



# The Beta Epsilon Bell

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## A Letter from the NEW Historian

Hello to the alumni and parents of Beta Epsilon!

My name is Ethan Wons, and I'm the new Historian for the 2022 school year! I'm beyond excited to start my term and further strengthen the relationship between parents and alumni. I'm a freshman from Kansas City, Missouri, and I'm studying journalism at our renowned journalism school. I wasn't initially going to pledge a fraternity in college, but I made the decision to try it out. Ultimately, it was the best decision of my life. Pi Kappa Phi has connected me with so many individuals, and I wouldn't change it for the world.

Fall of 2021 was a great semester for Pi Kappa Phi. We enjoyed Family Weekend and Dads' Weekend which strengthened the connection between parents, alumni, and active members within our chapter. I had the opportunity to meet many parents and expand my social web within Beta Epsilon and beyond as a freshman. Don't worry moms! Your chance to come back to Columbia is quickly approaching with Moms' Weekend taking place in the spring.

The effects of the Coronavirus are still being felt on campus in Columbia. Students and staff remain in the classrooms and maintain a safe distance to the best of their ability. The mask mandate was lifted in October which sparked some debate among students and staff. However, the Coronavirus is managed well on campus. Luckily, the spread of Covid-19 in Beta Epsilon has been little to none!

Make sure to stay up to date with news from our chapter via the parent and alumni Facebook that you can access from our website. I will actively post new information for you to see which will give you insight into everything that is currently going on with Beta Epsilon.

Have a happy and healthy 2022 and ODH,

Ethan Wons

## Delta Class Initiation

Beta Epsilon had the uncommon opportunity to initiate 34 new associate members to the chapter, making it the second largest associate member class since rechartering. We are so beyond proud of these young men and their contributions to Beta Epsilon so far. With the initiation of the Delta class, the total active member count amounts to an astonishing 116 members.

With the Epsilon class next in line, we are hoping to gain an associate member class of 10-15 exceptional men who exemplify the morals of Pi Kappa Phi.

## Get to Know the New 2022 Executive Council

**Archon: Danny Beaty - drbg2d@umsystem.edu**

Danny is returning to the Executive Council from last year serving as our treasurer in 2021. He is from Denver, Colorado and is majoring in Business Management. When asked about why he joined Beta Epsilon, his response embodies the traits needed in a leader. He mentions the sense of brotherhood was like no other, and it felt like he “belonged here from the very beginning.” His plans for the future include managing a construction company. His plans for his term are ambitious but set the precedent of a motivated leader. He wants to raise \$12,000 for the Ability Experience, expand scholarship, and create more incentives to run for executive positions.

**Vice Archon: Cormac O’dear - ccocbn@mail.missouri.edu**

Cormac is a member of the Beta class and is a sophomore. He is from Kansas City, Missouri and majors in Finance and Economics. He mentions that the atmosphere in Beta Epsilon is “just phenomenal.” He goes on to say that Beta Epsilon was his home because of the bright future the chapter offered. Following along with his major, Cormac wants to work in investment banking, and his dream is to work on Wall Street. Since his position focuses on recruitment, his main goal for 2022 is to recruit the next two best associate member classes Beta Epsilon has seen yet.

**Treasurer: Nick Yoraway - ndyw8t@umsystem.edu**

Nick is a sophomore and member of the Beta class. He is used to battling the cold up north, right below Canada from Plymouth, Minnesota. Nick ran for treasurer last year but lost by a narrow vote. He was our Formal Chairman, and he learned many skills needed to be a great treasurer in 2022. He feels the sense of brotherhood throughout the chapter and is living his college experience with some of his best friends. His career goals center around finance, and he’s currently angling toward investment banking. Since he is familiar with dealing with finances in our chapter, Nick plans to financially keep the chapter running smoothly.

**Secretary: Ethan Levy - ethanlevy@mail.missouri.edu**

Ethan is a sophomore from Chicago, Illinois studying Journalism at Mizzou. He is another returning Executive Council member from 2021. The leadership in his previous term helped to gain his credibility and trustworthiness within the chapter. Ethan mentions that the reason he joined Beta Epsilon was to “become a part of something that was bigger than myself.” One of his favorite parts about brotherhood is that it’s easy to start a conversation with anyone. Ethan has done a lot of work within his major so far at Mizzou. He videos various sports teams here at Mizzou and has been involved in Journalism since his freshman year. His goal for the 2022 is to increase chapter recognition through social media posts and merchandise production.

