#### Wisconsin Theta Alumni and Volunteer Corporation

of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

2024



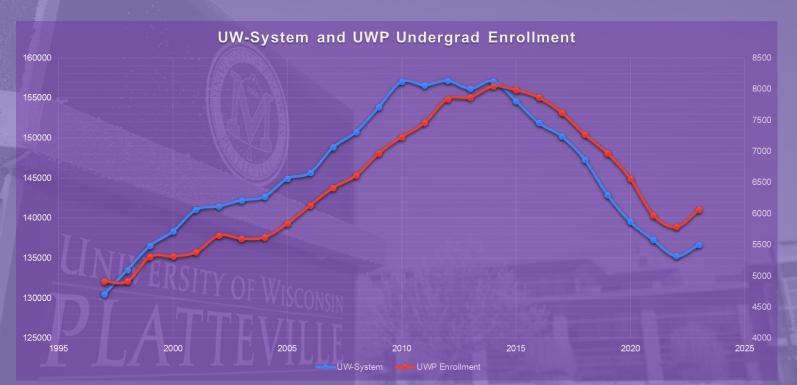
#### Welcome



The 2023-24 AVC Executive Team submit this annual report to our stakeholders to whom we had the pleasure of serving for in this past year. It was highlighted by winning our second Buc Cup in a row, the undergraduate chapter continuing it's dominance on campus, and a renewed focus on building towards the future. It was also tragically marked by the loss of a WI-Theta icon in Brother David Nevins.

As we turn the page towards the next year, we encourage anyone willing to make a difference, to give back, to support why SigEp matters and why WI-Theta matters at UWP, and wishes to help our undergraduate Brothers realize their own greatest personal potential, to consider supporting the AVC and it's endeavors in any way possible.

UW System and UWP Enrollment went back up in 2023. UWP Enrollment currently at 2006 levels.

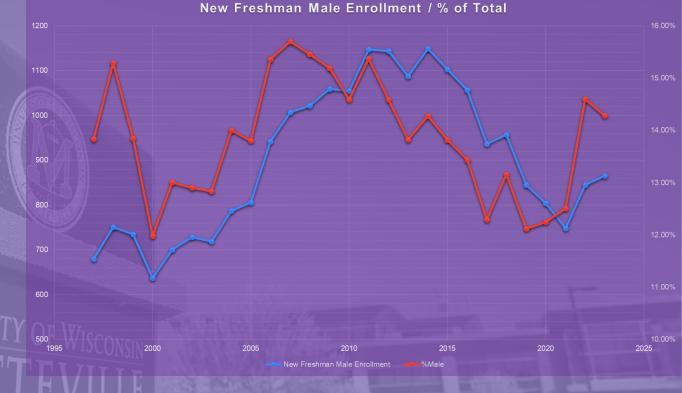




UWP saw a small uptick in % of UW System enrollment in 2023.

Levels close to 2009 share.

Most of the recovery in 2023 was new freshman male.



#### Greek Life at UWP | 9 Fraternities & 6 Sororities



**Sororities** 

#### **CERES**

Gamma Phi Beta

Kappa Alpha Sigma •

Sigma Alpha

Sigma Alpha Iota

Theta Phi Alpha

#### **Fraternities**

- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Delta Sigma Phi
- FarmHouse
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Sigma Pi
- Sigma Tau Gamma
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Phi Sigma



6 Fall '23 Graduates 11 Spring '24 Graduates





Homecoming Champions
3rd Year in a Row!

Oak Leaf Award Outstanding Student Org.







1 Excellence in Leadership Award Second Buchanan
Outstanding Chapter in a
Row!

2 Chancellor Medallion Recipients







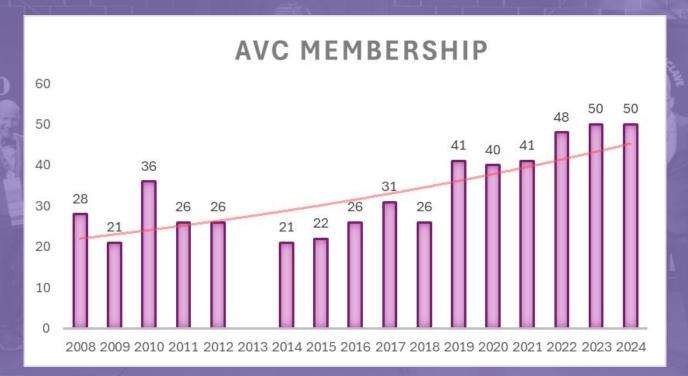
Two Ruck Scholars in 2023 and 2024 20 Brothers on Dean's Lists

7 Brothers with 4.0 GPAs





#### **AVC Overview**



AVC Membership continues to grow 2023 saw 50 paid members
Last minute addition puts 2024 membership at 51!

