

# Helping a Brother and Celebrating Another Great Year

**Kyle Doll**

After taking a year off because of Covid-19 our annual Founders Day celebration and dinner is back. This was an action-packed day full of conversation and food. We started the weekend off on Friday afternoon with an Alumni Board meeting. During this meeting Alumni Board President Jim Garrison talked about renovations and potential plans for 1919 Platt. After the meeting everybody made their way to the Kansas State Student Union for the main celebration. This brought back a lot of memories from the alumni who have not been back to the Union in a few years. There were 148 brothers, family members, and friends that attended Founders Day. The event started off with an introduction then everyone was dismissed for food. The meal was catered by Cox Brothers BBQ.

Once the meal was over the Mom's Club Auction began. This year's auction consisted of silent and live auction items. Some of the bigger items were tickets to the K-State vs. Oklahoma football game, a pair of homemade corn hole tables, and meat packages. The money raised from this auction normally goes to the brothers living in the house, but this year was a little different. The Mom's Club thought it would be a great idea to help a brother in need. Aaron Hendrickson is in a battle with Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Aaron graduated from Kansas State University in 2019. Aaron is currently undergoing chemotherapy and according to the doctors he has three more years left. Through this action the Mom's Club

and Alpha Gamma Rho were able to give Mr. Hendrickson \$5,200 to help him out with expenses. The total money raised from the action was \$10,140. After the auction Garrison got on the stage with Todd Johnson and Michael McKinney to talk about the Capital Campaign and their experiences talking to all generations of members of the Alpha Zeta Chapter. The final person to speak was Pat Koons. Pat is from Lakin and Burdick Kansas. Pat has nearly 60 years of experience in all aspects of the beef industry. Pat graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Animal Science, after which he started training as a horseman. He went on to manage ranches across the Midwest, worked as a livestock market analyst and eventually went on to own and operate several commercial feedlots. Pat now works directly with "Gamma-Q" as their manager of cattle procurement and brings insight to investment strategies. Mr. Koons shared his wisdom and stories of his years in the cattle industry and kept the crowd entertained the entire time. Our

chapter appreciates everyone that came to Founders Day 2021 and hopes that you will be able to attend next year.



# Noble Ely Eslingers Report



What a great semester it has been for all of us at the Alpha Zeta Chapter. We started off the semester by initiating twenty-two outstanding young men into our wonderful brotherhood. They have shown outstanding growth as young men and as brothers over this semester, with a number of them being on the new executive council for the next year. We had our annual date parties with Brotherhood Ball and Rouletter happening this fall as well. Both were outstanding events and another huge thank you to Brother McKee for letting us use his place in Wamego for Rouletter. We also partnered with the sorority Alpha Chi Omega for a year philanthropy event named Boot Scooting Boogie, where we had a night of dancing and barbecue at their house and raised money for Cystic Fibrosis. Founders Day was in the Union Ballroom this year, and it was great to have this wonderful event again after not having it in 2020. Displayed at Founders Day was the renderings for the remodel this summer and it was terrific to see everyone's excitement for the betterment of our home at 1919 Platt. Pat Koons was our keynote speaker and gave a great presentation about his career and his experience as an undergraduate brother. Also, just

this last week we had our first recruitment event for the new member class of next fall. It was a great afternoon as we went bowling and brought the potential new members back to the house and grilled burgers on the back patio for everyone to enjoy. It was another promising recruitment event as the future continues to look bright for us at Alpha Zeta. Overall, this fall was an amazing semester as the most back to normal semester we have had since COVID. We were finally allowed to get back to our normal event schedule and enjoy the many events and traditions that make the Alpha Zeta Chapter as great as it is. As we look forward to the new year the future is bright, we elected our new executive council and I couldn't be happier with the young men who have stepped up in leadership roles for our chapter. They are going to do a great job and I can't wait to see all the things that they achieve next year. Lastly, I want to thank you all for your continued support of the Alpha Zeta Chapter. It does not go unnoticed and without our great alumni we would not be where we are today and where we are headed in the future.

Fraternally,  
Ely Eslinger  
#1874

## Letter from House Mother Dianna Phillipi

Greetings Alumni and Families,

Hard to believe the first semester is coming to an end. Fall semesters are jam packed with activities such as homecoming festivities, date parties, football weekends and for the freshmen a big change in their life with their new found freedom and figuring out how to balance studying and partying.

