

# Alumni Spotlight



Joseph E. Narigon, "567"

## Brother Narigon estate gifts scholarships to Eta Chapter.

Brother Joseph E. Narigon, Eta "567" of Indianola, Iowa passed away peacefully at the age of 93, on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. He and his family left a generous scholarship to support the academic work of our undergraduate brothers in Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho.

Brother Narigon was born on March 27, 1929, in Nodaway, IA, the son of Virgil and Flossie (Brown) Narigon. He was an active member of Alpha Gamma Rho and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Animal Science. He married Betty Ann Rock on December 20, 1950, and then entered the Army for two years of service. He joined the Iowa State University Extension Service and served as County Extension Director in Webster County, IA, and then moved to Indianola to service as County Extension Director of Warren County. Joe's work in serving the needs of citizens through his work in extension was widely sought and respected. Joseph was known by many as a quiet, methodical, and friendly man, and a deeply supportive brother in AGR. He also left a great legacy of service to the farmers and livestock producers he served in both Webster and Warren counties.

Joe is survived by his sons, Edward (Sara) of Cedar Falls and Michael (Kim Lewis) Narigon of Manhattan Beach, CA; daughter, Nancy (Warren) Green of Kansas City, MO; daughter-in-law, Nancy Narigon of Minneapolis, MN; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, all of whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two sisters, a brother, and his son, Thomas.

The Brothers of Eta wish to thank Brother Narigon and his family for the support they have extended to Alpha Gamma Rho.

*Written by Dr. Brad Skaar*



# Homecoming Recap

Recently, at 201 Gray, our members were involved with the long-time tradition of Iowa State University's Homecoming Week. The men of Eta came together collectively with the help of the beautiful ladies of Chi Omega and the brilliant men of Delta Chi and put together a strong performance throughout the week. Our team, Battle of the Birds, put in countless hours of effort both preparing for and going through the week.

The team walked away with several awards, including:

- 2nd Place in Community Service
- 2nd Place in Yell Like Hell
- 1st place Banner
- 3rd Place Overall

Although we would have liked a higher place finish since it felt like this was the year, we're still very proud of our chapter and team as a whole for the well-executed week of competition and performances.

Following the week of traditions, Eta hosted its own tradition at 201 Gray for the Annual Homecoming Ceremony. Members and Alumni alike shared conversations and a fantastic collection of dishes prepared by our wonderful Chef Heather before proceeding with the Ceremony. Alumni speakers shared memories and updates with attendees before awarding scholarships to this year's deserving recipients. Following the ceremony was an exciting day of Homecoming tailgating and Cyclone football.

Respectfully written,  
Connor McCoy "2392"



Connor McCoy "2392"



Brothers Enjoying the Lawn Display Performance



At the ceremony, Housemother Diane Pinneke was recognized for 10 years of service



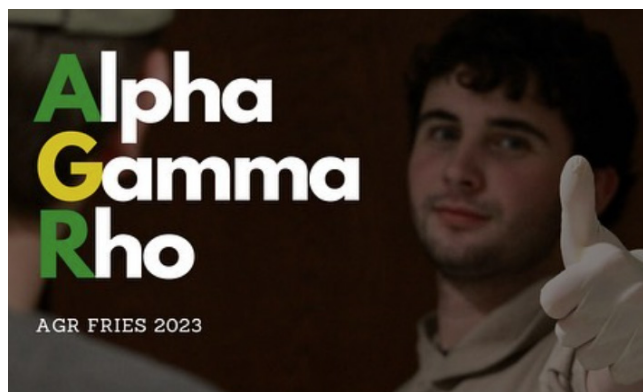
# Philanthropy Report

Eta Chapter was lucky enough to host two philanthropic events this year. The first was our inaugural “Fraternal Flame” philanthropy on Friday, September 15th, which was held in by the men of Alpha Gamma Rho in conjunction with our neighbors at Delta Tau Delta. Pork loin sandwiches and cheesy potatoes were served, and over \$3,700 was raised between the two fraternities over the course of the three-hour event. Eta Chapter donated over \$1,800 to the family of Keaton Dickhut, and Delta Tau Delta split their donation between the Dickhut family and JDRF. It was a very successful event, and we hope to continue this event in the future!

