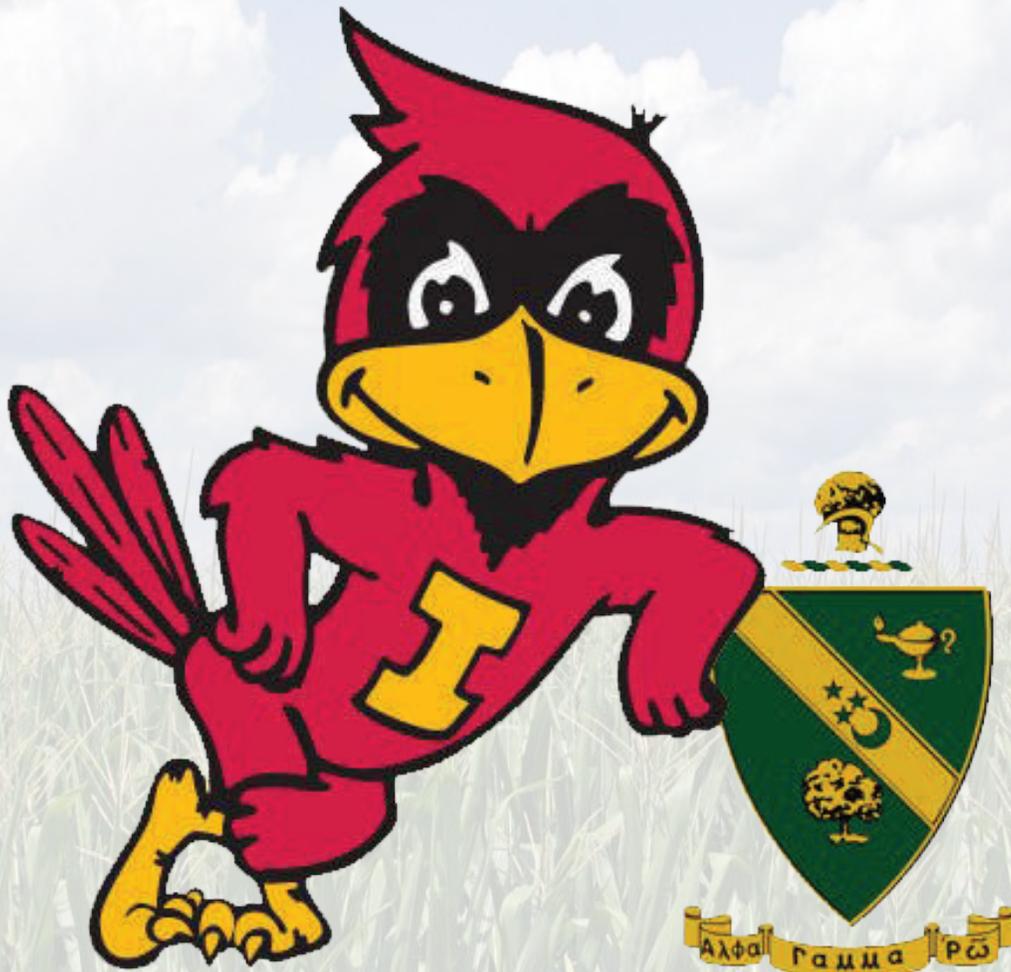




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Eta Chapter Newsletter
Iowa State University

THE CRESCENT



SUMMER 2022

Noble Ruler Report

Hello again,

I hope you all have had an enjoyable spring, as summer has quickly come upon us! As I am sure the spring was wet and on the cold side for most of you, I wish you all the best of luck as we are nearing the summer. On behalf of the Eta Chapter, may the new season bring you all safety and well-being!

Since you last received the previous Crescent, the members of the Eta Chapter have been diligently finding success in all that we do. Eta Chapter continues to reach new levels of achievement and excellence across all of Iowa State University. Every week, a new event or activity arises that our men are either leading, volunteering, or planning!

