

Sigma Phi Epsilon

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2022



Another year and yet another successful semester for Sigma Phi Epsilon. As the MS Gamma chapter continues to grow, we work towards non-complacency. A chapter's success and reputation can all change within just one semester. Throughout the past few years, the MS Gamma chapter has worked hard to make its presence known, not only in the Greek Life community, but on campus, in the local community, and nationally. As we start a new school year, we strive to continue to push towards the top and break through the stereotypes of "fraternity culture" as this fraternity is different. Number one, the only one!

2022-2023 Executive Board

Introducing the newly elected executive board left to right.

Vice President of Membership Development- Brandon “Bo” Ellzey
Vice President of Finance- Noah Samuel
Vice President of Recruitment- Matthew Scoggins
Vice President of Programming- Braxton Ruddock
President- Hunter Simmons
Chaplain- Charles “Chip” Lewis
Vice President of SigEp Learning Community- Daniel Laudadio
Vice President of Communications- Britton Everett



Academics

We are proud to announce that we have received 1st place for Overall Chapter GPA in the interfraternity council for the fifth semester in a row, and 1st place for Highest New Member GPA in the interfraternity council. The men of this chapter have worked very hard to maintain scholarly grades and it shows. Balancing a sound mind with a sound body, the MS Gamma chapter achieved a 3.43 GPA.



Recruitment



At the top as usual! This Fall our VP of Recruitment brought in 26 new members. The most out of all IFC chapters. We pride ourselves on bringing in the best of the best. We look for young men who believe in the principles for which our fraternity stands for, virtue, diligence, and brotherly love. During the recruitment season, we showcase our Balanced Man Program to incoming freshmen who are interested in joining a fraternity, and demonstrate the reasons for which this fraternity is different. We look forward to developing these young men into balanced men of society.

Intramurals

Throughout the semester many of our members enjoy playing in intramurals. It is a great way for us to take a break from school and have some fun.



Philanthropy Involvement and Community Service

This Fall, we hosted our 2nd annual “Throwing out Hunger” kickball philanthropy event to raise money and awareness for Extra Table. There were two tournaments held, one fraternity division and one sorority division. A first-place plaque was given to the winner of each division, and a spirit award was given to the sorority or fraternity with the most participation and spirit. Proud to say it was a very successful event.



The annual Chili Cook-Off philanthropy event has been postponed to January 28th, 2023. We would love to see you there!



Each year we enjoy volunteering to help move in the incoming USM students on freshmen move-in days. It's a great opportunity to help fellow students and get new students acclimated to the USM campus.



Following last year's win in Chi Omega's 70th Annual Songfest, we were not allowed to win two consecutive years in a row. Never the less, we still gave it our all and put on a great show. We are ready to come back next year and compete for the win.

This year, one of our members got the honor of helping grant a wish to a little girl named Cealey. Thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Cealey is now getting to fulfil her wish of going to Disney World.

We are grateful to be able to participate in this event each year and give back such a life changing organization.

As the holiday season came near, a couple of our members got together to help our philanthropy organization, Extra Table, load up turkeys to be delivered to food pantries across the state. Opportunities like these are blessings to be able to give back to families in need during this season.



Greek Life Awards



This year we were proud to have brought home multiple Greek Life awards! We were given the 2022 Aubrey K. Lucas Scholarship Award based on achieving the highest IFC chapter GPA for the past year. We take pride in our academics and are honored to have accomplished such an achievement. The 2022 Outstanding Chapter in Leadership Development Award was presented to us for our dedication to generating leaders on campus and in the community. In the MS Gamma chapter, we believe in continuous development through our Balanced Man Program.



We are proud of our AVC President, Hunter Easterling, for being inducted into the USM Fraternity and Sorority Life Alumni Hall of Fame and our previous Chapter President, Payton Temple, for being awarded 2022 IFC Chapter President of the Year.

Alumni Event/Involvement



We had a great turn out at our annual Alumni Homecoming Dinner! Thank you to those who came. It was great to see you at the house again. Our members enjoyed getting to speak with you and hear about your time in the chapter.

We will be having our annual Spring Alumni Crawfish Boil on April 22nd. More information regarding that event will be sent out soon. We hope to see you then.

Member Spotlight

Throughout the semester the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon have achieved many accomplishments, from becoming a leader on campus to reaching a personal achievement, here are some of the accomplishments made by the members of SigEp this semester.

- **Will Lingold:** Elected IFC Vice President of Administrative Affairs and Eagle Connection Vice President of Retention and Events
- **Kian Badie:** Elected IFC Vice President of Programming
- **Addison Boyette, Charles “Chip” Lewis, Matthew Scoggins, Brandon “Bo” Ellzey, Braxton Ruddock, Dylan Littles:** Inducted into Eagle Connection
- **Britton Everett, Tyler Weeks, Ben Heindl, Joseph Tarver, Cade McCormick:** Inducted into Order of Omega, National Honor Society
- **Tyler Pierce:** Inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, Business Honor Society and elected President of the Financial Management Association
- **Payton Temple:** Awarded IFC Chapter President of the Year
- **Braxton Ruddock & Addison Boyette:** Inducted into Southern Style
- **Dylan Littles:** 2022 Homecoming Sophomore Beau
- **Addison Manlove, Jay Ashley, Eric Harding, Jackson Corley:** Inducted into Greek Seekers

New Graduates of 2022



Tommy Dilwith

Following graduation, Tommy plans to work in the Intensive Care Unit at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, MS. After working for a few years, he plans to attend graduate school to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.



Jordan Stewart

After graduation, Jordan plans to finish his internship with Southern Tire Mart and pursue a career in sales or management.

A note to the Chapter:

Do not take these years of your life too serious, you'll have the next 40 for that.

Note to our Alumni:

If you or any alumni that you still keep in touch with have any sort of change of information (email, phone number, address, etc.) please let us know so that we are able to update it in our records. If you have an interest in getting more involved with the chapter, please contact our Vice President of Communications, Britton Everett. His contact information can be found below.

Social Media: Be sure to follow our Instagram and Facebook Pages to stay up to date on the day-to-day accomplishments of the MS Gamma Chapter



<https://www.facebook.com/usmsigep>



@USMSIGEP

Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President: Hunter Easterling

Phone- (601) 503-3694

Email- avcmmsgamma@gmail.com

Chapter President: Hunter Simmons

Phone- (662) 721-0334

Email- hunter.simmons@usm.edu

Vice President of Communications: Britton Everett

Phone- (985) 302-1696

Email- britton.everett@usm.edu