On Thursday, October 19th, Eta Chapter held our annual “AGR Fries” philanthropy at our chapter facility. The men of Alpha Gamma Rho served cheese curds, French fries, fried pickles, and fried Oreos to over 400 Iowa State students during the five-hour event. As a result, our chapter was able to donate over \$700 to charity. It is always a well-run event, and we’re grateful to those who were able to join us.

Both philanthropies received a great turnout, and we’d like to thank Brothers Matthew Brinkman, John Mortimer, and Beau Klaver for being our Philanthropy Chairs over the past year. They’ve done great work organizing and overseeing our chapter’s philanthropic events, and we look forward to our future philanthropies!

Respectfully Written,  
“2407”  
Clayton Baum



Clayton Baum “2407”



## 2023 AGR Sweetheart

Our 2023 Alpha gamma Rho Sweetheart is Emily McKnight. Emily is a senior at Iowa State majoring in Chemical Engineering. Upon graduating in May 2024, she will join Honeywell UOP in Des Plaines, Illinois, as a Chemical Engineer. At Honeywell UOP, Emily plans on developing and designing chemical manufacturing processes in the petroleum industry.

Emily grew up in Crystal Lake, Illinois, a small town north of Chicago. While at home, Emily enjoys hanging out with family and friends, trying new restaurants, volunteering, and spending time in her hammock.

When considering Post-Secondary Education, Emily toured Iowa State and immediately fell in love with the campus. She felt that the people and environment of Iowa State University were perfect for her and was honored to be a part of such a loyal and true university.

Emily decided to rush Gamma Phi Beta because of this sorority's welcoming feel, where she developed some of her closest friendships. Immediately after talking with Gamma Phi Beta during recruitment, she knew that this was the place for her. Gamma Phi Beta's values of love, labor, learning, and loyalty coincide with the values that she lives by. With her sorority, Emily has had the opportunity to work with the Girls on the Run nonprofit organization. Emily and Gamma Phi Beta host three events yearly to raise money and awareness for the Girls on the Run.

Along with being involved in her sorority, Emily is involved with student organizations at Iowa State University. She is a part of the on-campus Women in Science and Engineering, or WISE, community. With this, she advocates for other women like herself by enhancing the diversity and inclusion of women in STEM. She is also a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at Iowa State.

Emily came to learn about Alpha Gamma Rho when a friend introduced her to the active brothers. This was when she met Ethan Clewell and, with him, became more familiar with Alpha Gamma Rho and the men who call 201 Gray home. She states she has never met a more respectful and encouraging group of men. Because of this, Emily was excited and honored when told she was chosen as the 2023 Alpha Gamma Rho Sweetheart. She joined the men of Alpha Gamma Rho on Wednesday, October 11th, for her Sweetheart dinner and cherished the entire event.

Emily holds all of the men of Alpha Gamma Rho in the highest regard and loves how she can always count on the men to support her, check in on her, or be a friendly face. She states that she will truly cherish every memory she has formed with the men of Alpha Gamma Rho.

Written by Brother Adam Zee



Emily McKnight with Ethan Clewell



Adam Zee "2398"



# ETA Chapter Founder's Day Alumni Award Nominations

Each year at Founder's Day, we have the unique opportunity to recognize alumni for their exceptional contributions to the world of Ag and the communities we call home. Please review the award details below and consider your nominations for those deserving of this recognition.

