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Noble Ruler Report

Brothers, friends, and families,

I hope that you all are able to spend some time with loved ones over this holiday season. It's remarkable to believe we have already made it through another year! In fact, I remember writing my first Noble Ruler report like it was yesterday! One of my favorite parts of the holidays is that we get the opportunity to reflect. A chance to reflect on the good times and the bad times. A chance to highlight the and achievements and successes, while also acknowledging shortcomings and areas which can be improved upon. Over the course of the last year, the undergraduate members of Eta Chapter have brought our local chapter and national organization to new heights! In 2021 we experienced a Greek Week Victory, received 11 out of 14 National AGR Awards, reclaimed our spot as a Presidential Level Chapter at Iowa State University, all while setting records for our philanthropy efforts, increasing the focus and discussion on men's mental health and social justice, and developing a stronger and stronger brotherhood as we progress! I am confident in the trajectory our executive team and senior class have led this house, and wish the new executive team a smooth, successful year. With that, I would like to introduce the new executive team that you all will become familiar with through our annual events.

Nathan Behrends (Junior, Ag Studies) has the tremendous honor of being elected the 2022 Eta Chapter Noble Ruler. Spencer Collins (Junior Ag Studies) will work directly with him as his VNR of Activities. Isaac Wiley (Junior, Ag Business) will have the important role of VNR of Recruitment. Kyle Lois (Junior, Ag Business) will serve as the VNR of Membership Development. The VNR of Planning will be Hunter Field (Junior, Animal Science), The VNR of Alumni Relations is Andy Boschert (Junior, Animal Science), Furthermore, the VNR of Finance is Charley Zylstra (Sophomore, Ag Studies). The VNR of House Operations and Management is Ethan Clewell (Sophomore, Ag Systems Technology). Last but certainly not least, Ian Johnson (Sophomore, Animal Science) will serve as the VNR of Scholarship to complete the 2022 Eta Chapter Executive Team! I have full faith in their leadership capabilities to continue improving 201 Gray Ave.

As we continue to look to the Spring 2022 semester, we are excited to be paired with the women of Kappa Delta and the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who have made a return to Iowa State University. This year's Greek Week events will start on March 27th. Be on the lookout for fundraising opportunities and results of lip sync, tournaments, Olympics, and community service efforts as we look to defend our 2021 Greek Week title! Other dates to remember include Founders Day, which will take place on February 19th, AGR Spring Showdown the weekend of March 18th-20th, and graduation that occurs on Saturday, May 14th! Eta Chapter will witness 5 brothers graduating this semester as well. Congratulations to Nathan Parchert, Dalton Roling, Tyler Hartman, Marcus Daughton, and Cody Gibson, and thank you for all the contributions you have made to Eta Chapter and ISU.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Noble Ruler and would like to end this report by thanking the 2021 Eta Chapter Alumni Board for all of their diligent work to help make the chapter the best it can be. Additionally, thank you to all alumni for your generous contributions to Legacy Fund and house improvement projects, our advisors for their priceless advice, our wonderful housemother Mom Diane for the countless roles she plays day-to-day, and to the rest of the undergraduate chapter for making this chapter what it is by constantly striving *To Make Better Men*.



Signing off,

Cole Eden

Cole Eden "2308"
Noble Ruler

Mom's Report

Bible Study and More at AGR

It has been an ongoing tradition to have a Chaplain as well as a bible study group at the Eta chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. This tradition has expanded in recent years and AGR now offers 3 different opportunities to be involved with faith-based studies. The current Chaplain is Prescott Jeckel, a Junior majoring in Ag Bio Chemistry. Prescott accepted this position in order to give back to the house from the perspective of a faith-based man. He, along with Tyler Helfer, a pastor from a local church who was hired by ISU to work with students, facilitate a bible study class every Wednesday afternoon from 4-5. This bible study is open to the men of AGR and the public. Attendance fluctuates from a couple people to ten people. This bible study focuses on the Old and New Testament of the bible, talks about faith, prayers and whatever people want or need to talk about.

Max Halstead, a Senior majoring in Ag Engineering, facilitates a second bible study. Max was asked by St. Thomas Catholic Church Focus Missionary Program to be a small group leader. The goal is to focus on an area and keep the focus there. This program also offers large retreats and missionaries who come to the University to do outreach. This semester, using information from the focus book, the group concentrated on the gospels to help members understand the big picture, why Jesus is needed in our lives, bible relevancy and how the gospel relates and applies in daily life. This bible study usually has 3-4 AGR men and is open to anyone. The biggest issue, according to Max, is finding a time that works for everyone.

