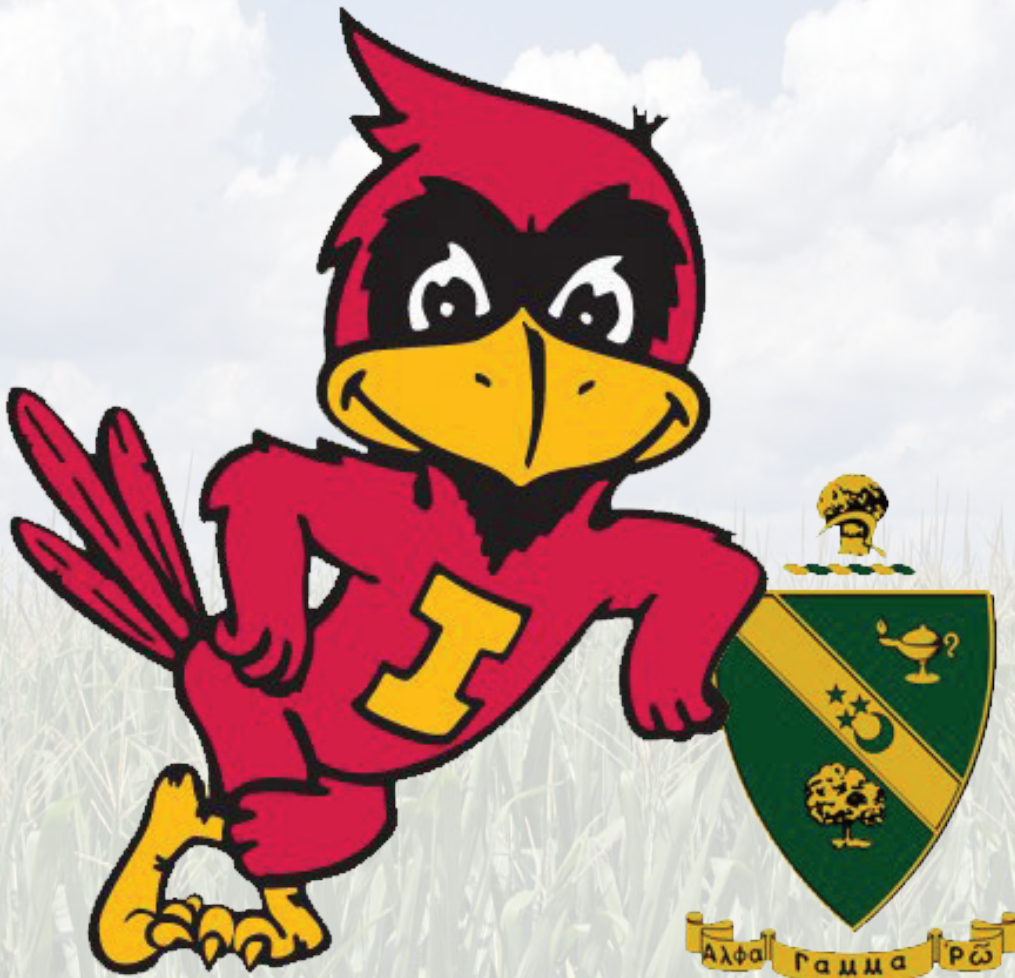




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Eta Chapter Newsletter
Iowa State University

THE CRESCENT



FALL 2023

Noble Ruler Report

Brothers, Alumni, Friends, and Family,

As the majority of the harvest season concludes, I trust this Crescent brings joy to your fruitful fall endeavors! Time flies swiftly at 201 Gray Avenue, and we find ourselves approaching the final events of 2023 this semester. As many of you are aware, the members of Eta Chapter are always been very occupied in the fall, and the current semester is no exception. I'd like to spotlight the commendable efforts of our men since their return to Ames in August and emphasize the promising prospects that lie ahead!

We're thrilled to extend a warm welcome to the 25 individuals who have recently joined our ranks in the fields of Agricultural Business, Animal Science, Ag Systems Technology, Ag Engineering, Ag Studies, and Agronomy. Hailing from various states including Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Nebraska, these new initiates bring a diverse range of perspectives and experiences to our community. Their passion for agriculture is evident, and we're excited to witness the positive impact they'll undoubtedly make in their respective fields. As we embrace this influx of fresh talent, we look forward to fostering a collaborative environment where ideas flourish, knowledge is shared, and friendships are cultivated. We are also very excited to announce the return of a spring initiate class and are looking forward to the contributions this class will bring to continuing the legacy and high standards of Eta Chapter!

