Pink Prairie Gardens, a seasonal greenhouse business right on their farm. Their son, Jeff, who is an engineer for John Deere, also grain farms with the family. Greg's 94-year-old father, who was born in the same house in 1928, still visits daily and delights in all the family is doing.

Rick Kuhle #188, Lawrence, KS – Retired in January '22 after 43 years in the Farm Credit System. He held many positions over that time and was most recently a Financial Services Officer with Frontier Farm Credit. Rick and his wife, Karen Hartnett, are looking forward to travel plus golf, volunteering, and some new hobbies.

Pat Kelly #120, Evans CO (near Greeley, CO) – Retired in October '21 after 18 years with IBA Dairy Depot, serving several positions, lastly as a Sales and Customer Service Manager. Pat is looking forward to spending more time traveling, playing music and has been taking better care of himself and his wife, Carolyn.

Jack Ellickson #90, Stoughton, WI - along with Iota Brothers Rick Daluge and John Deininger traveled to Greece in April. While there they visited the place where the Princess of Demeter sat for the Olympic Games. Here they prayed for a successful National Convention.

Devon Fredrick #823 - Was recently engaged to Katelyn Gonzalez. They plan to marry in September 2023.



David Ward #85 –

Brother Dave hob nobs with the former Governor and UW System President, Tommy Thompson at Platteville.

If you have an announcement or update to share please send to Chuck Miller, cmiller4424@gmail.com

Beta Gamma Standing Committees

House and Grounds

- Scott Laufenberg - Chair
- Chuck Miller
- VNR Operations-Ryan Kahlscheuer
- Open Position (Platteville Local Preferred)

Scholarship

- Scott Laufenberg - Chair
- Michael Long
- Ron Goplin
- Ken Von Rueden
- Noble Ruler- Griffin Headley
- VNR Scholarship- Mason Kruse
- VNR Recruitment- Collin Bays
- Chapter Advisor- Dr. Ryan Pralle

50th Anniversary

- Jack Ellickson - Chair
- Jeff Blaska
- Michael Long
- Larry Raupp
- Chuck Miller
- Zach Wynstra
- VNR-Alumni Relations - Zach Mickelson
- Suzanne Lois (Rhوماتes)

Crescent Publication

- Chuck Miller - Chair
- VNR-Alumni Relations – Zach Mickelson
- Chapter Advisor - Dr. Ryan Pralle
- Layout Editor - Ashley Yager

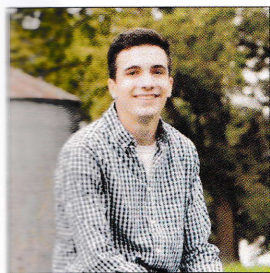
Activities

- Open Positions
- VNR Alumni Relations

If you would like to join a committee or if you have input for any of these activities, please contact Michael Long or the committee chair.

State of the Chapter

By Jay Long #864, Noble Ruler



I hope this report finds all of you well and in good health. It is hard to believe we are wrapping up the 2021-22 school year. The undergraduates of Beta Gamma have been living the promises and values of Alpha Gamma Rho through brotherhood, community service, scholarship, and professionalism.

Beta Gamma has had a great spring semester. We are continuing to be the most prominent agricultural fraternity on the UW-Platteville campus. I am proud to say that this spring, Beta Gamma initiated 7 quality men into our fraternity. The Delta Lambda initiation class is a class of promising men that are devoted to upholding the values of Alpha Gamma Rho. Our current chapter numbers 35 brothers. Of those 35 brothers, 16 live in the chapter house. With 12 seniors graduating this spring, the number of brothers in house should stay consistent next fall.

Beta Gamma continues to be recognized as having one of the highest-grade point averages on campus. We ranked 3rd across the men's fraternities and 7th among all Greek Life Organizations. Beta Gamma's GPA was above the Greek Life and the University, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.11. Being recognized as a high GPA chapter allows us to continue to recruit the best men on this campus. In addition, Beta Gamma continues to be well represented on student governance committees such as United Greek Council and Interfraternity Council.

This year, we sent two officers to virtual recruitment school. Our officers were able to gain valuable tools and strategies to bring back to our chapter and help us improve recruitment. One thing new we have done is become PhiredUp recruiters. Our VNR- Recruitment officer completed the PhiredUp training, which is a program through the home office that teaches you useful strategies on how to recruit. We are currently working on getting the entire executive team to become certified recruiters. In February, we sent the entire executive team to Leadership Seminar, which was held in Kansas City, MO. Together, we learned how to strengthen our time management skills, how to be more culturally inclusive, how to be a positive role model, and many other useful life skills. It was truly a great experience for the executive team.

