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Thanks to David Soble '84 and Randy Downer '85, 80's AZ Beta alumni reunited for the weekend of their lives! About fifty brothers from around the country converged for a night of baseball . . . reconnecting decades after college. What was a "field of dreams" for old friends, the Arizona Diamondbacks took down the New York Mets, while the friendships roared on!

Extra innings were not needed for the D-backs, but post-game festivities most certainly were – Majerle's Sports Grill was just the right play to cap off a most memorable evening. And what an impression the weekend had on all who attended. Upon reflection, we were reminded of an old SigEp principle . . . The Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity is the best fraternity.

HFF brothers!





ΣΦΕ PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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JUSTIN HERMES '24

My name is Justin Hermes, and I am president of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Arizona Beta chapter. I am an aspiring accounting major beginning my time at the Eller School of Management starting next fall. I am originally from Kansas City where I attended Rockhurst High School, an all-men's Jesuit school. At the University of Arizona, I have spent most of my extracurricular time through my Greek life involvement. As for my academics, I have been a student at the W.A. Franke Honors College for the last two years and had the opportunity to be a student preceptor in the Honors College. As I look to begin my 3rd year at the University of Arizona, I plan to seek out more leadership opportunities on campus to remain involved with the university. Over the last seven months as President of SigEp, I have been blessed with the opportunity to lead a chapter of exceptional young men and students. Our house was able to maintain an impressive average GPA of 3.35 while also remaining active in our Greek and greater Arizona community. I had the chance to work alongside our Philanthropy Chair, Chris Walsh, and our Vice President, Zach Fernandez, to host SigEp's first Philanthropy week in over three years. This opportunity allowed us to not only financially support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Arizona, but we were able to expand upon our relationship with the sororities of Arizona Panhellenic. I look forward to my final semester leading the great chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon as we look to continue our success at the University of Arizona. The next step for us is preparing for the transition of our rising executive board who will lead our chapter going into 2023. I could not be more appreciative of the current and rising classes of SigEp AZ Beta as they have made my time as president an unforgettable experience.

VDBL,
 Justin Hermes '24



Names Left to right top to bottom of sigmas: Carlos Liz '24, Jack Gispan '25, Nick Schmidt '25, Noah Richardson '25, Jackson Early '25, Nolan Wriston '25, Arik Hills '25, Ben Brown '25, Jorge Ruiz '25, Luke Newman '25, Trey Falk '25, Aiden Beardsley '25, Ryan Grikis '25, Cormac Quigley '25, Dayton Bay '25, Ryann Park '25, Brendan O'Callaghan '25, CJ Henderson '25, Lukas Warner '25



Sigmas and Coordinators left to right: Jack Millstein '24, Cole Baldwin '24, Luke Pettyford '24

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Homecoming Weekend

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Sigma Gallery



Current members (whole house)



Names left to right in the photo in front of the house:
Nick Stachowiack '22, Mathew Nolan '22, Andrew Nolan '22, Jeffrey Wright '22, Austin Krueger '22, Tanner Bryson '22, Connor Beil '22, Jack Reynolds '22, Henry Schreiber '22, Evan Greg '22, Kyle Izzo '22, Eliot Baker '22, Shawn Grimes '22, Thomas Holben '22, Nathan Oppenheim '22, Cam Smith '22, Chris Keider '22, Jack Middlemist '22, Jake Vilott '22



Sig Ep Dad's Weekend Photos



Members participating in the Alpha Phifa soccer philanthropy event. Here they are pictured with their coaches.



Our brothers studying abroad in Barcelona grab some food while enjoying the architecture and culture of Barcelona. (Left to right: Cole Kristal '23, Kody Browne '23, Felipe Rodriguez '23 and Quinn Madden '23)



Our members gathered over winter break 2022 in Bariloche, Argentina.



