



Eta Chapter Newsletter Iowa State Univer<u>sity</u>

THE CRES(ENT



FALL 2022

Noble Ruler Report

Brothers, Alumni, Friends, and Family,

As the harvest is in full swing, I hope this Crescent adds cheer to your successful Fall! The Fall semester goes by quickly here at 201 Gray Avenue, and it is hard to believe we are looking ahead into some of our final semester events. As many of you know, the Fall goes so quickly because of how busy each member of the Eta Chapter is. I want to highlight some of our men's hard work since returning to Ames in August!

Before we delve into the school year, I want to highlight our chapter's time spent in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the National AGR Convention this July. Members were eager to attend convention this year, as no current undergraduate member in the fraternity has had the chance to attend. COVID-19 delayed the event, but it was worth the wait for our chapter. We had a strong year at Eta Chapter throughout the 2021 school year, which did not go unnoticed. In Milwaukee, our chapter took home numerous awards. These awards included Highest Honor in the Housemother/House Director Management Award, Chapter Crescent-Single Issue, Outstanding Community Service & Philanthropic Efforts Award, Lifelong Membership Development Award, Living the Promise and Values Award, and Recruitment Excellence Award. We received High Honor awards in the Academic Excellence Award, Committed Alumni Corporation, and Housemother/House Director Social and Cultural Development Award. We also took home Honorable Mention in Crescent Awards-Best Feature Story and the Continued Alumni Engagement Award. All these awards allowed us to come home with the biggest award, which was being named the Top Chapter in the Country and taking home the Maynard. H. Coe Award! Beyond our active chapter recognition, Eta Chapter's alumni were also present by naming Greg Nickerson ('81 agricultural journalism) as National AGR Grand President, inducting Tim Heiller ('90 animal science) into the AGR Hall of Fame and electing National AGR Board of Director Jim Borel ('78 agricultural business).

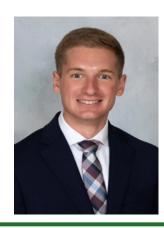
When the summer ended, and men were wrapping up their summer internship experiences, we hit the ground running by welcoming 28 new members. These new initiates reign across the United States from Florida, Kansas, Ohio, Minnesota, Arkansas, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois. This diverse class has majors in Agricultural Business, Agriculture Systems Technology, Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural Studies, and Animal Science, which brings a fresh perspective as we look to continue the legacy and high standards of Alpha Gamma Rho – Eta Chapter.

As I mentioned, this Fall has been nothing shy of "taking things easy" for all our members. They have been diligently

planning events and showcasing AGR to our great university. Starting the first week of school, our members attended the annual "AGR Golfing for Scholarships" event hosted by Eta alumni. Following that event, our new members had the chance to meet and mingle with our alumni for our New Initiate Alumni Steak Fry. We then went into September on a high by hosting Dad's Weekend. This event looked a little different than normal as we hosted our fathers to dinner on Friday night with evening activities and then a tailgate the next morning before the Cyclone football game. We set a record attendance with roughly 85 of our 100 members fathers in attendance!

Through September and into October, our men were also heavily involved. It began with members participating in the university-wide CALS Week. This year's CALS Week was organized by one of our very own members, Ian Latham, along with many other members helping throughout the week. Shortly after the busyness of CALS Week, our men all partook in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Fair. This year, the career fair consisted of over 280 companies and went to show how elite Iowa State's career placement is. Many members have already locked down next year's summer or full-time plans, including opportunities with Corteva Agriscience, PIC, Winfield United, CNH Industrial, and many more elite agriculture companies. We are excited to see where each opportunity takes them and what our career placement rate looks like in the spring!