This April, the undergraduate chapter and the alumni came together

to celebrate 50 years of brotherhood. The undergrads worked hard on cleaning the house, painting, and other miscellaneous tasks in preparation of the 50th celebration. The house looks great! I want to extend our heart-felt thanks to the 50th anniversary planning committee as well as all brothers that attended the 50th anniversary. It truly showed what brotherhood means and the bond Alpha Gamma Rho has created in all of us.

As we depart for the summer, I wanted to inform you of a couple events. The BILSA golf outing will be held at The Oaks Golf Course, August 19th. The undergraduates are working on getting a team together and would love to connect with some alumni! In addition, Beta Gamma is going to National AGR Convention in Milwaukee. We are proud to be one of three chapters in Wisconsin to help host the National Convention. I urge all brothers to attend the national convention. Information can be found on the national fraternity website.

As I reflect on the semester, I am proud to say that the state of the chapter is excellent. The executive board is young, but skilled and talented. The e-board has the best interest of Beta Gamma in mind. They all are devoted and hard-working men who uphold and adhere to the promises and values of Alpha Gamma Rho. To the seniors graduating, I would like to say thank you for your dedication and hard work in making AGR the best men's fraternity on campus. Your work will not be forgotten and will help guide younger brothers for years to come. I am confident that the undergraduates will continue the traditions and ideals of Alpha Gamma Rho. Trust in each other and in return you will build lifelong relationships and continue the traditions of Beta Gamma- Alpha Gamma Rho. As Noble Ruler, I want to say thank you to all alumni that have donated money, time, or other means to the undergraduate chapter. Without your help, we would not be in the position we are today. I would also like to thank the Alumni Board of Directors. Your hard work and dedication to 'Make Better Men' is appreciated. It has been an honor and privilege to serve Beta Gamma as Noble Ruler. I am thankful for what this fraternity has provided me professionally and socially. Beta Gamma has truly created a college "home" for many brothers including myself. Thank you for trusting me to help guide the undergraduate chapter. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us and stop by 845 West Madison Street!

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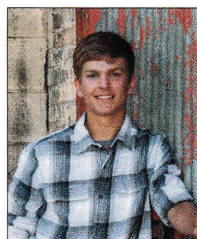
Welcome New Initiates

By Wil Roling #873



Chad Achenbach is from Eastman, Wisconsin. Chad is double majoring in Animal Science and Ag Business with a minor in Ag ET and is a freshman. Chad joined AGR because he wanted to become more active on campus and be a part of a professional organization. He wanted to meet a great group of like-minded guys that also had a strong passion for agriculture. Chad also knew

that being a part of AGR would look great on a resume and would give him many connections throughout the agricultural industry. He is extremely happy he joined AGR as all these things he wanted have been more than fulfilled.

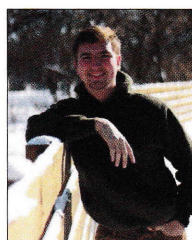


Jackson Christensen is from Waterloo, Wisconsin. Jackson is majoring in Soil and Crop Science and is a freshman. Jackson joined AGR because he wanted to be a part of a community that was interested in similar areas. He thought that it would be good to surround himself with likeminded people and grow connections that will be with him for life. He believes that it is good to know that he

has people behind him who are willing to help when he needs it and look out for him. Additionally, what lead him to this organization was its ties to my family as my mother was a Rhomate at Madison. All these reasons lead him to join AGR and he is looking forward to what it can do for him in the future.



Reece Franke is from La Farge, Wisconsin. Reece is majoring in Ag Business with Soil Crop Science minor and is a sophomore. Reece joined AGR because he thought it was a great way to make new friends as well as meeting people who have the same passion for the agricultural industry.



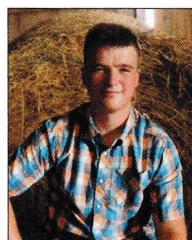
Logan Hackl is from Deforest, Wisconsin. Logan is majoring in Tech Ed and is Junior. Logan joined AGR because of the camaraderie and brotherhood he noticed when at the house. AGR reminds him of just a bunch of friends who get to hangout all the time and make great memories while in college. He just loved the idea of creating lifelong connections, brothers, and friends. He also loved

the atmosphere and the friendliness of everyone and how welcomed they made me feel. That is why he joined AGR.



