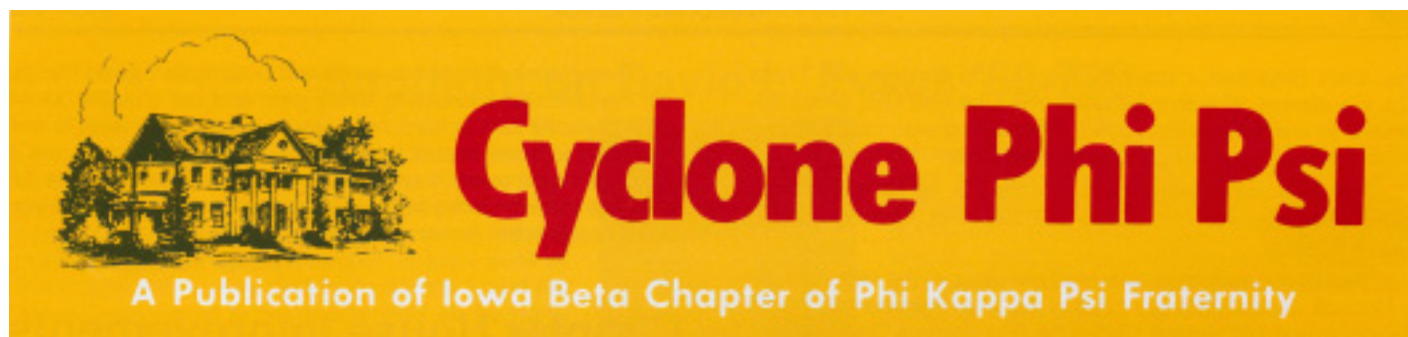




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Spring 2025

Spring Term Brings Eight Initiates, Community Involvement



Brothers initiated April 11, 2025. Front row, L-R: Mitchell Edward Martinez (1843, Norwalk, IA), Lex Eugene Marshall (1845, Norwalk, IA), Jack Brian Shoemaker (1848, Rosemount, MN), and Grayson Michael Burton (1841, Alexandria, VA). Back row, L-R: Gabriel Martin Kilstrom (1847, Bettendorf, IA), Charles William Mullen (1846, Ottawa, IL), Alexander Christopher Walczak (1844, Elgin, IL), and Tyler John Japel (1842, Lakeville, MN).

Initiates:

On April 11, 2025, Iowa Beta welcomed eight new members into the brotherhood. We are always recruiting, so if you know of any existing or incoming students with high academic achievement and solid character, please notify someone on our recruitment team: Easton Mittelstaedt (emittel@iastate.edu, 402-649-7203), Trent Peterson (tjpeters@iastate.edu, 314-243-1500), or Nate Rath (nathanra@iastate.edu, 630-272-0069).

Academics

Chapter averages and rankings for spring semester weren't out when we went to press. We'll report the results in our next issue.

Greek Week



Left: Our Greek Week banner.

This year, we were paired with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and Sigma Chi fraternity. Our pairings of the last two years won Greek Week, an amazing accomplishment. We weren't as fortunate this year — winning three years in a row really would have been amazing — but we all had fun.

Greek Week is a lot of work, and we owe a big thanks to our various co-chairs who kept us competitive: our general co-chairs — Andrew Ross and Luke Werthmann; our lip sync co-chairs — Blake Tighe and Grant Miller; our tournaments co-chairs Ryan Droogsma and Jack White; and our banners and displays co-chairs — Jack Rosa and Andrew Wise. It's worth noting that all of these brothers except one were in the second semester of their senior year — great upperclassman leadership!



Phi Psi Leadership in Greek Week, at the awards ceremony. L-R: Joel Seifried, Charlie Kautz, and Carson Wilary.



Guests joining us for Monday night dinner this semester were: W. Samuel Easterling, Dean of the Engineering College (front and center, above), and the Executive Committees of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Kappa Delta sorority. Several coeds who are related to brothers joined us for our traditional Phi Psi Ladies' dinner around Valentine's Day.

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Chapter Report, continued

Philanthropy and Community Service



Above: Cleanup of City Disc Golf Course.

