

ALPHA GAMMA RHO

Beta Gamma Chapter
Founded 1972
University of Wisconsin-Platteville

ATP Crescent

45th Founders Day with Sigma Alpha

Our 45th founder's day, Saturday, April 8, was another successful day. The alumni and undergraduates had their annual meeting at Pioneer farm where we discussed different projects for the house and the bright future for our chapter. For our banquet we teamed up with Sigma Alpha to raise money for our current sister Jenna Preston. Jenna was involved in an accident in the end of March which has caused her to be in the ICU in Madison. Jenna is a fighter and is on track to recover. The chapter did a silent auction in benefit for Jenna and we raised over \$500 to donate to her care page. If you would like to keep up on Jenna's rehabilitation and help support her and her family, please go to her Facebook page; Jenna Preston's Care Page.

Overall it was another successful Founder's day meeting with old friends and networking with new ones. We hope to see you for our 50th is 2022!

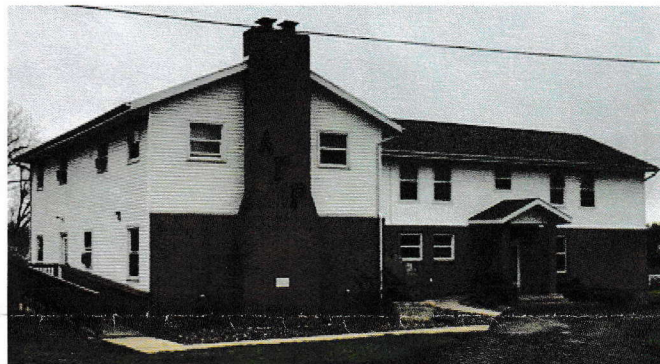


The Future of the Crescent

As our chapter grows and technology changes, we need to consider the option of using electronic ways to get our *Crescent* out to you. We will be conducting an email test this summer to all of our alumni to start this process. If you have a preferred email address you would like for this or have any suggestions on this process, please email Trevor Brunk at brunkt@uwplatt.edu.

UW-Platteville Foundation: Alpha Gamma Rho Opportunities

The UW-Platteville Foundation often calls for support of many university functions, and Alpha Gamma Rho is one of them. Alumni can donate to our chapter at any time the foundation calls; simply ask for ways to support the Alpha Gamma Rho funds. Doors have been opened to active members for financial support, and with the establishment of the Alpha Gamma Rho scholarship fund by our generous alumni and alumni association. This positive partnership with the UW-Platteville Foundation is brightening the Beta Gamma chapter's future.



List of Lost Brothers

As Beta Gamma grows in leaps and bounds with every undergraduate class, with this fall semester breaking the recruitment record, it proves our fraternity is growing a history and legacy. To get our story out to all alumni and Alpha Gamma Rho brothers we must have every brother's contact information, and we need your help in keeping great records! If you know somebody on the Lost Brothers List, please contact Trevor Brunk at 319-213-2505 or brunkt@uwplatt.edu to give the current contact information for that person. This will help get them future news and statements, as we can not reach them at the current time, as their contact information is missing.

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#140 William Sarbacker

#272 Michael Kirschbaum

#283 Gary Smith

#350 John Sorg

#368 Tim Wolf

#387 Michael and Linda Gabor

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Alumni President's Report

The 2016-17 school year has been eventful for both the Beta Gamma Alumni Association and the Undergrad Chapter. While the Undergrads will report on their activities let me update you on your Alumni Association.

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association was held on April 8, 2017. Jack Ellickson was elected to serve the remaining year of George Koerner's term Jack was also elected Secretary. Tim Keil was re-elected to a three-year term on the board. Jacob Leum was elected to his first term on the board. Treasurer John Elvekrog gave a very positive the financial report, noting that we have a positive cash flow and our net worth is increasing. John thanked those who have paid their alumni dues as collections are ahead of what we have budgeted for. John also reported that the Alumni Association was able to renegotiate the mortgage on the remodeling project for 7 years at 5.25%. The Alumni also decided at the Annual Meeting to hold a Founders Day Banquet every five years instead of having one every year so the next Founders Day Banquet will be in 2022 which will be the 50th Anniversary of Beta Gamma. In the years between the banquets the Alumni and Undergrads will have a cookout type activity after the Annual Meeting.

The house at 845 W. Madison remains the best fraternity or sorority house on the UW-Platteville campus. The Alumni bought 20 new dressers to replace ones that have outlived their useful life.

In the January 2017 Crescent I reported on the Strategic Planning session that the Alumni Board and the Undergrad Chapter participated in. Now we have to implement the plan that was developed. Included in the plan are action steps to be undertaken by Alumni. We are in the process of setting up committees to assist the Alumni Board to carry out the Strategic Plan. We are looking for Alumni to serve on the following committees to develop plans to:

1. Five Year Budget
2. House and Maintenance
3. Undergrad and Alumni Relationship
4. Contingency Plan and Address list
5. Scholarship Fund

Each committee will be chaired by an Alumni Board member and should not involve more than two or three meetings contact me if you're interested in serving on a committee.