This fall, our members have been far from taking it easy – they've been actively engaged in planning and showcasing the AGR spirit throughout our university community. The semester kicked off with our members participating in the annual "AGR Golfing for Scholarships" event, a fantastic initiative organized by our dedicated alumni. Following this, our new members had the fantastic opportunity to connect with our alumni at the New Initiate Alumni BBQ hosted by Brother Joe Kerns. Moving into September, we kept the momentum going with an outstanding Dad's Weekend. Featuring a Friday night dinner and a Saturday tailgate before the Cyclone football game, the event was a tremendous success as it always is to get our dad's back in Ames for a Cyclone Win.

From September to now, our guys have been fully immersed in campus activities. It kicked off with our members actively participating in the university-wide CALS Week, a standout event orchestrated by multiple AGRs on CALS Council, and numerous others from our brotherhood who lent a hand throughout the week's festivities. We were able to bring home first place in the CALS Olympics and Top Fundraiser in Mr. CALS. Following the buzz of CALS Week, our men enthusiastically engaged in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Fair. With a whopping 280-plus companies in attendance, the fair underscored the exceptional career opportunities Iowa State offers. Already, several members have secured plans for next summer or full-time positions, boasting opportunities with esteemed companies like Corteva Agriscience, JCB, John Deere, Cargill, Scoular and more. We're eagerly anticipating the journeys each opportunity unfolds and are excited to showcase our impressive career placement rate come spring!

In recent efforts, our chapter orchestrated two signature fall philanthropic events, namely Agger Fries and the inaugural Fraternal Flame in collaboration with Delta Tau Delta. Both occasions not only lived up to, but exceeded the standards set by their predecessors. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our philanthropy co-chairs—John Mortimer, Matt Brinkman, and Beau Klaver—we had the pleasure of serving tasteful fried fare to a multitude of Iowa State students and Ames community members on October 19th during our well-received Agger Fries event. The innovation continued with the launch of the Fraternal Flame, an initiative aimed at fostering a more cohesive community within the Interfraternity Council and the Greek community. This philanthropic endeavor, focused on raising funds for the American Cancer Society, epitomizes the collaborative spirit between our chapter and Delta Tau Delta. This year's events not only raised awareness but also gathered an impressive sum of over \$5,000, a testament to our commitment to making a positive impact as community members representing AGR. These initiatives showcase our dedication to being outstanding contributors to our community and advocates for positive change, underscoring the significant influence we can have from our platform.

Most recently, Eta chapter had the opportunity to be paired with the women of Chi Omega and the men of Delta Chi for the annual Iowa State Homecoming traditions. This year shared plenty of successes as our men worked

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extremely hard to chase first overall. Come the Friday Night award Ceremony, our pairing “Battle of the Birds: Cy vs. Big Jay” brought home 1st place Banner, 2nd place Community Service, 3rd place Yell Like Hell, 3rd place Lawn Display, 2nd place basketball, and 3rd place treds leading us to an overall placing of 3rd place! We were extremely excited and proud of our finish and thank all of you for supporting us this week! Of course, the week was capped off by a beautiful AGR Homecoming Ceremony hosted by our VNR of Alumni Relations, Bryce Jermier, where plenty Alumni, Actives, Family, and friends gathered for a great time of catching up. One thing I would like to highlight and recognize is our Housemother Diane Pinneke’s 10th year of service to Eta Chapter. She is a great asset our house is lucky to have and we thank her for all that she has done!

For the remaining time left in the fall, we will be happy to host our Faculty Appreciation Dinner with nearly 30 ISU Faculty and Staff coming to 201 Gray for a welcoming dinner. Additionally, our annual Sigma Alpha Thanksgiving dinner is on the horizon to enjoy a nice fall meal with our sister sorority. Eta Chapter will also have the opportunity to be highlighted as the Greek Organization of the Dual at the CyHawk Wrestling meet this year on November 26th!

I would like to personally thank you all for your continued support of Eta Chapter and am proud to say that the future of AGR at ISU is in great shape with the current active chapter. We look forward to continuing Eta Chapters legacy and bringing pride to all that have ties to the house. Please don’t hesitate to stop by when you’re in town as we are always happy to welcome anyone back to 201 Gray Ave.

Roll Clones,



Ian Johnson, Noble Ruler, “2357”



Ian Johnson “2357”



Mom's Report

This fall marked the beginning of my 10th year as the AGR Housemother at 201 Gray Ave. I was honored at this year's Homecoming celebration for my years of service. It is almost impossible to believe that it has been that long. It feels more like 2-3 years. Since beginning in the fall of 2014, I have liked my job and the men who live at the fraternity. Who would not like a fraternity whose goal is To Build Better Men? Over the years I have learned a lot about the Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. I remember the members of the NI class of 2014 very well. I also remember saying to them "Jan Brown was the housemother here for many years, and she knew everything about the AGR house and Iowa State University, and I know virtually nothing." One of the men responded, "That's okay, we can learn together," and we did.

