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A Letter from the Historian

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

I hope that you're all doing well and are enjoying what's left of your summer. I wanted to put together this newsletter with the goal of recapping second semester of the 2020-21 school year, and looking ahead at what's coming up this fall. Now that things are looking a little more normal on campus, the Executive Council and our committees are hard at work planning meaningful experiences and events for our brothers, families, and alumni.

Unfortunately, my time as Historian will be coming to an end in November when we hold our annual Executive Council elections. This means that this is probably the last newsletter you'll see from me before our next Historian takes the ropes. To my brothers who got me here, thank you, and to the families and alumni that I've had the opportunity to meet and socialize with, I appreciate the time that we've spent together. ODH!

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi,
Ethan Levy

Gamma Class Initiation

March 20, 2021, was a very important day for the Beta Epsilon Chapter. Our chapter had the honor of initiating seven men -- the Gamma Class - into our brotherhood. Beta Epsilon currently stands at 84 brothers. Please join me in welcoming the following men into our brotherhood:

Mario Colombo - 1023
John "Finn" O'Hagan - 1024
Grant Modica - 1025
Logan Schafer - 1026
Jackson Williams - 1027
Zachary Zeman - 1028
Joseph Goodman - 1029

These seven brothers have made Beta Epsilon a stronger brotherhood in the months since their initiation, and we are looking forward to seeing all that they accomplish in their futures at Mizzou and beyond.

In other news, Fall Rush is coming up fast, and the incoming Delta Class will be Pre-Initiated in early September. Their Initiation is currently scheduled for October 30th.



Tailgate with the Pi Kapps

With football season almost underway and the COVID ban on tailgates lifted, our chapter extends a warm welcome to the families and alumni who would like to come and visit during football season. Feel free to let us know in advance if you're coming and we'll keep an eye out for you!

2021 Mizzou Football Schedule (Home Games Only)

September 4th - vs. Central Michigan

September 18th - vs. Southeast Missouri State - MU Family Weekend

October 2nd - vs. Tennessee

October 9th - vs. North Texas - Homecoming

October 16th - vs. Texas A&M - Beta Epsilon Dad's Weekend

November 13th - vs. South Carolina

November 20th - vs. Florida

Senior Sendoff

On April 30th, Beta Epsilon celebrated our first two graduating seniors since our rechartering in 2019.

Chaplain Michael Carney and his committee worked hard to plan our first ever Senior Sendoff event, where the entire chapter was able to gather, share their memories with the seniors, and honor them with special gifts on behalf of the chapter.

Ben Nelson and Peter Rahm both received a custom printed beer stein with our chapter designation, crest, and their name, in addition to a graduation stole, and an honor cord.

After completing a very thoughtful graduating senior ritual, brothers were invited to stand up and give speeches in honor of the graduates. Many brothers reflected on how their friendships have grown over the years, and for the freshmen Beta and Gamma classes, the memories they were able to make in the short time that they were together.

On behalf of the chapter, I want to wish Ben and Peter the best of luck with their future endeavors. You're welcome back anytime!

Captions

Top: Ben and Peter enjoy a story from brother Michael Carney, reflecting upon their time with the Chapter.

Middle: Ben and Peter pose with their graduation cords and stoles.

Bottom: Ben puts his new gift to good use with some refreshing Natural Light.





March Mayhem: A Month of Philanthropy

When DeAndre Fayne was elected Philanthropy Chair, the Philanthropy Committee got to work right away planning philanthropy events for the rest of the school year. Amongst them was our annual Bike-a-thon and War of the Roses, both of which happened in early March.

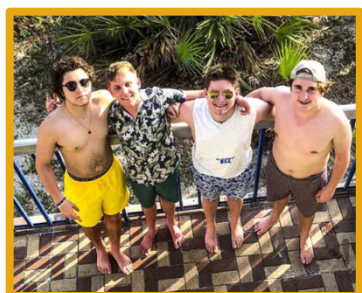
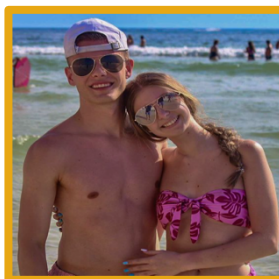
Bike-a-thon, which is typically held in Speakers' Circle, was live-streamed out of our Annex. Two volunteers took to the stationary bikes for an hour shift before rotating at the top of the hour. Guests of the fraternity had the opportunity to donate additional money to see a biker get a pie to the face on our livestream.

War of the Roses was also in the spotlight during the month of March. Five Rose Queen candidates from different sororities had the opportunity to compete in a variety of events, with the overall goal of raising awareness about people with special needs and disabilities. These events included Penny Wars - a fundraising event - participation in Bike-a-thon, and overall fundraising. Gracie Sexton of Kappa Kappa Gamma was awarded the distinction of Rose Queen for the 2020-21 school year for her overall highest scores in all applicable categories. Beta Epsilon thanks the Rose Queen candidates for their participation and is looking forward to this year's competition.



