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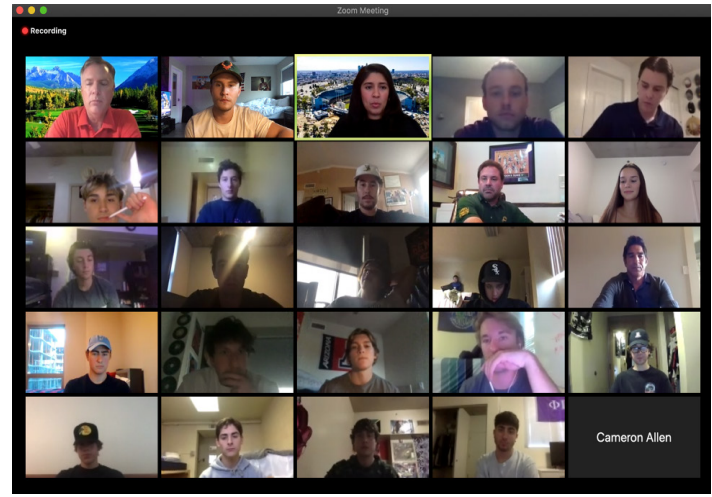


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Dan Devone ('85) recently spoke on a career panel on careers in sports.



While the coronavirus pandemic has affected each and every one of us in many ways, our dear old fraternity has been no exception. The spring semester was forced online halfway through, and this fall has been entirely online from an academic and social perspective.

We have adapted to the ever-changing climate on the University of Arizona campus. No longer are chapters held in person every week; rather, we have "Zoom Chapter" on Monday's at 7

P.M. Socials and philanthropic events are limited at best and nonexistent at worst. Small groups of members may play poker or 18-holes (socially distanced) on the weekend, but congregation in large groups is strictly forbidden.

AZ Beta has made the most of this pandemic's constrictions. Members have continued to excel in the classroom, and our Fall Sigma Class has really started to feel the culture of our fraternity. Friendships and bonds are still being formed in a genuine, but unorthodox, way. Times may be unusual, but the response by members has made me overwhelmingly proud.

HOMECOMING

### DETAILS COMING SOON!

The Pac-12 just released the football schedule but not the official date of Homecoming. Best guess is November 6th against CAL or November 13 vs. Utah. We will send an email notice as soon as the date is finalized.



AARON NACH  
ALPHA KAPPA PSI

### Help congratulate Brother Aaron Nach '21

on being named Homecoming King this past October. During his time at the University of Arizona, Aaron has been involved in several organizations starting with SigEp where he served as the VP of Finance and the Sustainability Chair. Later on, Aaron joined Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity and Wall Street Scholars, started a new investing and consulting club on campus called Tamid, and served on the UA Green Fund to help promote environmental sustainability initiatives on campus. For Aaron, it has been a great honor to represent SigEp as the Homecoming King as AZ Beta has been the foundation of his college career and where all of his involvements and interests began. "I am very thankful for the valuable mentors and relationships from SigEp that guided my journey throughout college."

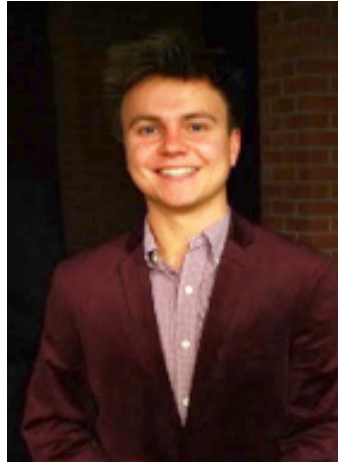
*Congratulations Aaron!*



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# ΣΦΕ PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## SAMMY CIBULKA '23



My name is Sammy Cibulka and I am the President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Arizona Beta Chapter. I am a current sophomore majoring in broadcast journalism and minoring in sports management. I was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona and attended high school at Brophy College Preparatory where I was student body president, played basketball, football, and volleyball. Here at the U of A I am the head sports director at our television program, UATV3. Being the president of one of the largest Sig Ep chapters in the country really means

a lot to me. It is a special feeling that the chapter trusts me, and I take this position and duty with great pride in holding my brothers accountable and ensuring the best for this chapter. I am blessed to have an Executive Board as good as the one that I have, and we plan on furthering the three Cardinal Principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love in our lives and the lives of our own members. I joined this fraternity intending to have an impact and build relationships to last a lifetime, and what better place to do both than Sigma Phi Epsilon. I believe the experiences I have been through in my life will guide and help me in this journey and will put me in the position to lead this fraternity with joy. I have always viewed myself as a leader and a hard worker, and both of these attributes will be on display during my time here. I am incredibly excited to be president, and even more excited to be a Sig Ep.

