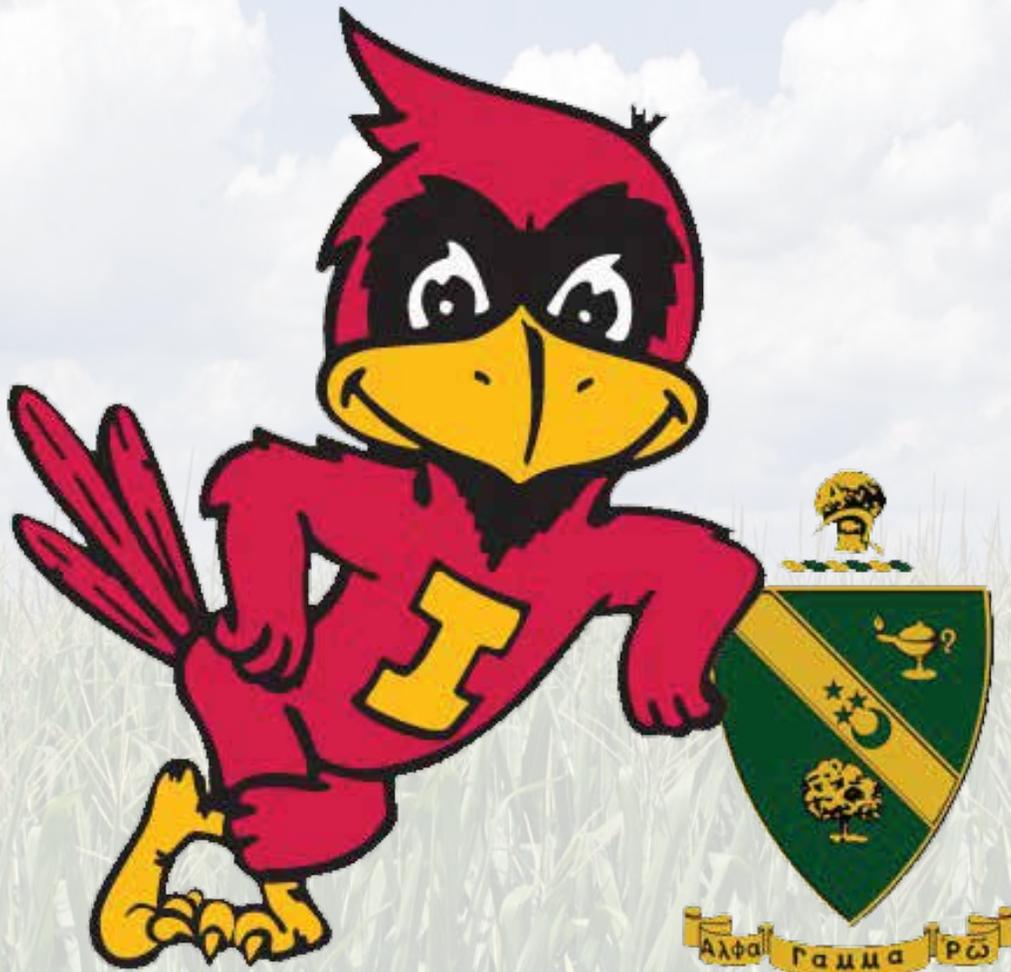




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Noble Ruler

Brothers,

With a busy summer underway, the men of ETA Chapter are thoroughly excited to see where their summer plans take them. This summer will provide many different opportunities for all of the men of 201 Gray. Internships with companies include Pioneer, Monsanto, ADM, John Deere, Kuhn, BASF, and several men will study abroad in many parts of the world. Their experiences from these internships will provide lifelong skills that will aid them towards their career progression.

For this past Greek Week, the men of ETA Chapter were paired with the women of Kappa Delta and the men of Beta Sigma Psi. With many brothers on Greek Week Central and Greek Week Crew, it was truly a successful week. During the VESPERS ceremony at the end of Greek Week, we received the Gold Award for Fraternal Excellence. We all look forward to working towards a more successful Greek Week next year.

Two great events that took place this spring were the Spring Showdown and Spring Spectacular. Many of the brothers at 201 Gray, enjoyed helping with the Spring cattle and hog shows. A large percentage of the brothers grew up showing animals and have fond memories being in the ring. This year we had 360 head of cattle and 257 head of hogs at both of our shows. Both numbers are a very outstanding achievement and we are very proud of the brothers that helped make these shows happen.

