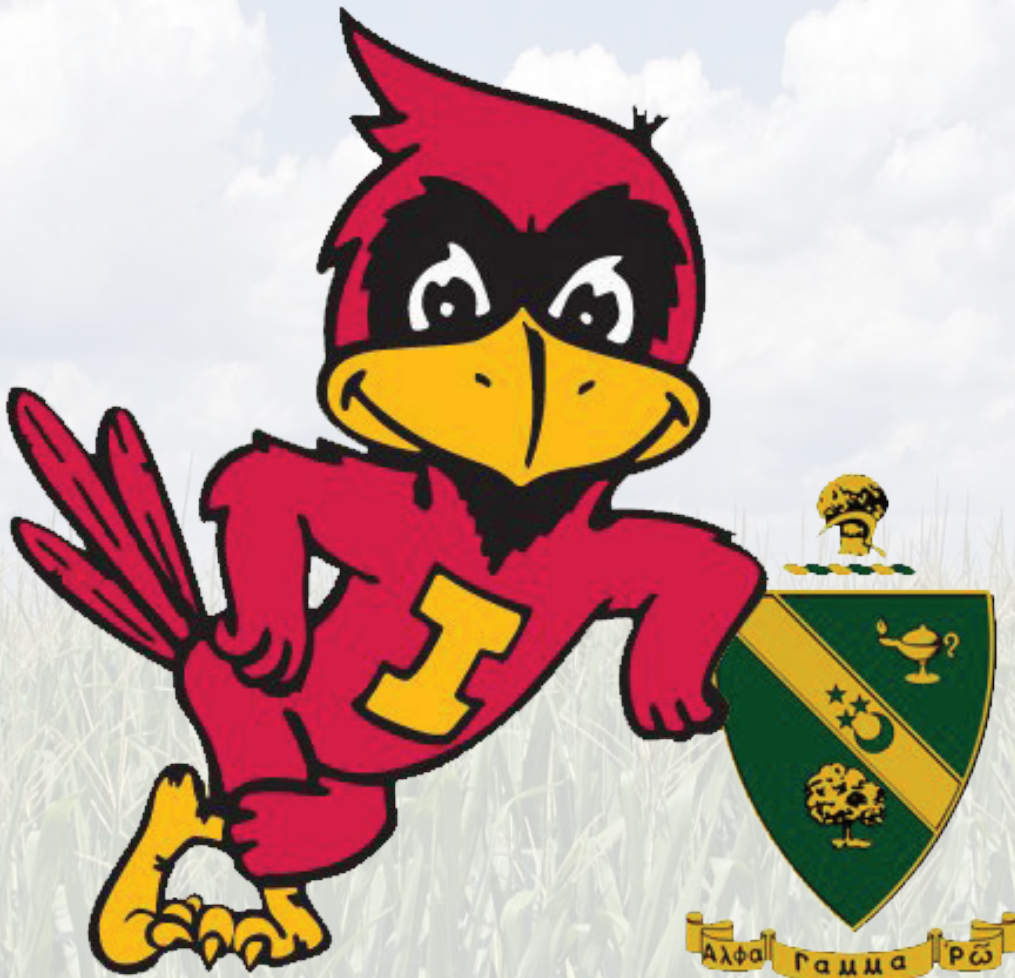




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Eta Chapter Newsletter
Iowa State University

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— SPRING 2022 —

Noble Ruler Report

On behalf of the active Eta Chapter, we want to wish you all a happy spring and a successful start to the 2022 year! I hope this letter finds you well as the busyness of spring is beginning amongst each of you! To introduce myself, my name is Nathan Behrends, a junior from Atlantic, Iowa, and I have the privilege of serving as this year's Noble Ruler. I am humbled and honored to lead our current chapter of 86 members throughout this year! Our chapter has strong leadership amongst the graduating senior class and an eager group of nine elite executive team members serving as leaders here at 201 Gray Avenue.

Since the start of the 2022 year, the men of Eta Chapter have been pursuing excellence and finding success in the process. From the moment we got back to Ames in January, our members dove right into planning events for the new year. We started our year off with the chapter's first recruitment weekend of the year. On January 29th and 30th, the VNR of Recruitment, Isaac Wiley, and his team planned a successful weekend to kick off the recruiting year. There were over 30 potential new members in attendance, with individuals coming from all sectors of the United States, including Florida and New York! The recruitment team has done an exceptional job preparing for next year's class and is looking forward to bringing on another high-level group of young men.

