



# ARIZONA BETA OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY

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**Generosity is a hallmark of Arizona Beta alumni.** While many alumni have sent in contributions in 2021, these alumni have really made a difference:

Terry Lundgren '72  
Pete Rich '73  
Charles Halnan '78  
Jeff Von Gillern '88

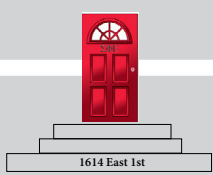
The funds will be used to support scholarships for deserving Arizona Beta students. If you would like to help support our Foundation, please donate here:

<https://www.sigepazbeta.org/donate>

We had two fabulous events during Homecoming this year (2021). We started with a food and beverage catered Open House at the Chapter House mid-day on Friday. We had over 40 alumni (and some guests) enjoying great conversation and mingling with members of the undergraduate chapter. The alumni ranged from 1963 graduates to early 2000's graduates (with a large group from the 1980's).

The second event was a casual dinner at Trident Sports Grill. A special Thanks to Brother Bob Ross '76 for getting us the reservation. We had over 30 people attend and enjoyed a nice dinner (together). One brother commented to me, "it was nice to see so many alumni from the different eras getting together and sharing stories".





### Executive Board

Justin Hermes '24, President  
Zachary Fernandez '24, VP Operations  
Ryan Gutierrez '24, VP Programming  
Christopher Walsh '24, Risk Manager  
Samuel Scanton '24, VP Member Development  
Sean Jenouri '24, Chaplain  
JohnMichael Filippone, VP Communications  
Bannock Wheeler '24, VP Recruitment  
David Wassef '24, VP Finance

### Advisory/Mentor Board

Rob Aronoff '84, Mentor to President  
Geoff Ferlan '89, Mentor to VP of Communications  
Doug Jones '79, Mentor to VP of Recruitment  
Sam Kraus '17, Mentor to Chaplain  
Scott Mattingly '84, Mentor to Programming  
Paul Neff '14, Mentor to Member Development  
Will Titus '15, Chapter Counselor, Mentor to VP of Finance

### Educational Foundation Board

Randy Downer, Jr. '85, President  
Wayne Wood '68, Secretary  
Rob Aronoff '84, Treasurer  
Dan Knauss, '68, Director  
Ryan C. Kramer '07, Director  
Joe Montana, Jr. '90, Director  
Pete Rich '76, Director  
Wayne R. Rutschman '70, Director  
Alan Tanner '87, Director

### Alumni Association/ House Corporation Board

Kevin Johnson '15, President  
Doug Jones '79, Secretary  
Paul Neff '14, Treasurer

### *Apology to Brother Spacone*

The last newsletter included a great profile of our brother, Mike Spacone '89. We surprised him by adding a letter to his last name... to see if he was paying attention. No surprise to those who know Mike's attention to detail – his sharp eye picked up on it. Although we think it added pizzazz, our apologies for the misspelling Brother Spacone!

## ΣΦΕ PRESIDENT'S REPORT



### JUSTIN HERMES '24

My name is Justin Hermes '24 and I am the newly elected president of Sigma Phi Epsilon Arizona Beta. I am currently a business major who will be receiving automatic acceptance into the Eller School of Management. I am originally from Kansas City where I attended Rockhurst High School, an all-men's Jesuit school. In high school, I was involved in student government for all four years, eventually being elected president my final year. I continue to find myself in leadership roles as I pride myself on being a highly respected individual and an example to everyone I meet. Being a member of SigEp, it is

common knowledge that we must exemplify balance throughout our lives. At our chapter we have shown this by having the highest GPA among all fraternities for 13 consecutive semesters while also creating strong relationships in our own chapter and around campus. Our new executive board is full of individuals who embody the highly respected presence past executive boards have instilled here at Arizona Beta, and I am excited to continue the legacy of our past brothers. I am confident our new board can and will lead us to even greater accomplishments. We plan to not only maintain our strong academic standard but also excel in all areas of our fraternity. For example, we want to improve our already well-respected reputation with the sororities of U of A Panhellenic and uphold the social presence that our past executive boards have worked hard to build up. I look forward to being a strong leader and representative over the next year as president of the Arizona Beta chapter.