Even though the spring semester is over, that does not mean that we have stopped our search for great men to join the house next fall. If you know a young man that might be interested in the house, please contact myself or our recruitment chair, Nathan Yeager (641.814.2063). We are also starting to build our list of potential new members for future semesters as well. Any help with building our names list with great young men would be greatly appreciated.

The fall semester will be here before we know it. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about the active chapter please don't ever hesitate to contact me with any form of communication that you may prefer.

On behalf of the active chapter, have a safe and relaxing summer. We hope to see many of you at the Homecoming celebration on October 28th.



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Active Member Spotlight

Wesley Reeve “2216”

Wes Reeve “2216” is a sophomore majoring in Animal Science and is from Glidden, Iowa. Wes comes from diversified farm background where his father Tim Reeve “1354”, brother Will Reeve “2112” and Wes farm around 2500 acres of corn and soybeans.

Additionally, Wes and his brother own around 60 head of commercial cow calf pairs. In high school, Wes was heavily involved as the vice president of his 4-H club and President of his local FFA chapter.



Upon arriving to Iowa State University, Wes immediately got involved in many clubs and organizations including Block and Bridle, Collegiate beef team, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassadors, Presidents Leadership Class, Emerging Greek Leadership Council, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student Council. Wes furthered his leadership in these organizations by becoming the President of the Collegiate Beef Team and the CALS Council representative for Block and Bridle. Through CALS Council he has had the opportunity to be the co-chair for the 2016 CALS week activities and the 2017 National AG day. Wes is very active in the CALS Ambassador program where he has served on the leadership team and has participated in countless recruitment activities. As a sophomore, Wes has had the privilege to be inducted into two Honor Societies including Alpha Zeta where he currently serves as the treasurer and he was recently inducted into Cardinal Key Iowa State’s most distinguished honor society. In Alpha Gamma Rho Wes now serves as the assistant VNR of Membership Development.

This Summer Wes is traveling with 20 other Animal Science/Dairy Science students to the Netherlands on a 2 week long study abroad travel course. This is going to be a great way for him to broaden his education outside of the University and outside of the U.S. After graduation Wes plans to attend Veterinary School here at Iowa State. Where he plans to specialize in large animal reproduction and utilize this to expand his families operation.



Mason Lettinga



Alumni Spotlight

B.J. Brugman “2025”

Brother B.J. Brugman “2025” is being recognized as this edition’s Alumni Spotlight. B.J. grew up on a farm in Northwest Iowa, near the town of Royal. B.J. credits his family and surrounding community members for instilling in him the rural ag community values that have made him successful today. This strong agricultural community and an early involvement in 4-H fueled his passion for agriculture, leading him to pursue an Agricultural Business degree at Iowa State.

Brother Brugman was initiated at Eta Chapter in the fall of 2008. He quickly became involved in a variety of activities in the house and on campus, but VEISHEA was his passion. He was involved in leadership positions with VEISHEA all four years of college, including serving as the General Co-Chair for the 2011 and the 2012 celebrations. In fact, it was through VEISHEA that B.J. met his wife, Kayla.

After graduation, B.J. began working in a sales territory in central Iowa for Elanco Animal Health. In his short five years with the company, BJ has had various roles in sales positions in Iowa, North Carolina, and Idaho. B.J. and Kayla are now back in Raleigh where Kayla works in marketing for Bayer Crop Science and B.J. is responsible for leading the Smithfield Foods Account Team for Elanco. His team consists of veterinarians, nutritionists, meat scientists and data analysts. They are charged with representing Elanco’s swine portfolio across all segments of the Smithfield business including procurement, live production, and sales and marketing. Brother Brugman says, that the leadership skills he applies in his day to day work with Elanco are the same skills that he honed during his time at Alpha Gamma Rho. “The men of Alpha Gamma Rho taught me many things, but honing one’s leadership skills is a characteristic of AGR that other fraternities and campus organizations can only hope to mimic.”

B.J. has continued his education beyond Iowa State and recently received his Master’s Degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University as well as an MBA from Indiana University. This educational experience provided him with the tools necessary to contribute to the growth and success of the agriculture industry in the United States and helped expanded his network beyond Iowa State and the livestock community. We look forward to seeing more from Brother Brugman in the future.



