

The Red Door



OHIO IOTA CHAPTER OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO – MARCH 2019

Jordan Jones

Undergraduate President's Message

My name is Jordan Jones, and I am bestowed with the honor and privilege of serving as the 69th President of the Ohio Iota Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. I am a Junior studying Biology on a Pre-Medical track, and am a graduate of Findlay High School in Findlay, Ohio, where I was born and raised. I joined Sig Ep in Fall 2016, and have previously served as our Vice President of Recruitment. As a chapter, we have stayed busy in the pursuit of our successes, while continuing to live every day with our cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love.



This past fall semester was one of great success for the chapter. We once again were atop the IFC ranks for chapter GPA. We also partnered with Pi Beta Phi to create the Homecoming Float that went on to win first place, which makes it three years in a row that we have won the float competition! Our class of 44 new members this fall have already taken it upon themselves to be the absolute best class of students, leaders, and Balanced Men that this campus has to offer, and the 10 new members added in the spring recruitment period have started their Sig Ep journey with hard work and dedication toward growing to be better men and propel this chapter forward.

We began the spring semester by assembling with the AVC board at brother Ted Behnken's lake house for our annual executive board retreat. This was a great bonding experience for the eight new executive members and the Alumni Board, and a lot of great ideas to continue to propel the chapter forward were discussed! We all left feeling very excited and well prepared for our term ahead.

This excitement carried on, as 11 additional rising leaders accompanied the eight executive board members to attend Carlson Leadership Academy in Chicago in February. Along with the leadership

development and officer education, we were able to bring home the Talent Power Award for our recruitment and retention efforts this last year. Brother David Green was awarded as District 13's Volunteer of the year, and our Alumni & Volunteer Corporation won the operational excellence award!

Along with Carlson, three brothers, IFC President Sean Halloran, Austin Fisher, and Preston Ewald, were able to attend the Association of Fraternal

Leadership and Values Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Here they learned valuable skills to put to work at the chapter and council level.

Moving forward, we have a lot to be excited for as we continue to build upon the momentum that Jacob Smith's executive board had! The executive board that I am lucky to serve alongside is Yogesh Kumaran, Vice President of Programming; Landon Bleau, Vice President of Finance; Adam Bates, Vice President of Member Development; Nick Singlar, Vice President of Recruitment; Josh Schott, Chaplain; Jacob Flom, Vice President of Operations; Logan Perlaky, Vice President of Communications; and Tyler Westendorf, House Manager.

On March 30th, we will be taking the stage at SongFest, the University's second oldest tradition. Directors Michael Martin and Preston Ewald have been working very hard to orchestrate the best possible performance and defend our first-place finish from last year while also fundraising for the amazing cause that is the Zepf Center.

On April 13th we will be heading to Wheeling, West Virginia for our spring formal where we will spend a relaxing weekend in cabins with brothers and dates. Then on April 26th at 6 p.m. we will be having our Senior Alumni Dinner at Table Forty 4 in downtown Toledo. We hope to see you all in attendance!

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Undergrad President's Message, continued

This summer we are very excited for the opportunity to send undergraduates to attend Grand Chapter Conclave in late July in Houston, Texas. We look forward to the Buchanan Cup ceremony, and are working diligently on the application to give us the best opportunity to bring home Gold once again!

We appreciate your unbroken support for this chapter, past, present, and future. Our successes are

not possible without your continued support as we continue to build upon the foundation of greatness you all set before us. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events, and you are always invited to stop by the on-campus house and get to know some of the undergraduate brothers. The Red Door is always open.

Grand Chapter Conclave

July 24-28, 2019

Houston, Texas

ALUMNI CHALLENGE!

Almost 30 active Toledo Sig Eps attended the last Conclave in Orlando – one of the largest of any chapter delegation. Much credit is due to Sig Ep Alumni that provided financial support to help make it possible. We know this is a great brother-building event that creates lifetime memories for our chapter and brothers.