### Executive Board

- Sammy Cibulka '22, President
- Bennett Everidge '23, VP Operations
- Kody Browne '23, VP Programming
- Alex Cannella '23, Risk Manager
- Quin Madden '23, VP Member Development
- Nick Handfelt '23, VP Member Development
- Cole Kristal '23, Chaplain
- Matt Stranton '23, VP Communications
- Henry Newman '23, VP Recruitment
- Luke Hamlin '23, VP Recruitment
- Jaden Boling '23, VP Finance

### Advisory/Mentor Board

- Rob Aronoff '84, Mentor to President
- Geoff Ferlan '89, Mentor to VP of Communications
- Doug Jones '79, Mentor to VP of Recruitment
- Sam Kraus '17, Mentor to Chaplain
- Scott Mattingly '84, Mentor to Programming
- Paul Neff '14, Mentor to Member Development
- Will Titus '15, Chapter Counselor, Mentor to VP of Finance

### Educational Foundation Board

- Randy Downer, Jr. '85, President
- Wayne Wood '68, Secretary
- Rob Aronoff '84, Treasurer
- Dan Knauss, '68, Director
- Ryan C. Kramer '07, Director
- Pete Rich '76, Director
- Wayne R. Rutschman '70, Director
- Alan Tanner '87, Director

### House Corporation Board

- Kevin Johnson '15, President
- Doug Jones '79, Secretary
- Paul Neff '14, Treasurer

### List of New Brothers Added to the Chapter in 2020

#### SIGMA'S:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Emmett Worth           | Max Mandala     |
| Justin Hernes          | RJ Zabasky      |
| Thomas Miller          | Bannack Wheeler |
| Bobby Clark            | Ryan Gutierrez  |
| Carson Stipetic        | Ryan Jaramillo  |
| Chris Lee              | Ryan Sutter     |
| Cole Baldwin           | Ryan Yemm       |
| Danny Serano           | Sam Scanlon     |
| John Michael Fillipone | Sean Jenouri    |
| Lance Mora             | Tommy Dunn      |
| Liam Bailey            | Tommy Hoos      |
| Luke Pettyford         |                 |

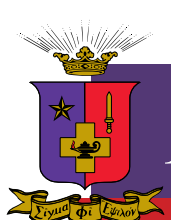
## Academic Prowess!



The Arizona Beta chapter is proud to announce that for the 12th semester in a row, the brothers have retained the top chapter grade point average across all Interfraternity Council chapters, receiving a 3.451 chapter GPA, and a 3.458 new member GPA. The chapter's academic excellence has led to AZ Beta being awarded the highest chapter GPA each semester since the spring of 2015! The chapter has put many programs in place to ensure that all members of AZ Beta excel in the classroom. Despite COVID-19 throwing traditional education methods out the window and on campus activities being held to a minimum, the brothers of AZ Beta continue to step up to the plate and rise to the top. The academic culture that has been built within the brotherhood of the chapter persists and is a great indicator of the future of the chapter and the future of these young men!

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## The Christopher Reeves Memorial Scholarship

Christopher Alan Reeves graduated from the University of Arizona as a high performing member of Sigma Phi Epsilon AZ Beta in 1986. At the University of Arizona, Chris attained a BSBA with a focus on Finance & Real Estate, while also serving as SigEp's philanthropy chairman in the fall of 1982. Chris' tenacity afforded him the opportunity to serve as a self-employed owner and work on corporate boards such as The Boys and Girls Club, United Way of WA, and Special Olympics of WA. As President of the AVC board for Arizona Beta, Chris poured his time and dedication into giving back to the members and chapter house at AZ Beta. Throughout his life, Chris has upheld the traits any virtuous man or SigEp strives to embody by displaying his ever present Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. Chris' legacy lives on through the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

## Annual Chris Reeves Scholarship Recipient

Serving as President of Sigma Phi Epsilon Arizona Beta from 2018-2019, Sam Hughes '21 has always dedicated his time to the well-being of the members in the chapter. Promptly after ending his term as chapter president, Sam Hughes ran for IFC President, and to no one's surprise, was elected swiftly. Sam Hughes currently serves as IFC President for the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon Arizona Beta and as a loyal representative of Arizona Greek life as a whole. Sam Hughes is the epitome of what it means to be a Balanced Man as shown by his track record in the classroom, community, and beyond.

