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Success with Zeta Tau Alpha in Greek Week

Through stellar performances, SigEp and Zeta secured the win in flag football and donated 100's of hours of service during Greek week.

Arkansas Tech University's Order of Omega Zeta Sigma recently held their annual Greek Week, which benefits the River Valley Advocacy Center, Marva, and River Valley Food 4 Kids. Together, Greek Life donated over \$43,000 worth of food and hygiene items for the local community. Arkansas Epsilon chapter of SigEp paired with Zeta Tau Alpha to form a team to compete in the annual Greek games. Star players such a Brayden Gilmore and Jeremy Tharp led their team to the playoffs and then to the final, where they took the gold handily. After success in the Greek Games, SigEp and Zeta Tau Alpha switched their focus to serving Marva during the Day of Service. As a team, SigEp and Zeta had over 50 volunteers work for Marva cleaning up fencerows, picking up trash, and raking leaves for over two hours. During the donation day of Greek week, SigEp and Zeta donated over 1,500 food items to help Zeta Sigma's selected organizations. Although SigEp and Zeta didn't win Greek Week, the area-wide impact made every second worthwhile.

Balanced Man Scholarship

Keaton Gresham, one of SigEp newest members shares what the BMS Program means to him.

A member of the 6-man spring rush class was destined to receive the Balanced Man Scholarship. Keaton Gresham, a junior at ATU, continued to exemplify our cardinal principles. Through careful consideration, Gresham was selected as the perfect candidate. When asked what the Balanced Man Scholarship meant to him, Gresham said "Due to financial circumstances I was unsure if I would be able to be a part of SigEp. Thanks to the generous Balanced Man Scholarship, I am now able to continue my father's legacy of being a SigEp here at Arkansas Tech. I look forward to becoming a more balanced man." The BMS program continues to bring in balanced men.

Balanced Man Recognized on Campus

Braiden Sharum, Vice President of Programming, was awarded Greek Man of the Year.

The 2021-2022 academic year brought with it another Greek Excellence awards dinner sponsored by the office of fraternity and sorority life at Arkansas Tech. This year, SigEp's own Braiden Sharum took home the award for Greek man of the year. Sitting high above other awards issued such as new member of the year or president of the year, this prestigious award is the exact embodiment of what Greek life strives to represent.

Since Braiden joined Greek life, he has been extremely involved in IFC and his SigEp chapter while still maintaining balance and discipline in his academic affairs. In his three years at ATU, these are some of the positions he has held: SigEp VP-Programming, SigEp External Relations & Alumni Relations, SGA Sophomore Senator, and IFC Vice President. He has continued to perform well in these leadership roles that demand much of his time while continuing to succeed in the classroom and the community with his fraternity. When asked about his thoughts regarding winning the award, he said "it means a lot to me that I can make an impact that reaches outside of just SigEp." Braiden Sharum is the exact embodiment of what it means to be a SigEp, and the men at Arkansas Epsilon couldn't be prouder of 915.



Teaming up for the Greater Good

SigEp and Kappa Sigma team up for an eventful philanthropy week.

SigEp and Kappa Sigma's philanthropy week started April 12th at the Hindsman Belltower with a Canned Food and Penny drive. After the first day, Sigma Pi and Delta Zeta both had over a 30-point lead on the rest of Greek Life. The second day, Delta Zeta took a 130-point lead over the other sororities and Alpha Tau Omega staged a massive comeback by making a 120-point gap between themselves and the rest of the fraternities. During the third day, Delta Zeta continued to gap other sororities with almost a 200-point lead while Alpha Tau Omega held onto their 120-point lead. A scheduled volleyball tournament was moved to April 14th and all the teams were ready to play. The first round left only four teams: Zeta Tau Alpha, El-Pass-O, Delta Zeta, and Donald Bump. In the semi-finals El-Pass-O and Delta Zeta made quick work of the challengers, sweeping Zeta Tau Alpha and Donald Bump. El-Pass-O pulled together in the championship for a 3-set sweep. The last and final day of the Penny Wars, tension began over who would take home gold. It was a race to see who could bring the most change. Zeta Tau Alpha staged a massive comeback thirty minutes before the end of the competition, putting a 1000-point gap between them and other sororities. Alpha Tau Omega held onto their lead to join Zeta Tau Alpha in winning gold for the most funds raised for River Valley Food 4 Kids. Together, SigEp and Kappa Sigma's Philanthropy week raised over 1,200 in cash and food items.



Hoop of Steal

The Arkansas Epsilon has achieved sending 8 men through the hoop of steal to start their lives as alumni.

Friday, April 29th was a bittersweet day for the Arkansas Epsilon Chapter. 8 accomplished men would enter hoop as brothers and leave as distinguished alumni. These men are Jacob Holloway, Albert Zhang, Kyle Ford, Jeremy Tharp, Khamian Riley, Zac Griffith, Emilio Soto, and James Phommavongsa. Among these men, many served on the respective executive boards. Jacob Holloway served as Chaplain and President. James Phommavongsa served as recruitment chair. Jeremy Tharp was an active intramural chair leading many SigEp teams into the playoffs and finals. The Arkansas Epsilon chapter would like to thank all of these gentlemen for the contributions they made to chapter over the years and congratulate them in taking the next step into adulthood. SigEp looks forward to seeing what these men achieve in the future and how they will continue to represent the best fraternity in the world, Sigma Phi Epsilon.



SigEp impacts college students

-Daniel Geels & Jacob Reprogle

Colton Little, a member of Fall 17', had no idea what life had in store when he rushed SigEp. Little ended up serving two terms as VP of Communications and was elected to Presidency in the middle of the Covid 19 Pandemic. We sat down with him to figure out how he managed these hard times and how it helped prepare him for life after college.

After graduation, Little took a Graduate Assistant position over student organizations and OnTrack at Arkansas Tech University. Through this position, Little facilitates events student organizations on campus put on by making sure they register events through Tech's software and reaches out to Tech's student body for feedback on what events are wanted on campus. "I work with students and faculty. I work with students who are creating the organizations and then I work with faculty to facilitate events and make sure everything is running smoothly on that side of things," said Little.

The On-Track program is a co-curricular experience designed to enhance student development beyond the classroom setting, encourage students to network socially among peers and include students in traditional university events. On-Track has sub-programs that focus on an active mind and body, advancement in careers, growing leadership qualities, staying informed about global events, and how to navigate through life financially.

"My experience on the executive board gave me a chance to learn time management skills and really gave me the chance to work with students and faculty closely," said Little. Due to these lessons that were gained through SigEp, Little is confident in his ability to communicate effectively with people of all ages to succeed in any task he is given. Outside of his Graduate Assistant position, Little gave insight on how his time in chapter helped him with life in general. "Being in chapter and holding executive board positions helped me learn patience, whether it be someone is doing something you don't want them too or just a miscommunication of information. Taking the time to adjust so everyone walks away successful was a huge skill that I took away from chapter," said Little. Through SigEp Little became a great leader and an even better brother!

Thank you for all the contributions you made to chapter and continuing to represent SigEp with pride!