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SUMMER 2016

Active Chapter Report

Brothers,

With a busy summer at a close, the men of ETA Chapter are thoroughly excited to arrive back in Ames to stay in the hallowed halls of 201 Gray. This past summer provided many different opportunities involving internships across the country. Internships with companies include Pioneer, Monsanto, ADM, John Deere, Case-IH, Kuhn, BASF, and several co-ops. Their experiences from these internships have provided lifelong skills that will aid them towards their career progression. In addition, over twenty-five percent of the undergraduates that will be graduating next spring already have job offers from their recently finished internships.

For this past Greek Week, the men of ETA Chapter were paired with the women of Alpha Gamma Delta and the men of Phi Kappa Theta. With many brother 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.

On August 10th, Mom Diane, several undergraduate brothers, including myself traveled to Omaha, Nebraska to attend Alpha Gamma Rho National Convention. The convention provided countless opportunities to learn about new opportunities and changes within other chapters. In addition, it provided an opportunity to network with several alumnus that as undergraduates we had not had the opportunity to do so yet. I am proud to announce that ETA Chapter received several awards including Communications Award Highest Honor, Living the Promise & Values Award High Honor, Outstanding Adviser Award Honorable Mention to Adviser Paul Heineman, Gold Chapter Award, and Maynard H. Coe Chapter Efficiency Award Runner-Up. National Convention provided the ability to establish lifelong bonds with brothers from all across the country, and for that we are thankful. Thank you to all alumnus in attendance, our alumni board for trip sponsorship, and others for their dedication to the advancement to ETA Chapter.

This semester is starting off on a great foot. Brothers have settled into their schedules and are excited to excel this academic semester. The spring semester grade report was released and yet again, our strong commitment to academics shows. With a chapter GPA of 3.19, it is a 0.02 improvement from the previous semester. We look forward to continually progressing this higher and higher.



On behalf of the active chapter, have a safe and prosperous fall harvest. We hope to see many of you at the Homecoming celebration on October 29th.

Fraternally,

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Grade Report

Brothers,

It is my pleasure to inform you of another academically successful semester. The men of Alpha Gamma Rho achieved at 3.19 average GPA for the spring 2016 semester. This GPA placed us 7th among fraternities at Iowa State. It sits substantially above the 2.95 that the average male at Iowa State achieves. We continue to improve the resources available to the men of Eta chapter, the alumni educational foundation has generously help the chapter start a textbook library to help brother academically. They have again donated to the library to keep adding and updating books for the active brothers, the library has had two immediate benefits for brothers. The first being the money brothers save as book cost continue to rise, and the second is that some brothers were avoiding getting the books they needed totally because of the cost, now every member can get the resources they need to be successful. Another resources we are excited to keep improving is the internet here at 201 Gray. With fiber optic connection coming to the Greek Community, AGR is looking into utilizing this service to stay ahead of the technology requirements that are necessary for changing class expectations. This fall we have a New Initiate class of 24 young men that I hope to help reach their full academic potential, however they do have large shoes to fill as last year's class topped the Greek community for new member GPA their first semester. The scholarship team is hoping to keep the success going with our new members as well as increase the active brothers GPA this semester.



Fraternally,

Jeremy Tjardes "2173"



Alumni N.I. Class Spotlight

New Initiate Class of 2011

Tyler Stutsman "2104" – Working in Hills, Iowa for Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc. in the Animal Nutrition Division.

Ryan Shuey "2105" – Recently graduated from Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine and is now working in Corning, Iowa for Southern Hills Vet Clinic.

Zebulon Guinn "2106" – Lives in Glendale, Arizona and working for Complete Fire Protection.

Logan Lyon "2107" – Lives in Waterloo, Iowa and works at the EDI Cooperative Agronomy Center. He recently became a father with his wife Emily Lyon after the birth of his son Lambert Lyon.

Chance Wiese "2108" – Works at his family Hereford cattle operation, Wiese & Sons: Good Doin' Bulls, in Manning, Iowa with his father and grandfather.

Ross Lilienthal "2109" – Lives in Durant, Iowa where he works with his father on the family farm. Most recently, he got married to his wife, Courtney Lilienthal.