Moving on throughout the next few weeks, chapter members have been finding unique ways to get involved on campus, which continues to establish Eta Chapter's presence amongst the Iowa State community. One unique new opportunity our chapter took on was pairing with the women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity to collaborate in planning a Black History Month event by "spreading the love" on campus by handing out treat goodie bags to students across campus. In these goodie bags, we were helping to promote future Zeta Phi Beta events and interacting amongst the student population at Iowa State! Our goal for this spring is to continue to impact those around us and to make a difference in the community.

Another highlight this semester was hosting our annual Founder's Day celebration this February! Our VNR of Alumni Relations, Andrew Boschert, worked alongside our dedicated Alumni Board to successfully plan a distinguished ceremony and luncheon. After a year off from an in-person Founder's Day, both our alumni and active members were eager to network and gather for a day full of accolades, memories, bonding, and an Iowa State men's basketball win. I want to thank each of you who attended the event and those of you who could not make it as well! Us active members cannot thank you all enough for your generous support and participation in helping sustain the success our chapter year after year. Our alumni engagement makes our chapter continue to stand out above the rest!

As we look forward to the second half of our spring semester, the busting continues around the men of Alpha Gamma Rho. To briefly touch on a few big items, our annual AGR Spring Cattle Showdown will be held on the weekend of March 18th through the 20th. The Spring Showdown tri-chairs, Nathan Orban, Spencer Collins, and Bryce Lafrenz have diligently planned this popular event for many weeks. Greek Week is right around the corner, beginning on March 27th. We are paired with the women of Kappa Delta and men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. All members have been working hard for weeks in preparation to have yet another successful year in hopes of winning Greek Week for the second straight year! Our philanthropy chairs are working with the women of Sigma Alpha to prepare for our "Wings on Rho" philanthropy on April 21st. It is the event's second-year debut and is a grab-and-go style food line, with all the donations going towards the American Cancer Society! These are just a few of the highlighted events Eta Chapter is planning, along with many more that I did not mention!

I want to thank you all again for your continued support and dedication to the active chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. Your dedication to our success is truly incomparable. Without our many great alumni, we actives would not have half the opportunities for personal growth and resources to find future success. If any of you happen to be going through the greater Ames area, I would love to extend the offer to please stop by and check into what we are doing here at 201 Gray Avenue. Feel free to reach out to me or Andrew Boschert, and we would be more than happy to show you around or have you join us for dinner!



Fraternally,

Nathan Behrends

Nathan Behrends "2341"

Mom's Report

Hello Everyone,

Spring Semester of 2022 resumed on January 18th and the new executive team took over leadership at the fraternity. Iowa State men's and women's basketball are providing entertainment and excitement. Forty-three men made the Dean's list which requires a grade point of 3.5 and 50 made the house scholarship goal that requires a 3.4. The overall GPA for the house was 3.34.

On January 21st-22nd, five AGR men attended recruitment school in Kansas City. This was followed by recruitment weekend January 28th-30th and approximately 30 young men from Arkansas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, and Iowa joined the men at the house. The AGR barbeque team provided lunch on Saturday that included smoked pork, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, and corn. The smoked pork was the best. Later in the day, members and recruits were able to attend the basketball game in the afternoon and the hockey game that night. This barbeque team will be competing on March 25th-27th in Lebanon, Tennessee. Participants in this event are AGRs across the country and both actives and alumni can compete.

Beginning in January, a group of approximately 100 students began to practice for Lip Sync at the fraternity. Lip Sync is a song and dance competition which is part of Greek Week. This group is comprised of AGR men as well as our pairings for Greek Week, which includes women from Kappa Delta (KD) sorority and men from Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity. They practice at the AGR house 3 nights a week from 8-10 pm.

The weekend of February 11th-12th, twelve men from the house and myself participated in an AGR Leadership seminar in Kansas City. The leadership seminar provided an opportunity to promote, develop and encourage young men to learn and to use these skills.

