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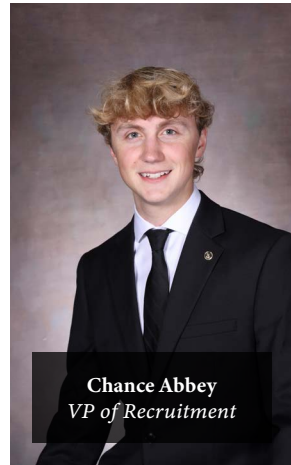
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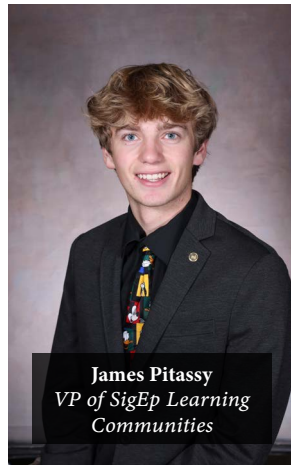
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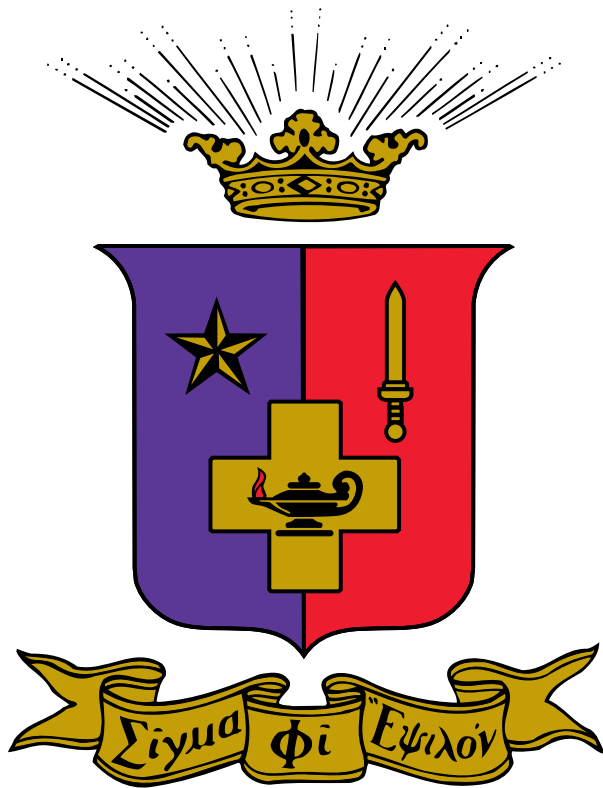
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**This fraternity is different.** The challenge to present ourselves without sounding cliché continues. Where else can you find a group of men who stand up for their values, approach the world passionately and lovingly, and regularly practice respect and healthy masculinity?

**Virtue.** We hold the profound, humanitarian belief that our lives have a purpose. **Diligence.** We strive for excellence in all endeavors. **Brotherly Love.** Unconditional trust and support. **Balanced men.** We prioritize health and academics, remaining substance & hazing free.

## State of the Chapter

*by Aiden Christy, President*

I am incredibly proud of where this chapter is as we wrap up this spring semester. We continue to increase our quality of life as a brotherhood and improve our outlook as we move forward. I am incredibly pleased to announce that we will be sending two brothers to the Ruck Leadership Institute this summer and six brothers to the Grand Chapter Conclave in Tampa. Along with that, we have added to our already robust development program; adding many events and meetings to engage the brothers in their own goals and careers. Our community service and philanthropy is thriving with weekly community service events hosted by our Community Service and Philanthropy Chair Jonah Metz. Our Vice President of Programming, Sam Hemmen, has reintroduced the Eagle Mount 5k and raised over \$6,000 for Eagle Mount Bozeman in April. I could not be prouder of my executive team and all of the wonderful men I have the honor of calling my brothers. We look forward to our summers and a much needed break from classes. I anticipate a booming fall semester for MT Beta as our VPR and VPSLC Chance Abbey and James Pitassy plan our recruitment and scholarship cycles. Have a fantastic summer all, and we will see you this coming fall semester for another great purple and red year!



