



WI-THETA CHARGE



Meet New Undergraduate Executive Board

AVC Wins National Award at CLA



And so much more...

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/24: AVC Board of Directors Meeting @ 7 p.m. CST - [Link](#)

4/26: AVC Spring Annual Meeting @ 1 p.m. CST

JDRF Charity Golf Outing

presented by Sigma Phi Epsilon

April 26, 2025 | 8 A.M.
Coal Acers, Cuba City, WI

prize baskets and 50/50 raffle

\$32 Pre-Registration fee
\$35 on-site registration

Sign up by emailing:
crottyke@uwplatt.edu

**9 holes challenge
and competition holes,
winners get prizes**
Teams of 4, shotgun start

To request disability accommodations, contact Jon Peavy at peavyj@uwplatt.edu or 608.434.0534.



The graphic features a purple background with a collage of photos of Sigma Phi Epsilon members. In the center is a large white logo consisting of a heart shape containing the letters 'W' and 'E', with a golf club head in the middle of the heart. Above the logo is the text 'SigEp' and below it is '75'. At the bottom, the text reads 'ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION', 'LIMITLESS', and 'OCTOBER 10-12TH, 2025 UW-PLATTEVILLE'. On the right side, there is a photo of a group of men in suits holding a trophy, and another photo of three men in suits holding certificates.

MEET THE NEW UNDERGRADUATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

President



Ryan Bergeman
Mechanical
Engineering

VP of
Programming



Nate Strandberg
Environmental
Engineering

VP of SigEp
Learning
Community



Josh Hua
Mechanical
Engineering

VP of Finance



Brady Heinke
Mechanical
Engineering

VP of Member
Development



Ty Meyer
Cybersecurity

VP of
Recruitment



Ben Steffes
Mechanical
Engineering

VP of
Communications



Robert Mingerink
Mechanical
Engineering

Chaplin



Nathan Benti
Undecided

FALL 2024 GRADUATES

Congratulations to Brothers Seth Reilly, Christian Weber, and CJ Meier who all graduated in December!

We are excited for them to join the ranks of our alumni and we wish them luck in their future endeavors!



TRAGOS SCHOLARS FINALISTS

Congratulations to Brothers Ryan Bergeman and Josh Hua on being selected as finalists for SigEp's prestigious Tragos Quest to Greece!

This prestigious study abroad experience is only awarded to the best SigEp undergraduates in the nation and only 60ish people are selected across SigEp's 196 chapters. Although neither of them were selected as scholars, we are extremely proud of them for making it to the finals!



REFLECTIONS FROM CLA

I think Carlson Leadership Academy had a profound impact on my professional development and my mindset of being in the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. We covered numerous topics such as Leadership and Public Speaking, which are two I thought were invaluable, as well as chapter-specific skills such as Recruitment and Retention. It truly opened my eyes as to what I can accomplish in – and for – my chapter, rather than what I can do for myself.

The best way I can summarize CLA is through something coined by one of my facilitators, which is the “Robin Theory.” This theory highlights the idea of the relationship between Batman and Robin, where Robin does everything in his power to make Batman look good even if he does not receive any recognition himself. This was the key aspect that stood out to me throughout my entire experience because even though I do not have a physical or defined leadership role in the chapter, I can still do everything I possibly can to help others become the best version of themselves. This has inspired me to show up to more cabinet meetings and take on more responsibility in the chapter, but solely for the purpose of lifting others up, not for personal gain (which comes as a result).



Isaac Dickrell
Rising Leader



Ty Meyer
VP of Member Development

This CLA was a great time to reconnect with my friends from Ruck and other national friends. I got to share ideas with other chapters about ideas to adopt and gave our Man in the mirror script to several chapters. Overall, it was an enjoyable time despite the snowstorms

CLA was a great opportunity to exchange ideas with some of the top chapters from around the country. There I was able to build new connections and learn how other chapters operate. I was able to reconnect with alumni like Dom Perry and Jace Joiner and learn about their experiences working with other chapters.



Josh Hua
VP of SLC

REFLECTIONS FROM CLA (CONT.)

CLA was a great experience from a programming standpoint. It is always good to get a chance to see Jace in action around the CLA event center! It was also fantastic to hear about his new position with the BMP. Getting to debrief with Dom and Jace after the dinner on Saturday was quite insightful, and it was interesting to hear about the other tracks.



Nate Strandberg
VP of Programming



Nathan Benti
Chaplain

CLA was a fun and rewarding experience for me as a completely new exec. Being able to interact with many different chapters and nationals was a fun and enjoyable experience. I was able to learn a lot about how to be a good Chaplain for the chapter and how to be able to put them first in my duty.