Members of our new executive board met with other chapters and mentors at the Carlson Leadership Academy in San Francisco this past February. (Left to right: Samuel Scanlon '24, Zachary Fernandez '24, Justin Hermes '24, Bannack Wheeler '24 and Sean Jenouri '24)



Four of our members went to the Tucson rodeo together to enjoy the events and appreciate the Tucson rodeo culture. (Left to right: Will Armstrong '24, Ross Jorgensen '25, Shane Leeper '23)



Sigma Phi Epsilon Nationals awarded our brother, JohnMichael Filippone '24, with the tragos quest to Greece scholarship. The scholarship is an all expenses paid trip to Athens, Greece this summer to grow in personal leadership.



Sigma Phi Epsilon's sweetheart week.



Two of our brothers (Cole Kristal '23 and Kody Brown '23) have been studying abroad in Barcelona. Here they are pictured on a weekend trip to the Swiss alps!



Three of our members got the chance to kayak in Argentina over this past winter break.



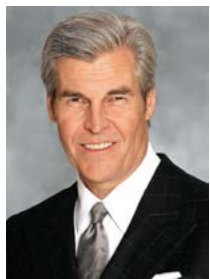
Brothers and recent alumni gathering at the Phoenix open to network and appreciate the game.



Tennis Anyone? -- Flanked by John McEnroe and Mary Carillo, our own Dan Hicks superbly anchored NBC's broadcast of the 2022 French Open at Roland – Garros, Paris.

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TERRY LUNDGREN '74

CHAIRMAN & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, RETIRED MACYS, INC.

Terry Lundgren served for 14 years as CEO of Macy's, Inc., operator of Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Bluemercury and one of the largest retail ecommerce businesses in America. He retired from Macy's, Inc. in January 2018 after serving for 10 months as the company's Executive Chairman. Prior to becoming CEO of the company in February 2003 and Chairman and CEO in January 2004, Lundgren had been President and Chief Merchandising Officer since May 1997.

As CEO of the corporation, Lundgren led Federated's acquisition of The May Department Stores Company in August 2005, nearly doubling the size of the company. One year later, he changed the name of more than 400 regional department stores across the country to the Macy's name, creating a nationwide brand and the largest fashion retail company in America. In February 2015, Macy's acquired Bluemercury. In fiscal 2016, the final year of Lundgren's tenure as CEO, Macy's, Inc. sales approached \$26 billion, with approximately 140,000 employees. The company operated approximately 575 department stores under the nameplates Macy's and Bloomingdale's, and approximately 150 specialty stores that include Bluemercury, Bloomingdale's The Outlet and Macy's Backstage as well as macys.com, bloomingdales.com and bluemercury.com.

Lundgren currently serves on the boards of The Procter & Gamble Company, New Data Network, and the Economic Club of New York. Lundgren also currently serves as an Executive In Residence at Columbia Business School.

Lundgren has two daughters and resides in Florida with his wife, Tina.



PETER RICH '76

Pete Rich was born in Denver in 1954. He and his family moved six times until they settled in Paradise Valley, Az. when he was ten years old. He then attended Saguaro High School in Scottsdale, graduating in 1972. He then attended the University of Arizona. Pete joined the Sig Ep house in the Spring of 1973. This was a true highlight of his college career. He graduated in the Spring of 1976 with a Major in Real Estate from the College of Business and Public Administration. After graduation, he went to work in the real estate business in Phoenix. He spent over forty years in the commercial real estate field, specializing in office and medical leasing and sales. For the last

six years, he has been involved in investing in commercial real estate investments. Pete has been lucky and blessed to have been married for the last 39 years to Gail Reynolds Rich Az(1977) who graduated with a degree in Astro Molecular Physics and Meal Preparation. Their three children, Bradly, 36, (Az. 2008) Jennifer 34, (Az. 2010, University of Texas MBA) and Joe, 28, (Az. 2017). Bradly is married to Jennifer Van de Wyngaerde, (Az. 2008) and Jennifer is married to Bradley Dyal, (Az. 2011). All our children and their spouses are married to Eller Graduates, except Brad Dyal, who graduated from the Engineering school at the University of Arizona. Nothing says pure bliss and happiness more than Thanksgiving dinner with no sun devils at the table. My passions are first and foremost, my family. My interests are working out, Arizona Athletics, travel, entertaining, and reading. My advice to any undergraduate would be to be serious, but don't take your situation or yourself too seriously. Be diligent, but take time to enjoy what you are doing and whom you are doing it with. Be THOUGHTFUL and GRATEFUL for everything you attain or have. Enjoy the journey.