Left, L-R: Tyler Japel, Will Nepple, and Dillon Kuhn take one for the team during Phi Psi Frost.

This semester's big philanthropy — Phi Psi Frost — raised about \$4,000 serving up a delicious combination of wings and ice cream (and the chance to pie a Phi Psi). Who wouldn't love that? The weather was great and we had a large turnout. The money raised was contributed to Cultivating Hope Farms here in Ames, a relatively new organization which creates meaningful opportunities for inclusion and acceptance for those with autism and other disabilities.

Spring semester was filled with several other service projects. Repeat projects included doing a shift at Food at First, a local non-profit organization dedicated to providing meals to anyone who is struggling with hunger and food insecurity, doing our part in the State's Adopt-A-Highway program, and tabling again at the Memorial Union to bring awareness to the dangers of distracted driving. New projects included helping clean up a city park that is used for disc golf, a can drive to help Food at First, and a clothing drive to donate to the Salvation Army.

Professional Development

"Explore" is the name of a fairly new program created by the Phi Psi Foundation. It is an invitation-only multi-day externship program that encourages undergraduates to see theoretical classroom knowledge practiced in real-world settings. It offers participants valuable insights into their specific industry's day-to-day operations, culture, and challenges.

Currently there are three iterations of this programming, and Iowa Beta was fortunate to have brothers chosen for each of them. One is held in New York City, and is for undergraduate brothers studying or looking to pursue careers related to real estate (finance, commercial, residential, management, etc.) and construction, engineering, architecture, and design. Brothers Drew Schindel and Luke Blasingame were selected to attend this one.

A second is held in Houston, Texas, and is for undergraduate brothers studying or looking to pursue careers related to

engineering, alternative energy, and land management. Brothers Easton Mittelstaedt, Joel Seifried, and Thomas Roth were selected to attend.

The third is held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for undergraduate brothers studying or looking to pursue careers related to finance, banking, institutional investment management, or private wealth management. Brother Sam Barnes was selected for that one.

Campus Involvement



Phi Psis were busy on campus. Peyton Rippen was again in the Iowa State Singers. Casey Mumm was a student manager for the women's basketball team, and Luke Patton was a practice player. Charlie Kautz was a video assistant for the football team.

Alex Middleswart and Blake Tighe (L-R in photo at left) were finance directors for the ISU Fashion Show. Drew Szalat was the VP of membership for Dance Marathon, and Keaton Bertrand

was a morale captain. Peter Guzman was the intercollegiate co-chair for Engineers' Week.

For Greek Week, Charlie Kautz was the co-executive director, Carson Wilary was the co-community service director, and Joel Seifried was on crew.

The ISU Blood Drive this spring continued to have strong Phi Psi leadership and participation. Kyle Nord was the overall co-director, and Jack White and Ryan Droogsma were in charge of partnership and outreach. Eleven brothers were on committees — Nick Hoberg, Carson Eki, Noel Seifried, Landon Sturch, Owen Tresemer, Brooks Wee, Myles Alexander, Dillon Kuhn, Grant Wimmer, Cale Schissel, and Thomas Roth.

Fraternal Awards of Excellence



Above: Iowa Betas at the Fraternal Awards of Excellence Ceremony.

Left: Jack Rosa, the Unsung Hero for the entire Greek community.



Each year during spring semester, the Greek Community presents its Fraternal Awards of Excellence for the prior calendar year. These awards provide recognition for chapters that excel in the strategic areas of the Sorority and Fraternity Community — academics, civic engagement, friendship, leadership, and social justice.

This year, the chapter was selected for the Gold Circle. Only 6 chapters out of about 57 for the entire Greek Community were ranked higher, and only 3 of those were IFC fraternities.

In addition to that, the chapter received the IFC award for social responsibility, and Jack Rosa received the Unsung Hero Award for the entire Greek Community.

