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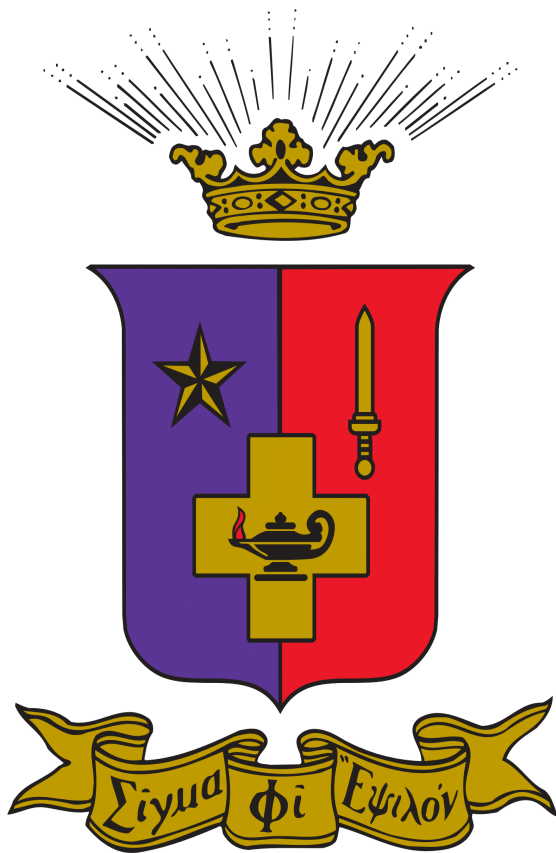


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Support Our Chapter

by Collin Hill, Finance

As always, we are going into next semester with high hopes and ambitions for our chapter. You can help us attain these goals by donating to our chapter. Your donation would help us do more things we love, like brotherhood events, spring formal, and all other events in the name of strong brotherhood.

If you wish to donate to the chapter you can contact Collin Hill our VP of Finance, @ctm1486@wmich.edu. Thank you so much for your continued support; we are incredibly grateful.

State of the Chapter (1 of 2)

by John Ojala, President

This semester's recruitment cycle was successful, at the start of the spring '24 semester the chapter stood at 18 members and we ended the school year with 22 members. This past semester we held one official informal recruitment week, as you may have seen on our chapter instagram account, and recruited outside of that as well. Our last formal recruitment/brotherhood event of the semester was 'PotLuck and Poker' at a brother's apartment. Many of the brothers came to meet the invited pnms as well as enjoy the brotherhood event.



This last semester we also held a successful philanthropy week on campus, raising over \$400 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kalamazoo. We were glad to have many of the other greek organizations on campus participate in the events we set

up to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters, such as; Sigma Kappa, Alpha Chi Omega, and Alpha Xi Delta.

This last spring the chapter also had their first formal in February. The brothers traveled to Windsor, Canada for a night with their dates and enjoyed a

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night out and returned back to Kalamazoo the next day, with the help of our alumni who helped us make this trip possible.

The chapter also competed in our first Greek Week on campus this spring, we were teamed up with Sigma Chi and Sigma Kappa. Our team competed in multiple games and contests such as dodgeball, pickleball, and placed third in 'air band' out of seven teams. We had a great time and plan to participate in Greek Games in the coming year.

Our chapter hasn't been perfect though, as I assume it is for all chapters. We have hit some roadblocks with member development and attendance primarily. We have had some issues with getting people excited to show up to our events and have been searching for ways to remedy this. We believe our members have grown comfortable with low expectations of each other, so we intend to create an attendance policy this next semester and enforce it when members lapse.

We also plan to enforce our grade policies and expectations more strictly this semester as well. Our chapter GPA wasn't as good as we wanted it to be a semester ago, and we want to provide even more opportunities to help brothers improve their academics. As with our attendance policy, we will prioritize upholding our standards on grades by being more strict with putting people on poor standing.

We are very proud to be SigEps, proud of our members and their accomplishments, and proud to continue pushing ourselves to be our best.

Welcome, New Members!

by Aric Gamez, Recruitment



This previous semester we recruited four new brothers. Three of which rushed during our informal recruitment week in January and our fourth new member joined in April towards the end of the

semester. We met him from a tabling event on campus and then later invited him along with other pnms to an open brotherhood event. This semester we had several brothers step up in helping with recruitment events, closing pnms and working at tabling events. Our new brothers; Caleb, Liam, Paul and Allan are very excited to continue their journey with the chapter and we can not wait to see them grow.



We are already working on recruitment plans for the fall for both formal and informal rush and are excited to see what this next semester brings us.

Incoming Alumni

by Adam Luck, Communications

At the end of the semester we had to say goodbye to one brother, Jeffrey (JJ) Graham. JJ graduated class of 2024 with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Design. JJ was an outstanding student, friend and brother. In his time at Western he had the opportunity to start one of our first greek families and served on our executive team as our first VP of Member Development since our return to WMU, helping our brothers become balanced men. At the time of his graduation he was not sure where he would be starting his career but nevertheless the brothers wished him the best of luck in all his future endeavors and hope he returns to visit soon.



Fall Semester

We are eager to get back on campus, this fall semester we have a lot of fun exciting things planned and still in the works. We are gearing up for our formal rush week, organized by IFC, and our informal rush week immediately after. We have high hopes for our first round of recruitment for the fall semester with the help of our new regional director from nationals. We are excited to get acquainted with our new regional director and work closely with him to help better our chapter. We have our fall philanthropy week scheduled for October 28th through November 1st, we have several fun events planned for that week to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters. We are also looking into plans for a fall semi formal, homecoming tailgate, parents weekend, and alumni tailgate/event. The brothers had a great time last year at the homecoming tailgate meeting and talking to all the alumni that came for the weekend and hearing all their fun stories from their days in the chapter. The brothers are excited for what's to come in the next semester and year and see how the chapter continues to grow in every aspect. Thank you to all the parents, alumni, and WMU faculty for continuous support; we incredibly grateful.