

# The Red Door



OHIO IOTA CHAPTER OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO – MARCH 2016

## Ohio Iota Continues to Excel!

- Recruited 46 new members in the fall of 2015 and 11 in the spring of 2016
- Fall 2015 GPA was 3.462 with 126 active members
- Sponsored the first ever UT Olympics and raised over \$1400
- Carlson Leadership Academy: Chicago, IL
  - 21 Undergrads attended
  - Outstanding Alumni Board Operational Excellence award
  - Donald C. McCleary Member Development Excellence award
  - Brother Luke Zastrow was awarded the Zollinger Outstanding Senior award
  - Brandon Rosolowski was selected to attend the Tragos Quest to Greece
- University of Toledo Greek Night Awards
  - Dean Parks Tri-fecta with 1st place awards in Scholarship, Intramurals, and Campus Involvement
  - Chapter of Excellence



### Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni and Senior Recognition Dinner

Date: April 15, 2016

Location: Blarney Events Center  
601 Monroe Street, Toledo Ohio 43604

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

Program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Cost is \$30.00 (\$26.00 if reservations made by April 5, 2016  
at <https://www.sigeptoledo.com/>)

This year's dinner will focus on:  
"15 Year Celebration of Living the Balanced Man Life"

# Alumni President's Message



VIRTUE!

Would the Brothers of Chi Beta Chi believe where we are today? Founded in 1928, I am uncertain if I will be here for our 100th Anniversary, but many will be, and I am sure the reason we will get together will be for the utmost reason... Virtue!

Could Judge John Potter have known that the Fraternity he joined in the 1930s would become such a great example of Fraternity Life at Toledo, and once again, be recognized as one of SigEp's top chapters nationwide?

Many of our Chi Beta Brothers are no longer with us, and those that remain are simply amazed at where Sig Ep is today. Why? Because they had many of the same issues that we experience today: 1) Character – the values we instill in our members; 2) Culture – helping our community and university; and last, 3) Brotherhood, for without this concept, we would be just another club on UT's campus.

Recently, Donovan Nichols, Ohio Iota '03, gave me a small booklet, in excellent condition, that talked about the way Chi Beta Chi was holding a dance. They had representatives from all of the other Greek organizations invited. Culture? You Bet! And that's where I found Judge Potter's name. Do a little research, and you will find a lot of information on him; about what inspired him, what he saw in Chi Beta Chi, and how he used that small fraternity to launch a virtuous and honorable career.

My point is simple. When we continuously do our best, our best will become the norm, and the norm will become even higher, which in turn will require setting new goals to achieve. So, this year, we took a different look at the Senior Alumni Dinner. Why not celebrate our rebirth as Sigma Phi Epsilon, and show why the watch words of Chi Beta Chi were so important in our history?

Since 2000, we have initiated over 600 brothers into the ranks SigEp. 1140 is the pin number of Brent Denny. Over 100 Chi Beta Chi members chose to become brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon on September 30, 1950. It took 50 years to reach Pin #1140. That's an average of 20 men joining SigEp each year until the year 2000. Since 2000, an average of 40 men per year have joined SigEp. Why? There are many reasons why the number of men joining SigEp has doubled!

As I write this article, SigEp has the highest GPA of any group on campus and boasts a total of 130 members. SigEp is first in grades, first in sports, and is no doubt the most active organization, fraternity or otherwise, on campus. We have leaders everywhere! The member development program replaced hazing and the pledge model, and if the average number of men joining Ohio Iota has doubled, how can anyone debate the change and success of the program?

A few weeks ago, I had lunch with a brother from my era that I had not seen since graduation. It amazed me how he had really changed his life, and truly adopted his own version of the "Balanced Man." He decided that his life in the future would change the lives of many young men after him. It is an amazing story, but what I focused on was his passion, and how he truly adopted everything we represent today...most importantly, virtue.

Many of our brothers, since 2000, have adopted his philosophy. I can think of so many great examples of extraordinary brothers over the past 15 years, that it would be impossible to list. Brothers like Matt Hagemeyer, Adam Scharf, Eric Croak, Chris Lehman, Ryan Schmidt...I can go on and on. The quality of our brothers is through the roof! And they have followed some great examples, in brothers like Les Lipski, Tim Croak, Jack Mandula, Russ Karbin, Dan Nowak...all living noble and incredible lives!

But no other Brother can top this list like Brother Mark Mandula has! I want to take a moment to say thank you to Brother Mark Mandula. He has been the best cheerleader I ever could ask for, and with his generous gift, he sent 30 young men to Conclave in Nashville, TN.

That, my brothers, is virtue at its finest!

President Todd Klewer

# State of the Undergraduate Chapter

**H**ello brothers,  
My name is Todd Klewer and I have the privilege of serving as the 66th president of the Ohio Iota chapter. I am a junior majoring in Marketing and Professional Sales and I am a graduate of Clay High School in Oregon, Ohio. Throughout the past semester, the chapter has been quite busy, as always. We have been continuing to live every day with our cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. I could not be more proud of the hard work and dedication that every member has put in this past semester.



