



THE LION'S LORE

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Kansas Beta brothers wear cancer awareness shirts they created in support of housemother Mary's fight against breast cancer.

REMAINING THE GOLD STANDARD

Kansas Beta Strives to Build on Success



Kansas Beta has had a stellar year. After being recognized as one of the top fraternities at Kansas State and by ΣΑΕ National in 2022, we are not resting on our laurels. Kansas Beta strives to be the best chapter in academics, intramurals and athletics, while also having fun.

We initiated 33 members last fall, and they show great leadership promise. We initiated two new members in the spring and received a transfer from our brothers at UMKC.

The chapter house is again full this academic year with 61 brothers living at 1015 Denison and a total of just over 100 members. Recruitment for the 2023-24 academic year is off to a strong start. The recruitment team has met with more than 50 potential members.

AWARDS

Kansas Beta received a Dean's Award for achieving 80% of points toward our chapter goals this past year. The award was announced at the K-State Fraternal Excellence Awards on Feb. 19. We have also set ambitious goals for the coming year.

CHAPTER GOALS

- Win Top Fraternity in the Nation with the North American Interfraternity Council and ΣΑΕ National.
- Finish in the top three K-State fraternity chapters in grades for the spring 2023 semester.
- Finish with the highest philanthropic contribution among all fraternities on campus.
- Win Fraternity of the Year at K-State.

ACADEMICS

Success in the classroom remains a priority for Kansas Beta. For the Fall semester, the combined effort of brothers delivered a 3.36 GPA for the chapter, which earned a Gold award for K-State fraternities with a 3.3 GPA or higher. Members worked hard adjusting to in-person classes following the COVID pandemic. Their efforts resulted in 27 members achieving a 3.5 or higher GPA and 19 members achieving a 4.0.

INTRAMURALS

Kansas Beta has had a very successful year so far in intramurals. Our football team won the fall championships and brought home the championship trophy. The soccer team finished just short of a repeat with a third-place finish. We're very confident in our basketball and softball teams. Kansas Beta is on a mission to become intramural champions of the 2022-23 school year.

PHILANTHROPY

Kansas Beta takes a lot of pride in achieving our philanthropic goals. Raising money for good causes is a major part of what we do. We hosted a shrimp boil and raised more than \$3,500 to support Housemother Mary Mignano in her breast cancer treatment. Last year, we raised over \$6,000 for Children's Miracle Network through events such as our car wash, which raised over \$1,300. We also participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's and raised over \$3,000 for the Alzheimer's Association.

Kansas Beta members are active on campus:

- **Alex Niemann '25** and **Landon Trout '25** are president and treasurer of Order of Omega, the academic honorary club for fraternities and sororities at K-State.
- **Kagan Leiker '25**, **Cashe McVey '23**, and **Issac Freeman '24** served as sales ambassadors in the fall semester.
- **Landon Trout '25** was a part of the national championship crops judging team.
- **Juan Gomez '24** is serving as a senator in the College of Engineering.
- **Alex Niemann '25** sits on the Kansas State Student Alumni Board.

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3rd Annual
SAE SHRIMP BOIL
Tuesday, November 8
6-9 PM at SAE House
1015 Denison Ave.
\$5 TICKETS
Proceeds Support our House
Mom who is Battling Breast
Cancer

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS ATTEND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING



From left: Treasurer Noah Mitchell, New Member Educator Parker Smitko, House Manager Landon Trout, Recruitment Co-Chairman Ben Rohrbaugh, Eminent Deputy Archon Alex Niemann, Eminent Archon Adam Wheeler, and Recruitment Co-Chairman Mac Hemmer.

New Kansas Beta Chapter officers hit the ground running after seven of the leadership team, along with Housing Corporation President Steve Lacy, attended the ΣAE National Executives Academy in Atlanta the weekend of January 6 to 8.

ΣAE student leaders from dozens of chapters across the country participated in sessions focused on topics such as problem-solving, chapter goals, self-development and community service.

Each officer took a specific track aligned to his responsibility. For example, the treasurer track focused on creating and managing a budget.

The Kansas Beta officers came to the Executives Academy prepared. Eminent Archon Adam Wheeler said the officers had already set their goals for the year

(See page 1 of this newsletter) and Treasurer Noah Mitchell came armed with a budget.

Wheeler said he particularly liked a session about getting brothers who live outside the house involved in chapter activities.

While it was customary back in the day for actives to live in the house for all of their college years, most actives now live at most three years and many two or even one year in the house. Keeping them involved is vital.

"One of the complaints we get is that brothers outside the house don't know about all the activities such as guest speakers. As a result of the Executives Academy, I implemented an app called Flare that allows us to communicate better with them about all our activities," Wheeler said.