Socials and Brotherhood Events

We never forget that Phi Psi is a social fraternity. Early in the semester, we paired up with Kappa Alpha Theta to write "letters of love" to kids in hospitals. And then there was a murder mystery with Alpha Delta Pi, volleyball and smores with Sigma Kappa, water balloon fight with Gamma Phi Beta, and a painting social with Delta Gamma. And a big formal in Minneapolis wrapped the semester up nicely.

And for just us brothers, we had a Moms' Day, a spoon assassins' game, a watch party for the Four-Nations USA vs. Canada hockey game, an event at Perfect Games with bowling and laser tag, and pools for March Madness and the Masters.

Our social chairs, Zane Miller and Dillon Kuhn, and our brotherhood chairs, Kyle Nord and Nate Freeman, did their part to make sure we didn't turn into introverts!

Scholarships Awarded Spring Semester

Several scholarships were awarded Spring semester:

Most Valuable Brother Award



Grant Miller (L) and Luke Blasingame were spring term's Most Valuable Brother award recipients.

The **Most Valuable Brother Award** is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded through the ISU Foundation to the brother who has made the most positive impact on the chapter during the semester, as determined by the chapter. Two awards are presented each semester, one to an underclassman (first or second year of college) and one to an upperclassman (third year of college or above).

This scholarship was created and funded by **James P. Grabenbauer, '73-948**, with some initial help from **Jerry A. Soper, '73-956**. Contributions sufficient to endow the scholarship were added by **Gary F. Short, '58-699**, before his passing, to honor his brother, **Robert E. (Bob) Short, '59-712**, father-in-law **Charles F. (Chuc) Mason, '21-109**, brother-in-law **Charles R. (Dick) Mason, '61-756**, and **Arthur C. (Con) Short, '56-670**.

Grant Miller, a Chemical Engineering major from Ankeny, Iowa, was the upperclassman recipient of the spring 2025 Award. Grant has been a regular performer in the chapter's Yell-Like-Hell and Lip Sync skits, and twice served as the Lip Sync co-chair. He

has been recognized as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

Luke Blasingame, a Finance major from Plano, Texas, was the underclassman recipient of the Spring 2025 Award. Luke is currently serving the chapter as HI and VP of Development. On campus, he is a member of the Finance Club, the Sales Club, and is a charter member of the Consulting Club. He also works as a Resident Assistant in the residence halls.

Paul T. Troupe Emerging Leaders Award



Jack Weir (L) and Trenton Peterson were the 2025 recipients of the Paul T. Troupe Emerging Leaders Award.

The **Paul T. Troupe Emerging Leaders Award** is a \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually through the Phi Psi Foundation to a first-year brother who shows promise to be a future leader of the chapter, as determined by the chapter. Two scholarships are given each year.

This endowed scholarship honors **Paul T. Troupe, '11-1402**, who was tragically killed by a distracted driver just months after graduating from Iowa State, marrying his college sweetheart, and starting his career. It was created and funded by Paul's parents, Doug and Sherri Troupe, as a tribute to Paul and his relationship with Phi Kappa Psi.

The 2024-2025 academic year recipients were **Jack Weir**, a Statistics major from Cottage Grove, Minnesota, and **Trenton Peterson**, a Supply Chain Management major from St. Louis, Missouri. Both men have been active chapter participants from the start, and show promise for future leadership. Jack was a Community Service co-chair spring semester, and will be AG next fall. Trenton is one of the Summer Recruitment Co-Chairs.

Kyle L. Goodell Spirit Award



The **Kyle L. Goodell Spirit Award** is a \$500 scholarship awarded each semester through the Phi Psi Foundation to a member who has demonstrated the spirit of Kyle L. Goodell (especially in the creative performance aspects of chapter life — performing or directing), as determined by the chapter.

This endowed scholarship honors **Kyle L. Goodell, '18-1566**, who died in a car accident shortly after graduating. It was created and funded by Kyle's parents, Todd and Donna Goodell, as a tribute to Kyle and his relationship with Phi Kappa Psi.

The Spring semester 2025 recipient was **Grant Miller**, a Chemical Engineering major from Ankeny, Iowa. Since joining, Grant has been heavily involved with Yell-Like-Hell and Lip Sync, very much like Kyle was.