- In 1956, the Eta Chapter Alumni Corporation introduced the Alumni Achievement Award to recognize and honor one member for outstanding achievement and major contributions to the collegiate chapter, the Eta Alumni Corporation and Eta Educational Foundation.
- In the 1970's, a second award called the Agricultural Leadership Award was introduced. This award recognizes Agricultural leadership keeping with the ideals of Alpha Gamma Rho.
- In 1980, we began recognizing a 25th and 50th Year Testimonial Award. These 2 awards are given to deserving alumni that have shown superior dedication and service to Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. The requirement is that brother was initiated at least 25 and 50 years ago respectively

To submit your nomination, please email the contacts below with the following information included.

Award(s) being nominated for:

- Nominee's Name:
- Current Place of Residence:
- Family Information:
- Key Contributions and Achievements for consideration:

The alumni board and collegiate chapter executive team will collaborate to make the final award recipient selections. Thank you for your nominations and opportunity to recognize the great work of our brothers!

**Tim Heiller – Alumni Board President**  
Tim.Heiller@genusplc.com

**Adam Zee – New VNR of Alumni Relations**  
Zeea@iastate.edu

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## Eta Chapter Public Directory

Connect to the Eta Chapter Public Directory in order to stay connected to all brothers, Active or Alumni. Scan the QR Code here to access the document.

To find a brother, simply open the link above and press [ctrl] + [f] and enter the desired name in the search bar. The name will be highlighted in the directory, and you may use the Up and Down arrow to toggle through the document.



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## Eta Chapter Public LinkedIn

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<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14315684/>

# Securing Our Legacy

Dear Brothers of Eta,

We hope this message finds you well and thriving. Eta Chapter has always been a source of strong bonds and unforgettable memories, and now, it's time for us to come together once again to ensure its prosperity. We're thrilled to announce the kickoff of the "Securing our Legacy" campaign, and we need your help to make it a resounding success.

Our fraternity's history is a testament to the incredible support of our alumni who have consistently stepped up for house updates, additions, and student scholarships. However, it's no secret that the cost to maintain such a high standard has risen over the years. The Eta Alumni Board has identified that there's sufficient space in the current house, and now is the time to get Eta's balance sheet on a stronger footing.

To "Secure our Legacy," we've charted a two-fold path: Debt Reduction and the Legacy Fund. We aim to raise \$1.5 million to alleviate our mortgage burden and ensure the completion of major projects such as the installation of a new roof, gutters, etc. Simultaneously, we're setting our sights on a \$2 million Legacy Fund dedicated to endowed scholarships, not only attracting the brightest talent pursuing a career in agriculture, but also providing substantial yearly scholarships of \$75,000-\$100,000 to deserving undergraduates. This is where we come in as Eta Alum: whether it's individual, family groups, or class contributions; many hands truly make light work. If we can count on the support of our ~1,500 living alumni, this campaign equates to approximately \$2,300 per person, spread over 3-5 years is \$39-64 per month.

## We offer various avenues for pledging your support:

- 1. ETA Alumni Corporation:** These gifts are not tax deductible but are immediately available for use for roof construction and the mortgage. Gifts of grain are ideal for this purpose.
- 2. ETA Education Foundation:** These gifts are tax deductible, and the foundation will loan funds to the corporation for use. 100% of these funds go to AGR.
- 3. ISU Foundation, directed to AGR's benefit:** These gifts are tax deductible; however, 5% of the funds are paid to the ISU Foundation for administration and processing. Typically, giving through the ISU Foundation counts towards total giving membership in the Order of the Knoll Campanile Society. If you are making a gift to AGR through Iowa State University, please include a note with the check and notation in the memo line as follows: "Account #0710741 Alpha Gamma Rho Education Foundation."
- 4. The Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho (National Fraternity) directed to the ETA Chapter through the Local Chapter Excellence Campaign:** These gifts are tax deductible, and the National Foundation will transfer funds to the ETA corporation for use. 100% of these funds go to AGR.



# Securing Our Legacy



Our goal is clear: raise a total of \$3.5 million in pledges by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. We can't put a price on the friendships and connections formed at 201 Gray, and now, it's time to pay it forward to the brothers yet to come. Please consider what you can do to help in "Securing the Legacy" of our beloved Fraternity into the future.

