

# K-STATE AGR—ALPHA ZETA BI-MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

*To Make Better Men, And Through Them A Broader And Better Agriculture...*

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Dear Fellow AZ Brother,

The near-end of summer is upon us. Whether your journeys or travels have taken you near or far from home, may you be safe as the seasons change.

Whether you are on the farm, ranch, in town, or somewhere in between, a bountiful harvest is approaching. A new school year is also coming for the men of Alpha Zeta on Monday, August 20th. The end of a long, hot summer is certainly welcoming. Be it the end of a summer internship or the beginning of another work week, the learning and work never ends.

Our hats are off to the men that started this chapter 91 years ago, and we strive each day to put our best foot forward, pursuing our interests, goals, and dreams like they did so many years ago. We trail in the footsteps of those great men, who were also great leaders. We aim to reach and surpass those future goals, while shoring up our weaknesses along the way. It is an honorable pursuit in the broad field of Agriculture.

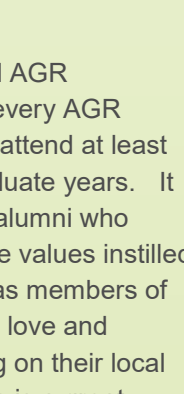
While summer wanes, the warm weather continues. May the fall bring additional moisture and good conditions for the farmers, good lessons for the students, and good experiences for our Brothers.

From all of us at the Alpha Zeta Chapter, we wish you the very best and a blessed fall. Always remember to exercise extreme ownership in all that you do and say. Be the leader that looks himself in the mirror first before attempting to judge the actions of others.

Enjoy this inaugural E-Newsletter from the Alpha Zeta Chapter! Bare with us as we continue to improve it, and **feel free to email any suggestions or future news you would like included in the next edition.** You may also call or "text" your suggestions to my personal number listed below.

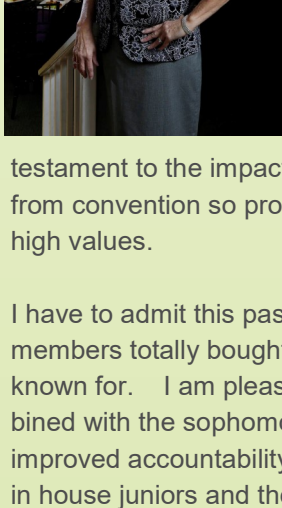
All the best and God Bless,

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## From The Housemother



Greetings AGR Alumni,

Having just returned from the National AGR Convention in New Orleans I wished every AGR undergraduate had the opportunity to attend at least one convention during their undergraduate years. It is awesome to meet many wonderful alumni who attribute their successful careers to the values instilled in them during their undergrad years as members of AGR fraternities. Their long standing love and support both financially and by serving on their local alumni board YEARS after graduation is a great testament to the impact AGR had on them during college. You come away from convention so proud and honored to be a part of a great brotherhood with high values.

I have to admit this past school year was a bit of a challenge as not all active members totally bought in to the high standards that AGR has been long known for. I am pleased with our new incoming freshmen class. That combined with the sophomore class committed to having higher expectations and improved accountability for incoming freshmen, plus the maturity of the in house juniors and the frosting on the cake as several of the out of house members have made the commitment to having more of a presence in the house to mentor to our freshmen on a regular basis.

I have heard that several of the alumni have expressed their disappointment over the cleanliness and upkeep of the house. My biggest take away from convention was the phrase "NOT UNDER MY WATCH" That folks is my mission for the upcoming year. I realize boys will be boys and these are the fun memory making years of their life. That said, I want them to have fun but I will not tolerate destroying property after one too many drinks nor living in a dirty home.

I am very proud to report after attending several housemom/house director meetings at the convention our young men at Kansas State are blessed to have alumni that give generously to provide scholarships. AND not many chapters have dedicated chapter advisors that our chapter is fortunate to have.

