

Nu Spectrum

Ohio Nu Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity | Cleveland State University

Fall 2020

An Ohio Nu Balanced Man Scholarship for the Ages

To kick off all Fall semesters, Sigma Phi Epsilon Ohio Nu awards \$2,500 yearly in the form of the Balanced Man Scholarship, or BMS. The scholarship is aimed towards students who exhibit excellence in their academics, leadership skills, and assistance to others. Dating back to the founding of the scholarship, the award has its roots with the SigEp principles of Sound Mind and Sound Body that lead to a Balanced Man. This year's Balanced Man Scholarship Chairman, Vince Jordan, led the scholarship to a height never before seen.

Spanning out to many high schools, Vince made sure to spread the word of the scholarship high and low. The work paid off as the BMS received over 100+ applications, a new chapter record. In accordance with these numbers, Vince revitalized the interviewing process for the applicants. He, along with the Vice President of Recruitment Zach Harris, formed a committee to thoroughly virtually interview the applicants all throughout the summer.

Once the committee selected the applicants to continue, they were invited to a week of virtual events. At these events, SigEp National Board of Director member Brad Nahrstadt and Ohio Nu alum Martin Barnard gave special presentations to the applicants before splitting them up into virtual breakout rooms to discuss what they learned with Ohio Nu brothers.

The final step was to select the final round of applicants to invite to the BMS banquet. Instead of the usual top ten, this year's pool of applicants was so competitive that Vince decided to recognize the top *twenty* finalists. Although the banquet had to be virtual for the first time ever, it was still meaningful due to Vince's work. Aside from the distinguished applicants and brothers of Ohio Nu, SigEp alumni and volunteers joined in on the momentous evening.

Vince recapped the hard work everyone, both committee and finalists, brought that led to being at the banquet. Continuing on, Ohio Nu's former Regional Director, Jimmy Miller, presented on the value of continuous learning as incoming college students. The finalists were then put into breakout rooms with other guests to converse while they ate and awaited the recognition of the top ten.

At the end of the day following much discourse, ten finalists were recognized with the Balanced Man Scholarship. OH Nu believes that all *twenty* of the finalists can go home knowing that they experienced the Balanced Man Scholarship process and left becoming a more developed person, so a huge thanks goes out to them! *Find out the outstanding men that received this year's BMS award, on the next page!*

The outstanding twenty that were selected by the BMS committee are as follows:

Aaditya Narayan / Computer Engineering / Greenfields Public School*

Adam Mulesh / Electrical Engineering / Bay Village High School

Ahmad Jundi / Engineering / Brunswick High School

Andrew Kaye / Finance / Saint Ignatius High School

Carson Steyer / Nursing / Old Fort High School*

Ethan Kawczak / Psychology & Biology / Strongsville High School

Ilan Cardenas-Silverstein / Film / Academy for Software Engineering*

Jacob Tinnon / Business and Economics / Shaker Heights High School

Jannis Schmidt / Mechanical Engineering / Römerkastell Bad Kreuznach

Kenneth Stollings / Nursing / Fairview High School*

Michael Kelly / Finance / Medina High School*

Nazmi Bunjaku / Computer Science / North Ridgeville High School

Nikola Kutlesic / Film / North Royalton High School *

Patrick Falkowski / Finance / Valley Forge High School

Thomas M'Barek / Business / EESTP du MHSC

William Lindsay / Mechanical Engineering / Hawken Upper School

*specifies the BMS finalists who joined Ohio Nu



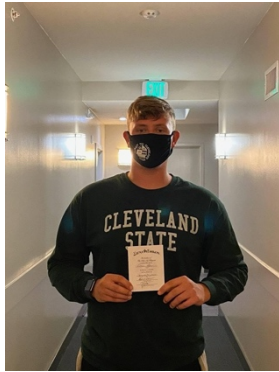
Marquee Event

Due to an alumni connection made by a brother at the virtual Ruck Leadership Institute, came the greatest event of the semester. SigEp alumnus Darron Trobetsky, Indiana of Pennsylvania '94, virtually talked to the chapter on failure's path to success. Darron discussed how his time in SigEp led him to achieve

determination through failures. The persistence of achieving the goal to charter his chapter stayed with him beyond his SigEp years. It was a grueling process to get the charter, but he, along with his chapter brothers, did it; therefore, Darron knew he could conquer any goal he set. Even after getting rejected from his dream company twice, he never once let that stop him.