Founder's Day was February 19th and AGR hosted over 40 alumni and their wives. The event included the annual meeting, awards, scholarships and lunch. Followed by attending Iowa State's basketball victory over Oklahoma. On February 21st, AGR hosted Special Olympics' guest, Tyler Leech, along with our pairings for Greek Week: KD sorority and SAE fraternity.

An active semester at the fraternity and on campus means the board room, living room, library and study rooms are often busy late into the night.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Pinneke



Diane Pinneke MSW
AGR Housemother



Alumni Board Report

AGR Brothers,

I want to first start off by saying thank you to all that were able to attend the Founder's Day ceremony this past February. This year we saw a great resurgence in the turnout by our alumni across the state. Those who were in attendance, I know were proud to be there as the active chapter did an exceptional job in planning the event. I also would like to thank the engagement we had from alumni who sent in award nominees for the numerous awards presented. Your recommendations truly do assist in the planning, execution, and the overall quality of the event.

Throughout 2021, Alpha Gamma Rho-Eta chapter has met all challenges that have been brought to not only the alumni board but also the active chapter. Today, I am confident when I say we have strong leadership within the active chapter and the greater alumni board. Recently the board and over 20 active chapter members conducted a strategic planning session. Through this planning process, we engaged on current and future priorities that we continue to strive for. Focusing on the future and understanding what new variables and challenges our fraternity needs to be prepared for, has and will, continue to set us apart.

Today, the AGR alumni board is and continues to be deeply engaged with the active chapter. This is an aspect that I feel is a true strength and separates us from other fraternities. The connection and transparency between the active chapter and the alumni board has fostered true alignment of decisions and future direction. Another area that needs to be pointed out is the dedication of our long-standing alumni board members and active stakeholders. I have included the 2022-2023 alumni board officers, treasurer, directors, legal advisor, house manager, chapter advisors and scholarship chairman below. Our alumni board is strong because of these alumni leaders. I would also like to thank the outgoing board members brother Curt Lang and brother Daniel Faidley as well brother Justin Chesnut for his years of service as the chapter advisor.

It has truly been a pleasure serving the board the past three years and have enjoyed witnessing the positive progress that continues. I am confident in saying that Alpha Gamma Rho-Eta chapter continues to make better men and through them a broader and better agriculture. If you have interest in learning more about getting more engaged with the alumni board or active chapter do

not hesitate to reach out to myself or any other board member. It is never too early or too late to get engaged.



Sincerely,
Joe Hora "2046" -- Outgoing
Alumni Board President
joehora@gmail.com



BOARD MEMBERS

2022-2023 Officers

PRESIDENT: Skyler Rinker

VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Heiller

SECRETARY: Brian Lansing

TREASURER: Mike Nissly

DIRECTORS: Nate Johanson, John Latham, Scott Starkweather, Jake Thomsen, Andrew Burt, Scott Borcharding

LEGAL ADVISOR: Dan Stockdale

HOUSE MANAGER: Carl Hanson

CHAPTER ADVISORS: Paul Heinemann, Brad Skaar, Mike Doran

Scholarship Chairman: Chad Dummermuth

2022 Executive Team

Our Noble Ruler is brother Nathan Behrends. Nathan is currently a junior majoring in Agricultural Studies and Agronomy from Atlantic, IA.

Our Vice Noble Ruler of Activities is brother Spencer Collins. Spencer is currently a junior majoring in Agricultural Studies and Agronomy from Adel, IA.

Our Vice Noble Ruler of Recruitment is brother Isaac Wiley. Isaac is currently a junior majoring in Agricultural Business from Walker, IA.

Our Vice Noble Ruler of Membership Development is brother Kyle Lois. Kyle is currently a junior majoring in Agricultural Business from Burlington, WI.

Our Vice Noble Ruler of Planning is brother Hunter Field. Hunter is currently a junior majoring in Animal Science from Bentonville, AR.

Our Vice Noble Ruler of Alumni Relations is brother Andrew Boschert. Andrew is currently a junior majoring in Animal Science from Beaver Dam, WI.

Our Vice Noble Ruler of Finance is brother Charley Zylstra. Charley is currently a sophomore majoring in Agricultural Studies from Sibley, IA.

