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A Letter from the Historian

Hello and ODH to the Alumni (and parents) of Beta Epsilon!

I'm very excited that you've received a copy of *The Beta Epsilon Bell*. My name is Ethan Levy, and I'm the 2021 Historian. I'm a freshman from Chicago, studying journalism here at Mizzou. I joined Pi Kappa Phi because I wanted to become a part of a community on campus, in addition to meeting new people and further developing my leadership skills.

We currently have a lot going on at Beta Epsilon, despite the coronavirus. A lot of my work so far has centered around improving our communication and involvement with our alumni and parents. Most notably, we plan on doing this through designing a new website, reimagining our social media and digital outreach, and planning ahead for in-person events once COVID-19 restrictions have been reduced, amongst others.

I think I speak on behalf of the Beta Epsilon chapter when I say that we are excited about what is still to come this year. We are looking forward to getting our alumni more involved in the activities of our chapter, in addition to parents of our active and associate members. Keep your eyes open for more information about upcoming events and chapter news ... we'll keep you posted! Happy New Year!

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi,
Ethan Levy

Fall 2020 in Review

Fall 2020 posed what many considered to be an interesting start to the school year. With many classes either running in hybrid format or completely online due to the coronavirus, many students - especially first-time freshmen - didn't have a typical semester. Football games and other sporting events ran at limited capacity with no tailgating allowed, and many campus spaces - such as the student center, lecture halls, and dining halls - were reimagined to accommodate for health and safety guidelines.

Despite the irregular start to the year, the Beta Epsilon chapter initiated 38 new Beta Class members, bringing the total number of chapter members up to 87. This is anticipated to reach around 100 in the Spring semester, with the upcoming Pre-Initiation and subsequent Initiation of the Gamma Class.

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Introducing Your 2021 Executive Officers

Archon: Jacob Beavers | Email: jwbeavers@mail.missouri.edu

Jacob Beavers is our current Archon and former Treasurer. He grew up in Mt. Zion, IL and was initiated into Pi Kappa Phi in the Fall of 2019. He is currently pursuing a degree in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Business. After graduation, he hopes to work in design of prostheses and medical equipment as well as return to school to obtain a Master of Health Administration. He joined Pi Kapp because he “wanted to be able to contribute to building the foundation of a new chapter, and during rush, I felt that all of the guys were genuine and welcoming.” Jacob’s favorite thing about the fraternity is that it gave him a “home away from home with a bunch of great guys.” When he is not in class he enjoys working out and hiking.

Vice Archon: Owen McCusker | Email: okmvgm@mail.missouri.edu

Owen McCusker is a sophomore majoring in Nursing at Mizzou. He comes from far out of state, on the East Coast from Portsmouth, NH. Back home he enjoys going surfing on the beach during the summer and playing ice hockey during the winter. When Owen is at school, he enjoys nothing more than being involved with Pi Kappa Phi. “My favorite part of the day is when I get to kick back and enjoy the time that I have with my brothers. Every day I am making memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.” After college Owen hopes to become a volunteer for the American Red Cross or join the Peace Corps.

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Brotherhood Bonding

Throughout the fall semester, the brothers of Beta Epsilon have enjoyed opportunities to bond with one another.

On Sunday, October 11, the chapter met up for some paintball. The Founding Fathers and Alpha Class faced off against the Beta Class for some friendly competitive play prior to the Beta Class Initiation.

Before leaving for Thanksgiving break, on Thursday, November 22, the chapter rented out Skyzone Columbia for a couple hours of trampoline fun. Members got to enjoy trampoline dodgeball and volleyball, the foam pit (a real staple), and some American Ninja Warrior-themed obstacle courses (including the warped wall).

These brotherhood events were held in accordance with Columbia coronavirus guidelines.

Captions

Top: Michael Trower and Luke Ortman (Beta Class) show off their backflip into the foam pit.

Middle: Brothers prepare for a fast and competitive round of paintball.

Bottom: Members of the chapter pose for a picture after spending time at Skyzone.





Introducing Your 2021 Executive Officers - Continued

Treasurer: Danny Beaty | Email: beatydanny7@gmail.com

Danny Beaty is a freshman from Denver, CO, hoping to get a degree in business management with an emphasis on entrepreneurship. Danny joined Pi Kappa Phi because he wanted to be a part of a strong brotherhood. His favorite part of Pi Kappa Phi is all of the friends he's made along the way, and hanging out with the guys. As Treasurer, Danny hopes to manage and spend funds in ways that benefit the chapter and set a standard that lasts. After college, he aspires to own his own business.