Now in his dream job as Product Director for the Nike Jordan Brand designing shoes for the top NBA stars, Darron credits his success in life due to the mentality and leadership skills acquired in his SigEp experience. Despite all that SigEp has taught him, Darron believes the best thing SigEp ever gave him was the brotherhood, the meaningful connections he still keeps in touch with 21 years later. The lessons are all helpful in his life, but he credits the brotherhood he made to be the rock in his life that has kept him going day in and day out.

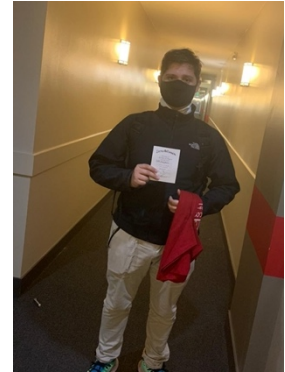
Welcome our Newest Brothers



Carson Steyer -
Nursing*



Jacob Kijanski –
Undecided*



Nikola Kutlesic -
Film

Aaditya Narayan - Computer
Engineering*

Ilan Cardenas-Silverstein- Film*

Kenneth Stollings - Nursing*

Logan Szantay - Health Science*

Michael Kelly- Finance*

Nathan Valeri - Civil Engineering

Nick Veauthier - Biology and
Environmental Science*

Russell Lang - Biology

*Brothers that were applicants to the BMS

Cheers and Thanks

With the semester's end comes the end of the 2020 executive board's term. A year flew by in which many obstacles came up, but each member fulfilled their roles in the chapter in abundance. In their time, the chapter's great outcomes resulted in winning the Excelsior Award for Significant Improvement in Standards and Accountability 2019, and the Excelsior Award for Member Development 2020. From maintaining chapter communication through a pandemic ridden semester through virtual settings to revamping the way in which the Balanced Man Program is run, this team did it all. In this last semester, they went out on a high with the chapter achieving a 3.36 semester GPA and average cumulative GPA of 3.52. If this executive board is remembered for anything, it will be the manner in which they got the best out of everyone and gave them the premier when all else was at its worst.

Welcome our 2021 Executive Board



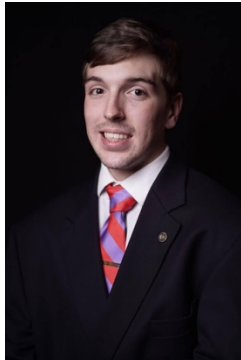
Vice President of Programing
Jake Kijanski
Undecided 24'



President
Jesse Prado
Marketing 23'



Vice President of Member Development
Phillip Baker
Computer Science 23'



Vice President of
Recruitment
Bryan Ash
Psychology 23'



Vice President of Finance
Ilan Cardenas – Silverstein
Film 24'



Vice President of
Communication
Juan Munoz Rodriguez
Film 23'



Chaplain-
Stephen Wilson Jr.
Film 23'

With one door closing, another opens in the form of the 2021 executive board. The future is bright for them as it is the youngest executive board the chapter has ever had, so only time will tell what grand things they achieve with their untapped potential. Congratulations to the new executive board electees!

A welcome message from the incoming Chapter President, Jesse Prado:
I want to thank my brothers here at Ohio Nu, for entrusting me with the future of this chapter. I am so excited to work with this year's executive board. We are going to accomplish many great things. To the younger members, get involved, as everyone says, you get what you put in. Take this opportunity of being in this brotherhood and do great things with it. For the older members, thank you for the work you have been putting in over the years. This chapter would not be as successful as it is without each and everyone of you. Thank you all.