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Joe Beers Inducted to the UA Arizona Order of Omega Hall of Fame



Joe Beers received his bachelor's degree in business economics from the University of Arizona in 1983. During his undergraduate years, he served Sigma Chi as philanthropy chairman, social chairman and consul (president). He was selected by the chapter as the Outstanding Officer in 1983. On campus, he served as president of the College Republicans and co-chairman of the President's Club.

He is the founder and owner of Integrity Outsource, LLC, a professional employer organization established in 2011. The firm specializes in administering human resources, payroll, workers' compensation, employee benefits, and risk management. Previously, Joe served as the executive vice president for Diversified Human Resources. He was part of an executive team that developed a dynamic sales process, leading to DHR's growth from a startup to a top market position in Arizona in less than three years, maintaining that position for 10 years.

Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Professional Employers. For over 15 years, he has served as the Arizona/New Mexico Leadership Council Chairman for NAPEO, successfully passing the only two professional employer organization bills in Arizona's history. He is a contributing author to PEO Insider Magazine and has published numerous articles on the professional employer organization industry and other business topics.

For 12 years, Joe served on the executive council of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix, holding numerous leadership positions and earning the title of

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The Executive Board



KEY CHAPTER LEADERS & ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS 2023-2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Consul - Avery Hurley '25
Pro-Consul - Chance Crafton '25
Annotator - Colin Dryden '25
Quaestor - Connor Schmahl '25
Magister - Anthony Degreen '25
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Risk Manager - Christian Pickerel '25
House Manager - Jonathan Schulman '25
Recruitment Chairman - Booker Frith '26
Scholarship Chairman - Johnny Marietti '26
Co-Social Chairman - Jack Fucik '26 and Braden Wells '26

ADVISORY BOARD

Advisor - David Bina '82
 Jim Engel '74
 Platt (Hubb) Hubbell '74
 Cameron Cooke '83

Andrew Kelly '86
 Kelly Smith '86
 Dane Denby '12

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

President - Steve Schuyler '79
Vice President - Open
Treasurer - Tom Scott '78
Trustee - Jon Underwood '64
Trustee - Bob Bretz '67
Trustee - Kevin Stombaugh '91
Trustee - Ryan Parker '04
Trustee - Hardy Drackett '05
Trustee - Nick Pierson '05

THE SIGMA CHI BUILDING COMPANY

President - Mike Myers '88
Treasurer - Thomas Scott '78
Director - Jack McDuff '51
Director - Joe Markling '80
Director - Scott Gilbreath '85
Director - Tim Arendt '86
Director - Tad Jewell '89
Director - Kevin Stombaugh '91
Director - Hugh McCauley '92
Director - Ali Farhang '93
Director - Jon Eastman '13

Consul Report



This academic year has been full of all kinds of events ranging from social events, workshops, Hall of Honors, awards dinners, philanthropy weeks, and likely an excessive amount of meetings to plan them all. However, our chapter has executed each with precision, excellence, and passion. During the 2023-24 school year, we have successfully recruited 32 new brothers and have initiated 26 so far. We are looking forward to watching their achievements throughout their years at UofA and their decades as a Sigma Chi.

All events aside, we are all still undergraduates studying as a first priority. I am proud to note that out of all 123 members, we had 49 make the Dean's List with 18 members receiving a 4.0 GPA this semester. This is near the top of the Greek community, and a great representation of the values that we place in academic excellence and integrity.

We also hosted multiple workshops for our members over the past few months. The annual Beta Phi Leadership Workshop focused on mental health, leadership, and overall chapter activities. We had a presentation on smart decision making and alcohol/substance abuse, and also attended numerous presentations from the University on hazing, DEI, sexual assault, and other topics. Our chapter is committed to providing positive resources like these workshops for all members.

In November, Beta Phi hosted our annual philanthropy week Derby Days. We set a new chapter and school record, raising over \$65,000 thanks to the generous support of our alumni, the Greek community, sponsors, and families. Thank you to all who contributed, and we are well on our way of hitting our goal of \$100K for the year! These efforts also allowed us to take home the 2023 IFC Outstanding Philanthropy and Community Service award at the IFC banquet.

Over the next few months, Beta Phi will initiate the remaining 8 spring pledges to the chapter. We will continue to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and host multiple career panels. Mom's Weekend will be held from March 22nd-24th, and the chapter will travel to Las Vegas for its annual Spring Formal shortly after. Additionally, Beta Phi will be hosting the bi-annual province meet up with the Northern Arizona University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University chapters.