Our Vice Noble Ruler of House Operations is brother Ethan Clewell. Ethan is currently a sophomore majoring in Agricultural Systems Technology from Gilbert, IA.

Our Vice Noble Ruler of Scholarship is brother Ian Johnson. Ian is currently a sophomore majoring in Animal Science from Marysville, OH.



Pictured from left to right are:
Ethan Clewell, Andrew Boschert, Kyle Lois, Spencer Collins, Nathan Behrends, Isaac Wiley, Hunter Field, Charley Zylstra, and Ian Johnson

The 2022 Executive Team has been working hard and diligently to serve Eta chapter and the active chapter. With members buying into the teams' goals and vision, the organization will be working like a well-oiled machine. The main focus for the executive team is brotherhood. The thought of members "buying in" to the chapter's leadership and what we have going on at 201 Gray Ave is crucial to success, while holding all members accountable. With the executive team being transparent with members, the executive team strives to hold each other and members accountable while maintaining brotherhood.

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Active Spotlight



Parker Kliegl
"2334"

Parker Kliegl is a junior from Earlham, IA, majoring in Agronomy. Parker grew up in West Des Moines, with not much of an agriculture background. Although Parker never lived on a farm, he did show sheep throughout high school. Parker's father, John Kliegl, is the CEO for the Special Olympics Iowa, and his mother, Kasey Kliegl, is a real estate agent. Some of Parker's hobbies include playing sports, anything to do with Iowa State athletics, hanging out with the brothers at the house, and spontaneous road trips around the country (particularly Big XII territory).

Parker grew up being told that, "Iowa State University is the best college in the world, and Hawkeye fans are the type of people to steal your kids' candy." Parker knew that Iowa State University is one of the top agriculture colleges in the country. Iowa State has always felt like home to Parker and his family. Some of Parker's earliest memories were coming to Iowa State on Saturdays for football games and playing football on Jack Trice's hillside. Parker has expressed that he hates having to leave Ames over winter and summer breaks.

Parker never considered Alpha Gamma Rho when first thinking about Iowa State. The first time Parker thought about AGR was his senior year of high school. Many of Parker's dad's friends at Iowa State were AGR men. He thought that AGR was a typical fraternity, until he learned about AGR's true values and beliefs. Parker then realized that the house would make him into the person he wanted to become.

The house has benefited Parker in many ways. One way the house has been a huge asset to Parker is providing him with the correct guidance and confidence to pursue the leadership positions he has obtained on campus. There were older members in the house who had similar positions, who were able to guide him in the right direction. The network he has built here will be great for him and his future, he now has connections not only within Eta chapter, but across the nation, through Alpha Gamma Rho. Going through freshman year with his class really brought him and his brothers much closer together. He has felt that he has built many lifelong friendships.

Parker's future plans include attending a graduate school to study Plant Breeding and to pursue his PhD. He is still undecided on where he will study. His top choices are the following: Iowa State University, Texas A&M, Purdue, Washington State, Lincoln-Nebraska, and Cornell University.

Parker is the National Members Relations Coordinator for Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences (SASES). He coordinates with university agronomy clubs across the nation, which has also led to more nationwide connections. This has specifically brought Parker closer to friends from Purdue and Ohio State University by serving in this leadership role. Parker will plan the National SACES meeting held in Baltimore, MD this year.

Parker is the Greek Week Central Special Olympics Director for the 2022 Greek Week. As the Special Olympics Director, Parker organizes the Special Olympics Athlete Dinner that allows Sorority and Fraternity members to get engaged with Special Olympics Athletes across Iowa. Parker oversees motivating the 15 teams in Greek Week to fundraise for the Special Olympics-Iowa while allows Greek members to participate in the Polar Bear Plunge. Parker loves the idea of connecting someone with special needs to groups at Iowa State.

Respectfully written,

Garret Renaud
"2394"

Alumni Spotlight

The alumni spotlight for the Spring Crescent 2022 is on Quinn Showalter. Quinn is originally from Hampton, IA and comes from a family of well-respected Eta chapter Alpha Gamma Rho alumni. He graduated from Iowa State University in 2002 with a degree in Agriculture Studies.

