

# THE ETA NEWS

OHIO ETA CHAPTER • SIGMA PHI EPSILON  
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## OH ETA ASSIGNED ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL

This fall, the national board of directors of Sigma Phi Epsilon assigned the charter of OH Eta to an Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) headed by **Bill Greer '81**, **Jonathan James, Ohio Alpha '08**, **Tyler Havens, New York Iota '03**, and **Nick Stanford**. The goal is to improve key areas of Chapter operations, including establishing new recruitment standards, adherence to the Balanced Man Program, Chapter risk management, and accountability to SigEp standards.

This measure comes amidst a challenging Miami University and national landscape with expectations of substance-free fraternity facilities and increased Miami policies and requirements that must be followed to maintain chapter and house operations. These significant changes at Miami and nationally require specific volunteer support from the AAC for Ohio Eta to remain viable.

As part of this process, continuing brothers of Ohio Eta have taken part in interviews with the



AAC members. Active members are solidifying their intentions to better the Chapter and live in accordance to SigEp's values and principles.

The AAC's goals and objectives are to assist the Chapter in forming a new executive leadership team and Chapter operations in accordance with SigEp and Miami requirements. As most AAC volunteers are local to Oxford, they will be regularly available to active members and at

Chapter meetings and events. Complete Chapter operations will be placed back in full control of undergraduate leadership within four semesters.

Many thanks are in order to Chapter Services Director Jared Riter and our AAC volunteers for generously giving their time and talents to help guide Ohio Eta to a positive, purposeful, and prosperous future.

### MEET OUR AAC VOLUNTEERS

**Bill Greer '81** is a graduate of Miami University. He currently lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and works for Blue Cross Blue Shield. He's served on Ohio Eta's AVC for a number of years as the leadership development committee director and remains a tremendous volunteer.

**Jonathan James, Ohio Alpha '08**, is a SigEp from Ohio Northern University. He works for Miami University as a resident director for both the Anderson and Porter residence halls. Previously, Jonathan facilitated at Carlson Leadership Academy and The Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI). He resides in Oxford with his family.

**Tyler Havens, New York Iota '03**, is a SigEp from SUNY-Fredonia. He's worked in higher education his entire career, and recently relocated to Oxford. Tyler works at Delta Sigma Pi as the associate director of Chapter services. Like Jonathan, he's also facilitated at UIFI in previous years.

**Nick Stanford** is a 2015 graduate from the University of Northern Iowa. After receiving his master's in education for student affairs, he began his career in higher education. He works for Miami University as a resident director for Withrow Hall. Nick has career aspirations to continue working with students as a dean of students for a university.

### OH ETA SONGS PRESERVED ON YOUTUBE

A 1956 recording of brothers at the SigEp house at 224 E Church Street has been uncovered and digitized for your enjoyment on YouTube at [tinyurl.com/OHEtaSongs](http://tinyurl.com/OHEtaSongs).

Enjoy the following tracks:

*Anthem*

*Pipe Song*

*Gaudeamus Igitur*

*Wonderful SigEp Girl*

*In the Night*

*Thursday*

*Oh, Here's to the Brothers*

*My Girl's a Darling*

*Drink Beer*

# FACULTY OFFICE RE-OPENED

*Summer Updates Provide a More Comfortable Living Environment*

Last summer the faculty fellow and Chapter executive board office at the Chapter House was brought back to life. The room was repurposed a decade ago due to changing requirements from the university.

Active members and alumni recognized the need to have a dedicated space for the executive board, Chapter counselor, and Alumni Advisory Council (AAC) to meet. Additions include a new conference table and chairs, additional seating for one-on-one meetings, and dry-erase white boards.

Other recent improvements to the Chapter House include additional high-top seating and stools off the kitchen area and several new couches and chairs for the main level parlor room. Thanks to the AVC for their continued efforts to improve the Chapter House!



# MIAMI'S GREEK OFFICE HIRES NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

OH Eta Chapter Welcomes  
Adam Dralle, *Valparaiso '10*



**A**dam Dralle, *Valparaiso '10*, was hired as associate director of Miami's Greek Office, filling a role on the team as the primary IFC advisor. He comes to Miami from the University of Cincinnati and has a wealth of experience in fraternity and sorority life.

In addition to serving as the primary IFC advisor, Adam is also the chapter support liaison for 12 chapters and oversees several of Greek Life's signature programs, including Acropolis.

He provides support to house directors, manages the fraternity second year exemption, and assists with all other programming efforts of the office. Miami and Ohio Eta will benefit tremendously from Adam's involvement with the Chapter, especially as he's a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother from Indiana Zeta.