Our chapter recently hosted two annual fall philanthropies, Agger Fries and Aggers Helping Farmers. Each of these events was nothing shy of past successes. Thanks to our three philanthropy co-chairs, Tate Boysen, Charley Zylstra, and Jack Chism, we served fried food to roughly 723 Iowa State students and Ames community members during Agger Fries on October 13th. The money raised from this philanthropy totaled roughly \$4,000. The next week our chapter organized its 3rd annual Aggers Helping Farmers Philanthropy. Aggers Helping Farmers is an idea that stemmed from the men of Alpha Gamma Rho a few years ago. The idea of the event is to raise money for the Farm Crisis Center and to raise awareness for mental health in the agriculture community.



This year, we spread awareness by handing out roughly 400 free lunches at surrounding Ames grain receiving facilities and raised over \$2,500 in the process.

Go Cyclones,

Nathan Behrends

Nathan Behrends "2341"

Mom's Report

The Iowa State Sorority and Fraternity Community has something no other Greek community has, according to House Directors and Housemothers on other campuses. It is called a *coterie*. By definition, a coterie is an intimate and often exclusive group of persons with a unifying common interest or purpose. As far back as anyone remembers there has been a coterie of Housemothers and House Directors at Iowa State. There are even minutes from meetings going back to the 1960's. The only membership requirement is to be a House Director or Housemother in one of the Greek houses.

The coterie's primary purpose is to provide support, information, and socialization opportunities for its members. The coterie also functions to welcome new House Directors and Housemothers to the Greek community. It is an organized group with a President and a Secretary/Treasurer. The terms for those offices run 2 years or longer if someone can be talked in to staying on. The President assigns one of the current members to be a mentor to a new House Director/ Housemother. She also ensures the new member receives a booklet with needed information and important phone numbers.

The coterie meets monthly during the school year, usually the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are hosted by 2 members of the coterie. Members take turns hosting the meetings at their fraternity or sorority. One coterie member hosts the meeting at their Greek house and the other host provides the treats. There is usually a program or presentation about a topic of current interest.

Coterie was hosted at the AGR house on September 10th of this year. The program was on Sex Trafficking, a growing problem on college campuses. The AGR comfortable board room and technology were greatly appreciated by the presenter and coterie members.

The dues to belong are \$10 a year and are mostly used to buy the dinner at the end the year for anyone who is retiring. In addition to monthly meetings, the coterie group goes out to dinner the first Friday of the month at different restaurants in Ames and the surrounding area. The group also meets for coffee at 9:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

The group communicates regularly via group chat and email so that all members are informed and can be as involved as they wish. Prior to COVID-19, a small group of coterie members were learning how to play Mahjong every Tuesday night at one of the sororities. Indeed, coterie serves as both a professional and social organization.

Sincerely,

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Diane Pinneke MSW AGR Housemother



New Initiate 2022 Introductions



ADAM ZEE Pittsville, WI Agricultural Engineering



JORDAN LAWLESS Carlisle, IA Agronomy



KIRBY COOK Winthrop, IA Agricultural Studies



KYLE DURST Sioux City, IA *Agricultural Business*



SAWYER HANSEN Ames, IA *Agricultural Business*







ISAAC GUETTERMAN Bucyrus, KS *Agricultural Engineering*



COLE BUCKLEY Ventura, IA *Agricultural System Technology*





JACK SHOWALTER Hampton, IA Agricultural Studies





CLAYTON BAUM Geneseo, IL *Agricultural Business*



DYLAN BRADER Mediapolis, IA *Agricultural Studies*



JESSE BOCKMAN Milford, IA Agricultural Studies



CHASE ANDERSON Boone, IA Agricultural Studies

New Initiate 2022 Introductions



MICHAEL SCHAAL Burlington, WI Agricultural Business



ZACH FIELD Stella, MO Agricultural Business



COLE NELSON Perry, IA Agricultural Business



CARSON DIRCKS Coral Spring, FL Agriculture Systems Technology



COLE WEBEL Arcadia, IN Animal Science



RYAN KONECNE Morning Sun, IA Agricultural Business



GEORGE SINCLAIR Williamsburg, IA



Agricultural Business







LOGAN PICKHINKE Early, IA Animal Science/ Pre-Vet







CODY FELT Adel, IA Agricultural Studies



ROSS STABENOW Lena, IL Animal Science





GARRETT ARNOLD Webster City, IA Agricultural Business

BEAU KLAVER Kamrar, IA Agricultural Studies

Alumni Spotlight

Brother Jim Borel was born in Clarion, Iowa, and his activation number is "1150." While at Iowa State, Jim pursued a degree in Agricultural Business. One of Jim's leadership positions in the house was "Pledge Trainer," which we now know as "VNR of Membership Development."