On March 5th, our chapter hosted our annual Mom's Weekend at the chapter facility. It was a fun-filled weekend with all of our beloved mothers or special women in each member's hearts. Our annual Mom's Auxiliary Auction had a record year during the weekend, bringing in over \$18,500 towards the mom's auxiliary fund that Mom Diane uses to make house improvements. We are all sincerely grateful for the contributions made by everyone who donated to this cause! Continuing through March, several of our members organized and led our annual Spring Cattle Show paired with the Block and Bridle Club. Our cattle show was organized by Junior Brothers Bryce Lafrenz, Spencer Collins, and Nathan Orban. These men held a phenomenal event with around 270 head of cattle, and roughly \$3,600 of money was raised. Concluding out the month of March, four members were given a chance to represent Eta Chapter at the National AGR BBQ Competition in Lebanon, Tennessee. Brothers Devin Devore, Nathan Orban, Tate Phillips, and Joe Westlake, our BBQ team, came home with some hardware, placing first place in the brisket and pulled pork categories!

The month of April was nothing shy of March. Our chapter competed in Greek Week against other sorority and fraternity chapters at Iowa State to start the month. We were paired with the women of Kappa Delta and men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. While we didn't take home the title, we competed in multiple facets, bringing home the Best Lip-Sync Co-Chairs Award (Kody Koberg & Brett Bacaam) and the top fundraising member in the community with Brother Spencer Collins raising \$3,146 for our team. Following Greek Week, our members hosted four additional major events this spring. The first was our 3rd Annual Women's Appreciation Dinner. Past Noble Ruler, Cole Eden, took charge of hosting this event to celebrate all the women who have impacted our members on campus or in the agriculture industry. At our dinner celebration, we had over 50 women in attendance, including Iowa State's President, Dr. Wendy Wintersteen, other ISU faculty, and a multitude of professional women in agriculture.

Towards the end of April, our Philanthropy Chairs, Brothers Tate Boysen, Charley Zylstra, and Jack Chism, headed the task of planning our 2nd annual "Wings on Rho" philanthropy paired with the women of Sigma Alpha. Our Wings on Rho spring philanthropy was nothing shy of a great success. We hosted the event at our chapter facility, bringing in around 300 guests and over \$3,000 raised for the SHOP Food Pantry on campus. The SHOP organization stands for "Students Helping Our Peers," where they help stop food deprivation on ISU's campus. It was great for our members to help support so many of our peers and leave an impact on many at ISU through our donations. A few days after our philanthropy was held, Brothers Blake Webel and Daniel Hemphill

put on another successful AGR event. They planned and organized our annual Spring Spectacular Hog Show. Like our spring cattle show, the hog show was planned for success. Over 200 head of hogs were registered for the show, and roughly \$1,500 was raised. It was a great way for our chapter to continue to build relationships in the swine industry and be recognized by many across the community.

As the semester came to a fast close, our members took a quick trip south down I-35 to Kansas City, MO. Our annual Pink Rose Formal was held in Kansas City this year and was nothing to disappoint. Senior members Cole Eden and Ryland McCormick were able to plan a fun event for all our members, and it will be a formal to remember!

I could go on and on about the many events our chapter helps plan and organize across Iowa State University and the Ames Community. The members of the Eta Chapter are known as leaders and hard workers by many. One very exciting part of this spring semester included the Sorority and Fraternity Community Fraternal Awards of Excellence Ceremony. Each year, the sorority and fraternity office recognizes and awards individuals and chapters across our community for the things we do. This year's awards ceremony was EXTRA special for Eta Chapter. We had an exceptional night where we took home awards in SFE Excellence in Civic Engagement, SFE Excellence in Friendship, SFE Freshman of the Year - Roy Carter, SFE Finalist Sophomore of the Year - Ian Johnson, SFE Finalist Senior of the Year - Hunter Crawford, IFC Chapter Adviser of the Year - Brad Skaar, IFC Civic Engagement Chapter of the Year, IFC Friendship Chapter of the Year, IFC Civic Engagement Member of the Year - Parker Kliegl, SFE Educational Program of the Year - ISU 4U Promise, SFE Community Member of the Year - Cole Eden, and of course the Iowa State University SFE President's Cup. As the President's Cup winner, we were recognized as the TOP chapter in all of the sorority and fraternity community at Iowa State. This award is a true testament to each of our member's dedication and commitment to excelling to elite levels in all that we do.

