

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Alpha Gamma Royal



## Wes Denton

The Alpha Gamma Royal took place on Friday, March 27, 2021, at the Riley County Fairgrounds in Manhattan, Kansas. We had 115 head of cattle in attendance and more than 60 exhibitors from multiple states.

Brother Chase Spence came up with the idea in November and proposed it in chapter to bring back an AGR-hosted cattle show like similar to the previous Block & Bridle and AGR show our chapter helped host in years past.

The goal of the show was to host it as a philanthropy event to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis and to support the house. In total, the chapter raised about \$2,500 dollars.

The organizing committee who helped organize and host the show include Brothers Chase Spence, Wesley Denton, Gordon Clark, Stetson Herzog, and Levi Bradley.

One of K-State's own, judged the heifer and steer show, Hadley Schotte. He was a member of the livestock judging team at Hutchinson Community College and continued to Kansas State University where he was a member of the Reserve National Champion Livestock Judging Team. Hadley currently resides in Randolph, Kansas, where he works for Fink Beef Genetics.

The show started at 9 a.m. March 27 with showmanship, followed by heifers, and concluded with steers.

Maguire Rohr and Gracie Karst earned champion and reserve champion, respectively, in senior showmanship. Bodye Stithem and Dustin Denton claimed champion and reserve champion, respectively, in junior showmanship. Eli Atkisson and Aliston McCarley received champion and reserve champion, respectively, in beginner showmanship.

The top 5 steers include champion, Lucas Leefers; reserve champion, Dax Seibert; 3<sup>rd</sup> overall Jody Mead; 4<sup>th</sup> overall, Easton Shenk; and 5<sup>th</sup> overall, Dax Seibert. The top five 5 heifers were exhibited by the following individuals in ranking order. Sponsorships are included in brackets. Include Lucas Leefers, champion (Nikkel Bros.), Lucas Leefers; Laura

Carpenter, reserve champion (Dylan and Chelsea Evans); Jackie Sleichter, third (Landoll Corporation); Lauren Frederick, fourth (Aust Land & Cattle); and Gracie Karst, fifth (Mid Continent Farms). Reserve champion, Laura Carpenter; 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, Jackie Sleichter; 4<sup>th</sup> overall, Lauren Frederick; and 5<sup>th</sup> overall, Gracie Karst.

The top five steers were exhibited by the following individuals in ranking order. Sponsorships are included in brackets. Lucas Leefers, champion (Competitive Edge Genetics); Dax Seibert, reserve champion (Spence & Co Show Cattle); Jody Mead; third (Mid Continent Farms); Easton Shenk, fourth (Sleichter Cattle Company); and Dax Seibert, fifth (Herzog Show Cattle).

The showmanship champions include champion senior showman, Maguire Rohr; reserve champion senior showman, Gracie Karst; champion junior showman, Bodye Stithem; reserve junior showman, Dustin Denton; champion beginner showman, Eli Atkisson; and reserve champion beginner showman, Aliston McCarley.

Our top five heifer sponsors include grand champion heifer, Nikkel Bros; reserve champion heifer, Dylan & Chelsea Evans; 3<sup>rd</sup> overall heifer, Landoll Corporation; 4<sup>th</sup> overall heifer, Aust Land & Cattle; and 5<sup>th</sup> overall heifer, Mid Continent Farms. The top five steer sponsors include grand champion steer, Competitive Edge Genetics; reserve champion steer, Spence & Co Show Cattle; 3<sup>rd</sup> overall steer, Mid Continent Farms; 4<sup>th</sup> overall steer, Sleichter Cattle Company; and 5<sup>th</sup> overall steer, Herzog Show Cattle.

Other platinum sponsors included Rockin' K Productions, Dodge City Veterinary Clinic, Foote Cattle Company, and Titan Trailer Manufacturing Inc. Thank you to all our sponsors for making this show possible.

We look forward to hosting the Alpha Gamma Royal again next year.

