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THE ACTIVE CHAPTER MEMBERS UPDATE

From Alumni Relationship Chairman Shea Groucke:

Dear Brothers, I hope you are all safe and well. It is my pleasure to share information on behalf of the brotherhood and keep brothers connected from different decades. We would love to connect with you when you are in State College or from afar. If you have any questions or would like to meet the brothers, please reach out to my email sjgroucke@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

From Recruitment Chair, Joe Shirley

With the closing of Fall Rush week, our chapter came together and had an extremely successful recruiting period. We extended bids to 19 freshmen and had 100% acceptance. We look forward to further pursuing open recruitment, but for now, we are excited to initiate these True Gentlemen on Friday, February 10th and further advance our chapter. Any suggestions to aid the open recruitment process or Freshman candidates to reach out to would be extremely helpful and appreciated. Feel free to reach out to me at my cell at 610-368-9841.

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From EA, Jesse Kolb:

Brothers, it's a pleasure to have been elected as the new Eminent Archon of the PA AZ chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We have been growing rapidly through the past year achieving a lot of our goals recruiting, academically, and philanthropically. I look forward to continuing our progress as we move into a new stage in our chapter's history. This semester we are looking

forward to THON with our sorority partner Alpha Delta Pi and hoping to break back into the top 5 fundraising Greek organizations. Additionally with a record number of freshmen registered for rush this year we are anticipating our largest class yet of future leaders and brothers. Finally, we look forward to prioritizing our alumni brothers as we move back into The Ranch in the Fall of 2023 and plan on hosting a variety of alumni events in conjunction with the upcoming football season. I can't wait to see how the chapter transforms over this next year and hope to see all of you soon. Phi Alpha



From Alumni THON Board Member Brice Boas:

This year, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) and Alpha Delta Pi (ADPi) are partnering to join the fight against pediatric cancer. As a pair, we are committed to fundraising on behalf of THON 2023 to provide outstanding emotional and financial support to the children and families impacted by childhood cancer. It is our hope that, together, we can one day dance in celebration for the kids; for the fight; for the cure.



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Introducing Our Families

This year, we are thrilled to be paired with the Samuel Grimm, Charlie Karchner, and McKenna Speed families.

The Samuel Grimm Family: We are honored to THON for our angel, Samuel Grimm, who unfortunately passed away from Neuroblastoma at 3 months old. We have since enjoyed getting to know Samuel's siblings: Ben (8) and Evie (2).

The Charlie Karchner Family: Charlie (26) has been paired with ADPi for over 15 years. After graduating from Penn State Hazelton in 2019, Charlie has enjoyed being employed as an engineer. However, in his free time, he can be found biking and running!

The McKenna Speed Family: This year, we are excited to welcome the Speeds as the newest edition to our THON family! McKenna (12)



loves to sing, cook, and make art. Her younger brother, Caleb (8), enjoys soccer, Legos, and Harry Potter!

Previous Fundraising Efforts: This past September, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and sisters of Alpha Delta Pi kicked off the fundraising year with a pasta dinner, featuring an array of Italian cuisine dishes.

As Penn State's football season quickly approached, both organizations were excited to coordinate two ribboning sales. On 10/9 and 10/30, members of ADPi and SAE gathered in the HUB and outside of Yallah Taco to sell pins and ribbons in benefit of THON 2023—both of which were successful fundraisers! In early November, both organizations paired to host a Cheesin' for Children fundraiser outside of Sigma Alpha Epsilon's house. While selling grilled cheese sandwiches downtown, both organizations were able to bond, making for a



great event!

WE ARE stronger in numbers. Therefore, we need YOUR help to support the fight in our 2023 fundraising efforts against pediatric cancer. Please consider donating using the QR code below.

As THON quickly approaches in February, the members of ADPi and SAE are excited to continue such fundraising efforts into the 2023 year, while coordinating events with our Four Diamonds families!



INTRAMURAL SPORTS

From IM Chairman, Donovan Lewis:

Fall 2022 PA AZ brothers fielded a team in two sports, Football and Softball. In football, the team made it to round 2 of 5 in the playoffs, meeting their unfortunate end in a tough 35-7 loss. We did not lose from a lack of unity or effort; the team had struggled at the quarterback position all season proving to be an obstacle grit and grind could not overcome. In softball, brothers battled in



a hard-fought season with unbelievable plays made across the diamond. Mathew Yauger and Luke Bass led the infield with John O'Donnell on the mound. Huge hits by JD King and Charles Greenberg made the season

one to remember. With the spring semester almost in full swing, the fraternity is optimistic to attempt to compete in basketball, volleyball, and soccer in the upcoming weeks and months.