To conclude, I want to congratulate all the 2022 graduates of the Eta Chapter! This senior class was extra special to our chapter and the successes it has recently seen. Their leadership stands out and will continue to be proven in their future endeavors. We cannot thank them all enough for the lasting impact this class will have on the future of Eta Chapter. I can personally say they each are mentors to me, and I will be forever grateful for the unmatched contributions they made to our fraternity.

Remember, the doors of 201 Gray are always welcome! We expect to see many of you at football games or just swinging through to say hello throughout this upcoming fall. On behalf of the collegiate chapter, I want to thank you all for continuing to support our chapter in all types and forms. Our chapter continues to thrive because of the support and commitment we receive from you all!

Take care,

Nathan Behrends

Nathan Behrends "2341"



Mom's Report

Each year AGR host two events to honor, show respect, spend time with, and express appreciation to the women who are important to them and who have contributed significantly to their lives.

The first event is Mom's Weekend and is traditionally held each spring. This year it was held on the weekend of March 4th and 5th. This is a favorite event at 201 Gray. There is a lunch on Saturday followed by a live auction for items that have been donated by the AGR moms. The proceeds from the live auction go to the Mom's Auxiliary Fund and are used to purchase items for the fraternity that make it welcoming, attractive and more homelike – ultimately contributing to creating an environment that is comfortable and an enjoyable place for their sons to live. The other wonderful part of this weekend is how much the members' moms enjoy the event. If the moms can come for both Friday night and Saturday night, they book rooms in the same hotel to further enjoy the company of each other, their sons, and their sons' fraternity brothers.

The second event is the Women's Appreciation Dinner. This event started several years ago as a way of honoring and showing respect to women. It has become another spring tradition at AGR. This year it was held on April 4th. The men invited all of the Housemothers and House Directors in the Greek community. Also invited were ISU President Wendy Wintersteen, Dean of Students Sharron Evans, college professors, state representatives, office managers, office staff, and other women to whom they wished to honor and to express their respect and appreciation. AGR members are escorts to these women for the evening. They pick them up and escort them to the fraternity or meet them at the door. This year AGR hosted 60 guests and enjoyed a delicious dinner of white lasagna, chicken caesar salad, garlic bread, and Chef Jeff's famous brownies. Needless to say, just as it has been in all previous years, this year's event was a great success.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Pinneke



Diane Pinneke MSW
AGR Housemother



National AGR Convention Recap

The 67th National Alpha Gamma Rho Convention took place on July 27th – 29th at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, in Milwaukee, WI. Eta Chapter – Alpha Gamma Rho had a great showing in Milwaukee, WI with close to 35 Eta Chapter affiliated attendees. The Eta Chapter Alumni Corporation provided extra funds for undergraduate chapter AGR members to attend National AGR Convention. The support from the Eta Chapter Alumni Corporation and AGR alumni to allow our members to engage with other AGR members across the country, attend National AGR functions, and continually engage with the fraternity at a deeper level is much appreciated!



Outlined below is the success that Eta Chapter – Alpha Gamma Rho had at the 2022 AGR National Convention:

Maynard H. Coe Chapter Efficiency Award – Highest Level of Chapter Operations

Highest Honor:

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, Recruitment Excellence Award

High Honor:

Academic Excellence Award, Committed Alumni Corporation, Housemother/ House Director Social and Cultural Development Award

Honorable Mention:

Crescent Awards – Best Feature Story, Continued Alumni Engagement

National AGR Grand President – Greg Nickerson

National AGR Board of Directors Elect – Jim Borel

National AGR Hall of Fame Inductee – Tim Heiller



ALPHA GAMMA RHO



Tim Heiller was born March 4, 1968. He was initiated into the Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho at Iowa State University in 1987. Brother Heiller graduated with his bachelor's degree in Animal Science in 1990 and started his career with Elanco Animal Health. During his time with Elanco, Tim recruited 26 new hires, 18 of which were AGR men. He also oversaw creating, leading and implementing the strategies within Elanco to coordinate the adoption of Payleen and Optaflexx with meat packers across the nation.