Photo Gallery: Spring Break 2021

After a year of the world being shut down, the Pi Kapps were ready to take on spring break! Check out what our brothers were up to on their vacations.





Parents' Weekend

April 23-25 was our first ever Parents' Weekend, which deviated from the usual Dad's Weekend in the fall and Mom's Weekend in the spring. Beta Epsilon families were invited to Columbia to enjoy house tours, brunch, and bowling. Over 200 people attended the event, which blew away our expectations for attendance. Brunch included breakfast wraps, fruit, and other related items.

After touring the house and eating brunch, everyone was welcomed out to the basketball court for our Chapter Awards presentation. We recognized our brothers for outstanding scholarship and their dedication and commitment to our chapter. For more information on the awards and the winners, please see below.

Finally, families headed over to AMF Lanes in Columbia for two hours of unlimited bowling. The entire facility was rented out for us, which made for a great time with our families. We certainly did their concession stands well, as they ran out of beer pitchers at one point. Looks like we kept them busy!

Although Parents' Weekend went well, it happened to be a circumstantial event due to COVID and its impact on gatherings. Beta Epsilon will resume having Dad's Weekend in the fall and Mom's Weekend in the spring.

Chapter Awards

Beta Epsilon Spring Scholarships: This is our third semester that we have been fortunate enough to give out the Beta Epsilon scholarships. We have a panel of Beta Epsilon alumni who anonymously vote on these scholarships each semester. This semester, 17 brothers applied for a scholarship and we were able to give out six \$200 scholarships.

Winners: Noah Simpkins, Jacob Beavers, Ethan Levy, Andrew Chapman, Caleb Heeney, Jordyn Newman.

Mr. Beta Epsilon: Presented to a brother who has gone out of his way to make our chapter of Pi Kappa Phi the ideal chapter. This individual promoted brotherhood, inclusion, and the highest ideals possible over the past year. Brothers of the chapter nominate each other for this awards and then vote on the recipient.

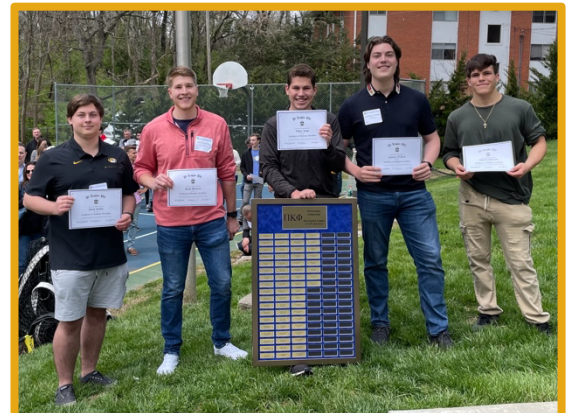
Nominees: Ben Nelson, Conner Florez, Ethan Levy, Jacob Beavers, Jake Reed

Winner: Jake Reed

McCarthy Brother of the Year: The fraternity's highest and most prestigious honor to be bestowed upon a member. This brother is recognized for exemplifying our values of scholarship, service, and brotherhood.

Nominees: Ben Nelson, Jacob Beavers, Jordyn Newman, Michael Carney, Noah Simpkins, Sean Lomasney

Winner: Jacob Beavers



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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.

August 7 - Beta Epsilon Move-In Begins
August 18-22 - Mizzou IFC Formal Rush
August 23 - Classes Begin
September 18 - Mizzou Family Weekend
October 8-9 - Homecoming Events
October 16 - Beta Epsilon Dad's Weekend
October 22-24 - Beta Epsilon Formal
October 30 - Delta Class Initiation

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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Standards Board Chairman: Noah Simpkins

Chapter Awards (Continued)

Ability Experience Man of the Year: Awarded to the brother who has devoted time and effort toward The Ability Experience's mission of showing that inability does not mean disability.

Nominees: Conner Flatt, DeAndre Fayne, Garrett Fessler, Jakob Bredell

Winner: Conner Flatt

Unsung Hero Award: A unique award, awarded to the brother or brothers who have shown time, dedication and commitment to the chapter, with an emphasis on work that is often done behind the scenes to make our chapter the best it can be.

Winners: Noah Simpkins, Ethan Levy

Refer a Future Brother

Do you know a current or future Mizzou student that would belong in our chapter? We want to hear from you! Please visit mizzoupikapp.com, hover over "Recruitment" in the navigation bar, and then click "Referral Form!"

Referrals enhance the recruitment process as they are representative of potential new members that have a relationship with someone that is affiliated with our chapter, whether that be a current brother, friend of the fraternity, family member or alumni. We really appreciate referrals, so please send them our way if you know someone that would make Beta Epsilon a stronger brotherhood!

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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