Kyle Haldiman is from Monroe, Wisconsin. Kyle is majoring in Ag Business and is a sophomore. Some reasons why Kyle joined Alpha Gamma Rho is to continue to make friendships with people around his age and within agriculture. Also, he wants to get more involved on campus and strengthen his networking skills, so he thought this would be a good opportunity. He says, so far

it has been a lot of fun and he is looking forward to the future.



Alek Krueger is from Benton, Wisconsin. Alek is majoring in Dairy Science with Ag Business minor and is a sophomore. Alek joined AGR because his dad was in this chapter during his time at Platteville and it gave him a great college experience. He says, Alek's dad made many connections through AGR after college. Alek hopes to do the same and build connections in college and after

college through AGR.



Braden Myers is from Boscobel, Wisconsin. Braden is majoring in Professional Sales and is a sophomore. Braden joined AGR because he has seen all the success that they have had over the years and he wanted to be a part of that. He also wanted to get to know other men that share the same interest as him and to be able to make good connections with all the guys.

Looking for Missing Brothers

479 Troy Wallace
490 Tony Leake
612 Seth Richolson

752 Devery VanLandingham
755 Dylan Clarke

If you have contact information for any lost brother please let Chuck Miller know at 608-628-5799 or cmiller4424@gmail.com.

New Member Recruitment

By Wil Roling #873

Recruitment has been an extremely successful in a super busy semester.

While preparing for the 50th Anniversary, the chapter hit the recruiting trail hard and we were able to initiate seven new members to AGR. These initiates are high character men who all have a strong passion for agriculture. It was a collective effort amongst members to help recruit these new initiates and we are thrilled with our decision to extend bids to all of them.

We hosted a number of different recruitment events this semester which helped us recruit these new members. We went bowling, played euchre in the student center, played our own version of "Family Feud" and many other events. We hosted a variety of events at different locations to try and hit as many interests of individuals as possible. In the fall, the chapter will be hosting Ag Fest, which is an event to invite all

agriculture clubs and organizations over to the AGR house to try and use this event as a recruitment tool for not only AGR, but help other clubs and organizations give a summary of their club/organization to help them try and recruit members themselves. We will also be planning to host other recruiting events such as sand volleyball, yard games at the house and a bonfire.

Along with "recruitment week", AGR recruits year-round. Some other recruitment tools we use to help recruit members are homecoming week, sporting events, and showing recruits around our house, which is by far the nicest house on campus. If you know of any young men planning to attend Platteville, please contact anyone in the active and let us know. My phone number is 563-542-5762 and my email is rolingw@uwplatt.edu. Thank you again for your continued support!!!

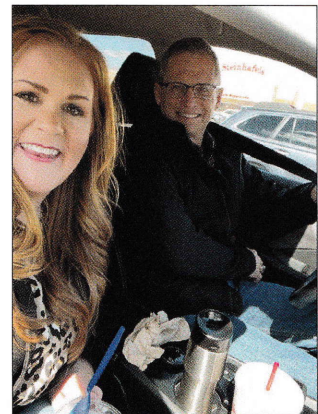
Thank You Brothers of Beta Gamma

By Carol Johnson, CFRE, Chief Development Officer

With incredible gratitude, YOUR Educational Foundation expresses a brief note! The recent celebration attended boasts the magnitude of excellence amongst Beta Gamma brothers, and your development staff could not be more thankful for all of the great efforts being done at the University of Wisconsin in Platteville! Our Fraternal Purpose is evident in every impressive effort of Beta Gamma!

Giving through the Educational Foundation will support the efforts of providing local Beta Gamma brothers the opportunity of scholarship, housing, leadership training, professional development, or meeting other needs. If you or a brother you know may be interested in contributing, please reach out to your chief development officer, Carol Johnson - email: carol@alphagammarho.org or phone: 501-730-1962.