Quinn was a member of the new initiate class of 1998. Throughout his time at Alpha Gamma Rho, Quinn was very active within the fraternity. He held many leadership positions such as, Homecoming Co-Chair, VNR of Activities, and Noble Ruler. Quinn has a hard time choosing just one memory he would place as his favorite, but any road trip with brothers definitely moves to the top of the list. He also loves the fact that when he happens to run into a AGR brother in everyday life, the camaraderie returns with little effort and feels like they are back in college!

Quinn's leadership and involvement did not stop at the fraternity level. On campus, he was very involved in some very important roles. Quinn was involved in Freshmen Council and served as chair of the ISU Family Weekend. He was also very involved in the much-missed event, VEISHEA, where he served all four years and was a chair for the Parade Committee and the Entertainment Committee.

After graduation, Quinn started his career with Syngenta. He is currently working as the North American Head of Seedcare for Syngenta. Quinn currently resides in St. Charles, Illinois with his wife Sarah, an Iowa State University and Alpha Gamma Delta alumni. Sarah and Quinn also have three children, Will is twelve years old, Graham is nine years old, and Amelia is 7 years old.



Quinn Showalter
"1739"

Quinn Showalter Testimonial

"The thing the house helped instill the most for me was getting involved to make the most of your time in college. The house insured members gained experiences from the house, clubs, or other activities that allowed you to develop the skills necessary to be successful in your professional and personal life after college. Additionally, the network of AGR's I've had a chance to work with for the past 20 years in the Ag Industry has been tremendous. Many of my most noteworthy professional relationships are with individuals within the industry that are also AGR's."



Respectfully written,

Dawson Brader
"2324"



2022 Founder's Day

Alpha Gamma Rho-Eta chapter welcomed 43 alumni and their families back to the chapter facility for our annual Founder's Day Ceremony on February 19th, 2022. The day kicked off with the Alumni Board meeting and the Educational Foundation meeting starting at 9 am. At 10 am, the Founder's Day ceremony started. This year's Founder's Day ceremony was Eta Chapter's 108th Founder's Day celebration.

Secretary, President, and Treasurer reports were given at the Founder's Day ceremony by Tim Heiller, Joe Hora, and Mike Nissly, respectively. Brad Skaar, Eta chapter advisor, talked about the future of AGR and the importance of holding strong standards to ensure the quality of men that AGR produces. Skaar gave insight to the active chapter and alumni about how fraternities and the Greek Community are changing and perceived across the country. He mentioned that AGR - Eta chapter is consistently ahead of the curve as an organization and is a great representation of young men leaders in fraternity and sorority communities. An active chapter report was given by Noble Ruler, Nathan Behrends, and other members of the executive team.

The 2022 Legacy Fund Achievement Grant recipients were announced and received their scholarships. Legacy Fund Achievement Grant awards were given out to 31 active members to be put towards their education. The Andy Albright Memorial Scholarship was announced, and this year's recipient is Andrew Boschert. The active chapter greatly appreciates the alumni's contributions to "give back to future brothers" and help with their education. Nick Van Berkum, with the ISU Foundation, spoke on the importance of the AGR Legacy Fund and thanked all the donors that continue to show dedication and provide support to Alpha Gamma Rho.

Congratulations to the following award recipients from the 2022 Founder's Day! The 25th Anniversary Testimonial Award was given to Ryan Kruger (New Initiate class of 1998). John Wood (New Initiate class of 1972)



2022 Founder's Day

received the 50th Anniversary Testimonial Award. The Agricultural Achievement Award was given to Andrew Lauver. Chuck Cornelius was awarded the Alumni Achievement Award. Billy Boulden, ISU Director of Greek Affairs, received the "Friend of AGR" Award. All recipients spoke upon receiving their awards and shared stories of their time with AGR and how Alpha Gamma Rho has positively impacted their lives.

After the meal, many alumni and active members attended the Iowa State men's basketball game against Oklahoma. It was a very exciting game with a dominant performance by the Cyclones. It was great to see many of our alumni cheering on the Cyclones at the game. The Cyclones won and we hope to see them make a run deep into the Big XII and NCAA tournament.

We are accepting nominations for the 2023 Founder's Day. Nominations for the following awards can be sent in: 25th Anniversary Testimonial (New Initiate class of 1999), 50th Anniversary Testimonial (New Initiate class of 1973), Agricultural Achievement Award, and Alumni Achievement Award.