## Chapter Retreat

*by Zac Stoneman, Vice President of Member Development*

For many of us, retreat is a highlight of the semester and is one of the biggest reasons I come back to SigEp each year. My little, Finn, and I got to the ranch early to set up and got to explore the town of twin bridges. Our review is that their crossword in the local paper is very agriculture oriented and the food at the Blue Anchor is amazing! That night we put our graduating Sigmas through the Phi Challenge Celebration where we learned that trying to use candles on a windy Montana night is not the best move. Saturday was a busy day, we did family olympics in the morning, engaging in activities that promote our sound mind and sound body ideals while also building our teamwork and unity as a chapter. Some highlight activities were a maze that relied on groups working together, a relay race, and SigEp trivia riddles. Our Chapter Counselor BK led an amazing activity promoting vulnerability before our delicious tacos cooked by Aiden 'Sticks' Stroman. To end Saturday, we held the Burning Heart ritual and ended with the big-little reveal. This was a great reminder to all brothers of the importance of implementing our cardinal values of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love into daily lives and motivated us to be examples of these values to each other and to our greater community. On the last morning I woke up early and took a walk out onto the Ranch, I couldn't help but be in wonder at the beauty that surrounded me, not only the physical beauty of Steve's property, but of the brotherhood within SigEp, and how it pushes us to become the best men and future leaders we can be. I would like to thank the Member Development Committee, Aiden Stroman, and Steve Liebmann for all being invaluable parts of making this experience as great as it was.



## Chapter Retreat

*by Blake Iverson, New Brother*

Retreat was a valuable experience for me and my fellow new brothers. We progressed to the next stage of development in SigEp, learned more about our fellow brothers, had some friendly competition, and became little brothers. Overall, Retreat was a fun experience that let me get to know more about my brothers, become a better person, and have some fun. One of the first items on the busy schedule was this semester's Sigma class undergoing a ceremony to become part of the Phi class. The many moments of silence while waiting for candles to be lit on the breezy night allowed me to reflect on my experience with SigEp so far, and I realized that it has been a great time and will only get better through the years. Many activities let me get to know older and new brothers more. They made me realize how different all of our paths are, yet we all ended up in the same place at the same time. No two people had the same experiences before joining, yet we all ended up on the same ranch in the middle of nowhere Montana that night. My highlight of Retreat was Burning Heart, wherein we new brothers got our big brothers, and we reflected on our journey through SigEp. This semester's graduating seniors went through the ritual as well, where we all re-learned what it means to be a brother of SigEp. All in all, Retreat was an amazing chance to think about the journey I took to be where I am, and think of how I'm going to get to where I want to be.



## Eagle Mount 5K

*by Sam Hemmen, Vice President of Programming*

After a long six-year hiatus, I'm proud to announce our revival of the annual SigEp MTB x Eagle Mount 5k, which was hosted on Sunday, April 27th! Eagle Mount is our chapter's local philanthropy. They provide outdoor recreational opportunities to individuals with disabilities as well as people with cancer so that "they shall mount up with wings as eagles." This year the theme for the 5k was a Greek Fun Run and as such we named it the Eagle Mount Olympus 5k. It was a huge success! We had 40 runners and raised a total of \$6,160 which significantly exceeded our goal of \$5,000! All proceeds went to Eagle Mount to help continue funding programs from sit-skiing at Bridger Bowl to floating the Madison River! This could not have been done without the generosity of the MTB Alumni Volunteer Corporation, Gallatin Subaru, the Abbey Family, the brothers of SigEp, Stronghold, Pickle Barrel, and of course our runners. The race route began by Roberts Hall, went around MSU's campus, and then ended in front of the SigEp House. The fun didn't end upon finishing the 5k though, as we had the ASMSU Battle of the Bands winners, Retrograde, playing live music in front of our house. In addition, we grilled burgers for all participants and raffled away in-kind sponsorships from Stio, Play it Again Sports, Roost Fried Chicken, and Bozeman Running Co. Eagle Mount's philanthropy officer, Terrence Gotz, was present at the event to provide us insight on why Eagle Mount does the great things it does, as well as to donate some sweet Eagle Mount hats and mugs! At the end of the day, it's about putting smiles on peoples' faces. We look forward to making this event even bigger next year now that we have the ball rolling!

## End of Semester Banquet

*by Sam Hemmen, Vice President of Programming*

The Spring End of Semester Banquet was on Friday, May 2nd and it was a blast! This banquet looked a bit different than those in the past. We had live music from Retrograde once again due to their success during the 5k. Additionally, we had Brotherhood Bingo, where all guests were given bingo cards with facts about our brothers. They had to find those brothers and get their signature, with the help of their date. It created a lot of fun interaction between our guests and brothers, making for an unforgettable night! We also had a slideshow with pictures from throughout the semester playing in the background. Our guests laughed as we had pictures ranging from a childhood photograph of a well-dressed Jack Bulf to Jacob Wooster passed out on a couch despite being in a room with 10 other people at our Spring retreat due to exhaustion. We enjoyed Olive Garden catering as we talked amongst ourselves, reflecting on the semester for SigEp. Following that, we handed out awards to brothers who went above and beyond, truly modelling what it means to be a SigEp at Montana State University. We also handed out awards that were written in by our brothers, including Aiden Stroman as Best Chef and Walker Black as MSU's true best redhead. After handing out awards, AVC President David Walsh told us funny stories about his time in the chapter and how there is much to look forward to as brotherhood only grows stronger after graduation. We are undergraduates for only a short time, but SigEps for life. On that note, we had our seniors Anthony Battaglia, Bryan Fulfs, Jordan Zarich, Camden Sparks, and Ander Streuli come up for a Roast & Toast. As per usual with our chapter, we leaned more towards the toasts. These 5 men were essential in the development of what SigEp is today at MSU. We're a fraternity full of men who came to college thinking they wouldn't join a fraternity. We're proud of that. That line of reasoning only came about due to all that these 5 men did for SigEp. As a memento and send-off to our seniors, we played a slideshow full of memories of their time in the chapter. This Spring End of Semester Banquet was truly one for the books.