Outside of Alpha Gamma Rho, Jim was involved in the Agriculture Business Club where he was the Agricultural Council Representative and the Vice President of the Agricultural Council. Jim was also a member of the ISU Powerlifting team; the President of the ISU Weightlifting Club; and was an Intramural Wrestling tournament champion in 1977.

Jim has many great memories while living at 201 Gray. His favorite being the time Mark Olson introduced him to his future wife Marcia Henderson! (Thanks Mark!) His second favorite memory was at his wedding rehearsal dinner where "for whatever reason" several AGR classmates were calling number on Jim, when Mike (Jim's older brother by choice <u>and</u> accident of



Jim Borel "1150"

birth) topped everyone with his "1016," only for them to hear a quiet voice in the corner say "553." It was Marcia's father, John Henderson, who was also an Eta Chapter alum. Needless to say, no one topped his number that night!

Jim's entire professional life has been focused on helping, in his own small ways, the world progress toward sustainable food security with a focus on technology development and its global deployment. He is also very interested in helping develop the next generation of agriculture and food leaders. After working 38 years for DuPont, 34 of those being in the agriculture side of the business, Jim retired. Jim was the Executive Vice-President of the global Agriculture and Nutrition segment, which included DuPont Pioneer, DuPont Crop Protection and DuPont Nutrition and Health. Currently, Jim serves on several agriculture and food company boards, including as board chair for Neogen Corporation, independent director of Farmers Edge, AeroFarms, Inc.; Eat Just, Inc., and is a member of the National Board of Directors for Alpha Gamma Rho. Jim is also a partner in Borel Farms, LLC (his family farm), and in J&M Borel Farms.

Alpha Gamma Rho instilled the values and disciplines that got Jim off on the right foot for his career path. He developed friendships within Eta Chapter that have lasted a lifetime. Jim also has enjoyed an extensive network of AGRs in agriculture that he has interacted with throughout his professional career that have provided him with inspiration, support, and wise counsel.

Now, Jim and his wife Marcia split their time between Naples, Florida and West Chester, Pennsylvania, with frequent stops in Iowa and Annapolis, Maryland (where they keep their sailboat). Jim and Marcia have two grown children, Dave who lives in San Francisco, working as an engineering leader developing next generation virtual reality products for Meta, and Bethany who lives in New York City, working as an architect focused on sustainable building design, and has become an industry expert in biophilic design with CookFox.



2022 Floyd Andre Award Recipient

Iowa State University - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences recognizes an ISU CALS alumnus, or friend who has made outstanding contributions to production agriculture, agricultural business or has had a significant impact on Iowa agriculture for the Floyd Andre Award. The 2022 Floyd Andre Award recipient is AGR honorary alumnus, Dr. Robert Rust, given the activation number of "889."

Rust was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho as an honorary alumnus in 1965, while on staff at Iowa State University in the Animal Science Department. Dr. Rust came to ISU in 1959 as the university's first extension meat specialist. Rust developed a series of meat science short courses at ISU. Rust made Iowa State University the first university to offer meat science short courses, and some of these courses are still being offered to this day.

In 2010, Rust was inducted into the Meat Industry Hall of Fame. He was the first to be awarded the extension and meat processing awards from the American Meat Association. Rust is a fellow of both the Institute of Food Technologists and the American Society of Animal Science. His accomplishments as a professor include the following: co-author of more than



Dr. Robert Rust "889"

55 scientific articles, 35 extension publications for the industry, 200 technical publications, nine chapters in reference books, a textbook on meat processing, and a co-editor for a book on meat thermal processing.

