

# THE ETA NEWS

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## OH Eta-Miami U Most Improved Organization

OH Eta was recently recognized by Miami University as the 2016-17 Most Improved Student Organization on campus. Each spring, Miami hosts the Student Engagement & Leadership Awards to recognize student organizations and their members on campus that have excelled in various capacities. From winning Greek Week, hosting the Out of the Darkness suicide prevention walk, or being a leader of Greek organizations on campus, OH Eta has been making a mark on campus and contributing in noticeable ways.

## SigEp Brothers Experience Ruck and Conclave 2017



OH Eta brothers at 2017 SigEp Conclave. Pictured left to right: Jim "Sarge" Wilson '58, G. Cary Dice '73, Blake Suponcic '18, Brant Smith '02, Matt Hall '20, and Lorenzo Guidi '19.

OH Eta brothers were busy this summer attending the Ruck Leadership Institute at University of Richmond and the Grand Chapter Conclave in Orlando, Florida. **Lorenzo Guidi '19** and **Will Armbruster '19** were selected to attend Ruck this past June where brothers from around the country learn about their leadership styles and how to apply them to different situations to impact their chapter and campus communities.

In August, **Blake Suponcic '18**, Lorenzo Guidi, and **Matt Hall '20** represented OH Eta at the Grand Chapter Conclave held at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando. They joined OH Eta alumni **Jim "Sarge" Wilson '58**, **G. Cary Dice '73**, and **Brant Smith '02** at the biennial SigEp gathering and celebration of our brotherhood.

In addition to participating in many of the programs, events, and legislation sessions, Brant Smith facilitated a session for alumni house corporations around the country called, "Taking your facility from good to great." Brant manages NEO Realty Group in Cleveland, Ohio, specializing in commercial real estate investment and property management.

The "Doc" Gordon SigEp Leadership Development Endowment will ensure additional costs of undergraduates attending these events are covered so OH Eta chapter brothers can attend each year. See the last page of the newsletter to help support these and other leadership development opportunities for OH Eta undergraduate brothers.



Lorenzo Guidi '19 and Will Armbruster '19 at Ruck Leadership Institute in Richmond, Va.

## Save the Date

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Miami Alumni Reunion Weekend and Event in the Tent XVII on Saturday June 9, 2018! More details to follow.

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## 2017 OH Eta Executive Board

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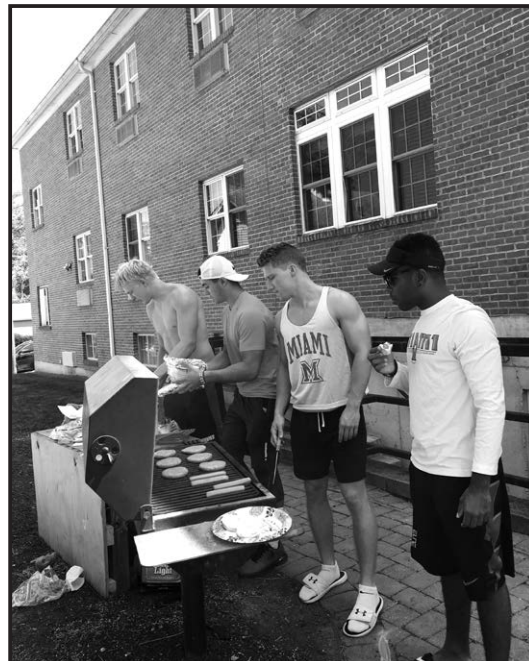
## Chapter Update from President Lorenzo Guidi '19

As the 2017 fall semester continues, the OH Eta chapter at Miami University set high expectations after coming off a successful spring semester. Last year, we recruited 43 new members, secured a first-place finish during Greek Week, and took home the award for the "Most Improved Chapter of 2017."

Coming off a successful semester means we need to maintain our focus to preserve our excellent standing. This year, we are looking to add another 40-45 new members through both informal and formal recruitment. We have been scanning the sophomore, junior, and even senior classes in order to find members who embody our values and are able to advance our most recent accomplishments. Recruitment is always imperative to us here at Miami, but it would not be possible without the Balanced Man Scholarship. Every fall semester, we sift through hundreds of applicants, choosing two or three great men who truly fit our chapter's identity. We've already started planning for this year's scholarship dinner, and we hope to give the recipients their awards by the end of October, either at a banquet room on campus or our one-of-a-kind chapter house.

Here at Miami University, OH Eta strives to give back to our university and build relationships with those outside the Greek community. This October, we'll be involved in numerous philanthropic events such as the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk, SigEp and ADPi Sexual Assault Prevention Panel, and the SigEp and ZTA Hamilton Animal Shelter Event. These are just some of the events we have planned in the coming months, and we have our sights set for more additions as the semester continues!

In regards to membership development, I've worked with our alumni Leadership Development Committee and our District Governor, Scott Phillips, to create a set of events that enhance our membership experience. This fall, we're organizing events such as resume building workshops, mock interviews for the career fair, study technique workshops, personal finance classes, how to dress for success, and much more. These ideas were implemented in order to give our brothers the experiences they deserve in order to succeed here on campus and as alumni.



