

## The Circle of (Greek) Life

Two years after K-State celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1913, a celebration to welcome home alumni began called “homecoming.” From this event in 1913 came a decades old tradition that we know as Homecoming. Today, Homecoming Week involves a plethora of activities that rally leadership and school spirit alike. The most important events include decorating a float for the annual parade, performing a choreographed dance at Wildcat Request Live, presenting a themed chant at Pant the Chant, decorating multiple spirit signs, and participating in the philanthropy project. Pulling off a high-caliber event takes involvement from the whole house and this year Alpha Gamma Rho was paired with the sorority Alpha Xi Delta. The whole university theme was Disney and all of our events were themed around The Lion King. For months, a life-sized lion, meerkat, and warthog were housed in the informal living room along with creatively designed float panels, a 6 foot tall tree, and a large boulder canopy.

Freshman Levi Bradley #1860 mentioned his favorite part of Homecoming preparations was, “Getting to know new people in the sororities, and more importantly our own brothers. When you’re each spending hours preparing, you make a

lot of good friends and memories.” And all of this hard work paid off when we placed 1st in Wildcat Request Live, 2nd in the Spirit Sign, 2nd in philanthropy night, and 3rd in the float competitions. For the first time since 2013, AGP was crowned homecoming champions! Tanner Duncan #1849, VNR Activities, spent a great amount of time, effort, and energy planning for homecoming week. He says, “The best part of homecoming had to be seeing the events during homecoming week because we all worked so much on every event. The chapter really showed up in all forms of participation, so we were all very invested from the start. Also, a big thanks to AΞΔ for their dedication and support!” On Saturday, the theme of winning continued as K-State found an unexpected homecoming win against Oklahoma. In the midst of the celebration, our fraternity had much to be proud of.

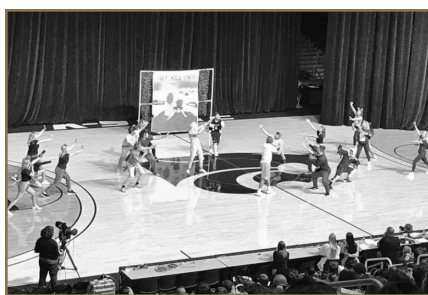
Kendal Fraiser #742 was recognized as the new President of the K-State Alumni Board and Tel Witmer #814 was celebrated for serving as the K-State Student Ambassador. There’s no question AGP was well represented and our commitment to success was displayed for the entire university to see. That is an accomplishment to be proud of!



### K-STATE HOMECOMING 2019



AGP brothers posing with AΞΔ sister moments before the 2019 Homecoming Parade.



The New Member Class performing with AΞΔ sisters at Wildcat Request Live. During this choreographed performance, dancers wore animal costumes to showcase The Lion King theme.



Then & Now: Our last homecoming win was back in 2013 with our partner AΔΠ. Our theme for that year was the Wizard of Oz.



Two generations of AGP brothers were distinguished at the homecoming game. Kendal Fraiser (far left) and Tel Wittmer (second from right) received honors for their service to K-State through the Alumni Association.



## From the Desk of the Noble Ruler



Greetings Brothers,

As the fall semester has ended here at Kansas State, so does my term as Noble Ruler of the Alpha Zeta Chapter. As I transition out of office, I think it is important to look back at some of the accomplishments and events from this past semester.

Over the summer the Alpha Zeta Chapter was awarded 6 national awards from a wide variety of categories. We have worked hard to continue that

success and look forward to attending National Convention in Milwaukee this summer.

We started this fall semester initiating 20 new members to the fraternity. The new member class has already been working hard on and off campus and have showed signs of a bright future for the Alpha Zeta Chapter. Of these members, 6 have answered the call to serve and have been selected to the Executive Council for next year.

This semester we also hosted our annual Founder's Day which posted record attendance and record proceeds from the Mom's Club auction. Thank you to everyone who helps make this event possible, and to all of those who attended. We also saw a huge victory being crowned Homecoming Champions along with our partners the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority for the week's festivities. Lastly, we hosted our 2nd Annual Fall Leadership Banquet for high school juniors and seniors to attend in December which was well attended. We look forward to a busy spring including our recruitment events, Pink Rose, and our philanthropy event Sell-A-Fella.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the Alpha Zeta Chapter for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this role. It has been an experience I will forever be grateful for. I believe we have a strong group of young men set to lead our Executive Council next year and continue to push our fraternity forward.

