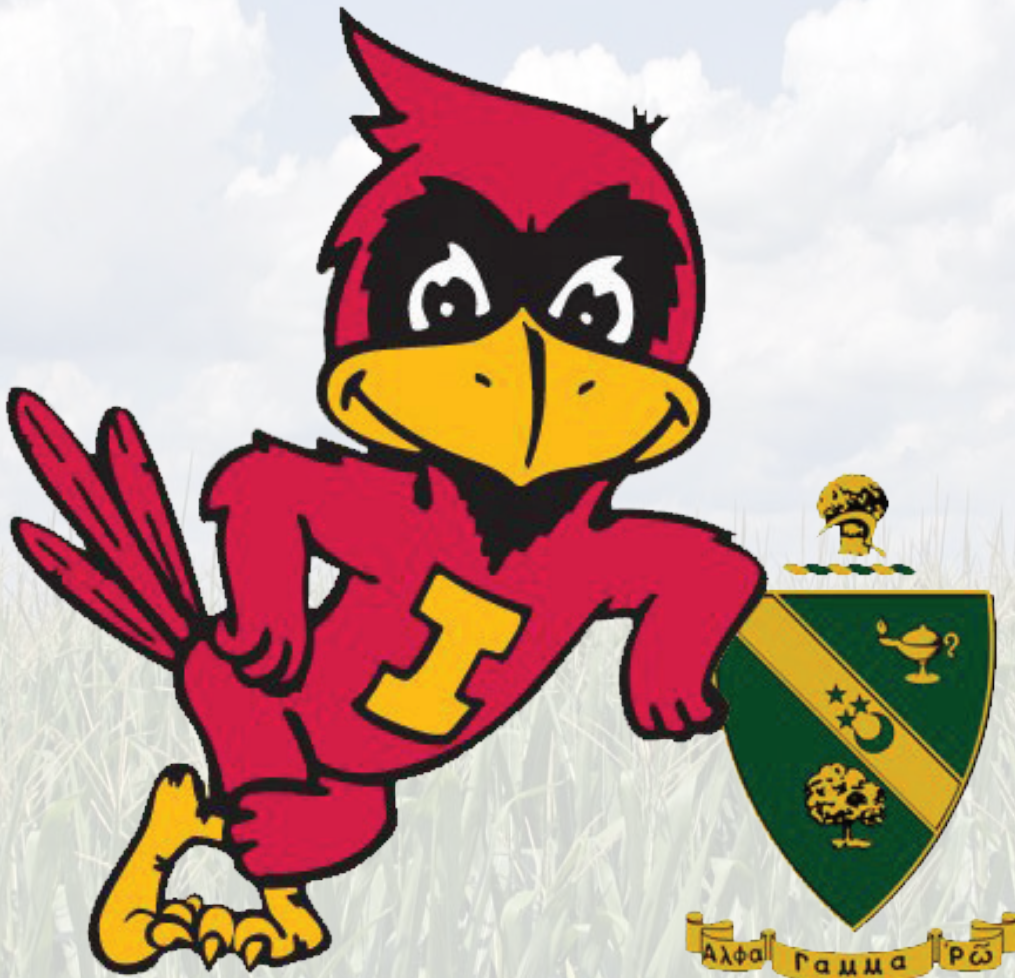




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THE CRESCENT



FALL 2021

Noble Ruler Report

Brothers, Alumni, Friends & Family,

I hope this Crescent finds you all in high spirits and amid a bountiful harvest. It is hard to believe we are already into October and that the undergraduate chapter is halfway through its Fall semester. As usual, the Fall semester has been hectic, exaggerated because we are still getting used to having so many in-person events again. Included in this article, you will find all the exciting things happening at 201 Gray!

First, I wanted to highlight some of our brother's summer internship experiences. These opportunities allowed them to grow personally and professionally by expanding their agriculture knowledge. Leading the way were internship opportunities with Cargill, Corteva Agriscience, Bayer, PIC, Syngenta, POET, Scoular, CNH Industrial, Winfield United, and many more! Upon graduation last Spring, every senior had full-time jobs secured or planned to continue their education. This shows that while we make sure our members get a whole college experience, they are still focused and engaged in life after college as young professionals.

