

GAMMA EPSILON ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Welcome to the Spring 2016 issue of Gamma Epsilon's Alumni Newsletter!

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This is the **first** newsletter of the 2015-2016 school year. There will be two newsletters sent out in the next calendar year.

If you are interested in providing alumni with an update in your life, please contact me at codyharrell27@gmail.com.

Alumni Website

The Spartan Sinfonian Alumni website continues to be an incredible resource for brothers looking to reconnect. Please continue to update your information as we reminisce during the holidays and into the new year!

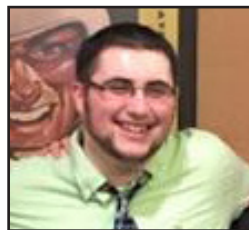
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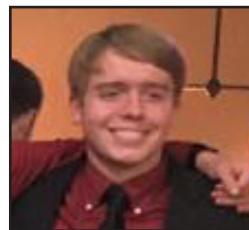
Meet the brothers: Seven new initiates join Spartan Sinfonians



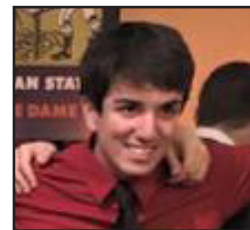
From left to right: Chris Tartalone (FEO), Jonah Weller, Will Marchetti, Nathan Doss, Ben Baldwin, Cameron Knipe, Carson Greene, Lane Perry



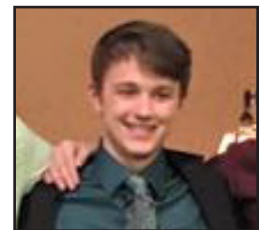
Nathan Doss '19
French Horn
Music Performance
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
Big: Jacob S.
Fun Fact: Second generation Sinfonian



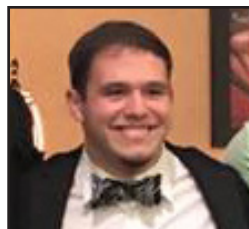
Lane Perry '19
Trumpet
Engineering
Bath, MI
Big: Madison C.
Fun Fact: Only known alumni of Bath HS in SMB



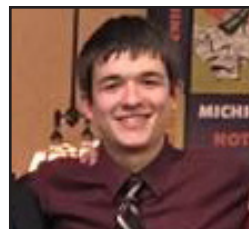
Carson Greene '19
Clarinet
Computer Science and Clarinet Perf.
Fairfield, CT
Big: Joey Swinkey
Fun Fact: Wrote a music-related app



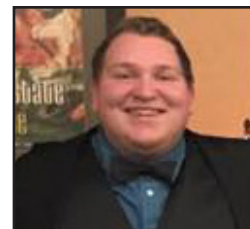
Ben Baldwin '19
Clarinet
Music Education
Mount Morris, IL
Big: Trevor Nelson
Fun Fact: New historian of GE



Will Marchetti '19
Saxophone
Music Education
Elkins Park, PA
Big: Brian Whaley
Fun Fact: Favorite band is Mumford and Sons



Cameron Knipe '18
Trumpet
B.A. in Music
Owosso, MI
Big: Brian Whaley
Fun Fact: Favorite artists are Arturo Sandoval and Led Z.



Jonah Weller '18
Bass Trombone
Music Education
Grand Ledge, MI
Big: Chris Tartalone
Fun Fact: Favorite composer is John Williams



Marty Malfroid '18
Trumpet
Music Performance
Lake Orion, MI
Big: Doug Olmstead
Fun Fact: Transfer student from Rho Xi at GVSU

Letter from the President



Joey Swinkey
Initiated 2014

All Hail, Brothers of Sinfonia!

The Gamma Epsilon chapter of Phi Mu Alpha here at Michigan State University wishes you well as we enter the New Year. 2016 appears to be a promising one for us. In December, we initiated six new brothers. Their names are Carson Greene, Ben Baldwin, Nathan Doss, Will Marchetti, Jonah Weller, Cameron Knipe, and Lane Perry. Also joining us this semester is Marty Malfroid, a new student here at MSU who transferred from Grand Valley State University where he was initiated into the Rho Xi chapter of Phi Mu Alpha. We are very excited to welcome these new brothers into the fraternity, and excited that our chapter has doubled in size with their admission!

In recent events, members of our chapter were very busy with our involvement in the Spartan Marching Band. Over half our current brothers are

in the SMB and travelled with the team, performing our travel show featuring music from the Marvel Movie Universe in front of hundreds of thousands in Ann Arbor, Columbus, Indianapolis and Dallas. Despite the outcome of the Cotton Bowl, the brothers are very happy to have participated in such a thrilling and successful season of Spartan Football and proud to share our music with audiences from all around the country. While at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas, the brothers of Gamma Epsilon took advantage of several opportunities to meet and interact with the brothers of the Omicron Phi chapter at the University of Alabama. We spent several hours at our hotel meeting and sharing stories with a large group of Alabama Sinfonians, and capped the evening off by singing a few songs with them on a third story balcony overlooking downtown Dallas. I am endlessly amazed and humbled by the ability to connect with complete strangers through our shared brotherhood in Phi Mu Alpha. Just as we work for Sinfonia, Sinfonia works for us!

Members of Gamma Epsilon were also fortunate

to participate in what may be a once in a lifetime opportunity: the chartering of a new chapter! On December 11th, the Michigan Beta Colony at Oakland University was officially chartered as the Sigma Nu chapter, bringing the total number of chapters in Province 2 to a staggering eleven! Brothers of Gamma Epsilon met with National President Mark Lichtenberg and presented a donation to the Sigma Nu chapter to assist them with their chartering fees. The experience was very unique and we are glad to see the power of music at work in yet another school in our state.

Looking toward the future, we look forward to further interactions with the brothers of Province 2 this semester. We are also planning a social event with the MSU chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi, Tau Beta Sigma, and Sigma Alpha Iota; we always love spending time with our fellow fraternal musicians right here at home. Be on the lookout for future communications from us; we hope to be seeing more of all of our alumni this spring!



Cotton Bowl: Gamma Epsilon and Omicron Phi (Alabama) marching band brothers meet in Dallas prior to the college football playoff semifinal matchup between the two schools.

Save the date:

Spring Ritual

Date: April 16, 2016

American Musicale

Date: April 16, 2016

We will continue to upload events to the alumni website. More information regarding the upcoming ritual will be available in the coming weeks. Email any questions you have to codyharrell27@gmail.com.

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