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An overview of Summer 2023



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The Vision for OhioNu

Written by Chapter President Chris Fantauzzo

Hello everyone! My name is Christopher Fantauzzo, and I am thrilled to serve as the President of Sigma Phi Epsilon here at Cleveland State University. I was born and raised in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and I have always had a passion for leadership, community, and making a positive impact. As the President of our chapter, I am committed to fostering a supportive environment where our members can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

My vision for our chapter is to create a tight-knit community of brothers who inspire and empower each other to reach their full potential. I believe that strong relationships and a sense of belonging are crucial in achieving personal growth and success. By fostering a culture of brotherhood and unity, we can create an environment that encourages our members to excel in all aspects of their lives.

One of my primary goals as President is to enhance our chapter's professional development opportunities. College is a critical time for personal and professional growth, and I want to ensure that our members are well-prepared for their future careers. Through networking events, guest speakers, and workshops focused on resume building, interview skills, and career exploration, we can equip our brothers with the tools they need to thrive in the professional world.

I also envision our chapter becoming actively involved in community service and philanthropy. I believe that service is not only a way to give back to our community but also an opportunity for personal growth and development.

As the President of Sigma Phi Epsilon, I am committed to creating an environment where our members can grow, succeed, and make a meaningful impact. Through a strong focus on academic excellence, community service and professional development, I believe we can build a chapter that not only enriches the lives of our members but also positively contributes to the broader university community.



New Brothers



Branden Wehe Major

Sports Management and
Entertainment

High School

Strongsville High School

Why did you join SigEp?

I joined SigEp because I wanted to be a part of an organization, make more friends, and be part of a brotherhood. I wanted to get more involved at CSU and to be a part of something greater than myself. I am so happy I joined SigEp and do not regret a single second of my experiences.



Justin Samsa Major

History and Urban Affairs
High School

EastLake North High School

Why did you join SigEp?

I joined SigEp from the Balanced Man Program and I enjoyed talking to the brothers who were recruiting me.



Christian Ray Major

Mechanical Engineering
High School

Buckeye High School

Why did you join SigEp?

I joined SigEp because I wanted to meet new friends and grow connections



Landen Hood Major

Computer Science
High School

Woodridge High School

Why did you join SigEp?

I joined SigEp because of scholarship money and the vibes. Chris and Prat and Phil make me want to be a leader.



Chris Fantauzzo Major

Marketing
High School

Kenston High School

Why did you join SigEp?

I joined SigEp because I had a vision of what my career/life after college will be and I knew SigEp could help me achieve my dreams by living by our values of virtue, diligence and brotherly love.

Spring 2023 Graduates

These brothers are moving on to the next great journey of their lives! Congratulations to our Spring 2023 graduates, we wish you the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Vince Jordan Major - Marketing

Q: What can you say about your experience with SigEp?

A: I've made really great memories from SigEp, I've grown and developed from it, learned how to deal with issues more efficiently, and made great relationships. While it annoyed me at times, I wouldn't trade my brotherhood for anything. If I had to do it over again, I would've joined sooner.

Q: What will you miss after graduating college?

A: Friends and the sense of worrying less and not as many responsibilities. With that being said, I am also excited to see where my future takes me.

Q: What's next after graduation?