Sam Hughes honors the memory of Chris Reeves based on their shared care for the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Whether serving as Sigma Phi Epsilon Arizona Beta's Philanthropy Chairman, President of the AVC board, on the board of The Boys and Girls Club, or working with the United Way of WA, and Special Olympics of WA, Chris Reeves poured his heart into everything he did. Chris Reeves' memory will forever be honored by the outstanding Balanced Men of Sigma Phi Epsilon like Sam Hughes.



## The Selection Process

- The Christopher Reeves Memorial Scholarship shall be awarded once a year to one outstanding member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon AZ Beta Chapter.
- The AZ Beta Executive Board Members shall each cast one vote in determining the recipient of The Christopher Reeves Memorial Scholarship.
- Members of the chapter are encouraged to sit in on the selection process to give personal input on deserving recipients.
- The ideal recipient embodies the traits & qualities Chris Reeves possessed of Virtue, Diligence, Brotherly Love while maintaining living as a Balanced Man.
- The ideal recipient has served as a leader for AZ Beta and put the brothers before himself and his own desires.

## The Awards Ceremony

- The Christopher Reeves Memorial Scholarship will be awarded during an AZ Beta Chapter meeting.
- The recipient will be awarded at this Chapter meeting without having prior knowledge of being the awardee.
- The scholarship will be awarded during the Spring semester annually.





*Pic of some members social distancing with masks on in front of the house*

# SUPPORT AZ BETA



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

## THANK YOU TO OUR ARIZONA BETA 2020 DONORS

The 15 alumni below helped us provide some scholarship funds to undergraduate members. Please help us grow this list to at least 100 donors in 2021. This will enable us to award more scholarships, send members to Sig Ep Leadership Conferences, and provide some educational programming in the areas of academics, career and leadership.

- Rob Aronoff '84
- Robert Burke '78
- Michael Franks '75
- Dustin Frieder '93
- Timothy Hart '75
- Craig Hyatt '84
- Ryan Kramer '07
- Doug Lange
- Dan Murphy '79
- Pete Rich '76
- Wayne Rutschman '70
- Geoffery Shumway '96
- Timothy Stillb '84
- Alan Tanner '87
- Wayne Wood '68

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT AZ BETA

**Volunteer** – Join other volunteers on the Advisory Board, Foundation Board or Housing Corporation Board.

**Career Network** – Let us know if you are willing to present on a career panel and/or serve as a career mentor to one or more undergraduates.

**Recruitment Recommendations** – Provide a recruitment recommendation to Harry Newman at [Henry.newman11@yahoo.com](mailto:Henry.newman11@yahoo.com) or Luke Hamlin at [lukehamlin1@gmail.com](mailto:lukehamlin1@gmail.com). You can also fill out this recruitment recommendation form: <https://www.sigepazbeta.org/recruitment-recommendation>.

**One-Time or Recurring Gift** – Please consider a one-time or recurring gift. You can use the enclosed annual giving envelope or give online here: <https://www.sigepazbeta.org/make-a-donation>.

**Leave a Legacy** – Charitable gifts help you meet your current 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 Sigma Phi Epsilon of Arizona Beta Education 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.sigepazbeta.org/leave-a-legacy>

The following are vehicles which may meet your interest:

- [Charitable Gift Annuities](#)
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# UNDERGRADUATE PROFILES



## STEPHAN MARAOUI ('23)

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Brother Stephan Maraoui was born and raised in great state of Arizona and attended Desert Mountain High School where he excelled at basketball. Stephan came to the University of Arizona with the intention to further his education, network, independence, and to make lifelong friends. He rushed Sigma Phi Epsilon in Fall 2019 and has never looked back on his decision. He has loved his time here at the University of Arizona and can't wait for the years to come. Brother Maraoui has made lifelong brothers for my time being here, and they've helped him out through this pandemic. Stephan is majoring in finance to prepare him for the professional world. He is

planning on pursuing several different career paths whether that be a financial analyst of some sort along with real estate, to eventually having the tools to create his own business.



