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CHARGE



UPCOMING EVENTS

1/26: AVC Board of Directors Meeting @ 7 p.m. CST

2/23: AVC Board of Directors Meeting @ 7 p.m. CST

3/23: AVC Board of Directors Meeting @ 7 p.m. CST

4/25: AVC Annual Meeting - Time TBA

4/25: Parents Weekend & Annual Golf Outing - Details TBA

WI-THETA CELEBRATES AWARDS AROUND THE BOARD AT 59TH GRAND CHAPTER CONCLAVE

In July, undergraduate and alumni members traveled to Tampa to attend the 59th Grand Chapter Conclave. This was the largest Conclave since 2017, and WI-Theta and our members received widespread recognition over the whole weekend.

The weekend started with our chapter being recognized as one of the elite, as we claimed our third consecutive Buchanan Cup!



At the end of the weekend, Brother Tom Barton was recognized by the National Fraternity for his great contributions to SigEp, including helping found our chapter.

Tom received the Order of the Golden Heart, SigEp's highest honor.

Check out the moment that he was recognized!



MEET THE NEWEST UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS



Toby Hua
Fredonia, WI
Major: Electrical Engineering



Jonah Sheerwood
Sauk Prarie, WI
Major: Forensic Investigation

Reason for Joining:

To continue his pursuit of becoming a balanced man and to find brothers who will support him in life and in his career.



Joseph Henriksen
Rochester, MN
Major: Engineering Physics

Reason for Joining:

He knew he would be able to grow as a person alongside his new friends and brothers

Reason for Joining:

He joined SigEp in the pursuit of finding a group of lifelong friends who would support him and help him be the best version of himself.



Cris Chancellor
Howards Grove, WI
Major: Electrical Engineering

Reason for Joining:

He believes being surrounded by people with like minds and vested interests is important to push himself farther.

MEET THE NEWEST UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS



Jack Heyn
Sheboygan, WI
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Reason for Joining:

He joined SigEp to gain connections inside and outside of school, as well as make new friends.



Keegan Thiem
Brandon, WI
Major: Computer Engineering

Reason for Joining:

He joined SigEp to make new friends and to further his personal and academic development.



Landon King
Darlington, WI
Major: Construction Management

Reason for Joining:

Joined to find lifelong friendships and to surround himself with people who will push him to grow into the best version of himself.



Alex Landvatter
Slinger, WI
Major: Electrical Engineering

Reason for Joining:

He joined SigEp to meet like-minded people who will help me become the best version of himself.

UNDERGRADUATES GREEK WINNER FOR HOMECOMING

As UW-Platteville kicked off their 101st Homecoming celebration, our undergraduates kicked themselves into high gear to defend their homecoming crown!

This year's theme was "Dust of Your Boots", and featured western-themed versions of old and new events.

The chapter continued their partnership with Kappa Alpha Sigma (KAΣ).

The competition was fierce this year, with the point totals between all of the groups very close heading into the final days.

After a hard fought week of events, the chapters placed second overall, winning the Greek category!



25-YEAR BANQUET CELEBRATION



This year, our chapter celebrated a historic milestone. 25 Years since the our chapter was officially chartered on the UW-Platteville campus.

The weekend started with a bang as our undergraduates carried out our traditional World's Largest Burning Heart ritual including a special fireworks display. Speakeasy 50/50 then hosted a Whiskey and Wine tasting to end the night.

Saturday kicked off with roundtable discussions with some of our Founding Fathers and Grand Chapter President David Calderon & National Board Member Scott Carr, who answered questions about the state of the national fraternity.

Later that afternoon, the undergraduates gave a demonstration of the current Rite of Passage ritual.



That evening, the festivities started with a Cocktail hour in the Nohr Art Gallery. The space was decorated with the composites from every year, along with all of the awards that the chapter has accrued.

The 25-Year Celebration Ceremony followed. Super Bowl Champions and well-known comedians, including SigEp Brother Steve Hofstetter, made cameo appearances throughout the ceremony. Speeches from Founding Father Jeremy Baker, Grand Chapter President David Calderon, and Brother Tom Barton, provided praise, inspiration, and gave outlook to the future of the chapter.