Dr. Rust supports Iowa State University to this day, having a scholarship for students studying meat science, which he and his wife, Dorothy, started in 1994 after he retired as professor emeritus in animal science. Congratulations, Dr. Robert Rust!

Past AGR Floyd Andre Award Recipients:

2018 – James "Jim" Christensen 2014 – Sig Cornelius 2010 – James "Jim" Borel 1999 – Willard "Bill" Latham 1993 – Donald Latham 1992 – Derryl McLaren 1988 – Marvin Walter 1978 – George Strayer



Way to Donate to ETA Chapter

At our recent reunion, (Class of 1979) there were some questions about how to best donate to Eta Chapter. I thought there might be more of you who would like to know so here are some of the best options:

- 1. Give directly to the Alpha Gamma Rho Eta Alumni Corporation. This donation would not be tax deductible. A donation here would help offset some of the cost of maintaining the house (property tax, insurance, repairs, mortgage interest).
- 2. Give to the Alpha Gamma Rho Education Foundation of Eta Chapter. This donation would be tax deductible. A donation to the Educational Foundation would also be used to offset some of the cost of maintaining the house, but also assisting the students with tutoring expenses, our book library, and other educational needs.
- 3. Give to the ISU Foundation and direct the funds to the Alpha Gamma Rho Education Foundation Scholarship. Direct the funds to account # 0710741. These funds would be tax deductible and also "count" towards your giving goals with ISU Foundation.
- 4. Give to the LEGACY Fund. This is also coordinated by the Iowa State University Foundation. Direct the funds to account # 2703854. The funds would be used to fund the Legacy gifts awarded to the students each fall and spring semester.
- 5. Give to the Eta FUND at the National AGR Education Foundation. These funds will be used for scholarships and will "count" towards your giving goals with the national fraternity.

For options 1 and 2, please mail the checks c/o Mike Nissly, PO Box 606, Iowa Falls, IA 50126. For options 3 and 4, go to the ISU Foundation, PO Box 2230, Ames, IA 50010. Option 5 should be mailed to Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, 1333 NW Vivion Rd, Suite 110, Kansas City, MO 64118.

FOUNDER'S DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year at Founder's Day, we have the unique opportunity to recognize alumni for their exceptional contributions to the world of Agriculture 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 VNR of Alumni Relations with the following information:

Nominating Award, Nominee(s) Name, Current Place of Residence, Key Contributions and Awards

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!

Alpha Gamma Rho 40th Reunion Weekend

When thinking about Alpha Gamma Rho, especially Eta Chapter, one of the first things that alumni mention about AGR is the lifelong bonds of brotherhood that Eta Chapter members will reap, and alumni reap those benefits throughout their lifetime. September 16th and 17th, 2022 we saw exactly that happening within a group of alumni, spanning from New Initiate classes from 1976 – 1982.

Alumnus Scott Hansen "1252" hosted the Reunion Weekend Kickoff at his farm in Adel, IA with a brisket dinner, live music performance, and of course, rekindling AGR bonds many years after their time at 201 Gray Avenue. On Saturday, brothers that came back to central Iowa for the 40th Reunion Weekend gathered to tailgate together before the Iowa State vs. Ohio University football game. Some alumni even came back to 201 Gray and toured the AGR chapter facility.

This weekend showed incredible AGR brotherhood through the turnout that they received. 91 AGR brothers and a total of 216 people attended the AGR 40th Reunion Weekend. Brother Scott Hansen stated, "These AGR Reunion Weekend gatherings reaffirmed how "unique & special" it is, to be a member of Eta Chapter, Alpha Gamma Rho."