I realized immediately that AGR was not an ordinary fraternity, and that the men were proud to be members. I also knew they wanted me to succeed as their housemother. When I started, Chance Wiese was the Noble Ruler and Michael Theis was the VP of Activities. Michael met with me weekly. He described and explained the structure, expectations, and rules at the fraternity. He also answered my weekly list of questions. He explained grade rule to me and the expectation that men succeed academically. Michael told me that the men cleaned the house and had daily duties. I thought that was a brilliant idea. I also learned they hosted and participated in philanthropies. Supported by one executive team after another, my role at the fraternity began quietly, developed, and has expanded as the years have passed.

It was apparent from the first week that the men were proud of their brotherhood and enjoyed living at the house. Leadership/success was encouraged and expected, not only at the fraternity, but also on the Iowa State campus. It was evident that men were willing to work hard and see a job through to completion. It was also apparent that they enjoyed playing hard, and thankfully, from their families, they had learned where the line was. Additionally, food was and is extremely important, as is a good chef to prepare it. Any event at the fraternity, such as Homecoming, Dad's weekend, Mom's weekend, Founder's Day etc. includes a substantial meal. Finally, while the men participated in many sports, their favorite was and is wrestling with each other. Many a day the house has shook as they enjoyed this competition. As I write this report, there is wrestling above me.

Gradually, I had the opportunity to meet more and more AGR alumni and have always appreciated their ongoing support. Their involvement has always played a huge role in the success of this fraternity. Alumni volunteer, attend events, sponsor scholarships, offer internships, and often credit AGR for their personal and professional success. Finally, I learned that AGR creates a brotherhood that lasts a lifetime.

Diane M. Pinneke



Diane Pinneke MSW
AGR Housemother



Introducing Our Fall 2023 New Initiate Class



Michael Baden “2426”

Newaygo, MI

Ag Business, Sophomore



Dane Polich “2431”

Woodward

Ag Business



Chris Baer “2428”

Lewiston, MN

Ag Studies



John Aupperle “2432”

Maroa, IL

Ag Business



Josh Wiley “2429”

Walker

Animal Science



Branden Whited “2433”

Marcus

Ag Studies



Cade Nolte “2430”

Wilton

Ag Studies



Peyton Gaul “2434”

Strawberry Point

Ag Studies

ATP

Introducing Our Fall 2023 New Initiate Class



Luke Woessner “2435”

Solon

AST and ITECH



Derek Goth “2439”

Marcus

Ag Studies



Austin Rowe “2436”

Hinsdale, IL

Ag Engineering



Jake Thomas “2440”

Guthrie Center

Ag Business



Max Hawthorne “2437”

Lohrville

Ag Studies



Ryne Moeller “2441”

Mount Vernon

Ag Studies



Sam Grieman “2438”

Dallas Center

Ag Business



Grant Movall “2442”

Schaller

Ag Studies

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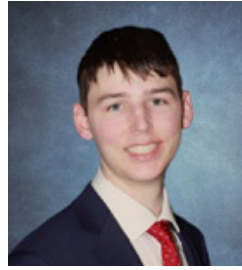
Introducing Our Fall 2023 New Initiate Class



Nolan Mensen “2443”

Manchester

Ag Studies



Cole Geffert “2447”

Cedar Falls

Ag Business



Eli Harbaugh “2444”

Peosta

Ag Studies



Trevor Holtorf “2448”

Des Moines

Ag Studies



Quinn Miller “2445”

Marengo

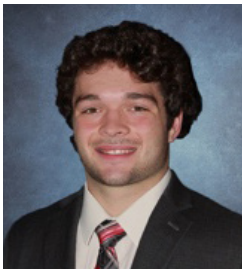
Microbiology



Perry Serven “2449”

St Augustine, IL

Bio System Engineering,



Luke Kramer “2446”

Eastman WI,

Ag Engineering



Jackson Mullenhoff “2450”

Leigh NE

Ag Studies

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AGR 2024 Executive Team



Noble Ruler- Jake Scherer, *Decatur, IL*, Junior in Agricultural Engineering

VNR of Activities- Cole Bowden, *Winthrop, IA*, Junior in Agronomy

VNR of Recruitment- Kirby Cook, *Winthrop, IA*, Sophomore in Agricultural Studies

VNR of Membership Development- Matt Brinkman, *Audubon, IA*, Junior in Animal Science and Agronomy

VNR of Planning- Jordan Lawless, *Carlisle, IA*, Junior in Agronomy

VNR of Alumni Relations- Adam Zee, *Pittsville, WI*, Junior in Agricultural Engineering

VNR of Finance- Clayton Baum, *Geneseo, IL*, Sophomore in Agricultural Business

VNR of House Operations and Management- Sam Harris, *Centerville, MN*, Sophomore in Agricultural Systems Technology

VNR of Scholarship- Jack Showalter, *Hampton, IA*, Sophomore in Agricultural Studies

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Active Member Spotlight

Beau Klaver is from Kamrar, Iowa and is currently a sophomore studying Agricultural Studies. Beau grew up on his family's farm where he was always helping in the field, doing chores, or working on machinery. Along with helping on the farm he was involved in many things such as 4-H, FFA, high school sports, and showing cattle.