As we returned to school, we initiated 25 new members into our brotherhood and organization. These members hail from Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, and West Virginia. This diverse class has degree programs in Agricultural Business, AST, Agronomy, Ag Engineering, Ag Studies, and Meteorology. It brings a fresh perspective as we look to revisit traditions halted by COVID-19 and uphold the high standards of Alpha Gamma Rho – Eta Chapter.

As I precluded to, the Fall has been busy for our members. Starting the year with serenades, transitioning back to in-person classes, planning our two philanthropies (Agger Fries on October 7th and Aggers Helping Farmers the second week of October), the Alumni Golf Outing, and brotherhood events have kept us very busy and been very rewarding for our members. Now two years removed from many traditions, we are very excited to show both the freshman & sophomore classes what Homecoming is like at Iowa State. We have been paired with the women of Alpha Omicron Pi (AOPI) for this year's Homecoming competitions. The theme for 2021 Homecoming is Cy of the Storm, with our pairing's theme of "Cloudy with a Chance of Cyclones," a spin-off of the movie "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." If you are in the Ames area for the week of October 17th-23rd, feel free to stop by as our members will be putting in countless hours for Yell Like Hell, Lawn Display, Tournaments, and Community Service events throughout the week. We are also excited to be having the annual Homecoming Celebration back in person at the chapter facility on game day! To utilize technology, we will also try providing a virtual live stream of the event to engage with alumni who are not coming back to Ames for the game. We will be sharing information about our homecoming ceremony as the game time gets released and the itinerary is outlined. We hope to see you all back at 201 Gray on the 23rd! Best Regards and Go Cyclones,

Cole Eden



Cole Eden "2308"
Noble Ruler

Mom's Report

Classes at Iowa State University resumed on August 23, 2021 and Alpha Gamma Rho is once again in full swing. Twenty-four new AGR members joined the fraternity. This year's new members are from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and West Virginia. They appear to be quickly acclimating to college and fraternity life.

Overall, life is pretty much back to normal following a year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, of mostly online classes and strict restrictions on social interactions. This year began with members taking part in an All-House Retreat the day before classes started.

In the following weeks 52 members with a grade point average above 3.47 qualified for a fraternity-funded dinner at Hickory Park. Additionally, 50 of the men were on the Dean's list – comprised of those members with a 3.50 GPA for the semester – enjoyed a prime rib dinner with all the trimmings at the house. Members participated in an alumni golf outing, hosted Dad's weekend, went to football games and traveled to Las Vegas for the ISU@UNLV game. The new members attended etiquette classes and all members are going to class, studying, taking quizzes and exams, and joining and participating in clubs and committees.

Preparation for Homecoming week has started. Members participating in Yell Like Hell are practicing. Work has begun on the Lawn Display and large telephone poles once again decorate the front lawn of Alpha Gamma Rho. Aggers Helping Farmers Philanthropy is scheduled for October 4-6. The house's annual philanthropy "Aggers Fries" is scheduled for Oct 7th. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL S) Career Fair is Oct 12th. Consequently, resumes are being written or updated, elevator speeches are being developed and practiced, and alumni will be holding mock interviews with members. Needless to say it is a very busy time at 201 Gray.



A multitude of brothers were able to obtain a 3.5 GPA this past spring semester to make Dean's List



Diane Pinneke
AGR Housemother Eta Chapter



Planning Report

As the Vice Noble Ruler of Planning, the duty comes with many responsibilities. The title “planning” directly correlates with my primary role in this position. I get the opportunity to help plan many house events throughout the year. Each year, the Eta Chapter hosts many annual events. They include our Mom’s Weekend, Dad’s Weekend, Agger Fries Philanthropy, Aggers Helping Farmers Philanthropy, and the Spring Rho-down Philanthropy. Each of these events has co-chairs to help coordinate and organize the circumstances, and I must help oversee the work. Besides my role in planning house events, I assist our Monday Night and Wednesday Night Guest Chairs. Dawson Brader (Monday Night Guest Chair) and Ian Johnson (Wednesday Night Guest Chair) find guest speakers each week to make remarks to the active chapter about career opportunities, professional advancement, or finding success in the agricultural industry. These guest speakers are a considerable advancement in member professional development and what sets the Eta Chapter apart. If you or someone you know would be interested in speaking to the men of AGR, don’t hesitate to get in touch with me at (712) 254-0288.