The ceremony was a truly memorable one. A celebration of the individuals, both past and present, who have left their impact on this fraternity over the 25 years of it's existence. And although the chapter has already hit many important milestones, the ideals and aspirations of our chapter continue to be limitless...



25-YEAR BANQUET TESTIMONIALS

Wisconsin Theta's 25th anniversary celebration was the best SigEp event I've ever attended in my 38 years as a SigEp.

Certainly the execution was terrific. It was like a Super Bowl victory celebration. Hey, we earned it! Vince Lombardi would be proud. I think Vince would take Chris Yerges on his team...

But there was something more important beneath the surface: an undercurrent of accomplishment...pride...commitment. It was as if, unspoken, the collective voice of our Brothers in the room shouted, "I did this! WOW! I'm a part of something this special. And you'd have to pry it from my cold, dead hands to take it from me."

I've felt intense SigEp pride before. This is bigger. This is like the pride Uncle Billy felt when he realized he personally created something that would change lives forever. Congratulations, WI Theta Brothers, we too are changing lives forever.

And. We. Know. It. With utter certainty.

It's different here. WI Theta is part of our DNA. It's our identity...who we are. It's as natural for us as breathing to know we created this Brotherhood that changes lives. And frighteningly close to unanimously, each of us takes personal responsibility for our chapter's future. I felt it in the room; that's never happened to me before in my 38 years of SigEp. It was powerful.

The room was packed with hundreds of Brothers who won't ever settle for second best. I've never seen anything like it. We can truthfully proclaim that Uncle Billy created SigEp and Wisconsin Theta is perfecting it.

~ Tom Barton, Loras '89



25-YEAR BANQUET TESTIMONIALS

Being involved with SigEp WI Theta since I graduated in 2013, created a lot of anticipation for 25 year banquet and it did not disappoint. My wife and I were most excited to see friends old and new, many we haven't seen in a long time.

The program itself was high caliber, as expected, and some more. It was at the same level of a CLA and conclave that brought back a lot of good memories in presentation and vibe.

Having events on the weekend was a great opportunity to catch up with brothers more and make it feel like an entire weekend event. It was great for my wife too to be able to spend more time with friends she made through knowing SigEp.

We are looking forward to what 30 year banquet will be!

~ The Kirby Family



25-YEAR BANQUET TESTIMONIALS



Now that the exhilaration of WI-Theta's monumental 25-year banquet has settled a bit, I would like to take a few moments to reflect back on it. It was heartwarming to see so many brothers in one room, those who I went to school with, and those who I was just meeting for the first time.

The production put together by our brothers was absolutely thrilling. It was inspiring and thought provoking, looking back on our history and how our great chapter started, proving how our small town chapter at UW-Platteville truly has Limitless potential. As a Board Member of the AVC and Chair of the Housing Build Committee, I had the distinct honor to present the future housing plans of the WI-Theta chapter. After several years of planning and months of working with the architects at Luminaut, the excitement cultivated in showing off the renderings and layouts of the place our chapter will finally be able to call home. Through the last several years of planning, it felt like the day would never come, to be able to present such an important milestone in our chapter's story.

I want to recognize the immense generosity of all those in attendance, who were able to make the banquet an unimaginable night. We gained 26 new stakeholders in the housing capital campaign, with \$352,250 in new and renewal commitments! Our grand total in commitments to building a chapter home now sits around \$560,000. Thank you to everyone who has committed to making our chapter home a reality.

Looking ahead to 30-year banquet, I envision great things for WI-Theta. With a great group of leaders and mentors in the undergraduate chapter and AVC alike, I'm not sure there's anything we can't accomplish. More back-to-back Buchanan Cups, Oak Leaf awards, Homecoming Titles, and breaking ground on our Chapter Home. I implore the undergrads to continue to reach for greatness, create a vision and strive for more...don't settle for "good enough". The road ahead for WI-Theta is Limitless, but let's not forget to take some time, enjoy each moment, and in the words of our late Brother, David Nevins, "Watch the Stars".