We've had a great awards season at Ohio Iota. We attended CLA in Chicago with 21 brothers, ready to further develop our chapter operations. At CLA, the AVC was awarded the outstanding Alumni Board operational excellence award. As an undergraduate chapter, we received the Donald C. McCleary Member Development Excellence award. Brother Luke Zastrow was awarded the Zollinger Outstanding Senior award and Brandon Rosolowski was selected to attend the Tragos Quest to Greece!

We started off the semester in January by sending brothers Chris Mills and Patrick Ryan to Future's Quest, a weekend retreat for fraternity underclassmen who learn about ritualistic living and values-based leadership. We then kicked off the New Year with our annual alumni board/executive board retreat at Ted's lake house. This was a great way for our executive members to bond and develop new ideas with our amazing alumni board. After the retreat, the entire executive board had the energy to make sure that the chapter continued to stay on top.

At Greek Awards night at Toledo we experienced similar success. We were awarded the Tri-fecta of the first place Dean Parks awards in Scholarship, Intramurals, and Campus Involvement. We were also the only fraternity to achieve the status of an overall Chapter of Excellence showing outstanding efforts in Scholarship, Leadership, Values, Recruitment & Retention, Service, and Risk Management. Freshman brother Doryin Thames was awarded with the IFC New Member of the Year scholarship as well. In the fall of 2015, we recorded our highest GPA to date with a 3.462 with 126 active members.

In late February, we started and sponsored the first ever UT Olympics. This event encourages campus organizations to create co-ed teams to compete in sports like volleyball, basketball, soccer, and table tennis. We are proud to say that we raised over \$1400 for the Toledo Special Olympics Foundation! We are excited to be the founders of this great event and look forward to growing it in the years to come!

As a chapter, we couldn't be happier with how the past semester has turned out. We now look to a determined executive board to work side by side with me. The executive board for 2016 will be: Evan Westlake, Vice President of Programming; Kyle Boyers, Vice President of Finance; Patrick Ryan, Vice President of Member Development; Nick Doseck, Vice President of Recruitment; Jack Sample, Chaplain; Brandon Rosolowski, Vice President of Operations; Matt Haueter, Vice President of Communications; and Jacob Pawelczyk, House Manager. We look forward to using the momentum generated by Dexter Emch and the 2015 executive board to take the chapter to new heights in 2016.

We are thrilled to announce the addition of our Faculty Fellow, Darci Ault. Darci is a tremendous asset to our chapter, as she is playing a critical role in getting our new Academic Mentor program off the ground. We couldn't be happier to have such a great mentor and coach on our team! Every year, we continue to add more great men into our brotherhood. In the fall, we successfully recruited 46 new members and 11 in the spring of 2016. As our chapter grows larger and stronger, our goals are set higher and our accomplishments do not go unnoticed.

We are currently working hard for this years "Songfest 2016: Throwback to Millennial Pop Culture." We hope to see many alumni present on Saturday, April 2nd, at 5p.m. in Savage Arena. Our directors Kevin Martin and Doryin Thames are working hard to ensure that we put on our best performance yet. Two weeks later, we hope to see you at our annual Senior Dinner on Friday, April 15th. The following weekend, we will be traveling to Gatlinburg, TN for a relaxing weekend where we will stay in five cabins in the Smoky Mountains.



This school year we once again look to build on the remarkable accomplishments of our past and become an even better chapter. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events and always love hearing from our alumni. We invite all to come and take a look at the house and get to know the undergraduate chapter. The Red Door is always open.

# Wally Miller Given Career Achievement Award

**P**astor Wallace A. Miller, who pledged Ohio Iota in the fall of 1978, will be honored at the annual Alumni Senior Dinner as this year's career achievement award recipient. After graduating from UT in June of 1983 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, Wally went on to earn his MDiv and ThD from Bethany Theological Seminary. He, his family, and 26 others founded Bible Baptist Church located in Fairfield, Ohio, where he is employed as the Senior Pastor. Their first service

was held with a small group on April 2, 2006 in a UAW hall and has grown to 300 regular attendees with land and facilities values over two million dollars.

Wally and his college sweetheart, who is also a Golden Heart, Sharon Perdeau, married 31 years ago. Together they have three sons who are all married, living in the Cincinnati area and all serve at Bible Baptist Church as Volunteers. We are pleased to congratulate Wally on his accomplishments and look



forward to hearing from him further at the dinner.

## Introducing Our New Academic Advisor Darci Ault

**D**arci Ault has been employed at The University of Toledo since 1998. During that time she has served in several roles within the Division of Student Affairs and



the College of Health Sciences. As part of those roles, she developed, implemented, and launched the UT S.W.A.T.

Team: a leadership/peer education program, created the life@college series, and taught many years with Leadership UT. Recently, she consolidated her role completely to Academic Affairs. She continues to teach within the College of Health Sciences, including the academic courses associated with the UT S.W.A.T. Team. She also currently serves as the Education/Outreach Coordinator for the UT Center for Successful Aging.