Philanthropy is a pillar of the foundation for the Alpha Gamma Rho organization. Here at Eta Chapter, we lead the way with our many philanthropic activities. Volunteering is rooted in each member and makes us stand out amongst many fraternities across the country. Our three main philanthropy events are Agger Fries, Aggers Helping Farmers, and the Spring Rho-Down. Each of these events is planned strategically to ensure that we raise money for the non-profit of our choice. Our Agger Fries philanthropy is coming upon us. It will be held on October 7th from 8:00 - 1:00 p.m. at the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Our three philanthropy chairs, Parker Kliegl, Tate Boysen, and Brett Baccam have diligently organized this event. They expect a strong turnout from much of the Ames community, as the AGR men are known for the fried food served at this event. This year’s Agger Fries money raised will be donated directly to the American Cancer Society. If you are interested in attending this event or looking for a way to contribute, please stop by the AGR House during the event or contact me again for more information on donating.



Besides our Agger Fries event, another extraordinary philanthropy event we host includes our Aggers Helping Farmers. Aggers Helping Farmers was created last year as a new alternative way our chapter can give back to many farmers in the agricultural industry. For this event, we fundraise and provide sack lunches to many farmers across the Ames area by handing them out at local grain elevators during the harvest season. It is a great way to create brand awareness and give back to an industry that has given us so much. If you would like to donate to this event, feel free to check out the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity - Eta Chapter Facebook page for a link to our GoFundMe page for the cause! We cannot thank you all enough for your support and help!

Nathan Behrends “2341”

AGR – ETA CHAPTER HOMECOMING CEREMONY

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY VS. OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

||| OCTOBER 23 2021 |||

We will be hosting our Annual AGR Homecoming Ceremony. We will be sending out details in our email newsletter as the game time has not been determined. If you have not been receiving our emails, make sure to email the VNR of Alumni Relations @ gcschultz@iastate.edu to get the homecoming schedule. There will be a virtual option for those who cannot attend in person.

We thank you in advance for considering coming!

Active Spotlight

Jack Wilson is a Junior from Toulon, IL, majoring in Agricultural Systems technology. He grew up on a family farm where he, alongside his brother Luke and sister Rachel, helped their parents manage the farm. In north-central Illinois, they manage 1200 acres of corn and soybeans, a 5,000 head hog operation, and a 3,400 head cattle operation. Working on the farm sparked Jack's interest in agriculture and led him to create his very own egg-laying business. When Jack is not busy working on the farm or managing his business, he enjoys jet skiing, going to the movie theatre, and playing hockey.

When it came to deciding on a college, Jack knew Iowa State was the right fit for him. Jack's dad attended Iowa State, which was an immediate pull to Jack. Furthermore, Jack knew he wanted to go to the best agriculture school in the country, and at the end of the day, Iowa State felt more like home than any other college that he toured.

Jack knew he desired to be a member of Alpha Gamma Rho from stepping foot on campus. With his dad being in the house and the sense of brotherhood that the fraternity offered, he knew it would be a great fit. Jack is also very passionate about his Christian values and, with faith being a significant component of the fraternity, made AGR a more welcoming place to live.

Jack found a passion with the Agriculture Future of America, a non-profit organization. He was introduced to AFA by a brother in the house. Jack applied for the AFA leaders conference his freshman year and was blown away by his connections at the conference. AFA brings in great representatives from the ag industry, and it allowed Jack to talk to CEOs and leaders of big-name companies from all over the United States. Jack was also able to attend institutes in Texas where he met Zach Johnson, The Millennial Farmer from Minnesota.

Following Jack's AFA institutes, he found out about AFA Ambassadors and knew this was what he wanted to get involved in. He applied, received an interview, and was accepted to be an Agricultural Future of America Ambassador. Jack had a great time and enjoyed connecting with others that shared the same passion as him. Jack has recently applied to be on the student advisory team for AFA, where if selected, he will be in charge of making sure the event runs smoothly. He has now begun promoting the organization at clubs and on-campus organizations, where he shares his experiences, message, and passion with others. His passion, willingness to help, and desire to see others succeed are things that many brothers look up to and can use as a resource in many situations.

Through Jack's involvement, he has found an area of the agriculture industry that he is passionate about and wants to encourage others to get involved no matter the position. Jack continues to remind others to be themselves and to enjoy the journey of life. "Your growth, whether it is professionally, personally, or spiritually, is a journey and not a destination, engage others in becoming the best versions of themselves and do not inspire to be like others."