Other Scholarships

The Phi Psi Foundation awards several scholarships each year to Phi Psis from around the nation. These are from funds unrelated to dedicated Iowa Beta funds.

One such category of scholarships is known as the District Awards. Currently four scholarships of \$3,000 each are awarded in each of the Fraternity's six districts. Desired candidates are to have demonstrated dedication to academic excellence, a commitment to serving others, and a devotion to Phi Kappa Psi.

Iowa Beta is in District V, which has a total of 15 chapters. This year, one of the scholarships went to **Luke Werthmann, '21-1718**.

Spring Semester 2025 Chapter and Alumni Officers

Chapter Officers

GP (President)	Carson Ekis, '23-1784
VGP (Vice President)	Joel Seifried, '23-1783
P (Treasurer)	Sam Barnes, '23-1780
AG (Corresponding Secretary)	Kyle Nord, '22-1751
BG (Recording Secretary)	Will Lucas, '21-1719
SG (Historian)	Thomas Roth, '23-1782
Hod (Messenger)	Quinn Mahoney, '24-1815
Hi (Chaplain)	Luke Blasingame, '24-1810
Phu (Sergeant-at-Arms)	Will Nepple, '24-1824

Corporation Board

President:	Peter Anderson, '07-1337
Vice President:	Randy Minear, '76-1036
Secretary:	Andrew Allard, '10-1390
Treasurer:	Eric Lathrop, '74-989
Assistant Treasurer:	Doug Fuller, '11-1409
Director:	Jim Grabenbauer, '73-948
Director:	Michael Gilhooly, '78-1046
Director:	Greg Sanders, '78-1056
Director:	Tim Thompson, '85-1167

Advisors

University Advisor:	Dr. Craig Anderson, IN Zeta '74
Chapter Advisor:	Bill Good, '69-864

Chapter Advisory Committee

Finance:	Marty Kelly, '16-1506
Internal Affairs:	Michael Stone, '18-1569
Membership:	Alex Lev, '16-1508
Development:	Carson Feldman, '16-1518
Relations:	Adam Goldberg, '13-1445

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Ireland Anyone?



If you follow ISU football at all, you know that the Cyclones kick off the season against Kansas State on August 23 at Aviva Stadium in Dublin, Ireland. If you are going and want to connect with other brothers, I

suggest that the best way to do so is through the Iowa Beta Alumni Page on Facebook — see box at right. Go Cyclones!

206 Engraved Bricks Are Now on the Front Walk



The brick above memorializes the very first Iowa Beta initiate.

There are now 206 bricks on the front walk engraved with the names of brothers. Bricks being added this summer for gifts made through 2024 are as follows:

Alan L. Ploeger, '71-923

Timothy G. Houge, '82-1127

Matthew D. Oberreuter, '18-1565

Thomas W. Roth, '23-1782

Beau E. Lasky, '23-1803

As previously reported, to encourage all brothers to make regular, annual contributions to the cause, bricks will be engraved to honor anyone who makes cumulative gifts totaling \$500 to any combination of the Iowa Beta accounts (shown on the enclosed sheet) on or after January 1, 2012. So, if \$500 all at once is too much, please know that gifts in amounts with which you are comfortable, made on a regular basis, are very much appreciated and will be recognized with a brick once the total reaches \$500.

If you would like to honor a deceased brother with a brick, please note that on your contribution.

Check out the bricks any time you're in town. And thank you, brothers, for your great support.

Going through Ames this Summer?



We know that people tend to travel more during the summertime than the rest of the year. So if your summer travels bring you near Ames, feel free to stop in at the chapter house. **Dennis P. Little, '79-1059** (an Ames kid), was back recently with his family (photo, left) and did just that. We only have our two summer recruitment chairs living in this summer, so there's

no guarantee that someone will always be on hand to let you in. But you're all welcome, so give it a try if you like.