Brother Heiller now works for PIC as a Key Account Manager. In this position, he works on the company's recruitment strategy and helps implement it at targeted campuses to assist with recruiting new college graduates.

Tim's work with the Fraternity, specifically Eta Chapter, is described as "few can match." As an alumnus, he started serving as the Eta Chapter Adviser in 1992. It wasn't until 2014 that he retire from that position. During his time as the Eta Chapter Adviser, he influenced the lives of roughly 600 young men. Brother Heiller also led the chapter in adopting the National AGR

Brotherhood Program.

During his 22 years as an Adviser, he also implemented an educational program for graduating seniors. This program helped collegiates at Eta Chapter better prepare themselves for life after college. The multi-session program provided lessons on various topics including "Financial 101," giving back to local communities, churches and more.

He also took on two large renovation projects for the Eta Chapter House in 1992 and 2005, sitting on committees that focused on the re-design of the building and the fundraising for the project.

Brother Heiller also helped establish the "AGR Legacy Fund" in 2014. This fund, designed to provide scholarships to Eta Chapter collegiates based on their achievements in the classroom and leadership in the chapter, has provided more than \$250,000 in scholarships to Eta Chapter brothers.

Brother Heiller currently serves as the Adviser Forum Coordinator for the National Fraternity.

For his hard work and dedication, Tim has been recognized as a Brother of the Century by AGR and recognized as the Outstanding Adviser award in 2015. He was inducted into the Iowa State Greek Hall of Fame in 2018 and received the Iowa State Order of the Knoll-Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2010. Brother Heiller has also received several awards within his local community and the state of Iowa.

The Hall of Fame is to honor those Alpha Gamma Rho alumni who have made outstanding contributions to the Fraternity and/or outstanding service in their professional work and/or exceptional service to mankind. Inductees should be held in high esteem as other AGRs reflect on the Brother's stature.

Alpha Gamma Rho is the fraternity sharing a common bond within a dynamic, global agriculture committed to fostering the highest values and providing each and every brother with superior lifelong personal development and professional success. For more information on Alpha Gamma Rho, call 816-891-9200 or go to the website alphagammarho.org.

2022 Graduates



Marcus Daughton

Hometown: Mt. Ayr, IA

Full-Time: Test Cell Technician for Excel Engineering



Cale Pellett

Hometown: Atlantic, IA

Full-Time: Export Merchandiser for POET in Sioux Falls, SD



Cody Gibson

Hometown: Hopedale, IL

Full-Time: Sales Associate for Ag-Land FS Growmark



Max Halstead

Hometown: Roland, IA

Full-Time: Engineering Development Program with John Deere



Nathan Parchert

Hometown: Illinois City, IL

Full-Time: Feed Ingredients Representative for Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc.



Hunter Crawford

Hometown: Clarinda, IA

Full-Time: Associate Territory Manager for Corteva Agriscience (Pioneer Seeds)



Tyler Hartman

Hometown: Wilton, IA

Full-Time: Farm Manager for Rock Solid Ag



Ben McClain

Hometown: Everly, IA

Full-Time: Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Education at Iowa State University



Spencer Cook

Hometown: Winthrop, IA

Full-Time: Loan officer for Earlham Savings Bank



Cole Eden

Hometown: Titonka, IA

Full-Time: Associate Territory Manager for Corteva Agriscience (Brevant Seeds)



Christian Atkinson

Hometown: Blairstown, IA

Full-Time: Facility BMD for Scoular in Seward, NE



Trentin Moeller

Hometown: Galva, IA

Full-Time: Associate Territory Manager for Corteva Agriscience (Crop Protection)