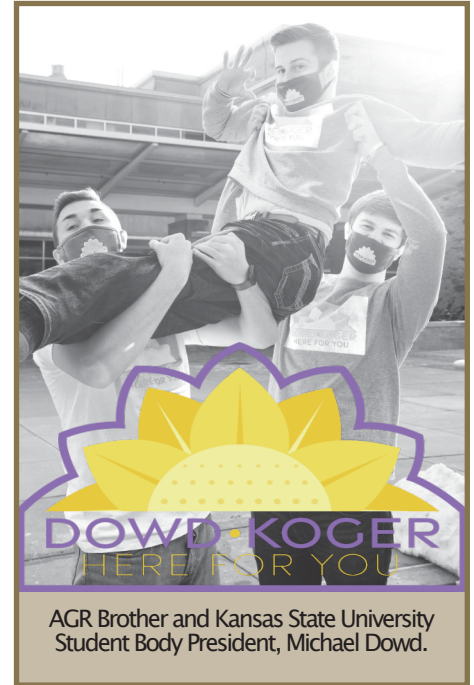
# Back to Back SGA Presidents

Brother Michael Dowd, #1836, an Animal Science and Industry major from Olathe, Kansas, was elected to serve by his peers to be the student body president of Kansas State University as the Student Body President for the 2021-2022 school term. During his time in Alpha Gamma Rho – Alpha Zeta Chapter, he has served the chapter as Vice Noble Ruler of Alumni Relations in 2019.

When talking about his time in Alpha Gamma Rho he said it has prepared him to serve in the role “Living in a fraternity is just like living in Congress,” says

Dowd when reflecting on his AGR experience and how it has prepared him to serve in the role. “There is always a buzz and word spreads fast from friend groups, to significant others, to house policies, everyone has an opinion and it’s hard to unify everyone.”

“Our goal is to be here for each student on this campus by Assembling, Advocating, and Advancing our initiatives,” says Dowd. “Some of our initiatives include creating a mobile Wildcat ID function, an Interest Involvement Inventory survey, and revising Title IX policies.



## College of Agriculture Student Senator Brother Bryston Warren



Bryston Warren, a sophomore in agricultural economics from Odell, Nebraska #1863, has been elected to the role of College of Agriculture student Senator. Currently, Warren serves as Vice Noble Ruler of Finance. He and previously served as Vice Noble Ruler of

Recruitment from 2020-2021. When talking about his time in Alpha Gamma Rho he stated

“AGR put me in various leadership positions that have taught to manage, deal with conflict when it arises and it has put me in contact with past brothers who

have shared their wisdom with me,” says Warren when ask about his time with AGR. . Warren hopes when asked what he would like to achieve as a senator he stated “to make sure that the student voices in the College of Agriculture are heard and to keep student fee increases low.”

## Brother Ely Eslinger

Ely Eslinger, #1874, a sophomore studying Agricultural Economics from Anthony, Kansas, was also elected as a College of Agriculture student Senator. Currently, Eslinger serves as the Vice Nobel Ruler of Recruitment. When

asked how Alpha Gamma Rho prepared him to serve as a Senator he stated

“AGR has prepared me on my leadership point to run for a position like serving as a College of Ag Senator,” says Eslinger when asked how AGR

has prepared him to serve in this role. He also would like to achieve to “Be the best voice for agriculture, to be frank I would like to advocate that the North Agronomy farm remain untouched during the stadium athletic renovations”.







# 2021 Sell-a-Fella Philanthropy

## Cooper Jaro

Even though Eric Peterson works at the sale barn, he knew that this was not your average bull sale. Little did he know that he would be arranging the biggest money raising philanthropy event that AGR has ever seen! Every participant being auctioned off had their own way to entice the crowd of buyers. In fact one AGR gentlemen had an ace up his sleeve, or should I say two up his shirt, covering his chest! I'll leave that to the readers imagination.

"A lot of little details" Peterson stated that "getting the auctioneer was fairly simple." It was as easy as a few phone calls, a time and date. The catalog pamphlets were "not bad, it was just getting them done and the time commitment." He later stated that the catalogs were actually a challenge due to lots of changes to make it presentable, as well as tracking down the men being sold to get their information.

Eric Peterson shared that his favorite part of Sell-a-Fella was not the men up for sell trying to put their woos on the bidders, or the mechanical bull, but "being able to look out over the crowd and see just

how much fun everyone was having. The event allowed a lot of several KSU students to get out and have a normal college experience for once. He mentioned that buying the fine men of AGR was not all people had to do at the event. There was a mechanical bull riding and dancing that followed the auction.