OH Eta brothers enjoy a cookout at the house on the Sunday prior to fall '17 classes starting. Pictured left to right: Mike Gerbus '20, Jared Tate '20, Regan Puzzitiello '20, and Milan Pittmon '20.

### MEMBER DEVELOPMENT CORNER

The Balanced Man Program (BMP) consists of four member development challenges through which brothers progress through "rites of passage" of the SigEp initiation ceremony. More information about the BMP can be found at [www.ohioetaalumni.com](http://www.ohioetaalumni.com).

#### Chapter Status:

Challenge:	# Brothers	Challenge Coordinator
Sigma (Σ):	0*	Will Armbruster '19
Phi (Φ):	25	Thomas Suter '19
Epsilon (Ε):	30	Nick Allen '19
Brother Mentor:	29	Blake Suponcic '18

\* Will include new members for fall 2017 and spring 2018



# Balanced Man Ambassador: Michael Kurty '56

What's the good of going to college, studying hard, preparing for a good job that pays a lot of money, and working for 30-40 years if you can't enjoy yourself because of poor physical and/or mental health? In my opinion, you're setting yourself up for a life that won't be as rewarding as it could be if you don't include a balanced lifestyle from the get-go. Fortunately, the combination of Miami and SigEp provides the gateway for living a *balanced life*.

For me, a balanced life includes activities that promote love, health, and happiness. What kind of activities? Any kind that keep the machine you call your body in good shape—at least good enough that you can enjoy some physical activities like golf, tennis, dancing, skiing, running, or extended walking, to name a few. Add to this some mental fitness exercise like reading, puzzles, board/brain games, etc., and you have most of the battle won. After all, what's the benefit of being rich and in good health if you're not satisfied with your life or not having fun because of your mindset?

My time at Miami (1952-56) gave me the tools for a *balanced life* allowing me to ski the mountains of North America, sail the San Francisco Bay, and obtain a private pilot's Instrument Rating. In 2013, I received two United States singles champion gold medals in racquetball for players over age 75, as well as doubles champion for players over age 70 and reached the level of second degree brown belts in both Judo



Michael Kurty '56, two-time singles gold medal winner.

and Tae Kwon Do. While taking many cruises, I've danced the Argentine tango in dance parlors of Buenos Aires, Paris, and Vienna. Now at age 82, I'm still dancing 3-4 times a week with my lovely partner, Zeny, and playing racquetball two times a week. While working as a young engineer at Lockheed, I earned a master's degree in statistics at Stanford University and have used that education as a market day trader, keeping me in pretty good mental shape for the last 28 years since retiring at age 55.

This all happened because of a *balanced life* instilled in me by Miami and SigEp. Thanks to professors like "Doc" Abernathy (theater), Walter Havinghurst (literature), and Dr. Spencer (math), Miami provided the tools for me to earn a living and appreciate the fine arts. SigEp showed me that socializing, games, and sports could be a source of great emotional, physical, and mental development.

I also remember and treasure my friendships shared with fraternity brothers, some of whom I still meet with at Miami class reunions. I'm very grateful Miami and SigEp taught me that it's not only nice to make a good living by working at something you enjoy doing, but that it's also important to enjoy a healthy life by exercising *both mind and body*.

The development and enjoyment of a *balanced life* can continue as you travel life's journey while loving others, as well as yourself.

## OH Eta Alumni Volunteers

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Graham Mitchell '73

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### 1980's

David Chittock '80  
In Memory of Kelly Boe '81  
William Greer '81  
Kurt Lenz '81  
Mike Uthe '82  
Mark Hayward '86

### 1990's

Randy McMullin '98

### 2000's

R. Daniel Hannon '04  
Matthew Wilkinsky '04  
Vartan Davidian '06  
Joseph Hornsby '06  
Kyle Pavlock '06  
Jackson Sumpter '06  
Paul Regopoulos '07  
John Owed '09  
SigEp Undergrads 2017-21

### Golden Hearts

Karen Nelson Gullett  
Nicole Hornsby  
Constance Stebbins Lynch '68  
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Kathryn Miles McKenzie '74  
Karen Simon Wendeln '76  
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## OH Eta Endowment off to Great Start

Since recent inception, the “Doc” Gordon Leadership Development Endowment has received more than \$40,000 in gifts and pledges—and just recently, the successful #MoveInMiami campaign put the fund over the \$25,000 collection mark, officially endowing our leadership fund. Once reaching endowed status, an approximate four percent return can be utilized each year for leadership development opportunities and scholarships for our OH Eta undergraduate brothers, enhancing both the co-curricular opportunities OH Eta provides and strengthening the Chapter.

Please consider designating this fund when planning gifts to Miami (Fund# 5147-001)—whether for the first time or if you already give regularly. Our three-year goal is to raise \$100,000, providing \$4,000 annually to worthy endeavors supporting our SigEp values.

To give online, you can visit [GiveToMiamiOH.org/SigEp](http://GiveToMiamiOH.org/SigEp) or [ForLoveAndHonor.org/SigmaPhiEpsilon](http://ForLoveAndHonor.org/SigmaPhiEpsilon). You can also submit your pledge by mail by filling and cutting out the form below.



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