After going through the rising leader track last year, I was curious to see how another track, like the VPF track, compares. In the finance track the best part was when the facilitators had us break into groups of similar sized chapters and just talk about how things were going in our chapters. This is such a great thing since generally whatever issue your chapter is going through, another chapter has had the same issue in the past, also it is nice to meet people from other chapters. This opportunity to meet and collaborate with other chapters has always been my favorite part of CLA and on top of all the valuable information preceded, is why I'd recommend it for brothers to attend.



Brady Heinke
VP of Finance

REFLECTIONS FROM CLA (CONT.)

CLA was a great experience for me as a new member of the chapter and a new executive. I got to learn so much about both SigEp and other chapters, I also got to connect and make new friends with other brothers from chapters across the US. I find that aspect the most rewarding thing about the event, but the skills taught there were also very useful to have knowledge of. CLA is something that I would recommend to every brother as it is a time to make new connections, grow as a person, a brother, and a SigEp, and it is a time to gain new skills and learn about leadership for your chapter. I also got to grow closer with guys like Jace Joiner and Dom Perry who I talk with now and get good ideas from them on things I should or could be doing.



Robert Mingerink
VP of Communications



Ryan Bergeman
President

I really enjoyed my experience at CLA, with this being my second Carlson it let me compare the president track and the VPMD track. The president track was much more focused on how i can develop myself as a leader, which i feel a lot more brothers should experience. It was also wonderful to see both Jace Joiner and Jason Halterman, HQ staff members who I'm very close with and give a lot of support to our chapter.

CLA was a great experience for me as VPR. It allowed me to connect with brothers from different areas and hear what their recruitment strategies are and bounce ideas off each other. It also allowed me to work on my sales skills and talk to potential new members. It also was fun to hang out with the rest of the execs and the alumni that were there.



Ben Steffes
VP of Recruitment



Ian Yadon
Rising Leader

At CLA I was able to set higher goals for myself and reflect on my current involvement within the chapter. It was really nice meeting Dominic Perry and Jace Joiner as well as meeting people from other chapters. Also, Jace gave me a free Celsius and was able to give really good advice in-between sessions.

AVC MEMBER DUES

It is that time of the year to pay your AVC membership dues by clicking the button to the right!

Sign up for AVC membership to get access to exclusive rates for 25-Year Banquet and other AVC sponsored events!

If you want your voice heard in the continued growth of our chapter, make sure to pay your AVC dues by April 12th. Those who pay by then are eligible to vote at the upcoming Spring Annual meeting and run for Board of Directors positions!

- First time AVC members or rejoining members who have not been involved in 10+ years are eligible for a 50% discount on their first year!
- Newly graduated Brothers are eligible for membership with waived dues!

If you have any questions, you can contact AVC Treasurer Jeff Pingel at withetaavc.treasurer@gmail.com



AVC RECOGNIZED FOR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

During SigEp's Carlson Leadership Academy (CLA) earlier this month, the WI-Theta AVC was recognized for our overall Operational Excellence by the National Fraternity. This award is presented to AVC's who have shown outstanding service with tangible results to an undergraduate chapter or in a core area of AVC operations.

The WI-Theta AVC was specifically recognized for demonstrating excellence across multiple areas including AVC cultivation, corporate health, and mentoring undergraduates, which resulted in stronger engagement, better organization, and lasting impact.

We would like to take a moment to thank all of our amazing members who serve on the Board of Directors, Committees, and the Volunteers who have dedicated their time to help with the continued growth of SigEp's ideals in principles on the undergraduate and alumni fronts.



LEE ZASTROW SCHOLARSHIP GETS ENDOWED

The AVC is proud to announce that due to a generous \$50,000+ gift commitment by Howard Zastrow, Brother Zastrow's father; the Lee Zastrow memorial scholarship will be expanded and endowed! The Lee Zastrow scholarship was first created by the brothers of Lee's graduating class shortly after his unexpected and untimely passing in 2003. The scholarship eventually went dormant until a couple years ago when a generous donation by volunteer Deb Putnam revived the scholarship which was first awarded last spring. Unfortunately the AVC had lost contact with Lee's family but with 25-Year on the horizon an effort was made to trace and reach out to the family. Eventually a couple Board members were able to find Lee's sister and reached out. She happily got us in touch with the rest of the family so that we could make sure that they were on the invite list. It was at this time that we shared that we had revived the scholarship and had kept Brother Zastrow's name alive within the chapter.