This coming Conclave will be in Houston, Texas and the expense will be a big challenge. Our chapter is larger and the distance is greater. But our alumni are great and generous!

Please consider a gift to help send an active brother to National Conclave.

This is a way you can make a direct and positive impact. Your **tax-deductible contribution** will help our active brothers with the cost of travel, registration, and hotel. The actives are already working hard and planning to raise money to send a large delegation to represent Ohio Iota. As alumni, we can help.

Make Checks payable to: **Sigma Phi Epsilon Education Foundation**

In the memo write: **Ohio Iota Direct Fund – Conclave2019**

Mail to: **Jenn Harter, 310 South Boulevard, Richmond VA 23220**

It is also possible to make a credit card contribution on line using the link below. Please choose “**OH Iota Direct Scholarship Fund**” under: *What would you like your donation to support?*

<https://www.classy.org/give/212509/#!/donation/checkout>



2019 Senior and Alumni Annual Awards Dinner

All are welcome!

Join us for a night of brotherhood and celebration

Table Forty 4

610 Monroe St., Toledo, OH 43604, USA

Friday, April 26, 2019 | 6 P.M. EST | \$30

New Face for the AVC

Over the summer I had the privilege of being named Ohio Iota's Alumni Volunteer Corporation President. Many of you may be wondering "who is the new guy?" As I thought about what I could write for my first article in *The Red Door* it seems only fitting to tell you who I am and how excited I am to help lead the alumni of the greatest fraternity in the nation.

I was born and raised in Steubenville, Ohio and came to The University of Toledo in the fall of 2009 to study pharmacy. I was first introduced to Sig Ep through the Balanced Man Scholarship, where I was able to fool them enough to actually be named a winner. A few weeks after the scholarship dinner, I made it official and joined Ohio Iota in September 2009. During my time as a brother of Sig Ep, I held multiple positions including Vice President of Recruitment, House Manager, and President. Sig Ep also allowed me to travel all over the country to places including Phoenix, Arizona for Grand Chapter Conclave, Chicago, Illinois for Carlson Leadership Academy, and Richmond, Virginia for Ruck Leadership Institute. In 2015, I graduated from UT with my Doctor of Pharmacy degree. I currently live and work in Toledo.

Looking back at my time as an undergraduate student, I reflect on what my favorite part was. I would be lying if I didn't say the parties were a nice touch, but undeniably, it has to be the lifelong friendships I made with my Sig Ep brothers. When

we all get together, it feels like we are back in the basement for Sunday meeting, no matter how much time has passed. The strong brotherhood and friendships that I have made throughout my years as a member in Sig Ep are what influence me to be a part of its future.

The undergraduate chapter continues to be one of the best in the nation and as the alumni we must strive to do the same. What can you do to help us take the next step? Far too often people think that all we want is a monetary donation. I implore you to think beyond that. Sure, the donations are welcomed and needed, but your time is very valuable as well. The AVC would love nothing more than to have mentors for each member of the chapter to help guide them through their college journey, as well as in their future careers. How amazing would it be if you had these opportunities when you were in the chapter?

As you read this I want you to think, "how I can help these young men become the best version of themselves?" Is it your time, talents, donations, or something completely different? Whatever it may be, I ask you to come and jump back into Ohio Iota. We are always looking for more volunteers and brothers to reconnect with. If you have any questions on how to get involved, please email me at angeloiachini@gmail.com. The time is NOW brothers, so what are you waiting for?

In the bonds of Phi,
Angelo Iachini

Award Winners

2019 Career Achievement Award Winner

Charles R. Schaub

Partner – Joined the Schaffer, Schaub & Marriott, LTD in 1976

Chuck is an experienced patent lawyer in a wide variety of technical fields. With over thirty years of experience, Chuck's client experience includes a number of multi-national Fortune 500 companies, as well as many individual inventors. Experienced in fields ranging from medical devices to automotive components, Chuck is also well versed in licensing agreements, trademark, and copyright law. Prior to joining the firm, Chuck was employed by Owens Corning Fiberglass. Chuck received a B.S.M.E. from the University of Toledo in 1970 and J.D. from the University of Toledo in 1973. Active in community affairs, Chuck is a past president of the Toledo Rotary Club, past chairman of the Board of Public Broadcasting of Northwestern Ohio, past chairman of the Toledo Lucas County Library foundation, and past member of the Toledo Children's Hospital Foundation Board. In his spare time Chuck stays active playing squash and tennis.