The Beta Gamma Alumni Association will be a hole sponsor at the UW-Platteville College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture (BILSA) Golf Outing to be held on Friday, June 9th. If you're like me and you like to lose golf balls join us for a round of golf. If you want to play 18 holes in a best ball event the cost is \$75.00 and you tee off at 10 a.m. If you choose to play 9 holes tee time is noon. Proceeds from the event will be used to award scholarships to BILSA majors.

Let me take this opportunity to say thank you for the support you have given over the years to allow the excellence of Alpha Gamma Rho at UW-Platteville to continue.

David Ward 85
Alumni President

Advisor Report

Brothers,

As another academic year rapidly comes to a close, the undergraduates are preparing for the end of semester projects and final exams. Recently several brothers volunteered to assist with Ag Day on the Farm and Ag Day on Campus. Hosted by Sigma Alpha and Collegiate Farm Bureau respectively, the undergraduates participated in both events, promoting the agricultural industry on campus and in the community.

Current Fall 2017 enrollment estimates for the college of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture (BILSA) and the School of Agriculture are lower than last year. This comes after a long trend of increasing enrollment in the College of BILSA recognized by a 41 percent headcount growth since 2005. The new Dairy Science major has been a real success, with growing student numbers and significant financial support coming from business and industry, including Badgerland Financial, Organic Valley and Mound City Bank. This spring, we hosted the Dairy Science kickoff celebration at Pioneer Farm. The event was well attended and served as a platform for promoting and educating people about the new major.

UW-Platteville hosted the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents meetings on April 6-7, the regents' first gathering at the university since 2011. "The Board of Regents hereby commends UW-Platteville for its informative presentations, forward-thinking spirit, and many continued contributions to the UW System and to the state of Wisconsin," Regent José Delgado read in a proclamation to close the meetings. Chancellor Dennis J. Shields made the university's presentation to the board, speaking on UW-Platteville's role as stewards of place. The chancellor reiterated his themes of the need to invest in student success, talent and infrastructure.

The regents gave approvals to two projects that directly benefit the university. The board approved the authority to construct the \$15.3 million Williams Fieldhouse Addition, Phase II project, which also includes creation of an outdoor, multi-sport, artificial turf field and an outdoor storage building. In addition, an articulation agreement between the university and UW Extension was given the go-ahead. That agreement calls for a collaborative online Bachelor of Science in applied computing degree-completion program.

This spring, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville received official notification that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) reaffirmed its accreditation. This follows the submission of a comprehensive quality assurance report and a campus visit by a team of HLC peer reviewers last fall. We are extremely pleased to have our accreditation reaffirmed by the HLC," said UW-Platteville Chancellor Dennis J. Shields. "This process presented a valuable opportunity for introspection to ensure that we are continuously evaluating and improving our programs and services in order to provide the best student experience. Accreditation is a voluntary process of external review that evaluates colleges and universities to ensure they are providing high-quality education and services and continuously seek to improve. The five criteria the HLC uses to determine whether an institution will receive accreditation include 1) mission; 2) ethical and responsible conduct; 3) quality of resources and support for teaching and learning; 4) evaluation and

improvement of teaching and learning; and 5) resources, planning and institutional effectiveness. The comprehensive on-site evaluations occur on a ten-year cycle. UW-Platteville has been continuously accredited since 1951.

The May Commencement ceremony will be held on May 12-13, 2017 and consist of four different ceremonies. The School of Business and Graduate Studies will hold commencement the evening of Friday, May 12. The College of BILSA Commencement, excluding the School of Business, will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 13. The College of LAE and College of EMS will also hold commencement in the afternoon on Saturday, May 13.

If you like to golf or just want an excuse to get together with faculty, staff and alumni, the 12th Annual BILSA golf outing and social will be held on Friday, June 9th at the Platteville Country Club. Proceeds from the golf outing are used to fund the BILSA scholarship program for students. Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni annually sponsor a golf hole at the outing. For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.uwplatt.edu/alumni-events/bilsa-golf-outing>.

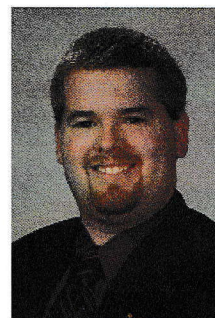
In the School of Agriculture (SOA), Dr. Rami Reddy, professor of Agribusiness was elected to serve as Director of the SOA starting on July 1, 2017. Dr. Reddy will be serving a three-year term. He will replace Dr. Mike Compton, professor of Environmental Horticulture, who provided leadership in the role as Director of the SOA for the past nine years.