Secretary: Andrew Chapman | Email: ajc4g6@mail.missouri.edu

Andrew Chapman is a sophomore at the University of Missouri in Columbia planning on majoring in Accounting with a dual degree in Economics. He is from Imperial, Missouri, which is just south of St. Louis, where he went to St. John Vianney High School. Andrew an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and enjoys playing racquetball. Last year, he was the Chaplain of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. This 2021 term, he was elected Secretary. Outside of Pi Kappa Phi, Andrew has been involved in Residential Hall Government as the Treasurer of Wolpers and the current President of the Association of Accounting Students.

Warden: Jordyn Newman | Email: jnpkh@mail.missouri.edu

Jordyn Newman is the Warden of our chapter and in charge of new member education. Jordyn is a sophomore international business student with a minor in computer science. Jordyn is from Bloomington, Illinois, and joined Pi Kappa Phi in the fall of 2019. Jordyn's favorite part about being a brother is the lifelong connections made and all the people you get to meet along the way. Jordyn looks forward to educating the new batch of incoming Associate Members and building the future of Pi Kappa Phi at Mizzou.

Chaplain: Michael Carney | Email: michaeljcarney60@gmail.com

Michael Carney was born in Joplin, Missouri to Brock and Lauren Carney. He is currently a junior in the study of History, and he hopes to attend law school following his graduation. Michael joined the fraternity in pursuit of building an upstanding chapter as a Founding Father. He is excited to serve as Beta Epsilon's chaplain, saying, "This executive board has a unique opportunity to further the chapter. I can't wait to make new memories with my brothers!"

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Brother Benjamin Nelson Inducted into Ad Astra Society

We would like to congratulate brother Benjamin Nelson on being inducted into Pi Kappa Phi's Ad Astra Society! Each year, less than one percent of Pi Kappa Phi undergraduate students are inducted for their exemplary leadership within the fraternity, on their respective campus, and in their community. We are very proud to call Ben a brother of Beta Epsilon!

Ben is a senior majoring in History and Political science. He has served in numerous leadership positions while enrolled at MU, including Re-Founding Secretary of Beta Epsilon for 2 Years, Squadron Commander for Arnold Air Society, Regional Director of Support for Region 7 of Arnold Air Society, Site Leader for Mizzou Alternative Breaks, Key Staff and Public Affairs Officer at Detachment 440 for Air Force ROTC, and Treasurer for Mizzou Lions Club. Ben has also been awarded the Meritorious Service Award in ROTC, along with the Military Order of the Purple Heart Leadership Award. Upon graduating in May, Ben will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. He also works at Bass Pro Shops and writes for The Home Press newspaper in Macon, Missouri.

Congratulations Ben! We are amazed at what you've accomplished while at MU, and cannot wait to see what you will do in the future!



Ben Nelson is a senior brother of the Beta Epsilon Chapter. He poses in front of the Columns in uniform, as after graduation, he will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force.

Special Thanks to PR Chairman Adam Schwartz for his design and creation of the graphic.



Introducing Your 2021 Executive Officers - Continued

Philanthropy Chairman: DeAndre Reading | Email: dwr5n3@mail.missouri.edu

DeAndre Reading comes to Mizzou from his hometown, Brighton, TN (about 30 minutes outside of Memphis). DeAndre is a sophomore here at Mizzou; however he is starting his junior year this spring semester. DeAndre is a Political Science major. DeAndre has hopes to graduate from Mizzou and then attend Mizzou Law the following year. DeAndre chose Pi Kappa Phi because he found a group of guys he could call his second family. Why he likes being a brother ties into why he chose Pi Kappa Phi, and that is because he can call on any of the brothers and they are always there to help.

Risk Management Chairman: Jacob Bridwell | Email: jbrid416@yahoo.com

Jacob Bridwell is a Sophomore at the University of Missouri. Jacob is currently studying to be a Personal Financial Planner and he hopes to obtain his CFP outside of college. Jacob is from Wildwood, Missouri where he attended Eureka Highschool. When asked why he joined Pi Kapp, Jacob's response was "I didn't choose Pi Kapp, Pi Kapp chose me."

Standards Board Chairman: Noah Simpkins | Email: simpkinsnoah11@gmail.com

Noah Simpkins is a Founding Father, past Scholarship Chairman, Risk management Chairman, and current Standards Board Chairman. He is from New Lenox, Illinois and is a Junior pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in management and a certificate in Human Resources Management. He joined Pi Kapp to create something bigger than himself with his best friends and to leave a lasting impact on the Mizzou campus. After graduation, he hopes to work in the HR field in Chicago.

