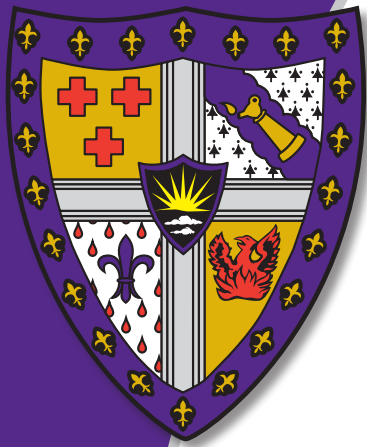


THE FORUM *for Iowa Gamma*

A newsletter for alumni and friends of the Iowa State Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Iowa Gamma Returns to Campus

Submitted by John Wilson '08

Sigma Alpha Epsilon officially returned to Iowa State as an emerging chapter (formerly “colony”, the term was changed at the 2021 convention) in fall 2020. SAE's professional expansion staff partnered with local alumni to recruit an initial core group of new members. On August 17, 2020, Iowa Gamma made SAE history by being the first chapter to host a virtual initiation, inducting seven men as members of the emerging chapter over Zoom.

Led by Eminent Archon **Reindl Weaver '24**, the chapter elected officers, created bylaws, began holding regular chapter meetings, and gave back to the Ames community by volunteering at a food bank. **Peter Holleman '09** served as chapter advisor for the 2020-21 school year, joined by an active alumni advisory committee that helped the chapter understand what it means to be a thriving fraternity that lives out the words of the True Gentleman. Despite the challenges of not being able to attend class in person, since most Iowa State classes were held virtually, members were able to build bonds of brotherhood and conduct the business of the chapter.

2021 saw the SAE national convention come to Des Moines. Several Iowa Gamma undergraduates were able to attend the convention and get their first taste of the national scope of our fraternity. The following month, over 40 alumni returned for a work weekend at the chapter house, preparing it for SAEs to live at 140 Lynn for the first time since 2015.

In spring 2022, twelve undergraduates are living in the chapter house, while the chapter has grown to 25 total members and is continuing its recruiting efforts. The emerging chapter continues to

make progress toward reclaiming its charter and becoming a full chapter of SAE once again. With support from chapter advisor **John Perkins (IACH '90)**, the undergraduates have made considerable progress and are on track to return to full chartered status in fall 2022.

One of the greatest assets Iowa Gamma possesses is an engaged alumni base. Your support can help ensure our chapter thrives in Ames for another 100 years. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- **Recruitment Recommendation:** Do you know a current or future Iowa State student who would make a good SAE? Just let **Reindl Weaver '24** know (rtweaver@iastate.edu) and the chapter will take it from there.
- **Philanthropic Support:** The chapter house is a key selling point in the recruitment process. Your donations can help keep 140 Lynn a desirable home for generations of future SAEs. Contact **Steve Churchill '85** (swchurchill@msn.com) to learn more about how to make a donation.
- **Volunteer:** Whether you want to attend a future alumni work week, mentor an undergraduate brother, or serve on the alumni advisory board, your gift of time is always appreciated. Contact **Derek Flowers '05** (derek.flowers@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering.

2021 IAGA Donors

Anthony Agliata '06	Faron Kelley '88
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Bennett Boltinghouse '06	Dan Lewis '04
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Jeanie Burrell	Justin McAdams '06
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	Troy Wright '88

If you made a gift to Iowa Gamma in 2021 and we missed recognizing you here, please let us know. Email swchurchill@msn.com and we'll make sure to include you in the next list.

Please Join Us for a

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

Founders Day Celebration

Hosted By The Central Iowa ΣAE Alumni Association

<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">At the Home of Past ESA</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">STEVE CHURCHILL</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">664 Fifty-Sixth Street Des Moines</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">With Special Guest</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.1em;">MIKE CORELLI</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">EMINENT SUPREME ARCHON</p>
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Wednesday, March 9 | 5:30 pm

Alumni & Guests \$30 | Collegiate Members \$12
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Philanthropy & Service

Submitted by Reindl Weaver '24

In October, we hosted our first philanthropy event as an Emerging Chapter. We set up a late-night pizza stand at the end of the driveway and sold pizza to students coming and going from Campus town. Late-night pizza



proved popular, as we sold over fifty pizzas and raised more than \$500 for Make-A-Wish!