In January the AVC was contacted by the UWP Foundation and informed that Howard wanted to endow the Lee Zastrow scholarship. Through talks with the Foundation and Howard, it was agreed upon to expand the Zastrow memorial scholarships by creating a new student Rising Leader scholarship and an Excellence in Leadership Award. Both awards will be presented alongside our other scholarships at the BMS awards in November. For additional details about these awards, [click this link](#).

Starting next fall, both scholarships will be given out at \$500 a piece for a couple years until the endowment has reached maturity at which time they will increase to \$1,000 each! The AVC is extremely grateful for the generosity by Howard and are excited about the future for the Zastrow memorial scholarships!

AVC SELECTS
LUMINAUT
FOR HOUSE
CONCEPTUAL
DESIGN

The logo for LUMINAUT, featuring the word "LUMINAUT" in a bold, white, sans-serif font centered within a solid red rectangular background.

After a couple months of soliciting and reviewing bids, the AVC is proud to announce that it has selected Luminaut to partner with in producing the conceptual design for our new chapter home. Based out of Indianapolis and Cincinnati, Luminaut has over 40 years of expertise in designing for sorority and fraternity clients. Luminaut's expertise in Greek Life housing was the deciding factor as the Board felt they were best suited in handling the unique challenges in designing our future home. If you would like to learn more about Luminaut, click their logo above.

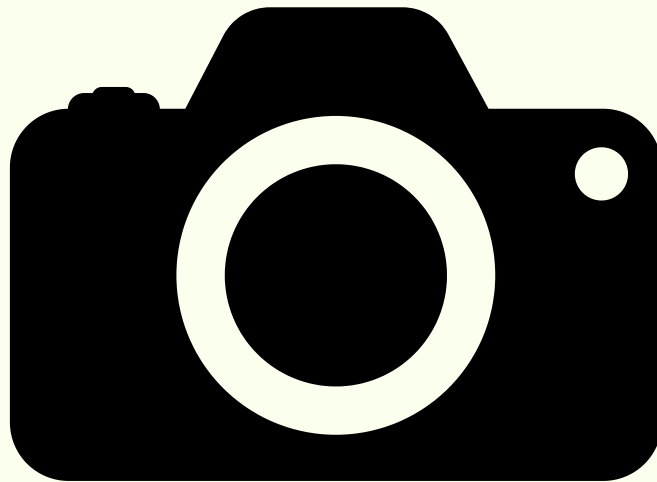
"With so many people planning to come back to Platteville for our 25-Year anniversary celebration in October, we wanted to top the weekend off by unveiling what our future chapter home will look and feel like," said house build committee chairman, SigEp Rising House Build Capital Campaign stakeholder, and Board of Director member Jason Bednarski. "Having a new chapter home has been a dream of ours since we chartered so what better way to cap off one chapter and start the next by sharing what the future of housing holds for our Chapter."

The kickoff meeting with Luminaut is scheduled for early March with the design to be completed by the end of May and revealed at our 25th Anniversary Celebration Banquet on October 11th, 2025 in Platteville.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Have any old SigEp photos lying around? You can help us preserve our history! We would love to add your photos to our gallery!

- If you have digital files, click the link below to add them to our shared file
- If you have physical photos, email withetaavc.secretary@gmail.com to organize collecting them



SigEp Cookbook Fundraiser

The WI-Theta AVC is collecting recipes for a SigEp cookbook!

If you have any recipes you would like featured in the cookbook, click on the picture to submit them!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Life Acknowledgements

- Congratulations to Brother Logan Thole ('16) and his partner who are expecting a baby girl!

Job Acknowledgements

- Brother Chad Maramonte ('21) - 4 years at Infinity Machine and Engineering
- Brother Brad Polzar ('07) - New position as a Senior Consultant at Connective
- Brother Chris Yerges ('05) - New position as the Lead Race Engineer with Front Row Motorsports
- Brother Nick Quarberg ('20) - 4 years with the Pittsburgh Pirates
- Brother Alex Lund ('20) - 5 years at We Energies
- Brother Max Sagen ('20) - 4 years at Big Lift, LLC
- Brother Robby Oakley ('20) - 4 years at PSD
- Brother Ken Gellerstedt ('12) - 3 years at Synergy Advisory Group

*If you would like to submit any acknowledgements, please send them to withetaavc.secretary@gmail.com

*Job acknowledgements are pulled from LinkedIn. Click the logo to join the WI-Theta group!



SOCIALS

Make sure you are following us on all of our socials to stay up to date on what is going on with the Chapter
Click the pictures to be taken to each one!



If you would like to leave suggestions or feedback, please click on the survey!

