

# The Epsilonian



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## INITIATION BANQUET

### **\$31,000 in Scholarships Awarded by Epsilon Educational Endowment**

by Miles Anderson E'26

On January 28th, 2023, Alpha Epsilon welcomed its Fall 2022 pledge class into the bonds of Chi Psi Brotherhood at the initiation banquet. The memorable evening served as the triumphant reinstatement of the old tradition, made possible by our wonderful hosts: **Br. David Di Rita E'86** and **Br. James Van Dyke E'01**.

As a newly initiated brother, it is always astonishing to see how much history Alpha Epsilon has and how much our alumni care. It was an amazing experience to connect with so many alumni, eat some delicious food, and spend time together as brothers.

Our alumni generously awarded \$31,000 in scholarships through the Epsilon Educational Endowment. We had the pleasure of listening to a number of alumni and current brothers give speeches. They passed on wisdom and gave thanks, and surprised me by letting me know I had to give a speech. I tried not to be verbose and kept it short and sweet, which I am sure many people appreciated.

The current brothers of Alpha Epsilon would like to extend our deepest thanks to all the alumni who supported and organized this event. We hope to make you all proud and continue the tradition of making Chi Psi great.



## State of the Alpha

*“Every day living in the Lodge is a blessing”*

As we quickly approach the conclusion of this school year, I can say one thing with absolute certainty: the Chi Psi experience has been absolutely stellar. I fell in love with the Lodge the second I walked in for the first time in November 2020. Ever since then, I dreamed of what it would be like to live in this immaculate building with some of my closest friends and brothers. My expectations were high, but somehow Chi Psi seems to continue to exceed them.

As the newly elected #1 of Alpha Epsilon, I felt the weight of my responsibilities quite quickly. Whether it is recruitment, external relations, or managing risk, I know that the buck stops with me. So, I know the level of dedication that I have to put in to ensure that Alpha Epsilon continues to thrive as it has in the past 1.5 semesters. My

love for this fraternity is what drew me to become #1 and there are so many people on this campus that could experience what the 22 of us are experiencing right now. That is what drives me to ensure that we continue moving forward in the right direction.

I am so excited for the rest of this semester and next semester and the various ways I can positively contribute to Chi Psi at The University of Michigan. Every day living in the Lodge is a blessing and something that I will never forget or take for granted.

YITB,

**Thejas Rengaswamy E'24**

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## Brothers Montefisher and Rosenberger Reflect on Epsilon's Advancement

**Br. Aidin Montefisher PΔ'20, E'22**



Happy April to all! I hope everyone is enjoying the start of spring— even if the weather isn't reflecting it in Michigan! As many of you are aware, my time as Lodge Director ended this past month, and I am currently in Santiago, Chile, where I am an English instructor through a local company. While it

has been nothing short of superb so far, I wanted to express my gratitude for everything Alpha Epsilon and the University of Michigan have given me for the past three years.

Re-Founding the Alpha was certainly not an easy task— but a successful one by all metrics today. With 20+ Brothers, a strong Lodge culture, and a growing reputation on campus and in the National Fraternity, Alpha Epsilon is truly alive and well once again. This would not have been possible without the support of many Alumni, volunteers, my colleague Br. Adler Rosenberger, and of course the brilliant dedication and work done by the undergraduates themselves.

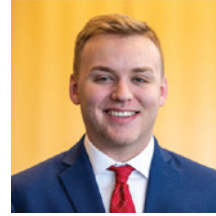
The Re-Founding experience is one that I will never forget, and I am so proud of all the progress that has been made. It seems like just yesterday, I was sitting in the Fireplace Room with zero undergraduates in the middle of a pandemic wondering where to begin. Now, the future is exceptionally bright for the men of Alpha Epsilon and the Alpha itself.

I am incredibly fortunate to have been involved, and while a thank you does not do it justice, I appreciate every single person I've been able to interact with over dinners, Football Saturdays, Homecomings, Initiations, and more. I can't wait to come back and visit Ann Arbor and can't wait to see what is in store for the future.

