



ARIZONA BETA OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY

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BUILDING BALANCED LEADERS FOR THE WORLD'S COMMUNITIES



RESIDENT SCHOLAR ZUNWU ZHOU



The Resident Scholar at Arizona Beta chapter fosters and facilitates an academic environment within the chapter. The current Resident Scholar is a 4th year Ph.D. candidate in Physical Chemistry and he also works as a Teaching Assistant for a variety of chemistry classes. Specifically, our Resident Scholar, Zunwu Zhou, offers daily tutoring sessions to members who are enrolled in STEM classes and resume workshops for members who are actively looking for internships. There are also chemistry study sessions held by Zhou once a month to help members better prepare for their upcoming chemistry exams. He is in charge of Arizona Beta Chapter Academic Probation program, where members' academic progresses

are constantly monitored and sanctions are enforced for members who failed to meet the minimum GPA requirement. A chapter wide grade check is also conducted mid-semester to promote the goal of chapter-wide GPA of 3.5 or higher. Zhou also holds mentoring meetings with new and active members who need advice from college transition to post graduation development. Zhou attends every chapter and executive board meetings to mentor and improve chapter operation and member experience.

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ΣΦΕ GRADE REPORT UPDATE

Over the course of the past school year, AZ Beta has continued our ways as a high achieving social fraternity here on campus. For the year 2018, we were recognized by the University of Arizona as a Chapter of Excellence. This entails being excellent in academics, leadership & involvement, chapter management, recruitment & outreach, as well as health & wellness. Further, we received recognition as the Highest Fraternity New Member GPA for Fall of 2018; the Highest Fraternity Active GPA for both Spring '17 and Fall of 2018. Finally, our chapter GPA this past Spring was 3.41 for the whole chapter. This is one of the many things that makes us balanced men and separates us from other chapters here on campus at the University of Arizona.





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Randy Downer '85, President
Dan Knauss '68, Secretary
Rob Aronoff '84, Treasurer
Wayne Rutschman '70, Director
Pete Rich '76, Director
Wayne Wood '68, Director

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Kevin Johnson '15, President
Doug Jones '79, Secretary
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List of New Brothers Added to the Chapter in 2018-19

SIGMA'S:

Michael Abraham, Connor Biel, Taylor Davis,
Chris Keider, Cody Klitz, Austin Krueger, Max Luria,
Garrett Madeya, Ryan Marchal, Riley McDonough,
Garrett Murray, Andrew Nolan, Matthew Nolan, Tony
Rossi, Patrick Schramm, Cameron Smith, Ivan Williams

PHI'S:

Leonard Aros, Elliot Baker, Stokely Berg, Jacob Crocker,
Caden Dorn, Jared Douglas, Chet Dwyer, Ryan Garlick,
Michael Georgino, Evan Gregg, Shawn Grimes, Daniel
Hagan, Thomas Holben, James Howerton, Ethan Hughes,
Kyle Izzo, Chris Kowalcsek, Carter Koziol, Travis Koziol,
Chad Matthews, Greg Memo, Jack Middlemist,
Sam Mulay, Z. Nava, Erik Nvaghara, Nathan Oppenheim,
Jack Reynolds, Henry Schreiber, Graham Sheffer, Dalton
Slaughter, Max Smith, Nick Stachwoiak, Jeffrey Wrights



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My name is Sam Hughes and I am the current President of the Arizona Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Being elected in November and beginning my term on December 5th has been one of my greatest achievements. I have been honored to represent the best men on campus who have achieved the highest fraternity GPA for 12 consecutive semesters and this spring volunteered over 2,100 hours. We were able to plan an event with Gootter Foundation with well over 100 people attending, raised money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention along with our National Philanthropy, Big Brothers and Big Sisters. This fall will be our annual regatta philanthropy with a goal of raising over \$15,000. Furthermore, for the fall we are currently in contact with UA women and gender resource center and a speaker on toxic masculinity. Our goal is to change the negative stigma that currently revolves around Greek life and we hope to develop well rounded young men by leading by example for all of UA.

The responsibility of being president of a 144-person organization has not always been smooth but being able to face them with an effective executive team of eight has made a monumental difference. During my time as president, it has aided in the development of my leadership skills and has helped me learn the importance of compromising and understanding each member's needs while working in a team environment by setting definite goals. While also being able to create unforgettable bonds with members that I will have the rest of my life. It has been an honor to embody SigEp and I cannot wait for what next fall brings us!