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Thank You, Dedicated Brothers

We Appreciate Your Support of Kansas Beta

Thank you, loyal alumni, for embracing your Kansas Beta legacy and supporting our annual fund in 2022. Your support will help create True Gentlemen for years to come. If an error has been made in recording your name, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so we may correct this.

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THE REWARDS OF VOLUNTEERING

Young Alumnus Chase Stalder Is a Shining Example

In October 2021, **Chase Stalder '19** made a fateful suggestion to Housing Corporation President **Steve Lacy '76** that Kansas Beta should try to have an alumni golf outing and tailgate event over a K-State football weekend.

Lacy liked the idea and asked Stalder to research it. Thus began a journey that led to Stalder to organizing the hugely successful event at the Manhattan Country Club from 1,300 miles away in Jacksonville, Florida.

Florida is where the Abilene native moved to work as a customer executive for Hormel Foods after graduating from K-State with degrees in marketing and sales. During his three years living in the house, Stalder served in several leadership roles including Vice President and Recruitment Chairman twice.

At first it was daunting to plan and organize the golf outing from afar, Stalder said. How to pick a golf course when you can't go see it? Which weekend was best for maximum turnout? He tapped into his network of brothers and alumni leadership to answer those questions.

Most important of all was getting ΣAE brothers committed to attending.

"The goal of this event was creating a weekend that allowed alumni to reconnect, so I tried to personally reach out to as many alumni as possible. We also received help from alumni who were willing to extend the invite through their personal networks, which was very helpful," Stalder said.

The outcome was a great weekend. The weather cooperated and more than 60 alumni participated. The event was so successful that the date has been set for 2023 and Stalder said his goal this year is 72 golfers, which would allow four players to start on each of the 18 holes.

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, Sept. 8

Kansas Beta Alumni Golf Tournament
Manhattan Country Club

Saturday, Sept. 9

ΣAE Tailgate
The Troy Home Football Game

Stalder said the work he put in to organize the event was richly rewarded by the feedback he received from grateful brothers.

"It was rewarding to see all of the alumni gathered in one location for an entire weekend to celebrate the things we will have in common forever, ΣAE & Kansas State."

The Kansas Beta chapter of ΣAE is thriving because of the efforts of its student members and the strong support of alumni. But most of the alumni leadership are from the Baby Boom generation.

New leadership is needed from young alumni to keep the success going. Stalder has some advice for young alumni:

"Reach out and don't be intimidated to get involved. We know many alumni have busy schedules (work, family, travel, etc.). There are many ways to give back without having to commit large amounts of time or money."

Chase Stalder Is a True Gentleman!

If you would like to give back to Kansas Beta through volunteering or want more information about the golf outing, contact Chase at:

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HOW WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE FELLOW YOUNG ALUMNI TO KEEP UP AND/OR STAY INVOLVED WITH ΣAE?

"Reach out, and don't be intimidated to get involved. We know many alumni have busy schedules (work, family, travel, etc.), and there are many ways to give back without having to commit large amounts of time. Make sure the Kansas Beta database has your accurate email and mailing address so you can stay updated!"

CHECK OUT WHAT KANSAS BETA WAS UP TO THIS SEMESTER!



ΣAEs and their dates enjoy good times at our fall 2022 formal.



Fall 2022 football intramural champions!

MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY!

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Ensuring a Bright Future for Kansas Beta

UPDATES FROM THE HOUSE CORPORATION

As you can see from the chapter update by Eminent Archon **Adam Wheeler '25** on pages 1-2, we have much to be proud of from the ongoing performance of our undergraduate brothers. I am especially encouraged by the strong officer lineup for 2023. Kansas Beta aspires to remain a top chapter in academics, athletics, social events, philanthropy, and community service.

Over the last several years, we have worked aggressively to fill the chapter house with quality men, significantly improve the physical structure, and carefully manage our finances. These efforts have clearly paid off.

ALUMNI EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for Kansas Beta's fall alumni weekend, which is as follows:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Alumni golf tournament at The Manhattan Country Club.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Alumni tailgate prior to KSU football game.

More details to follow!

HOUSING UPDATES

The House Corporation recently finished upgrading all five chapter house restrooms and replacing the glass block windows in the formal living room. The total cost of these projects was approximately \$200,000, and they were completed in two phases during the summers of 2021 and 2022.

Planned summer 2023 projects include renovating the second- and third-floor hallways, which includes painting, upgrading the fire alarm system, and replacing the ceiling and floor coverings. Total cost is expected to be about \$50,000. To date, about \$25,000 has been raised.

Your donation today will help raise the remaining \$25,000 required to complete these needed improvements.

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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