



ILLINOIS NU E-NEWSLETTER

Your inside look into the operations of the men
of SigEp at Eastern Illinois University



INTRODUCTION

by Daniel Jones

Welcome to our new e-newsletter. This was an idea our chapter created to have better communication with our families and alumni.

We have been able to achieve so many things in the past year.

In April, we were awarded with five-chapter excellence awards, and four individual awards were given to select brothers. Our chapter was awarded excellence awards this year including excellence in Academic Achievement, New Member Educational Programming, Inter-Fraternal Relations, Leadership & Educational Development, and Philanthropy/Community Service.

The clean sweep of awards granted us the award of Chapter of the Year.

In addition, to our awards, our grades have tremendously improved. Our grade point average last semester was 3.18, 0.5 points better than a 2.68, which was our gpa in Fall 2019.

Our chapter has made great improvements, and we are glad that we can share our accomplishments with our loved ones!



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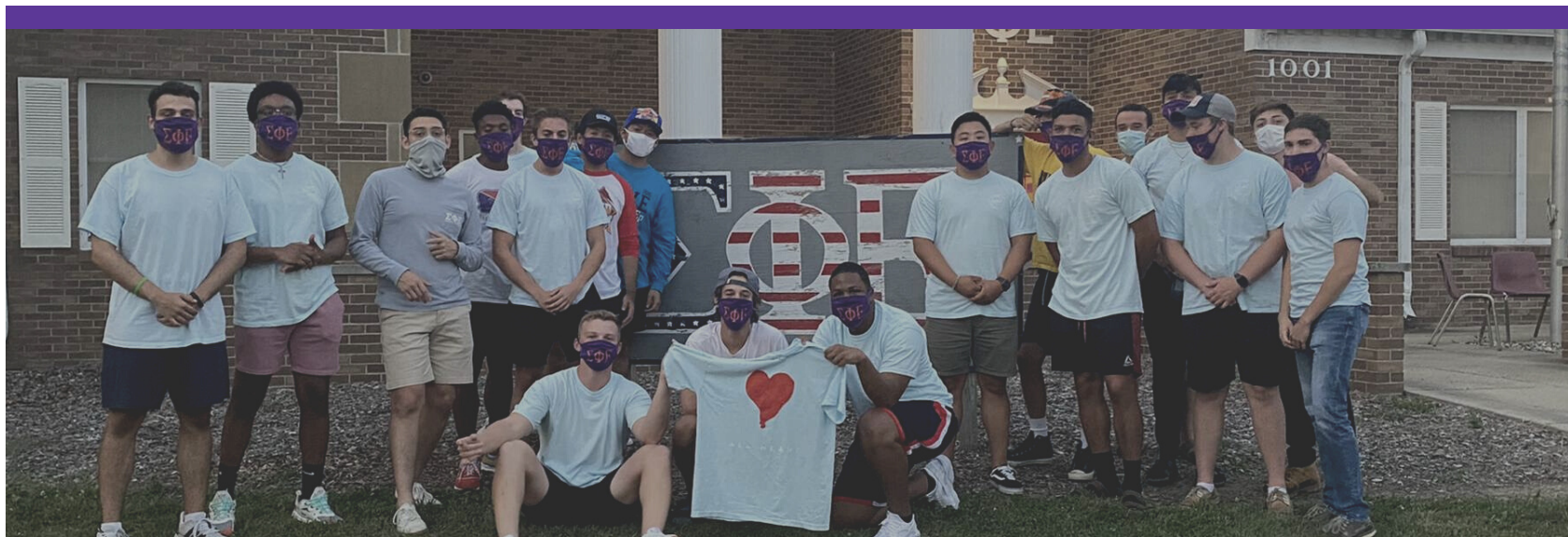
COVID-19 UPDATE

by Xavier Arroyo

During quarantine, EIU took time to prepare for students return to campus in a covid-stricken environment. EIU requires that all faculty, students, and guests always wear masks/face covering on campus. Students are encouraged to social distance and wash their hands. Students are not to host large gatherings of more than 50 people. There have been measures made to accustom the entire campus from the library to the student rec center. The administration and faculty have been working hard to make sure these practices reign true and the student body has been working hard as well to protect not only themselves, but everyone.

Illinois Nu has been abiding by these measures throughout chapter meetings. We've been taking members temperatures before entering the chapter house facility, social distancing throughout chapter meetings, and wearing face coverings while in public spaces throughout the house (hallways, chapter room, etc).