Visit Iowa Beta Online

Chapter Web Site: www.phipsiisu.com/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/phipsiisu/>

Instagram: www.instagram.com/phipsiisu

Summer Construction at Iowa State



Work is being done on an old, familiar name — LeBaron Hall. This is being replaced with a modern facility designed to meet the needs of today's students while renovations to the adjacent areas of the Human Nutritional Sciences building, former LeBaron lobby, and MacKay Hall will create a health and human sciences complex that anchors the north end of central campus. Projected completion date is 2026.



The Therikildsen Industrial Engineering building is now complete, and will open in the fall. It will provide a state-of-the-art facility to meet the evolving needs of industrial engineering students.



Work continues on CyTown. The last couple of years were spent redoing the parking lots, building them up and installing the underground utilities. McFarland Clinic has now broken ground on its future site, which will be the anchor for CyTown. It is the first structure to begin construction and is expected to be completed in December 2026. The new 78,000-square-foot facility will be the largest building project undertaken by the clinic. It will house family medicine, pediatrics, sports medicine, occupational medicine, pain management, urgent care, and physical therapy.

Changes in the Greek Community



The former Acacia house now belongs to Sigma Chi.



The old Sigma Chi house now houses Triangle Fraternity.



The former Alpha Kappa Lambda facility now houses Sigma Nu.



The former Lambda Chi Alpha house is now Delta Chi.



The old Delta Chi house is now a bed and breakfast.



The FIJI house is undergoing a major renovation and addition.

The past few years have seen a number of chapter houses change names. The Alpha Kappa Lambda house, on Knapp Street north of the old baseball field, is now occupied by Sigma Nu, which has not been on campus for many years, but is attempting a comeback. Delta Chi had a chapter house at Knapp Street and Hayward Ave., but went inactive many years ago, and their house became a multi-unit bed and breakfast. Delta Chi came back a few years ago, operating without a chapter house for a while, but they have now purchased the Lambda Chi Alpha house on Ash Avenue. Lambda Chi is no longer active. Several years ago, Sigma Chi tore down its house on Lincolnway at Gray Avenue and built new. But the chapter struggled, and their facility was sold to Triangle when the chapter went inactive. Sigma Chi is now attempting a comeback, and this year they purchased the Acacia chapter house. Acacia had occupied their new house for only a year or two before selling to Sigma Chi and going inactive. The Fiji house is being renovated this summer.

Homecoming 2025

BYU comes to town October 25 for Homecoming. We'll have the usual tailgate set up in the stadium parking lot approximately 2-3 hours before game time, which of course is TBA. At this point, the exact location is yet to be determined, but once it is, we'll have information on our website or in Bill Good's monthly email update (and if you're not getting that, email Bill at williamjongood@gmail.com). Wherever it is, look for the Phi Psi flag.

Prospects for the football team look good, so make plans to return now!

Cyclo-grams

James E. Jorgensen, '59-723, is a retired banker, and a 60-year member of Lions Club International. "My spouse of 62 years, Susan (ΔZ-Drake), passed away on November 15, 2024." Their children are Jeffrey and Rachel. Write to Jim at PO Box 508, State Center, IA 50247 (jorgensen3939@gmail.com; 641-351-9687)

David L. Evans, '60-729, was recently recognized by the Top 100 Registry of Business Leaders and Professionals. He is the Founder and CEO of the Center for Global Reasoning in Evergreen, Colorado. He is also CEO of two farming operations. He began his financial career with John Deere, and after retiring, founded Evanwood Corporation, an international corporate finance company. He has served on the boards of several corporations and nonprofit organizations. He earned his BS from ISU in 1964, and his MBA from the University of Pennsylvania in 1966. He is a frequent donor to Doctors Without Borders and CARE. He receives mail at 32500 El Diente Ct., Evergreen, CO 80439.

