



THE LION'S LORE

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ZEAL AWARD WINNING KANSAS BETA DELIVERS NO. 1 GRADES FOR FALL 2020 SEMESTER

It has been a great year for Kansas Beta. We recently won the **Zeal Award for the best SAE chapter in the nation** and are striving to be the best chapter at Kansas State University. Kansas Beta Chapter aspires to be the best in academics, athletics, social events, philanthropy, and community service. These goals are well within our reach thanks to the dedication of our members and alumni alike.

We initiated 31 members last fall, all of whom have incredible leadership, academic, and athletic potential. Many of them are already stepping into leadership roles. We also initiated three new members this spring. **All brothers are working hard to achieve the following goals:**

- **Win Top Fraternity in the Nation.**
- **Finish in the top three for grades in the spring 2021 semester.**
- **Finish with the highest philanthropic contribution among all fraternities.**
- **Win Fraternity of the Year at K-State.**

Scholastic Success

Academic excellence is a top priority at Kansas Beta. The hard work of the brothers manifested itself with a **3.68 all-chapter GPA for the fall 2020 semester**. Over a quarter of our members achieved a 4.0 GPA, and 60 members achieved a 3.5 or higher. **SAE's fall GPA achieved first place out of the 22 fraternities at K-State**. Additionally, our GPA was much higher than the all-fraternity average of 3.38 and the all-university men's average of 3.06. I am very proud of the hard work of our brothers.

Continued Competitiveness

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, intramurals were postponed. However, Kansas Beta still made an effort to stay competitive by



creating an interfraternal league for football and hosting in-house basketball tournaments. Our members were excited to compete with other fraternities and showed some incredible grit and hustle. We have our eyes set on first place when intramurals resume.

Philanthropic Pride

Our philanthropic endeavors are a huge part of what defines us at Kansas Beta. We love raising money for good causes and raised over \$10,000 for Children's Miracle Network in 2020. Last fall, we were thankful to host philanthropies amidst the pandemic. We hosted a car wash, which raised \$1,500 that was matched by alumni contributions. Additionally, we hosted a drive-thru shrimp boil that raised over \$1,300 where members boiled shrimp on the front driveway and served it to the surrounding community. Our members and the community were excited that we were able to host our fall philanthropies and make significant contributions.

Involved on Campus

In other news, four freshmen are holding executive positions for the spring semester, and four brothers are serving on Student Government: Governmental Relations Chairman **Justin Watkins '22**, Senators **Blaine Snyder '21** and **Fischer Carr '22**, and At-Large Committee Member **Cashe McVey '23**. Recruitment for the spring is off to a strong start. The team has met with more than 50 prospects thus far.

Advancing into the Future

The Kansas Beta Chapter continues advancing as one of the best fraternities in the nation. Recruitment each term brings in



Recruitment retreat in January 2021.

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HONORED TO BE IN KANSAS BETA

Charlie Chandler '75 Thanks SAE for Success, Friendship

Charlie Chandler '75 comes from a long line of Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers, including his father, grandfather, uncles, brother, and brother-in-law. Even so, he visited several fraternities as a K-State freshman, but ultimately found the men at SAE to be likeable and most welcoming.



From left: Steve Lacy '76, Bill Shaw '75, and Charlie Chandler '75 gather with their mothers on Mothers Weekend in 1975.

"I have been fortunate to stay engaged with quite a few SAE brothers since graduation, and they are among my closest friends," Charlie said, grateful that the fraternity has remained a large part of his life.

"Kansas Beta has become such an excellent example of what Greek life should be!"

Among the events and day-to-day happenings with brothers, Charlie found

his first major leadership roles at Kansas Beta, including Eminent Chronicler and Eminent Archon; these would prepare him well for his future. "I learned greatly from these leadership opportunities... including making plenty of mistakes!"

Charlie entered the banking industry after graduating with a degree in finance from KSU, and after receiving an MBA in banking and finance from Northwestern University, he began working for First National Bank in Wichita (now INTRUST Bank). He now serves as chairman, president, and CEO of INTRUST Financial Corporation, where he uses his community banking experience to lead various organizations and initiatives in the communities INTRUST serves.

Though he has enjoyed substantial success in his work life, Charlie is most proud of his family; he has SAE to thank in part for that as well. Charlie met his wife, Marla, at K-State; she is an Alpha Chi Omega alumna. They married in 1976 and have four wonderful children, who have given them six grandchildren with one more on the way. "We are further blessed that all of them live in Wichita."



Charlie is also thankful for the many opportunities he's had to stay involved as a KSU and Kansas Beta alumnus. Within SAE, he has supported the leadership of brothers **Steve Lacy '76**, **Bill Shaw '75**, and **John Morgan '75**, and he also credits his long friendship with **John Hatfield '77** with giving him valuable chapter insights. Charlie has done his best to assist the chapter when called upon, whether financially or otherwise. "I would encourage all to stay involved and help keep Kansas Beta growing as the finest fraternity at K-State!"

In his free time, Charlie enjoys time at the lake with friends and family, collecting and restoring old cars, and flying. He remains in touch with many brothers and enjoys getting together with them in Manhattan. Connect with Charlie at charlie.chandler@intrustbank.com.

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strong leaders, excelling academics, and astounding athletes. Academics continues to be at the forefront of our goals and achievements, as members continue advancing scholastically. Our members improve themselves through the True Gentleman and, in turn, maintain and excel the glory Sigma Alpha Epsilon has had in the past, has today, and will have in the future.