Thank You Donors

We would like to extend our thanks to all alumni but in specific, those who have donated to our chapter within the last year. You gentlemen are the reason we have to opportunity to have scholarships, and what allow us to keep this great chapter up and running!

Tom Andersen '72	Dustin Frieder '93	Todd Julian '86	Wayne Rutschman '70
Rob Aronoff '84	Scott Gerber '82	Peter Klees '84	Mike Simon '94
Dave Barclay '63	John Gulick '78	Larry Kramer '62	Daryl Smith '61
Nelson Benchimol '87	Chuck Halnan '78	Channen Le Smith '90	Gary Smith '79
Wayne Benesch '64	Christopher Harris '89	Larry Lippow '78	Tim Smith '77
Steve Brousse '83	Ken Haydis '71	Cameron Lumsden '94	Tim Stilb '84
Robert Burke '78	John Hazelbaker '77	Barry Martin '97	Jerry Sundt '88
Doug Carlberg '72	Michael Henningsen '74	Dan Murphy '79	Tom Tait '86
Gene Dewey '61	Dan Hicks '84	Paul Neuenschwander '73	Stafford Thurmond '78
Randy Downer '85	Eric Himmel '05	Matt Noble	Bill Valentine '89
Joe Forster '85	Timothy Jackoboice '86	Michael Pylman '86	Randy Wolfe '85
Mike Franks '75	Tom Jones '70	Pete Rich '76	Wayne Wood '68



Regatta



IN MEMORIAM



The brothers here at the University of Arizona Sigma Phi Epsilon AZ Beta chapter would like to extend our condolences to Chris Reeves' family and all others who were affected by his loss. Chris was an amazing man who lived and breathed for SigEp. Everything he did was for the betterment of this chapter, and we are forever grateful. Without him, this chapter wouldn't even exist.

In honor of Chris, the Educational Foundation Board has received over \$5,000 in scholarship money for the benefit of our undergraduates. Additionally, there will be a plaque in the foyer in honor of him. This plaque is to exemplify truly how much he was loved and honor the fact that he is a large reason why we even have the beautiful house we do today.



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Year in and year out, our brothers strive to donate money to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson through our annual philanthropy “SigEp Regatta.” Each year we get together a team of 7-10 girls, no matter any Greek affiliation or not, to spend time with them and get to know them, as they will be working together in a boat race at the end of the week. Additionally, the boat is built by the girls and brothers of the fraternity who coach them. Further, the girls are given the opportunity to buy shirts and make additional donations of which all profits are sent to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson.



SUPPORT AZ BETA SERVICE PROJECTS

If you are interested in supporting AZ Beta service projects and philanthropies for the 2019-20 school year, please contact Trevor Freudig at trevorfreudig@email.arizona.edu. Thanks in advance for your support.

BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP



The University of Arizona, Arizona Beta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is pleased to announce our 2018 Balanced Man Scholarship recipients:

\$1,000

Deip Sekhadia '22

\$500

Isaiah Buster '22

Jesus Bustamante '22

\$250

Omar Acuna '22

Kale Henning '22

Nicholas Nelson '22

Roberto Peralta '22

This year's BMS Program was the most successful among all Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters. SigEp AZ Beta made a mission to create a welcoming and professional application process. Individuals were informed of the scholarship in the latter part of May 2018, encouraged to apply, and went through several interviews with Brothers on the Balanced Man Scholarship Committee. The men chosen for these seven Scholarships showed great Diligence, Virtue and Brotherly Love. These three principles are the foundation to SigEp nationally, and are what make up a Balanced Man. Thank you to the applicants and congratulations to the winners!

AZ BETA EDUCATIONAL BOARD SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The brothers of the SigEp AZ Beta chapter are very thankful to have the opportunity to receive scholarship money from our alumni. Thanks to you alumni we were able to receive \$15,000 this year in scholarships.

Yak Nak '20

"The AVC Scholarship has been one of the most beneficial awards I have received over the past year. Without it I wouldn't have been able to secure tutoring, books or exam prep for my up-coming MCAT exam. Without the scholarship my comfortability and academic focus would have quickly been replaced with financial stress. So, Thank you to all those generous donors who understand that this scholarship is more than just a means to end but this scholarship is a key to unlocking my future and reaching my career goals - so thank you from the bottom of my heart for investing in Sig Ep, the brotherhood and most importantly my future."