**Warden: Nick Kapp - njkbnw@mail.missouri.edu**

Nick is a member of the Beta class and is a sophomore. He is from the suburbs of Chicago with dreams of making it in the technology development industry. He’s crafting his skills at Mizzou with a major in Information Technology. When asked about why he joined Beta Epsilon, Nick went on to say that he loves the brotherhood. Nick’s favorite part about Beta Epsilon is making great memories with his fraternity. His plans for his term are short and to the point. He wants to fine tune the Associate Member Education (AME) experience by making the seven week period more meaningful.

**Chaplain: Eddie Lorentz - eclnvc@umsystem.edu**

Eddie Lorentz is a Statistics and Computer Science major from St. Louis, Missouri. He is also a member of the Beta class. Eddie joined Beta Epsilon for many reasons including networking, leadership, and the social aspect. Eddie goes on to mention the sense of pride he feels being a part of a nontraditional fraternity. His background on the ritual committee earned him the respect to serve as our 2022 Chaplain. He has plans to craft our rituals with a more “thematic focus” which will make the rituals more meaningful to the new associate members.

**Philanthropy Chairman: Ryan Dye**  
- rcd6zm@umsystem.edu

Ryan is one of the two freshmen on the Executive Council. He's from the Delta class and is from Platte City, Missouri. The main reason Ryan chose Beta Epsilon is because he felt an instant connection with the chapter that he hadn't experienced anywhere else. His future career goal is to be a chemical engineer. For his 2022 term, he plans to reconstruct the War of the Roses approach and make the rose queen whole sororities instead of individual recipients. He also plans to add a new philanthropy event in the fall semester of his term.



*Pictured from left to right...*

*Eddie Omecene  
Michael Trower  
Nick Kapp  
Ethan Levy  
Nick Yoraway  
Ethan Wons  
Cormac O'dear  
Danny Beaty  
Eddie Lorentz  
Ryan Dye*

**Risk Management: Michael Trower - mrt9h7@mail.missouri.edu**

Michael is a sophomore in the Beta class. He is from St. Louis, Missouri and is studying Business. One of the reasons he joined Beta Epsilon was because he saw potential in the chapter's ability to form its own identity. He mentions that the fraternity house is the best place to live with all his best friends. Down the road, Michael has dreams to start his own business. Above all else during his term, Michael wants to make sure safety is the number priority in Beta Epsilon.

**Standards Board Chairman: Eddie Omecene - eomecene@mail.missouri.edu**

Eddie is a sophomore in the Beta class. He is originally from north Kansas City, Missouri, and he's studying Business Finance here at Mizzou. Eddie joined Beta Epsilon for its nonconformity to a normal fraternity feel. He mentions that "everyone was so kind and easy to connect with." One of his favorite things about Beta Epsilon is the house itself. We pride ourselves in having a beautiful house and scenic backyard. His career dreams center around asset management, and later in life he plans on investing in real estate.

## Electriphi

At the beginning of the semester, the members of Beta Epsilon were introduced to the first big philanthropy event our chapter has seen yet. We put on a grand concert in our spacious backyard that made our chapter the highlight of the night on Mizzou's campus. On September 25th, we hosted around 550 guests with over 600 tickets sold. All of the proceeds went to our national philanthropy "The Ability Experience" and "True North." True North is an organization formed in the 1970's that aimed to serve rape survivors. Since their launch, they provide services for domestic and sexual violence victims as well. The goal of the organization is to "empower those who have been battered or abused by an intimate partner."

With around \$7,200 raised, we donated \$3,600 to both The Ability Experience and True North of Columbia. At Beta Epsilon, we pride ourselves in taking our philanthropy seriously. That's why when we heard the total dollar amount raised, we were all ecstatic at the money we had raised for these two great causes.

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## Electriphi - Continued

College DJ “Nick Galecki” was the main show for the concert, while “The Brink” opened the show. Both music acts did an amazing job, and the crowd loved both!

We’re looking forward to next year’s Electriphi concert, and we’re hoping to raise even more money for our philanthropy. We were so beyond excited to hold an event like this for the first time ever. Down the road, we’re hoping to make Electriphi an annual event and sell even more tickets. Gaining the reputation of a stellar concert will allow us to have more popular music guests and could bring alumni back to Mizzou for a fun night!

Stay up to date for more information on next year’s Electriphi concert!