Pictured - left, Carol with Luke Trustem, right, Carol with Scott Laufenberg



Deceased Beta Gamma Brothers

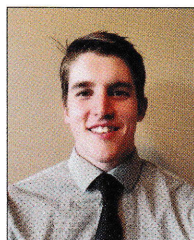
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376 Karl Cornelius
398 Michael Grulke
412 Dean Strauss
420 Timothy Troester
457 Dr Fred Oomens
579 Jeffrey Klever
701 Joseph Smolenski

Graduating Seniors

Zach Wynstra #868



Baxter Peetz

Hometown: Sauk City, WI
Major: Mechanical Engineering, Minor: Spanish
Officer positions held: VNR-Scholarship, VNR-Finance
Why did you join AGR? My brother was in it and his wife was in Sigma Alpha. I also knew quite a few of the guys from the dorms.

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate? AGR brought me leadership opportunities that have prepared me for the workplace as well or better than any internship, as well a group of brothers that made college a well-rounded academic and social experience.

Employment: Ramaker and Associates



Griffin Headley

Hometown: Princeville, IL
Major: Soil and Crop Science / Agribusiness
Officer positions held: Noble Ruler, VNR-Provisions
Why did you join AGR? I joined AGR because it was my father's college home, and I wanted a similar experience.

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate?

AGR has cultivated lifelong friendships and connections that can be found nowhere else.

Employment: Nutrien Ag Solutions



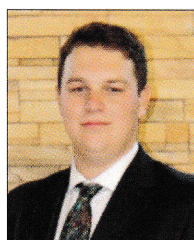
Collin Bays

Hometown: Adams-Friendship, WI
Major: Agribusiness
Officer positions held: VNR-Recruitment
Why did you join AGR? I joined to have a home on campus and to be around people that also have a passion for agriculture.

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate?

AGR has made my time at college bearable and worthwhile. I've also been able to form lifelong friendships with brothers in all types of ag backgrounds.

Employment: Potato Warehouse Manager at Flyte Family Farms



Jake Mathias

Hometown: Stoughton, WI
Major: Agribusiness, emphasis AGET
Why did you join AGR? I thought it would be a good opportunity to make new friends as well as make connections through the AG industry
What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate?

AGR has brought me many lifelong friends and experiences that I will never forget. It has also taught me if you can be one thing, be efficient.

Employment: Insight FS



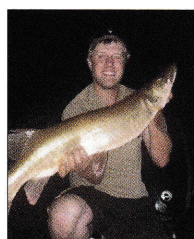
Zach Michelson

Hometown: DeForest, WI
Major: Ag Business
Minor: Soil and Crop Science
Officer positions held: VNR-Alumni Relations
Why did you join AGR? I joined AGR after visiting the house and realizing what a great group of men were in the fraternity that I wanted to be a part of.

My dad and several uncles were also AGR's

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate? Being a part of Alpha Gamma Rho has been an exceptional experience throughout college. It has given me lifelong memories while being surrounded by some of the best men on campus. Not only was AGR a great place to live, it has provided me with leadership opportunities and an immense network of brothers and industry professionals. I look forward to continuing with AGR as an alumnus and giving back to something that gave me so much!

Employment: SeedLink LLC



Abe Rothmann

Hometown: Sauk City, WI
Major: Soil and Crop Science
Why did you join AGR? I joined AGR to join the brotherhood and give me something to do during college that was good.

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate?

AGR has been a significant part to my college career. It has not only been my college home, but a place where I have met some of my lifelong friends. AGR has also shown me so many connections throughout the agricultural community, and I'm excited to see what other connections will be made in the future because of AGR. Without a doubt, AGR was one of the greatest decisions I made in college.

Employment: SeedLink LLC



Ryan Kahlscheuer

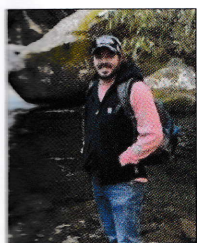
Hometown: Menomonee Falls, WI
Major: Soil and Crop Science
Minor: Agricultural Engineering and Technology
Officer positions held: VNR-Planning, VNR-Operations
Why did you join AGR?

I came to the house for Ag-fest my freshman year and saw how nice the house was. I also enjoyed hanging out with the guys.

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate?

AGR given me a college home, as well as many friends with similar interests. It has allowed me to make connections in the AG industry and beyond, which will help me for the rest of my life.

Employment: Neumiller Harvesting

**Connor Brickley**

Hometown: Oregon, WI

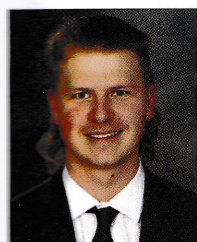
Major: Dairy Science

Officer positions held: VNR-Membership Development and VNR-Public Relations

Why did you join AGR? I joined to become more active on campus and stay involved with the agriculture industry

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate? Joining AGR allowed me to become more involved on campus as well as develop professionally during my time in college. I have made numerous connections in the agriculture industry and lifelong friends during while in AGR. I appreciate everything AGR has brought me over the last 4 years and will always cherish the memories.