Aaron Nach '21

"The Educational Board Foundation Scholarship has helped me fund different professional growth opportunities, such as the

Investments Club New York Trip, which I otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity to go. I appreciate everything the Educational Board does to ensure our members are able to reach their full potential in college!"

Matt West '20

"The scholarship from the AVC is extremely generous and something I thought I'd never receive. It really helped me out with a little extra towards tuition, and I couldn't be more thankful for their kind gestures."

Brandon Nguyen '20

"I am extremely grateful for the money that I received from the AVC because it helped me to pay my dues for this and next semester. Thank you so much for helping me ease the financial burden and allowing me to stay connected and involved with my brothers. I hope to continue to be a positive contributor in the lives and education of my brothers."

DeAnthoni Wilkins '19

"Thank you all so much for the money you awarded me this past semester. With the closing of my time here at the U of A and my sights on bigger picture jobs/careers, I was unable to work this past year and the scholarship I was given helped out tremendously, covering

everything from a portion of my rent to groceries I needed for dinner. I am extremely grateful for the AVC and everything they do for this house and after having first worked with them and now experiencing the work that they do, I know that finding another group who is just as selfless and caring about their brothers as you all are, would not be an easy task. I thank you again for the scholarship and helping me out in more than one way. I can't wait to pay it forward someday."

Jacob Ref '21

As a Physiology major with aspirations to become a doctor one day, the monetary support from the AVC made classes books and other scholastic expenses worry-free. Sig Ep truly provides a platform to support the balanced man and I am thankful to have been chosen to receive this scholarship last semester.

Griffin Gabler '21

"Thank you, AVC, for raising scholarship money for the men of SigEp! Thank you for believing in us and what we stand for. I was able to use the scholarship money to put towards bursar charges for things like books and school related items, and I couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity of even having a shot at winning a scholarship."

ΣΦΕ ALUMNI UPDATE



**DAN
KNAUSS '68**

Brother Knauss was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1965 and graduated from the University of Arizona in 1968. Upon Graduation, he spent a year in graduate school and then transferred to law school and graduated with a J.D. in 1972 from the University of Arizona.

Before retiring in 2008, Dan served as United States Attorney, District of Arizona in 2007. Appointed by Attorney General and then Arizona District Court, he served as chief federal law enforcement officer in the State of Arizona. The U.S. Attorney is responsible for all federal criminal prosecutions and civil litigation in Arizona. He served as Chief Assistant United States Attorney from 2005 to 2007.

After graduating brother Knauss worked as Assistant United States Attorney till 1974. He was appointed Chief of the Criminal Section from 1974 to 1981. In 1980, he became a First Assistant United States Attorney. In 1985 he was appointed Chief Assistant and served until 1992. From 1992 to 1997 he served as First Assistant. From 1997 to 2005, he served as Assistant United State Attorney in the Civil Division,

Tucson Branch Office. He then served as Chief Assistant United States Attorney from 2005 to 2007. During this time he also served as a part-time Attorney Evaluator for the Executive Office for the United States Attorneys from 1982 to 2000. In this capacity, he conducted field evaluations of litigation, litigation management, and support activities of United States Attorney's offices in other districts throughout the country. He did over 24 evaluations, serving as a Team Leader in twelve of those evaluations including the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, the Central District of California, and the Western District of Texas. In addition, he served as the U.S. Attorney's International Affairs and National Security Coordinator from 1990 to 1998. In this capacity, he was responsible for coordinating responses to requests for judicial assistance from foreign countries pursuant to mutual legal assistance treaties and for advising other Assistant U.S. Attorneys when their cases involved classified material. On three occasions, he represented the U.S. Department of Justice in bi-national meetings with federal prosecutors from the Mexican Attorney General's office. During his career, Dan was an Instructor and Group Leader for the Attorney General's Advocacy Institute's Criminal and Civil Trial Advocacy Courses in Washington, D.C. and the National Advocacy Center. He trained new Assistant U.S. Attorneys in criminal and civil trial advocacy skills. From 1985 to 1987 he was an Adjunct Professor

of Law at the U of A College of Law, where he taught basic trial practice skills to second and third year law students. In 1985 he was a Faculty Member for the Criminal Law Seminar, State Bar of Arizona 52nd Annual Convention.