Scott McDonald "2110" – Works for Hormel Foods as a Production Manager in Rochester, Minnesota

Michael Burt "2111" – Working in Minneapolis, Minnesota as a Grain Merchandiser for ADM.

Will Reeve "2112" – Lives in Glidden, Iowa where he is working with his father on the family farm.

Austin Lane "2113" – Works for The Maschhoffs as a Swine Production Manager and lives in Oelwein, Iowa.

Cody Belknap "2115" - Lives in Princeton, Illinois where he is a part of the Emerging Leaders Program for DuPont Pioneer.

Michael Theis "2116" – Recently moved to Champagne, Illinois where he works as an Agronomy Sales Rep. for Bayer: Crop Sciences

Kyle Larson "2117" – Moved back home to work on the family farm in Humboldt, Iowa and is engaged to his fiancé, Abby Sparks.

Thomas Yoder "2118" – Lives in Greeley, Colorado where he works for Crop Production Services as a Supply Chain Manager.

Rusty Johnson "2119" – Started his own business entitled FieldMaxx: Water

Management in his home town of Deerfield, Missouri where he specializes in field tiling.

Jordan Cowan "2120" – Works as a District Sales Manager for Beck's Hybrids in Des Moines, Iowa.

Sean Robinson "2121" – Recently began working for Purina in Orange City, Iowa as a Feed Sales and Nutrition Consultant Rep.

Alec Paup "2122" – Recently got married to his wife Jordan Paup and moved to Ankeny, Iowa where he works as a Account Manager for 3M in Ankeny, IA

Mark Holloway "2123" - Lives in Omaha, Nebraska as a Grain Merchandiser for ADM.

Cole McDonald "2125" – Recently began working for Iowa Select Farms in Iowa Falls as a Repair Technician.

Austin Ehlers "2126" – Recently moved back home to Storm Lake, Iowa where he is a Shipping and Receiving Operator for Valero Energy.

Summer 2016 Internships/Co-ops

This summer was a very exciting time for many of the men of Alpha Gamma Rho! As the halls of 201 Gray Avenue cleared out early in May, many of the men left not for home, but to numerous locations across the state and country to gain experience working in their respective fields. There were great internships all around, but for the sake of brevity only a few unique ones will be spotlighted.

Brady Janssen- Brady got the opportunity to travel this summer with Anheuser-Busch working with the Clydesdales. He spent the summer based out of Fort Collins, CO and traveled the west coast caring for the horses while going to fairs, parades, and other exhibitions and rodeos.

Jon Roettger- Jon was one of the few men this year who decided to pursue a Co-op instead of internship. This summer and for the fall semester, he has been working for Monsanto in Lubbock, TX. Jon is working toward his Ag Engineering Degree and this has been a great experience for him.

Chandler Bane- Our current Noble Ruler Chandler Bane was able to secure an internship with Case IH as a Pro-Harvest consultant. He traveled along the wheat harvest from Wichita Falls, Texas to Dickinson, North Dakota. Throughout this journey he provided support for custom harvesters and assisted engineering teams in product work and development.

Trey Forsyth- This summer brother Trey Forsyth traveled out east to Washington, D.C. He worked for Land O'Lakes as a government affairs intern. One main role he had was doing research on current agricultural issues. For example, one topic he got involved with was the recent GMO labeling issue.

Pat White- This summer Pat interned with Roach Ag Marketing in Boca Raton, FL. His main role was checking trades and giving advice to farmers on all commodity markets. He also cold called farmers and sold the daily newsletter.

Below is an internship map showing the locations of various brothers' internships this summer.



Member Spotlight:

Mitchell Hora “2159” New Initiate Class of 2013

For those of you who flip through the Des Moines Register every now and then, you may have come across a recent article that mentioned our very own active brother, Mitchell Hora. The Des Moines Register wrote an article entitled “Farm Downturn Doesn’t Mean the End of Beginning Farmers” and features a small section regarding Mitchell Hora’s personal start-up business Continuum Ag, LLC. Mitchell is a young agriculturalist who is making a name for himself and has a bright future in the industry.