This year has been marked with success and excellence over the past few months, and we are looking forward to the remainder of the year.

>>DONATE NOW!<<
Fund Scholarships & More!

CHAPTER NEWS

Sweetheart News

Annually the Beta Phi chapter choses a "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi". The lovely women selected for this honor exemplify the Beta Phi chapter through their radiating personalities and campus involvement. Proudly, for the 2023-2024 academic year we announced Charlie Hanson and Leila Khoury as our Sigma Chi sweethearts.

Active Alumni

Having spent an incredible amount of his servitude and dedication on the International side of Sigma Chi, the Beta Phi chapter is glad to have **Steve Schuyler '79** back at his home chapter, serving as the new President of the Education Foundation.



Mike Myers '88 is the new Sigma Chi Building Company (Housing Corporation) President. Thanks for serving, Mike.

Beta Phi Brothers **Lisle Payne '64** (represented by his son Matt Payne), **Chris Ackerley '91** and **Steven Schuyler '79** were inducted as Significant Sigs and **Chuck Colton '69** was inducted as an Order of Constantine at the 84th Sigma Chi Grand Chapter in Toronto over the summer.



Beta Phi Chapter winner of the 2023 Peterson Significant Chapter award!

We are very proud to gain the distinction of the 2023 Peterson Significant Chapter award. For some background, the Peterson Significant Chapter award is the highest honor that the international fraternity bestows upon an undergraduate chapter. Since the establishment of the award in 1964, the award recognizes excellence performed by chapters in all major operations and programming, and is prized as a symbol of dedication, idealism, and achievement.

Outstanding Grades of Undergraduate Brothers!

For the Fall 2023 Semester, forty-seven Undergraduate Brothers were awarded UA Dean's List requiring a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Eighteen of which achieved a 4.0.

This past fall semester, the Beta Phi Education Foundation hosted the Fall '23 Beta Phi 4.0 dinner for all that achieved a 4.0 in the Spring '23 semester. Eighteen undergraduates were able to take a break from studying to enjoy an authentic Mexican dinner at El Charro while accompanied by five proud alumni who donate much of their time to the smooth operation and success of the Beta Phi chapter from behind the scenes to make opportunities like this possible.

"The Beta Phi Educational Foundation has continuously shown its dedication to giving undergraduates all the tools and resources for success and has achieved greatly in delivery and inspiration" -Brett Swartzlander '24 (Current Undergrad Senior). We hope we can count on your financial support of our scholarship and leadership support activities. Check out our page for the link to donate at: <https://www.arizonasigmachi.org/donate>

FALL 2023 4.0 GPA

Garrett Nelson
Jack Baron
Jack Konrad
Avery Mlicki
Connor Schmahl
Brett Swartzlander
Colton Stone
Rodrigo Iruretagoyena
Jack Lopez



Ryan Magee
DJ Herkenrath
Ashton Day
Shane Adams
Ben Wilczewski
Jake Cornwell
Lawson Lundstedt
Wes Mason
Will Barbera





Beta Phi is #3 in Sigma Chi for ranking donation amount

During our highly anticipated Derby Days week, the dedication and passion by our brothers was shown through exceeding our expectations, raising an incredible \$65,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Not only did we surpass all other organizations at the University, Beta Phi also secured the 3rd most donations between all Sigma Chi Chapters. Our commitment to making a meaningful impact on the fight against cancer exemplifies the spirit of Sigma Chi and we couldn't be prouder to keep aiding the fight against cancer.

Parent's Weekend Fall 2023



Homecoming 2023

To cap off a delightful homecoming week with the angles of greek row; a Big Fat Greek Wedding.



Help Fund a Scholarship

If you would like to help fund a scholarship or contribute towards an existing scholarship, please contact Steve Schuyler at steve.schuyler@sigmachicago.org or 520-245-1850, or Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgutucson.com or 520-990-3250.

Support BETA PHI

There is no better time than now to support Beta Phi! Our chapter, like all fraternities, is as strong as the commitment of our undergraduate members to focus on success, and our alumni and parent's commitment to sharing some of their time and treasurer with the Chapter.

How You Can Support Beta Phi

Volunteer

Join other volunteers on the Advisory Board, Educational Foundation, or the Sigma Chi Building Company.

