

The Red Door



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

10 Presidents Among Alumni Paying Tribute to Brother Behnken for OGH

One of the most anticipated events of Conclave 2019 was the Order of the Golden Heart presentation during the Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday night. Five alumni were inducted into the Order in recognition of their lifetime of contribution to Sig Ep. Recipients did not know they were being selected, making for emotional and powerful surprises. The Order of the Golden Heart is the Fraternity's highest honor, reserved for alumni who, with great personal sacrifice, have served Sigma Phi Epsilon for 30 years or more.

Ohio Iota's own Ted Behnken was not only surprised by the award, but also by the last-minute arrival of 20 alums who traveled to Houston to show their appreciation of Ted's work over many years. Among them were the 10 past presidents in the photo taken at the reception following the awards dinner. Others not in the photo included Mike and Robin Willard, Tom and Sharon Mandula, Don Warnke, Ron Binder and others. What a memorable moment in Ohio Iota history and inspiration for future Toledo Sig Eps.

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Ohio Iota Wins Ninth Buchanan Cup in a Row!

Sigma Phi Epsilon's 56th Grand Chapter Conclave was an incredible experience for both undergraduate brothers and alumni. Ohio Iota won big by winning their ninth Buchanan Cup in a row! This is our thirteenth Buchanan Cup in 26 years, representing excellence over the course of 36 years. We also received the Manpower Award for being the chapter with the largest undergraduate showing of 29 brothers! The Grand Chapter Conclave reminds us that our actions affect so much more than just ourselves at the University of Toledo. Our actions affect the entire nation and Greek community. Once again, Ohio Iota has proven we are different here at the University of Toledo. We have shown that we



Left to Right—year of presidency: Mark Mandula—1978, Jack Mandula—1979, Randy McCullough—1980, Tim Croak—1981, Angelo Iachini—2012, Eric Croak—2013, Dexter Emch—2015, Patrick Ryan—2017, Jacob Smith—2018, Jordan Jones—2019



have the power to foster change and revolutionize Greek life in its entirety. This opportunity would not have been possible without the undying support of our alumni brothers at Ohio Iota. A huge thank you goes to everyone who donated to get us there and to our brother, Ted Behnken, for being initiated into the Order of the Golden Heart. Your service and dedication to our chapter will be felt for years to come. The Grand Chapter Conclave is one of the greatest experiences you can have as a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and the next will take place in Denver, Colorado in 2021! See you there!

Ohio Iota Launches New Scholarship Fund

Our Senior/Alumni Dinner saw the birth of a new scholarship fund named in memory of our old house at 335 Winthrop Street. The official name of the fund is *Club 335 - Sigma Phi Epsilon Housing and Progress Fund (2402522)*. This is our sixth fund supporting Ohio Iota Sig Eps and you may be asking 'why do we need another fund?' The answer lies in the fact that each fund supports specific needs or purposes defined by the originators of the respective funds. Many of our funds yield academic scholarships for Ohio Iota brothers. The Club 335 Fund will support many additional needs including housing, furnishings, leadership conferences, and programming sponsored by our national headquarters. Club 335 is officially administered by the University of Toledo Foundation. So, just like our other funds, giving to Club 335 is also giving to the University of Toledo. The excitement of the new Club 335 fund drew initial donations totaling over \$14,000 at the Dinner as many alums shouted their contributions and we frantically recorded them for follow up. I'd like to offer a big thank you to Les Lipski, Ted Behnken and Angelo Iachini for their help in planning and initiating the fund. I'd also like to thank the many initial donors for kicking off this new effort and encourage additional donors to help grow the fund for the future.

Here is a summary of our Sig Eps 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)

CLUB 335 - SIGMA PHI EPSILON HOUSING AND
PROGRESS FUND (2402522)

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 Eps 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!

Golf Outing

The University of Toledo Sigma Phi Epsilon AVC will be hosting a golf outing once again this Fall. On September 29th at 8 a.m. current Undergrads, Alumni, Friends, and Parents will be teeing it up at Heatherdowns Country Club (3910 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614). The cost for Undergraduate Brothers will be \$55 and Alumni, Friends, and Parents will be \$70. The costs cover 18 holes of golf with a cart, range balls, lunch afterwards, 2 drink tickets, and a great day of fun on