*Fraternally,  
Cooper Imthurn #1824*

## Alpha Zeta's Newest Advisor



My name is Grant Gardner. I am a Ph.D. student in Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. I grew up on a family farm in Vincennes, Indiana. I am very eager to take the role of advisor at the Alpha Zeta chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. I received my undergraduate degree from Purdue University, where I was a member of Delta Chapter. I was very involved in the house and served on the Executive Council as both the Activities Chair

and the Risk Management Chair. Without my experience in AGR, I would not be in the position I am today. AGR influenced me to follow my dream of becoming a professor at a large land-grant university to foster the development of future generations of agriculturists. In thanks for instilling me with this goal, I aim to give back to the organization.

I previously served as an advisor for Kappa Chapter at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where I received my M.S. in Agricultural Economics. During my time as both an undergraduate member and advisor, I have gained experience in the operations of two different chapters. I look forward to using these experiences to bring diversified ideas to Alpha Zeta. I am passionate about Alpha Gamma Rho, and I am eager to aid in "making better men, and through them a broader and better agriculture."

I look forward to meeting and working with the current members and alumni of Alpha Zeta,

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## Call to Action: Matching Fund Campaign Until January 31st

During this time of year, many of us are looking for new ways to give back and invest in the future. With the undergraduate members making a strong effort to showcase on campus involvement and academic success, now is the perfect time to invest in the future of Alpha Gamma Rho. Our first priority is to increase scholarships to \$100,000 to provide more opportunities for our undergraduate members. In order

to reach this goal, the Alumni Board has initiated a Matching Campaign. It's an opportunity for your amount donated, to be instantly doubled by a matching pool of donors led by Randy Stoecker, Doug Weyer, and Dale Rodman. Take a moment and consider contributing to our fraternity that continues to make a difference on the future of American agriculture. Join our matching fund with the link below:

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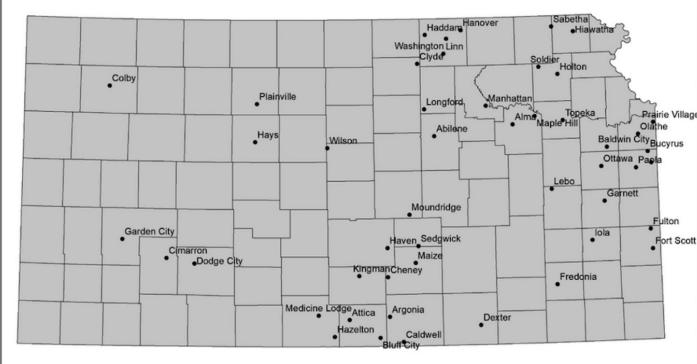


## ALPHA GAMMA RHO- ALPHA ZETA

## FROM EAST TO WEST

With 84 undergraduates Brothers come from all corners of the U.S. Here are our members' hometowns:

## KANSAS



## ARKANSAS

Lowell

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Johnstown

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## GEORGIA

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## An Old Friend Becomes New Family



Anyone who has stopped by the Alpha Zeta chapter house has probably noticed a new individual fulfilling the job of House Cook. Meena Aikins joined our family during the summer, and while her primary role is to provide nourishing food for the men of Alpha Gamma Rho, her impact expanded to much more than just food.

Growing up in a military family, Meena made frequent relocations and a lot of travel. Before graduating high school, she had lived in a multitude of states including Mississippi, Florida, and California. By the time her family settled in Junction City in the 1980s, she was already taking great interest in the arts, but cooking was not an immediate interest. Out of high school, her life took an unexpected turn as she became pregnant, moved to Pennsylvania, and started working in a deli. Eventually her path lead to running a dinner theater where she hired an amazing chef who mentored her in the culinary arts. Between shows, Meena learned how to quickly prepare and plate very expensive food for (sometimes picky) guests. Fast forward to a new career as the Chef de Cuisine at della Voce in Manhattan, and a random catering job for AGP came up when our house cook quit unexpectedly.