Recruitment Recommendation

Provide a recruitment recommendation to the undergraduate chapter by filling out this recommendation form: <https://www.arizonasigmachi.org/recruitment-recommendation>

One-Time or Recurring Gift

Please consider a one-time or recurring gift to the Beta Phi Educational Foundation. You can donate online at: <https://www.arizonasigmachi.org/donate-now>

Leave a Legacy

Charitable gifts help you meet your philanthropic goals and extend your generosity well into the future. But did you know that a planned gift can also protect your assets, provide for your family, and guarantee you income for life? You can even make a significant impact through a gift that costs nothing in your lifetime (through a charitable bequest under your will).

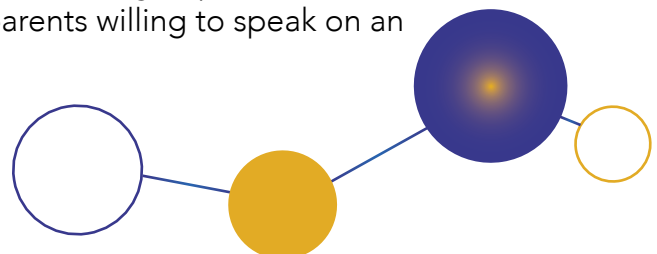
There are several ways to support the Beta Phi Educational Foundation, but when you plan a gift as part of your overall estate and financial plans, you help the chapter expand the boundaries of scholarship and leadership. Learn more here: <https://www.arizonasigmachi.org/leave-a-legacy>

Beta Phi Career Network

Beta Phi is committed to creating leadership and career development opportunities for all of our members. Alumni can network with each other and with undergraduates taking advantage of the network to gain access to career planning tips, leadership development information, job board, and the mentor-mentee platform. It's a unique program only offered by Fraternity Management Group to advance the career needs and possibilities of our members.

Alumni, parents and undergraduates are encouraged to participate in the Beta Phi Career Network learn more at <https://www.arizonasigmachi.org/career> (password: betaphicareers!)

We are looking for alumni and parents willing to hold 1 on 1 or small group career virtual discussions with undergraduates as well those alumni and parents willing to speak on an in-person or virtual career panel. Please email Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgutucson.com with interest.





Alumni Updates



Oliver Howson '23

Oliver graduated from UofA in 2023 with a degree in economics from The Eller College of

Management. On campus he was a member of the Wall Street scholars program as well as the investments club. Oliver grew up in Boulder Colorado then went to high school in London England before moving back to the US to attend the UofA. Currently Oliver is living in Denver working for FTI Consulting as a financial consultant in the telecom, tech, and media industry. Oliver states, "Beta Phi not only put me in the best possible position to succeed during school, but also in the workplace after graduation. I continue to hold myself to a higher standard of personal responsibility because of Beta Phi, not only in my work but also in my relationships with friends and family."

Lastly, his advice for undergraduates is "Continue to grow outside of Beta Phi and get involved on campus as much as possible; make your own impact."



Dylan Becker, '23

Dylan graduated from the U of A in 2023 with a degree in Finance from the Eller College

of Management. During his time in the chapter, Dylan served as Quaestor and Pro-consul, and had an active role in the chapter's recruitment and new member programs. On campus, he was part of Wall Street Scholars and Bobcats Senior Honorary. Dylan originally grew up in Dallas, Texas, and now lives in New York City where he works as an Investment Banking Analyst for Evercore. In his free time, Dylan loves watching football, trying new restaurants and bars with friends, and reading. If Dylan could give undergraduates one piece of advice he would say, "Always make sure you have balance. Focus on your goals, but not at the expense of spending time with your friends and family. And focus on your friends and family, but not at the expense of your goals." Dylan's favorite memories from his time at Sigma Chi include derby days, playing pool with his brothers, and living in the house for two years.

Joe Beers

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Man of the Year in 1996. He was a member of Valley Leadership Class 30, coached little league baseball, served as Boy Scout Troop 6 assistant scout master, and is a member of the Phoenix Navy League. He also serves as president on the board of directors for the Executive Association of Greater Phoenix (EAGP), one of Arizona's oldest professional business networks.