#### **AVC Overview**

AVC had its biggest Bylaw revision since our incorporation!

Shared
Responsibility
(More responsibilities shared amongst more directors)

#### Structure

(Update to reflect our current needs and accommodate HFF Properties, LLC)

Chapter Support

#### Accountability

(Provisions for the Board to hold each other accountable.)

#### **AVC Overview**

Community

**Relations &** 

**Philanthropy** 

#### AVC New Structure: 4 Exec, 9 Positions, 2 At-Large

Quality Awards and President **Operations Scholarships** Alumni & Parent & Member Vice President Guardian **Relations** Relations **Assets &** Treasurer **Fundraising** Housing Alumni & Volunteer Secretary **Comms** Recruitment At-Large 1 At-Large 2

Each director has at least one committee serving under them to better support operations.

### **President Report**

- Bylaw Committee
  - New Bylaws finalized, approved at October Corporation Meeting, and began transition to new organization.
  - o Couple Bylaw Amendments written for consideration.
- Awards and Scholarships
  - Supported 2 undergraduates to attend Ruck last May.
  - Supported 2 undergraduates to attend Conclave last summer
  - Supported 2 undergraduates to attend CLA last Feb.
  - Supported 2 undergraduates to attend Ruck this upcoming May.
  - \$2,200 in SigEp Leadership programming scholarships!
  - Reboot of Lee Zastrow
  - Creation of Mentor of the Year recognition.

### **President Report**

- Buc Cup Committee
  - We won our second Buc Cup in a Row!
- AVC was also awarded the Sunago Mentorship Excellence Award at CLA 2023



### **Vice President Report**

- Vice President
  - Elected into roll late October via special elections
  - Gathered valuable information on how to keep our current AVC members active
  - Established a running list of parents that would like to volunteer with our AVC in the future
  - Created a working relationship with the Director of Alumni and Volunteer Recruitment to ensure a streamlined process to getting new members involved with the AVC
  - Started a yearly plan to give various educational presentations to the undergrads about what positions they can hold once becoming AVC members

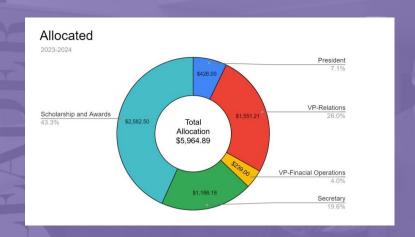
### **Vice President Report**

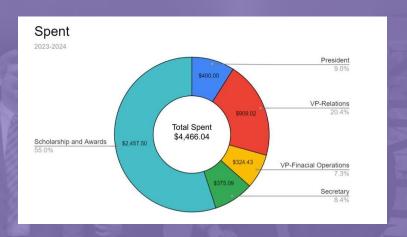
- Director of Alumni and Member Relations
  - Gathered feedback on what members of the AVC want to see for events this upcoming year
  - Started planning another large annual event for the undergrads and AVC members to attend
  - Found and created new roles for AVC members that were looking to do more with the AVC
  - Started on the creation of a new member onboarding process to ensure all new AVC members understand the current happenings
  - Gathered valuable feedback from Alumni and Undergrads for 25 year banquet plans

## **Vice President Report**

- Director of Community Relations & Philanthropy
  - Assisted in organizing the first annual golf outing
  - Started the planning process of creating more joint philanthropy events with AVC and Undergrads

### **Treasurer Report**





#### Notes:

- •Not shown: \$313.00 allocated to savings fund
- Difference of \$1498.85 between Allocation and Total Spent
  - Secretary: (Under) less postage due to fewer newsletters than expected
  - VP-Relations: (Under) Allocated for more events, apparel
  - VP-Finance: (Over) Covered cost of travel for Nevins Services

#### **Treasurer Report**

#### **Account Balance Summary**

**AVC Checking - \$10,314.27** ~\$3,350 Available Balance for FY '23-24 \$2,145 Dues Income for FY 24-25 \$750 '22 Badger Parking for FY 24-25 \$4,317.50 future FY deferred income. **AVC Savings - \$1,451.73 Capital Campaign Collected \$51,167.91 Unrestricted** \$7,940 Restricted

SigEp Foundation Scholarship Accounts - \$16,548.79 less 2024 disbursements
Chapter Investment Fund - \$3,198.96
Balanced Man Scholarship Total Fund Value (6/30/23) - \$36,119.14

## **Secretary Report**

- Secretary
  - Working relationship between Undergraduates and AVC communications has been good
  - Working with VP of Relations on dedicated mailing lists for use by all Director roles
  - Creation of the WI-Theta Photo Gallery on website - Dedicated Historian role will be collecting and upkeep
  - Creation of WI-Theta LinkedIn Group -<u>Link</u>