A third faith program is The Salt Company, which is a college-based ministry and part of the Cornerstone Church, which has 1,600 members in Ames. Salt Company groups meet on Thursday nights at Cornerstone and has 300 student-led connection groups. AGR provides 4 group leaders who lead 2 of these groups: Jim Chism, a Junior majoring in Ag Business, Nathan Behrends a Junior majoring in Ag Studies, Bronson Forsyth a Sophomore majoring in Ag business, and Parker Kleigl, a Junior majoring in Agronomy, Seed Science. Connection groups provide encouragement, support, and accountability as college students strive to follow Jesus. SALT also sponsors events such as a member kickoff of the first Thursday of school, non-alcohol parties the weekend before school starts, and a fall retreat at Hidden Areas.



Diane Pinneke MSW
AGR Housemother Eta Chapter



Active Spotlight



Andrew Boschert

Andrew Boschert is a junior studying animal science from Beaver Dam, WI. He grew up on a small, diversified livestock operation outside Beaver Dam. His mother, father, older sister, and himself raise show lambs and purebred duroc show pigs for youth to show across the midwest. Andrew's hobbies include showing livestock, attending sporting events, and meeting new people. Andrew enjoys learning more about the swine industry, volunteering on community service projects, and giving back to the community.

Brother Boschert chose to attend Iowa State University because of the strong animal science program. Growing up in Wisconsin, he did not have any family that attended the university before his enrollment. Andrew was interested in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at Iowa State, which was a large factor in his college decision. Boschert joined AGR because he knew the select group of men would bring out the best in him and provide opportunities beneficial to his future. Connecting with alumni and creating bonds with people Andrew will work with for the rest of his life has proven to be the most beneficial. Throughout the recruitment process, the men he met were the deciding factor and got him fully vested in the Alpha Gamma Rho Eta Chapter.

Boschert has enjoyed many facets of the professional agricultural fraternity and has seen the benefits of joining a prestigious house like the Eta Chapter. The ability to live with more than 100 different men throughout his first three years of college has opened up worlds of opportunities as far as making connections with professors on campus, having opportunities to be a leader in some of ISU's most prestigious organizations, being successful academically by following the example brothers have set before him and making meaningful professional connections with industry leaders within agriculture.

In the future, Andrew plans to continue his education upon graduation and obtain his Master's Degree in Applied Swine Nutrition at Kansas State University. After that, he will evaluate if he would like to stay on for a Ph.D. or go into the industry.

Brother Boschert has been a great role model for brothers to look up to when it comes to internships. He has had many great opportunities in his time here at Iowa State and excelled in many of his positions. In his first summer after his freshman year, Andrew worked as a Breeding and Gestation Intern for PIC - Apex Genetic Nucleus facility in Mound City, SD. He bred and managed PIC's highest indexing females in a 3,100 head breeding barn and 500 head Gilt Development Unit. The following summer Boschert had the opportunity to be a Swine Nutrition Research Intern for Kansas State University's Swine Nutrition graduate program. As an intern, he worked on four research projects related to the National Pork Board & Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research funded "Improving Pig Survivability" research grant. He was also able to travel around eight states throughout the Midwest region to work on various groundbreaking research projects that Kansas State's Swine Nutrition Team was working on. This upcoming summer, Andrew will be interning as a Swine Account Manager with Cargill, and he looks forward to the opportunities in the future.

Andrew has had a plethora of involvement on campus and in the house. In 2021, Boschert was elected to serve as Greek Week Centrals community service director. In this position, Andrew organized 15 in-person community service events during the COVID-19 pandemic for the Fraternity and Sorority Community. In a hope to expand on his involvement in Greek Week Central, Boschert ran for Olympics Director and was elected to serve in this position for Greek Week this upcoming spring. He will be tasked with organizing and safely executing 7 Olympic events for Greek Week Teams to compete in during the week of Greek Week.

Boschert was heavily involved in Bacon Expo throughout his college career as the Education Chair and a General Tri-Chair his sophomore and junior year, respectively. He has made it a point to get involved and has certainly done just that in his time here in Ames. Andrew was recently elected as the VNR of Alumni Relations, a part of the 2022 Alpha Gamma Rho Executive Team. He is very excited for this opportunity and is looking forward to working alongside the fellow executive members in upholding the legacy of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Over time, through his involvement in the house and on campus, community service, character, and willingness to try new things, Andrew Boschert has been a great representation of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at Iowa State University.