As soon as Eric Peterson got into the position of Vice Noble Ruler of Planning, he told me that it was not an everyday task but spent a fair amount of time organizing this great philanthropy. "Setting up was not bad it was just the anticipation of the event going well and no body getting hurt," said Peterson. I believe he was talking about the mechanical bull.

He shared with me that this event couldn't have gone any smoother and that he appreciated all the help that his brothers put into it. He shared a few names of the brothers that helped him the most. First being last year's planning chair Nathan Ohlde and Tate Wickstrum. Next was Mike Lewellin and Noah Hansen who checked ID's. The bids could not have been called out without the help of Sam Reno and Colton Tony. Peterson and I shared a laugh over how ecstatic the men calling out bids were. While

we were there, we could tell this was not their first rodeo and they were happy to be doing their part.

To Eric's knowledge, the 2021 Sell-A- Fella raised the most money in the history of the philanthropy event. Raising nearly \$9,000 after expenses for the research and awareness of Cystic Fibrosis. Saving the best for last. The two brothers that brought the most, both over \$500 a piece, were Bryston Warren and Kris Wagner. Eric Peterson believed that when your highest purchase was at the end of the auction, this meant that almost all the bidders stayed until the end. I would like to agree with him as The Blue Hills Room was packed for the entire duration of the event.

Covid's effect on the philanthropy was the opposite of what most would think. Peterson proudly shared that "the virus helped us". This event took place right around the time of Riley County lifting some restrictions. Allowing students who were virtually confined to their rooms to go out and participate in their first event and have a good time while, supporting a great cause. Besides a few upset girlfriends. Peterson shared that the people made the event incredible!

# 2021 Founders' Day Information

## Kyle Doll

This year's, Founders's Day will take place will take place on the weekend of October 1-3<sup>st</sup>, 2021, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Sooners vs. Kansas State Wildcats football game. New this year will be a golf tournament starting at 1:00 p.m. on the day of Founder's Day to give both alumni and undergraduates a chance to relax, play some golf, and enjoy each other's company. As for the actual event of Founder's Day. It will be

held the night of October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Kansas State Alumni Center. The weekend's festivities will start on Friday, Oct. 1 at the K-State Alumni Center. There will be a speaker, food, and a Mom's' Club action. On Saturday, Oct. 2, There will be a tailgate and a Kansas State football game. I hope we can see as many of you there as possible. If you want to play in the golf tournament or have any questions about the weekend, please contact me at [kyledoll22@ksu.edu](mailto:kyledoll22@ksu.edu).





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## New Alumni Board Member: Tim Ohlde

### Evyan Smith

Tim Ohlde has joined the Alpha Zeta Alumni Board Corporation as ###. The newest member of the Kansas State Alpha Gamma Rho Alumni Board Association. Ohlde grew up on his family's dairy operation east of Linn, Kansas. As Ohlde entered K-State and AGR his freshman year, he served as president of the Kansas FFA Association. Brother Ohlde attended Kansas State University and Alpha Gamma Rho from 1980-1984 and graduated from Kansas State University in 1984 with a major in agricultural education and a minor in agricultural economics. After college

graduation, Tim started a part-time job at a local bank after deciding not to return to the Farm Crisis in the 1980s as risk of potentially jeopardizing the family operation. He has worked in the banking world for nearly 40 years, with responsibilities such as doing everything from financial analysts to agricultural lending. Ohlde became the president of the bank in 1991.

When asked what Alpha Gamma Rho means to him, Tim said, "Leadership, Brotherhood, and Agriculture for your entire life.... Lifelong relationships in the agriculture Industry," says Ohlde when asked about what AGR means to him. Talking to Tim

Ohlde about being the newest member of the Alumni Board and what made him accept the offer. He said he wanted to contribute again and become an active alumni, since all his kids went through Kansas State and Alpha Gamma Rho. Ohlde wanted an opportunity to be engaged with the chapter as an alumni member. He felt he could look forward to contributing in a positive way on the alumni board. As well as reconnecting with alumni and stay around Alpha Gamma Rho and meeting more undergraduate members. He had a great experience in the chapter and wanted to help his family and others have good experiences just like he did.