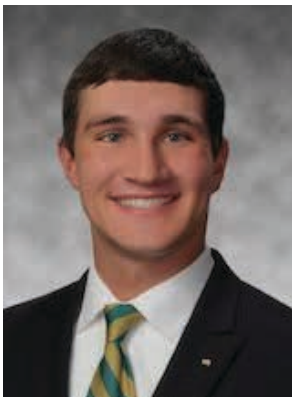


“Brother Hora educating customers”

Mitchell Hora is currently a senior who is double majoring in Agronomy and Agricultural Systems Technology. He is originally from Ainsworth,

Iowa which is in Southeast Iowa and went to high school in Washington, Iowa. His family runs a row crop operation and the Hora family has been a significant contributor of brothers for Alpha Gamma Rho throughout history. Over the course of his time at Iowa State University, Mitchell has been actively involved as a CALS Ambassador, CALS Student Council Vice President, and countless other positions. Within the halls of 201 Gray, he served as VNR of Recruitment and recruited the New Initiate Class of 2015. Mitchell’s hardwork has translated to multiple successful events and organizational improvements.

As of the spring of 2016, Mitchell started his own business entitled Continuum Ag. After interning with E4 Crop Intelligence and Anez Consulting in Minnesota during his summers in between classes, Mitchell start his own soil health consulting business to help promote soil health and quality to crop farmers with the goal of increasing yields. Mitchell’s business focuses on microbial health through soil sampling and after his first successful summer, his customer base is growing rapidly. He has even started to look into cover crop consulting and many other facets of the agronomy sector to provide as much help to his customers as possible. Mitchell’s business has continued to expand and we are all excited to see where Mitchell’s future brings him.



Regarding the Des Moines Register article, Mitchell’s business was mentioned to discuss how young agriculturalists are still getting involved in making the agricultural industry better even with the low economic prices. Mitchell is a prime example of how Alpha Gamma Rho has developed superior agricultural leaders. Continuum Ag, LLC. is a breakthrough in soil health betterment and we encourage anyone interested to contact Mitchell to learn more. Surely, Alpha Gamma Rho is proud to call Mitchell our brother.

Shayne Wiese “2158”

2nd Century Giving Project: New Addition Update

We are progressing on the house addition. While we had ideas of beginning construction this June, the committee felt it was going to be best to delay the start until the spring of 2017. This decision was reached mainly because it caused the least disruption to the brothers living in the house. If we'd started in June of this year the project would have drug on throughout the fall semester and into January or February. One of the big changes in the addition is the main entryway and the creation of a new central stairway. No longer will we have a narrow, constricted stairway into the basement. The new stairway will be the heart of the chapter house with wide stairs and open views to the basement. If we had started construction in June, this area would most likely have been unfinished and meant that the blue room stairs would have been the only access to the basement from the inside of the house; a situation that was not something the committee wanted to impose on the students. Our schedule now is one that we feel benefits us from the fact we can be early in the bidding process as we will secure bids in December and January, which is a more competitive bidding season. Construction is now planned to begin in March with completion in August/September. It will be a busy summer.

The plans have not changed much. You can view renderings of the new addition on the website etasecondcentury.com. We are still in the fundraising process. As of the first of September we have raised \$800,000.00, which makes this the largest fundraiser in the history of Eta Chapter. We'd love to double this number. We understand that the price of corn is below \$3.00 and that other aspects of agriculture are hurting, but we want you to be able to participate in this project as it will likely be the last big fundraiser given that we have run out of buildable space on our lot. So, please consider pledging, even if it is not up to the level you'd wish you were able to give. We understand, but we want you to participate at some level. The pledges are being spread over 5 years and they don't have to be in equal installments; you get to dictate the timing and the amount. We can also handle monthly ACH withdraws if that fits your cash flow better. \$50.00 a month over 60 months is \$3,000, less than a coffee and muffin a day. Interestingly, the \$800,000 has been raised from 255 brothers. We'd love to include you. Find the pledging information at etasecondcentury.com.