Written by Brother Ryan Hegland

Alumni Spotlight

This issue's alumni spotlight is over Richard Anderson. Richard is the son of Willard and Gladys Anderson and is originally from Huxley, Iowa, where he was raised on his family's 160-acre farm located just a mile west of Huxley. While attending Iowa State, Richard majored in Agricultural Education. He chose this major because vocational ag was something he enjoyed in high school, and Bob Eskridge, the instructor, had a lot of enthusiasm for the program and therefore ended up pushing him towards that degree. His brother Don was also in the program and recommended the Agricultural Education major.

Richard was a part of the new initiate class of 1952 and had a pledge number of 639. He originally heard about Alpha Gamma Rho from his older brother Don, an active member, who encouraged him to join. After getting to know the active members, getting along with them, and liking how the fraternity was agriculture-based, Richard decided to join the chapter. Some of his favorite college memories were hanging out with his fellow brothers as well as the house mother's etiquette classes. To Richard, Alpha Gamma Rho was always a place of brotherhood, friendship, teamwork, and support.

During his time at Iowa State, Richard was involved in Ag Ed Club, Advanced AF ROTC, Lutheran Student Club, and worked various jobs between classes, including working in the ISC audio-visual office. Richard graduated Iowa State with his degree in Ag Education and a commission in the USAF. The USAF delayed entry to active duty by a year, so he taught at Maxwell High School during the 1955/56 school year. He then entered active duty expecting to go to flight school but instead was assigned to weapons director training, and at the end of his four-year tour, he decided to continue active duty. After 21 years, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Soon after, Richard began his 20-year career with Planning Research Corporation as a senior associate. He provided customers with computer systems design and software development, and support. He would retire as a Division Senior Vice-President.

Richard is currently retired with his wife Beverly and living in Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Richard and Beverly had two children, Lynn, a University of Virginia grad living in Virginia, and Howard, an Iowa State grad living in Minnesota. Richard and Beverly also have four grandchildren, a grandson and granddaughter that are University of Virginia grads, a granddaughter who is an ISU grad, and a grandson who is a University of MN grad.

For collegiate actives, Richard's advice is to keep your GPA up and stay flexible because you may be surprised where your life/career leads you. He also says to learn to play golf because it is a great sport when you are 88, and it has health benefits for you when you're in your 120's, but above all, have fun and enjoy a long, happy life.

Written by Brother Kody Koberg

The logo for Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) is displayed in the bottom right corner. It consists of the letters 'A', 'G', and 'R' in a large, bold, serif font. The letters are filled with a yellow color and have a thick blue outline. The 'A' and 'R' are slightly larger than the 'G'.

Alpha Gamma Rho Sweetheart

Our 2022 Alpha Gamma Rho Sweetheart is Anna Davis. Anna is a senior at Iowa State majoring in Kinesiology, Pre-Occupational Therapy with a minor in Psychology. Upon graduation, she will attend graduate school for a master's degree or doctorate in Occupational Therapy to become a pediatric occupational therapist.

Anna grew up on her family's farm in Mclean, Illinois, where she raised show pigs and helped her dad with chores. She has two other siblings, an older and younger sister. Her pastimes are cherishing time with her family, working out at the gym, volunteering, and being in the outdoors.

Anna became acquainted with Iowa State when her older sister looked into Iowa State. She had also attended numerous cyclone football games prior. What helped make her decision to become a cyclone was the community culture, school spirit, and opportunities that Cyclone Nation offered.

She chose to Rush Pi Beta Phi because that individual sorority made her feel like she could constantly be herself. Whenever she is around that group of girls, she always has a big smile on her face! Over the past four years, she has had an amazing time developing genuine friendships and being around high-caliber women that readily provide encouragement, laughs, advice, or simply an enjoyable time. Anna is extremely grateful for all the leadership, community service, and networking opportunities Greek life has provided. She especially enjoys meeting and connecting with members of Iowa State's numerous Fraternities and Sororities.

Anna's on-campus involvement is rock solid. She is the president of Iowa State's Pre-Occupational Therapy Club, vice president of the Student Alumni Leadership Council, and has been involved with multiple volunteering events, including Saint Jude's Up till Dawn Event, Dance Marathon, and the Special Olympics.

