

THE RED DOOR

The Official Newsletter of Sigma Phi
Epsilon's Indiana Zeta Chapter

FALLING INTO PLACE

Settling Into a New Year

After an exciting summer with Conclave in Denver and another Buchanan, moving in, and an immediate recruitment period, life for the men of 705 Mound finally began to settle down - at least as much as 40 active leaders on campus can settle down. Having brothers in all five colleges at Valparaiso University, well over a dozen organizations, active intramural teams, on campus jobs, worship services, music programs, and rigorous studies guarantees little down time, though Indiana Zeta has come to thrive in the seemingly hectic lifestyle cultivated in Valparaiso, Indiana.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – SEPTEMBER UPDATE

Spring 2021 was a creative test to the Executive Board, continually finding safe ways to navigate the pandemic. Now with many opportunities revived, Indiana Zeta has continued our legacy of excellence. At the beginning of the semester, we held a chapter retreat to recenter our focus on recruitment and brotherhood events. Planning sessions with chapter advisors allowed us to launch into events such as Supper Clubs with university staff, Homecoming, and our annual philanthropy, SigEp Splash. We have also been able to bring back old events, such as our Faculty Reception happening in November, for the first time since 2017. I am so proud of how this chapter has pivoted into this new semester with a passion for creating exciting and educational events for our brothers.

As we look at the end of the semester, it is time to begin planning for the Executive Board's transition. Our board has kept in mind that a great transition starts with finishing strong. We are continuing to develop relationships with other organizations and planning events for during and after the executive transition. Reflecting on the year we have spent in these positions, officers are developing timelines that will help future brothers plan for new and traditional events. It is exciting to see much excitement in our current brothers to get involved and lead this chapter. Finally, thank you to all alumni and friends of the chapter for your continued support of Indiana Zeta and the executive officers – this work would not be possible without you.

Sincerely,

Kyle Langreck

Indiana Zeta, 2021 Chapter President

BAR TO BILLIARDS

Tanner Grashorn, VP Communications

Last semester, we tore down the beloved bar in our chapter facility at 705 Mound Street. This was done to further conform to the legislation that our national chapter adopted in 2017 to make all chapter facilities substance free. We will be forever grateful for the many memories that the bar has provided for current brothers and alumni.

Although we had great experiences with the bar, it was clear to us that it was time to move on. The space has now been renovated to provide a social gathering spot for brothers and guests. A newly felted pool table was implemented into the room, along with some seating and a TV. We wanted the pool table to be unique to Sigma Phi Epsilon, so instead of a traditional green felt, we requested a purple felt. In addition, we purchased two custom cue balls; one having the SigEp Crest logo and the other the Balanced Man logo. Also, the pool cues are engraved with "IN Zeta."

The newly named "Corner Pocket" still has some work to be done, but has been utilized in the way that we intended. Brothers have invited friends, girlfriends, and family into a more welcoming facility. We also anticipate holding recruitment and brotherhood events revolving around the pool table. We look forward to the many memories the pool table will provide us, just as the bar did.

Below. Our two new cue balls.



Above. Our new set of pool balls.

New Member Spotlights

Evan Stock, External Relations Chair

While Fall Recruitment is always overshadowed by the much larger Spring Recruitment, this year Indiana Zeta was able to recruit three new members: Connor Brinkley, Jack Hertzberg, and Oliver Vinovskis. Though having only been a part of the chapter for less than a month, the three of them have already taken initiative in being involved with the chapter.

Connor Brinkley is a sophomore Computer Engineering major from Bloomington, Indiana and hopefully enjoys swimming, considering he's on the VU swim team.

Jack Hertzberg is a sophomore Geography major from Fayetteville, Arkansas, and knows the locations and statistics of nearly every place in the world.

Oliver Vinovskis is a sophomore Sociology major from Macungie, Pennsylvania, though he really isn't sure what he wants to do with his life yet and may change his major before he graduates.

From top to bottom: Connor, Jack, and Oliver.