**Next Steps:** Class Captains will be your point of contact throughout the fundraising process. Their responsibilities will include:

- **Establishing a class fundraising goal.**
- **Coordinating fundraising efforts within their class.**
- **Contacting each class member through email and phone calls.**
- **Delivering and collecting pledge forms.**

Thank you for your dedication to Eta Chapter and for joining us in this monumental endeavor.

Fraternally,  
"Securing our Legacy" Committee

## Additional Resources:

- **Website:** [www.isuagr.org](http://www.isuagr.org)



- **Fundraising Committee:**

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## Legacy Fund – Pay It Forward

As alumni, we can financially impact the communities where we live and the organizations we believe in, including Eta Chapter, which has significantly contributed to each of our professional and personal successes.

The Legacy Fund was established in 2014 and funded by generous alumni with the purpose of extending Eta Chapter legacy into the future. The Legacy fund achievement grants are awarded to collegiate members in recognition of leadership and academic achievement, community service and personal development, which are the pillars of the Eta Chapter legacy. Since its inception, the Legacy Fund has awarded over \$285,000 in achievement grants to Eta Chapter collegiate members.

The Legacy Fund provides a unique platform for our alumni to support ongoing Giving Engagement which directly benefits the men of Eta Chapter. Now is a great time to consider giving to the Legacy Fund to continue to leave your legacy at 201 Gray. Example suggested donation levels:

**\$21/month = \$250 annual achievement grant**

**\$42/month = \$500 annual achievement grant**

**\$84/month = \$1000 annual achievement grant**

**\$208/month = \$2500 annual achievement grant**

Contributions to the Legacy Fund are tax deductible and recognized by Eta Chapter and the Iowa State Foundation. These gifts, along with other contributions to Iowa State University such as the Cyclone Club, count towards membership in the Order of the Knoll Campanile Society. Donors at the \$50,000 level and above will be recognized as a named Alpha Gamma Rho Achievement Grant. For additional details on giving options, please visit our AGR website (<http://www.isuagr.org/>) and view details under the AGR Legacy Achievement Awards section.

Fraternally,  
Eta Alumni Engagement Committee - Chad Dummermuth, and Ryan Kruger





# Lost Brothers

Calling all Eta Alumni!

We are needing your help in finding the contact information for the brothers listed below. If you know any of the listed brothers and their whereabouts, please share with us any information you have or have them get in contact with us via the email on the back page. Thanks in Advance!

Dean A Danilson

William J Horan

Jeremy Maass

Heath L Brock

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Roger A Kleese

Benjamin D Sorensen

Zeb Guinn

Kevin M Roepke

Craig R Thines

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Thomas F Kellogg

Jacob Weis

John E Cherveney

**UPCOMING DATES >>>** December 15<sup>th</sup> - End of Fall Semester  
January 16<sup>th</sup> - Spring Semester Begins  
February 24<sup>th</sup> - Founders Day  
March 11<sup>th</sup> - Spring Break  
April 7<sup>th</sup> - Greek Week  
May 10<sup>th</sup> - End of Spring Semester

Event Dates to Still Be Decided- Spring Philanthropy, The Classic Cattle Show, The AGR Spring Spectacular Show, Women's Appreciation Dinner, Formal.

## Recruitment Request



Kirby Cook

Hello, my name is Kirby Cook and I am the newly elected VNR of Recruitment majoring in Ag Studies from Winthrop, IA. As a house, we are currently in heavy recruitment season for next Fall's class. We are taking any and all recommendations so please reach out! My contact information is below.

(319) 327-7216  
kwcook@iastate.edu

Also, this upcoming semester marks the return of a Spring New Initiate Class! We currently have 2 individuals signed and are excited for their arrival!

**ATP**



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Please update your email with Eta Chapter AGR! If you haven't been receiving emails from us containing important event information and chapter updates, please send us your email address to [jermier9@iastate.edu](mailto:jermier9@iastate.edu)

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