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2019 Volunteer Award Winner

Al Dills

Al was born in 1944 and was here at UT from '62 to '65 for undergrad degree in business, and back again from '69 to '73 for night law school. Al has practiced law in Toledo since 1973, doing insurance defense litigation, and is currently Of Counsel to the firm of Marshall & Melhorn, LLC. Al was an active member of Ohio Iota, pledging in 1963, and rising to Vice President in 1965. Following graduation from law school in '73, Al remained active on the Board of Directors and assisted in the sale of the Winthrop Street house and the purchase of the infamous Dorr Street Mansion, to say nothing of the many hours spent helping both undergrads and grads to navigate their relations with the law (good and bad).

The Brotherhood of Sig Ep is a strong force in forging strong character and meaningful bonds which remain with us all our lives.

2019 Founders Circle Award Winners

Walt Martineau

Walt was born in Brooklyn, New York in April 1952 and moved to Ohio several years later. Walt was mainly raised in Toledo and graduated from St. Francis de Sales in 1970. He pledged Sigma Phi Epsilon in the Winter 1971 quarter, and graduated in 1975 with BBA after missing several quarters to attend the Air National Guard basic training in Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Walt then went to Lowry Airforce Base in Denver, Colorado for his specialty training, which was in the department that was responsible for the engine replacement parts for the F-16. He served part time for six years and was discharged as a Staff Sergeant. Walt returned to Toledo University (TU) as it was called at that time and earned his MBA in 1977.

In 1977 Walt married his wife Linda, an Alpha Omicron Pi who also attended Toledo University. They have two children: Scott, a Registered Nurse (RN), and Brittany, a troubled-youth counselor.

Walt worked in the insurance industry for 39 years as an insurance agent and as a Premium Auditor. The last nineteen years he worked for the Cincinnati Insurance Company as a Senior Premium Auditor. During these years they lived in Hartford, Rochester Hills, Memphis and Toledo. Walt also worked for Krogers for ten-and-a-half years, recently retiring from Krogers in March 2019. He retired from Cincinnati Insurance in November 2019.

In retirement Walt plans to play as much golf as possible and travel around the United States with Linda.

AND

David Sendi

David graduated in 1968 from Morrison R. Waite High School, Toledo, where he was President of National Honor Society; Sr. Class Prom Co-chair; Staff member of *The Sizzle*, a school newspaper; Student Assistant to Vice Principal of Student Affairs; and graduated 10th in a class of 340.

David attended the University of Toledo from 1968 to 1975. He pledged Sigma Phi Epsilon in Spring of 1970, and was Pledge Class President; a member of Spirits/Tradition Committee; called the "Roseman" for delivering roses to dates, lavalier/pin mates, etc.; Vice President of Sigma Phi Epsilon 1971; member of IFC at UT; and Pi O A Guy for AOPi for two straight years.

David is a member of the Birmingham Hall of Fame in East Toledo, and a member of University of Toledo Alumni Group.

David married Carole Lee Keeler in 1975. He met Carole on a blind date in fall of 1971 at an AOPi function. Carole is a member of Alpha Omicron Phi, and is a retired Special Education Teacher. They have three married children: Ross, Meredith (an AOPi @ UT); and Mark (a Sig Ep @ UT). They have Golden Retriever named Maggie B.