### **Secretary Report**

- Director of Alumni and Volunteer
   Recruitment
  - Recently inherited this position with the Bylaws changes
  - Working on setting up a recruitment plan for the upcoming year
  - Recruited 2 of the Fall graduates and actively recruiting from the 11 Spring graduates

### **Secretary Report**

- Director of Communications
  - New updated WI-Theta Charge template - <u>Link</u>
  - Regular content coming out from the AVC across multiple platforms -Socials, Website, Youtube (Future platforms?)
  - Working with the undergraduates to increase AVC social media presence this year



## **Housing Build Report**

- Preliminary Survey Complete (69 Respondents with 50/50 split):
  - Preferred Style: 1) Plantation/Trad. Greek 2) Modern
  - Preliminary Concepts:
    - 8-10 Residents
    - Rough-in as a duplex
    - LVP or similar style flooring throughout house (durable, easy to clean)
    - Several multi-purpose rooms (meeting, workshops, speakers)
    - Bedroom furniture provided by AVC similar to dorm style (desk, chair, dress, potentially beds)
- Housing Committee Next Steps:
  - Conceptual floor plans
  - Secondary Survey
  - Firm search and bidding

### **HFF Properties Report**

- 100% Rent Collection this year.
- Checking \$7,578.83
- Savings \$8,556.58
- Made two extra principal payments on House totaling \$3,500
- House is full and leases signed for next year.
- Everything is on budget and on track

#### 2024 Items Forthcoming

- Shoring up the back deck.
- May replace fridge on first floor.
- Tree trimming and landscaping.
- Reviewing adding additional security features.
- Work on the operating agreement with the AVC.

#### In Memoriam

"You make a difference Learn how to say yes; work with great passion and do great things; be world famous."

# Brother David Nevins 1963-2023



"Value time. The years, days, weeks, hours, minutes, seconds, and even moments that become your life."

Watch the Stars

## 2023-24 AVC Board and Chapter Support

- AVC Executive Team
  - President Chris Yerges
  - Vice President Will Michels & Dawson Vanwinkle (Current)
  - o Treasurer William Kuehni
  - Secretary Austin Dye
  - Housing Jason Bednarski
- Board of Directors
  - Derek Dachelet
  - JP Aspinwall
  - Sean McGrath
  - Jeff Benson
  - Matt Sides
  - Greg Bielak
  - o Michael Brunner
    - Max Sagen
  - Josh Miller
    - Colin Tetkoski
- HFF Properties, LLC Manager
  - o Bryan Kirschbaum
  - Support from Steve Kittel
- District Governor
  - Jeremy Baker
- Regional Director
  - Teddy Poore

- Chapter Counselor
  - Nick Kirby & lan Seidler (Current)
- Chapter Mentorship
  - Leads Marc Young and Dawson Vanwinkle
  - Chris Yerges
  - Brad Polzar
  - Ryan Sollberger
  - o Callum Toal
  - o Ken McHone
  - Austin Dye
  - o Jacob Ubl
  - Jason Bednarski
  - Jared Heeg
  - Kyle Samann
  - Josh Miller
  - Will Michels
  - Jeremy Baker
- Balanced Man Steward
  - Brad Polzar
- Faculty Advisor
  - Brother Jon Peavey
- Faculty Fellows
  - Chancellor Tammy Evetovich
  - Patrick Byrnes
  - o Thomas Pitcher
  - Becky Haas

- 2022-23 Undergraduate Executive Board
  - Kyle Brown President
  - Carter Forseth Recruitment
  - Jace Joiner Mem Development
  - Zach Donley SLC
  - Will Foucault Programming
  - O Parker Schelske Finance
  - Christian Soper Communications
  - Seth Reilly Chaplin
- 2023-24 Undergraduate Executive Board
  - Parker Kirklewski President
  - Logan Dunn Recruitment
  - Ryan Bergeman Mem Development
  - Josh Hua SLC
  - Ty Meyer Programming
  - Ryan Wagner Finance
  - Alex Todd Communications
  - o CJ Meier Chaplin

### Special Thanks to our SigEp Rising Stakeholders

Chris Yerges Willie Kuehni Jeff Benson Austin Dye Derek Dachelet Greg Bielak Jeremy Baker Marc Young Ken McHone Michael Brunner Nick Kirby Dan Determan **Brad Polzar** Chuck Meoska Nick Wagner Jason Bednarski

\$203,500 Committed

Dan Wojtanowski **Matt Sides Conor Harris** Eugene Woehrle Jason Foster Jared Heeg Will Michels Greg Skemp Tom & Barb Barton Bryan Kirschbaum Jake Horan Josh Miller Phil Hoff Mitch Burkholder Kyle Samann Eric Hopfensperger Mitch Wenzel

Your commitment is our commitment!