Every October, Iowa State and the Greek Community put together a Halloween event for Ames community children. The trick-or-treating event was as popular as ever. Several of our members represented SAE and handed out candy to the children who attended. It is always rewarding to give back to the community that we love! Service continues to be one of our chapter's focal points. Between the Homecoming service opportunities, philanthropy and other service hours, the brothers tallied over 200 service hours this semester! As we keep growing, we are excited to give back and do even more.



Pictured from left to right: Sam Gumm '24, Andrew Wilson '25, Ryan Rasmussen '25, Nick Perkins '23

News and Notes

Three Iowa Gamma brothers were recognized for their service to the chapter during a gathering held in Des Moines in conjunction with the July 2021 SAE Convention, which was held in Des Moines. **Reindl Weaver '24** received a certificate of appreciation for his service as Iowa Gamma's first Eminent Archon as a resurrected chapter, **Scott Kundel '02** received the Churchill Award in recognition of his work as treasurer of the House Corporation Board, keeping the Iowa Gamma House Corporation in good financial shape during the chapter's suspension, and **Tomy Hillers '03** received the Order of the Lion for his tireless efforts to reconnect alumni to Iowa Gamma.



(L-R) Reindl Weaver '24, Scott Kundel '02, Tomy Hillers '03



(L-R) Steve with Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon Michael Rodgers.

Cy Kirk '44 celebrated his 100th birthday on February 4, 2022, and was profiled by WHO-TV as part of their Veterans' Voices series. A bomber pilot during World War II, Cy shared stories about flying missions behind enemy lines over Germany. Before leaving for Europe, he got engaged to a fellow graduate of Des Moines Roosevelt High School, future Hollywood actress and Academy Award winner Cloris Leachman. She broke off the engagement before he returned from Europe, though. "I do remember I got my ring back and I sold it to one of my fraternity brothers so I never lost any money," Cy said.



Cy Kirk '44



Allan Crandell '01

Allan Crandell '01 passed away in March 2021. Al and his wife Linda moved into 140 Lynn in 1999, serving as house parents for over a decade. Whether he was grilling meat for a tailgate, getting the heating system ready for winter, or simply sharing words of wisdom, Al was a cherished part of the chapter's life and is fondly remembered by the brothers who knew him. Linda, the longtime house mother and cook, currently lives in Nebraska.

Steve Churchill '85 became only the 148th member of SAE to receive the fraternity's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. Presented at the 165th Anniversary Convention in Des Moines, the award recognizes Steve's longtime service to SAE at the chapter, local, and national levels. Steve served 10 years on the Supreme Council, including a term as Eminent Supreme Archon from 2015-17. He is only the third Iowa Gamma alumnus to serve in a national leadership role, following **Chick Lee '27** (Eminent Supreme Archon) and **Tom Goodale '62** (Eminent Supreme Recorder).

Alumni Profile: Ron Anderson

City/State: Denver, Colorado

Hometown/State: Alta, Iowa

Age: 68

Pledge Year: 1972

Degree/Graduation Year:

Industrial Administration/Finance, 1976

I joined SAE because: When I came home from class I wanted to be with friends I would keep long after graduation.

If I could do college all over again, I'd:

Not change anything

Favorite memory at 140 Lynn:

Game dinners

Why I believe in supporting Iowa Gamma:

In a world where there is so much disconnect, I believe there is a place for an organization that builds long term relationships.

One piece of advice to the undergrads:

Take advantage of what is available to you at ISU. Not just what is available to you through your chosen course of study. I took yearlong courses in Horticulture and Art History. I use what I learned all the time.

My first job:

Oil industry related company in Texas

Recent accomplishments:

At this stage in my career it's more maintenance than accomplishment



Ron Anderson '76 (center) helps refurbish 140 Lynn's front door during the 2021 Alumni Work Weekend.

An SAE I admire:

Bob Goodale '55. I met Bob at the August (2021) work week. He confirmed the rumor as to how the horse met his demise in our foyer. I wonder if the event influenced the writers of the movie Animal House. Bob is a life force. It was an honor to meet him.

About my family:

Mom and Dad doing well and living in northwest Iowa.

Something about me not everyone knows:

In my mid-30's I liquidated the company I worked for in Texas and moved to Vail. I took 7 years off and spent time in Egypt and throughout Europe.

