



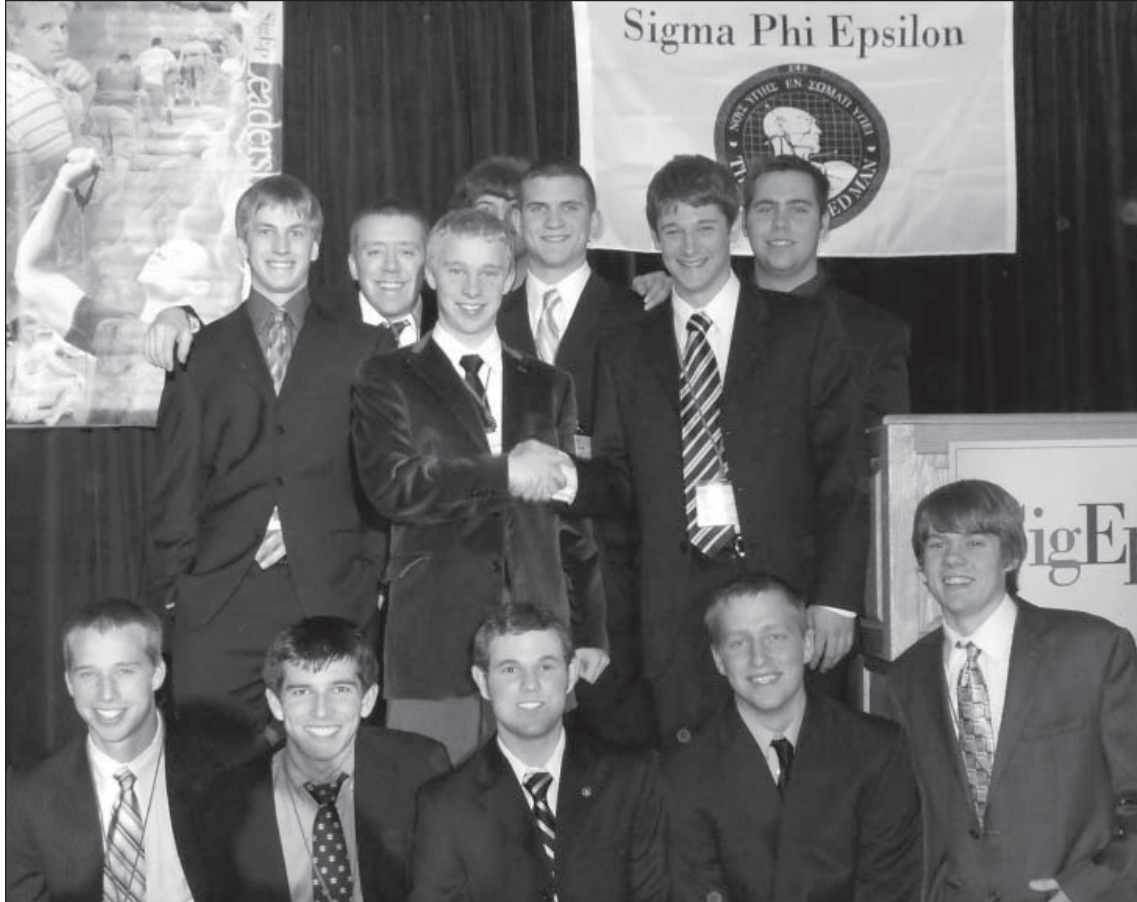
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## Success at the Carlson Leadership Academy



Iowa Delta brothers gather after receiving their awards at the Carlson Leadership Academy.

Members of the Iowa Delta Executive Council traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, on February 12-14, 2010, to attend *The Carlson Leadership Academy*, a two-day, high-intensity personal development program for SigEp chapter officers. The *Carlson Leadership Academy* is SigEp's collective think tank of best practices, techniques and reasoning behind its efforts to lead the Fraternity world in the 21st century.

During the conference, it became evident Iowa Delta is regarded as one of the most prestigious SigEp Chapters. The Executive Council brought home numerous chapter awards and two individual awards. A complete list of awards is included below.

### CHAPTER AWARDS

*Scholarship Excellence Award*

*Donald C. McCleary Member Development Award*

*Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Excellence Award*

*Manpower Excellence Award*

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

*Frank J. Ruck Leadership Award – Ben Cooper '11*

*Volunteer of the Year Award – Kevin Teets, House Manager*

## Iowa Delta Tops All Greek Organizations at Drake

Sigma Phi Epsilon is the top performing Greek organization at Drake University. For the second consecutive semester, the Chapter has outperformed five sororities and eight fraternities. SigEp brothers had a collective grade point average of 3.46 for the Spring 2010 semester. That's higher than the *All Greek Average* of 3.27, *All Fraternity Average* of 3.20 and *All Men's University Average* of 3.09. SigEp's closest competitor, the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, finished with a 3.39.

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## Iowa Delta Welcomes 24 New Brothers



Twenty-four new brothers join SigEp.

Once again, the alumni and actives should be proud of another good recruitment year by the chapter's leadership. The ability to consistently recruit men of character who are dedicated to academics, community and fraternity shows the strength of the chapter. Congratulations to the 24 new brothers who joined the SigEp ranks!

