

# THE ETA NEWS

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## SUMMER 'QUESTS'



*Tragos Quest to Greece scholar Lorenzo Guidi '19 with other Quest participants.*



*Lorenzo Guidi '19 atop the Acropolis of Athens.*

**Lorenzo Guidi '19** was busy this summer traveling to Europe, twice! One trip to Italy, and a second trip to Greece. He was selected as one of 24 SigEps from around the country to attend the "Tragos Quest to Greece." Prior to the Greece trip, Lorenzo studied abroad in Italy through Miami University's "Made in Italy" program, traveling to Bologna, Urbino, and other Italian cities.

Lorenzo is the former OH Eta chapter president and current Miami University IFC president. When describing Greece, he said, "It was a trip that's not only memorable, but truly life-changing. In 10 days, I was able to form relationships with 23 other strangers (SigEps from around the country), whom I now call some of my best friends. The brothers and mentors used the ancient Greek culture to show us what it truly means to be a SigEp and a person. Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love were exemplified in a way that has not only changed my view of SigEp, but my view on life. Throughout the trip, we were intentional to say that we were truly on a 'quest' because we bonded together to create lifelong relationships that allow us to be better men."

Current Chapter President **Mathieu Hall '20** traveled to Los Angeles in August to partake in Leadershape, a retreat conference for Greeks in many different organizations from around the country hosted by the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values. This conference focuses on how to lead with integrity while working toward a vision grounded in values.

"I had the pleasure of representing Miami University and SigEp at Leadershape and was able to spend time reflecting on myself as a leader and ways that I could not only improve my organization, but ways to change the world through creating a vision. Leadershape is something I would recommend every chapter participate in, allowing brothers to not only find ways to become a better SigEp leader, but a better world-wide leader," said Mathieu.

The "Doc" Gordon SigEp Leadership Development Endowment helps ensure assistance for additional costs of undergraduates attending these events are covered in the future. See page 3 of this newsletter to help support these opportunities and other leadership development opportunities for OH Eta undergraduate brothers.

## Annual #MoveInMiami Campaign Helps Boost Alumni Support for Endowment

OH Eta's involvement in the #MoveInMiami event helps raise funds to support the "Doc" Gordon Leadership Development Endowment. Occurring each year as new Miamians move into first-year residence halls, #MoveInMiami is a one-day fundraising effort where alumni can support various groups on campus. In 2017 #MoveInMiami raised \$6,052 for the SigEp endowment through Miami University Foundation, followed by \$5,575 in 2018. Thanks to all alumni for supporting the future of OH Eta through their generous giving!



## 2018 OH Eta Executive Board

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## Chapter Update from President Mathieu Hall '20

The Ohio Eta Chapter is currently the largest fraternity on campus at 112 members this past spring semester and 92 returning in the fall. We hosted our annual Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk on October 7, headed by previous president **Lorenzo Guidi '19**, and look forward to the Balanced Man Scholarship the Chapter hosts for Miami freshmen each fall.

As we progress through this semester, we'll be looking to implement an executive vice president who will be responsible for organizing internal Chapter operations and helping the Chapter operate smoothly. We're also looking forward to using the Chapter House as a resource for faculty fellows who may be looking to get involved and interact more closely with the Chapter.

## OH Eta Chapter Home Improvements

The summer of 2018 saw many improvements to the OH Eta Chapter House. While no longer the newest fraternity house in Oxford, 224 E. Church is still regarded as one of the best fraternity houses and desirable in location — close to campus and King Library as well as a block from uptown.

In addition to aging features needing updates, SigEp's "substance-free facilities" implementation has provided reason and funding sources to make improvements to the facility to elevate the experience of brothers living in the house. Total improvements this past summer amount to about \$68,000, including \$23K floor coverings, carpeting, demo, etc.; \$17K painting, non-routine cleaning; \$4k acoustical treatments, lighting; \$15K furniture/fixtures; \$9K year-end cleaning, painting, and trash.

Additional furnishings are intended to make a meal service offering possible and help utilize space in the house consistent with the substance-free facilities initiative.

Funds to complete the work this summer came from a variety of sources: the Chapter Investment Fund

(CIF) and Residential Learning Community Fund at SigEp Headquarters (CIF is contributed over time by the chapter, RLC fund is alumni donations), 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 operating budget for the facility, and the capital improvements fund, such as funds set aside regularly for improvements to the facility.

Additional recent improvement expenditures invested in the facility include upgrading the Wi-Fi networking infrastructure, upgrading the access control system, and replacing a hot water heater.

Roughly halfway into our 20-year mortgage, the outstanding balance on the note currently stands at \$485,740; down from \$810,000 10 years ago. Original bank financing obtained to build the facility was \$1,192,500; representing \$706,760 to date in total debt reduction since construction in 2004.

The AVC Housing Committee and our SENH partners, including Brant Smith, Dan McKenzie, Alex Hendee, and Ben Hutto, worked to complete as many improvements as possible. Thanks to their dedication and hard work, which resulted in the completion of this summer's projects!