A big warm thank you to the Mom's Club for their hard work in hosting the auction at the 2021 Founders Day. The proceeds from the auction continue to grow each year to provide scholarships and "creature comforts" for the boys.

A special thank you to all who donated to help defray medical expenses incurred by Brother Aaron Hendrickson, who is battling Lukemia. The family was so touched to see

Aaron's brothers of all ages extend their hand of brotherhood. THAT, my AGR family is why I am proud to be the Housemom. I contacted the National Office, and they are doing an article in their publication. There was also a nice article in our local paper, THE LITTLE APPLE POST.

I have had my own challenges this semester as I have not been as involved as "MOM" like I have been the past 5 years. My son is battling liver disease and is unable to stay by himself. I do attend the house events and most of the time I come over and have dinner and hang out in study hall.

My Christmas Wish for my AGR family is to make lasting memories with your family and safe travels for my boys as they depart Manhattan.

MOM DIANNA







# Community Service and Philanthropy

## *Eric Peterson*

The men of Alpha Gamma Rho Alpha Zeta chapter have been very busy doing our best to help out the members of our community. We have participated in two highway clean up events this fall, providing an opportunity to accrue a total of three hours of community service per event. In the spring we put on our annual sell-a-fella philanthropy event and raised over ten thousand dollars for The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In addition to this event we added a new philanthropy event to our line up, The Boot Scootin Boogie. We created this event with the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. This event raised over three thousand dollars and after we split it with Alpha Chi Omega we were able to send another fifteen hundred dollars to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for a total of eleven thousand five hundred dollars. We have been extremely blessed to have phenomenal participation this year.



AGR Brothers Alex Scovil, Kade Funston, Ryan Tadman, and Eric Peterson are grilling burgers for the Alpha Chi Omega and AGR Boot Scootin Boogie Philanthropy Event.

# A Fraternity with Endless Opportunities

## *Kade Funston*

Alpha Gamma Rho opens the door to a great variety of options to the men of agriculture. It allows men who were once strangers to become lifelong friends and for them to build a bond of brotherhood. AGR creates men that will have the skills to become leaders and the urge to give back to their university, community, and the agriculture industry. If you know

of any high school juniors or seniors who would uphold the values and qualities of the Alpha Gamma Rho, please send their contact information to Kade Funston #1886, VNR Recruitment chair. Your experience and referrals are important to us. With your recommendations we can all continue to make better men in agriculture.

## 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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# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