Your Iowa Gamma Legacy

There are many ways to support Iowa Gamma through estate planning, many of which provide tax advantages. Gifts may be unrestricted, with flexibility to support the chapter's most immediate needs, or they may be directed to meet an identified priority, such as a named scholarship.

As you plan for your financial future, consider joining Iowa Gamma's Legacy Society as a way to extend your support of the chapter to future generations of brothers. Through a bequest in your will or a beneficiary designation of your retirement plan, you can:

- Support the fraternity without affecting your current budget.
- Avoid estate taxes on the asset you use to make the gift.
- Take care of your family first by naming Iowa Gamma as a secondary beneficiary.
- Feel good knowing that Iowa Gamma will live on long into the future.

The Legacy Society recognizes alumni who have provided for Iowa Gamma in their estate in the form of a direct contribution, insurance policy, or deferred gift. Several brothers have made such a provision:

Bob Goodale '55
Tom Goodale '62
Robert Olson '72
Michael Hagens '83
Steve Churchill '85
John Wilson '08

If Iowa Gamma is included in your estate plans, let us know! We would welcome the opportunity to recognize you as a member of the Legacy Society.

To learn how you can give back to Iowa Gamma, contact Steve Churchill '85 at 515/229-8256 or swchurchill@msn.com.

Fall Clubfest

The Iowa State clubfest has historically featured over 900 student organizations of all types. Several of our members helped to recruit quality men and attended the clubfest on SAE's behalf. The men were very successful and they drew a lot of interest from students who did not participate in formal rush. Over 20 individuals were interested in learning more about our organization!



Some of our members helped work the Iowa State Clubfest in early September. Pictured from left to right: Reindl Weaver '24, Charlie Hofbauer '24, Aleck O'Brien '24, Andrew Wilson '25



Donor Spotlight: Michael "Boa" Hagens

City/State: Kansas City, MO

Pledge Year: 1980

Degree/Graduation Year:

Economics & Business Administration, 1983

What stimulated you to include Iowa Gamma in your estate plan? SAE is family.

Why are you making this gift?

To provide perpetual scholarships for future members of SAE at Iowa State University in order to further the quality of Iowa Gamma and the University.

What is your favorite memory from your days at 140 Lynn?

Of course there was Paddy Murphy, Bunny Raids, and the Mazola-Toga parties; but probably the most heartfelt memory is the brotherhood experienced on our pledge skip (to Madison, WI, during Halloween no less).

What did you learn as a student at Iowa Gamma that continues to benefit you to this day?

Work hard, play hard, be diplomatic.

What would you say to others that may be considering a planned gift to the chapter?

Let's keep Iowa Gamma alive forever at 140 Lynn Ave.

If you were to provide one piece of advice to the new colony members, what would it be?

Get to know all of your SAE brothers as much as possible—those connections, memories and relationships will last you for life. Also, at Iowa State, you will need to study; but be sure to socialize both inside and outside the house. SAE is a social fraternity. Have fun efficiently.

Alumni Work Weekend 2021

Submitted by Reindl Weaver '24



Over 40 alumni of the Iowa Gamma Chapter volunteered their time and energy to help restore the chapter house to its former glory

Historically, the Iowa Gamma Alumni Work Weekend has occurred the weekend prior to Interfraternity Council (IFC) formal rush. This year was an extra-special work weekend, as it was the first one in six years! There was a lot of work to do. Over 40 alumni devoted their time and effort to helping the undergraduate members fix up the house on Lynn Avenue. This included cleaning, painting, making repairs, landscaping and other activities. We announced our return to campus by raising a new flag and unveiling our letters on the front lawn. Most importantly, the work weekend provided the undergraduate members an opportunity to bond, learn skills and meet Iowa Gamma alumni brothers from all over the United States.

We asked two of our alumni participants to share some thoughts about their experience that weekend:

I wept with gratitude and joy while in my sleeping bag on the front porch of the chapter house last August, on the last night of the Work Week, after scores of brothers from across the decades and current undergraduates gathered to bring the chapter house back to life. It was amazing! When I heard young men having great post-midnight fun on Lincoln Way, I thought "How can it be that I'm here? It's like 65-70 years ago; maybe I'm having a really great dream".

It was a dream come true. Like the Phoenix rising from the ashes Iowa Gamma is emerging from the catastrophe stronger, smarter and with incomparable perseverance.

If you want to participate in joyful camaraderie the likes of which you may not have experienced for quite awhile, then join the next work week.