## BENNETT EVERIDGE ('23)

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Bennett Everidge is a sophomore from Danville, California and is a pre-business major with hopes of going into business management. Growing up, Bennett was obsessed with sports. He spent his free time playing both club soccer and baseball in addition to running track all four years of high school where he was eventually named team captain of the varsity team my senior year. Bennett rushed Sigma Phi Epsilon in the spring of 2020, he felt like it was the best fit for him because it was a group of extremely well rounded men. He remembers viewing everyone as guys who liked to have fun, but at the same time,

and more importantly, had their priorities straight with eyes on a bright future. Bennett has stated "These are the men I knew I wanted to surround myself with from the second I walked through the big red doors. Since joining, my qualities as a balanced man have grown significantly." Brother Everidget was elected Vice President of the chapter this past semester. He understands the great honor being voted into a leadership position by his brothers. He is extremely excited to see the continuous growth of the Arizona Beta chapter for years to come.



# ΣΦΕ ALUMNI UPDATES



## ALAN ("A. T.") TANNER '87

recruiting businesses to the Old Pueblo & helping to create cool environments which become amenities in the Tucson Community.

He is currently serving on the AZ Beta Educational Foundation Board in part to carry on the legacy of one of his closest friends & brother Chris Reeves (Fall '82) who passed away two years ago. Our beloved Chris Reeves was instrumental in helping the young men of Sig Ep as the House reopened on campus.

A. T. stated, "watching Chris & the other alumni guide the house was inspiring." He further commented, "when you lose a lifelong friend & brother it really shakes you, but also helped me realize how truly incredible our years were at AZ Beta." A. T. further expressed that he could never have imagined then the lifelong friendships he would make with many of his brothers. Those were truly outstanding years for A. T., from winning intramural football, being the U of A Budweiser Rep and Sig Ep's Rush Chairman, to completely overachieving by dating his now wife Shelly (U of A Kappa). He is happy to report that his two kids are now 3rd generation Wildcat graduates. Ryan, 25, Eller grad, is in real estate in Phx & Dana, 23, Pi Phi & Eller marketing is in sales in L. A.

A. T. feels completely blessed to have had the benefit of being an AZ Beta & can't imagine where his life would be without the strong bonds that were formed during those special college years.

He would also like to share that the AZ Beta Educational Foundation Board has set up The Chris Reeves Scholarship Award Fund. It has been set up in Chris's name to annually recognize young leaders in the House who give generously of themselves for the betterment of the House & to help the young men of AZ Beta. If interested in supporting this fund please contact A. T. Atanner@bourncompnaies.com

Alan ("A.T.") Tanner '87 is a founding Principal with Bourn Companies, L.L.C. , a Commercial Real Estate Development company based in Tucson. Bourn typically focuses on larger mixed-use projects of 30 acres or more comprised of corporate office, medical, retail, hospitality and residential in the Tucson area.

A.T. is a native Tucsonan who feels very fortunate to be actively engaged in

**BEN SIMS '63** resides in Utah and is officially retired after a 32 year career in the US Army serving as a Colonel. Brother Sims has also served as General Counsel and Chief Judge of the Utah Labor Commission.

Brother **BOB BECK '70** is retired in Phoenix with his wife Beverly. He and Beverly have two grown children Scott & Katie.

**DOUG CARLBERG '72** is the President & CEO of M2 Global Technology and resides in San Antonio, Texas with his wife Patti.

**BOB BURKE '78** lives in Illinois with his wife Dena, where he is the partner of his own business, Burke-Tubbs Funeral Homes. Bob's daughter, Claire, is now 25.

**ERIC WITTEN '78** is living in Long Beach, California where he is the President of his own engineering firm, Witten Engineering.

**ROBERT REPPE '89** works in commercial real estate in Tulsa, Oklahoma at Reppe Property Group.

Brother **CHRIS HARRIS '89** is still local in Tucson, where he is a managing director at Brookfield Asset Management.