Currently, Illinois Nu has a population of 17, so the chapter is still allowed to host in-person chapter meetings. As recruitment week approaches us this upcoming week, we are permitted to host in-person events as long as they are off campus, and we are not exceeding the EIU event capacity of 50 or more, and we maintain proper social distancing.



BROTHERS TAKE A STANCE AGAINST SOCIAL INJUSTICE

by Daniel Jones

The chapter of Illinois Nu have been showing their support of the Black Lives Matter movement in various ways.

On August 28th, EIU students hosted a march around campus to protest racism and police brutality. The march had a great turnout, with students of all races coming out to support. Various faculty participated in the march, and even our very own President Glassman joined the protest. Cars honked as they passed, and drivers waved to students to show their support. Chants of “No Justice, No Peace” filled the air as students walked around the place they call home for most of the calendar year.



The following day, students gathered at the Coles County Courthouse to counter protest a “Back the Blue” celebration of police and emergency responders. The two groups clashed as police stood in the middle to prevent any incidents. Brothers of the chapter participated in both protests.

The chapter decided to decorate the outside of the chapter house to show support for the Black Lives Matter movement.



In conjunction with the #PaintItBlack movement, the signature red doors in the front were changed to black in order to show a welcoming environment for people of color. Signs and the names of those who fell victim to police brutality scatter the outside of the house.



BROTHERS RECRUIT AMIDST COVID-19

by Tareq Shaheen

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity offers an exclusive recruitment process for college students. There is no pledging process, creating a comfortable atmosphere for new members to join our brotherhood. SigEp also offers a unique scholarship program, the Balanced Man Program, founded in 1901 by our 12 founding fathers.

This scholarship awards the man our chapter feels is a great example of a balanced man, and who best exemplifies our core values of virtue, diligence & brotherly love.

We award this scholarship to incoming freshman, with no obligation of joining our organization.

Our chapter has been facing some complications in the recruitment process due to the spread of coronavirus. The Inter Fraternity Council (IFC) is facing a lot of regulations EIU for the protection of students.

In addition to our events, we have also been utilizing various tactics such as tabling and spending time with potential new members in smaller settings, such as one-on-one activities.



Recruitment will be hybrid this year; both virtual and appropriate physical events. Recruitment is from September 8 through the 11th.

AVC UPDATE 09/2020

by Ed Hotwagner

Meet the AVC! The Alumni and Volunteer Corporation is comprised of Illinois Nu brothers who work together to provide guidance and support to the undergraduate chapter.

The current AVC members are: President Sean Wyrobek, Balanced Man Steward Levi Bulgar, Treasurer Matt Spontak, VP of Relations Ed Hotwagner, and we work very closely with Chapter Counselor Christian Sammons.

Our goal is to provide the help and support the undergraduates need both at an executive board level, as well as the chapter as a whole. Currently, our main objective has been trying to reconnect with our Alum and update our means to communicate with them.

The undergraduates have expressed a desire to see more alumni and have guys they can go to when graduating who can help them navigate their way into their respective careers. We are hoping to reach out to more men and hope they can help connect us with those we have lost touch with.

Alumni should visit [MySigep.org](https://mysigep.org) and update their information, or please contact Ed Hotwagner at ilnuavc@gmail.com.

♣Balanced Men of the Month♣

Every monday a brother is highlighted as the "Balanced Man of the Week"
It gives brothers to introduce themselves and let people know what SigEp means to them.
Our Balanced Men of August 2020 were Julian Gomez & Eric Hunter



Julian Gomez

- From Waukegan, IL
- Junior Digital Media Major
- Aspires to be a videographer after graduation
- Rush Class: BZ (SP'19)
- Julian says SigEp has helped him become more business savvy, and he feels he's more prepared for life post-college
- He believes that a balanced man is someone who possesses the values of SigEp (virtue, diligence, & brotherly love)
- This year, Julian is looking forward to being more involved in his department and hanging out with the bros□□



Eric Hunter

- From Flossmoor, IL
- Junior Accounting Major
- Aspires to be an accountant for Deloitte Accounting Firm
- Rush Class: BΘ (SP'20)
- Eric says since joining SigEp he's become more confident and sociable.
- He believes that a balanced man is someone who continues to improve in all parts of life
- This year, Eric wants to get in shape and improve his mental health



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