If you have any nominations for next year's Founder's Day award recipients, they can be emailed to the VNR of Alumni Relations, Andrew Boschert at boschert@iastate.edu

Respectfully written,

Ryan Hegland
"2383"



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Barwick Scholarship

Steve Barwick grew up on a 640-acre crop and livestock farm in Northwest Iowa. Steve enjoyed showing cattle through the 4-H program at the local fairs and national shows like Ak-Sar-Ben. His favorite subjects while attending Marcus High School were science and math. Steve decided to pursue a degree in agriculture because he had a strong passion and background knowledge in the agriculture industry. Steve knew that Iowa State University would be a great place for him to study agriculture and prepare him for his profession. Barwick enrolled in Animal Science but decided early that it was a crowded field, so he decided to switch to Agronomy where there seemed to be many opportunities. Iowa State University turned out to be a great school with reasonable tuition.



Steve Barwick

While attending Iowa State University, Steve had three summer internships that gave him great résumé experience and helped him know what kind of work he liked best.

Barwick went on to get his master's degree in Weed Science at the University of Illinois. Following his time at the University of Illinois, he went to work for GROWMARK and originally did herbicide plot research and wrote herbicide recommendations for the entire system. Steve worked for GROWMARK for 38 years in various positions. He retired 10 years ago as the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Operations.

Steve gave his thoughts and testimonial on being a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and how that affected his professional career. Steve stated, "Throughout my career, being a member of Alpha Gamma Rho allowed me to make instant connections with employees, customers, and suppliers whenever I met another AGR. And I can tell, you there are plenty of great men that have benefitted from Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity."

Some of Barwick's most vivid memories of ISU and the AGR house were how beautiful the campus was, and the professors all wanted you to succeed. The AGR house was the same way. The brothers were so supportive and encouraged you to try new things that allowed you to become a better person and a leader.

Steve encourages new members of Alpha Gamma Rho to concentrate on building a strong 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 said, "I established this AGR scholarship to honor my parents and help other AGR's with financing their education. My parents C.J. and Ella Barwick had their college educations interrupted by WWII. They supported me throughout my life. I knew my fellow AGR's would select great candidates to receive this scholarship."

Brother Steve Barwick

The logo for Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) is displayed in large, stylized letters. The letters are yellow with a green outline and a drop shadow effect, set against a white background.

New Initiate Spotlight

Cole Bowden is currently a freshman studying Agronomy with an Agriculture Systems Technology minor. Cole was born and raised in Winthrop, IA where he grew up row crop and hog finishing operation. Cole's father, Jeremy, runs the farming operation and his mother, Michelle, helps with the family farm as well. Cole has one younger brother, Case, who is a 6th grader at East Buchanan Middle School.



Cole Bowden "2387"

Bowden moved into 201 Gray Avenue last Fall and he quickly stepped up as one of the leaders within his new initiate class. Currently, Cole serves as Assistant VNR of Recruitment, a Scholarship Team Leader for Eta chapter, and he is the 2021 New Initiate Class President. Some of Cole's favorite events in his time in Alpha Gamma Rho have been participating in Greek Week, Agger Fries Philanthropy, and working on the Lawn Display for Homecoming.

Cole is a member of the Agronomy Club where he is the junior College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representative. He is currently on the spring Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences planning committee, where ISU will be hosting a meeting for students across the nation from their respective universities to discuss updates within the agronomy industry. He is also involved in the Iowa Corn Growers collegiate organization.

Cole chose to pursue a degree in Agronomy from Iowa State University because of his family's long tie to ISU. He also knew that ISU is one of the nation's best agricultural universities with endless opportunities. Bowden also mentioned that he grew up always being an ISU Cyclone fan, and Ames felt like home to him.

Bowden did not know of Alpha Gamma Rho before he was introduced to the organization by an active member, Spencer Cook, who is also from Winthrop, IA. The Bowden family's Agri-Gold seed dealer, Dakota Lueken - AGR alum, really sold Cole on the idea of living in AGR throughout his college career. Cole was drawn in by the connections he could make living in AGR, where he is able to connect with brothers with similar passions of agriculture and with alumni that are involved in the agriculture industry.