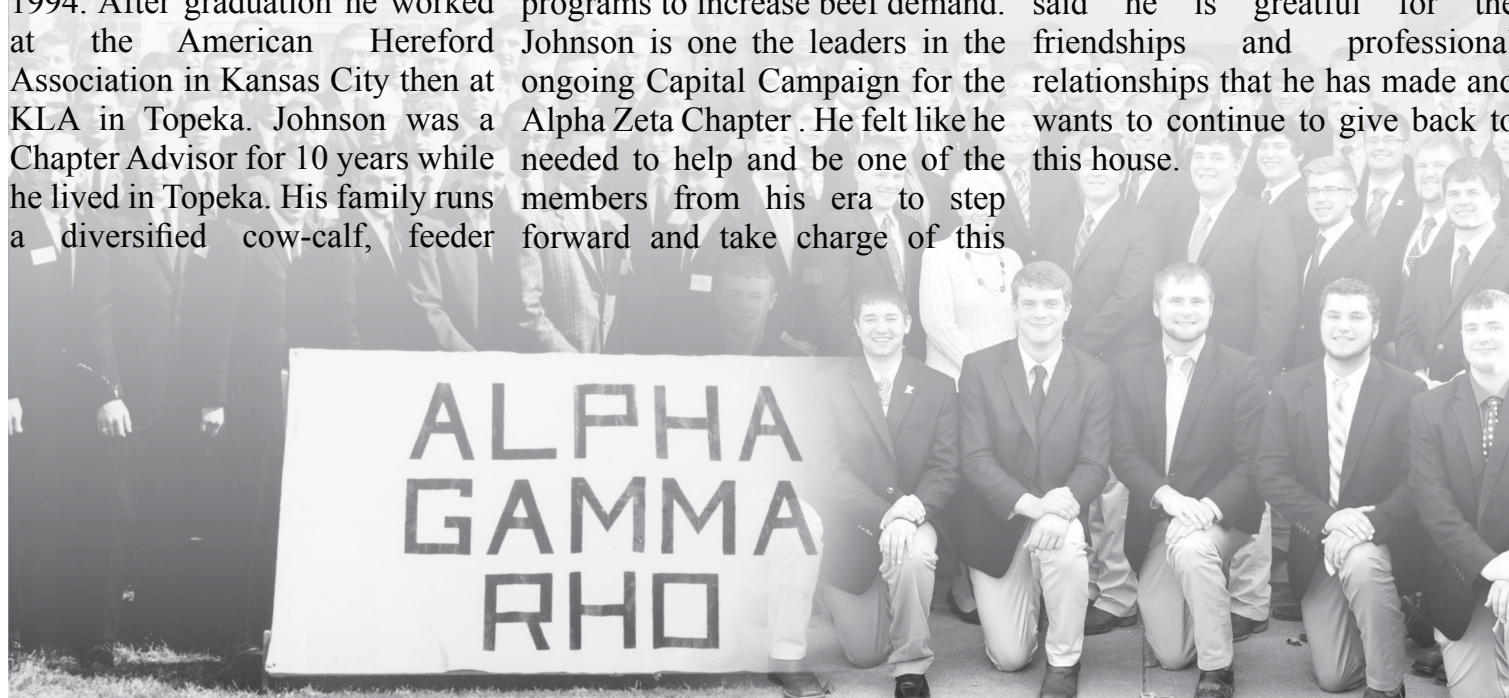
## Todd Johnson

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Todd Johnson (pin number #1162) is a 30-year member and alumni of the Alpha Gamma Rho Alpha Zeta Chapter. Mr. Johnson grew up in Marquette, Kansas and graduated from Little River High School. Todd was an agriculture economics major and graduated in 1994. After graduation he worked at the American Hereford Association in Kansas City then at KLA in Topeka. Johnson was a Chapter Advisor for 10 years while he lived in Topeka. His family runs a diversified cow-calf, feeder

cattle, and crop operation. Johnson is currently the Senior Vice President for Federation Services for the National Cattleman's Beef Association where he reaches out to state organizations such as the Kansas Beef Council and the Nebraska Beef Council to help execute beef checkoff-funded programs to increase beef demand. Johnson is one the leaders in the ongoing Capital Campaign for the Alpha Zeta Chapter. He felt like he needed to help and be one of the members from his era to step forward and take charge of this

campaign. He wanted to not only financially help the campaign but also recruit others to join the cause as well. Johnson is reaching out to past alumni and reconnecting with the older generations of Alpha Gamma Rho and wants the legacy to live on by being a part of the new renovation project. Johnson said he is grateful for the friendships and professional relationships that he has made and wants to continue to give back to this house.



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# 2022 Executive Council



## Noble Ruler

Lane Anderson #1890  
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Major: Agronomy  
Hometown: Overbrook, Kansas

I am Lane Anderson and I have been honored with the opportunity to be elected as Noble Ruler for 2022. I grew up in the small town of Overbrook KS where I worked on local farms and for my dad. I am a sophomore studying agronomy here at Kansas State. I would like to see our chapter continue to thrive and grow and provide great opportunities to our members and members to come.



## VNR Finance

Kyle Doll #1887  
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Major: Agricultural Technology Management  
Hometown: Garden City, Kansas

My name is Kyle Doll and I am honored to have been elected to be your VNR Finance for the 2022 school year. I grew up in Garden City, Kansas working on my family farm. I currently am a sophomore studying Agriculture Technology Management with an emphasis in precision agriculture. I am excited to help this chapter and continue to keep it in good financial standing.



## VNR Membership Development

Weston guetterman #1910  
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Major: Agricultural Economics  
Hometown: Bucyrus, Kansas

I am Weston Guetterman and I am honored to have been elected to be VNR Membership Development. I grew up in Bucyrus, Kansas working on the family farm from as soon as I could contribute. I am currently a freshman studying Ag Economics with an emphasis on Farm and Ranch Management. I am excited to serve as we are undergoing a reformation in the house and to educate the upcoming class with the values that AGR reveres.



