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Brothers on the Move

Brothers from the Arkansas Epsilon visit many places around the nation to continue to build bonds that will last a lifetime.

This summer the brothers of the Arkansas Epsilon chapter hit the road and had great bonding experiences along the way. Starting off the summer with Memorial Day fun; brother Chandler Stewart, Michael Van Ness, Jacob Atherley, Brayden Gilmore, and Alex Ngyuen headed out to Tahlequah Oklahoma to float the Illinois river and continue to build great connections along the way. The trip was a short one, but brotherly love speaks for itself. Newer member Chandler Stewart talked about creating better relationships with his brothers on this trip stating "I rushed only a semester ago, but the guys always include me in everything they do. I learned so much more about my brothers in a short period of time than I could ever imagine and for that I am grateful". Later in the summer, brothers: Dylan Kats, Alex Ngyuen, Brayden Gilmore, Chandler Stewart, Ryne Sitkowski headed out to Panama City Beach Florida. The trip was full of great memories made and awesome bonding moments, brother Alex Ngyuen said " I'm super grateful for these guys and that I can call them my brothers, I'm grateful that I can have these lifelong memories after my college career."

The SigEp's of Summer

Dominance in campus events

Multiple SigEp teams entered the M-Street Slam Fest and won them all

This fall Arkansas Tech Recreation held multiple basketball events outside the resident hall M-Street. SigEp showed up and showed out with a tabling event and teams in all the events. The 3v3 basketball team swept away the competition taking no losses to their record. Brothers Dylan Kats, Brayden Gilmore, and Ryne Sitkowski lead this team with basketball brilliance. Dylan Kats also entered the layup contest. Through multiple rounds of layups, Kats brought home the gold in that event. Finally, brother Brayden Gilmore entered the dunk contest and won with two flashy dunks. After the event at clean up, Gilmore said "It was great, all our guys were out there from start to finish. We as a chapter showed everyone on campus, we are balanced men!"

The men of Arkansas Epsilon had some great experiences in their job field.

As a SigEp, we all strive to be virtuous, keep diligent, and have brotherly love for one another. This summer a lot of brothers were keeping diligent this summer through working internships, doing college work, and helping in the community. Some of the brothers that held internships this summer were brothers Payden Jackson, Daniel Geels, Braiden Sharum, and Keaton Gresham.

Payden Jackson and Daniel Geels held internships with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Daniel held a position as a United State Park Ranger and Payden was a maintenance technician. Daniel watched over our beautiful state parks and made sure that the occupants were safe and having a wonderful time enjoying our beautiful state, while learning the laws and regulations of the United States. Payden helped to make sure all machinery was working to its best capability and making sure that our beautiful landscape will be here for generations to come.

Next up, we have Braiden Sharum who held an internship with the Memphis Redbirds and Memphis 901FC as a group sales intern. He dealt with all aspects of group outings and premium seating. He set up seating locations, suite set up, company events, gave out promotional items, and even helped with getting the field ready for games. While in Memphis, we not only learned things from a prestigious minor league baseball team, but also found out the steps and progress of a startup soccer team in a brand-new soccer league and learned a little bit about basketball sales from the Memphis Grizzlies.

Lastly, Keaton Gresham was an intern for the Faulker County Juvenile Justice System. His internship dealt with the juvenile system as a Juvenile Probation Officer. His responsibilities included watching over the juvenile court cases, shadowing other officers that met with the families of these children in the juvenile system, administering drug tests, and helping in other places as needed.

We are thankful for these wonderful brothers that have improved their skills, getting ready for the workforce, and showed the communities they worked in what a true SigEp man is about. VBDL.

Active Leaders on Campus

Two brothers are selected to be Orientation Leaders for the Fall of 2022

Earlier this year in March, Arkansas Tech hosted an interview process for orientation leaders for the Fall of 2022. Two of our brothers, Hayden Stout and Daniel Geels, were selected through a rigorous interview to be a part of the Fall 2022 Orientation team. Through the summer, both men attended the classes necessary to be the best orientation leader they could be. With summer coming to an end, the men were ready to face the 1,200 freshman class head on. Both men ended their summers early and came back August 9th to start the final leg of the process, freshman orientation. With two additional days of training, both men worked 12-hour days and made connections that will last a lifetime! Both men met multiple freshman that ended up coming to the involvement fair and are looking to rush this fall. Looking back on the experience, Daniel Geels said "I had such a great time meeting all the incoming freshman. I made so many connections with leaders across campus in a week! I loved being an ambassador for SigEp and showing freshman what a balanced man is capable of!" Thank you both for exemplifying balanced men and taking leadership roles that have helped countless freshmen!



Ruck Leadership Institute

Our President, Michael Van Ness was chosen to attend the Ruck Leadership Institute in Richmond Virginia.

February of 2022, the President of the In Arkansas Epsilon chapter put in his application to the Ruck Leadership Institute. The Ruck Leadership Institute is a leadership program that helps explore and develop personal leadership skills. By the start of summer, news had come that he was selected out of over 1000 SigEp applicants. He was one of 150 men selected to make the voyage to Richmond Virginia to gain precious leadership experiences. Through his time at the weeklong institute, he learned leadership skills from successful men across the nation. Coming back from the experience a changed man, Van Ness said, "I learned how to be a more compassionate leader and how to go into situations with more of a perspective." Trying to teach what he was taught; Van Ness sets an example as a leader by encouraging the hearts of his brothers and always challenging the process. Thank you for always striving for greatness and looking to better the men of this great chapter!



SigEp impacts college students

-Daniel Geels

Jahaziel Martinez, a member of Fall 16', rushed with intentions of living the balanced man lifestyle. Martinez took a leadership role as a freshman as Risk Management Chairman on the executive board and then proceeded to serve two terms as Vice President of Programming. We sat down with him to find out how he is successful today and how SigEp helped influence that.

During his time at ATU, Martinez achieved his undergrad in psychology and pre-med biology with a stellar GPA. He also worked for the university through the career services office mentoring undergrads and alumni on developing personal careers. With his love for higher education, Martinez sought out opportunities to be a tutor on campus through the tutoring center. These jobs combined is where he learned that he loves to help people find their own paths to success.

After graduating, Martinez proceeded to chase his masters in Neurological Psychology while actively interacting with chapter as a brother mentor. This fueled him to find a job in the workforce that would lead him to helping others. After completing his masters, Martinez applied for a position a research coordinator for the Integrative Behavioral Neuroscience Lab and got the position.

"As a research coordinator I help undergraduate students get their thesis work started and help them get participants for their research. I also host writing workshops and answer any questions undergrads might have about getting their master's degree," Martinez said. Expanding on his position, he gave some key insight on how SigEp prepared him for his current position, "Honestly, a lot of jobs right now require someone on the recruitment side of things. Everyone wants great people to join their team, the right piece to their puzzle. So just having the networking skills that SigEp gave me through my time at Tech was extremely helpful."

Outside of his research coordinator job, Martinez continued to give valuable information on how his time in chapter helped him with life in general. "SigEp kept me on a straight path during my time in my undergrad. I came into college with high goals for myself like graduating, keeping a good social life, and leaving my legacy for generations to come. SigEp kept me on that path but helped remind me that it's alright to have fun with friends."

Thank you for all the contributions you made to the Arkansas Epsilon Chapter and representing balanced men!