–Bob Goodale '55

Brother Goodale's comments are so true – the house is a time machine. I will admit that the first 8 hours, I felt a little out of place, almost like the first day of my freshman year. Then I woke up in my old room, and all my friends were there (except we got up at 5 AM instead of 10 AM). Everywhere I looked, I saw some of my most cherished memories. The memories flooded in almost exponentially but not with the pang of nostalgia; rather, as if they were part of the moment. Two days expanded into what felt like a week until Sunday came and the thought of leaving seemed unthinkable (like an extra semester at the end of school). Believe me when I say – you can go home again.

–Tomy Hillers '03





The flagpole outside of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity house has regained the flags of our fraternity, symbolizing our return to 140 Lynn Avenue

The flags return at SAE

Submitted by Reindl Weaver '24

As members of the Iowa Gamma Emerging Chapter, we are all committed to restoring and continuing our strong bond of brotherhood in addition to our larger role of bettering the community through service. As the flag officially returned to 140 Lynn Avenue this fall after a long hiatus, the brothers of Iowa Gamma are thrilled and excited to continue to build Iowa Gamma into a chapter once again. COVID-19 presented unprecedented challenges that have made our approach to all aspects of fraternity operations shift tremendously. We have persevered and overcome these challenges to make great progress. We would not have been able to reach the goals we set for our first year without the unwavering support from the alumni and friends of Iowa Gamma. We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to you all!



Recruitment

Over the course of the fall semester, recruitment has been highly successful. We began the fall semester with a goal of having 25 members by year-end. We are excited to share that we have tripled in size to 26 members. Social Chairman **Andrew Wilson '25** and Recruitment Chairman **Michael Cox '25** have worked tirelessly to plan and run recruitment and social events to help grow our brotherhood. We hosted a variety of events throughout the semester including a luau, several NFL watch parties, game nights, and a lot of sand volleyball! To cap it off, we were joined by **Jamil Tharp** from the SAE national office, who spent two weeks in Ames to help us recruit and show us what it means to be a True Gentleman. We look forward to continuing our recruitment progress in 2022.



The Men of Iowa Gamma

2022 Executive Team

EMINENT ARCHON

Jeremy Koger '24 - Des Moines, IA

EMINENT DEPUTY ARCHON

Noah Streeter '23 - State Center, IA.

TREASURER

Ryan Rasmussen '25 - Delano, MN.

EMINENT WARDEN

Braden Hayes '23 - Burlington, IA.

EMINENT RECORDER

Sean Peters '24 - Andover, MN.

RECRUITMENT CHAIRMAN

Mike Cox '25 - Palatine, IL.

PHILANTHROPY AND SERVICE CHAIRMAN

Aleck O'Brien '24 - Des Moines, IA.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN

Nick Perkins '23 - Johnston, IA.

NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR

Castin Keil '23 - Sioux City, IA.

2022 Officers

HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

Braden Hayes '23 - Burlington, IA.

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

Andrew Wilson '25 - Minneapolis, MN.

ALUMNI RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

Reindl Weaver '24 - Deerfield, IL.

BROTHERHOOD CHAIRMAN

Charlie Hofbauer '24 - Brookfield, WI.

EMINENT CHRONICLER

Andrew Haberkorn '23 - Bettendorf, IA.

HOUSE MANAGER

Chancellor Reese '25 - Northville, MI.

IFC CHAIRMAN

Nathan Thorp '25 - Sullivan, WI.



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Homecoming



Community Park Cleanup

Many of our members participated in the Homecoming community service events. The brothers enjoyed working with our pairing of Delta Tau Delta and Delta Zeta to give back to the Ames community by spending an afternoon cleaning up the Ames community parks.



Yell Like Hell

Two of our members, Ryan Abens '25 and Andrew Wilson '25 were lead characters in the Yell Like Hell skit that we performed for Homecoming. Our theme was the Wizard of Oz.



Homecoming 5K Race

Several brothers laced up and ran in the Iowa State Homecoming 5k. This year, proceeds raised from the event went to a local Ames organization, The Lutheran Services of Iowa, to help provide them with the funds to purchase items for their facility. The brothers had a great time getting some exercise for a good cause!



Homecoming Awards

As Homecoming week came to a close, we were thrilled to win two trophies! We took 2nd place in the Parade Float category and 3rd place in the Olympics. Thanks to Delta Tau Delta and Delta Zeta for being a great pairing this semester!



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