Finally, we will eventually be seeking financing options for the new addition. We anticipate securing a traditional mortgage to pay for the construction cost. However, we would also consider some private financing options. If you would like to increase the rate of return on some of your savings by loaning money to the Alumni Corporation, please contact Mike Nissly.

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HOW DO I GIVE?

Return the envelope enclosed with this Crescent, or pledge online at www.etasecondcentury.com.

CAN PLEDGES BE SPREAD OUT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME?

Yes – most brothers pledge their support over a 5-year period – the treasurer will send you reminders annually. This allows the house to use the entire pledge for financing purposes, but spreads the cost to you over 5 years.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR GIVING?

Cash and in-kind donations of grain, stocks or land. You can also choose to have your checking account auto-debited on a regular basis (talk to Mike, or visit our website for details.).

HOW WILL I BE RECOGNIZED?

We plan to have a Recognition Wall located in the lobby or foyer area of the house, with recognition at different increments of giving. Naming opportunities are also available.



Alumni Spotlight



We would like to congratulate brothers Colin Hurd and Andrew Lauver on being honored as two of the fourteen 2016 Iowa STATEment Makers. The honor recognizes those who have achieved early personal and professional accomplishments and contributions to society. The Iowa State alumni must be 32 or younger and have made positive changes in their own lives and communities, the lives and communities of others, and their professions through ambitious efforts that reflect the values of Iowa State.

Many of these young honorees are nominated for the creation of grassroots organizations that respond and help community problems, pioneering of technology or small business, as well as the fulfillment of life long dreams and great success in their professional lives. The nominees are based on five categories; scholastic, career achievement, personal achievement, entrepreneurial spirit, and service.

Both Brother Hurd and Brother Lauver fully represent all of the aforementioned criteria and not only represent the best of virtues in AGR, but also in the entire college. These young men are going out into the world and making changes that are creating positive impacts in many people's lives.



Brother Hurd, agricultural studies '13, is the founder and CEO of Agriculture Concepts that he started as an undergrad at ISU with the creation of TrackTill, a planter attachment technology that helps eliminate the compaction caused by large row planters. After establishing a partnership with Yetter, which now exclusively markets TrackTill, he has focused on automating the most labor-intensive aspects of farming through his newest business, SmartAg. He is also dedicated to the Kolbe Scott Fund, a charitable foundation the he established with his wife after the tragic loss of their son Kolbe.

Brother Lauver, agricultural studies '12, is a seed sales professional at DuPont Pioneer and has created a strong presence at the company and was honored as the company's Frank Ross International Emerging Leader. He is highly involved in multiple organizations and put forth tremendous effort in his volunteer work. He is involved with 4-H youth mentoring, Iowa Farm Bureau's Calhoun County Board of Directors,

IFAA, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Rotary International, and Agriculture Future of America. Along with his work in the United States, he has studied and worked in the U.K., Canada, and Costa Rica.



Again, congratulations to both of these brothers on the great start to their surely tremendous careers and the accomplishments that they have already achieved.

Fraternally,
Jack Kelly

(Top) Brother Andrew Lauver and (Bottom) Brother Colin Hurd.



Freshman Class Order



Back Rows (right to left): Austin Janssen, Clayton Lubben, Brandon Sieck, Nick Pedersen, Dalton Probasco, Brandon Zumbach, Martin De Jager, Braden Else, Mitchell Hanson, Andrew Love, Isaiah Noelck, Andrew Albrecht, Jacob Burt, Harvard Williams, Cully Forsyth, Josh Carlson
Middle Row (right to left): Travis McMillan, Gavin Meyer, Erik Fevold
Seated (right to left): Jacob Smith, Cooper McDermott, Caleb Schnoor, Peyton Boyle
Front: Erik Darrington