From that experience, Meena explains that "3-4 years of cooking for rich people didn't nourish my soul" and she was ready to try a different culinary landscape: Greek life. A few years of working for Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Delta Pi, she understood the system better and when our own house chef position opened up, Meena was one of the first applicants. Her demeanor since then has been nothing short of hard working. Spending days cleaning and organizing the kitchen from top to bottom during the summer was one of her biggest accomplishments so far. After a semester of cooking for us, she says her favorite part is that she, "loves the guys and House Mom. Everyone is so laid back and welcoming." Having been raised in an urban manner, Meena has enjoyed learning more about agriculture from a perspective she's never been exposed to before. In her free time, she volunteers at the local soup kitchen and hopes to one day open a non-profit kitchen to serve food insecure families every day.

Since the summer, Meena has kept us full with a variety of food, but many of the brothers in the house also rely on her for advice. Talking with her during a kitchen crew or during lunch or before dinner can bring forth fun stories, witty suggestions, and honest wisdom. There's no doubt her addition to this house has improved our time here and we are beyond excited for the new memories to come next semester.



## Recap of 2019 Founders' Day and Parents' Banquet

On November 15th, over 150 AGRs, alumni, parents, and family gathered at the Bluemont Hotel to celebrate the 92nd annual Founders' and Parents' Day Banquet. The event began with a social hour and time to view Mom's Club auction items. During the program, Brother Michael Dowd #1836 gave an update from an undergraduate perspective. He shared the history of AGR, recognized the Alumni Board members, acknowledged the Executive Council members, and Brother Jim Garrison #1067 shared an update from the Alpha Zeta Alumni Board. The talk of the night included Alpha Zeta's improves relations with Greek life, community service events, homecoming success, and academic achievements. Chaplain Bob Hermesch #1848 led the banquet hall in prayer and attendees enjoyed a meal catered by Friendship House. Later, Brother Dave Anderson #949 delivered the keynote address titled "The Influence of Others, The Influence of Brothers." He shared how the people around him have made

an impact on the person he is today and invited Brothers Bob Broeckelman #691 and Tim Ohlde #967 to share their major life influencers. Anderson left us with the distinct message, "Leaders Build Other Leaders," and shared more wisdom about how undergraduates can proliferate their personal and professional development. Shortly after, Lea Welch shared the purpose of AGR Mom's Club, and the annual auction was led by Brother Ron Hinrichsen #1143. By the end of the night, over \$4,000 were raised to benefit the undergraduate members. The following morning a strong group of alumni and undergraduate leaders met for the Alumni Board meeting at the Alpha Zeta Chapter Library. During the meeting, various topics were covered including the usage of Alumni funds, approval of Grant Gardner as chapter advisor, Culture Committee report, and the expressed interest in a scholarship campaign. All around, the 2019 Founders' Day and Parents Banquet was a success!



*It's safe to say Founders' Day might be outgrowing our venue with more than 150 guests in attendance.*



*Alumni Board meeting in the newly renovated Chapter Library.*



*Brother Ron Hinrichsen #1143 auctions off one of the most coveted auction items, a K-State cornhole board.*

## Leadership Speaker's for 2019

During the fall semester, we welcomed 6 individuals to present at formal dinner, host a workshop, or share a message to our undergraduates. We started the year with Nathan Laudan, who lead a workshop about what it means to be an AGR and talked with the freshmen about leadership in the fraternity. One of our favorite returning speakers was Sarah Barr, defense lawyer and director of Student Legal Services. Barr shared more information to the undergraduates about the legal system and the services that she offers to K-State students who need legal help. We also had the pleasure of inviting Dr. Thomas Lane, new Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students. As Dr. Bosco's successor, Dr. Lane spent time sharing about the K-State plan for student wellness. He also elaborated on the multitude of resources that are available to students, including counseling, advising, student health services, the Career Center, and the Office of Student Life. During our annual Scholarship Dinner, Dr. Karol Fike-animal science professor specializing in reproduction- talked about her experiences with AGR as a little sister at Iowa State

University. She also shared why connecting academics to experiences is important after graduation. And lastly, Kelly Farris and Dr. Scott Schaake joined the chapter for Leadership Banquet. Kelly talked about being involved on campus and Scott expanded on experiences the AGR and college can bring to an undergraduate. If you have any suggestions for speakers in 2020 or if you'd be interested in visiting on a chapter night, please contact Noah Hansen or Kris Wagner!