Anna came to learn about Alpha Gamma Rho when she met Cody Gibson, a brother of Eta Chapter, when he was looking at Alpha Gamma Rho. She became more familiar with the fraternity as she spent a lot of time with Cody's friends in the house her freshman year. Anna was so honored and amazed to be chosen by a group of such wonderful men. She felt incredibly loved and ecstatic when Cody told her she was selected as the Alpha Gamma Rho sweetheart. She was the guest of honor for the Monday Night Dinner on November 29th.

Anna holds all the men of Alpha Gamma Rho in the highest regard and loves how she can always count on Cody's friends to say hello and make sure she is doing okay. She will treasure the memories and friends she made at the Eta chapter her whole life.

Written by Brother Jack Chism



Anna Davis



Recruitment Notice

Hello all, my name is Isaac Wiley and I was recently elected as the VNR of Recruitment of Alpha Gamma Rho for 2022. I am looking forward to this year of recruitment and am asking for help to find any and all potential new members. If you or someone you know of is interested in learning more about Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, please feel free to contact me at 319-560-2812 or at ijwiley@iastate.edu. If you would like to fill out the interest form please follow this link: <https://www.isuagr.org/interest-form.aspx>

Agger Fries was a Success

We would like to take a moment to say THANK YOU to everyone who attended or contributed to our Agger Fries Philanthropy! We had over 600 people in attendance and raised \$3,850 that will go to the American Cancer Society!



Brother Bailey Receives Top Honor



We had a couple members from Eta Chapter attend the National SASES Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. SASES, which stands for Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Science, is a national organization that allows undergraduate students opportunities to showcase their agronomic knowledge, network with professionals and peers in the industry, and learn about future innovations and research in agriculture.



At the annual meeting, the team from Iowa State competed in the National Crops Judging Showcase where our very own Wyatt Bailey came home as the top placing individual. Further, junior member, Parker Kliegl, was elected to serve as the National Member Relations Officer for the 2022 SASES year.

What a great way to represent both Iowa State and AGR-Eta Chapter at the national level! Congrats, guys!

FOUNDER'S DAY

February 19, 2022
(held here at 201 Gray Ave.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Founders Day Ceremony – 10am - 12pm (Noon)
Followed by a light lunch and Iowa State basketball game @ 1pm

We look forward to seeing you!

VNR of Alumni Relations Report

To Our AGR Alumni, Friends, and Family,

The wind is picking up, the temperatures are dropping, and soon the snow will be flying in central Iowa. Signs that the fall semester has ended for the collegiate actives and my term as VNR of Alumni Relations. Before I give the reins to my successor, Andrew Boschert, I want to give you a brief recap of the semester in the events we had and possible changes that may take place shortly.

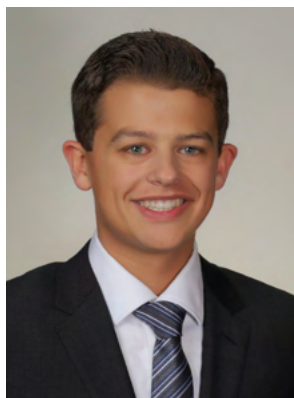
I would first like to highlight the annual Homecoming ceremony we hosted at the fraternity house before the football game on October 23rd. I was excited to have nearly 110 actives, alumni, and guests celebrate at the house on such short notice. Thank you to our guest speakers: Greg Nickerson and Jim Borel of National AGR and ISU CALS Dean Daniel Robison. Twenty-nine legacy achievement grants were awarded to chapter actives, including a newly funded grant by Lynn Shultz and her family. These grants significantly help our members achieve their degrees at Iowa State.

Shortly after homecoming, some of our alumni came back to central Iowa for our New Initiate/ Alumni BBQ. Joe Kerns graciously allowed us to host the event in his shop the night of November 3rd. The 24 new initiates and seven alumni were able to share a meal catered by Hickory Park Restaurant, stories of the house, and advice for the NI's going forward. Thank you to Tom Brincks, Tim Heiller, Karl Kerns, Lee Madden, John Chism, and Rex Rinker for attending and Joe Kerns for allowing us to host the event in his shop.