Beau became a member of Alpha Gamma Rho in the fall semester of 2022 since then he has only appreciated his time here and gained countless friendships. His reason for choosing AGR was, " Because I wanted to be a part of the brotherhood that is shared at our chapter along with all of the connections that are gained as being a part of AGR" Throughout his time here he has made so many great memories including going to the Ozarks for a weekend as a house skip trip and building even better connections with the majority of the house from the junior class to the freshman class. Beau said, "The house activities and campus actives are all great but some of the best times that we will all remember are when we go somewhere else as a class."

This past summer Beau took a different route than an internship with a company, instead he started his own drone application business. What first sparked his interest in the drone industry was all the advanced technology that came with them. After going to the Ag Power show in Des Moines, Iowa and seeing how they were the next big thing, Beau, had to make high risk high reward decision. The next step in the process was when found his drone and then proceeded to take out a loan to pay for it.

During Beau's first year of business of running his own drone application company he really enjoyed being able to create and operate his own hours with what worked for him. The ability to have flexible hours was crucial in the spraying seasons as weather is not always cooperative. Another pro was the process of working one on one with surrounding farmers as he created those connections that will only help grow his business. Along with the entrepreneurship came the difficulties of his first year such as the financial risk, tons of hours, and not much free time.

The outlook of his business is on the upside as he looks to expand the size of his operation by purchasing another drone. With the purchase of another drone comes the ability of increasing the amount of coverage and decreasing the number of hours spent. Along with adding another drone Beau would have to take an even bigger financial risk and the constant change in technology of the drones would make it harder for him to upgrade in the future.

Respectfully Written,



Dylan Brader "2408 "



New Initiate Spotlight



Josh Wiley "2429"

Each year, Alpha gamma Rho has the honor of recognizing an outstanding NI (New Initiate) member who exemplifies not only the values of this chapter, but a passion to better the house during their time here. This year's NI spotlight is awarded to Josh Wiley of Walker, IA.

Growing up on a commercial swine farrow-to-finish operation, accompanied by two parents and three older siblings, Wiley has learned the importance of hard work as well as the interconnectivity of the agricultural industry. Josh has been involved with several clubs or programs including 4-H, FFA, and an Iowa Pork Youth Ambassador. While having shown livestock from a young age, he and his family have recently started Prairie Creek Cattle, a Simmental-focused herd. Quoting Wiley, "These factors have ultimately sparked my passion for the livestock industry, which is why I've chosen to study animal science at Iowa State this fall."

Wiley gave a variety of reasons for joining Alpha Gamma Rho ranging from a brotherhood of like-minded individuals to a chance to network, making life-lasting connections in agriculture and beyond.

In the dynamic world of college fraternities, where camaraderie, leadership, and personal growth intertwine, Alpha Gamma Rho holds its new initiates to a high standard in which Wiley has been making leaps and bounds. The house encourages a wide variety of involvement both inside and outside of the house. In terms of collegiate involvement, Wiley is a member of the Swine Production Advocates Club, Block and Bridle Club where he serves as a tri-chair of the animal science banquet, a member of Bacon

Expo, and most recently was selected as a CALS Ambassador. Wiley was also voted in as his NI class's president. Involvement throughout the house is something new members look to be a part of whether it's a major/minor house position, taking part in Greek events, and philanthropies.

In his time here, Wiley has embodied an ambitious spirit, striving for personal development. His demeanor and eagerness to contribute to the fraternity's activities quickly earned the respect of both older and younger brothers. In addition to his involvement in Alpha Gamma Rho, Wiley has maintained a commendable commitment to academic excellence. Recognizing the importance of balancing social and academic responsibilities, he seamlessly integrated his studies into the AGR experience, setting an excellent example for his peers. An example of his attitude can best be shown in his words, "Every brother must pull their own weight and own up to their mistakes, because that's what brotherhood is all about. There are no free rides which is why it is important to push yourself and set the standard here at AGR." Wiley looks forward to continued involvement throughout the house including shooting for an assistant of recruitment in the house and so forth.



After college, he is looking to tie his studies and networking to his passion for the swine industry. "I am partial to the feed and nutrition side of the swine industry, and look forward to learning more about that aspect," stated Wiley. He has secured an internship this summer with Cactus Family Farms to spark his professional life in the industry he cares so deeply about.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cole Nelson "2409"

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