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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 Zac Stoneman, President

This Spring has been a great time to be a SigEp at MSU! Our chapter has continued to grow in manpower and in impact.

I am so proud of our recruitment team, which recruited 10 new brothers into the chapter. Each of these brothers brings amazing things to the table and increases the quality of our chapter. We've also grown through retaining more of our brothers. This is thanks to the various teams that work on the chapter experience. Our BMP, programming, and academic supports are continuing to grow and are keeping our brothers in the chapter. With strong growth and retention our chapter hit 72 men this semester!

The SigEp experience this semester has been strong. Our Balanced Man Program was in full swing helping build our brothers into balanced men. Our brotherhood events were frequent and centered around building tight-knit friendships and community. SigEp continues to grow its presence on our campus with many brothers holding leadership positions in various campus organizations and winning the Chi Omega Wish Week.

Looking forward, I am excited to see how our brothers continue to grow this summer and represent the golden heart of Sigma Phi Epsilon outside of our MSU community!



The Balanced Man Program

by Cooper Libby, Member Development

The Balanced Man Program is a national initiative from SigEp HQ to streamline the member experience across all SigEp chapters. It is built on 4 Pillars: Seek Balance, Build Relationships, Pursue Excellence, and Know Thyself. While it is important to understand the nitty gritty of the BMP, what is more important is to see what it means to Montana Beta.

When the BMP was first being rolled out a select few chapters were selected as “pilot” chapters. Montana Beta was one of those. In the beginning of the BMP, there were many growing pains. It clashed with what we had been doing for nearly 15 years, and many brothers thought it was a lost cause. But thanks to the efforts of previous VPMDs, Montana Beta has been running a successful BMP for almost a year now.

To me, the BMP shows MT Beta’s resilience. We are a very successful chapter that is up to the task with whatever is thrown at us. We have dealt with countless setbacks over the years, whether it’s the BMP, recruitment, socially, or anything else, but our bond of brotherhood keeps us strong together. The BMP is not something that HQ is requiring us to do but more so an opportunity we provide to our brothers to build on the foundation of our brotherhood. What the BMP represents to me is best answered with its name: a program that builds balanced men. That is the mission of our fraternity, and that is what the MemDev Committee aims to do with the BMP.



Welcome, New Members!

by Zach Reller, Recruitment

This past spring we were able to welcome nine new brothers into our fraternity. My committee and I successfully planned and organized five well-run events for recruitment week and stayed invested until we initiated our last member months later. I am extremely proud of my committee for their hard work and ability to achieve difficult things. I am also continually grateful to the chapter for their exceptional effort throughout the recruitment process. These new brothers we recruited had an average gpa of 3.53 last semester and I know this is just the beginning of a beautiful journey for them. I am super excited to see how these brothers thrive and make their mark in the chapter and on campus.

We were able to recruit more brothers by utilizing our 365 recruitment plan, which involves actively recruiting for the entire year, or in other words, never turning away interested PNMs. This brings our AY 2025-2026 total to 26 new brothers, who are already creating incredible value for our chapter and making an impact across our community.

We are excited for our new brothers to begin the sigma challenge, where they learn about the history of our national fraternity and develop a connection to our core values. We are looking forward to seeing these brothers grow in our fraternity and for our next recruitment week in the fall.



Carlson Leadership Academy

by Drew Kastelitz

Being able to experience the Carlson Leadership Academy truly opened my eyes to the world of other balanced men that sought the same guidance that I did. Upon arriving, I was immediately intrigued as to what the program had to offer. The intelligence and enthusiasm presented by the mentors created an environment that made me feel welcomed and involved. As attendees of the Growth Skills track, my brothers and I learned how to converse with PNMs and make them feel cared for. Through skills inspired by Recruitment and Member Development, we were able to make significant progress on our path to becoming the best leader possible.

Although this leadership challenge was the main reason for our journey to San Jose, the ability to meet new brothers from different areas of the United States was particularly special. It was an experience that showed how our processes toward great leadership may differ, but in the end, we seek a similar goal of building balanced men. Being able to ask my brothers how they go about achieving certain goals challenged my perception of our chapter's recruitment process, for better or for worse. I shared a conversation with some brothers of the Utah State chapter, in which I found out that they share similar interests with many brothers of ours, such as camping, fishing, and hiking. In that same conversation, I also learned that they practice similar traditions, whether they were sentimental or just in good fun. After this journey, I reflected specifically on the time I was able to spend with my Montana State brothers. We utilized our free time by exploring San Francisco, spending late nights at Top Golf and Denny's, and overall creating memories together. Knowing how much of an impact this trip had on me, I can only hope that they had an equally influential experience, along with my brothers across the country.



Chapter Philanthropy

by Cole Spence, Programming

I recently proposed the idea of transitioning our chapter's philanthropy from Eagle Mount to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Sky Country, and our executive board and chapter worked together to make the change happen. SigEp nationally partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters as our official fraternity-wide philanthropy, so making this transition also allowed our chapter to align more closely with the national chapter. On top of that, Big Brothers Big Sisters offers brothers the ability to serve as a mentor for local children.

The organization's research shows that kids with a consistent mentor are more likely to succeed academically, build confidence, avoid risky behaviors, and develop stronger social skills. This direct impact on the community is why I saw it important to make the switch. The organization also offers brothers the unique and invaluable opportunity to serve as a mentor outside our chapter's Big-Little system.

To support the transition and raise awareness, I organized and hosted our Olympus 5K, which brought brothers, students, and community members together around a cause that aligns closely with SigEp's values. Through the event, we raised money for Big Brothers Big Sisters in order to set a strong foundation for our future partnership.

Moving forward, we want to continue working with Big Brothers Big Sisters, not just through our philanthropy events, but also by encouraging brothers to become mentors themselves. Stepping into that role gives brothers the chance to make a real difference, while also gaining leadership experience that will stick with them long after college.



Senior Attestation

by Michael Menuey, Alumnus

Like many of us, when I came to college, I didn't expect to join a fraternity. Then, when Aiden convinced me to join, I didn't really expect to stay until the end. And now that I have reached the end of my undergraduate years, I am beyond thankful to be a part of this brotherhood for life and to look back on my time in Montana Beta as some of the best memories of my life.

Last semester I had the privilege of celebrating two things with the brothers of Montana Beta: my graduation and my relationship with my girlfriend, Cayla. Through the Hoop of Steel ceremony along with my final retreat, I felt an immense amount of gratitude and support from my brothers. It is not often you get to see and hear the impact you made on people's lives before you leave a place or time in life and the intentionality and love for seniors as they move on to the next stage of their life is one of many things that makes SigEp special. Through celebrating my brothers and having them celebrate alongside me, I gained a deeper appreciation for the meaning of brotherly love and reflected upon the memories I've made, the lessons I've learned, the brothers I've mentored, the home in college I'm leaving, and the brotherhood that will be there for me for the rest of my life.

Cayla and I started dating at the Delta Gamma Date Dash in the spring of 2025. By this spring we wanted to celebrate our relationship and commitment to each other with the lovely ladies of Delta Gamma and the gentlemen of SigEp before I graduated. The amount of love and support we both felt through our pinning ceremony was amazing. From a choir of SigEps serenading us with Bamboo Bungalow and other songs from the LROB, a meaningful ceremony put on by the ritual team, a fun reception hosted by DG filled with conversation and laughter long after we thought everyone would have dispersed, that day will always be a day Cayla and I look back on and cherish.