Those in attendance passed around a hat for donations, and after covering the expenses of the 40th AGR Reunion Weekend, this group of individuals that traveled from South Texas to North Texas and California to North Carolina donated nearly \$5,000 back to the undergraduate chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho in the form of scholarships. AGR Alumni Memorial Scholarships were created in honor of brothers from N.I. classes '76 – '82 that have already passed away. Memorial Scholarships were made in honor of the following brothers: Brad Peyton "1162", Al Lubben "1166", Duane Streit "1170", Dave Schaefer "1171", Jim Stark "1182", Tim Krumm "1189", Phil Core "1192", Mell Taets "1193", and Dan Radig "1317". From the undergraduate chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho, thank you to all that attended, and setting a great example of what AGR brotherhood is, a lifelong commitment.











VNR of Membership Development Report

My name is Kyle Lois, and I am a senior majoring in agricultural business. This year, I'm serving as the VNR of Membership Development. My main goal in serving AGR is to ensure that all members are pushing themselves every day to be a cut above in the halls at 201 Gray, on campus, and in the workplace. With this goal in mind, my team and I have been working with the new members to get them off on the right foot and so far, there all doing great!



One thing we continue to implement each year into the new member program is the professional development class. This class is led by James Chism who is our Agriculture Placement Chair. Jim has been hosting the professional development class every Wednesday night with all the new members to discuss topics ranging from professionalism in the workplace, career fair dynamics, and fundamental skills of what we expect a professional AGR to look like. Throughout the course of the semester, James has prepared every new member for the career fair by discussing resume building, resume editing, and scheduled mock interviews with upperclassmen AGR and Eta alumni. Additionally, James went above and beyond and hosted a post-career fair mixer on October 11th with 20+ company representatives. Overall, the professional development class has prepared our new members to be one step above on campus and in their careers.

Eta Chapter has seen involvement and success grow on campus and in Alpha Gamma Rho throughout the year. Recently we have had the opportunity host 723 people to raise over \$4,000 for Farm Rescue with our Agger Fries



philanthropy, Won Sigma Alpha's Mr. Cals Contest, donated money to the Farm Crisis Center through Aggers Helping farmers.

This has certainly been a busy year; however, our members have still found time to enhance our brotherhood through, bring back Farmer's Ball, Sky Zone, Paintball, and different events in the chapter facility. This semester is off to a great start and the growth of the new members has been fun to see. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions!





Kyle Lois "2330"

Undergraduate Member Spotlight

This publication's Undergraduate Member Spotlight is Charley Zylstra, from Sibley, Iowa. He chose to attend Iowa State University and major in agricultural studies with a minor in general business. Charley is extremely fortunate to be heavily involved in the workings of Eta Chapter. He serves as one of the philanthropy chairs as well as the VNR of Finance. In the past, Charley served as an assistant to the VNR of House Operations and Management.

Charley serves on Iowa State's Homecoming Central Team, as one of the Logistics Directors. He aided in coordinating all aspects of Iowa State's Homecoming Tradition. Prior to this year, he was part of a team of "CySquaders" that assisted

Homecoming Central members. During his time at Iowa State, he has been on the Treasurer for the Collegiate Cattlemen organization and the Public Relations Chair for Iowa Corn Growers Club. He has also been a member of the Agricultural Business Club and Farm Operations Club. In addition,



Charley Zylstra "2370"

this past year, Charley helped with Greek Week 2022 as a Culinary Captain, helping in organizing Food on Campus every day for Greek Week. He states, "I also enjoy going to Kairos weekly church services on Wednesday nights with fellow AGR brothers." Charley finds ways to relax some of his hobbies include traveling, riding motorcycles, watching Cubs baseball, helping on the family farm, working with cattle, skiing, and spending time with AGR brothers. When asked about his favorite AGR memory he said "My favorite Eta Chapter memory was traveling to Florida last December for the Iowa State bowl game vs. Clemson with brothers Easton Hultman, Ian Latham, and Devin Devore. We packed into a Ford Taurus and drove straight through to Ian's grandma's house in Naples, Florida, where we relaxed and enjoyed the beach. On gameday, we met up with over 20 other AGR brothers at the pre-game tailgate. It was fun to see Iowa State going head-to-head with a powerhouse football program in Clemson. Before heading home, we made a stop in Nashville to listen to multiple country singers at a New Year's Eve bash."