FOUNDING FATHERS / SENIORS



Braden Baird:

is a senior studying business and psychology. He is currently in a job search for a sales or consulting position.
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Brice Boas:

is a senior majoring in finance. He will be starting at Vanguard in the Acceleration into Financial Professional (AFP) Development Program at the headquarters in Malvern, PA.
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Hunter Boyd:

studies biology with a neuroscience focus and is double minoring in psychology and neurology. He hopes to attend medical school next fall.
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Ryan Chu:

majors in Marketing with a minor in Information Systems. After graduation, Ryan will be working for Oracle as a NetSuite Functional Consultant in Austin, Texas.
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majored in Finance and minored in information systems. He has accepted an offer to join Santander Bank as a financial analyst in their 2-year Financial Analyst Rotational program in Boston, MA.
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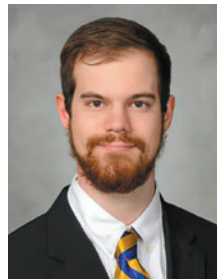
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Trijal Kaistha:

plans to go to medical school. Next year he will be working at a hospital, shadowing, and doing work as an EMT or MedScribe.
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Thaddeus Kolb:

studies chemical engineering and has multiple full ride offers to law school. He plans to study patent law.
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Jeremy Shultz:

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Andrew Zero:

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PA AZ ANNUAL HOUSE CORP MEETING

PA AZ Board Chair, Tom Chaffee, was awarded The Order of Minerva, in recognition of his service to SAE across all Fraternity levels.



October 6, 2022 Annual House Corp Meeting was held at Ledgerock Golf Club near Reading, PA. Pictured L-R Jan Sockel, Rick Guida, Tom Chaffee, Fred Levering, Todd McGarity, Bobby McGuire, Joe Messner, Jay Smith, Michael Smerek, Doug Beatty, Dan Wright



Pictured L-R Doug Beatty, Joe Messner, Tom Chaffee, Michael Smerek and Bobby McGuire.

The 2022 Leadership School Was Well Represented by One of the Largest Classes of Brothers From PAAZ.



L-R Jackson Edwards, Lucas Koczent, Michael Smerek, Chris Chamberlain and Joe Messner. Missing Jesse Kolb.



Leveré
gravestone and
Memorial
Temple, SAE
Headquarters,
Evanston, IL



In their own words:

Chris Chamberlain-

6 brothers of the Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta Chapter attended the 84th National Leadership School in Evanston, Illinois. This was one of the largest representations of PA AZ to ever attend, and it was an honor to go as the Eminent Deputy Archon of the newly re-chartered chapter. To be in the presence of hundreds of brothers from across the realm, standing together as fully initiated brothers was an amazing experience and I felt that the 6 members of PA AZ had earned their right to be there after nearly 2 years of recolonization and receiving our unanimously approved charter. PA AZ has always and must continue to always represent the highest ideals of the true gentleman. Being in SAE is a privilege; being in PA AZ is an even higher one. The brothers from Penn State sat front and center with multiple members of the supreme council, who we had the honor of being initiated into the brotherhood by on May 14th, 2022, at most of the meals. Very few, if any, chapters can say the same. The experience of meeting brothers representing different chapters from across the country showed me just how much it means to be in PA AZ. WE ARE! Going to the Levere Memorial Temple and finding our book filled with historical components of PA AZ inspired the brothers that went to uphold and promote the legacy that our chapter carries and pass it on to future generations of the brotherhood. Especially finding an article from "The Rancher" in '81 written by then Eminent Archon Thomas Chaffee titled "Going For A

Third Mosley" inspired the brothers there to commit to achieving the highest award for the chapter and bringing that sense of commitment back to the rest of the chapter. In conclusion, sending 6 members from our chapter to the Leadership School strengthened our entire chapter in many ways and will set a precedent for the presence that PA AZ will make at any national event. ΦΑ

Jackson Edwards-

My Leadership School experience was one to remember. I went in with extremely high expectations and was in no way, shape or form, disappointed. I was generously granted the opportunity to meet with high-level executives around the country from not only ΣΑΕ but also from major companies nationwide. I also got to network with countless active and alumni brothers from around the realm and learn invaluable techniques and experiences from them. I additionally got to experience the Levere Temple in its fullest form. Seeing the history there and getting to experience the rituals that come with bring a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was a dream come true. I'm beyond thankful for my experience while attending Leadership School and I would definitely attend again in the near future.

