

# THE RED DOOR

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



## SCARILY BUSY

### A Busy Fall

October has been the busiest month for Indiana Zeta since the pre-COVID days - so busy, the calendar ran out of room for all of our events. Nearly every cabinet hosted multiple events this past month. Between Recruitment, BMS, Brotherhood, Member Development, and chapter-wide events there wasn't a week without major or minor things happening. Ranging from educational Supper Clubs to Family Mini-Golfs to our old favorite brotherhood events making a welcomed comeback, brothers have had a good time this past month.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – OCTOBER UPDATE

The first weekend of October was the revival of Homecoming at Valpo. The chapter was truly eager to have alumni make a return this year. With the chapter's many successes and great strides, we wanted to share that glory with those that had come before us. The award cabinet was recently updated with our new 2021 Buchanan Cup and seven university awards, including the Presidential Fraternity of the Year award. As the weekend began, we welcomed alumni with house tours and listened to the retelling of old stories. Many alumni were excited about the recent improvements that had happened to the chapter facility. The chapter was able to make great strides in the last year due to the help of the AVC and alumni, and it was great to finally show off the products of their continual support.

After the Homecoming game, the annual AVC business meeting was hosted at the chapter facility. AVC president, Joshua Lee, led the meeting through new business. The election of a new Vice President of Finance for the AVC resulted in brother Kevin Kluge replacing Tom Eschbach! Additionally, the AVC was excited to announce the report of the Housing Task Force. After taking the time to consider multiple housing options, the AVC will be moving forward with the development of a new chapter facility. The chapter is looking forward to seeing potential floor plans and future developments! Homecoming was truly a great experience for all our members, and we look forward to future gatherings!

HFF,

**Kyle Langreck**

Indiana Zeta, 2021 Chapter President

## Family Weekend Fun

### Tanner Grashorn, VP Communications

On October 23, our brothers' families and friends visited Valpo and our home at 705 Mound Street. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to host our families at our house last year. Because of this, we wanted to provide a fun, welcoming experience for our loved ones, as many of them have not met the brothers in our chapter due to the virus that kept everyone at home.

To kick off the day, brothers and their families got to enjoy a fun round of mini-golf at Zao Island. Afterward, we all gathered at the house to enjoy a cookout and spend time together. Our family members got to play on our newly added pool table, go on house tours, play yard games, eat food, and get to know some of their son's brothers in the chapter. It was great to see so many smiling faces on our brothers and their family members. Everyone had a great time getting to know each other and the fraternity that their sons are a part of. We hope to host our loved ones again next year!

Below. Brother David Fowler and family at Zao Island.



## New Member Perspective

### Jack Hertzberg

Starting from bid turn in and initiation night, the past month-and-a-half can't be described as anything but a whirlwind. It's an experience like no other being thrown into a close knit organization not knowing exactly what to expect or all that it entails. However, it's an experience that is made unforgettable and surprisingly seamless by Valpo SigEp.

Right when I joined, the new members got an opportunity to join the chapter on the annual retreat to a camp near South Bend. It was awesome to have that bonding opportunity from the start. It was there that I got to know many brothers and started to feel like I was actually a part of something. That feeling, the feeling of belonging, was much easier to find than I anticipated. SigEp welcomed me, and continues to welcome me with open arms to make 705 Mound Street feel like home.

Before accepting, I had typical apprehensions about time-commitment and over extension. However, the anxiety was quickly put to rest when I realized that time that would be stressful in other organizations is actually stress-relieving in the fraternity. You're almost always having fun and there is a healthy culture around balancing responsibilities and school.

From NBA Jam to egg-themed brotherhood events, to the incredibly competitive Applebee's trivia nights, every second since joining has affirmed that I made the right decision to join this brotherhood. It's all still new to me and there is a lot to learn, but I can't express how much this recent past has made me excited for the future.