Drake Bittner	Austin Cooke	Blake Miller	Vimal Thottapurathu
Dennis Brettman	Nick Dodd	Shiv Morjaria	Brandon Tish
Logan Brull	Carson Francis	Chris Siegel	Byron Varberg
Nick Budden	Jared Freese	Jared Simmer	Dylan Verburtg
Max Cavett	Chad Howard	Greg Stoker	Derek Yeh
Ethan Clevenger	Brandon Le	Ryan Thomas	Matthew Zipoy

## SigEp Raises 5,750 Pounds of Food for Combat Hunger

For two brisk weeks last November, SigEp gathered approximately 5,750 pounds of food for Combat Hunger, Iowa's largest two-day food drive. The drive benefits the Food Bank of Iowa, which supplies food and other materials to hundreds of agencies in 42 Iowa counties. SigEp brothers not only visited homes throughout their community to collect goods, but also worked alongside Food Bank volunteers to unload trucks and sort items at their warehouse.

**Brad Koenen '12, Michael Crown '12, Jacob Taylor '13** and **Dane Buschling '11** led the SigEp Combat Hunger Team, and did a fantastic job mobilizing participation and organizing

the program. "Combat Hunger is an easy way to make a huge difference in our local community," said **Brad Koenen '12**. "To raise 5,750 pounds of food is pretty sensational, and it can make an enormous impact for the starving people of Des Moines."

SigEp brothers attribute their success to the residents of Des Moines, and as stated by **Michael Crown '12**, "The community around Drake was extremely generous, and they are the reason for Combat Hunger's success. I am very proud of what we were able to do as a fraternity and look forward to raising even more food next year!"

## Rush Recommendations

Do you know of an outstanding young man who would make a great member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity? Alumni, parents and friends are encouraged to submit rush recommendations to **Logan Brinn '11**, VP of Recruitment, at [logan.brinn@drake.edu](mailto:logan.brinn@drake.edu).



# Alumni Return to Drake for Relays and Annual Banquet



Larry Martindale '63 inducts Bob Bowers '59 into the Hall of Fame.

Alumni returned to Drake University in April 2010 to celebrate the completion of Phase II renovations on the new SigEp House and attend the annual Relays Reunion at Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino. The weekend began Friday, April 23, 2010, with a welcome reception and tour of the renovated SigEp house. The following day, Drake University held the 101st annual Drake Relays at Drake Stadium.



Jerry Anderson '70 presents the Rod Rhoads Scholarship to Chris Collinsworth '11.

Saturday evening, the alumni dinner and reunion was held on the fourth floor at Prairie Meadows Race Track and Casino. The banquet began with a social hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and the program. Special recognition was given to Brother **John Mertz '52** for his continuous service to SigEp. The 2010 Hall of Fame inductees were **Bob Bowers '59** and **Al Fann '61**, and the Rod Rhoads Scholarship was awarded to **Chris Collinsworth '11**.

## ALUMNI BOARD

### President

Gary D. Ordway '64

### Treasurer

Rod Rhoads '57

### Chapter Counselor

Dr. Ryan McClellan, PharmD.

### Secretary

William B. Crawford '63

### Faculty Fellow

Dr. Debra Bishop, Ph.D.

### Resident Scholar

Jeff Edgar



## Iowa Delta Chapter Honored for Raising over \$10,000 for Leukemia Society

The Iowa Delta Chapter has been regionally recognized for their *Queen of Hearts Campaign*, raising more than \$10,000 to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Iowa.

The *Queen of Hearts Campaign* is a year-long philanthropy endeavor that began in 2001. It was created in memory of **Eric Grunzinger '05**, a SigEp and Drake student, who died after a battle with leukemia.

The campaign was first selected as Drake's chapter spotlight in October 2009, and then was selected as a regional 'Of the Month' winner in November 2009 by the National Residence Hall

Honorary; an honor society of residence hall leaders.

Over the past year, the fraternity held a series of events including a Fun Run, lawn sale, three-on-three basketball tournament and silent auction. Fraternity members also solicited donations from local businesses and had a booth at DogTown Fest.

The campaign culminated in *Queen of Hearts Week*, which included a dunk tank and 'brother auction,' t-shirt sales and a co-ed softball tournament. The tournament garnered interest from twelve teams and brought the total amount raised to more than \$10,000.

Queen of Heart's Philanthropy Chair **Tyler O'Neil '11** got word of the award in November 2009, and said he was excited that the campaign and the SigEps who spent countless hours to make it a success were being recognized. "I know some of these guys put in long hours to make *Queen of Hearts* a success," O'Neil said. "We were all ecstatic when we cleared \$10,000 and this recognition is like the cherry on top."

Even with their current success, O'Neil said he and the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon are not done. The 2010 *Queen of Hearts Week* is scheduled for October 20-23, 2010, and the chapter plans on exceeding last year's total.

## First Annual Greek Gala Award Winners

Outstanding New Member  
**Ryan Price '13**

Outstanding Campus Involvement  
**Tyler Boggess '10**

President's Award  
**Iowa Delta Chapter**

Dean's Award  
**Iowa Delta Chapter**

## House Improvements

Thanks to the Iowa Delta Alumni Board, new carpet was installed during August in all house bedrooms and hallways.



Sigma Phi Epsilon at Drake University, Fall 2010

### Visit the Sigma Phi Epsilon Website

Visit [www.sigepdrake.org](http://www.sigepdrake.org), the official Iowa Delta Chapter Alumni website, to:

- Learn more about the chapter
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and e-mail address
- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, and more)
- Contribute to the house renovation campaign

## Save the Dates!

Queen of Hearts Week – October 20-23, 2010  
 SigEp Parent's Weekend – November 13, 2010  
 2011 Drake Relays – April 28-30, 2011



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