He has served in various officer positions for Sigma Chi International Fraternity for over 40 years, including the position of grand praetor (regional officer) for Arizona. He teaches accredited leadership classes for the Sigma Chi Leadership Institute, serving on its advisory board, and chaired the Grand Chapter Organizing Committee in 2019-21. Joe was inducted into the University of Arizona's Sigma Chi Chapter's Hall of Honor in 2004, and into the Order of Constantine – the highest distinction a Sigma Chi volunteer can earn – in 2019.

Along with Joe Beers being inducted into the Arizona Order of Omega Hall of Fame, Beta Phi took home several awards as well.

David Bina was also awarded the 2023 Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award. David has been extremely helpful and valuable to Beta Phi over the past few years as the Chapter Advisor. Kenny Murphy was awarded the 2023 Outstanding House Director Award, a much deserved award for all his efforts at the chapter house.

For the undergraduates, Colin Dryden received the Emerging Leader Award, Will Barbera received the Outstanding Volunteer Award, Avery Hurley received the IFC Chapter President of the Year Award, Anthony DeGreen received the Outstanding Community Service Award during his time serving on the IFC. The Chapter received the Outstanding Philanthropic Contributions Award.

The hosts asked us to "mop" after the event since we "already swept the awards".



**The Sigma Chi Southern Arizona
Alumni Association**
meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month
from 5:30-7:00 PM
at the Firetruck Brewing Company
4746 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712

•• Undergraduate Profiles



Anthony DeGreen '25

My name is Anthony DeGreen and I am from Cincinnati, Ohio. I am currently a Junior here, majoring in Law and Public Policy with a minor in Finance expected to graduate spring of 2025. This summer, I am working for a Tech provider in Phoenix, Arizona helping with financial modeling and outside sales. After college, I'm planning on eventually continuing to study law with hopes of becoming a lawyer in the corporate world. In my time here in Arizona, I have continuously tried to get involved outside of the chapter and on campus as much as possible. Last year, I served as the Vice President of New Member Services for the Inter Fraternal Council and the VP of Recruitment and Retention for the Eller Professional Sales Club (EPSC). This year, I am the Magister for the upcoming new member class and the President of the EPSC on campus. Coming from out of state, I was so unsure where my college path would take me. If it wasn't for Sigma Chi I can wholeheartedly say I wouldn't be half of the man I am today. I am so thankful for the guidance of the upperclassmen over these past three years who have shown me what it truly means to be a Sigma Chi. I am excited to continue and try to leave the chapter better than where I found it, and I am excited to see what the future holds for myself and my brothers.

Johnny Marietti '26

Johnny Marietti, a sophomore hailing from Geneva, Illinois, currently lives in the Sigma Chi house, and is the scholarship chairman. Johnny is studying finance and aspires to become an investment banker. Growing up, Johnny was always practicing and traveling for lacrosse, which ultimately paved him a spot on the Arizona Men's Lacrosse Team.



As the Scholarship Chairman, he doesn't just uphold academic standards; he's the one they turn to for guidance and support. Whether it's late-night study sessions, advice on tough courses, or just being a listening ear, Johnny is there. His commitment to his brothers goes deeper than the official duties. He's the guy who pumps them up before a crucial test, celebrates victories, and offers a helping hand when things get tough. For Johnny, seeing his brothers succeed and thrive is the real win.

In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with his fellow brothers, and watching the Chicago Blackhawks win. Overall, Johnny embodies the essence of a well-rounded Sigma Chi, poised for success in both his academic and professional pursuits.



Kyrillos Khalil '26

Our 2024 Spring Philanthropy Chair is Kyrillos Khalil, from San Diego CA. Kyrillos has been a stellar member of the Beta Phi chapter since his initiation last year. Prior to serving as our Philanthropy Chair, Kyrillos has served as the chapter Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair, Kustos, and J-Board Justice. Kyrillos is majoring in Civil Engineering and Project Management with aspirations of going into the field of real estate development and one day owning his own firm. In his free time, Kyrillos enjoys golf, snowboarding, and hiking among other active hobbies that he loves to enjoy with his brothers. Kyrillos States that his favorite memory being a Sigma Chi would be the brotherhood camping trip because there is nothing better than being in nature with good company. Going into his first semester as Philanthropy Chair of the Beta Phi chapter, Kyrillos boasts his goal to raise twenty thousand dollars for the Huntsman Cancer Institute while getting the whole house excited for events.



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is March 23, 2024

Family Weekend
Fall 2024

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