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LETTER FROM THE #1

Reflections and Hope for the Future: A Farewell from the #1 of Alpha Epsilon

By Brother Ian Campbell, E'25, #1

As my time as the #1 of Alpha Epsilon draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the many memories I've shared with my Brothers. From joining the first pledge class of the Alpha after its refounding in August 2021 to where I am now, the past three years have been filled with incredible moments. I have been reflecting on learning about our rich history, growing closer to my pledge Brothers, and feeling the pride of becoming a Brother while meeting alumni from all generations. I especially cherish the time spent organizing and participating in our annual Haunted Lodge. While each year brought a unique theme and outcome, the camaraderie and time shared with Brothers remained just as meaningful.

While I reflect on these memories, I am equally excited about the future of the Alpha. With elections just around the corner, I am confident there are capable Brothers ready to step into leadership roles and continue our legacy. I'm also optimistic that our new members will contribute to the great things Chi Psi has to offer.

This experience is one I will carry with me forever. I look forward to seeing current Brothers continue to enjoy their time here and for future Brothers to join in this incredible collegiate journey.

LODGE UPDATE

Founders' Room Renovations Underway

Exciting updates are in progress as the Founders' Room in the Tap Room begins to take shape! Renovations are scheduled to continue through summer 2025 with the goal of debuting these spaces as part of our fall 2025 Homecoming events. Stay tuned for more progress reports as we bring this vision to life!







MEET THE PLEDGES



Nate James Landig
Freshman
Lockport, Illinois
Mechanical Engineering
Involvement/Interests:
Involved in M-STARX,
Michigan Neuroprosthetics,
BlueLAB EASE, and TPEG.

Skills/hobbies include 3D CAD modeling and design, running, playing guitar/bass/banjo, and riding roller coasters.

"I was blown away by how positive and supportive the Chi Psi Brotherhood was when I met them in the fall. From day one, I've felt valued and respected, so I'm ecstatic to be joining the Lodge and hope to strengthen this community even further!"



Zachary John DeVivo
Freshman
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Mathematics
Involvement/Interests: Table
tennis, aquariums, video
games, jigsaw puzzles, chess
"Alpha Epsilon is a great,

supportive community of Brothers and I am excited about the prospect of becoming one. I look forward to carrying on the values of the fraternity and continuing to make the Lodge a great place to be."



Ian Michael Canfield
Sophomore
Saint Johns, Florida
Economics
Involvement/Interests: Working
out, pickleball, tennis, piano
"Ever since Mason and Ryan first
approached me on the Diag, I knew

this was the fraternity I wanted to join."



Sophomore
Novi, Michigan
Computer Science
Involvements/Interests: IASA,
working out, cooking, math, reading
"I wanted to join Chi Psi at the
University of Michigan to foster

lifelong Brotherhood, grow through shared values and leadership, and contribute to a supportive community."

FALL 2024 SOCIAL UPDATE

From Mixers to Memories: Building Brotherhood and Connections

By Daniel Smith, E'26, Social Chair

Looking back over the past few months, it's clear that Alpha Epsilon's social life has thrived. We're fostering bonds and memories to last a lifetime. A major highlight has been our partnership with Gamma Phi Beta (Gi Phi), which has brought fresh energy and excitement to our social calendar.

One memorable event was when Gi Phi joined us for our weekly formal dinner featuring an "Around the World" mixer theme. This set the stage for an unforgettable evening as we connected with many of the ladies from Gamma Phi Beta. The night was filled with globally inspired drinks, delicious cuisine from our amazing chef, and lively conversations. The event not only strengthened our relationship with Gi Phi, it also showcased Alpha Epsilon at its best.

Building on that momentum, we hosted a fun-filled pool and poker night. The relaxed atmosphere gave everyone a chance to unwind and enjoy some friendly competition. With laughter echoing around the pool table and cards shuffling at the poker tables, the evening was filled with camaraderie and connection. Additionally, the ladies of Gamma Phi Beta joined us in carving pumpkins for our annual Haunted Lodge, showing their support for our philanthropic efforts.