This past summer, Charley took a leap of faith and accepted an internship in Fairbanks, Alaska with a Harley-Davidson, BMW, Honda, Polaris, and Stihl dealership as a Service Writer Intern. His duties included scheduling service appointments with customers, contacting them during the appointment with any changes in the estimate, promised time, or with any additional repairs needed. He worked very closely with the parts and sales department daily. When asked about some challenges he had this summer he said, "It was challenging to manage the work schedules for the seven mechanics in the service department. It was my job to ensure they had work lined up daily to keep the service department running smoothly." While Charley still is not sure what the future holds for him, Eta Chapter – Alpha Gamma Rho knows he will do great things.



2022 Dad's Weekend

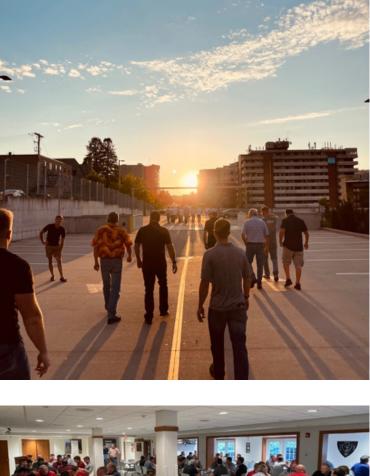
AGR Alumni, Friends, and Family,

I hope this finds you all doing well. My name is James Chism, and I had the honor to serve as Dad's Weekend Co-Chair along with Andrew Boschert this fall. As we near the end of our fall semester, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on a wonderful event we had at the beginning of our semester. On Friday, September 16th, the active undergraduate chapter welcomed the dads of AGR to Ames for our Dad's Weekend Celebration. It was an enjoyable evening, featuring nearly all the active undergraduate chapter, and the vast majority of our dad's. We enjoyed a great dinner at the house, plenty of opportunity to connect with other dads and sons, and of course the opportunity to enjoy several after-hours activities.

Andrew and I would like to thank all the dad's that attended our event. It was awesome to pack 201 Gray with nearly 200 brothers and dads, and we greatly appreciate the commitment by many of the dads to attend. We were thrilled to welcome Dad's from as far away as Florida, Indiana, Ohio, to Wisconsin, and beyond.

We'd also like to thank our excellent grill team for their hard work preparing a delicious meal. Brothers Nathan Orban, Tate Phillips, and Devin DeVore did an excellent job preparing a fantastic dinner of pork loin sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, mac & corn, and Oreo fluff. Thank you again to all the dad's and sons that attended, and we hope you all had as much fun as we did!

Fraternally,









James Chism "2320"

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!

Troy E. Peterson John D. Fuhr Frank B. Young Randall L. Hirsch Darrell E. Helgens Millard J. Maxted Kent Brown Neil A. Barrick Craig W. Lawton Dean A. Danilson James Holub Jared R. Elder Steve Merle Hanson Craig R. Thines Ryan P. Burke Jacob Fulk Health L. Brock Benjamin D. Sorensen James Joseph Rice Thomas C. Schroeder



Connect with your brothers on our new social-networking platform. www.isuagr.360alumni.com November 15th - Sigma Alpha Thanksgiving Dinner

November 29th – AGR Faculty Appreciation Dinner

December 6th – Alumni Board Meeting

December 11th - 16th - Finals Week

December 16th - End of Fall Semester



What's Happening at 201 Gray



AGR Homecoming Ceremony



1st Place Treds Team



AGR Men Wear green in support of Sexual Assault Awareness



"Agger Fries" Philanthropy



Eta Member, James Chism, wins Mr. CALS



Banner Chair Wyatt Bailey with 1st place banner



"Green Dot" speaker discussing sexual assault prevention with chapter



Lawn Display "The Magic CyRide"



AGR Dad's Weekend



"Agger Helping Farmers" Philanthropy



Homecoming Festivities



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