## VNR Recruitment

Beau Bennett #1903  
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Major: Agricultural Economics  
Hometown: Windsor, Illinois

I am Beau Bennett and I have been honored with the opportunity to be elected as the VNR Recruitment Chair. I have grown up just outside of the small town of Windsor, Illinois working on my family's land and livestock operation for several years now. I am currently a Junior at K-State studying Agricultural Economics. Throughout my term as the recruitment chair, I plan to contribute to the legacy of our chapter through the selection and addition of new members.



## VNR Planning

Kade Cyre #1908  
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Major: Ag Business  
Hometown: Salina, Kansas

My name is Kade Cyre and I have the privilege of being VNR planning for the 2022 School year. My family runs a cow calf operation in the town Kinsley Kansas. I would like to see the development of current and upcoming members as the years go by.



## VNR Alumni Relations

Fletcher Larsen #1904  
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Major: Animal Science – Biotech Option  
Hometown: Valentine, Nebraska

My name is Fletcher Larsen and I have the privilege of being VNR Alumni Relations for the 2022 School year. I am from Valentine Nebraska. I would like to keep building great relationships with our alumni and help our chapter be more success with their help.



## VNR Activities

Lane Klepper #1919  
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Major: Agricultural Economics  
Hometown: Ellinwood, Kansas

I am Lane Klepper and I have been honored to be elected as the Activities Chair for 2022. I grew up in Ellinwood KS where I worked for my family farm under my dad. I am a freshman here at K-State studying Ag Economics. I hope to serve the Chapter well by executing this position to the best of my ability.



## VNR Scholarship

Aiden Ricker #1905  
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Major: Biological Systems Engineering  
Hometown: Ellinwood, Kansas

I am Aiden Ricker and I am honored to be elected as VRN Scholarship for 2022. I grew up in Ellinwood, Kansas where I worked for the local Recreation Commission and on a couple local farms. I am a Freshman at K-State studying BSE. I would like to see our chapter continue to grow academically and to strive for a 3.5 house average.



## VNR Operations

Tate Anderson #1901  
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Major: Animal Science–Prevet Option  
Hometown: Overbrook, Kansas

I am Tate Anderson and I have been elected as Vice Noble Ruler of management and operations for 2022. I am very excited to be the first manager of the newly remodeled house. I am currently a sophomore studying animal science and hoping to go to veterinary school after my undergraduate degree is complete. While I'm this office I will keep a clean and functional house.



# Kansas State Homecoming

## Fletcher Larsen

**L i g h t s , C a m e r a ,** Homecoming! This year things got back to normal and Alpha Gamma Rho teamed up with Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omega Epsilon and Delta Chi to take on this years theme "LIGHT, CAMERA, CATS"! Per random theme assignments, we received a theme based off the well known movie series "Fast and Furious." Many Brothers participated in different activities throughout Homecoming week including; Pant the Chat, Wildcat Request Live and the construction/presentation of the parade float.

Prior to the big week, Brothers spent multiple hours pumping the float, as well as, practicing with their fellow Greek partners for their other events. Pant the Chant provides an opportunity for a group to pair a unique chant and routine that accompanies clapping, stopping and other movements to create an appealing rhythm. Our group had a strong showing for the chapter and our partners as they competed well and just fell short of the top 3! Not only did Pant the Chant go well, but we also had a group of new members compete in Wildcat Request Live. All of Greek Life

piled into Bramlage Coliseum to watch the choreographed dance each group came up with. Speaking from personal experience, it was definitely a cool experience! Finally, we rounded out the week showing off the float everyone spent many hours working on! All in all it was a great showing. Even though we didn't fare as well as we hoped, we will get them next year!