Lucas Koczent-

Leadership School was an experience that I will never forget, there are seldom times in life where you are able to meet, interact and share ideas with brothers from different walks of life and from all across the realm, being in a common place where everyone's ideas are open and inviting does not happen in many facets

currently in Greek life. When my flight landed late I was rapidly searching for the shuttle to the airport, fortunately I found several brothers from the university of Minnesota also experiencing the same issue so we so we decided to grab an Uber to the hotel together, throughout the course of the week I would become very close to these gentlemen. Every brother from the realm that I met at Leadership School had the same mindset, everyone was there to learn, to better their chapter, brotherhood and university. Visiting our national headquarters was also something that I will never forget, being able to see some alumni that we work very close with in our chapter archives was cool, along with all of the Levere Memorial temple in general. Leadership School is an opportunity that I will always vouch for and recommend because of the experiences, the brothers who I become friends with and the wealth of knowledge available at our disposal.

Jesse Kolb-

Leadership School was a great opportunity that surpassed all of my expectations. I thought that I was close with the brothers that went, but spending 4 days at Leadership School made the lifelong friendships that happen in our chapter that much better. Even with my family situation at the time, I almost could not attend. I made sure to attend because I knew that it would be an opportunity that I would not have again. It was one of the best trips I took in the summer, and I would recommend it to anyone.

LEADERSHIP

Michael Smerek-

Leadership School has been one of the most fun and valuable experiences as a brother of SAE and a college student. I was able to reunite with brothers from across the realm I had met at exec academy and hangout with many other brothers I had just met. We were all able to talk about our experiences with our chapter and learn from each other to improve all of our chapters. One of the most memorable was getting to talk with the University of Maryland president again and learn more from him after all of his tips he gave us during his chartering investigation earlier in the year. However, the by far best part was Tuesday of Leadership School. We started off the day going too to the grave of Levere and held a ceremony there to honor him. After this we spent a while at the Levere memorial temple, exploring it and checking out our chapter history books. As a group of brothers we walked around took pictures, saw meaning artifacts representing our chapters and all shared the history of each one. The week was set up to have general sessions for all brothers and small group discussions where the groups remained consistent throughout the week. These discussions allowed us to go into detail if

specifics many of us would not talk about in a normal conversation, however it gave us a deep insight to our chapters, their processes, their failures, their systems, and their brotherhood giving me plenty information to bring back to the chapter in the fall semester. In the end, Leadership School gave 6 of our brothers, 3 current leaders, and 3 future leaders, an abundant amount of knowledge and memories to bring back to the chapter and cherish for a lifetime.

Joe Messner-

My statement: Leadership School was more valuable than I could have ever imagined. Not only is SAE the true home of brotherhood but Leadership School provided the most fantastic foundation to be able to call myself a true gentlemen. Meeting all of the brothers from our different chapters gave me the most valuable insight I could have ever asked for about the history of SAE and every brother I met was the epitome of a fraternity man. Together we explored the most sacred locations of the most historic fraternity in the world and it was truly humbling. To see the dedication of our brothers putting so much time and effort into ensuring the continued success and preservation of SAE was phenomenal.

Our national temple is truly magical and a testament to our collective commitment to brotherhood. Particularly the PA AZ scrapbook in the library showed me the penn state chapters long history and I managed to catch a lot of wonderful details particularly about our chapter newspapers and past presidents and their goals seeing some great pictures of our alumni advisors. I could simply not imagine a greater chapter in the world. On top of that the education we received from the national council was amazing to see a mock initiation and many other ceremonies in their truest form gave me much more respect for our fraternity and its traditions. Our executive board is committed to being true to our original mission and rituals and there was no better place to become an expert that Leadership School. Along the way I made some great connections to I now have our CEO and supreme eminent archons numbers in my phones and have created a life long relationship with them and many of the brothers from our fellow chapters. You cannot truly understand Leadership School until you are there and it will be the most valuable fraternity experience of your life by far. To any brothers who consider it please go it will change you for a lifetime and you will have a different perspective and respect for our order.

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