NAME	HOMETOWN	MAJOR	YEAR	PIN#
Andrew Love	Harmony, MN	Agronomy	3	2234
Brandon Sieck	Martell, NE	Forestry	3	2235
Cully Forsyth	Charles City, IA	Animal	1	2236
Travis McMillan	Aurora, IA	Agricultural Business/Finance	1	2237
Clayton Lubben	Monticello, IA	Agricultural Studies	1	2238
Jacob Burt	Marshalltown, IA	Agricultural Systems Technology	1	2239
Nick Pedersen	Underwood, IA	Agricultural Studies	1	2240
Erik Darrington	Underwood, IA	Animal Science	1	2241
Austin Janssen	Clarksville, IA	Animal Science	1	2242
Dalton Probasco	Moulton, IA	Agricultural Studies	1	2243
Brandon Zumbach	Belle Plaine, IA	Agricultural Systems Technology/Industrial Technology	1	2244
Jacob Smith	Sidney, IA	Animal Science	1	2245
Braden Else	Holstein, IA	Agricultural Business	1	2246
Peyton Boyle	Holstein, IA	Agricultural Business	1	2247
Andrew Albrecht	Mapleton, MN	Agricultural Business/Agronomy	1	2248
Harvard Williams	Iowa Falls, IA	Animal Science	1	2249
Mitchell Hanson	La Porte City, IA	Agricultural Studies	1	2250
Caleb Schnoor	Mt. Ayr, IA	Agricultural Studies	1	2251
Gavin Meyer	Wilton, IA	Animal Science	1	2252
Erik Fevold	Nevada, IA	Agronomy/Genetics	1	2253
Martin De Jager	Chowchilla, CA	Dairy Science	1	2254
Isaiah Noelck	Hampton, IA	Agricultural Studies	1	2255
Cooper McDermott	Creston, IA	Agricultural Systems Technology	1	2256
Josh Carlson	Gowrie, IA	Agricultural Business	1	2257

Alpha Gamma Rhodown

On Thursday, April 21, 2016, Eta chapter hosted our first annual “Alpha Gamma Rhodown” philanthropy, with proceeds benefitting Veterans of Foreign Wars. Historically our two philanthropies have been “BBQ Before Books” and “Agger Fries,” both held in the fall. We decided this past school year that we would like to have a spring philanthropy that could get high attendance that played up to the AGR country-boy reputation, and thus, Rhodown was born.

The event included a meal of barbeque pulled pork, beans, chips and coleslaw. In addition, the men of Eta chapter headed up fun events for attendees to get involved in. These included swing dancing lessons, a mechanical bull, and a crowd favorite – Labrador puppies. We had over 300 people in attendance, which was a strong showing for a first year philanthropy. Overall, we were able to donate over \$1,200 to VFW. The men of Eta chapter took great pride in donating to a cause that supports our veterans.



Philanthropies in the Greek community at Iowa State University are continuing to grow and raise money for a wide variety of charitable causes each school year. Alpha Gamma Rho is proud to be among the top fraternities at ISU focused on raising money for charitable causes. This past year we brought in a total of over \$9,500 in all of our philanthropic work.

We are currently gearing up for “Agger Fries,” which will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016, in conjunction with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Week. We plan to continue to serve all of the fixins – cheese curds, fried oreos and candy bars, and of course – Agger fries. The benefits from the event will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Trey Forsyth “2167”



Mom’s Journal

It was a busy summer for the young men of AGR. Many had internships in their area of interest and a number were at home helping on the family farm, working for neighbors, or helping their parents in the Ag-related family business. The majority of the young AGR men live in Iowa but we do have members from Wisconsin, Virginia, Michigan, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska and California. About a third of the seniors returned to college with job offers/employment before school started. During the ISU orientation sessions in June and July most of the 24 new members and their parents were able to visit the AGR house and have a meal with active members who were in the area. This is always an enjoyable time and a good opportunity to visit and to get questions answered.

In August, seven active members and this House Mother attended the AGR National Convention in Omaha Ne.

They were three very enjoyable days of meeting members, alumni, and House Mothers from other AGR chapters. There were numerous informative meetings, presentations, and opportunities to learn more about AGR and the bright future of Agriculture. There were also activities in the evening which included a visit and dinner at the Durham Museum and Offutt Air Force Base. Eta Chapter won a number of awards including the Maynard H. Coe Chapter Efficiency Award Runner-Up. All of the attendees reported really enjoying the convention and would encourage other members to attend the next convention, which will be held in New Orleans in 2018.