## 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 info about the BMP can be found at [www.ohioetaalumni.com](http://www.ohioetaalumni.com).

### Chapter Status:

Challenge:	# Brothers	Challenge Coordinator
Sigma (Σ):	0*	Jacob Silbermann '19
Phi (Φ):	17	Will Armbruster '19
Epsilon (Ε):	45	Lorenzo Guidi '19
Brother Mentor:	30	Quentin Jones '20

\* Will include fall 2018 and spring 2019 new members

# OH Eta Alumni Volunteers

## AVC President

Joe Hornsby '06

## Leadership Development Committee

Bill Greer '81 – Director

Nathan Miller '08 – Balanced Man Steward

Cliff Anderson '80

Dave Chittock '80

Jim Clark '61

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## Housing Committee

Brant Smith '01 – Director

Dan McKenzie '74 – Director Financial Ops.

Ben Hutto – SENH Asset Manager

## Endowment and Reunions Committee

Mark Durket '76 – Director

Cary Dice '73 – AVC Secretary

Graham Mitchell '73

## Additional Trustees

Frank Braun '81

Ryan Dattilo '07

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Kyle Stadtmiller '06



## Ways to Support OH Eta

**Doc Gordon SigEp Leadership Development Endowment** — Established recently through the Miami University Foundation to directly support OH Eta opportunities pertaining to leadership development programs, including OH Eta brothers' involvement in the SigEp Leadership Continuum (Carlson Academy, Ruck Institute, Conclave, and Tragos Quest), OH Eta alumni Leadership Development Committee events, and other uses the Chapter may find in the future supporting the intentions of the fund.

All gifts are tax-advantaged and recognized by Miami University. Donors have the option to support this fund in various ways, either with recurring or multi-year commitments, securities, or bequests. Visit [www.forloveandhonor.org/sigmaphiepsilon](http://www.forloveandhonor.org/sigmaphiepsilon) to make your gift today. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Michael Kumler at [kumlerme@miamioh.edu](mailto:kumlerme@miamioh.edu) or (513) 529-1957.

**OH Eta Bright Balanced Man Scholarship Fund** — Endowment established in 1982 through the SigEp Educational Foundation in loving honor of OH Eta brother **David Bright '81**. This provides funding for the Chapter to award two scholarships each year to new freshmen who exhibit SigEp values. The Balanced Man Scholarship is an important part of OH Eta's recruitment efforts each year for which the Chapter hosts a banquet on campus to present the awards. All gifts to this fund are tax-advantaged. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Emily Millhiser at [emily.milhiser@sigep.net](mailto:emily.milhiser@sigep.net) or (804) 286-2787.

**OH Eta Residential Learning Community Fund** — Expendable fund established through the SigEp Educational Foundation allowing tax-advantaged gifts for the purpose of improving the educational spaces in the fraternity house at 224 E. Church St. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Emily Millhiser at [emily.milhiser@sigep.net](mailto:emily.milhiser@sigep.net) or (804) 286-2787.



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## Thanks to Our Doc Gordon SigEp Leadership Fund Endowment Supporters!

### 1950s

- Harold Redden '50
- \* Robert Albright '51
- David Barr '53
- Don Foerst '53
- Emerson Brown '54
- William Cox '56
- David Gourley '56
- Michael Kurty '56
- Charles Sedgwick '56
- Earl Waltz '56
- David Baker '57
- William Gordon '57
- Clair Miller '58
- \* Jim "Sarge" Wilson '58

### 1960s

- Harold Huntington Jr. '60
- Daniel Keck '60
- Paul McGhee '61
- Stephen Downes '64
- Robert Hartung '65
- Jack Wert '65
- Walter Andersook '66
- Gen. Thomas Kuenning Jr. '67
- Robert Lynch '67
- George Stouffer '67
- \* Michael Edmonds '68
- Col. Ralph Polley '68

### 1970s

- Richard Chernus '70
- Scott Shadrick '71
- \* Thomas Barmore '72
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- William Kling '72
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- \* Mark Durket '76
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- Bruce Mongrain '78
- John LeBold '79
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### 1980s

- \* David Chittock '80
- Robert Cunningham '80
- In Memory of Kelly Boe '81
- Kurt Lenz '81

- \* William Greer '81
- Kenneth Schilling '82
- Mike Uthe '82
- Mark Hayward '86
- David Rohde '86
- Richard Shawen '86

### 1990s

- \* Randy McMullin '98

### 2000s

- Brant Smith '02
- \* R. Daniel Hannon '04
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- \* Joseph Hornsby '06
- Kyle Pavlock '06
- Jackson Sumpter '06
- Paul Regopoulos '07
- \* John Owed '09
- Jake Levine '09
- Richard Puzzitiello '14
- \* SigEp Undergrads '17-'21
- Ohio Eta House Corporation

### Golden Hearts

- Linda Chittock
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- Janet Foerst

- Rita Gore
- Karen Nelson Gullett
- Nicole Hornsby
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- Constance Stebbins Lynch '68
- Barbara Rowe Chernus '70
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