AZ BETA'S FALL GPA WAS 3.44 RANKING #1 AMONGST FRATERNITIES.

### THANK YOU TO OUR ARIZONA BETA 2021 DONORS

Wayne Wood '68  
Tom Jones '70  
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Dustin Frieder '93



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# UNDERGRADUATE PROFILES



### ANTHONY ABRUZZINI SIGMA CLASS FALL 2019

Anthony Abruzzini rushed SigEp because of the high standards they held regarding grades as well as how the fraternity presents themselves as men on and off campus. During COVID he took on the journey of acquiring his EMT certification and is currently working on campus as a first responder. Along with that he has recently been promoted to the level of Field Training Officer in which he teaches new hires how to run the agency. He plans to eventually become a Firefighter/Paramedic for San Diego Fire Rescue.



### DAVID WASSEF SIGMA CLASS SPRING 2021

David Wassef decided to rush SigEp for many reasons. Most notably, the men of SigEp were the most genuine and presentable of all the fraternities he spoke with. In addition, SigEp had the most outstanding academic performance on campus despite being the largest fraternity by membership. Now as an active member of the chapter, the Finance and Recruitment Committees, and Standards Board, he can confidently say his active involvement comes from a place of passion and desire to repay the Beta house. Outside of SigEp, he is a Wall Street Scholar, a member of the investments club, and the Eller Golf Club. Currently, he is an investment banking intern at Tigress Financial Partners based in New York City. In the future, he hopes to employ his passion for Finance & Accounting in a career in investment banking on Wall Street.

### NEW SIGMAS FALL CLASS

Aiden David  
Ashton Yurkiw  
Brayden McDonald  
Cole Rebman  
Cooper Newman  
Daniel Valverde  
Jack Marko  
Jack Mcanany  
Jack Salko  
Jackson Byrne

Jackson Osborn  
Jacob Johnson  
Jake Geretti  
Johnny Wissink  
Jonah Wachs  
Lauren Roskos  
Liam Anton  
Liam Paul  
Luke Marshall  
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Nick Peters  
Quentin Cibulka  
Rafi Leviton  
Ross Jorgensen  
Sam Yancey  
Sergio Aguilera  
Will Melson  
Mason Alexander  
Matthew Ross



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## The Christopher Reeves Memorial Scholarship

Each year, the Reeves family generously contributes to the scholarship named after their beloved Christopher Reeves. They do this to support one outstanding AZ Beta member's collegiate journey. Christopher Alan Reeves graduated from the University of Arizona as a high-performing member of Sigma Phi Epsilon AZ Beta in 1986. At the University of Arizona, Chris attained a BSBA with a focus on Finance & Real Estate, while also serving as SigEp's philanthropy chairman in the fall of 1982. Chris' tenacity afforded him the opportunity to serve as a self-employed owner and work on corporate boards such as The Boys and Girls Club, United Way of WA, and Special Olympics of WA. As President of the AVC board for Arizona Beta, Chris poured his time and dedication into giving back to the members and chapter house at AZ Beta. Throughout his life, Chris has upheld the traits any virtuous man of SigEp strives to embody by displaying his ever-present Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. Chris' legacy lives on through the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon."



## 2022 Tragos Quest to Greece Finalist

"It is truly such a great honor to have been named a finalist for the 2022 Tragos Quest to Greece. Over the summer, I had the opportunity to meet with the 2021 group of scholars and the alumni supporting their trip. Talking with all of them about the impact this program and its connections have made on them made me excited at the prospect of applying this year. SigEp both locally and nationally have taught me some of the most important lessons in my life thus far and I look forward to learning more through this opportunity. I am blessed to have made it this far in the selection process and hope that I will make it through to the final selection group."