In Cole's free time, he enjoys attending antique tractor shows where his family displays their Rumely 16-30. He also enjoys kayaking on some of Iowa's most beautiful waterways. Bowden also mentioned that he is an avid Cyclone athletics fan, where his favorite sporting event to watch is basketball.

Respectfully written,

Andrew Boschert "2339"



Creating a New Legacy

Throughout Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, there are several legacy members. Sons, grandsons, and nephews associate themselves with AGR because their fathers, uncles, and grandfathers encouraged them to join the same fraternity. On February 12th, 2022, we saw a new legacy bond created.

Each year, during Alpha Gamma Rho's Leadership Seminars, a chapter is asked to demonstrate the Fraternity's Ritual by conducting an initiation ceremony. This year, at the Kansas City Leadership Seminar, the men of Eta chapter were selected to perform the initiation for a special purpose. Eta chapter was proud to initiate Craig Bargfrede, the father of Eta chapter alumnus and current AGR Home Office staff member, Grant Bargfrede "2089".

A native of Jackson, Minnesota, Craig was a graduate of Jackson High School in 1981. Due to his involvement in 4-H and FFA, Craig attended South Dakota State University to pursue a degree in Agricultural Education. Prior to attending South Dakota State, Craig made the decision to enlist in the Minnesota National Guard where he joined the ROTC Unit. Upon graduation, Craig worked in Agri-Business as a farm consultant at a private grain elevator in northwest Iowa. Through this time, he continued to serve as a traditional soldier with the Minnesota and Iowa National Guard.

In 2000, Craig went on active duty working for the National Guard Bureau as the Program Manager for the Digital Training Development Center at Camp Dodge. In 2005, he was assigned as the Distributed Learning Branch Chief for the National Guard Bureau and served in this capacity until 2007. He then left active duty and reverted to a traditional soldier and began working for Iowa Emergency Management.

In 2009, Craig was selected to command the 734th Agri-Business Development Team on their deployment to Afghanistan. His team was assigned to the Kunar Province, Afghanistan, serving under 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Task Force Bastogne) from July 2010 to June 2011. Throughout his deployment, their team's primary focus was to assist local and provincial leaders to improve their agricultural practices and infrastructure.

In 2011, Craig returned to work for Iowa Emergency Management as the Recovery Bureau Operations Chief. He also transferred back to the Minnesota National Guard where he was assigned as the Deputy Adjutant General-Army for the State of Minnesota. He retired from the Minnesota National Guard in 2014 at the rank of Brigadier General after nearly 34 years of service. In December 2013, Craig began working for the Iowa Department of Transportation as the Winter Operations Administrator.

His awards include: the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star medal, the Meritorious Service medal, the Army Commendation medal, the National Defense Service medal, the Afghanistan Campaign medal, the NATO Afghanistan Service medal, the Armed Forces reserve medal with 30-year device, the Combat Action Badge, the Department of the Army Staff Badge, and the State of Iowa Civilian Service medal.

In addition to his Bachelor's degree, he received a Master's in Public Administration from Drake University, and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Craig resides in Ankeny with his wife, Diane Bargfrede, where both are avid Iowa State Cyclone fans and have supported Eta chapter.

Craig shared at his initiation that he was deeply grateful for the honor to become a member of Alpha Gamma Rho. "I have seen firsthand how the deep and lasting connections being a part of a fraternity can have on an individual's life, and, in my own small way, I hope to be a positive influence for both Eta chapter and Alpha Gamma Rho.



Craig Bargfrede "2397" and Grant Bargfrede "2089"

ISU 4U Promise

ISU 4U Promise is a program Iowa State University has with King Elementary and Moulton Elementary School in Des Moines, IA that encourages students that are enrolled in King and Moulton to attend college. Students who complete 5th grade at ISU 4U Promise schools are eligible for tuition assistance at Iowa State University, up to full tuition, depending upon how long they attended King and Moulton Elementary. They also promote college by fostering engagement between Iowa State students and elementary school students. Representatives from each college at Iowa State participate in classroom educational activities. Alpha Gamma Rho has had the privilege to be the organization and students representing the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to teach students at King and Moulton about agriculture. Since November of 2018, Alpha Gamma Rho has worked to educate young people about agriculture, starting with kindergartners at these two elementary schools in Des Moines. Alpha Gamma Rho has the unique opportunity to participate in educational activities in multicultural classrooms about science and agriculture.