Mason Lettinga



AGR Scholarship Recipients

Each year the Eta Educational Foundation coordinates the selection and distribution of approximately \$100,000 of scholarships and grants to undergraduate members of Eta Chapter through collaboration with the ISU Foundation, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the National AGR Foundation, and the Eta Educational Foundation itself. These scholarships and grants are normally announced at the Homecoming and Founder's Day award ceremonies. This year, some of the spring awards made in collaboration with the College of Agriculture were not able to be finalized prior to the earlier Founder's Day in February due to the CALS award selection timeline. Therefore, I will take this opportunity to recognize all of the spring scholarship recipients and to highlight a few scholarships that were more recently established.

A list of spring scholarship recipients is shown below. Please note this does not include the list of 40 Legacy Achievement Grants totaling \$26,000 that were announced at Founder's Day.

AWARD NAME	RECIPIENT	VALUE
Andy Albright Memorial Scholarship	John Armstrong	\$750
Paul T. Horak Scholarship	Andrew Love	\$1,000
Alan T. Fisk Memorial Scholarship	Caleb Schnoor	\$1,000
Bruce Rastetter Most Improved GPA Scholarship	Grant Heineman	\$1,000
Homer Hansen Memorial Scholarship	Gavin Meyer	*\$9,000
Bruce Rastetter Entrepreneurial Scholarship	Tyler Triggs	\$2,250
Charles & Phyllis Persinger Scholarship	Kyle LaFrenz	\$1,400
Charles & Phyllis Persinger Scholarship	Trey Wiese	\$1,400
Curtis Askelson Scholarship	Adam Baker	\$1,000
Curtis Askelson Scholarship	Austin Whited	\$1,000
Fuhr Family Scholarship	Jake Hovden	\$750

**\$3000 per year for 3 years*

The Fuhr Family Scholarship was recently established by G.W. and his father Allan Fuhr and seeks to reward an undergrad member of Eta Chapter who has upheld the purpose of Alpha Gamma Rho – to make better men, and through them, a broader and better agriculture. Curtis Askelson has created two scholarships to benefit members of Eta Chapter enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences who are in good standing and are accomplished in their academic achievement and leadership in Eta Chapter and on campus.

Thank you to each member who completed and submitted an application and congratulations to each scholarship recipient. I want to thank Brothers Nick Westphal and Adrian Richardson for serving on the scholarship selection committee with me this past year and Mom Diane for her help in this process. A big thanks goes out to the generous Alumni who support these and other scholarships and grants for members of Eta Chapter. If anyone has an interest in setting up a scholarship for members of Eta Chapter, even if this is done through the ISU Foundation, CALS Foundation or National AGR Educational Foundation, please notify me or someone else on the Board so we are aware of the award to ensure the award selection and recognition fit into our process and are aligned to your expectations.



Chad Dummermuth
Eta Educational Foundation Scholarship Coordinator

Senior Graduating Class of 2017 Spotlight

Jake Showalter “2157”: Returning home to the family farm in Hampton, Iowa, to work with his father and older brother and will be putting up a 2,400 head finishing hog barn.
jacobshow@gmail.com | 641-425-7805

Shayne Wiese “2158”: Returning home to the family Hereford cattle operation, Wiese & Sons, in Manning, Iowa to work with his father and older brother.
shaynecwiese@gmail.com | 712-210-6895

Mitchell Hora “2159”: Continuing to expand his soil health consulting business entitled Continuum Ag. in Washington, Iowa. He recently got engaged to the 2017 AGR Sweetheart, Tympest Crawford.
mitchellhora@live.com | 319-461-9056

Brett Lilienthal “2160”: Will return home to the diversified, family farm in Durant, Iowa to work with his father and older brother.
brett.lilienthal.22@gmail.com
563-212-0075

Jake Lilienthal “2161”: Will return home to the family farm to work with his father in New Liberty, Iowa.
jakelilienthal@gmail.com
563-271-1416

Dustin Smith “2162”: Moving to Raleigh, North Carolina to train with BASF in chemical sales.
sfflabs@gmail.com | 563-379-6408

Tyler Nicholson “2163”: Currently pursuing a job in sales and will be returning home to Indianola, Iowa.
tyler.nicholson2@gmail.com
515-205-2074

Mathias Peters “2164”: Moving to West Des Moines, Iowa to work for KG MarketSense as a marketing representative.
mathias.peters@kleffman.com
319-480-6561