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## Brotherhood Bowling

**Ryan Tadman**

This year we went and bowled at Little Apple Lanes. We all piled into pickups and made our way to the bowling alley right after dinner. During this event, we did a little bit of bowling and a lot of talking between the brothers. We not only bowled but enjoyed each other's company. This event allowed for us all to develop and gain greater bonds with the our Brothers. After participating in my first bBrotherhood event, I reflected to myself on what it meant to be a Brother in the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. It showed me that no matter how competitive we are against each other, we are still brothers at the end of the day.

## Agriculture Symposium

**Ethan Summervill**

Alpha Gamma Rho Alpha Zeta Chapter presented it's 2021 Agriculture Symposium on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 4 p.m. in the K-State Business Building. These speakers from the agricultural finance sector included Dr. Nathan Kauffman, VP of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; Dr. Brian Briggeman, K-State professor of agricultural economics; Tim Ohlde, CEO of Country Banker Systems; and Greg Reno, SVP senior vice president of American Ag Credit. They spoke on topics including equity, the future of agriculture, finance, and liquidity. There were many alumni in attendance as well as parents and undergraduates. We hope to see you at the next Agriculture Symposium in 2022!



## One Fraternity, Endless Opportunities

Brothers,

AGR is a great opportunity for young men to build strong, lifelong friendships, develop invaluable leadership skills and do their part in giving back to their university, community and the agriculture industry. If you know of any high school seniors or juniors who would uphold the values and qualities of the Alpha Gamma Rho, please

send their contact information to Ely Eslinger #1863, VNR Recruitment chair. Your experience and referrals are important. With your recommendations, we can all continue to make better men.

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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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# The Mom's are Back in Town

The Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Zeta Chapter, Mom's Day was Saturday, March 20th, 2021. The day started at 10:30 in the morning with the Mom's' Club hosting their business meeting. In this meeting ideas were discussed about the Mom's' Club purchasing newer washers and dryers for the chapter house. Next, all the moms joined their sons in the backyard to play a variety of fun yard games.

Brother Ethan Summervill added, "My mother and I thoroughly enjoyed playing a game of cornhole and bonding with everyone else."

"While the yard games were being played all the moms got to meet each other and talk about what they do for a living," said Brother James Foote.

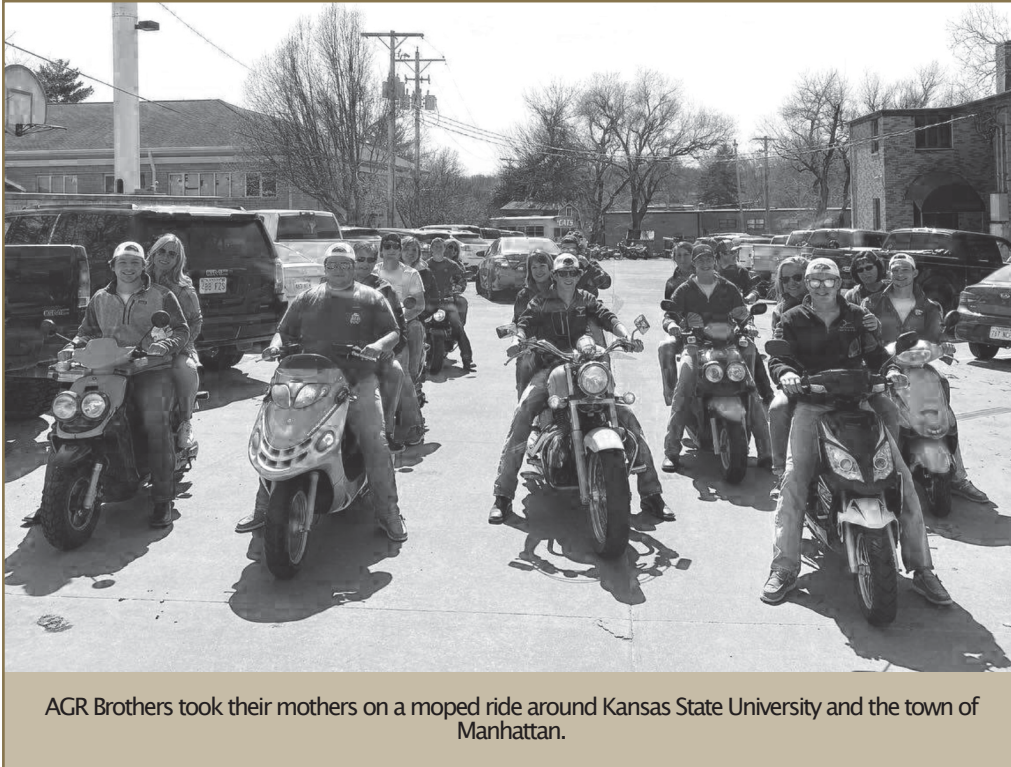
Brother Brody Knipp also added, "It was an amazing time getting to meet everyone's mom and seeing where they come from."