-JohnMichael Filippone



### Himel Barua '24

"Thanks to the generous donation of AVC, I've been able to alleviate some of the financial stress that has burdened me this semester. As a pre-medicine major, I'll be able to use this scholarship to fund numerous activities that'll help me further my education and career such as organizations, books, and other resources that'll aid me in my path to the medical field. I appreciate this generous investment in my future to be able to pursue my dream career and I further cherish the values and memories Sigma Phi Epsilon has been able to provide me!"

### Kody Brown '23

"I am extremely grateful for the scholarship the AVC has given me. It is extremely generous of our hard working AVC to believe in the men of this house enough to give back like they do. After enduring my first semester in the Eller business school, it was quite a challenge finding the funds to pay for my everyday needs. This scholarship really helped to cover those needs. Thank you AVC!"

### Alex Canella '23

"Words cannot begin to describe how grateful I am to have received this scholarship from the AVC. Being a first generation college student has its challenges and a scholarship of this magnitude is an absolute game-changer. I appreciate the generous support and will continue to strive for excellence in the classroom while exemplifying the balanced man SigEp has helped me become. Thank you to all the alumni who made this possible, your donations are helping a kid like me achieve their dreams!"

### Sammy Cibulka '23

"The AVC scholarship has really meant a lot to me. It really shows that the work I have put into SigEp has been seen and rewarded. Aside from that it really will help me financially as college can get really expensive. I am very grateful for the scholarship and will continue to pay it forward."

### Bennett Everidge '23

"The Alumni Volunteer Committee providing the opportunity for the AZ Beta Educational Board Scholarship shows a tremendous amount of generosity that deserves recognition. I am extremely thankful for the chance to be rewarded as one of the outstanding members of this wonderful fraternity. The money I received from this scholarship will go a long way towards paying for my education. Being an out of state student, this scholarship especially helped with my tuition. I would also like to point out that the opportunity to receive

one of these scholarships has a great effect on attracting balanced men in the recruiting process. This is due to the fact that we are one of the only chapters on campus that provide a number of scholarships for members in the fraternity. Receiving this scholarship has ultimately inspired me to work even harder in improving this fraternity that has impacted my life so positively."

### Zachary Fernandez '24

"Words cannot express my gratitude to the AVC and alumni who made the scholarship possible. I could not have imagined the extent of support I would receive from SigEp and its alumni during my academic journey at the University of Arizona, and as a college student who is paying for my own tuition, rent, gas, and groceries, this scholarship has enabled me to make the most of my college experience. Before receiving this substantial award, I was hesitant about the logistics of accepting an internship offer in Virginia this summer, but the award will allow me to get one step closer to making this dream a reality. Thank you to the generous donors who invested in our brotherhood, our education, and our future."

### Ryan Gutierrez '24

"I want to thank AVC for taking their time and going through all the applicants for the education board foundation scholarship. The fund has helped not only me but my family as well and we are forever grateful. With the money my family has been able to live stress free and has allowed them to take more time for themselves knowing that the money will support my educational needs. SigEp has truly been a once in a lifetime experience and does everything in their power to help form new college kids into balanced men."

### Sean Jenouri '24

"The scholarship from AVC was more than generous. It granted me access to having a more relaxing break knowing that I was going to be able to pay my dues for the following semester. I am truly so grateful and thankful for this opportunity!"

### Matt Stranton '23

"I am extremely grateful to receive the educational board scholarship from the AVC to fund my professional and educational development. Thank you for believing in this group of young men and displaying what SigEp stands for. I appreciate that gratitude of AVC in funding every winner to achieve their fullest potential in college and prepare for the real world."