~Jason Bednarski, Class of '19

2026 UNDERGRADUATE LEADERS

2026 E-BOARD



As the Fall semester came to a close, so to did the terms of our latest undergraduate executive board positions.

After a long and contested election process, these gentlemen were voted by their peers to lead the undergraduate chapter towards it's next great endeavor!

President: Ty Meyer, Junior

VP of Programming: Nathan Bentti, Junior

VP of SLC: Tobias Hua, Freshman

VP of Finance: Ian Yadon, Sophomore

VP of Member Development: Nate Strandberg, Junior

VP of Recruitment: Braden Ehlke, Sophomore

VP of Communications: Landon King, Freshman

Chaplain: Braeden Christianson, Sophomore

STANDARDS BOARD



Standards Board:

Senior Marshal: Nick Meier

Junior Marshal: Miles Inman

Guide: Alex Todd

Guard: Joe Henriksen

Senior Alternate: Tyler Wood

Junior Alternate: Ben Steffes

MESSAGE FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT

Brothers and Friends of Wisconsin-Theta,

I am honored to serve as your undergraduate chapter president for the next year.

When I look at the current chapter, I couldn't be more proud. From winning our third Buchanan Cup this summer to the mind-blowing alumni support and presence at our 25-year celebration, our "little chapter that could" is truly unstoppable.

Looking ahead to next year, I would like to see us strengthen our recruitment consistency to ensure we remain the largest chapter at Platteville. I also want to take the energy from the past six months and channel that momentum into even greater confidence in our chapter, thinking outside the box and using all those engineering gears to keep WI-Theta relevant and sought after.

I look forward to working with both alumni and undergraduates to keep our relationships strong as we continue moving our chapter toward its next ambitions.

-Ty Meyer (426) Undergraduate President



**TY MEYER
JUNIOR**

WINTER 2025 GRADUATE

Congratulations to Brother Maverick Bristol on his graduation this winter! Maverick graduated with his Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering.



FOUNDERS DAY OF GIVING

Rank	Chapter	Donors
1	Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma State	263 Donors
2	Mississippi Beta - Mississippi State	226 Donors
3	Illinois Gamma - Monmouth	171 Donors
4	Ohio Nu - Cleveland State	138 Donors
5	Michigan Theta - Lawrence Tech	132 Donors
6	South Dakota Alpha - South Dakota State	112 Donors
7	Wisconsin Theta - Wisconsin-Platteville	105 Donors

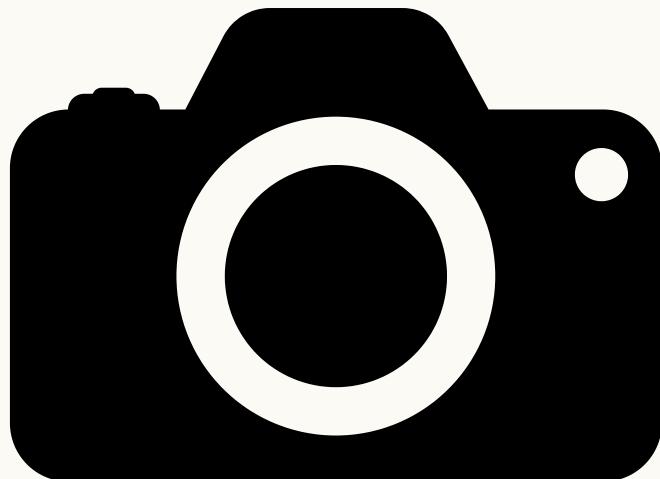
During this year's Founder's Day of Giving, we raised \$12,957.34, which was 28th among all SigEp chapters, and had 105 unique donors, which was 7th overall among SigEp chapters!

Thank you to everyone who made a donation and helped us hit our goals!

SIGEP WI-THETA VISUAL HISTORY PROJECT

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 picture below to add them to our shared file
- If you have physical items or photos, email withetaavc.secretary@gmail.com to organize collecting them



UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

To make sure you are getting our correspondences, please make sure to update your contact information on MySigEp by clicking the button to the right!

Be on the lookout for emails this summer from the AVC Secretary account to confirm contact information!



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!