## MEMBER DEVELOPMENT CORNER

The Balanced Man Program (BMP) consists of four different member development challenges where brothers progress through "rites of passage" of the SigEp initiation ceremony. More info about the BMP can be found at [miamiohio.sigep.org](http://miamiohio.sigep.org).

### Chapter Status

Challenge	# Brothers	Challenge Coordinator
Sigma (Σ)	0*	John Higgins '22
Phi (Φ)	24	Jake Bopple '22
Epsilon (Ε)	6	Adam Novak '21
Brother Mentor	0	Sam Demmler '21

\* Will include fall 2019 and spring 2020 new members

## 2020 OH ETA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chapter President  
**Nick Highum '22**  
*Charlotte, N.C.*  
Finance

Vice President of Finance  
**Pierce Morrison '22**  
*Toledo, Ohio*  
Business Economics

Vice President of Programming  
**Jared Roy '22**  
*Boston, Mass.*  
Accountancy

Building Manager  
**James McHugh '21**  
*Chicago, Ill.*  
Marketing

Vice President of Communication  
**Jude Graf '22**  
*Hamilton, Ohio*  
Interactive Media Studies

Vice President of Member Development  
**Will DiFiore '22**  
*Cleveland, Ohio*  
Psychology and Strategic Communications

Vice President of Recruitment  
**Peyton Krammer '22**  
*Cincinnati, Ohio*  
Adolescent/Young Adult Education

Chaplain  
**Jacob Lonsway '22**  
*Cleveland, Ohio*  
Marketing

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# #MOVEINMIAMI AND ENDOWMENT UPDATES

Occurring each year as new Miamians move into first-year residence halls, #MoveInMiami is a one-day fundraising effort where alumni can support SigEp through our endowment fund within the Miami Foundation. During this year's August #MoveInMiami, \$6,847 was raised toward growing the endowment principal and providing opportunities for Ohio Eta brothers for generations to come. Thanks to all our donors for supporting the future of Ohio Eta through your generous giving!

While successfully establishing this endowment, we must look toward the generational impact and opportunity this will afford many future brothers. Miami endowments are structured to provide an expendable balance per year of approximately 4% of the previous 12 quarters' average corpus balance. This means we are somewhat limited in the number of scholarships and opportunities based on the annual expendable fund's calculation.

**Estate Planning/Bequests:** To have a profound impact on our organization, we ask alumni to consider making an everlasting commitment to leave a legacy through this endowment. We've had inquiries from alumni about establishing named scholarships within this endowment, which is certainly available for consideration and can be accommodated. We endeavor to ensure everlasting purpose and adherence to your everlasting wishes. A special thanks to **Steve Phelps '76** who has encouraged other alumni through his leadership to include this endowment in their estate planning!

**Appreciated Stocks/Securities:** A common tax planning strategy can help grow this endowment as well, which entails transferring securities to this fund for a two-fold benefit: first, to avoid triggering capital gains and being left with subsequent capital gains tax liability; and second, creating a 100% charitable contribution tax deduction of the appreciated fair market value basis of the assets.

## Red Brick "Red Door" Society:

Recognizing alumni who make a gift to this endowment for three or more consecutive calendar years are counted in the Red Brick Society and receive special invitation to join the *Red Brick Room* through Miami University.

For more information, please see the contact information included on the pledge card within this newsletter.

## DOC GORDON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### Endowment Account Summary

Beginning Value – July 1, 2018	44,577
Gifts to Endowment	10,687
Investment Earnings	1,952
Admin/Invest Fees	-446
Distribution to Expendable Acct.	-1,994
 FY '19 Ending Value – June 30, 2019	 54,776
 FY '20 Gifts (as of September 30, 2019)	 5,288
Expendable Balance Available	2,340
Outstanding Pledges	7,632
Deferred Bequest	50,000
 <b>Endowment Total at September 30, 2019</b>	 <b>\$120,036</b>

## THANK YOU TO OUR DOC GORDON SIGEP LEADERSHIP FUND ENDOWMENT SUPPORTERS!

### 1950s

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

### 1960s

Daniel Keck '60 ●  
Harold Huntington Jr. '60 ●  
Paul McGhee '61  
Richard Flickinger '62  
Stephen Downes '64  
Robert Hartung '65  
Jack Wert '65 ●  
Walter Andersook '66 ●  
Robert Lynch '67  
Gen. Thomas Kuenning Jr. '67 ●  
George Stouffer '67  
Michael Edmonds '68\* ●  
Col. Ralph Polley '68