Employment: I have a full-time job at ALCIVIA in agronomy sales

**Hayden Funk**

Hometown: Janesville, WI

Major: Agribusiness

Officer positions: VNR-Planning

Why did you join AGR?

I joined because my friend Ben Kronberg was in it at Madison, and I liked the sense of brotherhood and goals of AGR.

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate? AGR has given me a lot of volunteer opportunities either on campus or through the city of Platteville. It has also given me lifelong friends and a college home.

Employment: The Delong Company in Seed Sales.

**Dylan Herbrand**

Hometown: Sauk City, WI

Major: Agribusiness, emphasis AGET

Officer positions held: VNR-Provisions

Why did you join AGR? My dad is an AGR alumni from Platteville. I also had a couple friends that were in AGR.

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate? AGR has given me lifelong friends. It has also shown me the importance of making connections with many people in the workforce.

Employment: Aring Equipment

**Lucas Boomgarden**

Hometown: Cedarville IL

Major: Ag Business

Emphasis: Ag Engineering & Technology

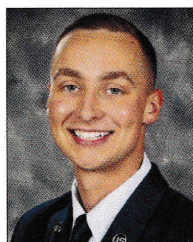
Officer positions held: J Board & Risk Management

Why did you join AGR? I joined AGR to be more

involved with agriculture on campus and to make new friends

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate? AGR means spending time with brothers. It also opened many doors outside of college to connect with people in the workforce.

Employment: Sales Agronomist at Pearl City Elevator in Warren IL

**Jacob Beauchem**

Hometown: Lee, Illinois

Double Major: Agriculture Business with an emphasis is Beef Management, also Marketing and sales

Officer positions held: VNR-Public Relations, and VNR-Recruitment. As well as my duties in the Air Force Reserve at a rank of Senior Airman.

Why did you join AGR? I joined AGR because of family and friends I knew that were in AGR and now alumni. But also, because a lot of friends I was making in my first semester of college happened to be in AGR.

What has AGR meant to you as an undergraduate? Alpha Gamma Rho has made my college career more than just an education but rather an experience. I could not have made it through college without some of my brothers here at our Beta Gamma chapter. I am also thankful for having the house and always be able to feel at home here in Platteville because of it. I want to thank all my brothers, advisors, and alumni for all the support and opportunities over my past four years here in Platteville.

Employment: Trelay Land & Cattle and Air Force Reserve

Do you have a Story Idea?

If you know of an alum that we should feature in the Crescent please contact Dave Ward palum76@yahoo.com or 920-723-1211.

Hire an AGR

Do you have a job opening at your business or operation? Are you looking for a quality employee? If so, please consider posting your opportunity on the AGR Facebook page – Alpha Gamma Rho – Beta Gamma Alumni & Undergraduates

Has Your Contact Info Changed?

Have you moved or do you have a new email address or phone number? Please send updates to Chuck Miller at cmiller4424@gmail.com.

We Need Your Email Address!

Although we are sending two issues of the Crescent each year to all brothers by postal mail, we also send additional communication by email. These email messages include information on meeting dates, social gathering, and items that might need notification of before the next issue of the Crescent is published. Please send your email address to Chuck Miller at cmiller4424@gmail.com or 608-628-5799.

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August

- 19 10 AM – BILSA Golf Outing
The Oaks, Cottage Grove, WI

September

- 6 Fall Semester begins
12 PM – Chicago Area AGR Golf Outing
18 11 AM – Brewers Tailgate, UWP Marching
Band at American Family Field, Milwaukee

October

- 14-15 Homecoming

BILSA Alumni Golf Outing – The Oaks, Cottage Grove, WI

August 19, 2022

Support students of the UW-Platteville College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture on Friday, August 19th by attending a fun-filled day to raise funds for scholarships. 10 a.m. Shotgun start. Cost \$100 per person; boxed lunch included. If you do not have a foursome, please contact Michael Long and he will try to connect you with other golfers.

For more information, please see this link:

<https://www.uwplatt.edu/events/2022/08/bilsa-alumni-golf-outing>