Ryland McCormick

Hometown: Pleasantville, IA

Full-Time: Consumer Product Sales Representative for Hormel Foods



Stuart Tiedemann

Hometown: Blairstown, IA

Full-Time: Crop Protection Sales for Syngenta



Koby Boysen

Hometown: Wapello, IA

Full-Time: Field Sales Representative for Bayer in Huxley, IA



Nathan Zumbach

Hometown: Coggon, IA

Full-Time: Returning home to farm in Eastern, IA with his family

2022 Graduates



Logan Hoffman

Hometown: Clarence, IA

Full-Time: New Fashion Pork in Jackson, MN



Tyler Eldridge

Hometown: Allenton, MI

Full-Time: Returning home to his family farm



Dalton Roling

Hometown: La Motte, IA

Full-Time: Independent Sales Representative for Stine Seeds

Spring 2022 Scholarship Report

Hello everyone! My name is Ian Johnson, a junior studying Animal Science and I am currently the VNR of Scholarship. Last spring was a very successful semester academically for Alpha Gamma Rho – Eta Chapter! Last spring, members of Alpha Gamma Rho averaged a 3.37 semester GPA, ranking Alpha Gamma Rho second among Iowa State University fraternity organizations.

In addition to a phenomenal GPA, there were 40 undergraduate members who achieved the honor of being on the Iowa State University Dean’s List. The Dean’s List requirement is a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Every year, Alpha Gamma Rho – Eta Chapter is able to give out many scholarships to undergraduate members at both of our alumni and undergraduate member events. Scholarships are awarded during the Alpha Gamma Rho Homecoming Ceremony in the fall and at Founder’s Day in the spring. Below is a summary of the scholarships that were given out during Founder’s Day.

Award Name	Recipient	Amount
Rastetter Entrepreneurial Scholarship	Koby Boysen	\$2,250.00
Alan T. Fisk Memorial Scholarship	Bryce Jermier	\$1,000.00
Rastetter Most Improved GPA	Joe Westlake	\$1,000.00
Charles & Phyllis Persinger Scholarship	Nathan Behrends	\$1,400.00
Charles & Phyllis Persinger Scholarship	Devin DeVore	\$1,400.00
Paul T. Horak Scholarship	Charley Zylstra	\$1,000.00
Paul T. Horak Scholarship	Ian Latham	\$1,000.00
Curtis Askelson Scholarship	Spencer Collins	\$1,000.00
Curtis Askelson Scholarship	Andrew Boschert	\$1,000.00
Curtis Askelson Scholarship	James Chism	\$1,000.00
Curtis Askelson Scholarship	Ian Johnson	\$1,000.00
Duroe Scholarship	Spencer Collins	\$500.00
Duroe Scholarship	Tate Boysen	\$500.00
Fuhr Family Scholarship	Prescot Jeckel	\$750.00
Andy Albright	Andrew Boschert	\$750.00
AGR Character Award	Max Halstead	\$1,500.00