**LIGHTS, CAMERA,  
'CATS'** K-STATE  
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## 2021 Initiated Brothers



**Ethan Hatfield**

#1902

Major: Biomedical Engineering  
Hometown: Pomona, Kansas



**Beau Bennett**

#1903

Major: Agriculture Economics  
Hometown: Windsor, IL



**Fletcher Larsen**

#1904

Major: Animal Science  
Hometown: Valentine, NE



**Aiden Ricker**

#1905

Major: General Engineering  
Hometown: Ellinwood, Kansas



**Alexander Scovill**

#1906

Major: Agriculture Education  
Hometown: Lansing, Michigan



**Jared McCartney**

#1907

Major: Agronomy  
Hometown: Salina, Kansas



**Kade Cyre**

#1908

Major: Agriculture Business  
Hometown: Salina, Kansas



**Weston Guetterman**

#1910

Major: Agriculture Economics  
Hometown: Bucyrus, Kansas



**Clay Pelton**

#1911

Major: Animal Science  
Hometown: Paradise, Kansas



**Nathan Ringwald**

#1912

Major: Agriculture Economics  
Hometown: Ellinwood, Kansas



**Hunter Eldred**

#1913

Major: Agriculture Economics  
Hometown: Roggen, CO



**Ivan Blume**

#1914

Major: Animal Science  
Hometown: Redfield, SD



**Hunter Chambers**

#1915

Major: Agriculture Education  
Hometown: Round Rock, TX



**Colton Cupp**

#1916

Major: Animal Science  
Hometown: Scott City, Kansas



**Braden Garman**

#1917

Major: Agriculture Economics  
Hometown: Manito, IL



**Miles Casebeer**

#1918

Major: Agriculture Business  
Hometown: Louisburg, Kansas



**Lane Klepper**

#1919

Major: Agriculture Economics  
Hometown: Ellinwood, Kansas



**Patrick Biggs**

#1920

Major: Agriculture Economics  
Hometown: Topeka, Kansas



**Ben Guetterman**

#1921

Major: Animal Science  
Hometown: Bucyrus, Kansas



# Pink Rose 2022 Information

Several exciting events and involvement, achievements, and meal costs will be applied directly to opportunities are scheduled to make career successes! Rooms have been your house bill.

the Pink Rose weekend enjoyable, blocked off at the Hilton Garden Inn We look forward to seeing you at educational, and memorable for all at a group rate of \$115/night for the the 2022 Pink Rose Scholarship those who can attend. On Friday, nights of March 4th and 5th. They Awards Dinner on March 5th and March 4th, Alpha Gamma Rho will are located at 410 S. 3rd Street in throughout the weekend! If you have be hosting an Agriculture Manhattan and can be reached at any questions at all, please do not Symposium on the Kansas State 785-532-9116. When you call, ask hesitate to contact me via my email Campus, which will feature several for the "Alpha Gamma Rho - Pink or phone at any time! prominent and knowledgeable Rose" block.

industry professionals in the Registration for Pink Rose is due Fraternally, by no later than Friday, February Fletcher Larsen

Then the Pink Rose Scholarship 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Payments for all items 2022 VNR of Alumni Relations Dinner and Banquet will be held at and events may be made either in Email: fdlarsen@ksu.edu The Hilton Garden Inn, located at advance or at the door of the Hilton Cell: (402) 376-4970 410 S. 3rd Street in Manhattan to Garden Inn with cash, checks, or a recognize Brothers for their credit card. For Undergraduates

## Alumni Relations Report



As this calendar year comes to a close, it makes me think of all the good times this chapter has experienced over the last year. A university that was empty just a few months ago because of Covid-19, now is lively and almost completely back to its normal self and that is also true for our chapter. We were able to have all of our normal events this year. We started the semester off by initiating 22 new members into the Alpha Zeta

chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. In person classes started back up for almost all university classes. On September 11, many of our members got to experience their first college football game in person. Then on October 1, we had our annual Founder's Day Dinner with 150 family, friends, and alumni of AGR. It was a night full of conversation and celebration where our Alumni Board President Jim Garrison announced the start of a capital campaign to renovate our property. We were also blessed with the opportunity to help Aaron Hendrickson with his fight with Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

Homecoming was one of the biggest events that was missing from last year and this year we got it completely back. We participated in pant the chant, wildcat request live, paint the Ville, children's carnival, and the homecoming parade. Lastly, we had the first annual Brotherhood Cook-off. This was started by Brother Sam Reno who wanted to create a fun event for us as a chapter to bond and eat some good food. As we continue into next year, Alpha Zeta will continue toward our mission to "make better men, and through them a broader and better agriculture."



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Suggestions to improve Alumni Relations:

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Please take time to fill out the questionnaire. By filling this out you will be helping to improve our alumni relations and contribute to the further connectedness of our chapter.



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