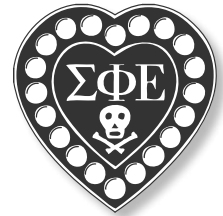


# THE ETA NEWS

OHIO ETA CHAPTER • SIGMA PHI EPSILON  
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Save the Date:  
**Reunion  
Weekend  
2014**  
June 20-21



- **Friday, June 20**  
**6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.**  
Cocktail Reception  
**7:15 p.m.**  
Dinner  
Marcum Conference Center
- **Saturday, June 21**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Event in the Tent  
and cookout

Celebrating 10 years in the chapter house and six decades of leadership! Mark your calendars and make plans now to attend **REUNION WEEKEND 2014** on June 20-21!

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## A Values Based Brotherhood: Building Leaders and Scholars for Life

### Leadership Development Committee Holds Second Session

The Leadership Development Committee, chaired by **Bill Greer '81**, held two key leadership development sessions during the 2013-2014 school year.

The first session was held in September 2013 with more than 20 undergraduate brothers and 15 graduate brothers attending the meeting. The second session was held in January 2014 as a transition and kickoff for the new undergraduate executive board which had more than 15 combined graduate and undergraduate brothers in attendance.

During each session, participants updated chapter goals and documented progress made towards achieving key metrics in the areas of scholarship, brotherhood and community support. A

new vision was also created during the sessions: Ohio Eta - a values based brotherhood building leaders and scholars for life.

**Dave Chittock '80** has been instrumental in bringing fresh perspectives, action and intense energy to the sessions. He focused the last session on leadership with a goal to identify and develop Leadership Competencies to include how OH ETA creates Great Leaders and Men, Leadership VS Management, how to have direction, energy, persuasion and giving versus taking credit. Riley Little, SigEp Regional Director stated enthusiastically about the LDC that "there is nothing, and I mean nothing, like this going on

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## 2014 Ohio Eta Executive Board

### President

David Nelson '15  
Atlanta, GA

### VP of Programming

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## Freshman and Their Parents Attend Chapter Open House

Freshman brothers and their parents attended a Chapter Open House on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Families of 21 brothers including 36 parents and siblings, the entire new member class and many upper class men had the opportunity to tour the house, meet other brothers and learn how the house operates. The event was hosted in order to increase interest in living in the house.

"We had a great turnout," said **Herb Glasgow '74**. "Some parents traveled quite a distance to attend the event, and many



Freshman and their parents attend a Chapter Open House on Saturday, March 8 2014.



Families toured the house and met other brothers during the Chapter Open House.

stayed for several hours. Many parents, and their sons, seemed excited about moving into the chapter house."

Kudos to **Joe Hornsby '06**, he has gathered some great people on the board who are bringing fresh ideas, energy and skills to continue to build success.

We also have a great Executive Board in the house, led by President **Dave Nelson '15**. Everyone is working together to create positive improvements in Sig Ep Ohio Eta. Thanks to Rocco Manzo and Jim Blackburn for putting on such a great event!

## Financial Snapshot: Spring 2014

Ohio Eta remains financially strong. The chapter's emergency fund has enough reserve to cover the mortgage payments, property taxes and insurance for more than one year, should a catastrophe strike. The mortgage balance is \$676,500, and an interest rate reduction was made in August 2013. Maintenance expenses for 2013 were \$41,000.

### Current asset balances (as of February 2014):

Checking: .....	\$63,900
Savings: .....	\$174,300
Emergency Fund: .....	\$127,600

## Letter from President David Nelson '15

### A Look Back on the Last Year with David Nelson '15, Current Ohio Eta President

The Ohio Eta Chapter has had a busy year! With a strong chapter of 120 men, SigEp is still one of the largest chapters at Miami. Miami's Greek system has had its share of bad publicity over the last year and University administration has made some major changes to the landscape of Greek life at Miami. While many chapters have been removed for not complying with the rules and regulations of Miami's Greek system, Ohio Eta is still recognized as one of the strongest chapter on campus that continually adds value to Miami University. Ohio Eta is in a great position. We have the potential to make a big impression on Miami in the near future as a values-driven organization that can help improve the damaged image of Greek life on Miami's campus.

Over the last year, Ohio Eta has focused heavily on the development of our leaders. In our eyes, our chapter cannot function without great leaders. The active



chapter and the Leadership Development Committee held workshops at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters that benefited leadership in the chapter and strengthen the relationship between the active chapter and members of the alumni board. Many brothers attended numerous national leadership development programs over the last year, such as EDGE, Carlson Leadership Academy, and the Ruck Leadership Institute, and brought skills back that has helped drive chapter success.

Ohio Eta's recruitment was stronger than ever this year. The annual Balanced Man Scholarship had a record number of

applicants and Coach Enrico Blasi of the #1 ranked NCAA Men's Hockey team gave an inspiring speech at the BMS awards dinner. In the spring, we recruited a strong new member class of 35.

Ohio Eta has found successes all around campus this year. Our chapter GPA has increased significantly and we are now ranked in the top five of all fraternities for academics. We placed fifth overall in Greek Week this year and many of our intramural teams had successful seasons.