Jack Wilson

ATP

Advisor's Report

I would doubt that any of our brothers who might be reading this would disagree as I declare that our association as brothers in Alpha Gamma Rho is one of the most valuable experiences of our lives. We all have our reasons why this is true. And like my AGR brothers, I have my reasons which, as an adviser of Eta chapter, I share with our new members each fall, and of course, with anyone else who will lend an ear to hear.

However, our modern news media would apparently not lend one of those ears. Many of our news outlets do not hesitate to produce sensationalized stories of what they want the public to think about the fraternity experience. I will not honor them here with a reference. Still, I am sure you have seen such 'news.' On the rare occasion when an individual member of some fraternity makes a poor decision, our media is all too fast to seek out that occasion. They work their hardest to blame the Greek system in total based on a few's unfortunate choices. No such stories could be more removed from the comprehensive truth of what it means to be a brother in a top national fraternity such as our Alpha Gamma Rho.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, as they say, our fraternity environment serves young men and alumni in phenomenal and dramatic ways. This, of course, is the real news worth reporting. For example, among North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) members, the health and safety of our members are absolutely a top priority. Our ISU fraternities have extensive health and safety policies as well as prevention programming concerning alcohol and drug use, hazing, and sexual misconduct. And our fraternities have spent enormous resources educating brothers on such issues.

NIC literature reviews remind us that the stress of first-year students stems from a sense of loneliness. Still, our fraternities counter this with a positive and productive sense of community. Our fraternities provide connections and friendships when young men are away from home. We all know that our AGR experience offers a very strong support system. NIC studies show that students who join fraternities in their first semester show significant gains personally and academically. At ISU, the average GPA for fraternity men is constantly well above the all-men's average. Fraternity members are more likely to persist to graduation than non-fraternity members.

It is not news that AGR is a place where brothers develop into leaders and scholars and become productive and contributing members of our society. College fraternities serve as the nation's largest network of volunteers, where nationally, fraternities raise more than \$20 million annually and provide more than 3.8 million hours of service in their local communities. Nationally, research demonstrates that fraternity members achieve higher levels of academic and social involvement. And they are more likely than all other college graduates to be thriving in each of the five elements that define what we mean by well-being (purpose, physical, social, financial, and community).

Why these success stories are not in the news, I will never understand. I would rather read of the countless success stories that AGR and other fraternities produce than of the rare, bizarre circumstance where a young man makes an error in judgment, and a whole institution is held to blame. When my sons decided to attend ISU, my wife and I discussed housing options with them. And while our other university systems at ISU are outstanding organizations, we are suggested there were no options for them in our opinion. The fraternity experience is a rare and irreplaceable opportunity for the lives of our young college men, and to be a brother in AGR is a most newsworthy example of what that means.



Fraternally,
Brad Skaar
Co-Adviser, Eta of AGR

Alumni Spotlight

John Chism was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa. He grew up on a farm near Cylinder in Northwest Iowa, where his family has maintained a row crop, farrow to finish, and cow-calf operation for generations.

Growing up, John worked extensively on the farming operation, showed steers for his 4-H club at the Palo Alto County Fair, and was his FFA Chapter's President and Northwest Iowa District FFA Officer his senior year of High School. In his youth, John developed a passion for Agriculture and chose to major in Agricultural Business at Iowa State to pursue a career in the Agricultural Industry or return to the family farm.

John Chism was recruited into the Eta Chapter in the summer of 1988 by the VNR of Recruitment, Tim Heiler. He was initiated in 1989, and his pledge number is 1467. During his four years at Iowa State, John made academics a significant priority and took on important leadership roles in the house and on campus. John invested a great deal of his time into his academics, summer orientation for new students, and the Iowa State Agriculture Business Club. He eventually became president of the club and met his wife Sharon Bratmiller through the organization. In the house, he was involved with student-alumni relations. In his junior year, he became the VNR of Finance; his senior year, he was the Noble Ruler of the Eta Chapter.



John Chism

After graduating with a Bachelor's in Agricultural Business in 1991, he went to work Degree in 1993 University of Minnesota graduated with a Masters in Ag Economics, and earned an MBA degree at Drake University in 1999. John began his career with Pioneer in 1993. He has enjoyed working in many aspects of the U.S. Seed & Crop Protection business during his 28-year career with the company, now Corteva Agriscience. John currently works at Corteva as the U.S. Customer Service Lead, where Chism manages customer service and sales support implementation across the United States. His position supports the Pioneer, Brevant, and PhytoGen seed brands and Corteva's Crop Protection business.