Dustin Belknap “2165”: Entering the AgReliant seed sales trainee program and will be placed into a location upon completion. He will be living in Mediapolis, Iowa during this training period.
belknap.dustin@gmail.com | 319-759-4473



Gabe Lorack “2166”: Moving to Utica, Illinois to work for Consolidated Grain & Barge (CGB) as an operations manager.
gslorack@gmail.com | 319-325-2325

Trey Forsyth “2167”: Working for Land O’ Lakes in Minneapolis, Minnesota in a new company division entitled Sustainability.
treyforsyth1@gmail.com
641-330-9509

Shane Bockenstedt “2168”: Moving back to Manchester, Iowa to work on the family farm and is currently pursuing a part-time job in that area.
sbocke@hotmail.com | 563-920-7959

Andrew Benning “2170”: Working in Hampton, Iowa on the family farm with his father.
641-903-9607

Chandler Bane “2171”: Moving back home to Arrowsmith, Illinois to work with his father on their diversified family farm.
chandlerabane@gmail.com
309-838-7552

Jeremy Tjardes “2173”: Finishing up his Agricultural Engineering degree in December. He is interning with John Deere this summer and is hoping to join on with them after graduation.
tjardes.jeremy@gmail.com
217-417-5014

Johnathan Triggs “2174”: Working for The Maschhoffs as a territory manager in North Central Iowa. He will be residing in Hampton, Iowa.
johnhtriggs52@gmail.com | 641-344-4827

Nick Lane “2175”: Moving to Moline, Illinois to work for John Deere as an engineering technician on combines.
nick75lane@hotmail.com | 515-205-5502

Brady Janssen “2176”: Moving home to Clarksville, Iowa to work with his dad on the family farm for the summer and then hoping to advance into a position with the Budweiser Clydesdales team.
bjanssen0913@gmail.com | 319-404-9391

Cole Acton “2177”: Returning to the family row crop operation to work with his father in Danville, Illinois and also working a part-time job for Ceres Solutions as an agronomist.
jeffreycacton@gmail.com | 217-799-2594

Tyler Houglund “2179”: Employed by The Scoular Company as a grain merchandiser in Wellington, Kansas.
tylershouglund@gmail.com
515-291-8103

Cody Allen “2182”: Working for The Vermeer Corporation in Pella, Iowa as a test engineer and expanding is fabrication and design business.
alleninnovationanddesign@gmail.com
515-890-9298

Logan Lafrenz “2184”: Employed by Kent Nutrition Group in Muscatine, Iowa where he will be a territory feed sales representative. He will cover Southeast Iowa and reside in Wilton, Iowa.
ljlafrenz10@hotmail.com
563-357-2294

Phillip Trumm “2210”: Returning home to the family diversified farming operation to work with his father and brothers in Cascade, Iowa.
563-513-8620

Jake Olsen “2211”: Returning home to Illinois City, Illinois to work with his father on their row crop and cow-calf operation. He will also sell Pioneer Seed on the side.
olsonjake2@gmail.com
563-506-0398

Thank you Dr. Kliebenstein

With the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year, Eta chapter will see some major changes. In addition to the new addition and renovation, the chapter also will say “see you around” to one of our beloved advisors: Dr. James Kliebenstein.

Dr. Kliebenstein has been an advisor at Eta chapter since 2005. Additionally, he was a professor in at Iowa State University from 1986 to June 2014. While at Iowa State Dr. Kliebenstein taught courses in Agricultural Business, which many brothers have taken.

Prior to taking his position at Iowa State, Dr. Kliebenstein was at Northwest Missouri State University from 1972-1974 and the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1974-1986. During his career he taught multiple courses in Agricultural Economics such as business management, agricultural marketing, futures trading, price analysis, and micro-economic theory. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Kliebenstein, was also responsible for advising students, and conducting research.

During his time as a teacher, and both academic and chapter advisor, Dr. Kliebenstein said he most enjoyed getting to work with and mentor the leaders of the future. “Every individual and class is different. It is fun to watch them realize their strengths and advantages and use those to make a difference.,” Kliebenstein said.

During his time as an Eta chapter advisor, Dr. Kliebenstein always gave timely and insightful advice to the active members and always did his best to make himself available whenever members were looking for extra mentorship or advice.