**MIKE MURPHY '95** lives in Phoenix where he is the President of Tiara Sun Development, a residential real estate company.

**BRAD ZAMORA '00** is the CEO of his own company, Zamora Graphics and Consulting in Newport Beach, California.

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## MICHAEL SPACONE ('89)

Alumni Brother, Michael Spacone, Sigma Phi Epsilon Arizona Beta is a part of the Fall of '84 pledge class and is currently the VP of Global Partner Strategy for Changepoint, a SaaS based software company headquartered in Seattle, WA. After graduating from Arizona's Eller College with a BS in Business Administration & Marketing Spacone moved to Phoenix, AZ, joining two of his pledge brothers at the Xerox Corporation. Five years later Spacone returned to Arizona to complete an additional degree through the McGuire Center for Entrepreneurship program.

Brother Spacone has always had an entrepreneurial spirit. During his days at Arizona from 1984-1989 Spacone owned Parking Systems Limited, a valet parking company that operated throughout Tucson employing dozens including many Sig Ep brothers. "One semester a pledge class signed on to be the valet parking crew for the Tucson Open Golf tournament, they used all their earnings to fulfill their fundraising goal for the house, they were a fantastic unified group and made the week a great success."

After completing the entrepreneurship program in 1996 Spacone joined Applied Voice Technology which was acquired by OpenText in 2008. During his 19 years with the organization Spacone held positions as National Sales Manager, VP of Strategic Alliances, VP of Channels for the Americas and from 2010-2012 he and his family lived in England while he managed channel business in various EMEA countries. Mike has been married to his wife Anne for 19 years, they share a passion for global travel and have 4 children; William, Anna, Michael and Dominic. They currently live in Boulder County, Colorado taking advantage of access to skiing, hiking, mountain biking and playing a bit of bluegrass banjo.

Spacone's path to becoming a Sig Ep started with his friend and mentor, David Soble. "Dave is one of the best to ever cross the threshold of the red door. Early on Dave gave me an opportunity to work for him and introduced me to a great group of Sig Eps. Since becoming part of the Sig Ep family I have learned so much about life, grit and friendship from my hermanos. Sig Ep has had a hugely positive impact on my life and continues to do so to this day."

**RYAN KRAMER '07** is a partner of his own accounting firm, Greear Kramer Wallace, just north of Portland.

**JEFF WERNER '08** works in software sales as the Senior Sales Director at Confirmit in the bay area.

A recent graduate, **ZACH ONDREJKA '19** is pursuing a career in engineering at Honeywell Aerospace as a mechanical engineer in Tempe.

Brother **TULER VENEGAS '19** has kicked off his professional career at Vanguard as a Senior Associate in Phoenix.



**JEFF SWANSON '07** is working at Amazon as a Senior Technical Product Manager in Seattle. Brother Swanson "decided to get a real job before I turned thirty after many years spent traveling and lying abroad. There was a coup in Thailand which gave me a good reason to move back to the US. I got a job in software development, ended up at Amazon, and am just about to round out my fourth year there. My girlfriend and I are expecting a new addition to the family in September which we're excited about. With all the travel restrictions and COVID craziness we might just stay in Stockholm for the next few years. We'll see."



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# SPEAKER SERIES

The program kicked off this past year with a video series featuring exceptional presentations by alumni and guests. Here's a review:

- Jim Valenzuela '84 shared his entrepreneurial spirit and story behind V's Barbershop
- Zane Stoddard '92 discussed his career serving in executive roles with the NBA, NIKE, NASCAR among others.
- Dan Devone '85 joined a career panel with other UofA greek alumni on careers in sports.
- Dan Hicks '84 presented on his broadcasting career which has included covering the Olympics, NFL & NBC's award winning golf coverage.

We hope to be hosting presentations bi-monthly to quarterly. Stay tuned for future presentations by checking out our calendar at <https://www.sigepazbeta.org/>

If you are willing to make a presentation yourself or with a few others, please email Matt Noble at [matt.noble@fmgtucson.org](mailto:matt.noble@fmgtucson.org).

# STAY IN TOUCH

with the Arizona Beta chapter

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