My next point is with our online alumni directory - 360Alumni. On November 9th, a few members from the collegiate exec team and alumni board had a meeting with the CEO of 360Alumni, Christina Balotescu. This meeting was aimed to ask and answer questions about 360Alumni and create strategies using the platform to improve user involvement and experience. So when I was talking about potential changes, this is where you may see these. 360Alumni offers an email service that is included in the same price tag and connected to our directory. If the chapter looks to make this change next year, it would be crucial that you, our alumni, have a 360Alumni account. E-Newsletters are a quick and effective way of communicating important dates and information as they come up. Other benefits of having a 360Alumni account include ways to fundraise for AGR philanthropic efforts, connecting with your pledge class or friends in private or public chat rooms, and locating your brothers using the interactive map. If you have any troubles creating your account, do not hesitate to reach out.

To reflect, being the VNR of Alumni Relations for the 2021 term was an experience. And I enjoyed it. It offered me skills and connections that I would not have obtained if I was not elected to this position. I would like to thank my exec team, the alumni board, and my assistants for making this year successful with founders day, homecoming, the NI/ Alumni BBQ, and delivering important content in the Crescent magazines and E-Newsletters. You can reach out to your new VNR of Alumni Relations at boschert@iastate.edu.

Thank you,



Gabe Shultz
VNR of Alumni Relations



Homecoming



New Initiate /Alumni BBQ



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. Thanks in advance!

254	David Curry	1739	Quinn Showalter
537	Troy Peterson	1845	Brandon Reis
601	John Fuhr	1848	Jacob Fulk
658	Stuart Woolley	1909	Thomas Schroeder
937	Gregory Bendixen	1947	Todd Ellensohn
1126	Dean Danilson	1974	Austin Haywood
1294	Kevin Mobley	2006	Mitchel Giesking
1325	William Elson	2029	Brett Pfantz
1399	Darren Hora	2166	Gabriel Lorack
1567	Craig Thines		

Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund provides a unique platform for Eta Alumni to support the men of Eta Chapter. Contributions to the Legacy Fund are recognized by both Eta Chapter and the Iowa State Foundation. Gifts can be made on an annual basis or monthly via check, ACH or credit card. Donations at the \$50,000 level and above to the Legacy Fund 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. Please call the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Development Office at 515-294-9332 or email Nick at nvanberkum@foundation.iastate.edu for more information.

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!

Joe Hora – Alumni Board President
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Andrew Boschert – VNR of Alumni Relations
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Halbur Receives E.P. Pope Memorial Award

Dr. Pat Halbur, professor and chair of the Department of Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine and the executive director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Iowa State University, has been named the recipient of the 2021 E.P. Pope Memorial Award from the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD).



Dr. Pat Halbur

The Pope Award is the highest award given by the AAVLD and is presented to an individual who has made noteworthy and significant contributions to the association in regard to implementing and advancing the recognition of the specialty of veterinary diagnostic laboratory medicine. The award is named in honor of Dr. E.P. Pope, a 1949 graduate of Iowa State's College of Veterinary Medicine.

A faculty member at Iowa State since 1990, Halbur's research has focused on advancing understanding of the diagnosis, pathogenesis and control of swine infectious diseases including porcine respiratory coronavirus, porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus, porcine circovirus and swine hepatitis E virus.

He is a member of the National Academic of Inventors and served as president of the AAVLD in 2017. He has also served on several AAVLD committees.

"I have been very fortunate to spend much of my career as a diagnostic pathologist or in a leadership role in Iowa State's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory," Halbur said. "Throughout my career I have had the opportunity to get to know, to stand on the shoulders of, and in some small way, carry on the work of some remarkable thought leaders in diagnostic medicine."

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MARCH 18-20, 2022

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February 19th - **Founders Day Ceremony**

March 18-20th - **Spring Showdown Cattle Show**

March 27th - **Greek Week Begins**

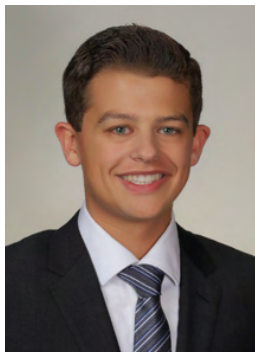
May 1st - **Deadline to have 2022 NI Class approved**

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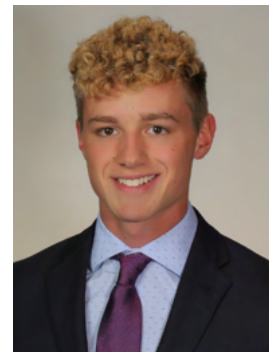
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