Day of Caring

David Fowler, Community Service Chair

On Saturday, September 25th, was Valparaiso University's Day of Caring. The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon and friends spent this important day volunteering at Hilltop Neighborhood House. The morning consisted of cleaning inside Hilltop, pulling weeds, leaf blowing, as well as painting and touching up a pavilion. Hilltop's theme follows the colors of the rainbow, which are the colors we used to paint the pavilion. However, Hilltop was awesome enough to give our brothers a fun experience by allowing us to paint the front three posts of the pavilion, Sig Ep's colors: purple, red and yellow. We also used stencils to put each of our Greek letters on the three different posts. We appreciate the opportunities that Hilltop provides us with to not only bring our brotherhood closer together but to also serve their community. We could not be more grateful for the relationship we have with all of our friends over at Hilltop. Valpo Day of Caring 2021 was a day to remember and an awesome memory created. Our chapter looks forward to continuing volunteering and positively impacting the Hilltop community!

Top. Brothers and friends weeding the garden.

Middle. Aiden Goodreau painting 'Epsilon' onto a post.

Bottom. SigEp Indiana Zeta proud of its work.



CHAPTER EVENTS: SEPTEMBER

Indiana Zeta started the school year strong in August and September.

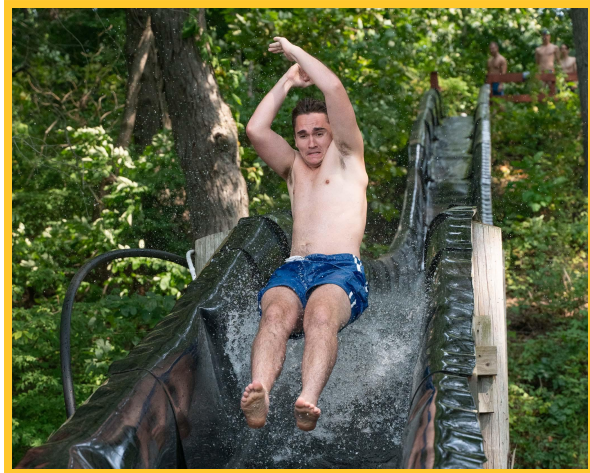
- 30 Recruitment Event:**
Video & Board Game Night
- 1 Recruitment Event:**
Ultimate Frisbee
- 3 Recruitment Event:**
Floor Hockey
- 6 Recruitment Event:**
Volleyball and BBQ
- 10 Bid Turn-In**
- 11 Chapter Retreat**
- 13 BMS Interviews**
- 15 Supper Club with Mike Targonski**
- 25 Service Event at Hilltop House**
- 26 Brotherhood Event: Get Big with Your Big**

Chapter Retreat

Matt Morateck, VP Member Development

This past month, our chapter held a brotherhood retreat. This event brought our chapter to Camp Ray Bird, where we all participated in different leadership, team building, and personal development activities. The retreat began on a Saturday afternoon, after brothers had attended the local popcorn festival. We arrived at Camp Ray Bird, and brothers immediately settled in for some lake time. The first scheduled activity was a recruitment workshop led by Carrie Whittier, Ryan Bye, and chapter counselor: Mark Robison. That night, there was a discussion on personal wellness led by brothers Paul Hoshiko and Bradley Davis. We ended the night with dinner, then a vulnerability circle led by the chapter's mental health coordinators: Joe Castelman and Reed Hubbert. Sunday morning brought our chapter goal setting and bylaw discussions, and our last planned activity: a leadership presentation given by brothers Tanner Grashorn and Dylan Grace. We ended our retreat with more lake time and a few trips down the water slide. I had an amazing time both planning and running this retreat, and I couldn't have asked for better brothers to spend it with.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



Top left. Disc golfers Joel, Brian, and Ryan.

Top right. VP Recruitment Ryan Cummings after a successful Fall Recruitment.

Bottom left. Jack, Reed, Jack, and Noah in a retreat discussion.

Bottom right, Fred enjoying the waterslide immensely.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

During the weekend of October 1 - 3, Valparaiso University hosted Homecoming Weekend, and with it, the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon invited their brothers to stop by the House for the Annual Alumni Chapter and a BBQ behind the facility, both of which were well attended and will be discussed more thoroughly in the next edition of **The Red Door**.

Letter from the Editor

Evan Stock, External Relations Chair

After a summer away (for the most part) from brothers, it is good to be back living life at 705 Mound Street; between brotherhood, service, recruitment, and social events, there is hardly a dull moment for Indiana Zeta, and we like it like that. We've started the year off strong, jumping right into the swing of things by doing all the things you've read about and more: recruiting new members, partnering with Hilltop in various capacities, educating ourselves with guest speakers, and finally, just becoming closer as brothers. We thank you for following us along on our journey this year, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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