## Dr. Richard St. John Honored for his Longtime Service to the Alumni Board

**D**r. Richard A. St. John will be recognized for his service to the Alumni Board at the Alumni Senior Dinner on April 15th. When you think of a volunteer who has given time, effort, and personal sacrifice to Ohio



Iota and Sigma Phi Epsilon you think of Dr. St. John. He has served as a Board President, Vice President, Chapter Counselor, Alumni Advisor, Faculty Advisor, Academic Advisor and a Faculty Fellow at Ohio Iota. Rick has served the Ohio Iota Alumni Corporation for 50 years! He has personally mentored and seen generations of SigEps come to college, earn

their degrees and become leaders in their communities. Beyond Ohio Iota, Dr. St. John has been involved on alumni boards at Case Western Reserve, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan. He has also been a District Governor and

Lt. District Governor for Sigma Phi Epsilon. In 1993, he received the highest award for service given by our organization, the Order of the Golden Heart. Even more, outside of SigEps Rick has been heavily involved in the Boy Scouts of America, Phi Delta Kappa and his Church. The Alumni Association is proud to honor Dr. Richard A. St. John and we thank him for his service.

# Scholarship Report

**O**ur Scholarship Funds continue to grow and yield scholarships to active members. Many thanks to all of you who continue to support our funds!

We have had a dramatic increase in applications for our scholarships. The actives are most appreciative of them. They are just one more reason that it is great to be a Sig Ep! The many thank you notes received from scholarship winners show how much they appreciate their Sig Ep alums. You are making a significant difference in their lives and helping them to develop those long-standing Sig Ep values. This year our scholarship funds will sponsor over \$10,000 in scholarships and leadership awards! Our Springer Fund will once again help send brothers to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Carlson Leadership Academy.

Other Sig Ep Scholarship recipients this year:

## **Balanced Man Scholarships awarded Fall Semester 2015:**

<b>Cullin Smith</b>	<b>Collin Mange</b>
<b>Roman Murray</b>	<b>Luke Johnston</b>
<b>Ben Hohman</b>	<b>Jovan Sanson</b>
<b>Justin Gannon</b>	<b>Quinn Cramer</b>
<b>Nathan Arling</b>	<b>William Gibbons</b>
<b>Ben Sullivan</b>	

## **Bensman Scholarships:**

**Jacob Pawelczyk** graduated from Sylvania Northview and is majoring in Professional Sales and Information Systems.

## **Mandula Challenge Fund:**

**Chris Mills** is majoring in Nursing and plans to work in critical care and eventually become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

**Jack Sample** is majoring in Exercise Science/Pre-Med. After Medical School he is planning a career in neuroscience.

**Sean Mertz** is majoring in Pharmacy. After earning a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, he plans to work as an ambulatory care pharmacist.

Remember:

- If you have questions or need help, contact me at [Randy@TheMcCulloughs.us](mailto: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!

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## Members of 2000 Undergraduate Chapter to be Inducted into Ohio Iota Founder's Circle

**T**he Ohio Iota Founder's Circle award recognizes outstanding service and leadership as an undergraduate or alumni at a critical time in the chapter's development. As we celebrate 15 years of Balance Man Programming, it is only fitting we recognize the 12 young men that began rebuilding the chapter at a critical time in 2000. These men took the courageous action to change the direction of the chapter and save it from extinction. After pleading with the University to stay on campus, they began the rebuilding process. It was not easy, but the struggles provided them with experiences that allowed them to build successful careers and families. Today, we credit their actions and leadership with allowing Ohio Iota to grow into a 126-man powerhouse

that is nationally recognized as one of SigEp's top performing chapters. Least we not forget to mention 14 years of consecutive Buchanan Cups!

Please join us in honoring the following brothers for their courage, leadership and continued service to Ohio Iota.

<b>Matt Hagemeyer</b>	<b>Brent Denny</b>	<b>Nathan Konrad</b>
<b>Eric Eastwood</b>	<b>David Shelton</b>	<b>Nick Husser</b>
<b>Joe Sanders</b>	<b>Jared Shoup</b>	<b>Steve Studer</b>
<b>Brett Gerig</b>	<b>Ryan Schmidt</b>	<b>Todd Altenburger</b>

Chris Carroll, who served as our chapter counselor during this critical time will be recognized with the group as well.



## **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

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### **Remember to Designate Your Gifts to UT!**

When making gifts to UT, be sure to designate them to the Sig Ep Balanced Man Scholarship Fund, the Sig Ep Mandula Scholarship, the Springer Leadership Fund, the Bensman Scholarship, Sig Ep Presidents Club Scholarship, or the Stegman Leadership Scholarship. These endowed funds with UT provide undergraduate scholarships and leadership grants that help the chapter tremendously. The next time you make a UT gift, be sure to designate it to Sig Ep!