## ASMSU Elections

*by Finn Growney, ASMSU Vice President*

Greetings from your newly elected student body vice president! After ASMSU elections, SigEps emerged victorious, and I'm excited to announce that Jonah Metz is now an at-large senator, and I've taken on the role of Vice President. The journey started on March 15th, when Lenny (my running mate and now ASMSU President) and I kicked off our campaign. The pressure was on, but it pushed me to apply that "engineering problem-solver" mindset. Our first challenge was to create a platform that was both realistic and meaningful for students. We decided to focus on three main areas: reforming the club funding model, shifting the Director of Government Affairs to the local level to advocate for affordable housing, and establishing seasonal transportation between campus and the airport via Streamline. Then came the outreach. We emailed nearly 300 student organizations, bolstered our online presence through Instagram and YikYak, and designed yard signs and flyers to spread to the MSU community. We ran around campus, connecting with students, sharing our vision, and – most importantly – hearing how ASMSU could better serve them. Finally, elections! We handed out over 400 Dum-Dums, served ice cream, grilled hot dogs, and literally chased down students to get them to vote. Even if I hadn't won, the experience of connecting with people and discussing shared passions like affordability made the experience incredibly valuable. For now - and all of next year - you'll be able to catch Lenny and I working hard in the ASMSU office to turn ideas into reality.

## ASMSU Elections

*by Jonah Metz, ASMSU Senator*

Winning a senator position on ASMSU, our student government, was truly an honor and I am excited to take what I have learned from SigEp this year to improve our campus as a whole! I am also extremely grateful for all the support and encouragement I received from fellow brothers during this process. As I begin this new role, I am committed to representing SigEp's guiding principles and showing everyone what SigEp is about!

## Incoming Alumni (1 of 3)

*by Cooper Libby, Vice President of Communications*

### **Anthony Battaglia, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering**

When asked what SigEp meant to him, Anthony replied:

“I joined Montana Beta in Fall of 2020; those were strange times. Even stranger: I was starting my college journey with a socio-academic fraternity. Nonetheless, those strange times came to pass, and I found myself lucky to be a part of a motivating, fun, and genuinely caring group of Montana State’s finest students. As many have said before me, and many more after, it was never my intention to join a fraternity. Yet this fraternity is responsible for connecting me with over half of my closest friends in all of college. SigEp has kept me sane through much of my engineering work here at MSU; while our fraternal principles remind us of the importance of diligence, more importantly, it reminds us of the human need to balance. We live in a world of interconnected lives and stories, and SigEp has reminded me of that even during the longest, most isolating nights of schoolwork. To those that feel they are traveling a lonely road: trust in your brothers, and you will find there is more than one path to your destination.”

If you were to look in a dictionary and look up “Brotherly Love” an image of Anthony would be right next to it. During his years in SigEp, he has been the shining example of our third cardinal principle. He holds the record for most Stellars given at a chapter (9), showing his appreciation for our brotherhood he is such a large part of. His service to the chapter runs deep, serving as Sigma Coordinator, showing unwavering dedication to the standards board, and being House Head of House Perry. Most of all, Anthony made it his mission to make sure everyone was having a good time. We will truly miss Anthony, but we are even more proud of him joining our Alumni ranks.



“The friends thou has and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel.” - excerpt from the Hoop of Steel ceremony

### **Bryan Fulfs, Exercise Science**

Bryan said the following when asked what SigEp meant to him:

“I joined SigEp my junior yea, and was a bit nervous of how that would affect my interactions with the rest of the members. This concern quickly faded after spending a few hours with some of the brothers at my first recruitment event. Each person I met throughout that week treated me as an equal, eager to learn about my hobbies and career goals as much as a first year student. SigEp also allows me to become closer to others, as Brothers

Helping Brothers gave me the opportunity to talk to my fellow brothers about how life can be difficult at times. Being able to listen to those facing similar challenges to those I experienced became one of my favorite parts of this fraternity. Despite misfortune we have brothers to pick us up. My senior year has been one of the most challenging in my college career, and I have to thank SigEp for being my rock throughout my last semester. These men have constantly reminded me of the person I am whenever I have doubted myself. Although I’m sad to say goodbye to this wonderful fraternity, I will never forget the friends and great memories I have been able to make. I thank every single brother for their continued pursuit of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love. I’m truly proud to stand by every one of you and call myself a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon.”