As a new school year begins at ISU, it is evident at the AGR house that the same passion for knowledge, agriculture, leadership, and socialization continues to exist. It should be a very good year.

Diane Pinneke, AGR House Mother



TOP - Brothers with Wendy Wintersteen, Endowed Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, as she was a dinner guest (left to right) Brother Trey Wiese, Shayne Wiese, Trey Forsyth, Mitchell Hora, Dean Wintersteen, Tyler Houglan, Reece Rieken.

ABOVE LEFT - Brothers Austin Whited and Adam Baker holding puppies on display at Alpha Gamma Rhodown.

ABOVE TOP RIGHT - Philanthropy Chairs with the Mechanical Bull (left to right) Brothers Trey Forsyth, Mathias Peters, and Alex Brand.

ABOVE BOTTOM RIGHT - Eta Brothers and Mom Diane Pinneke with the Maynard H. Coe Runner-Up Award at National Convention.



TOP RIGHT - (left to right) Chef Mike, Brothers Nick Lane and Brady Janssen preparing the pork for Alpha Gamma Rhodown.
BOTTOM RIGHT - Brothers in the kitchen pulling the pork (left to right) Brothers Kyle Kent, Kyle LaFrenz, Dustin Belknap, Garrett Hagenow.
TOP LEFT - Shayne Weise a senior in Animal Science educates people about cattle at Animal Science Learning Day
CENTER LEFT - Brothers enjoying a formal meal before chapter.
BOTTOM LEFT - This year at the IFAA Scholarship Banquet Eta members earned over \$50,000 to go toward their education at Iowa State University!



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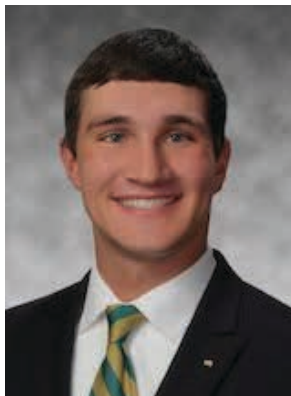
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336	Richard D Pulse	775	Robert L Eggers	1531	Thomas J Sager
353	Clinton E Sage	796	Jack Van Nice	1550	Jeffrey D Rowe
387	Joseph R Mitchell	797	Jerry D Rhodes	1562	Lance A Schiele
401	Charles C Bach	944	Steve J Barwick	1565	Colby J Entriken
431	John R Hunter	960	Craig A Athen	1576	John C Atkinson
480	Chester G Thiele	997	Richard J Nelson	1591	Michael J Heller
497	Robert E Bellman	1027	Thomas D Juergens	1668	Matthew A Thie
504	Eldon J Hans	1041	E. Bruce Ahrendsen	1675	David J Wendt
514	John R Carlon	1074	Daniel J Bruene	1679	Justin P Chesnut
541	Norbert J Kash	1093	Dennis D Gourley	1681	Michael A Cook
542	Deane T Skogman	1132	Christopher G Floy	1714	Nick L Lampe
549	Bernard L McKinley	1134	Mark E Wilson	1731	Brian E Wischmeier
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615	Richard Warren	1237	Michael H Isley	1787	Jeff Hoogendoorn
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662	Luther G Tweeten	1306	Mark A Stutsman	1860	Kevin M Roepke
684	Donald W Heineking	1417	Steven O Wright	1861	Kyle Staley
705	Paul W Moe	1450	Brian J Fischer	1884	Cody L Bailey
719	Rolf V Craft	1458	Jeffrey D Vondrak	1890	Jared William Gutknecht

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION AT ALPHA GAMMA RHO!

Due to TV scheduling they have not announced the time of the game against Kansas State, so we will have plans for whatever times they choose!

- 11:00 am Kick-Off Time
- 3:00 pm Dinner
- 4:00 pm Scholarship Ceremony
- Lawn Display to follow
- 3:00 pm Kick-Off Time
- 11:00 am Dinner
- 12:00 pm Scholarship Ceremony
- Lawn Display to follow
- 7:00pm Kick-Off Time
- 3:00 pm Dinner
- 4:00 pm Scholarship Ceremony
- Lawn Display to follow

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