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# LAMBDA PI OF SIGMA NU EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

# Chapter of Excellence

This year the brothers of Lambda Pi made it our goal to become a "Chapter of Excellence" again. For those of you that are unfamiliar with how it is obtained here is a brief summary. Every year Greek Life chapters are required to go through an interview process for GSAP (Greek Standards Assessment Program). There are two interviews in each of the following five categories: Leadership Development, Positive Relationships, Intellectual Development, Civic Engagement, Integration of Purpose. These interviews along with a binder submission are how chapters are awarded, Chapter of Excellence. The interviews are graded on a scale of 1-5, 5 being the best you can score. We received excellence (a score of 5) in 4 out of the 5 categories, those being, Leadership Development, Positive Relationships, Intellectual Development, and Integration of purpose. It is with great honor we can say that of all the fraternities and sororities at Eastern we were one of the three to receive chapter of excellence. Individual brothers also took home awards for their contributions. Anthony Cocuzza, received the, Silent

Leader Award, Ben Huff, won New Initiate of the Year. Ethan Vaughn, won the last award, President of the Year.



Pictured left to right, (Justin Mayfield, Ethan Vaughn, Ben Huff, Anthony Cocuzza)



# Candidate Experience

## **Benjamin Huff #356**

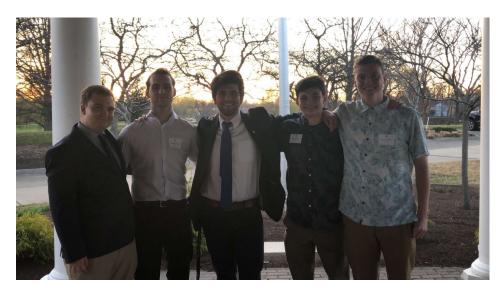
Picture this: two kids from Ohio move in to college together for the first time. The idea of living alone for the first time is too much to handle. This is the biggest milestone of your life! Then, it hits you. The family car is driving away into the distance, everyone inside waving goodbye. Everything you once had at home is miles away. Officially, you're on your own for the first time. To most people, this can be extremely overwhelming. You have to live with a random person, as well as travel to a new area you're not too familiar with and start up a whole new life. There's a reason my roommate and I didn't experience such feelings. That reason is Sigma Nu.

My roommate, Chase, and I had no intention of joining Greek Life when we arrived to Eastern. I can easily remember the first time I walked into the Sigma Nu house. Our former president, Ethan Vaughn, opened the door for me and my roommate. Now, when you're a freshman at a University and the president to your first fraternity visit opens the door, you're terrified. All of the different levels of anxiety are shooting through the roof. I learned quickly, though, I was being absolutely ridiculous. The men of Sigma Nu were some of the most welcoming people I have ever met. It was like there were no strangers around anymore. These men effortlessly changed our mind to join Greek Life.

After a short time, we were awarded our bids. The men of Sigma Nu extended out their hands and trusted us to learn the ways of Sigma Nu. My candidate process is something I will remember for the rest of my life. From the moment I received my big, to the Super Smash Bros tournaments that we throw way too often (or maybe not enough). From being elected president of my candidate class, to finally being initiated at the end of my first semester. There was never a dull moment. These men of Sigma Nu have taught me more about myself in this short time than I have learned throughout my whole life. My candidate brothers and I have dedicated our lives to upholding the truth of the most honorable values: Love, Truth, and Honor. Thank you, brothers, and most importantly, thank you Sigma Nu.

## Chase Skall #359

The candidate process for me was relatively smooth. I came to campus not knowing a single soul. The brothers of Sigma Nu were very friendly and welcomed me with open arms. I made quick friends with all the brothers, but who was to know it would be way more then that. My candidate class consist of some of my closest friends. We had a great time learning about the fraternity through LEAD and meeting the alumni along the way. I am glad to be able to call Sigma Nu my home and cannot wait for what the future has in store for the fraternity.