### 1970s

Richard Chernus '70  
George Schroeder Jr '71  
Scott Shadrack '71 ●  
David Botkin '71  
Thomas Barmore '72\* ●  
Scott Beeken '72  
S. Douglas Engebretson '72\* ●  
William Kling '72  
G. Cary Dice '73 ●  
David Dillehunt '73  
Joseph Etter '73  
Alan Letson '73  
Graham Mitchell '73\* ●  
Thomas Gore III '74  
Daniel McKenzie '74 ●  
Donald Ryan '74  
Michael Davis '74  
Herb Glasgow '74  
Jan Gullett '75

Tony Wendeln '75 ●  
Mark Durket '76\* ●  
Steve Phelps '76—bequest  
Mark Niederhelman '77  
Bruce Mongrain '78 ●  
James Thoburn '79  
Christian Laver '79  
John LeBold '79

### 1980s

David Chittock '80\*  
Robert Cunningham '80  
Daniel Rothschild '80  
In memory of Kelly Boe '81  
William Greer '81\* ●  
Kurt Lenz '81 ●  
James Botkin '81  
Mike Uthe '82 ●  
Kenneth Schilling '82 ●  
Mark Holcomb '83 ●  
Richard Puzzitiello Jr. '84  
Mark Hayward '86  
David Rohde '86  
Richard Shawen '86  
Todd Fink '88 ●  
Michael Dabbel '89  
Marty Ryan '91  
Steven McGrath '97  
Randy McMullin '98\*

### 2000s

Brant Smith '02  
R. Daniel Hannon '04\* ●  
Matthew Wilkinsky '04\*  
Vartan Davidian '06  
Joseph Hornsby '06\* ●  
Kyle Pavlock '06  
Jackson Sumpter '06  
Paul Regopoulos '07  
Paul Revelson '07  
Doug Dakesian '08  
John Owed '09\*  
Jake Levine '09 ●

### 2010s

Owen Cook '12  
Richard Puzzitiello '14  
Seldon Cook '15  
SigEp Undergrads '17-'21\*

### Other

Dr. Stephen Large,  
Chapter Counselor  
Ohio Eta House Corporation

### Golden Hearts

Jessica Allman  
Barb Botkin  
Linda Chittock  
Deborah Collins Edmonds  
Mary Feeney  
Janet Foerst  
Rita Gore  
Karen Nelson Gullett  
Nicole Hornsby  
Ann Stuart Kling  
Shelly Kuenning  
Susan LeBold  
Melissa Ryan  
Susan Siggelakis  
Tona Wert  
Alice Thompson Sedgwick '59  
Constance Stebbins Lynch '68  
Barbara Rowe Chernus '70  
Sherry Schmeidt Schroeder '72  
Nancy Niederhelman Glasgow '73  
Sharon Janosick Mitchell '73  
Paula Reinhard Beeken '74  
Kathryn Miles McKenzie '74  
Susan Moesta Letson '75  
Anne Scherz Durket '76  
Karen Simon Wendeln '76  
Nancy Grandison Hartung '78  
Charlene Sheppard  
Niederhelman '78  
Jan Jennings Cunningham '80  
Lori Wrigley Rothschild '80  
Nancy Greer '81  
Kelly Bishop Lenz '82  
Mary Vendel Holcomb '84  
Lynnelle Baker Puzzitiello '84  
Dawn Smith Hayward '86  
Erin Kender Smith '02  
Stephanie Buccini Dakesian '08  
Robyn Schiff Revelson '08

### Corporate Match

Hyster-Yale Materials  
Handling Inc.  
Northwestern Mutual  
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\* Endowment Founder  
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## OH ETA ALUMNI VOLUNTEER CORPORATION (AVC)

*AVC President*  
**Joe Hornsby '06**

*Housing Committee*  
**Brant Smith '01** - Director  
**Dan McKenzie '74** - Director of  
 Financial Operations  
**Jake Guhy** - SENH Asset  
 Manager

*Endowment and Reunions  
 Committee*  
**Mark Durket '76** - Director  
**Cary Dice '73** - AVC Secretary  
**Graham Mitchell '73**

*Additional AVC Trustees*  
**Frank Braun '81**  
**Ryan Dattilo '07**

**Herb Glasgow '74**  
**Paul Revelson '07**  
**Kyle Stadtmiller '06**

*Leadership Development  
 Committee*  
**Bill Greer '81** – Director  
**Dr. Stephen Large** – Chapter  
 Counselor

**Nathan Miller '08**  
**Cliff Anderson '80**  
**Dave Chittock '80**  
**Jim Clark '61**  
**Rich Clemmensen '81**  
**Steve Lauenstein '80**  
**Ross MacIver '81**  
**Todd Simpson '86**



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☐ With my gift to the "Doc" Gordon SigEp Leadership Fund in the amount of:

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**Contact me about other giving options:**    ☐ Multi-Year Commitment    ☐ Major Gift    ☐ Securities    ☐ Bequest

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