A little after the yard games, there was a large group of moms and their sons who took a moped ride around town. This moped ride consisted of Brother Spencer Macke who commented, "We drove the moms around Manhattan, taking them through Aggieville, then eventually ending the ride at the Bill Snyder Family Stadium."

Alpha Zeta's Recruitment chair, Brother Ely Eslinger, commented, "It was great to see all the moms excited to see their sons after the long school year, especially since last year's Mom's Day was cancelled due to Covid."

Once the moped ride ended, all the members split off

and took their mothers out to their favorite restaurant and axe throwing. Overall, Alpha Zetas Mom's Day was a huge success and brought everyone closer together.



AGR Brothers took their mothers on a moped ride around Kansas State University and the town of Manhattan.

## Letter from House Mother Dianna Phillipi



Greetings from Our House To Yours,

It seems unreal that the end of the school year is quickly approaching. It has been a blessing to see the guys and gals resume date parties and social gatherings.

Our freshmen are now getting to experience what the beginning of a COVID-free school year looks like.

A BIG big thank you to all who attended the annual Pink Rose Scholarship

Banquet. What a lovely evening it was as our young men had the pleasure of connecting with alumni who so generously support the scholarships awarded.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer!

Warm Regards,

Mom Dianna



# 2021 Pink Rose Banquet

## Lane Anderson

Pink Rose was held on the evening of Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Hilton Garden Inn. Around 130 people were in attendance. At the conclusion of dinner, the even kicked off. Once dinner was finished, The guest speaker, Brother Phil Kirk, provided a message as the keynote speaker. He talked about how much brotherhood means to the fraternity and how it has affected his life. Brother Kirk further went on to tell about his life guiding principles. After Brother Kirk's message, scholarships were presented by Brother Rick Perkins on behalf of the Alumni Corporation Board scholarship presentation was then presented by brother Rick Perkins. A little over \$40,000 in scholarships was given to members of the undergraduate chapter in scholarships. At the conclusion of the event, pink roses were given to significant others and guest. The undergraduate chapter would like to thank all the alumni who attended and donate to the scholarship program.



## Alumni Relations Report



Coming off a year with no Founders' Day, no Dad's Day, and no tailgating, it has been a difficult year at Alpha Zeta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho. Yet through all that, the chapter has stayed connected and pushed forward. I am proud of this fraternity for figuring out how to have an in-person experience at the 2021 Pink Rose. The event included nice dinner with the undergraduates and alumni. I am also proud that we were able to have a somewhat normal recruitment with two recruitment events in person. These events were

successful thanks to Brother Ely Eslinger and his recruitment efforts for our new class. We were also able to have the 2021 Agriculture Symposium consisting of four guest speakers. Undergraduate and alumni in attendance heard about agricultural finance. Finally, we were able to add another activity into our schedule, the Alpha Gamma Royal. This event has brought together by Brothers Wes Denton and Chase Spence and had a great turnout. Going into this fall, the chapter is going to continue toward normalcy with multiple events added back to the schedule that were cancelled last 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:

**Spread the Word—We Want to Know!** What successes, events, special memories, or people have impacted your life?

Would you be interested in receiving a Bi-Monthly Update E-Newsletter from the Alpha Zeta Chapter?

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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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