Left to right: Ben Potter, Kennady Klochko, Ben Huff, Chase Skall, Jeremy Fradette



# Candidate Experience

# Kennady Klochko #360

The candidate process to gain entrance into Sigma Nu was an inviting and fun experience to say the least. The process of becoming a brother meant a lot to me and I will never forget it. The steps to becoming a knight means forming a bond with people you have never met before that is deeper than any ordinary friendship.

Looking forward, I plan on impacting Sigma Nu for the remainder of my collegiate career. This impact includes improving events such as philanthropy, brotherhood and fundraisers. Sigma Nu is a great environment with brothers that make being a SNu a truly unique and enjoyable experience.-

## Michael Farrug #361

My candidate process pushed me out of my comfort zone in a positive way. As the treasurer of my candidate class, I oversaw service and philanthropy. I was never in a leadership position before. I set up an event called "Clean up Ypsi" where some future brothers and I walked through Ypsilanti, picking up trash. I learned some things from this experience. I learned that when selecting a date for an event, some compromises must be made. I was trying to think of a date and time that was open to everyone, but with so many people involved, it was not possible. I had to live with the fact that scheduling conflicts would be present one way or another. I learned that striving for perfect results will only lead to frustration. I also learned about the importance of incentives, meaning that I would have to provide something that would entice people to participate. In this case, I provided people with water bottles and gloves.

I will continue to take advantage of service opportunities as a part of this organization. I will pursue more leadership positions that will be goal-oriented. I want more people to participate in Greek life in general and if I help Sigma Nu accomplish more, then we will earn these results. I will uphold the values of love, truth, and honor in my everyday life. I will help to make Sigma Nu stand out from other Greek organizations.

### Kemani Word #362

I am Freshman at Eastern Michigan University, currently majoring in Information Assurance & Cyber Defense. I was first introduced to Sigma Nu by two of the newer members of the fraternity. As I started to get to know everyone individually I realized how seriously they take their responsibilities. They always show nothing but love towards each other. They have shown me that Sigma Nu is not just another, "frat", that you see in movies and television shows. They truly stand for what they believe in which is love, truth, and honor. In my short recruitment process Sigma Nu showed me that is always cool to hang out as brothers, but it is just as important to develop skills that will not only be used to take on responsibility in the fraternity, but real life skills that I will need and use after I graduate. I am extremely proud to call myself a Sigma Nu. I can't wait to be a part of the Sigma Nu legacy for many years to come.



# **Events Held**

**Sorority Recruitment Practice-** We assisted the sororities of Alpha Xi Delta (AXiD) and Alpha Gamma Delta (AGD) by being mock interviewees. The event was extremely beneficial for the sororities and it was a great event to help strengthen the ties between our chapters.

**Bid Day BBQ** – This is the annual fall social we have with AXiD so that the new members from our chapters can meet each other and the current members are able to socialize. This year we held the event at our house and did pumpkin carving in addition to the food.

**Cleanin' up Ypsi'-** Every fall and winter semester we host a trash pickup event to help clean our streets. Sadly, it rained this year so the turnout was not nearly what it usually is.

**Chili Cook Off-** We had a taste testing contest where you were able to try a sample of all of the chilis and choose which is your favorite. Our sweetheart Maddie Peterson won with her White Bean Chicken Chili. All of the money was donated to SOS Community Services here in Ypsilanti.

Salute to Honor- Some may be familiar with this event and some may not but we brought back this event in order for our parents to be updated on what their sons are actually doing in the fraternity. We held the event at Aubree's in Depot Town.



**White Rose Formal-** Held at the gorgeous, Silver Shores Waterfront was a great way to

head into the last stretch of the semester. We had both dates and friends attend this year to make it a much more enjoyable experience.