None of this would be possible without your continued alumni support. **We are especially proud of the summer 2020 external renovation project and use the enhanced facilities daily, thanks to each of you. We want your dedications to be recognized and for you to share in our successes.** Today and every day, we appreciate the positive impact your contributions have had on not only our house, but the men that enter it. If you find yourself in the Manhattan area, we would love for you to swing by the chapter house to visit.

Fraternally,
Parker Larson '23
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New member goal setting meeting.



Brothers enjoy first snowfall.

The Exterior Renovation Project Is Complete and Fully Funded

Thank You, Brothers, for Your Generous Support

The successful completion of our exterior renovation project would not have been possible without the generous donations of our alumni. **Your support helped raise \$300,000 to fully fund the project.** Thank you for showing your appreciation and understanding of the undergraduate experience. Investing in our chapter directly impacts our members and sets them up for success.

Phi Alpha Society (\$5,000 and above)

Minerva Club - Kansas Beta
Gen. Richard B. Myers '65
Charles Q. Chandler IV '75
William K. Shaw '75
Stephen M. Lacy '76

Purple and Gold Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Richard E. Mistler '62
Jarold W. Boettcher '63
Edward A. McConwell '63
Thomas E. Mistler '63
Chester C. Wilcox '63
Steven F. Randle '70
Ronald P. Jones '77
Robert K. Beymer '78
James M. Johnson '84
Mark Lacy '89
Todd C. Hansen '93

Brotherhood Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Col. Charles J. Wingert '59
Robert D. Griffith '60
Jerry D. Prather '66
Joseph H. Stout '67

James Shucart II '69
Russell E. Bishop '73
John W. Morgan '75
Jeffrey H. Berke '78
C. Jerome Chandler II '78
Dr. Michael A. Hattan '78
Don Herold '78
Randall L. Garvert '81
Dr. Michael A. Mueller '82
Randy J. Gassman '83
John C. Lowe '88
Patrick J. Kellerman '89
Curt R. Coffman '90
B.D. Horton Jr. '94

Archon Society (\$500 to \$999)

Joe A. Wilcox '58
Roger W. Coulter '62
Evan R. Stewart '65
Lawrence P. Becker '67
Daniel E. Fankhauser '67
Dr. Willard B. Ransom '71
Terrance J. Garvert '77
Steven R. Brewer '78
Michael A. Dykstra '78
Thomas B. Banta '79
Kenneth Alan Christie '79

Paul J. Lacy '81
Brian E. Calovich '82
Mitchell S. Fiser '82
John C. Moser '82
Edward F. Wettig III '89
Shad P. Metcalf '96

Violet Society (Up to \$499)

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William H. Braddock '57
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Jack Kiddoo '57
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Stanley W. Knowles '58
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Michael C. Rose '62
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Larry A. Bolton '64
Spencer A. Puls '64

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Jeffrey D. Hughes '76
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Edward K. Kite '76
Michael Kunz '76
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Thomas B. Bowles '77
Terrance J. Garvert '77

John R. Hatfield II '77
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FALL SEMESTER 2020 GRADES

All-Men's Average: 3.06 GPA • All-Fraternity Average: 3.46 GPA

RANK	FRATERNITY	MEMBERSHIP TOTAL	GPA
1	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	77	3.687
2	Phi Delta Theta	85	3.681
3	Acacia	50	3.58
4	Theta Xi	56	3.57
5	Delta Upsilon	104	3.55
6	Delta Sigma Phi	83	3.51
7	FarmHouse	74	3.49
8	Beta Sigma Psi	41	3.48
9	Delta Chi	55	3.45
10	Sigma Chi	68	3.32



WELCOME, SPRING 2021 NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Kutney '23 | Olathe, Kan.

Spencer Doherty '24 | Olathe, Kan.

Matthew McGuire '24 | Parkville, Mo.



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Kansas Beta Continues to Excel

As you can see from the chapter update on page 1 from Eminent Archon **Parker Larson '23**, we have much to be proud of as it relates to the ongoing strong performance by our undergraduate brothers. Last fall, Kansas Beta was named the top SAE chapter in the country by earning the Fraternity Zeal Award, the highest award granted by SAE National each year.

The men managed the challenges brought upon by the COVID-19 pandemic well during the fall semester, keeping the chapter house full and financially solid, achieving a 3.7 GPA—the highest in recent years—and staying safe and healthy with only five positive cases throughout the semester.

The \$300,000 exterior renovation is complete and fully paid for. The updates provide an ample outside space for our undergraduates in the current pandemic environment and will serve as a communal space for parents and alumni returning to campus.

Projects completed include:

- Repainted the exterior in historical colors.
- Added outdoor cooking and gathering space.
- Revamped the landscaping and lighting.

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- Added a new outdoor basketball court.
- Installed a new lawn irrigation system.

Our next project will be upgrading to the five restrooms and replacing the glass block windows in the formal living room of the Chapter House. More information to come later this spring.

Recruitment is a year-round activity and the critical lifeblood of the chapter. **If you are aware of any potential new members, please contact me or Recruitment Chairmen Bret Ambrosier '23 at**

blambros@ksu.edu or (785) 280-9715, or Luke Ludwowski '23 at lukelud22@gmail.com or (913) 522-6117.

Thank you for your continued financial support. I promise you the money is carefully managed and invested in the future of Kansas Beta, which is bright.

Yours in the Bonds,
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