## Fall 2019 Graduating Brothers



**Blake Holmes**, Lebo, Kansas  
Major- Agribusiness  
Minor- Business  
Banking and expanding commercial  
Angus cow/calf operation back home



**Grant Nichols**, Washington, Illinois  
Major- Mechanical Engineering  
Serving as an Active Duty Army  
Aviation Officer

*Congratulations to our graduates and best of luck on their future plans.  
We are thankful to share this college experience with each of you.*



## Call for Potential New Members

Brothers,

Hello from the recruitment position at Alpha Zeta. I am Bryston Warren and I am from Odell, Nebraska. I have just obtained this position and am very excited to see what this position will hold for the next year. Taking over from Riley I know that there are some big shoes to fill because of how well he did. I am very excited to be on the search for young men to potentially become members of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

I am just starting the search for the fall recruitment class of 2020. We just had our second fall leadership banquet on December 7th where we had five potential new members come and take a look at our chapter and the university itself. We took these five on a tour of campus, took them back to the house for dinner, and talked about fraternity life here at Alpha Zeta. There were two speakers at dinner who talked about college success and the importance of being involved on campus.

I believe it is very important to be involved with the alumni association and also believe that they can be very helpful in the search for the future of Alpha Zeta. So, I am asking that if you know of any young men which possess the values, morals, and brotherhood which Alpha Gamma Rho values to contact myself so that we may become in contact with them. We have recruitment events on February 29th, April 4th, and April 18th so please let anyone of interest know of these events.

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## ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

*Alumni are an integral part of Chapter recruitment. With your help, AGR can recruit high-quality members that will continue the tradition of success that is held by the Chapter. Any information you can provide us is extremely helpful. During the spring, we may be contacting some of you to aid us in the recruitment process; look for further information at a later date.*

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## Developing a Culture of Consistency



Every year, Greek life faces pressure to maintain a safe, high quality experience to its members. The bonds of brotherhood are often not understood by many non-Greek community members, and often the quality of our fraternity's achievements can vary from year to year. In an effort to take proactive action against the above issues, the Chapter and Alumni Board collaborated to initiate a special committee on culture. The Alpha

Gamma Rho Culture Committee was founded to help create ways for new members to become engaged immediately in the house and to ensure the culture of the house aligned with our chapter covenant. Weekly meetings between alumni and committee members from the active chapter created four ways for new members to become engaged in the chapter.

The first item we created was focused on engaging more alumni into the chapter meetings. The VNR Alumni Relationship will choose two freshman assistants, who will be in charge of

contacting alumni to attend formal dinner and share their experiences and benefits gained from AGR. The second task was for the older chapter members to recruit more alumni to participate in initiation night. Both of these tasks will hopefully foster a stronger involvement and engagement from both alumni and undergraduates.

The third task is Operations will oversee a group of freshmen who will plan a class wide house improvement project. If no improvement projects are available, Planning will then oversee the group to create a brotherhood event attended by all chapter members. For the fourth task, the VNR Membership Development will print off and distribute the Brotherhood Manual and the fraternity covenant to all new initiated members. These tasks focus on the undergraduates and their ability to develop a stronger respect for the house and their brothers.

While one memorandum can only address certain issues, the idea is that these initiatives will create a snowball effect on other culture issues. Overall, establishing this committee will encourage a stronger, steadier culture for decades to come.

*Chase Regehr #1819*

### Memorandum

October 27, 2019

#### Alpha Gamma Rho Culture Committee

##### Undergraduate Culture Leaders):

Chase Regehr, Kalen Richardson, Lance Coe, Zane Platter, Tanner Duncan

**Purpose:** The Alpha Gamma Rho Culture Committee was formed to ensure that Alpha Zeta's culture aligns with the covenant of our fraternity and the ever-changing views of society.