RANDY DOWNER '85

Brother Downer graduated from the University of Arizona in 1986, where he studied English, Communication, and Political Science. After graduation, Randy applied to the UA Law School and was denied admission. Randy considers this decision by the Law School to be one of the "greatest gifts" he has received in life because shortly thereafter he found his calling as a Private Investigator and ultimately created one of the most successful and innovative practices in the southwest.

Always a champion of the underdog, Randy spent five years as a Criminal Investigator Specialist for the Pima County Public Defender's Office and in 1994, opened a solo practice, Inter-State Investigative Services. Over the years, Randy has built Inter-State into one of the largest investigative agencies in Arizona, and one of the most effective and cutting-edge investigative organizations nationwide.

Currently, Randy is a prominent figure in the Southern Arizona legal community. In almost thirty years of practice, Randy has worked with Arizona's brightest legal minds on many of the highest profile criminal and civil cases in Arizona. Randy is a founding



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member and consultant for The Arizona Justice Project and is a frequent speaker at local legal associations and institutions, including the James E. Rogers College of Law.

As a U of A alumnus, Randy has been highly active in SigEp, and now serves as the President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Arizona Beta Educational Foundation. In this role, Randy has been able to spend time with fraternity brothers of all ages and especially enjoys being able to generate donations and award scholarships to deserving young members of SigEp. Randy worked with David Sobel to create the April 23, 2022, Arizona Beta reunion for members from the 80's; an event that won't soon be forgotten.

Randy is deeply grateful to be inducted into the SigEp Arizona Beta Hall of Fame. SigEp has played an important role in Randy's life and to this day a significant number of his friendships stem from his time in the fraternity.

Randy's wife, Sherry Janssen Downer, has a solo legal practice in Tucson and the couple enjoys being able to work in the same field. The Downers have been local real estate investors for years and Randy has spent many pleasant weekends remodeling and refurbishing investment properties. Randy and his wife enjoy spending time together with their marvelous daughter, Ava Lee, 12, who attends St. Michael's Parish Day School, where Randy serves as the current Chairman of the School Board. The Downer family loves to ski and travel, and just a few short years ago took their daughter on a memorable trip to Cuba.



JEFF VON GILLERN '88

Jeff is a Vice Chairman of U.S. Bancorp and a member of the Managing Committee. He has served in this position since July 2010. From April 2001, when he joined U.S. Bancorp, until July 2010, Jeff served as Executive Vice President of U.S. Bancorp, additionally serving as Chief Information Officer from July 2007 until July 2010.

Prior to joining U.S. Bancorp, he was the Senior Vice President of Processing Services at Visa International, where he spent 12 years. Jeff holds a BS in Business from the University of Arizona and studied at the University of London in London, England.

Jeff has served as a Board Director of Syncada (a for-profit joint venture between Visa and U.S. Bank) from 2010 until 2014, the Lead Director of ViewPointe LLC (largest industry archive for check imaging and exchange) from 2010 until 2015, and the Chair of the Board of Governors for the Minneapolis Children's Theatre from 2014 until 2017. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Children's Hospital Minnesota. Jeff is married to Janet von Gillern. They have two children, Katie and Jack, and live in Edina, MN.



GUTHRIE AWARD DOUG JONES '79

Sigma Phi Epsilon Philo Chairman

Doug graduated from Arizona State University in 1979 and was initiated into Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1975.

An interesting fact about Doug is that he has been in two movies! Specifically, Star is Born (Pierson, 1976) as an extra on set and security for the concert. He also started in Raising Arizona (Coen, 1987) as the adult version of the kidnapped baby. His professional career consists of many local Arizona companies, from 1976-1980 he was the Youth Etc. Recreational director as well as a child care team manager. In 1980, he started at the Arizona Department of Corrections as an Administrator up until 1985 when he joined the American Red Cross (Maricopa County Chapter) as a HR Manager. In 1986 he started at Churchill Productions as a Sales Manager and is currently working for Northwestern Mutual. At Northwestern, Doug started as a special agent, into a college unit director, field director, managing director and is now a wealth management advisor.