A: Going for an MBA at Cleveland State

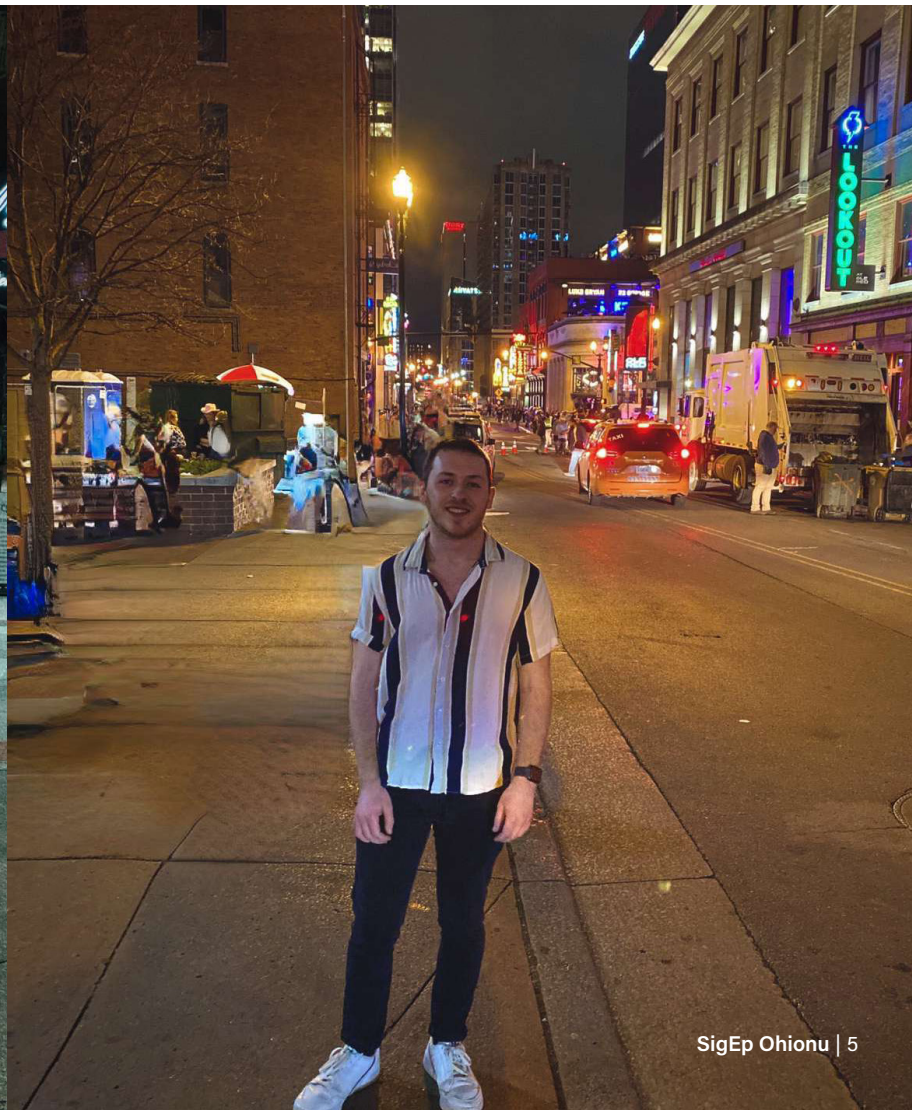
Zac Stewart Major - Marketing

Q: What can you say about your experience with SigEp?

A: Growth starts with stepping out of your comfort zone. During my time as a SigEp, I did a lot that I never thought I would do and with the programs and events that the fraternity provides; like CLA and Ruck. This fraternity has helped me step out of my comfort zone and developed me as a person and leader

Q: What's next after graduation?

A: I plan on finding a job within the marketing industry while I take online classes to learn and eventually get a job as a UX/UI designer or as a product designer.



Bryan Ash

Major - Psychology

Q: What can you say about your experience with SigEp?

A: Joining Sigma Phi Epsilon has been one of the most rewarding choices I ever made. I have made lifelong friends, professional connections, and have experienced tremendous professional growth. Whatever your preconceived notions of Greek life are, joining SigE will shatter them.

Q: What will you miss after graduating college?

A: I'm going to miss seeing my brothers/friends every day. I am also going to miss Cleveland as a whole and the college experience

Q: What's next after graduation?

A: I'm not sure yet, but I'm going to take life as it comes and goes everyday.



Ben Noren

Major - Urban Studies and Environmental Science

Q: What can you say about your experience with SigEp?

A: Despite being at times a bit disorganized, I would say overall I have developed a lot as a person by being a part of this fraternity. I had the academics component of college locked down, but this fraternity really helped me to grow socially. I know I'm often MIA because I am really busy, but I don't mean that. The times that I can actually do things and go out have really helped me to grow and gain experiences I otherwise likely would have missed out on.

Q: What will you miss after graduating college?

A: Most of my undergrad friends. I likely won't see or talk to most of them ever again. Which is kind of sad, but that's life I suppose.

Q: What's next after graduation?

A: I will be starting a Master of Science in Environmental Science. After that, I plan to pursue a PhD in Ecology or a related field.



Juan Munoz

Major - Film

Q: What can you say about your experience with SigEp?

A: Give it time, people look for the benefits straight away and forget that it's a developmental fraternity. If you have hard times your first semester, that doesn't dictate the rest of your time in the chapter. Times will get better and the payoff will be greater than you could have imagined when you joined.