Fall 2020 Scholarship Winners

The Beta Epsilon Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi awarded \$700 in scholarships to five deserving brothers.

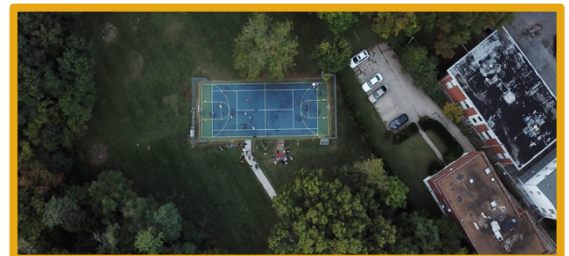
Scholarship Chairman Caleb Heeney worked alongside his committee to create an application for the scholarships. Questions asked applicants for their GPA, why they joined Pi Kappa Phi, what goals they had for our fraternity, what they were involved in, and why they would be a good candidate for one of these scholarships.

After applications closed, responses were anonymized, and sent to the Alumni Board for voting. After reading all of the applications, Alumni Board members voted for their top five applicants. The top five votes of each board member were compiled into an overall list, which was used to determine the final scholarship winners.

Congratulations to the following brothers on their scholarship awards:

- 1st Place (\$200) - Andrew Chapman
- 2nd Place (\$150) - Jacob Beavers
- 3rd Place (\$150) - Christian Musgrave
- 4th Place (\$100) - Ethan Levy
- 5th Place (\$100) - Jakob Bredell

The Beta Epsilon Chapter would also like to congratulate Jacob Beavers on his David D. Morgan Scholarship, a Pi Kappa Phi national scholarship award.





Upcoming Events @ Beta Epsilon

Please see the below list for upcoming events within the Beta Epsilon Chapter. We will send specific communication regarding events with guests.

January 19 - First Day of Spring Semester

February 1 - Gamma Class Pre-Initiation

March 20 - Gamma Class Initiation

March 27-April 4 - Spring Break

April 9-11 - Beta Epsilon Formal

April 23-25 - Parents Weekend

April 30 - Beta Epsilon Senior Sendoff

May 10-14 - Spring Semester Finals Week

For a more up-to-date and comprehensive list of upcoming events, visit our chapter website, mizzoupikapp.com.

Chapter Updates

The Beta Epsilon Chapter is proud to introduce our new website, mizzoupikapp.com. Find out everything you need to know about our chapter with a few clicks! Information for current active members, potential new members, parents and alumni is all available to view, and now, it's easier than ever before!

If you have any feedback about our website, or if you just want to drop us a line, feel free to fill out the contact form. A member of our Executive Council will be happy to get in touch with you!

We encourage our alumni to send in updates using the form under the "Alumni" tab! Your update might be featured in the next issue of *The Beta Epsilon Bell*!

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A Letter from the Archon

Greetings brothers!

My name is Jacob Beavers and I am honored to be serving as the current Archon of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. I was one of our Founding Fathers in the Fall of '19 and I served as Treasurer throughout 2020. I am excited to undergo my new challenge of leading our chapter and striving to develop and build upon the foundation that has been set since our chartering. While COVID-19 has given us unprecedented challenges, we have persevered and continued to strengthen our brotherhood.

Last Fall, we had the uncommon opportunity to initiate 38 men into our chapter, putting us at a current size of 87 active members. We are hoping to continue this trend of growth and surpass a size of 100 men after we initiate our Gamma class this Spring! We will be bidding farewell to our first group of Founding Fathers who will be graduating after this semester. We will be performing our first ever senior send off and wishing them the best in their future endeavors.

I am excited to announce that we have implemented two new positions within our chapter: the Mental Health and Diversity and Inclusion Chairs. We have the goal of developing our chapter more through educating and working with other diverse groups in our community.

I am pleased to see a devotion toward scholarship and making a positive impact in our community amongst the brothers of our chapter. We are excited to participate in and try to win Pi Kapp's March Mayhem tournament as we did in 2019. As we continue to adapt to our ever-changing circumstances, I know that we can take it in stride and achieve our goal of becoming the ideal chapter.

I would like to thank you for your dedication and support of our chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, and I hope to be able to connect with more of our alumni throughout this year. ODH!

Jacob Beavers, BE 931

Keep In Touch with Beta Epsilon

The Beta Epsilon Chapter is growing, and we'd love to keep you in the loop as we venture forward with our mission to become the ideal chapter! Stay in touch with Beta Epsilon by following us on social media!

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