

HEARTLINE

Ohio Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon

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Ohio Epsilon has been up to many great things, including making changes to the Sigma, Phi, and Epsilon programs, and putting on a brand new philanthropy event!

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This year we had the opportunity to host a unique philanthropy event that separates our chapter from the rest!

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This year's BMS Program was yet again another success, and we are already planning on next year's being even better.

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We would love to hear from you and learn about all the great things you've been up to! Write to us and fill us in!



A Thank You from Your Brothers

This year we had the privilege of sending our Chapter President, Sam Abbott, and our Vice President of Programming, Bill Boaz, to the Carlson Leadership Academy in Chicago, Illinois. We would like to thank you for making that possible! Their trip was completely funded by alumni donations. This was huge for our chapter and we cannot thank you all enough for helping us out! We are especially grateful for the quick response time. It showed us how fortunate we are to have alumni that care.

Bringing Back a Tradition

The HeartLine was once Ohio Epsilon's pride and joy, keeping alumni informed about all activities and events that the chapter was involved in. Over the last few years, and with everything being online these days, we have strayed away from this tradition... until now! Our goal is to keep you updated on all of the things we get to do here at Ohio Wesleyan and keep you informed about any upcoming events.

What We've been up to!

Our Ohio Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is closing in on its 99th year here at Ohio Wesleyan University! We have continued to promote the ideals of what it means to be a Balanced Man here on campus for almost a century now. All of this is possible through the practices of having a sound mind and sound body and the help of our Balanced Man Scholarship Program.

Our brothers remain pertinacious in both the classroom and on the field. As a chapter, we have an average cumulative GPA of 3.04, which ranks us in the top 3 for highest GPA amongst Fraternities on campus. While maintaining great GPA's, our brothers are also highly involved with varsity sports at OWU. We currently have 31 brothers that play a varsity sport. These sports include, Baseball, Football, and Track & Field. Our brothers are also involved with Big Brothers & Big Sisters, President's Club, The Campus Programming Board, Ski Club, Theatre, Cheerleading, Magic, and many more clubs and programs.

For the first time in a long time we have over 40 brothers on our composite. We currently have 44 brothers in our chapter, including 14 new members. We are happy to say that our house is at full capacity with hopes of bringing in an even larger Sigma class this Fall.

One of the goals we had as a Fraternity this year was to revamp our Sigma, Phi, and Epsilon programs. Brandon Henderson, our current Vice President of Member Development, has spearheaded this restructuring. He is doing his best to instill a well-structured format for these three challenges that not only increases the closeness of our fraternity, but also helps prepare us for life after SigEp, life after college.

This year, we had the opportunity to initiate a new philanthropy event unique to our chapter! One of our very own brothers here at OWU is a multi-award winning magician who performs all over the country! Bill Boaz, a sophomore with a major in psychology and a minor in economics, is a very skilled, highly talented magician and is crazy about being a SigEp. For this year's Spring philanthropy, Bill agreed to put on a magic show for anyone who wanted to attend. We are also very fortunate to have one of our seniors, Brad Ingles, work at the Strand Movie Theatre in town, because he was able to provide us with a venue for this one of a kind experience.



Our Fraternity House decorated for the Annual Christmas Lights Competition



Magic Show Raises Money and Hope

Our Spring Philanthropy this year was very unique. We would not have had this opportunity had it not been for our brother Bill Boaz. We are extremely grateful for him giving us this experience.

The magic show we put on April 1st was one of the most successful philanthropy events we've had. We ended up raising \$2200 for Big Brothers Big Sisters. For those of you who don't know what this is, Big Brothers Big Sisters is a mentoring program for children who need guidance. Their goal is to help every child achieve success in life, and this is possible with the help of their spectacular mentors, or Big Brothers and Big sisters.

We had two separate shows, both in the same night. In attendance were OWU faculty members and their families, students from local schools and OWU, Big Brothers Big Sisters members, brothers, and families from the surrounding community.

Bill put on a show that left everyone in awe! Combining the arts of close up magic and stage magic, he showcased his talents and gave everyone the show they were hoping for. His stage magic part of the show consisted of his signature hand exercise routine, rope tricks, making a drawing come to life, swallowing a large, inflated balloon, and many other crazy feats.

Bill included close-up magic in the middle of the show, demonstrating internationally acclaimed sleight of hand skills. All throughout the show, volunteers were called up on stage to assist Bill with the magic.

Volunteers ranged from college students to the little brothers and little

sisters from the BBBS program here in Delaware. The show was great way to have a few laughs, see some tremendous magic tricks, and raise money to support one of our charities.



Pictures from the Show

These pictures show Bill Boaz and volunteers from this magical night!



Building Better Balanced Men

This year we did something a little different with our Balanced Man Scholarship Program. On top of holding our dinner and announcement ceremony for the winners and participants of our 2014 BMS program, we also held a brotherhood awards ceremony, honoring brothers for their contributions to not only the chapter, but on campus and to one another. We decided to have our brotherhood awards before the Balanced Man Scholarship dinner because we wanted to show the candidates and potential new members that our fraternity is different from the rest.

We had approximately 30 candidates make it past the application process and move on to interviews with brothers in the house. After the interview processes, we invited all the candidates back to our house for an announcement ceremony and celebratory Chipotle dinner. The five finalists were William Babcock, Aaron Strausbaugh, Omar Mendez, Akil Goodridge, and Jordan Carlson. The overall winner of the

Balanced Man Scholarship was Aaron Strausbaugh, who is a member of our 2014 new member class.

This year, our chapter's executive committee decided that we wanted to accomplish something that we have never done before. We are looking for alumni to partner with our chapter to fund our Balanced Man Scholarship Program in the future. We believe that this will not only help out our chapter financially, but it also provides an opportunity for you all to get involved with the chapter once again.

We believe that by having alumni fund this critical program for us, it will show potential new



Jake Miller presenting Colton Ponesak with his award during our Brotherhood Award Ceremony

members just how fortunate we are to have generous alumni who still care and are active in our chapter. Plus, this will free up more money for our chapter to put towards many other things, such as philanthropy events, recruitment events, brotherhood events, and planning more opportunities for alumni to come back and see the state of our chapter, reminisce on old memories, and meet the current brothers.

If you are interested in helping or have any questions about what we hope for, contact either Daniel Kasian (dakasian@owu.edu), or Sam Abbott (skabbott@owu.edu).

We are extremely eager to hear back from you and to work with you to achieve our goal.



In Appreciation

We would love to hear from you and know what you have been up to!
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We are rebuilding our alumni relations program and could use your help! By filling out the Alumni Profile Page, we can begin to network with you and keep you up to date about any upcoming events. We would love to hear what you would like from us, whether it be keeping you connected better, more often, or any events you would like to see us hold, do not hesitate to contact us!



ALUMNI PROFILE

Help update our membership records with current and complete information.
Please return this form along with photos of you and your family, and include a business card.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Class of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____

Title: _____

Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Preferred Mailing Address (circle one): Home Office

Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Wife's Name (please include maiden name): _____

Name(s) of Children: _____

News that may be of interest to your fellow brothers: _____

What is your favorite memory about Sigma Phi Epsilon: _____

Please feel free to add any other information. Please return to the address listed on the newsletter.

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