As for his plans now that he is retired, Dr. Kliebenstien plans to spend more time with his family, travel, and continue with his consulting business, providing economic analysis and testimony for court cases. He and his wife plan on making more visits to their five grandchildren, and are working on crossing destinations off their bucket list. He plans to continue attending AGR functions like Homecoming and Founder’s Day.

The active chapter would like to thank Dr. Kliebenstein for his years of service as our advisor and for the advice and mentorship he has offered. We wish him the best in his future travels and hope to continue to see him at basketball games and chapter functions.



Thomas Wilgenbusch



ETA Second Century House Addition Update

Construction started on the house addition in mid-March. After 6 weeks you can't believe the changes that have already taken place. It is exciting to watch all the planning come together and see the new additions beginning to take shape. The professional partners we have working for us are doing a fantastic job. Story Construction, Kurt Mackey, Brian Brewer, and many others are working very hard to stay on our very tight timeline. Move in date for the students is August 18, and we expect to have the dining room addition and the study rooms ready.

You are receiving this email update because you have made a commitment to the project. You may have given cash, thank you very much. Or, you may have made a pledge, and thank you very much. As the monthly construction bills start rolling, it is nice to have cash on hand. If it is time for you to make a payment to the project, please do so. You may want to take the worry of making payments away by signing up for ACH transfers. Find the ACH sign up form on the web site etasecondcentury.com and look for the form under the How to Give tab.

There is a picture of the new dining room addition. Notice the old walk in door on the right with the door knob. A new cement patio will be across this whole top and will tie in with the new entryway.

They have removed the front pillars and the front wall off the study rooms above the main door. These study rooms will all be expanded in the addition. Work on the living room addition foundation is also pictured here. This is from inside the house and is taken looking out the living room window to the left of the fireplace.

If you are in or around Ames this summer stop by the house and watch the work. Lots of excitement and lots of activity!
These pictures were taken on 4/20.

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Mom's Report

Well another school year ended following one of the busiest spring semesters in recent memory. Twenty-four graduating employed seniors left their college home called AGR to begin the next phase in their lives. This is always a bittersweet time. As a group the graduating seniors are intelligent, have incredible leadership skills, strong values and have formed relationships that will last a lifetime. They will be missed and hopefully will visit often.

The other 65+ young men this summer will be involved in internships, working on family farms or in other Ag related family businesses. Several will be studying aboard for at least part of the summer.

Before leaving the members of the fraternity lead by VNR of Management and Operations Cale Gent and the executive team emptied the house of furniture, pictures, trophies, appliances, beds, personal items etc. Members will be returning to a newly renovated house with a brand new addition. Well worth the last couple months of living in construction.

It would be interesting to know how many hours were spent looking out the windows as trees were being cut down and hauled away. The main entrance steps, side steps and the front of the house was torn off and demolished. A big hole was dug to expand the lower level and the rebuilding started. It was evident that many of the guys wished they were operating the equipment.



There was very little complaining although sleeping late was almost impossible during the demolition phase and talking during lunch in the dining room was impossible. Ground breaking day was memorable to all. Whenever I was asked how it was going I always answered "better than could be expected".

When we return next fall the AGR fraternity will look very different, however, the mission "Make Better Men" will remain the same and 25 new members will be welcomed into the AGR family and another year will begin.

I look forward to it all. Have a fun and safe summer,

Diane Pinneke | AGR Housemother

AGR Sweetheart

This year the men of Alpha Gamma Rho chose Tympest Crawford as the AGR Sweetheart. Tympest is from Fairfield in southeast Iowa and graduated from WACO high school. She is currently a junior at Iowa State majoring in performing arts with a dance emphasis, and a minor in business. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta where she has had the privilege to hold several leadership roles. Tympest has loved every minute of being involved in the Greek community. Her biggest accomplishment was being elected as the president of the Orchesis I Dance Company last May.

Tympest met Mitchell Hora when they were in Junior High School and have been together ever since. On April 9th 2017 Mitchell popped the question and the two of them are now engaged to be married. Mitchell is a year ahead of Tympest and just graduated Iowa State. Tympest would often come up to Ames on the weekend and she quickly got to know many of the brothers of AGR. She knew instantly that these men would become some of her best friend over the next 4 years of her life. This proved to be true as she believes the men of Alpha Gamma Rho are some of the greatest individuals at Iowa State University.



As a dance major, it is her dream to graduate in December and return to Fairfield to open her own dance studio. She has danced since she was two years old and has never lost her passion for dancing or sharing her passion with others.