John resides in Huxley, IA, with his wife, Sharon, and their two sons, who also call Eta Chapter home, James and Jack. John has received many honors and recognitions for his four years in AGR and 28 years with Corteva Agriscience. In John's last year in the house, he won the AGR Excellence Award and a 25-year Testimonial.

John's advice to undergraduates is to get involved in the colligate organizations that best suit their interests. It is also essential you put academics first but also maintain strong relationships within the house. Your four years in college and the fraternity will be the best four years of your life.

The logo for the Alpha Tau Phi (ATP) fraternity, featuring the letters 'A', 'T', and 'P' in a stylized, bold font. The letters are yellow with a blue outline and a drop shadow effect.

New Initiate Spotlights

The collegiate activities of Eta Chapter AGR would like to present our new initiate class for 2021. The question that was asked to them was “what do you hope to gain from your experience in AGR?”



Bryce Christopher Jermier 2372
Agricultural Business
Grimes, IA

I want to grow a loyal network of brothers in agriculture and “soak up” all aspects of ag from other brothers.



Kamden William Moffitt 2374
Agronomy
Indianola, IA

I am looking to gain lifelong connections and friends that I’ll rely on on down the road in life.



Dylan Franklin Madden 2376
Agricultural Studies
Alden, IA

I want to develop a great network of connections from the agricultural industry through AGR.



Roy Thomas Carter 2378
Agricultural Business
Washington, IA

I am looking forward to making new connections through AGR that will last me forever.



Tyler James Atkinson 2380
Agronomy
Blairstown, IA

From my AGR experience, I hope to gain connections and build relationships that will last forever.



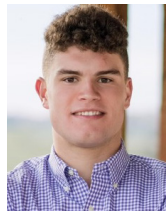
Jackson Christopher Sterle 2382
Animal Science
Roland, IA

I hope to build a professional reputation through the AGR house and be open to new opportunities and leadership roles.



Wyatt John Bailey 2373
Agromony and Seed Science
Mitchellville, IA

During my time in AGR, I hope to professionally prepare myself for a career in the agriculture industry while developing lifelong friendships and experiencing once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.



Ben Abel Moffitt 2375
Animal Science
Indianola, IA

I want to become a better all-around person while strengthening my agricultural passions and gaining new experiences.



Brian Michael Graves 2377
Agricultural Business
Durant, IA

While in AGR, I plan to develop professionalism further, thrive in our learning environment, be involved within the college and the house, and help build brotherhood amongst our class.



Jack David Chism 2379
Agricultural Business
Huxley, IA

I chose AGR to connect myself with like minded men to learn more about agriculture and prepare myself for career in industry



John Richard Mortimer 2381
Agricultural Business
Ames, IA

I hope to gain lifelong friends and learn skills to help me succeed in the business world.



Ryan Neil Hegland 2383
Agricultural Business
Northfield, MN†

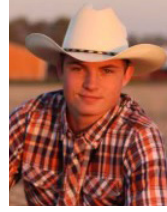
During my time in AGR and Iowa State, I hope to gain a sense of brotherhood that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I know AGR will provide me with the tools to succeed, and I control my destiny. There are many experiences that AGR will be able to give me, and I hope to take full advantage of those resources to better myself and others around me.

New Initiate Spotlights



Dawson Dale Chenoweth 2384
Agricultural Systems and Technology
Adair, IL

I wish to gain lifelong connections and relationships through AGR to help further the development of my career. I hope to establish a footing in the agricultural field with these connections and distribute my name to larger cooperations.



Jake Welby Scherer 2385
Agricultural Engineering
Decatur, IL

The most important thing I hope to get out of AGR is friends that will be there on my most important days and enjoy our time together even after college. I want to learn and help my brothers in any way and to gain many connections in my career field.



Lex Craig Kassel 2386
Agricultural Business
Emmetsburg, IA

I want to create a network with professionals all across the agricultural field. And a chance to make memories with my brothers that will last a lifetime.



Cole Marcus Bowden 2387
Agronomy
Winthrop, IA

I hope to gain connections that will be with me for the rest of my life.



Carter James Jensen 2388
Agricultural Studies
Adel, IA

Some of the things that I'm looking to get out of AGR include networking opportunities, learning more about being a leader, and learning the most I can from upperclassmen. I can use my experience to build friendships and learn how to make the most out of my college experience and academics.