## DANA BRADFORD '87

Since earning his BSBA from Arizona in 1987 and his MBA from Creighton University, Dana Bradford has had a successful career in business. In addition to currently serving as Chairman and CEO of C3 Brands (est.2012), the parent company to a number of consumer brands that include the Bobby Jones brand, the Canadian brand, Sunice, and Battle, a leading football brand. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Meritage Homes, one of America's largest homebuilders, Southwest Value Partners, a San Diego based real estate company, and Customer Service Profiles, an Omaha based provider of customer satisfaction data and analytics.

Prior to co-founding C3 Brands in 2012, Dana served as President and Managing Partner for McCarthy Capital from 2005 to 2012. He also served as chairman of Vornado Air, a Wichita based consumer brand company. In addition, he has served as a director on the board of McCarthy Group, an Omaha based investment holding company, Ballantyne, a movie projector manufacturer, Guild Mortgage, a San Diego based full-service mortgage company, SAFE Boats International, a Seattle based manufacturer of defense and emergency response boats, NRG Media, a Cedar Rapids based broadcast network of radio stations, and Gold Circle Films, a Los Angeles based movie production company.

Dana is a prominent member of every community he steps into having served as Chairman, Director, Community Advisor, Honorary Chair and/or Member of 17 community groups, foundations, and other committees. They have included the Aksarben Foundation, Omaha Chamber of Commerce, MECA – Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority, Heartland 2050, American Heart Association Capital Campaign, United Way Capital Campaign, Ronald McDonald House, Nebraska Innovation Campus at UNL, Seventy Five North, Omaha Community Foundation, Children's Hospital & Medical Center, Robert Daugherty Foundation, TeamMates, Film Streams, Strategic Command Consultation Committee, and Urban Core Committee.

In his time as a member of AZ Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Dana was also a member of Traditions and participated in intramural sports. As an alumnus, he has helped us honor Steve Gootter '84 in a meaningful way, which provided for the beautiful plaque displayed on the first floor of the AZ Beta House. Like his watermark business career, Dana's generosity to the AZ Beta brotherhood is off the charts! AZ Beta has given him the value of connection and the appreciation for doing more, the value of paying it forward comes in the form of Dana's best advice for students today: "Be present. Arrive for meetings 10 minutes early and come prepared to engage by having read available information on the agenda and individuals in the meeting. Commit to making those around you better, whether those people are peers, superiors or people that report to you. Take responsibility for your work and for the people that report to you. Be accountable. Be bold when it comes to making certain of equitable outcomes."



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Fred Molina '82**, is recently Retired (Sept. 2021)! He lives in Bakersfield California with his wife Lisa of 35 plus years. His three children have left the nest. Matthew is in Bakersfield, Ca., Patrick is in Tucson, Arizona and Gabrielle is in San Diego, Ca. Him and Lisa are scheduling travel, visiting their loved ones throughout Southern California and Arizona! He likes the outdoors, golfing, exercising and continuing to build relationships! Fred keeps an eye on the Cats and loves to travel to see them play. Additionally, he loves the Lady Cats and their new prominence! Looking to catch up with Sig Eps everywhere!

**Jim Kercheval '83** is Director of Field Missions for CRU. He lives in Pomona, California with his wife Kristie. As an undergraduate he was the chapter Treasurer and Homecoming Float Chair.

**David Soble '85** lives in Scottsdale, AZ with his wife Lori and they have three older children (Jonah, Anah, and Lena). He works as the Director of Sales at the Legends Entertainment District which is owned as a joint venture between the Phoenix Suns and the Arizona Diamondbacks. He enjoys deep-sea fishing and spending time with friends (mostly Sig-Eps). He is still a die-hard Wildcat fan and never misses watching anything Wildcats.