Bryan is known as someone you can go to with anything. He is a great listener, but an even better problem solver. His impact on the chapter will last far longer than he was here, as his warm and inviting personality ripples throughout all of our brothers. Bryan will be incredibly missed, but we are so happy to see him off to his next great adventure.





## Incoming Alumni (2 of 3)

*by Cooper Libby, Vice President of Communications*

### **Camden Sparkes, Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Management**

Camden was asked what being in SigEp meant to him during his time in college. He replied:

“My journey with Sigma Phi Epsilon has easily been one of the most transformative parts of my college experience. It’s where I found not just friends, but a family who challenged me, supported me, and helped me grow into the person I am today. Through leadership retreats, national programs like UIFI and Carlson, and serving in executive leadership, I developed skills I never knew existed before college. But more than the tangible skills, I learned to understand the deeper values of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. My time in this fraternity has been the best of my life, and I have been made better by the experience. Purple and red until the day I’m dead.”



Our chapter wouldn’t be the same without Camden. His influence as a leader, friend, and mentor is undeniable. Though he has served on the executive board, his impact on the chapter is found more in people than in meeting minutes. Camden joined SigEp when our chapter had roughly 35 members. He left when there was double that. This never phased Camden. Always eager to talk to someone new about anything ranging from skiing to what they want to do with their life, Camden was key in the growth and development of not only our chapter, but also nearly every member in it. Camden will be sorely missed, but he is leaving giant shoes that can only be filled by the people he was a friend, mentor, and role model to. We know Camden will do great things, and we can’t wait to see what the Alumni ranks have in store for him!

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### **Ander Streuli, Civil Engineering, Business Administration**

Ander, when asked how he’ll remember his time in SigEp as an undergrad, said:

“When I came to college, I planned to join a fraternity, but I couldn’t have imagined how integral my time in SigEp was going to be to my college experience. Not only did I meet some of my closest friends, but I also grew so much as a person. SigEp provided amazing opportunities for me to try new things and develop myself as a professional for when I am out of college. During my time in the chapter, I was able to serve on the executive team twice, and this built my abilities as a leader more than I could have imagined. SigEp has been an unforgettable experience for me that I plan to recommend to my kids and many others in the future!”



Ander has given so much to our chapter, serving as President in 2024 and Vice President of Programming in 2023. Beyond that, Ander’s real impact has been how he interacts with his brothers. His leadership as president was focused on being equals and showing respect, which shows how he treats every interaction he has. Ander is an incredibly humble and down to earth man, rarely taking credit for his amazing accomplishments. He shows what it means to be virtuous every day, always ready to help out wherever needed, always lending a helping hand. Ander shows what it means to be a servant leader. His impact on the chapter stretches far, and he won’t be soon forgotten. We look forward to seeing what he accomplishes in his future, and we know it’ll be great.

## Incoming Alumni (3 of 3)

*by Cooper Libby, Vice President of Communications*

### **Jordan Zarich, Mechanical Engineering**

Jordan reflected on his time in SigEp by saying the following:

“Sigep has been an unforgettable experience for me! It’s provided an amazing avenue for growth in all walks of life, including relationships, physical goals, my career, and strengthening one of our cardinal principles, being balanced men. Most importantly, Sigep has provided me with a group of men who are my closest friends. Many of whom will be a part of my life’s journey long after college to support me, push me to grow, and always be there when I need a friend to get up to some shenanigans with. For those reasons, joining Sigep was the best choice I made as I started college!



Jordan has been a positive influence on the chapter from the moment he joined. His energy invites connection between brothers, which is what makes SigEp so special. His impact on the chapter is a huge part of what allowed us to build back our membership and member experience. Without him, our chapter would have never had the brotherhood it has today. We are so glad to have had him in our brotherhood, and we can’t wait to see what he does after graduation!

## See you next time!

*by Cooper Libby, Vice President of Communications*

Thank you all for reading this newsletter! I hope you all enjoyed it, and I hope you all have a great summer! If you wish to help support everything we do here at Montana Beta, we humbly ask for any donations to be sent via our PayPal: SigEpMTB, or mailed to 1717 Greek Way Unit A, Bozeman, MT 59715. Thank you for your support!

Faternally,

Cooper Libby, Vice President of Communications