Hasta luego!  
YITB,

**Br. Aidin Montefisher PΔ'20, E'22**

**Br. Adler Rosenberger ΦΔ'19, E'23**



Helping to re-found Alpha Epsilon is one of my most cherished accomplishments as a Chi Psi. As an undergraduate, I was a founder of Alpha Phi Delta at the University of Kentucky; our founding

class had the privilege of being initiated into the Bonds of Chi Psi within the walls of the Epsilon Lodge. Witnessing the now thriving Epsilon Brotherhood has brought my time as a Chi Psi full circle— especially since I was able to initiate for a second time in 620 S. State St, this time as a Brother of Alpha Epsilon.

I recently finished my master's degree at the University of Michigan and given Aidin's departure to Chile, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Lodge Director for the remainder of the semester. I am enjoying spending more time with the undergraduates, as they truly are a remarkable group. Aidin and I once sold them on a vision of what the Alpha could be, and now they have made it into an even better reality than we could have imagined. The future of Alpha Epsilon is strong, and the Lodge will be in incredible hands next year with Br. James Wishart E'23 taking over as Lodge Director.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Re-Founding and that continues to support the Alpha and well-being of the Lodge. A special and sincere thank you to the Corporation for their unwavering support of Aidin and me; this project would not have been a success without them.

YITB,

**Br. Adler Rosenberger ΦΔ'19, E'23**

## STAY IN TOUCH

**Submit Alumni News Today!**

Do you have updates to share with your Brothers? Whether it's career or family news, notable achievements, volunteer roles, hobbies, travels, or something else, we want to hear about it. Email your alumni update to [connect@alphaepsilonofchipsi.com](mailto:connect@alphaepsilonofchipsi.com) along with any photos you'd like to share and we'll include your submission in our next edition of *The Epsilonian*.



# Upcoming Events

## Lost Afternoon, Homecoming, and Football Saturdays

Alpha Epsilon invites all alumni and guests to celebrate the end of the academic year at the Lodge for our **Lost Afternoon** cocktail reception. Look for more information via email soon.

We also look forward to seeing our alumni back at the Lodge in the Fall! Homecoming and the Alpha Epsilon Annual Reunion are scheduled for the weekend of September 22-23, 2023.

We hope you have made the necessary personal arrangements. A formal invitation and registration link will be sent in early August.

The full football schedule is listed below. For home games (*highlighted in bold blue*), Epsilon will host its traditional Football Saturday festivities at the Lodge for most (if not all) home games.

You need to watch for weekly emails to register for Football Saturdays, so if you haven't been getting our emails make sure you send a note with your preferred address to [connect@alphaepsilonofchipsi.com](mailto:connect@alphaepsilonofchipsi.com).



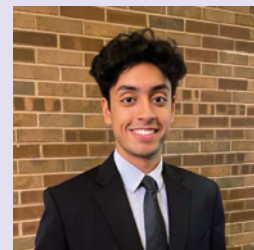
DATE	OPPONENT
<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>East Carolina</b>
<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>UNLV</b>
<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>Bowling Green</b>
<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>Rutgers</b>
Sept. 30	at Nebraska
Oct. 7	at Minnesota
<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
Oct. 21	at Michigan State
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>Purdue</b>
Nov. 11	at Penn State
Nov. 18	at Maryland
<b>Nov. 25</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>

# GRADUATING SENIORS

## Brothers Share Post-Graduation Plans

### Br. Suyash Dixit E'23

With only a few weeks left until graduation, everything is starting to feel more nostalgic in a season of lasts as my time in Ann Arbor draws to a close. As I look back on the past three years, I can confidently say that joining Chi Psi was a foundational decision in my undergraduate experience. The friendships and memories I have made along the way will undoubtedly last a lifetime.



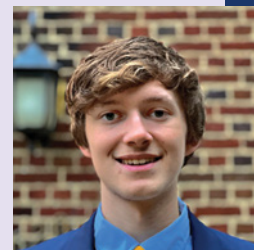
I'm very proud of how our group dynamic at the Lodge has shifted and changed for the better with each passing semester, and I'm confident that the trend will continue with the younger brothers. As the Re-Founding #1, it's been pretty awesome seeing how a small group of four dedicated guys three years ago has slowly turned into something much bigger and better than we could have imagined.

After I graduate with my BSE in Mechanical Engineering this April, I plan on starting work as a Systems Modeling Engineer at Raytheon Missiles & Defense in Tucson, Arizona, an opportunity I'm very excited about. While I'll be thousands of miles away for most of the year, I'm looking forward to staying engaged as an alumnus, and plan on coming back to the Lodge for homecoming as well as the OSU game.

Forever Go Blue!

