

OH GAMMA



Greetings From the VP of Communications

Dear alumni, friends and family,

Long time no newsletter! With the help of my newsletter chair, Justin Levy, we bring you the first undergraduate newsletter in over five years. On behalf of the chapter, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Without your support, the brothers of Ohio Gamma would not get to enjoy the many opportunities and experiences that come with being a balanced man. With your help and guidance, we have achieved great things. I hope to capture these achievements, highlight recent events, and share some wisdom from the brothers. I hope you enjoy! - Brandon Paul VPC

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"This Fraternity will be different."

SigEp Cruise

"I was excited to go on the cruise this past spring break to explore some destinations out of the country and to have the chance to get more quality time with many of the senior brothers that are graduating at the end of this semester. Some of my favorite memories were singing karaoke on the boat, hanging out on Cocoa Beach in Florida, and exploring the streets of Nassau in the Bahamas. Having time away from the hustle and responsibilities of school and clubs left me with ample time to grab meals with brothers, find a group to hang out by the pool with, and stay up late playing cards. The freedom of spring was perfect for allowing me to jump around and have time to hang out with each brother on the trip. I have plenty of memories to look back on when remembering our graduating brothers" – Nate D’Agostino

Hiking in Hocking

Early December 2022, the brothers of Ohio Gamma enjoyed the annual brotherhood retreat. This year's retreat was held at the Geneva Hills Camp and Event Center tucked away in the beautiful Hocking Hills scenery. One of the main events of the retreat was a hike in the woods. On the hike, we walked across a natural rock ledge and even saw some wildlife. Overall, it was a great opportunity to disconnect with the outside world and strengthen the connection with our brothers. Back at the cabin, the brothers enjoyed card games, tossing around the ol pigskin, and playing Smash Bros on the projector. Each meal felt like a chapter dinner with brothers cooking up some the finest enchiladas

and chicken sandwiches. As the sun set each night, we found ourselves circled around the bright, warm campfire. After sharing stories and cracking some jokes, it was time for a late-night horror film. Following the jump scares, it was time for bed - that is if the sound of someone snoring in the bottom bunk does not keep you awake. All in all, it was an amazing retreat filled with many laughs, heartfelt moments, and lifelong memories.



"The beauty of genuine brotherhood and peace is more precious than diamonds or silver or gold."

Balanced Man Ceremony Recap



The Balanced Man Ceremony was a great success! With the large pool of applicants this cycle, thank you to all who applied and those who gave up their time to conduct interviews. Before all the wonderful awards were given out, the brothers had to the privilege to listen to alumni Michael Repasky speak about living in the growth zone. Congratulations to all the winners!

"To have a growth mindset is to believe that our most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work."

Find a full list of the winners on page 4.

The Life After College Experience



In November of last semester, Ohio Gamma sent eight of its fine men to the Life After College SigEp Leadership Continuum in Louisville, Kentucky. During the weekend event, Ohio Gamma’s men got the chance to meet insightful alumni, other brothers from other campuses and learn how to be successful in, as the name suggests, life after college. The event was well run and contained so much helpful information. Brothers got the chance to partake in one-on-one sessions, small breakout sessions, and large group discussions. Some of the topics covered included: “Navigating a Job Market”, “Results-Driven Leadership”, “Crafting Resumes that Stand Out”, and “Tending to Your Mental Health Post Graduation.”

A Very Great Vary Shary

Canned goods on canned goods with a side of canned goods. In the Fall semester, with the leadership and organizational skills of brother Dan Bordenkircher, currently the VP of Campus Engagement, the Ohio Gamma chapter’s largest philanthropy event was a huge success. In a collaborative effort with Delta Sigma Phi, the two organizations went out into the Upper Arlington community and collected over 2247 pounds of canned goods and donated it all to the West Ohio Food Bank. Thank you to all who found goodness in their hearts and contributed donations.





New Brother Perspective

Just a few short months ago in January, I visited the SigEp house with Keagan, our VP of recruitment, and Joe, one of the graduating seniors from our chapter. Initially, I had no plans to join a fraternity, as I had numerous other time commitments, including research, clubs, and a demanding engineering course load. However, after speaking with Joe and Keagan, I discovered that SigEp is what you make of it and that I would not be "rushed" into making a decision about joining the chapter. As you can tell from this newsletter, I joined the Ohio Gamma Chapter of SigEp, and I have loved every moment since. Through the Sigma challenge, I have learned about the values of being a balanced man and concluded the semester by progressing to a Phi. I cannot wait for what the coming years will bring during my time at Ohio State as a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

VDBL,

Justin Levy

BMC AWARDS

Bob Barnett Balanced Man of the Year

Casey Patrae

Jim Allshouse Campus Impact

Casey Patrae

Mike Lockwood Faithful Friend

Nicholas Brizzi

Ken Butler Community Service

Alberto Casas

George Smith Outstanding Engineering Major

Brandon Paul and Namith Anil

Ray Lok Outstanding Arts or Sciences Major

Apostol Kule and Bryce Eagon

Brent Bishop Outstanding Business Major

Jake Bertler and Philip Kaufman

Colonel James Allshouse Military Science Award

Brock Merrit

BMC Scholarship Winner

Sean Hodges

Windy City Formal

This semester, the chapter voted to hold formal in the windy city of Chicago, Illinois. The chapter stayed in the wonderful Doubletree by Hilton hotel and held the formal event in the Bar Sol ballroom on the Navy Pier. While in Chicago, many brothers visited the famous bean art structure and enjoyed the many shops and restaurants on the Magnificent Mile. At the venue, the brothers and their dates danced the night away, celebrating our brotherhood in a new city. Many laughs were shared, stories were told, and new memories were made. Where will the chapter go next?



Message from a Brother Mentor

As a senior in the Sigma Phi Epsilon, I am grateful for the valuable experiences and lessons I have gained over the past few years. Being a part of this incredible organization has not only provided me with lifelong friendships, but it has also equipped me with a set of skills that will undoubtedly benefit me in my future. One particular aspect of the chapter that has significantly contributed to my personal growth is the Brother Mentor Challenge.

Through this program, I had the opportunity to serve as a mentor to younger members in the fraternity, guiding and supporting them throughout college. This experience has taught me the importance of leadership, communication, and empathy, which are crucial skills that I can apply in any future role I take on.

As I prepare to graduate and enter the workforce, I am confident that the experiences and skills I have gained through Sigma Phi Epsilon will set me apart from others. I am grateful for the opportunities and support the fraternity has provided me and I look forward to giving back to the organization as an alumni member.

-Jon Lemieux



If you made it to the end, thank you for reading the newsletter. For further reading, please visit our website at ohiostate.sigep.org. Additionally, follow us on Instagram @osusigep and follow us on Facebook @OSU Sigma Phi Epsilon Interested in joining or know someone who is? Direct them to the membership interest form on our website found here: [Membership Interest \(sigep.org\)](http://sigep.org)

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