Membership Development

Hello all my name is Adam Baker and I am the VNR of Membership Development for the 2017 school year. As many of you know the busiest time of the year here at Alpha Gamma Rho is in October of every school year. This is the time of the famous CALS Career Fair, which is the largest Career Fair in the nation. We now have over three hundred businesses who come and are looking for possible new interns and full time employment.

I am very pleased to announce that we have had an excellent school year and the brothers here at Eta Chapter are looking forward to a very successful summer this year! We had a great group of seniors this past summer who did an excellent job at continuing to lead the house in the right direction this year both academically and professionally in the work force. I am pleased to report that 100% of this year's seniors had full time employment upon graduating. This year's senior class has 8 men who will be returning to the family farm to continue the traditions of their family farm, 14 who got full time employment ranging in states from California to North Carolina, and 1 man who has started up his own business in south eastern Iowa working with cover crops and soil health. On behalf of the rest of the Active Chapter we want to wish them the best of luck entering the work force and let them know they are always welcome back in these hallowed halls.

I am pleased to announce that the rest of the Active Chapter has also had an amazing year these past two semesters. We had 65 out of 67 members in the Active Chapter get internships this summer. This is an astounding 97% internship rate for Eta Chapter. The active members of Eta Chapter are very diverse in where they will be this summer. Their will be members in areas all over the United States such as states like Iowa, Florida, Oklahoma, Virginia, Colorado, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, New York, and Illinois. We even have one member who will be doing a study abroad/Internship in New Zealand this summer!



As you can see the men of Eta Chapter have had an amazing school year and will be getting very busy within the next couple of weeks. If you ever see any of the men this summer don't hesitate to stop them and give them some advice and reminisce over the great times had in the hallowed halls. We will all be ready come August to get back the House and see the new expansion that has already begun and be ready to hit the ground running on another successful school year! On behalf of the active chapter we want to wish all the alumni a safe and fun summer and hope everyone has safe travels.

Adam Baker "2191"

VNR of Alumni Relations



Hello everyone, my name is Trey Wiese and I am the VNR of Alumni Relations for the 2017 school year. I am going to be a junior in the fall studying Agricultural Studies and am from Manning, IA. I wanted to extend the offer to any Alumni to come and be dinner guests. If you would like to come talk about your career, helpful tips, family, or recreate some old stories feel free to contact me at tdwiese@iastate.edu and I can get you in touch with the dinner guest chairs!

Trey Wiese "2214"
VNR of Alumni Relations

Greek Week and Vespers

The end of the year means another round of Greek Week. This time around AGR was paired with the women of Kappa Delta and the Men of Beta Sigma Psi. Alpha Gamma Rho's Greek Week co-chairs were Adam Baker and Nathan Holloway. Our Lip Sync co-chairs were Michael Peters, Matt Morgan, and Caleb Lichty. We had a great performance in Lip Sync, but unfortunately did not place. We also unfortunately did not place in the overall Greek Week standings. We did, however, find some success at VESPERS, winning the Cardinal Circle Award for Fraternal Excellence. We also won first place in the karaoke competition. With few victories in Greek Week this looking year, we are for much more success in the coming years.

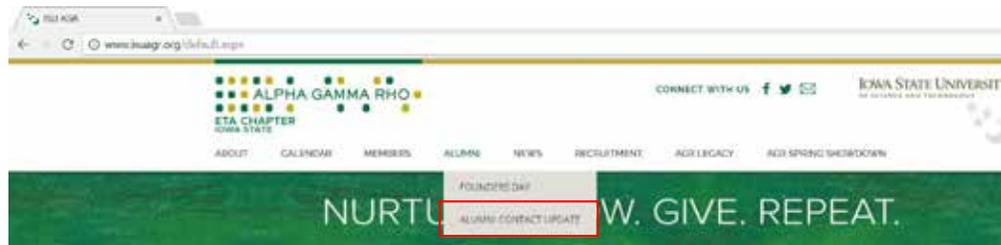


Austin Janssen



Check out the New Feature on the Website!

As apart of our ongoing efforts to have accurate records of Alumni Contact information. We have added a contact update form to the "Alumni" tab on the website. Please do fill out if you don't receive the E-Newsletter emails, The Crescent, or publications from Nationals.