In late January, men from Alpha Gamma Rho traveled to King Elementary to teach 4th grade students about animal defense mechanisms to supplement their science curriculum. Men were excited to participate in this opportunity, as we have been unable to get into the classroom over the last two years, due to COVID-19. We facilitated three different stations that taught them about this subject. These stations included: a scavenger hunt that taught the students about concealment, a coloring/scrapbook activity that focused on camouflage, and a worksheet that covered all of the primary types of defense mechanisms. We had the chance to run these stations in two different classrooms.

AGR participated in a similar activity through the ISU 4U Program at the end of February, teaching kindergartners at King Elementary about trees and plants, as well as the difference between living and nonliving things. The students participated in bingo, sorting games, coloring, and craft activities that all centered around these topics. We look forward to facilitating a very similar engagement activity with the students of Moulton Elementary after Spring Break. We also look forward to possibly helping with SHOP, a student-run food pantry on campus that is available anonymously to any student.

Additionally, last December before winter break, we took part in an Adopt-A-Family program for a Des Moines family in need. Through this program, we were able to buy clothing and gifts for a family of four with two young children. This is a new program to AGR and is one that we are hoping to continue in the future. This was made possible by donations from active members of Alpha Gamma Rho - Eta chapter.



Respectfully written,

Roy Carter “2378” - Civic Engagement Chairman

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Recruitment Notice



Hello all,

My name is Isaac Wiley, and I am the current VNR of Recruitment for Alpha Gamma Rho. I am looking forward to this year of recruitment and am asking you for help to find all potential new members. If you know of someone that is interested in learning more about Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity or is coming to ISU next year to study agriculture, please feel free to contact me.

The deadline to sign and approve the N.I. 2022 class is May 1st, 2022.

My phone number is 319-560-2812 or you can reach me by emailing me at ijwiley@iastate.edu

Sincerely,
Isaac Wiley
"2338"

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	Ryan P. Burke
George D. Rusk	Brandon Reis
John D. Fuhr	Jacob Fulk
Randall L. Hirsch	Heath L. Brock
Kent Brown	Benjamin D. Sorensen
Gregory D. Bendixen	James J. Rice
Craig A. Christensen	Cody P. Stamm
Dean A. Danilson	Thomas C. Schroeder
Craig R. Thines	Austin J. Haywood

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.

AGP IMPORTANT
UPCOMING DATES >>>

Connect with your brothers on our new
social-networking platform.

www.isuagr.360alumni.com

March 27th - April 1st - Greek Week

April 21st - Wings on Rho Philanthropy Event

April 24th - AGR Spring Spectacular Hog Show

May 1st - Deadline to have 2022 NI Class approved

May 13th - End of Spring Semester

July 27th - July 29th - National AGR Convention

September 2nd - AGR Scholarships Golf Outing; Cedar Pointe Golf Course - Boone, IA

November 5th - Homecoming Ceremony and Game

What's Happening at 201 Gray



Nathan Behrends and Cole Eden at the IPSA Conference



Brother Hunter Crawford hosted a weekend getaway in Clarinda, IA to reconnect with recent alumni and enjoy the last weekend before winter weather!

Below:
AGR/Sigma
Alpha Leadership
Conference



Brothers at AFLV Conference in Indianapolis



Brothers supporting ISU Wrestling during "Greek Night"



Aggers in Aspen Bus Party



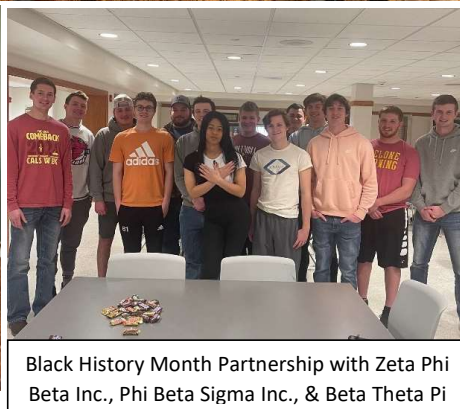
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Special Olympics Athlete Dinner with our Greek Week Pairing



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