For Dan's years of service and work, he has been honored numerous times. He has received the United States Department of Justice Special Achievement Award four times in 1974, 1983, 1990, and 1991. In 1998, he received United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Certificate of Appreciation for dedication, service, and advocacy on behalf of crime victims and the Director's Award for Superior Performance in a Managerial Role in 1992. Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service Presented for successful prosecution of narcotics and white collar fraud cases and for administrative abilities as an office evaluator for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys and as implementer of the Victim-Witness program in 1986. In 2008, he received the Michael C. Cudahy Criminal Justice Award Presented by the State Bar of Arizona for "working tirelessly to advance the principles of criminal justice by representing the public's interests with integrity, fairness, tenacity, creativity, brilliance and professionalism."

Dan currently serves as the AZ Beta Educational Foundation Secretary and is involved at Desert Hope Lutheran Church. He is a former AZ Beta House

Corporation director; former director of the Community Housing Corporation; and past member of the Tucson Medical Center Audit and Compliance Committee.

He is married to Paula and they have on child, Daniel who is working on a doctorate in clinical psychology. He and his wife presented them with twin baby granddaughters last December 10, 2012.

Brother Knauss says, “My undergraduate experience as a Sig Ep was wonderful. I made my best friends among my brothers. I would like current and future undergraduates to have the same opportunity that I had.”



**R. WAYNE
WOOD, MD '68**

I am a third generation native of Arizona with my grandfather coming to Arizona in a wagon from Texas in 1909. He helped start the agriculture industry in Arizona and worked for most of his career for the University of Arizona. My father was a U of A graduate in the 1930s.

As a freshman at the UA, I pledged Sig Ep my first semester. Our pledge class of 44 members was the largest group for our growing fraternity. I served as Scholarship Chairman while taking pre-med classes. Long before the Balance Man program was started at Sig Ep, the Arizona Beta chapter prepared me well for the challenges of my medical profession.

After graduation, I attended Oregon Health Sciences University to obtain my M.D. degree. I trained as an Orthopedic Surgeon in California before deciding to return home to Arizona. Because of the great college and fraternity experience that I had at the UA, I chose to return to Tucson. I practiced Orthopedics for 40 years before retiring in 2017.

I have continued to support Sig Ep by contributing to the new house building project and by serving on the Sig Ep Educational Foundation. I meet for lunch and other social activities with alumni that I have known since college days. For me, Sigma Phi Epsilon was a character building experience and an opportunity to develop life-long friendships.



**DAVID
SOBLE '85**

Brother David Soble graduated in 1985 from U of A. He currently works for a

joint venture of the Phoenix Suns and the Arizona Diamondbacks, Legends Entertainment District. He serves as the company's Director of Sales, and is currently based out of downtown Phoenix. Previously he spent 10 years working at Learfield Sports and prior to that he helped in the launch of Fox Sports Arena. David is married to his wife, Lori, who was a Gamma Phi Beta at the University of Arizona but graduated from ASU. Together they share three children along with two dogs, one cat and a fish. David is “so appreciative that Sig Ep provided life-long friendships that you can't find anywhere else”. He believes “it is important to remember that each Sig Ep member has gone through the same journey to become an active member and that that process



Alumni Updates

Please send us any news and photos so we can share in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. We'd love to know how your career is going; any fun trips with family or Brothers; what you are doing in retirement; etc.

Either email Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgutucson.com or fill this form out: <https://www.sigepazbeta.org/alumni-profile-update>



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AZ Beta would like to build a career network.

AZ Beta looks to build a lifetime career network for our alumni and undergraduates. We hope to see alumni join us back at the Chapter House for a career panel and networking event each year along with we our looking for alumni willing to take the time to talk to an undergraduate about his career. Finally, we have started a LinkedIn site in hopes that we can create an opportunity for career networking for all of our alumni and undergrdaute members.

Please contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgutucson.com or 520-990-3250 if you are interested in joining a career panel and/or taking a phone call.

Save the Date
Homecoming
Nov 1st-3rd 2019

Friday
Happy Hour
Gentle Ben's
6:00-9:00 pm

Saturday
Pre-Game Tailgater
at the Chapter House
(3 Hours Prior To Game Time)

*An email invite
will be coming soon.*

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