**Homecoming Weekend-**This years homecoming was one for our history books. It was the largest one we have had in a few years. Sadly, Eastern didn't win but that wasn't needed for us to have a good time. We kicked off the weekend by having an alumni dinner the night before at Tower INN to give the alumni a chance to meet all the actives and new candidates before homecoming. Homecoming day started off by having a meeting with the Alumni Advisory Board to give chapter updates and set up a committee for the 30th reunion. Afterwards we went to the tailgate to socialize and reconnect with



# 30th Reunion Weekend

The 30th reunion weekend was one for the history books. It started off Friday night doing a house tour. Followed by a gathering at Stick's in Depot Town where fun times were had by all. The next day we were able to have a lot of alumni involved in the initiation ceremony of our three newly initiates; Michael Farrug, Kemani Ward and Curtis Jackson. For the actual reunion the brothers of Lambda Pi gathered at Washtenaw Golf Club to celebrate 30 amazing years at Eastern Michigan University. With over 90 brothers and wives in attendance it was a night full of stories, laughter and reconnecting. Luckily we had all six founders present for the weekend to hear their stories of what starting this chapter was really like. Our past chapter adviser, Michael Evans, handed the position over to Michael Figgs. Without the hard work of , Nathan Rowe, Imran Saifudin, Tyler Vandeberghe, and Ethan Vaughn, the event would not have been possible. It is our goal and hope that the 35th will be even better than this year.









# LEAD Sessions and Educational Programing Completed Outside of Phase I

### **All Chapter LEAD Sessions**

Module A: Personal Development

Session 5: Spirituality-Facilitated by Ben Weatherspoon the Minister for the Detroit Church of Christ

Module B: Chapter Development

Session 1: Goal Setting—Ethan Vaughn (Commander at time)

Session 4: Strategic Planning- Ethan Vaughn (Commander at time)

Session 5: Officer Transitions- Ethan Vaughn (Commander at time)

Session 8: PEP Strategy Session- Ethan Vaughn (Commander at time)

**Module C: Risk Reduction** 

Session 2: Sexual Assault (Social Strengths Workshop)- Cathy Lupo; RN

Session 4: Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's)- Cathy Lupo; RN

#### Phase 2 of LEAD

Session 5: Personality Types- Ethan Vaughn (Psychology Major)

#### Phase 3 of LEAD

Session 4: Career Development – April Calkovsky; Career Coach

#### Phase 4 of LEAD

Session 2: Networking- April Calkovsky; Career Coach

Session 5: Conflict- Eric Ward

Session 6: Success Tips for the First Year on the Job- April Calkovsky; Career Coach

# **Additional Educational Programing:**

Sexual Assault Prevention and Hypermasculinity- Kyle Martin, Greek Life Adviser

Policies Affecting you – Kenny Richardson

Greek Life Alcohol Awareness and Safety Program-Nicholas Pomante

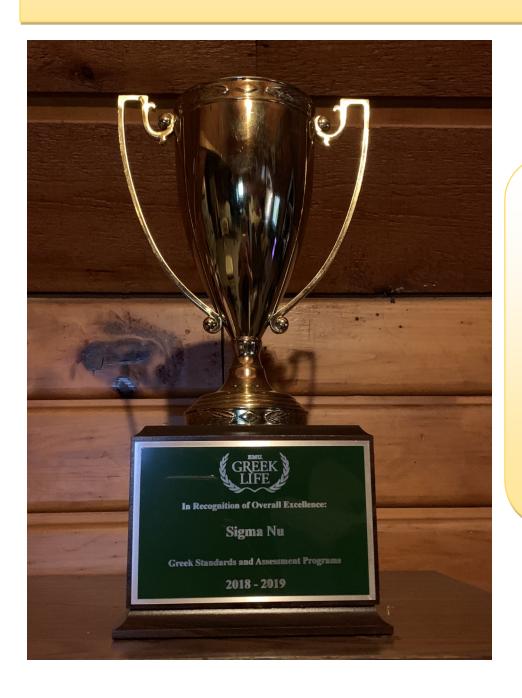


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If you have any exciting stories to share with the fraternity please email them to Ethan Vaughn at evaughn3@emich.edu. We would love to share what our brothers have been up to after college.



We are trying to update our family tree information. The most current family trees are not extensive and we need more people added to them. Please send who your big and little was along with your badge numbers to evaughn3@emich.edu

Homecoming is October 12th this year! Save the date and be on the lookout for information regarding that weekend.