The 2017 officer team started the spring semester by sending three undergraduates to recruitment school and holding a strategic planning and goal setting workshop. Fourteen members attended the annual AGR Leadership Conference in Milwaukee, Wis. in February, bringing back many new ideas. Another successful Founder Day was held on Saturday, April 8, allowing the undergraduates to interact with alumni at the board meeting and evening banquet. We have several undergraduates who will be graduating and are excited about starting their careers in the agricultural industry.

As advisers, we continue to work with the undergraduates to live the promise and values of Alpha Gamma Rho. We wish everyone an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you at the BILSA golf outing, homecoming or other AGR related events. If you are back in the Platteville area, please stop by or schedule a visit, the undergraduates and advisers always enjoy meeting with alumni.

Faternally,

Chuck Steiner
and David Heimerdinger,
Beta Gamma Advisors



David Heimerdinger Chuck Steiner

Noble Ruler's Report

On December 5, 2016, I received one of the proudest nominations of my life, being elected Noble Ruler of Beta Gamma Chapter. I am truly honored to be able to help and serve my fraternity brothers. The men of Beta Gamma Chapter are of very high quality and are leaders on campus and in the community.

The brothers of Beta Gamma continue to create a positive image of Alpha Gamma Rho through hard work in the classroom, community service, university involvement, and professionalism. A number of brothers are either officers or members of student organizations across campus. Brother Justin Nehls, our VNR-Scholarship, is the newly elected President of the Pioneer Dairy Club and the newly elected Vice President of Collegiate FFA. Brother Paul Grulke is the newly elected President of Collegiate FFA and the Vice President of the Pioneer Dairy Club. These are just a few examples of brothers from Beta Gamma getting involved in leadership roles outside of Alpha Gamma Rho.

Beta Gamma had a great academic semester during the fall of 2016. We tied for first place among fraternities on campus with a cumulative GPA of 3.01. Beta Gamma continues to work hard and looks to have the best GPA not only among fraternities, but across all of Greek Life on campus.

This spring we recruited five high quality brothers to join the ranks of Beta Gamma. These new brothers have already made a positive impact on the fraternity and I look forward to watching the older members build them into even better men.

As summer quickly approaches, I would like to thank the brothers of Beta Gamma chapter for giving me the privilege of leading them. With feelings bittersweet, I will not be returning as Noble Ruler for the fall semester of 2017, as I have accepted a six-month coop opportunity. Brother Patrick Killelea, VNR-Recruitment, will be taking over. He, and the soon-to-be VNR-Recruitment, will work together to recruit new brothers next fall and to keep Beta Gamma on the right path. I have faith in Brother Killelea and know Beta Gamma will be in good hands. We also say goodbye to our seniors and wish them the best of luck in their careers. Thank you to everyone who has assisted me this semester as Noble Ruler. I hope you all have a safe and prosperous summer.



Fraternally,
Jeff Stuetgen Jr.
Noble Ruler #781

Homecoming 2017 Events

Homecoming is set for the weekend of **October 14** this year. The undergraduates would like to invite all alumni to join in this weekend. We will be participating in the parade this year so watch for our float! Before the football game we will be having an open house with snacks and yard games as well as the opportunity to tailgate! So make sure you attend this event to see old friends and make new!



Fall 2016 New Beta Gamma Brothers

CLASS: GAMMA ORANGE

Brother Justin Lott #797

Hometown: Pearl City, Ill.
Major: Dairy Science

Brother Patrick Killelea #798

Hometown: Ottawa, Ill.
Major: Agribusiness, Soil & Crop Science

Brother Austin Benzing #799

Hometown: Sparta, Wis.
Major: Soil & Crop Science

Brother Dylan Pitzer #800

Hometown: Franklin Grove, Ill.
Major: Agribusiness, Soil & Crop Science

Brother Raymond Hildebrandt #801

Hometown: South Beloit, Ill.
Major: Agribusiness & Dairy Science

Brother Brody Cunningham #802

Hometown: Darien, Wis.
Major: Agribusiness

Brother Logan Schmerbach #803

Hometown: Lamotte, Iowa
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Brother Jonathan Troiola #804

Hometown: Eagle, Wis.
Major: Dairy Science

Brother Tanner Hall #805

Hometown: Portage, Wis.
Major: Soil and Crop Science

Brother Jacob Johnson #806

Hometown: Cambellsport, Wis.
Major: Agribusiness

Brother Alex Costello #807

Hometown: Fond du Lac, Wis.
Major: Agribusiness

Brother Mathew Mawhinney #808

Hometown: Darien, Wis.
Major: Agribusiness

Brother Taylor Chwala #809

Hometown: Jefferson, Wis.
Major: Dairy Science

Brother Chase Grieser #810

Hometown: Cambridge, Wis.
Major: Animal Science

Graduating Seniors

Brother Jake Hoesly #737**Brother Nickolas Theisen #744****Brother Alexander Noble #754****Brother Alex Krepline #769****Brother Nicholas Huffman #771****Brother Ryan Knuth #774****Brother Justin Kempel #782****Brother Jason Kempel #783****Brother Rodger Williams #791**