Work History: Student mail handler for US Postal Service during high school/college. Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. from 1972 to 2002. Retired as a Senior Scientist in R&D Dept./ Glass Making Dept. Presidents Award for work on EZKool and Galaxse Glasses, which were solar control glasses. EZKool was a dark green glass and Galaxse was a dark grey glass. Member of several Black Belt Teams in R/D and the Rossford Float Glass Plant. Recognized by Pilkington Glass as the Lead North American Petrographer (float glass defect examiner). Traveled to England and Italy for Pilkington Glass. Work involved issues with color control on clear, blue-green, bronze and grey glasses as well as quality issues and float furnaces in terms of melting/forming.



Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship Report

Our Scholarship Funds continue to grow and this year produced over \$13,000 in scholarships. Many thanks to all of you who continue to support our scholarship funds! This past Fall, \$5,000 in Balanced Man Scholarships were awarded and played a significant role in our recruitment and leadership on campus. In addition to helping young brothers with the financial burden of college expenses, our scholarship program really sets Sig Ep apart from other fraternities and organizations on campus. Scholarships help attract great brothers to carry on our values and traditions.

Our Springer Fund continues to help many members attend Sig Ep Carlson Leadership Academy and Sig Ep Grand Chapter Conclave. Below are 2018-2019 individual Scholarship Recipients.

Balanced Man Scholarships

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| Jason Drees | Daniel Sullivan |
| Andrew Heuker | Bradley Eberhardt |
| Chaitanya Koli | Sanjay Koka |

Bensman Scholarship

Landon Bleau

Mandula Scholarships

Jordan Jones
Sean Halloran
Tyler Westendorf

Presidents Club Scholarships

Austin Fisher
Jacob Flom

Please remember our scholarship funds for your annual giving and estate plans. What a great legacy we are leaving for Sig Ep, Ohio Iota, and Toledo! Contact Randy McCullough with any thoughts, questions, or ideas.

Here is a summary of our Sig Ep funds:

SIGMA PHI EPSILON OHIO IOTA CHAPTER /
BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP (1300144)

DICK AND KAY BENSMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR
SIGMA PHI EPSILON (1301894)

RICHARD L. AND GAIL W. SPRINGER SIGMA PHI
EPSILON LEADERSHIP FUND (1301386)

SIGMA PHI EPSILON MARGARET R. AND JOHN
MANDULA JR. CHALLENGE FUND (1301204)

SIGMA PHI EPSILON PRESIDENT CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
– IN MEMORY OF ROBERT GATES (1302113)

Remember:

- If you have questions or need help, contact me at Randy@TheMcCulloughs.us.
- This link will allow you to give directly online: <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu/default.asp>.
- Be sure to designate your gift to one of our Sig Ep funds
- Your gift is tax deductible.
- You can give as much or as little as you want.
- You can put it on your credit card or write a check.
- You can do a recurring gift on your credit card.
- You can be a part of this!
- You can help make a difference!





Sigma Phi Epsilon

Ohio Iota Alumni Association

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Homecoming 2020 Sig Eps Set to Soar Past Seventy Happy Birthday Ohio Iota!

It's always great to see old faces at Homecoming time. In fact, it's the best part of Homecoming. For those of us living in Toledo, we can enjoy Homecoming weekend most every year. But not everyone can come to Homecoming every year. It's a long distance for some. Work and family can take priority in our busy lives.

What would happen if we planned a Homecoming where everyone came the same year? That's what we want Sig Ep Homecoming 2020 to be! What better way to celebrate our Ohio Iota 70th anniversary at Toledo. But it will take all of you to make it happen. If you've been thinking about it, or need a nudge, this is it! It may seem like a long way

off now, but what if we use this time to spread the word and build the excitement and locate others to encourage them to come!

If there is someone you can't locate, email me and we'll use our alumni board to help find them. If you have a suggestion, email me your ideas! If everyone makes it a priority for 2020, we can all reminisce together! Why not contact those brothers that are special to you and make plans now?

Sig Eps have been on an upward trajectory since 1950 and are poised to soar into the future. Together we will make it a Toledo Sig Ep Event to remember!

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