Alumni Contact Information Update Form

Dear Alumni Members of Alpha Gamma Rho - Eta Chapter,

Please use this form to update your contact information in our chapter's directory. This information will only be used for purposes of the active chapter and the Eta Alumni Association.

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- 1 - Seniors at graduation
- 2 - Brady Janssen
- 3 - From left to right: Nate Holloway, Patrick White, John Armstrong, Grant McMillan and Caleb Lichty
- 4 - Mathias Peters
- 5 - Greek Week Bed Racer
- 6 - 1st Place Karaoke (Brother Caleb Lichty and Trey Wiese)



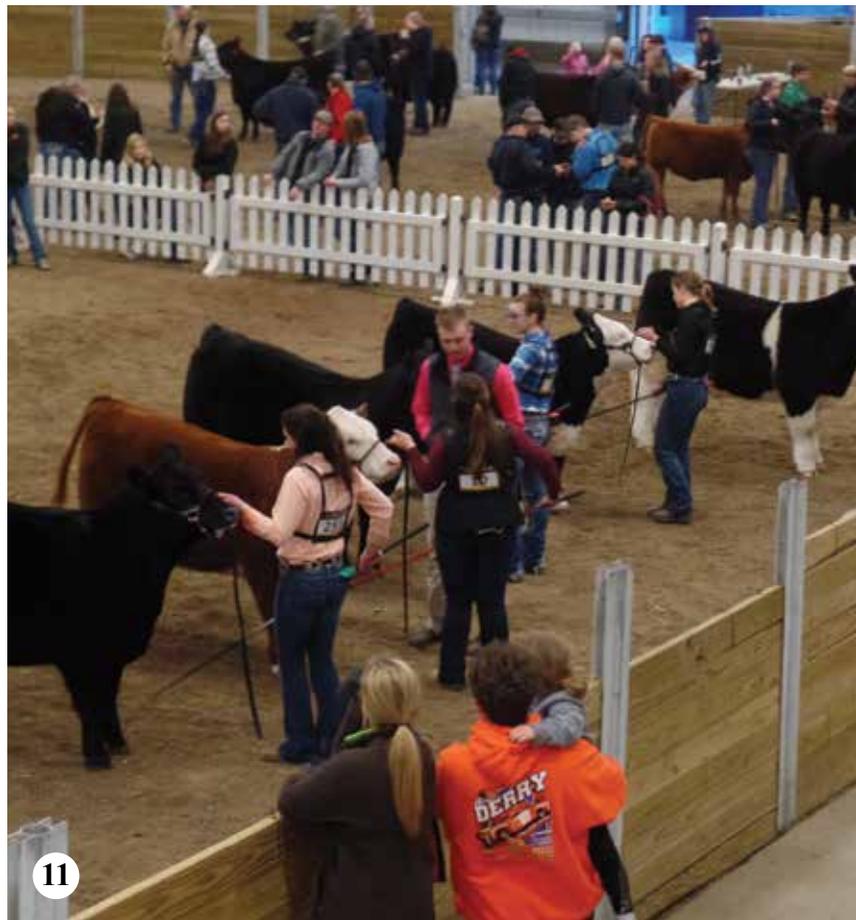
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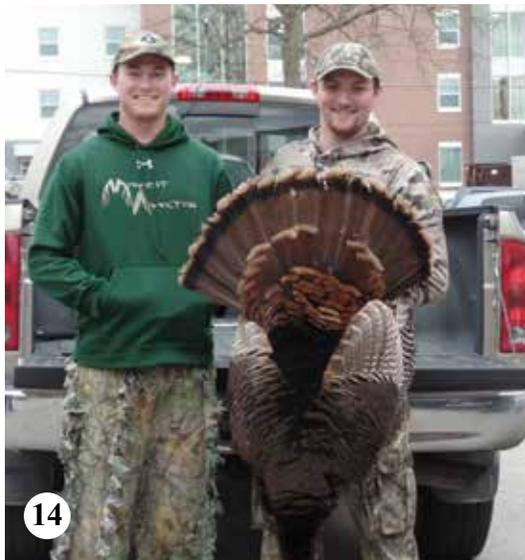
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THANK YOU, GINA

The men of AGR would like to thank Gina Cerrentano for the pictures she took throughout Greek Week 2017. Gina is from South Elgin, Illinois and is going to be a junior in Alpha Gamma Delta majoring in Ag Communications and having a minor in Journalism.

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