## Ad Astra Inductees

Each year less than one percent of Pi Kappa Phi undergraduate students are inducted for their exemplary leadership within the fraternity, on their respective campus, and in their community. The society is special to Pi Kappa Phi, and they recognize up to one percent of all active members across the country. We are very proud to announce that 3 out of the 61 inductees are our very own Beta Epsilon brothers. Brothers Jake Reed, Jacob Beavers, and Conner Flatt showed incredible leadership in every aspect of their lives in Beta Epsilon.

Jake Reed (top photo) is a senior from Denver, Colorado. Since the beginning of his time in Beta Epsilon, Jake has portrayed endless amounts of leadership. His sophomore year he served as Homecoming Chair before becoming vice president later that year. He also served as the blood liaison his senior year leading the chapter through the campus blood drive. Other than his contributions to Beta Epsilon, he also served as the social media coordinator for the student newspaper called “The Maneater.” Also, he is currently interning at the Mizzou office of Marketing and Strategic Communications.



Jacob Beavers (middle photo) is a junior from Decatur, Illinois. His contributions to Beta Epsilon are unmatched. He served as the Treasurer for the 2020 school year. He then led the Executive Council as Archon in 2021. Next year he will be Vice President of Programming & Philanthropy for the Inter Fraternal Council (IFC). Jacob is only a junior, and he exemplifies the ambition any good leader must have.



Conner Flatt (bottom photo) is a senior from Columbia, Missouri. Conner is well known across Beta Epsilon for his contributions to leadership and philanthropy. He took initiative his freshman year by becoming the Historian. The following year he led the fraternity by being elected Archon. His junior year he ran for the IFC board representing Greek life here at Mizzou. The summer of his junior year he participated in The Journey of Hope and biked across America for the Ability Experience. Conner’s work in Beta Epsilon never goes unseen, and he will be remembered for his work as a true leader in the chapter.



## Upcoming Events @ Beta Epsilon

Please see the below list for upcoming events within the Beta Epsilon Chapter. We will send specific communication regarding events with guests.

January 18 - First Day of Spring Semester  
February 1 - Epsilon Class Pre-Initiation  
March 18 - Epsilon Class Initiation  
March 26-April 3 - Spring Break  
April 9-11 - Bike-a-thon  
April 23-24 - Mom's Weekend  
May 7 - Beta Epsilon Senior Sendoff  
May 9-13 - Spring Semester Finals Week

For a more up-to-date and comprehensive list of upcoming events, visit our chapter website, [mizzoupikapp.com](http://mizzoupikapp.com).

## Chapter Updates

The Beta Epsilon Chapter is proud to introduce our new website, [mizzoupikapp.com](http://mizzoupikapp.com). Find out everything you need to know about our chapter with a few clicks! Information for current active members, potential new members, parents and alumni is all available to view, and now, it's easier than ever before!

If you have any feedback about our website, or if you just want to drop us a line, feel free to fill out the contact form. A member of our Executive Council will be happy to get in touch with you!

We encourage our alumni to send in updates using the form under the "Alumni" tab! Your update might be featured in the next issue of *The Beta Epsilon Bell*!

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## Second Beta Epsilon Homecoming

After the recharter in the fall of 2019, Beta Epsilon took part in our first ever homecoming with sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma. However, the Fall of 2020 left us without a homecoming due to the ongoing effects of the corona virus.

We came back in the Fall of 2021 to take part in our second ever homecoming here at Mizzou. We had the amazing opportunity to take on homecoming with the ladies of Phi Mu and the men of Alpha Kappa Lambda and Sigma Phi Epsilon. We all worked together to craft the best float and perform an amazing skit and dance performance in Jesse Hall.

The theme of Homecoming 2021 was video games. Some of the themes included Minecraft, Pokémon, Angry Birds, and many more. The theme we were awarded was Pacman. We spent countless days and nights pumping, putting together the float, and practicing our skit and dance performance.

As we marched through campus on October 9<sup>th</sup>, our voices roared above most other floats in the parade. Our pride and passion earned us 5<sup>th</sup> place in the parade ranking. Our skit and dance team produced an amazing performance as well. With a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the talent category, we won the hearts of the judges with our funny performance that didn't disappoint.



## Alumni Event

With the upcoming spring semester, we are hoping to locally hold an in-person alumni event later in the semester. We will be giving a toast to 2021, as well as sharing our endeavors for 2022 at a bar in downtown Columbia.

More information will be sent out in the coming weeks, so if you live in the Columbia area, then make sure to keep an eye out!