**Dan Adamson '85** is the owner of Las Vegas' leading retail brokerage firm, ROI Commercial Real Estate that will celebrate its 30th anniversary this coming June, 2022. He and his wife of 27 years, Kami, are doing well. Their daughters are in college, with Kelsey a senior at University of Arizona (4th generation Wildcat) majoring in MIS and Marketing and a 4 year Eller Scholar. She already has a job in Scottsdale with Pepsico if she chooses to take it. Ava is at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and is in the Cox School of Business with aspirations to become a veterinarian. Dan is into golf, tennis and travel and Kami is into tennis, travel and staying on top of their daughters. In 2019 Sig Ep Brothers, Dan Adamson, Dan Hicks, and John Lebouff went to Ireland and the British Open to golf. A great reunion at the famed Royal County Down Golf Course.

**Steve Lippman '90** is a shareholder with the Burch & Cracchiolo, P.A., a law firm in Phoenix. He lives in Scottsdale, AZ with his wife, Kerry. They have three daughters, two of whom are recent college grads and the third is a sophomore at U of A and recently pledged Kappa. Steve and Kerry are getting used to being empty nesters.

**Eliud Faz '99** lives in Sugar Land, TX with his wife, Andrea, and two boys, Mateo and Samuel. He currently serves as the Vice President and COO of Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital. In his free time Eliud enjoys spending time outdoors with family.



## KEVIN JOHNSON '15

Kevin graduated from the U of A in 2015, with a bachelor's degree in Finance & Entrepreneurship from Eller College of Management. During his undergraduate years, he played a key role in recolonizing the chapter on campus in fall 2012, serving as the initial VP of Finance and then later as Chapter President. During these years, he led the effort to reestablish the Arizona Beta's Charter from Sigma Phi Epsilon headquarters and

– thanks to the tireless efforts of Pete Rich – transitioned the chapter from meeting in the student union to the new house on First Street. Kevin currently serves as President of the Alumni & Volunteer Corporation, responsible for property management of the chapter house, providing a facility for chapter members to live, study, meet and eat meals together.

Kevin is a Development Consultant with Bright Canyon Energy, a company based in Phoenix that develops, owns and operates electric energy infrastructure. He manages the greenfield development of a portfolio of renewable energy and microgrid projects, coordinating an interdisciplinary team to advance the projects to construction and operation.

Kevin met his wife, Emily, when they were sophomores at U of A. It was destined to be, as Emily's roommate – who was also a friend of Kevin's in Eller – was dating a Sig Ep serving on the executive board with Kevin. Emily and Kevin hit it off and the rest is history, with many great memories and friendships made in Tucson. After graduation, they moved to Phoenix for Emily to attend dental school and Kevin to start his career. After dental school, they got married and moved to the Pacific Northwest where Emily pursued a residency program and now practices as a pediatric dentist. They are enjoying exploring the PNW, hiking and skiing in the Cascades, relaxing along the Oregon coast and going straight to the orchards to pick fresh fruit.

When Kevin was asked what his Sig Ep experience meant to him, he stated, "AZ Beta gave me the platform to grow as a person and as a leader. My time as an undergraduate in the chapter taught me how to develop a team and work with people to achieve a common goal."

He also expressed that speaking at the Chartering Banquet was the highlight of his time as an undergraduate. He elaborated by saying, "it was amazing to see so many past and present Sig Eps there to celebrate the culmination of years of hard work to recolonize the Chapter; it was an honor to be able to share my story and experience with that whole group."

Kevin added the following advice for undergrads: "there are so many opportunities around campus and in the community to do cool things with your fellow Sig Eps – take cooking classes with a sorority, hire a guide for a food/history tour of Tucson, or go mountain biking for example. Take advantage of these opportunities while you have the time and are surrounded by so many friends!"

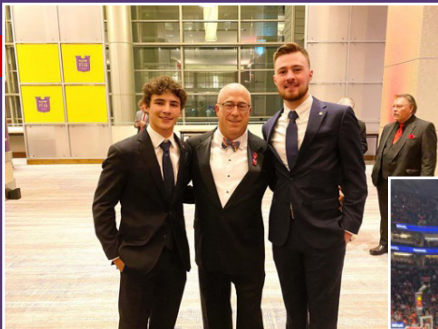




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