Below. New member Jack Hertzberg



# SigEp Splash

## Aidan Goodreau, Philanthropy Chair

On October 9, 2021, current brothers hosted our annual SigEp Splash Philanthropy event to raise money for Hilltop Neighborhood House. Six teams from Fraternity and Sorority Life organizations competed head-to-head in Tug-Of-War, Dizzy Waiter, Water Balloon Toss, Sponge Races, and the main event kickball! During the week leading up to the main event, we visited local businesses to find sponsorships. In addition, brother David Fowler designed a t-shirt that was sold throughout the week to raise money for the cause. As a recent initiate, I served as this year's Philanthropy Chair and led the event alongside brother Bradley Davis who serves as the current Vice President of Programming.

At SigEp Splash, representative Michelle Michaels kicked off the event by welcoming participants and talking about Hilltop's contributions to the community. The men of Phi Kappa Phi took home first place and won the golden cup for having the most points. A highlight of the event was the women of Kappa Delta destroying the men of Phi Kappa Psi in a Tug-of-War contest. We are so proud of our brothers for making this an awesome philanthropy event. A huge thank you to all the teams and supporters that made this event possible! We are already looking forward to SigEp Splash 2022 next fall!



## CHAPTER EVENTS: OCTOBER

October was another busy month for us.

- 1-3 Homecoming Weekend**
- 5 RMS Event:** Professor Panel
- 8 Recruitment Event:**  
Pizza & Pool Tournament
- 9 SigEp Splash**
- 9 Social Event:** Semi-Formal
- 11 Brotherhood Event:**  
Eggsanity 2.0
- 19 BMS Event:**  
Skills Men Should Know
- 23 Family Weekend Mini-Golf**
- 29 Brotherhood Event:**  
Shark Tank Pt. 2
- 30 Service Event:** Highway Cleanup

## Miles for Miracles

**Allen Marvel, VP SLC**

On October 9th, Dance Marathon held their annual Miles for Miracles 5K to help raise money for Lurie's Children's Hospital in Chicago. As Director of Logistics of Dance Marathon, it is my job to create and set up the event along with the help from the rest of the Executive Board and the Leadership Team. This year we had over 90 registered runners, joggers, and walkers, and the event went amazing thanks to all of the help I received from everyone that participated.

I was worried the event would fail the week before the event, but afterward, I was so proud to see everyone come together to help raise money for every child! Brothers Ryan Cummings, Dawson Penshorn, and Oliver Vinovskis ran in the 5K and Aidan Goodreau, Kyle Langreck, and Tanner Grashorn helped with photos and cheering on the participants. It made me very happy to see my brothers come to support me at the event that I put on. I can't wait to see how well SigEp raises funds and participates in Dance Marathon this year. Our main event is April 2, 2022, and it is the Ten Year Anniversary of DM on Valpo's campus so we are hoping to make it the best one yet. I am looking forward to hosting more fun events for Dance Marathon this year and am excited to see what the future holds.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



Top left. Oliver running in the wind during Miles for Miracles.  
 Top right. Cafe Manna gang.  
 Bottom left. SigEp Splash host Aidan hanging on by a thread.  
 Bottom right. Dawson gasping for air during Miles for Miracles.

## HAPPY FOUNDERS DAY

Though November 1st is indeed in November (not October), this newsletter comes out after it, and so Indiana Zeta is excited to wish all our brothers, past and present, a Happy Founder's Day. We also would like to thank our parents and mentors for their continued support of both our chapter and fraternity on its 120th birthday.

## Letter from the Editor

### Evan Stock, External Relations Chair

After over a year of publishing newsletters, I thought this might be the last one, as by now a new VP of Communications has been slated, perhaps bringing with him a new External Relations. As you can see, that has not been the case, and I sit here faithfully publishing newsletters while I await a new calling, perhaps under a new EBoard position. I jest. Writing and producing these has been fun, and I once again thank you for your continued readership, however many days this issue is released from the actual month it discusses. This position has been a lot of fun, and I especially enjoy hearing your feedback when we see each other in person. I look forward to continuing our interactions in my next position.

# SigEp

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