Obituaries



Donald B. Metcalf, '56-673, of Urbandale, Iowa, passed away at age 87 on April 14, 2025. Don graduated from Knoxville High School, where he was a star tackle for the Panther football team, and achieved first team All-State honors and national All-American status. Don then attended Iowa State on scholarship, was a starting tackle for the Cyclone football team, and earned his degree in teaching. At Iowa State, he met and married Janet DePuydt. They were happily married for 67 years. He left us just 38 days after her passing. Don managed Park Fair Shopping Center, Iowa's first enclosed shopping mall, for 25 years. After the mall was sold in 1984, he took up farming. Well before it became fashionable, he was known as the "outdoor type." Farming allowed him to pursue his passion of being in the out-of-doors, working with the land, and being his own boss. He held an annual deer hunting party at the farm, where he was joined by his brother, nephews, great-nephews, and many good friends. He always drove a four-wheel drive vehicle so he could travel off the beaten path. He is survived by his children, D. Douglas Metcalf and Carolyn Jackson, and four grandchildren.

Robert E. Short, '59-712, of Billings, Montana, passed away on April 26, 2025. A devoted scientist, community leader, and family man, Bob's life was marked by a deep commitment to service, learning, and the natural world. Born in 1940 in Webster City, Iowa, Bob graduated from Lincoln High School in 1958 and pursued his passion for animal science at Iowa State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1962. Bob met the love of his life, Sandy Wiggins, in high school. Both went to Iowa State, and they married in 1960. He continued his academic journey with a master's degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and went on to earn his doctoral degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Bob dedicated his professional life to advancing agricultural science. As

a reproductive endocrinologist at the Fort Keogh USDA Research Station in Miles City, Montana, and adjunct faculty at Montana State University, Bozeman, he made significant contributions to the science and practice of raising beef cattle and to the training of younger scientists. His work earned him international recognition and respect within the field. He served as president of the Western Section of the American Society of Animal Science, and was a frequent presenter at scientific conferences and author or co-author of over 400 publications, earning a Fellowship in the American Academy of Animal Science for his research. Bob had a lifelong passion for the outdoors. He began hunting with his brother **Gary ['58-699]** as a child on their Iowa farm. In retirement, he took up fly fishing and enjoyed being a member of the Magic City Fly Fishers. He shared his love of hunting by becoming a Montana Hunter Education teacher. Gardening became another beloved pursuit: he became a Master Gardener and helped establish a garden space for students at Friendship House in Billings, along with serving on their board. He served for many years on the Custer County School Board, as well as on the Montana School Board Association, and was elected as its president. He also started the Habitat for Humanity chapter in Miles City. He later volunteered with Tax Aid during retirement, helping those in need navigate tax season with dignity and support. Bob was a long-time member of the American Baptist Church. He served on church boards and volunteered generously. Bob is survived by Sandy; his children, Tom, Sonja, and Jeff; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Billy.

Scott C. Schaupp, '63-782, of Nokomis, Florida, passed away on January 25, 2025. Scott was born in 1943 in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, and grew up with a love for academics and athletics. After graduating from Birmingham Seaholm High School in Michigan, he pursued his passion for football at the University of Detroit and later at Iowa State University, where he earned a Division I football scholarship. He graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, and later earned a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling. Over his 29-year career with the Sarasota County School Board, Scott served at Sarasota Junior/Middle School, Brentwood Elementary, and Fruitville Elementary. He was an inspiring mentor who supported students academically and personally. Scott was a proud Marine Corps veteran, and lived life to the fullest through his love of motorcycling, tournament fishing, skiing, camping, and whitewater rafting. He spent his summers and holidays creating cherished memories in the homes he built in Wolf Laurel, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Candy.



2025 Honor Roll of Contributors

Grateful thanks to the brothers and friends listed below, who supported Iowa Beta in the first half of 2025 through the Alumni Communications program. Those who made gifts through the Phi Psi Foundation and the House Corporation are not shown, but will be included in the next issue, when all donors for the entire year are listed. You make the *Cyclone Phi Psi* and other Corporation projects possible, so we invite your continued support in 2025. THANKS for caring and sharing!

Name	Init. Yr. & No.		
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William H. Woito	54 614	Miles G. Moore	80 1103
Vance L. Nimrod	57 689	Steven T. Rogers	81 1109
James E. Jorgensen	59 723	Timothy G. Houge	82 1127
David L. Evans	60 729	Mark D. Linton	83 1138
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Judson G. Isebrands	62 761	Ronald L. Barnes	84 1157
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