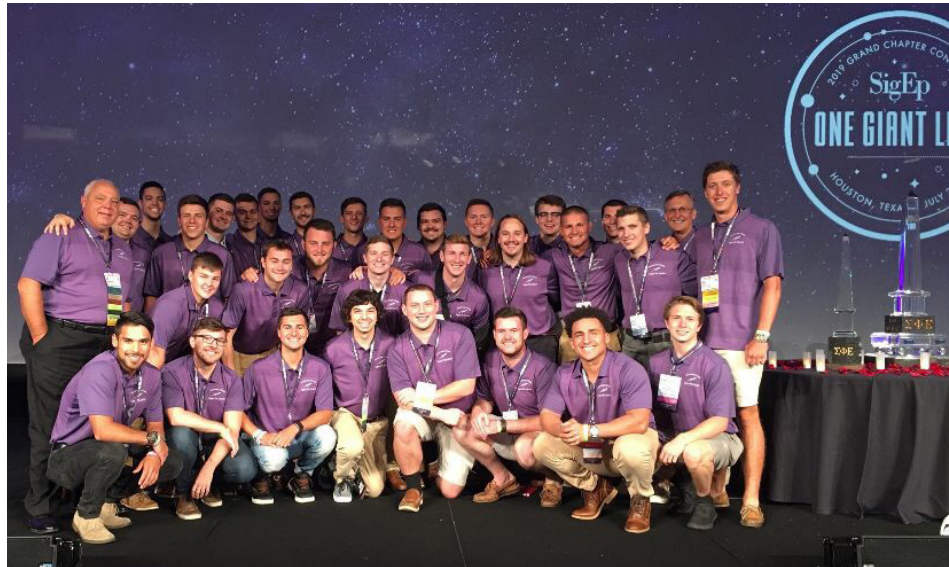
the course! You may also attend the lunch afterwards for awards and raffle if you would like for \$20. All proceeds from the event are going to go straight to the Undergraduates for house improvements and attendance at Leadership Events (Conclave, CLA, Life After College, and many more). If there are any questions, reach out to Manny DeLucia at manny.delucia@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!

Jordan Jones

UG President's Report

Hello everyone! I'm Jordan Jones, the current Chapter President of Ohio Iota. This has been quite an eventful spring and summer for us, and we are ready to take on the fall semester and continue to achieve our lofty goals with Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love at the forefront of everything that we do. I hope we have been able to make you proud alumni as I am very proud to lead such an exceptional group of men!



We finished last semester atop the IFC ranks for grades yet again, posting a 3.46 chapter average with over 130 men, and our 10 new members this spring posted a stellar 3.66 average GPA. After also winning intramural sports and amassing the most community service hours, we were named UT's IFC Chapter of the Year, and our Fall Festival was awarded Service Event of the year, two awards we were ecstatic to take home. Brother Preston Ewald was awarded as Mortar Board Underclassmen Male of the Year as he and Michael Martin directed our Songfest show that took 2nd place.

During the last week of July, over 30 undergraduates and alumni volunteers headed to Houston, Texas for our Grand Chapter Conclave. There we were able to learn how to better ourselves in and out of the chapter, celebrate our brotherhood, and help to make decisions on Grand Chapter bylaws to ensure that we continue to set the bar nationally. Along with these things, Ohio Iota had a lot to celebrate, we brought home another Gold Buchanan Cup, making it the 9th straight Buchanan cup we have earned, and the 13th in total. Ted

Behnken was honored with Sig Ep's highest mark of achievement, the Order of The Golden Heart, for his many years of service to our great fraternity and university. This obviously left us with a lot to be excited about, but when the dust settled, our first thought was how we can improve. We will be hitting the ground running this fall and will be focused on bettering ourselves, achieving even greater successes, and having a great time together while we do so.

This all starts August 18th with our chapter retreat, and on the 26th when this school year begins! Our Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet is August 30th, and we will again be honoring the best and brightest freshmen men that UT has to offer. On October 5th the Toledo Rockets football team hosts Western Michigan in our Homecoming Game. We would love to see some visitors stop by our on-campus house to look at composites and scrapbooks, reminisce on good times, and meet and mingle with the active brothers. We look forward to seeing you all and celebrating our great University

with you! Be sure keep up with the events, news, and accomplishments of the chapter on our new website toledo.sigep.org. Your continued support in our endeavors as individuals and as a group does not go unnoticed; we are beyond thankful. We always love to hear from and meet our amazing alumni. The Red Door is always open.





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HOMECOMING 2020

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

We look forward to seeing many at Homecoming 2019 this year. It's a great time to rekindle old friendships and relive old memories. If you've been thinking about coming for Homecoming, this year and any year would be fun and worth the effort. I'd also like to take this time to remind everyone about Homecoming 2020. Remember that it will be Ohio Iota's 70th Anniversary at the University of Toledo. Now is the time to be thinking about reconnecting with brothers and friends of your era to join in the celebration. If you've been thinking about it, or need a nudge, this is it! It may still be a year away, but now is the perfect 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 EpEvent to remember!

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The University of Toledo Sigma Phi Epsilon – Ohio Iota Chapter Invites You to Homecoming 2019



Friday, 4 October 2019

The Casual Pint, 3550 Executive Parkway, Toledo OH
7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

==Join us for light appetizers and brotherhood==

Saturday, 6 October 2019

Edward C. Schmakel Homecoming Parade Watch Party
2545 Middlesex Drive, Toledo OH
9:30 a.m.

Homecoming Football Game vs. Western Michigan
Glass Bowl
3:30 p.m.