**Subject:** We are writing this memo to inform the chapter of four measurable and repeatable activities to enhance and promote a positive culture in the Alpha Zeta Brotherhood.

1. Alumni Relations selects two Freshman assistants - these assistants will invite a guest alumnus to a Formal Dinner on a monthly basis. (Brother Duncan, 10/07/2019)
2. Invite additional alumni to initiation night to participate in sharing their Alpha Zeta experience. (Brother Richardson, 10/07/2019)
3. Intentional Brotherhood Event - Planning selects and oversees a group of freshmen to put together an additional Brotherhood Development event each year that will be attended by all in house members. (Brother Platter, 10/07/2019)
4. Brotherhood Manual & Covenant - Membership Development physically prints of the Brotherhood Manual & the Covenant and distributes them to the newly initiated brothers. (Brother Regehr, 10/07/2019)

**Action:** The Alpha Gamma Rho Culture Committee charges the chapter with these four activities to be implemented immediately from this point forward. (Brother Coe, 10/07/2019)



## 2020 Executive Council Goals

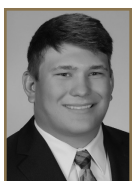
With the start of the 2020 year, the new Executive Council is looking on ways to further improve the house. One of our biggest challenges this semester has been keeping out of house members involved in the chapter and bonding with the younger members. As an Executive Council we feel this will be our greatest task but done correctly could be a very impactful change for our fraternity.

We also have seen how recruiting a good class can really help with the atmosphere of the house. With this, we feel that the new Recruitment Committee as well as the Values Based Selection Criteria that Brother Riley Sleichter started last year was very beneficial to our recruitment process and we look forward to continuing to recruit brothers who stand with the morals of our fraternity.

Another focus for us this year is to boost our on-campus involvement. Whether it is student government or involvement in a respected club. These organizations will help us get our name onto campus and really prove how great of leaders and young men we are, especially to those who are stuck on the fraternity stereotypes.



## 2020 Executive Council



### Noble Ruler

Noah Hansen #1858

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Major: Agronomy- Precision Agriculture Option

Minor: Agriculture Technology Management

Hometown: Plainville, Kansas

Noah grew up on his grandfather's small cow-calf operation 1 mile east of Plainville Kansas. When Noah was 8 years old his grandfather sold his operation to a family friend and his family moved into town. After being involved with the small cow-calf operation from an early age, Noah found his passion for agriculture. He continued to follow his passion by working for the family friend who bought and grew his grandfather's farm and ranch all through Jr. high and High School. After graduation Noah wants to eventually return home to the Plainville area and become a crop consultant or salesman.



### VNR Finance

Tate Wickstrum #1847

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Major: Agribusiness

Hometown: Olsburg, Kansas

Tate is a second generation AGR following his father Todd and his uncle Troy. He grew up on a farming/cattle operation 15 minutes north of Manhattan. In his year in office as VNR Finance he would like to minimize Alpha Zeta's outstanding bills and ensure everything is being done to save the chapter money. After graduation Tate would like to use his degree in Agribusiness to secure a career in ag finance or machinery sales before eventually returning to the family operation.



### VNR Membership Development

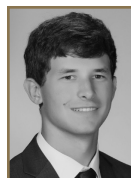
Mike Llewellyn #1838

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Major: Agriculture Technology Management

Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

Mike grew up helping out on a family farm and spending many of his days hunting or fishing when he had free time. After college he plans to work for an agricultural machinery company. His plans for his year as an E-council member are to strengthen the brotherhood bonding throughout the house and also work with the new brothers to get accustomed into their new home.



### VNR Recruitment

Bryston Warren #1863

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Major: Agricultural Economics

Hometown: Odell, Nebraska

Bryston did not grow up on a family farm but has been engaged in agriculture his whole life and was actively engaged in FFA. As VNR Recruitment he wants to be able to bring in another great class of young men who share a connection in agriculture and share the same values as the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.