Brotherhood in Ohio Eta is stronger than ever these days and I am excited to see what the next year has in store for our chapter. The success of Ohio Eta is due largely to the dedicated support of all alumni. With their continued support, SigEp brothers will be the best leaders, scholars, athletes, and gentlemen at Miami University.

## Alumni Support is Vital for the Chapter's Success

Alumni support is vital for the success of Ohio Eta Chapter. "The alumni board works hard to support the chapter," commented **Joe Hornsby '06**, board president. "Long-term alumni volunteers are guiding the chapter into the future. This work is vital for the continuance of the chapter as the university's culture and initiatives change."

Alumni volunteers assist the chapter in a number of ways:

**Chapter Advisory Team - Tony Terrell and Rocco Manzo** share advising functions of the house operations and fraternal affairs. Terrell has been the property manager since the house opened in 2004. He also advises the chapter when necessary. Manzo is the new faculty advisor for Ohio Eta. He is assisting the chapter to comply

with the university's Community Advancement Program and overall culture change.

**Leadership Development Committee - Bill Greer '81** manages the Leadership Development Committee. He works to ensure chapter executives meet the chapter's goals and commit to living the values of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

**Budget Committee - The Budget Committee** is focused on planning for the needs of the chapter house and increasing house occupancy. Alumni board officers sit on the committee.

**Housing Strategy - Led by Brant Smith '02** The AVC, LDC, Undergraduate Leaders, and many key members of the AVC are jointly analyzing strategies and implementing tactics to improve, preserve, and better

position our House at 224 East Church Street. The Focus is on assessing, developing, and executing on a comprehensive housing planning effort covering lease administration, capital projects, maintenance and repair, financial strategy and sustainability.

Priorities and goals include developing and following best practices and creating a symbol on campus that continues to define and personify our core values in which the house becomes the benchmark and redefines, not only on Miami's campus - but nation-wide, for what a fraternity house can be.

If you would like to become more involved with the chapter, please contact **Jim Blackburn '80** at [jimblackburn513@gmail.com](mailto:jimblackburn513@gmail.com).

## Alumni Board of Trustees

### President

Joe Hornsby '06

### Secretary

Cary Dice '73

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### House Operations Advisor

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### Faculty Advisor/ Fraternity Affairs Advisor

Rocco Manzo '86

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Herb Glasgow '74

### Fundraising Chairman

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## Brothers Attend Carlson Leadership Academy

Forgoing a normal weekend of fun and relaxation, undergraduate brothers traveled to Chicago, Illinois, on February 21-23, 2014, to attend the Sigma Phi Epsilon Carlson Leadership Academy.

The Carlson Leadership Academy provides interactive officer training to the chapter executive board and other rising leaders. Attendees learn the best practices for their positions, as well as general leadership practices and chapter goal setting.

The event also provides a venue to present awards, recognizing chapters and individual undergraduates for notable achievements.

## Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association Campaign 2013-2014 Raises \$4,880

### Halfway to the \$10,000 goal

Thanks to the 47 generous brothers listed at right, Sigma Phi Epsilon at Miami University has raised \$4,880 for the Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association Campaign 2013-2014. Donations to the campaign support the chapter's alumni relations and communication program, including this newsletter and the alumni website at [www.ohioetaalumni.com](http://www.ohioetaalumni.com).

**Alumni who have not yet supported the Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association Campaign 2013-2014 are encouraged to do so today.** All pledges may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or as a one-time gift. In order to make the payment process as easy as possible, you can even set your pledge to be automatically drafted from your checking account or charged to a credit card on a recurring basis. Please make your pledge today by visiting [www.ohioetaalumni.com](http://www.ohioetaalumni.com) and clicking "Support this Campaign."

### Ohio Eta Alumni & Friends Association Campaign 2013 - \$4,880 pledged as of April 03, 2014

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A. Dennis Fernelius '63  
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## Ohio Eta Welcomes Rocco Manzo, New Faculty Advisor



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"I provide academic support to active brothers," said Manzo. "I'm also helping the chapter develop and implement programming required for fraternities by the university. I am working closely with the executive board and enjoy meeting new members each semester."

## Values Based Brotherhood

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at other chapters!" Since the second session, an enormous amount of maturity and values-based actions have been seen from **David Nelson '15**, Chapter President, and **Nick McDonnell '16**, VP Communications in their handling of various campus issues.

Future leadership development sessions will continue to focus on learning to live Sigma Phi Epsilon's core values - Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love.

"The men of Ohio Eta exemplify the core values of Sigma Phi Epsilon and it's been wonderful to watch the chapter put these values into action throughout our discussions," commented Greer.

### OH ETA Young Leader Awards:

We aim to celebrate accomplishments of OH ETA leaders under the age of 35 who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and have made significant contributions to the ideals of in their professional and personal lives. Five inductees will be selected on the basis of professional achievement, service to OH ETA and service to the community. Email nominees to [brant@neoproperties.net](mailto:brant@neoproperties.net).

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