Q: What will you miss after graduating Cleveland State?

A: The daily banter and inside jokes I share with my brothers.

Q: What's next after graduation?

A: I have an internship over the summer and after that I look forward to enter the film world. Both distribution or on set as a part of the camera department.



Philanthropy

Greater Cleveland Food Bank



Sexual Awareness Month



SigEp brothers with Laura Cowan(left) and Rune

Valedictorian

Congratulations to Ben Noren, Spring 2023 Levin College Valedictorian



Benjamin Noren began his career at Cleveland State University (CSU) in the fall of 2019 as an honors student majoring in Urban Studies. A Bay Village native, he developed a love for the creeks, parks, and beaches offered by the Cleveland Metroparks. He is drawn to the environmental aspects of urban issues, particularly “the impact that man-made infrastructure, including roads, sewers, and lights, has on the natural resources and services provided by local tree canopies, watersheds, and ecosystems, which all play an essential role in the function of the so called ‘Earth System.’” As Levin College of Public Affairs and Education’s spring 2023 valedictorian, Benjamin will graduate with a double major in Urban Studies and Environmental Science, and minors in Economics and Sustainable Urban Development. With a 4.0 GPA, Benjamin has been recognized on the President’s List every semester he has attended CSU. He was also inducted into Upsilon Sigma, an honors society for urban studies. “I am still struck by the vibrance of the city of Cleveland and the opportunities it provides,” Benjamin shared. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for this city and its people, and I am glad to be a part of its continual growth.”

We would like to congratulate him on behalf of all our brothers. He has made us proud of being a SigEp and has become someone that many brothers in our chapter look upto. He will be missed along with all of the other graduating brothers who have all been a wonderful part of our chapter.



Community Events

Greek Week by Order of Omega

Through Greek Week, we are able to build stronger relationships with members of different organizations and promote Greek Life on Campus! We wanted to bring a joyful experience and light-hearted competition in a week of great fun for the entire Cleveland State University Community to watch and enjoy!

The events that took place were:

Insta-Battle: We asked for a picture that the Greek organizations wanted us to post for the Instagram Battle! Greek Orgs had a few days to get as many likes and comments as possible!

Life Up Vikes! Food Drive: Greek Orgs collected perishable food items for Life Up Vikes!

Bingo Board: Each Greek Org picked their own philanthropy to raise money for. We supplied the bingo boards for them to post on social media. People would then donate money to the posted bingo boards to show their support of that philanthropy

Ronald McDonalds Pop Tab Collection: Collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities!

Relay Race: While delicious pizza, drinks and chips were there to accompany us, the events of the evening were Spoons Race, Balloon Pop/Protect, Cup Stacking, Hula Maze, Three-Legged Race, and Dodgeball for the finalists!

Greek Games by IFC

Greek Games by IFC(Inter-Fraternity Community) was held for the students at CSU in order to foster and strengthen the Greek Life community on Campus. This was a multiple fraternity effort mostly managed by the presidents of each chapter. We had multiple events through the week, being Casino Night and Cornhole event. The casino event was held in the student center and people wore formal clothing for a fun evening. The cornhole event was held in the central courtyard area behind the Student Center. It was a very casual event and many students who were just walking by joined in on the fun.



2023 Summer Retreat

The 2023 Summer Retreat was a very meaningful and productive event. Our Brother Carson Steyer was very generous in offering to host us for 2 nights. The bulk of what we planned and other programming was held on Saturday June 17th. We also were accompanied by chapter advisors Hunter Kiper and Zach Harris. They conducted mock interviews and introduced the process of doing a complete elevator pitch for the Brothers when doing recruiting. They also went in depth about the process and pacing of doing an interview for BMS applicants in the near future. Following the workshop, all chapter executive board members went over their plans for the coming academic year. Phillip Baker went over recruiting plans, Justin Samsa distributed the coming semester's events schedule, Christian Ray went over the budget, Carson Steyer introduced a new challenge plan for member development, Niko Kutlesic declared our chapter had the highest average GPA of any greek life organization in the university. Prathinav Dutta went over the newsletter plans and future plans for social media. Finally, Jake Kijanski went over the need for new equipment. We ended the day with a casual get-together, and a bonfire.



Summer 2023 Retreat

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Current Recruiting officer Phillip Baker presenting new plans for recruiting in the upcoming academic year

Ending the day



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