### Br. Blake Duddles E'23

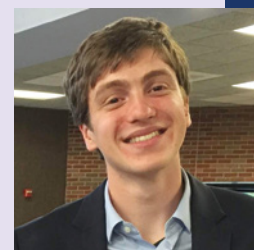
After graduation, I will be moving to New York City where I will be starting my career as a financial analyst at a global investment bank called Sixpoint Partners. Sixpoint Partners is a subsidiary of PNC bank with a specific focus on primary and secondary private equity placement. I am very excited to move to NYC and I can't wait to experience everything the city has to offer.



I am very thankful for the opportunities that Chi Psi and Alpha Epsilon's alumni network have given me throughout my college years and I look forward to the lifelong experience of being an Epsilon alumnus. Similarly to my fellow Re-Founders, I plan to attend every Chi Psi National Convention going forward as well as return to the Lodge every homecoming as life allows. One of my goals is to provide similar support and guidance to the active brothers of Alpha Epsilon further down the line once I am able to do so.

### Br. James Wishart E'23

After graduation, I will remain enrolled for one more year at the University of Michigan to complete a Master's Degree in Computer Engineering through the Sequential Undergraduate Graduate Program, or SUGs. During that time I will remain active with the Alpha by serving as Lodge Director, so you won't be rid of me quite yet.



# MEET EPSILON'S SPRING 2023 PLEDGES

**Ryan David Finlay**



**Year:** Freshman  
**Hometown:** New York City, New York  
**Major:** Urban Technology (adding Economics)  
**Involvement:** Alexander Hamilton Society, Michigan Hillel, Urbanism Club, Michigan Review, Michigan Cycling, Michigan Dressage, Heterodox Academy, and the Regional Plan Association.  
**Interests:** Architectural and figurative drawing, cartography, reading works of history, and English saddleseat Morgan horseback riding.

*“When my parents suggested I join a traditional fraternity in college— one where the brothers practice civilized, respectable conduct among themselves and their peers— I responded with the declaration that such institutions no longer exist. Chi Psi proved me wrong. At Alpha Epsilon, the real meaning of fraternal values and age-old tradition is given vital and admirable importance. I am deeply honored to receive the opportunity to pledge Chi Psi, and look forward to being a part of the beginning of a new era of life in the Lodge at Michigan.”*

## VOLUNTEERS

### EPSILON TRUSTEE CORPORATION

- Brian T. Heil E’80, #1
- David M. Di Rita E’86, #2
- David L. Decker E’86, #3
- Brad R. Plymale E’90, #4

### TRUSTEES

- Richard R. Burns E’68
- Dwight M. Herdrich E’85
- Dennis G. Miriani E’87
- Aaron J. Tavalire E’07

### EPSILON EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT

- Chris A. Laus E’81, #1
- Andrew N. McQuarrie E’06, #3
- Steven A. Starnes E’01, #4

### TRUSTEES

- Nicolas Wetzler E’00
- Marek C. Lockhart E’85
- James R. Van Dyke E’01

**Omkar Vodela**



**Year:** Sophomore  
**Hometown:** Novi, MI  
**Major:** Computer Science  
**Involvement/**  
**Interests:** Running, Movies, IASA, Volleyball, Poker, Violin

*“After exploring various options in Greek life, it was the values and sense of Brotherhood that Chi Psi embodied that truly spoke to me. I want to join Chi Psi not only to be part of a community that promotes academic excellence and leadership, but also to contribute to its growth and make a positive impact on the lives of its members. Also, the Lodge is an amazing place to live.”*

## Philanthropy

by Noah Hilbig E’24

### Alpha Epsilon Continues its Support of Washtenaw Council for Children



This winter semester, Alpha Epsilon has made an effort to support and donate to the Washtenaw Council for Children here in Ann Arbor. The organization focuses on preventing child abuse and neglect through educational workshops for parents of all ages. Their efforts and values helped motivate us to put on several events during the semester to help sum a large donation to them at the end of the semester.

By coordinating and organizing hot chocolate and bake sales during weekdays, Alpha Epsilon has raised approximately \$500 halfway through the semester. These small events are helping us learn the ins and outs of making effective philanthropy events and teaching us to take advantage of our location on campus.

Hopefully, we are able to increase our donation significantly by the end of the semester by hosting smaller events every few weeks and a larger event once we begin to get better weather!