### VNR Alumni Relations

Kris Wagner #1866

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Major: Agricultural Economics

Hometown: Satanta, Kansas

Kris grew up raising registered Hereford cattle through his grandfathers seed stock business. Throughout the last several years his father, who is an agricultural lending officer at the local bank, and him have taken over the family business. His

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## 2020 Executive Council (continued)

plans this year being on E-Council include helping the Alumni Board raise funds and help members in the house connect with brothers through inviting Alumni to speak at chapter and give presentations during new member education.



### VNR Operations

Jack Eyster #1875

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Major: Animal Science- Prevet Option

Hometown: Iola, Kansas

Jack was exposed to agriculture through working at a vet clinic during most of high school. He found a passion for animal health and was recently accepted into K-State's Early Admittance program for veterinary school. He aims to use the same skills he learned from repairing things at the vet clinic to keep the house in optimum condition.



### VNR Activities

Levi Bradley #1860

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Major: Animal Science

Hometown: Paso Robles, California

Levi grew up watching his dad run multiple fairs and livestock shows around the West Coast, and that inspired him to get involved. He has exhibited hogs his whole life at various livestock shows and fairs in the states of California and Arizona. His goals as VNR Activities this year is to continue the great traditions of events we have here at Alpha Zeta, as well as add a few more events with other Greek life, and of course win a back to back homecoming title for the first time.



### VNR Planning

Nathan Ohlde #1859

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Major: Agronomy

Minor: Agricultural Economics

Hometown: Clyde, Kansas

Nathan grew up in a rural community in North Central Kansas. He was active in 4-H when he was younger and was an active FFA member in high school. Growing up he worked on his Uncle's ranch with his older brothers, and he later bought into the cow-calf operation. In high school he also worked for a local farmer, and his cousin's dairy farm as well. After graduation he plans to work as a crop consultant. Nathan's goal this year as an officer is to introduce two new philanthropies in the fall, and to continue to make the house a great place for young men in agriculture.



### VNR Scholarship

Wyatt Schrag #1867

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Major: Agriculture Technology Management

Minor: Leadership and Ag Business

Hometown: Pratt, Kansas

Wyatt's father was the Noble Ruler in 1980. Wyatt plans on working at a dealership somewhere and in Kansas and his goals are to help all undergraduate students within the chapter with anything related to getting a good GPA.

## Letter from House Mother Dianna Phillipi



As we near the end of the first semester we are all ready for a well-deserved brain break. As with any school year, the first semester is packed with K-State football weekends, bonding with AGR brothers and socializing with other Greeks. The biggest challenge during the first semester for the young men is figuring out how to balance fun and grades!

I want to acknowledge Michael Dowd for his hard work in organizing a successful Founders Day. While the Bluemont is a beautiful venue, we have outgrown the space! A BIG THANK YOU to the Mom's Club for their time, hard work and auction donations in

raising funds to provide scholarships and "creature comforts" for the young men. With the auction proceeds the moms purchased two Christmas trees, a Rug Doctor carpet cleaner, and two scholarships.

The first ever GREEK HOUSES CHRISTMAS TOUR was December 8. I can't begin to thank Kalen Richardson's family enough for decorating the formal and informal living rooms. It is gorgeous. Thank you, parents, for the gift of sharing your sons. I am surrounded by young men that I love and am proud of. I have the best sons and best alumni support any house mom could ask for. Wishing all of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a happy, healthy 2020.

-Mom Dianna



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## John D. Jones



An Alpha Zeta Alumnus, John D. Jones #1617, has represented our chapter well after recently receiving his PhD in in Soil Fertility and Sustainable Agriculture at ISU. John was recently announced as the new director for the Foundation for Agronomic Research under The Fertilizer Institute. John's record of accomplishment is impressive. He is a winner of the 2019 American Society of Agronomy Future Leaders in Science Award from the Tri-

societies and a recipient of the 2018 Robert A. Sloan Award in Sustainable Agriculture from ISU. He has extensive agricultural retail experience organizing and leading on-farm research grower networks and implementing progressive agronomic practices that highlight profitability and input efficiency. Additionally, John served as the primary agronomic advisor for a yield contest winning soybean farmer in Kansas to conducting instrumental research for understanding soil and phosphorus loss in Iowa and advocating for science policy that supports agricultural research on the local, state, and national level. During his time in Alpha Gamma Rho, John served as the VNR Activities and was initiated in 2009. Congratulations John!