Fraternally,

Ian Johnson
VNR of Scholarship

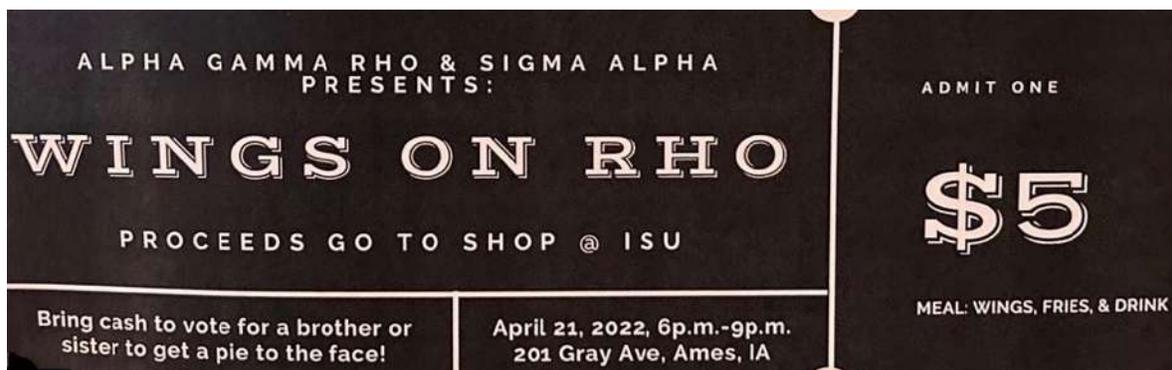


“Wings on Rho” Philanthropy

Over 33% of Iowa State University students struggle with food insecurity, this statistic has risen by 9% since the COVID-19 pandemic. Eta Chapter chose to take action by donating our uneaten food to Food at First, a food pantry that is based out of First Christian Church in downtown Ames, IA. Every week, donations of varied vegetables, meats, noodles, and potatoes are donated to Food at First. Every week, AGR has been able to donate 40-100 lbs of food to those in need.



Eta chapter’s spring philanthropy, “Wings on Rho” was held on April 21st, 2022, at the AGR chapter facility. The men of Alpha Gamma Rho, alongside the women of Sigma Alpha, hosted the event. Boneless chicken wings and French fries were fried in the kitchen and in the back parking lot. Over 400 people were served during the four-hour event. A check for \$3,000 was given to the SHOP foundation.



SHOP is a food pantry based out of Bayer Hall at Iowa State University. SHOP stocks fresh produce year-round and allows anyone to take the food they need. This facility allows food insecure Cyclones to get the help they need at their convenience. The SHOP representative working with us stated, “Funds raised by the chapter will sustain operations through the summer.” As men who believe in a broader and better agriculture, Eta Chapter takes food insecurity to heart and takes the proper action to serve others.



AGR Spring Showdown

The annual Alpha Gamma Rho Spring Showdown was held on March 17th – 20th at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center in Ames, IA. There was a total of 260 head exhibited by 180 exhibitors. The judge for the show was Dan Harker from Hope, IL. Many members from Eta Chapter volunteered their time to help run the show. Members helped line up and park trailers, check in cattle, line up classes, assist in the ring, and hand out prizes. This year's show was led by Tri-Chairs, Spencer Collins, Nathan Orban and Bryce Lafrenz. The show ran very smoothly and was a success for the chapter. Alpha Gamma Rho was able to donate nearly \$2,000 to Special Olympics of Iowa following the event. Eta Chapter looks forward to hosting the Spring Showdown again in 2023.



The Spring Showdown was held at the Hansen Center in the Alpha Gamma Rho Arena



Thank you to all our amazing sponsors!



Over 260 head were exhibited at The Spring Showdown!



Polar Bear Plunge

As part of Greek Week at Iowa State University, the Eta Chapter raised money for Special Olympics of Iowa. The men of Alpha Gamma Rho teamed up with the women of Kappa Delta, and the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to host a Special Olympics athlete for dinner at the AGR chapter facility. Eta Chapter held a meal at the chapter facility to kick off the fundraising campaign. The Eta Chapter at Iowa State University raised over \$14,000 dollars during Greek Week 2022 for the Special Olympics - Iowa.

Brother Spencer Collins, senior in Agriculture Studies, was the top individual fundraiser in the Sorority & Fraternity Community at Iowa State University. Spencer was able to raise over \$3,000. At the end of Greek Week, there was a Polar Plunge that took place near Hilton Coliseum. To plunge, participants must raise at least \$75. All members of the chapter took the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics of Iowa. Thank you to everyone who helped us and donated to a great cause in Special Olympics of Iowa!



AGR members taking the Polar Plunge!



AGR members with our Special Olympics athlete, Tyler!



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

David E. Birdsall

Darrell E. Helgens

Millard J. Maxted

Kent Brown

Craig A. Christensen

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

Cody Price Stamm

Thomas C. Schroeder

Alexander C. Ogren

ΑΓΡ IMPORTANT
UPCOMING DATES >>>

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

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October 30th -

November 5th – ISU Homecoming Week

November 5th – Homecoming Ceremony
at AGR Chapter Facility

December 11th – 16th – Finals Week

December 16th – End of Fall Semester

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!



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