Recently, we've also started building ties with Delta Phi Epsilon. At our Halloween social, we had the opportunity to meet many of their sisters. The shared values of sisterhood and Brotherhood shine through during our joint activities and we're excited to plan more events to deepen these connections.

As we look ahead, the potential for further collaboration and social engagement is promising. Our recent mixers have laid a strong foundation for lasting friendships and unforgettable experiences. Together with Gi Phi and Delta Phi Epsilon, we are excited to create even more opportunities for fun, growth, and unity within Alpha Epsilon.

HAUNTED LODGE 2024 Brotherhood in Action: Raising \$1,300 for Kidney Disease Research

By Brother Josh Gura, E'27

On October 23 and 24, the Brothers of Alpha Epsilon hosted our annual Haunted Lodge philanthropy event. This year, we chose to support the Circle of CORE Kidney Foundation, an organization dedicated to funding kidney disease research and providing educational and emotional support for patients and their families.

This year's theme transformed the Lodge into a chilling "asylum" where eerie inmates lurked around every corner. Guests found the experience to be the perfect blend of spooky and fun while appreciating the meaningful cause behind it. Some of the layout and schedule mirrored last year's event and we made creative excellent use of our space and reused decorations to stay within budget.

Thanks to the generosity of our guests and a matching contribution from the Circle of CORE Kidney Foundation, we raised over \$1,300 to support kidney disease research. It was a pleasure to collaborate on this event with Br. Dominic Lucido, E'25, and Br. Ryan Pinsker, E'27. All of the Brothers enjoyed spreading Halloween cheer while making a positive impact.

We're already looking forward to continuing our philanthropic efforts and bringing the Haunted Lodge back next fall for another unforgettable event!





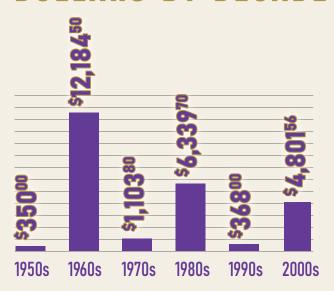
2023–2024 ANNUAL FUND RESULTS

The 2023–24 Alpha Epsilon of Chi Psi annual fund is complete! Thanks to the generosity of **41 Brothers** across six decades, we raised **\$25,147.56**. While short of our \$50,000 goal, the dedication demonstrated was inspiring. Here's how each decade contributed:

DONORS BY DECADE



DOLLARS BY DECADE



Special thanks to the **1960s Brothers** for raising the most at \$12,184.50 and to the **1980s Brothers** for the highest participation with 14 donors. Every contribution supports the Alpha.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Chi Psi. See the enclosed letter for a full honor roll of donors from the 2023–24 annual fund, along with details on how to contribute this year.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Chi Psi. Let's aim even higher for the 2024–25 annual fund.

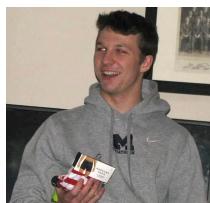
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE LODGE

The Brothers of Alpha Epsilon celebrate the season with laughter, gifts, and the bond of Brotherhood. Wishing you a warm and joyful holiday season!







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Between editions of The Epsilonian, there are plenty of ways to stay engaged with the Brotherhood:

- Check our website, **alphaepsilonofchipsi.com** for updates, news, and upcoming events.
- Follow us on Instagram @umichchipsi to see what's happening with the Alpha in real-time.
- Join our email list: If you aren't already receiving our email newsletters, send your name and graduation year to connect@alphaepsilonofchipsi.com to stay informed about Alpha updates, alumni reunions, and more.

Keep in touch!



Recommend a Gentleman to Epsilon

Do you know a current undergrad at UM who would make a great Chi Psi? Get in touch to connect us with him today!

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