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## Obituaries

### *In Memory of Our Great Brothers*

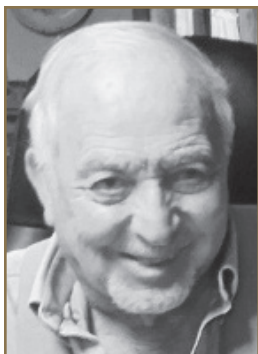


#### **Eric Schwantz**

April 4th, 1967 – May 21st, 2019

Eric "Beef" Schwantz grew up around Lincoln, Illinois and was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho in 1989. During college, Eric worked on a degree in animal sciences and returned home afterwards. He was a farmer and a truck driver for Contractors Ready Mix in Lincoln. He also had a passion for cooking and the livestock industry and owned Eric's Select Meats. Eric

was laid to rest on May 31st following a two-year illness with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). Known to all as a someone who would "Make Better Men" through his actions, Eric will be missed by brothers across the nation.



#### **William "Bob" Stutz Sr.**

September 29th, 1932 – August 11th, 2019

Bob was a Utica High and K-State graduate and served in the U.S. Army. Bob was initiated into Alpha Gamma Rho in 1952. He married Patricia Ann Hill on February 6, 1955, in Carthage, MO. They resided near Utica where he was a rancher/farmer. Bob was a proud, life-long member of the Utica First Christian Church, was very active

as a 4-H leader, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Music was a major part of his life. While in Missouri, he sang bass in choirs and with the quartet "Fishers". Bob also participated in and supported many area music events.



#### **Shawn Teagarden**

Shawn Aaron Teagarden, age 43, La Cygne, Kansas died as the result of a motor vehicle accident on Thursday, November 14, 2019. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on February 20, 1976, the son of Joe and Vicki (Leister) Teagarden. Shawn was a member of Cadmus 4H club as a youth. Shawn graduated from Prairie View High School in 1994, where he enjoyed football and FFA, attended Kansas

State University where he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, and could often be found bartending patrons at The Aggie Lounge, and later as an adult received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Baker University. Shawn enjoyed riding his Harley Softail Springer that he built, shooting guns with his brother, wife, children and friends, listening to his favorite music, going to concerts, sharing stories and long talks in the hot tub with his wife and kids, vacationing on the beach, eating Seafood and Cajun, socializing with friends and was a fantastic cook. Shawn was quick witted, usually with a smirk or sinister grin and a punchy comeback line. He didn't mince words and lived life to the fullest. He had a tough exterior but a tender heart for those he loved most. His memory lives on through his AGR brothers who remember the countless memories spent with him.





## Schedule of Upcoming Events

### January 21st, 2020

- Classes begin for the spring semester

### January 22nd, 2020

- Hilton Room Block RESERVATIONS DUE
- Follow the link and use the Group Code: PINKRS
- [https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MANGIGI-PINKRS-20200221/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MANGIGI-PINKRS-20200221/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

### January 31st, 2020

- Final deadline for all Matching Fund Contributions
- Annual Sell-a-Fella Philanthropy

### February 1st, 2020

- Registration for Pink Rose 2020 DUE via online form or fall Crescent form
- Go to: [www.ksuagr.com/pink-rose/](http://www.ksuagr.com/pink-rose/)

### February 21st, 2020

- 5th Annual Agricultural Symposium, Manhattan, Kansas
- "From Local to Global, How Exploring Trade Impacts Agriculture"



*This year Alpha Zeta brothers made a commitment of 10 hours of community service per member. Pictured are brothers volunteering at Habitat for Humanity."*

### February 22nd, 2020

- 93rd Annual Pink Rose Scholarship Banquet
- At the Hilton Garden Inn: 410 S. 3rd St, Manhattan, Kansas
- Social Hour to begin at 6:00 pm, Dinner to begin at 7:00

### March 28th, 2020

- Mom's Day Activities

### July 11th, 2020

- National ATP Shooting Clays at Flint Oak in Fall River, Kansas
  - More information TBA!

### July 22nd -24th, 2020

- National ATP Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin



*Twice a semester brothers volunteer to clean up Highway 113 as a part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.*



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