Doug has also given back to the Arizona community in many ways through his career. Within the American Red Cross, he participated in Hands Across America, and acted as a Disaster Shelter Manager, First Aid Instructor and WSIT. He served as a Volunteer Leader and Committee Member for the Young Life of Phoenix & Tucson, was a board member at the Overton Reserve HOA and La Cholla Vista HOA. He was the Co-Chair of Site BAs at Squaw Peak School and the Arizona State Prison Rodeo Grand Chairman. Since being in Tucson, Doug has made an effort to help the youngmen of SigEp Beta Chapter and volunteers his time as the Alumni Volunteer Committee Secretary.

Read their complete bios and checkout some news on Nelson Benchimol '83, Tim Perkins '86, and Mike McPhilliamy '88 by going to website <https://www.sigepazbeta.org> and viewing the Recent News section.



UNDERGRADUATE PROFILES



BANNACK WHEELER '24

Hi my name is Bannack Wheeler and I am a part of the Fall PC 20 for Arizona Beta. I am currently majoring in Finance and minoring in Communication at the University of Arizona. During the year, I work for the Arizona football team as a Recruiting & Scouting Assistant to help scout and bring athletes into our program. This allows me to help out the personnel staff in any way I can to ultimately put out the best team possible. It has been a great experience from helping out with NFL Pro Days to assisting the coaches with projects during the season. Right now, I am currently working for the Kansas City Chiefs as a Training Camp intern for the summer. This role consists of me helping me set up training camp, learn from the coaches and the personnel staff, and be around the players to make sure to be there when they need me. What I want to do for my career is help scout, recruit, and coach on the NFL level. I am glad that I can have all of this experience and path since it has helped me in my role as recruitment chair for SigEp. The jobs in sports help me use what I know to show me better ways to recruit for SigEp. I thoroughly enjoyed the spring rush last semester with hosting events as well as meeting all of the students with my board. I am excited for the upcoming fall 2022 rush and we hope to recruit the best kids possible for sig ep.



JOHN MICHAEL FILIPPONE '24 TRAGOS QUEST:

Our brother, JohnMichael Filippone '24, was selected as a Tragos Quest to Greece scholar and just returned from his journey on June 26th.

The Tragos Quest to Greece is a 10 day Quest of self-exploration. The trip is free of charge, thanks to the generous support of program donors. The 18 scholars and 4 mentors, including our Grand President Billy Maddalon, who were selected for this year's quest came from chapters and AVCs across the country.

The group traveled to Athens, Delphi, Nafplion, Corinth, Mycenae, Anavyssos and Olympia. They swam in the water below the temple of Poseidon, ran on the track of the first Olympics, hiked the 999 steps to the top of the fort in Nafplio and explored Athens nightlife.

When visiting ancient sites the scholars studied ancient Greek history with their professor and discussed what could be learned about the ancient Greeks in diligence, knowing thyself and the never-ending pursuit of happiness.

This trip challenged the scholars to learn about themselves through discussions ranging from virtue to sound body to vulnerability. All of these discussions were viewed through the lens of the ancient Greeks as well as the history of our fraternity.

JohnMichael Says:

"This trip has been the most meaningful experience of my life. Going into the application process, I had no clue what to expect and was honored to even be selected. That honor became the greatest appreciation in my life from the second I embarked on this trip. I was challenged in ways that I never have been before and was given the opportunity to explore myself as a leader and a man more than I ever have in my lifetime. Taking the time to decide really what I want in life and decide who I am without the pressure of the outside world was something I could never thank our fraternity enough for. This group of scholars and mentors will forever be some of my best friends and supporters throughout my life and it is all thanks to the Tragos Quest to Greece and its guidance. I hope to see many more Tragos Scholars come from Arizona Beta and I am so thankful for the opportunity to come back to the chapter having learned such amazing lessons about myself and SigEp."



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