In closing, please know you are always welcome to come visit and share a meal with us when the opportunity arises. We seat for dinner every evening at 5:30. I look forward to seeing many of you at Founders Day and Pink Rose this upcoming school year. Call me if you have questions or concerns. My cell number is 785/210-4150.

Mom Dianna Philippi



Brothers and Housemother of the Alpha Zeta Chapter stand together holding the awards at the National AGR Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Left to Right:

Back Row: Peter Tomlinson (Advisor), Brandon Beim, Michael McKinney, Coleman Nordhus, Nathan Laudan, Del Adcock, Christian Callahan, Toni Tirri, Chase Regehr, Riley Thom, Bob Broeckelman, JD Hagedorn (Alumni Board), Mike Smith

Front Row: Christian Magana, Lane Forge, Carter Mitchell, Dianna Philippi (Housemother), Nathan Welch, Cooper Imthurn, Lane Egger, Aaron Hendrickson

The 2018 awards were as follows:

1. Chapter Crescent-Single Issue: Highest Honor
2. Continued Alumni Engagement: High Honor
3. Living the Promise and Value Award: Highest Honor
4. Committed Alumni Corporation Award: High Honor

## Alumni Summer Meeting

On Saturday, July 7, upwards of 50 alumni and guests met in Wichita for an eventful day of both reminiscing and important discussion. Primarily, the AZ Alumni met to discuss the recent school year, changes happening in the industry, and goals for the future. In addition, a tour of the Cargill Innovation Center was organized by generous supporters. To finish the evening, a special alumnus from Wichita, John Niemann, opened his family farm and barn to the AZ guests for a pleasant evening of socializing and food, along with a few firework crackles over his private pond. All told, the day was successful and a step in the right direction to help improve the chapter that has been a large part of many lives over the years and an important career and life stepping stone.

## Summer Highlights—Jobs, Internships, & Travel

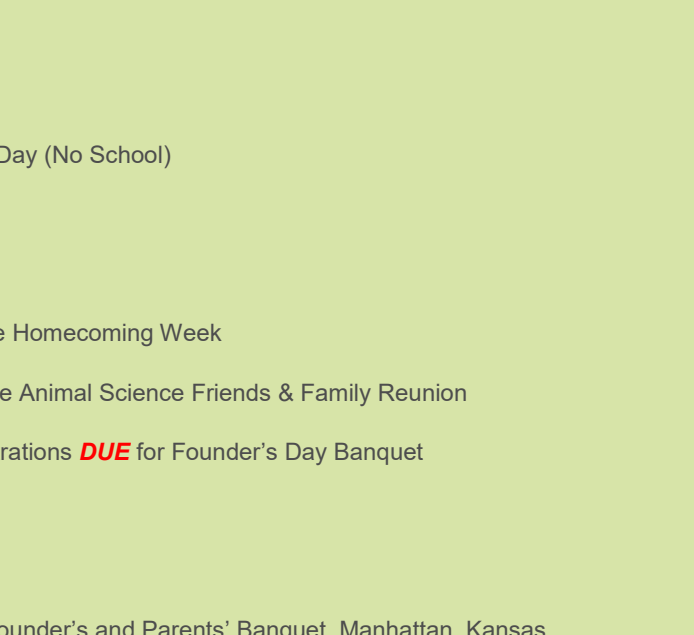
The summers have been eventful and exciting for many of our Brothers. From internships to summer jobs, they are always on the move. Here are just a few highlights:

Anthony Becker, Junior, in Feed Science, was busy this summer. Anthony was a sales intern for Hutchinson-Mayrath in Clay Center, Kansas. He spent many hours making and taking phone calls, designing feed bins, and creating custom quotes for potential clients. In addition to his internship, Becker also worked during the weekends for a local dairy in Palmer, Kansas called Meier Family Dairy. On average, they milk 550 Holsteins and 50 Jerseys, and their facility is one of the most advanced in the United States. It was also the first robotic dairy in the state of Kansas with the installation of 12 Lely A4 Astronaut milking robots in 2015. Pictured at left are just a few different views of this operation and their new robotic technology, including this automatic feed sweeper.