Mason Douglas Nolte 2389
Agricultural Business
Wilton, IA

I want to take advantage of all the opportunities that AGR sets in front of me. Doing this will broaden my horizons and set me up for a successful future.



Tommy Howard Paulsen 2390
Agricultural Business
Cedar Falls, IA

I joined AGR because of all the professional connections it will give me and the opportunity to have brothers I can always rely on.



Connor Lee McCoy 2392
Agricultural Business
Van Meter, IA

I hope to form a lifelong brotherhood and build a network that boosts my career.



Matthew David Brinkman 2393
Animal Science
Audubon, IA

What I hope to achieve during my AGR experience is that I want to make lots of connections, lifelong friends and to better myself as a person along with the other 93 men in the house.



Garret Scott Renaud 2394
Agricultural Studies
Alden, IA

I am excited to meet new people within the fraternity and make those lasting connections.



Mitchell David Wirth 2395
Agricultural Business
Geneseo, IL

I hope to gain many lifelong experiences and opportunities from AGR. I plan on developing a brotherhood that will have a positive impact on me and my brothers for the rest of my life. I also hope to become a better business professional with the tools and guidance the house will provide.



Billy Aiden McCoy 2396
Animal Science
Franklin, WV

I hope to make many connections with other future leaders in the Ag Industry

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, Matt Norman, and Ryan Kruger



Golf Outing Was a Success

Wow! What a time the collegiate and alumni chapters had at Cedar Pointe Golf Course in Boone, IA, on September 3rd. The playing field was packed as 18 FULL teams of 4 participated in the “Golfing for AGR Scholarships” Golf Outing. We raised \$2100 for scholarships, and this money will be awarded to collegiate members at homecoming and founders day. A big thank you goes to Kevin Allmen and John Bruene, the coordinators for the event, and a special thank you to those who attended to make the event possible. We hope to see the same crowd next year, and we welcome everyone - advanced golfer or not - to next year’s event.

C.J. And Ella Barwick AGR Scholarship

– Steve Barwick

Steve Barwick grew up on a 640-acre row crop and livestock farm in Northwest Iowa. He enjoyed showing 4-H cattle at the local fairs and national shows like Ak-Sar-Ben. Steve's favorite subjects while attending Marcus High School were science and math. He decided agriculture was something he knew and wanted to continue, and Iowa State University was the best place to learn that profession. Barwick enrolled in Animal Science but decided early on that it was a crowded field, so he switched to agronomy, where there seemed to be many opportunities. Iowa State University turned out to be a great school with reasonable tuition.

While attending ISU, Steve had three summer internships that gave him a great resume and know what kind of work he liked best.

Steve went on to get his Master's in Weed Science at the University of Illinois and took a position with GROWMARK right out of school. For the company, he did herbicide plot research and wrote herbicide recommendations for the entire system. Steve worked for GROWMARK for 38 years in various positions and retired ten years ago as the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Operations.

Being a member of AGR allowed Steve to make instant connections with employees, customers, and suppliers whenever he met another AGR - and there are plenty.

The most vivid memories of ISU and the AGR house were how beautiful the campus was and how all the professors wanted us to succeed. The AGR house was the same way. The brothers were so supportive and encouraged me to try new things to become a better person and leader.

Steve encourages new AGR members to concentrate on building a solid grade point average right from the beginning. "After that, you can branch out to try new experiences to find your passion in life. Try taking leadership positions. Now is the time to fail while you have your brothers to support you."

Steve Barwick established this AGR scholarship to honor his parents and help other AGRs with financing their education. His parents, C.J. And Ella Barwick had their college educations interrupted by WW II. They supported him throughout his life and decided of giving back to those completing a degree within the AGR house. Steve has great faith that his fellow AGRs will select great candidates to receive this scholarship.





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AGR IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES >>>

- October 9th - **Bacon Expo**
- October 16th - **ISU Football @ Kansas St.**
- October 23rd - **Iowa State Homecoming/
AGR Homecoming Ceremony**
- October 30th - **ISU Football @ West Virginia**
- November 6th - **ISU Football v. Texas**
- November 13th - **ISU Football @ Texas Tech**
- November 20th - **ISU Football @ Oklahoma**
- November 22nd - **26th - Thanksgiving Break**
- November 26th - **ISU Football v. TCU**

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