Another Brother that has had a busy summer is Dean Klahr, senior, in Animal Science. Traveling a little further from Manhattan and Kansas, he was located in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area working for a pet food company, Hills Pet Nutrition, as their sales intern. Over the summer, Dean was responsible for over 35 separate customer accounts, thus making numerous clinic visits, pushing promotions and especially new prescription diets. One such formulation is called "Metabolic."

"It targets and speeds up the natural metabolism of a dog or cat, allowing it to loose weight and fight obesity regardless of how much food it consumes," Klahr said.

Dean typically spent about 4 hours each day in the car driving to different clinics and animal hospitals around the Dallas-Fort Worth area.



Dean as he promotes a Hills Pet Nutrition product to a group of local veterinarians and clinicians at a clinic in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

## 2018—2019 Schedule Of Events

### AUGUST, 2018

20th.....Fall 2018 Semester Begins, Classes Resume

### SEPTEMBER, 2018

3rd.....Labor Day (No School)

### OCTOBER, 2018

7th-13th.....K-State Homecoming Week

12th.....K-State Animal Science Friends & Family Reunion

15th.....Registrations **DUE** for Founder's Day Banquet

### NOVEMBER, 2018

9th.....91st Founder's and Parents' Banquet, Manhattan, Kansas

Location: The Bluemont Hotel, 1212 Bluemont Avenue, Hartford Room (5th Floor)

### BOOKING ROOMS

1. Bluemont Hotel, \$239/night, 785-473-7091

(please use group: "Alpha Gamma Rho Founder's Day" to receive discount rate)

2. Parkwood Inn & Suites, \$159.95/night, 785-320-5440, 505 S. 17th Street

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### DECEMBER, 2018

7th.....Last Day of Classes, Fall 2018

14th.....Last Day of Exams, Fall 2018

### JANUARY, 2019

22nd.....First Day of Classes, Spring 2019

### FEBRUARY, 2019

1st.....Online Registrations Due for Pink Rose Banquet

22nd.....5th Annual Agricultural Symposium, Manhattan, Kansas

23rd.....92nd Annual Pink Rose Scholarship and Alumni Awards Banquet

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 410 S. 3rd Street, Manhattan, Kansas

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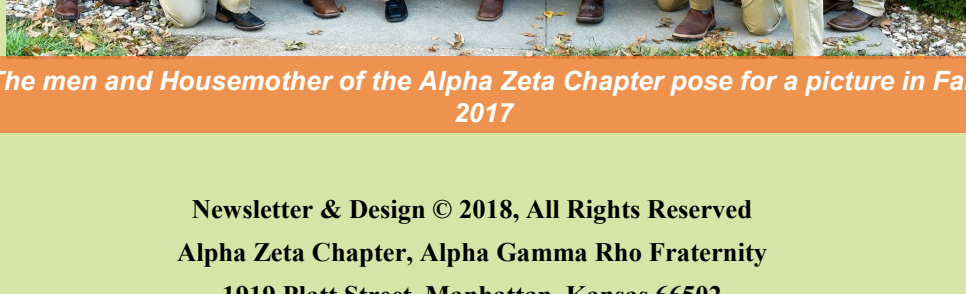
1. Hilton Garden Inn, \$112/night, 785-532-9116

(please use group: "Alpha Gamma Rho – Pink Rose" to receive discount rate)

2. Parkwood Inn & Suites, \$99.95/night, 785-320-5440, 505 S. 17th Street

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*"Do all things without murmurings and disputings:  
That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of  
God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and  
perverse nation, among whom ye shine as the lights  
of the world." ~Philippians 2:15 KJV*



*The men and Housemother of the Alpha Zeta Chapter pose for a picture in Fall 2017*

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