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When we reflect on our FarmHouse experience, it is easy to think about the lifelong friendships we've built with our Fraternity brothers. We often remember experiences, both big and small, like trips together, Fraternity events, intramural competitions, studying together, and more.

However, the memories we build through FarmHouse are also more than just with our Fraternity brothers.

We also realize how our Fraternity experience is enhanced by those who support our chapter and college experience. Advisors, housemothers, chefs, parents and volunteers make an incredibly positive difference on us, individually and collectively as FarmHouse men. This issue of *Pearls & Rubies* highlights and honors the contributions of these individuals.

Marge Crane is one of the people I think about. Marge served for 12 years as the chef for the Kansas State Chapter, and during her time she made more than meals — she created memories. Marge worked tirelessly and joyfully to make sure every parents' weekend was special and daily meals were enjoyable.

She had a great sense of humor and always enjoyed a good practical joke. And, she had a passion for helping us, grow by listening,

encouraging us, and building relationships. Over the years, Marge became an integral part of the FarmHouse experience at Kansas State. In fact, her family has said her years with FarmHouse were among the happiest of her life.

Shortly after she passed away in 2015, FarmHouse men came together to establish an endowment fund in her memory through the FarmHouse Foundation. Marge continues to make a positive difference in our Fraternity, both through the memories she helped create and through the leadership training made available through the fund in her name.

On page 6, you'll read about Dr. John Matsushima, a 100 year-old Nebraska associate initiate and volunteer. He reminds us that our membership in FarmHouse is a lifelong commitment and opportunity for service. Dr. Matsushima's dedication to FarmHouse is also a reminder of the importance of initiating honorary and associate members.

Pat Justice, advisor for the Illinois Chapter, is highlighted on page 10. Pat reminds us of the critically important role advisers play in our chapters.

Starting on page 12, you'll read about several chefs and Jamie Hugget, the Iowa State Chapter housemother. These individuals create a sense of home away from home within our chapter houses. And finally, on page 16, we highlight the ways in which parents' clubs contribute to our fraternal experience.

As you reflect on the individuals who have enhanced your FarmHouse experience, I encourage you to reach out to them today and say thank you. We are a stronger Fraternity because of the sacrifice of time, pleasures and comforts of others.

In this issue, you'll also see highlights of the last fiscal year of our Fraternity and Foundation, starting on page 28. Through an unprecedented challenging time,

FarmHouse continues to provide values-based opportunities for men to live and learn together, to become better leaders, to serve their communities and to grow intellectually, spiritually, physically, socially and morally. These opportunities would not be possible without the generous support of donors to the FarmHouse Foundation. Thank you to all of our Foundation donors, who make it possible for progress to mark our every step.

Finally, on page 29, we celebrate the rechartering of our chapter at the University of Missouri. It is amazing to think that what began with seven men in 1905 at the University of Missouri has grown into an international Fraternity, with more than 33,000 lifetime initiates and 36 chapters on campuses throughout North America. The 82 men initiated on October 23, supported by alumni and volunteers, are carrying on the legacy of our founding fathers and are ensuring the FarmHouse experience is available for generations to come.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriel Eckert'.

Gabriel Eckert (Kansas State 95), CAE
President, International Executive Board



Two of the women behind FarmHouse

About 60 young men call Helen Estes mom.

That's good. Mrs. Estes' husband died in 1962. Then came the deaths of both her sons, one in Vietnam and the other four years later in a car accident.

So Mrs. Estes has taken the brothers of FarmHouse Fraternity at Auburn University as her own. She serves as the fraternity's housemother, living in their house a few blocks from campus.

No matter that Mrs. Estes is 81. For the past 20 years, she's been up every morning at 4. She likes to wash all the kitchen towels and the cook's aprons before the morning bustle starts.

Then she heads out for her walk. "I don't want my knees to get stiff," she says.

Mrs. Estes no longer does the fraternity's daily cooking. She still fills in, though, as she did a few weeks ago, when the cook is out. That means Mrs. Estes prepares two meals a day. At lunch about 100 brothers and their guests eat at the house, she says.

She shrugs off mention of too much work. "You just put another can of stuff in the pot. It's not that much different from cooking for a few people.

"Making all the bread was kind of hard," she says. "I make it because they like it better than the other."

Mrs. Estes' daughter, LeAnne Bonner, an attorney in Phoenix City, says her mother has always been boundlessly energetic.

"She's the oldest of 13 kids," says Ms. Bonner. "I guess she had to be fast on her feet to stay ahead."

"I think it beats the heck out of staying home and living alone."

Mrs. Estes, in a roundabout way, owes her FarmHouse job to her daughter. Ms. Bonner was a student at Auburn when an owner of some local dormitories who knew her asked if her mother would be interested in becoming a dorm mother.

Mrs. Estes moved to Auburn for the job and a few years later accepted an offer from FarmHouse. "I finished Auburn in four years and left," says Ms. Bonner. "And my mother's still there."

"She's definitely said she prefers working with the boys. They treat her as something special."

FarmHouse president Carl Hubbert agrees. "We love her. This isn't a cliché. She is FarmHouse. Mom has the highest respect and love of all the brothers."

The fraternity's only problem with Mrs. Estes has been making certain she has enough duties, Hubbert says. "She wants to feel wanted and needed. That week she cooked, I've never seen her happier," he says.

The brothers, it seems, shouldn't worry. Mom has plenty going on.

She's in charge of buying groceries, helping the cook and, of course, hemming pants and sewing on buttons.

"They don't like it, though, when I go to doctor them," she says smiling. "For a bad cold, I give them honey, vinegar and soda."

Mrs. Estes goes on all the fraternity's out-of-town trips, such as a spring beach party and a winter formal.

She's missed only one chapter meeting in the 18 years the fraternity has

been holding weekly meetings. "My nephew got killed," she says by way of apology and explanation.

When there's a band party at the house — the band sets up outside her bedroom window — she's right there, dancing with the best of them.

"The noise doesn't bother me," she says. "If I get sleepy, I go to bed. I know some housemothers quit because of the noise."

Sleep isn't something Mrs. Estes much bothers with. Many nights, she reads until it's almost time to get up for the morning's laundry. "When I was younger, I slept more than I do now. I've always heard that the older you got, the less sleep you needed. It's true for me."

Mrs. Estes doesn't mind the hours or the work, she says. Her boys are good to her.

"I've never had any trouble. Some of the housemothers have had to get boys out of jail, that sort of thing. But these boys don't have any problems."

Paige Oliver, editor of Auburn's student newspaper, says, "FarmHouse has a reputation of pledging down-to-earth students who don't drink and don't smoke. They're good, nice people."

Talk of retirement makes Mrs. Estes smile. "One of the boys said the only way I'd go out is when they take me out," she says. Then she admits she had thoughts of retiring next year.

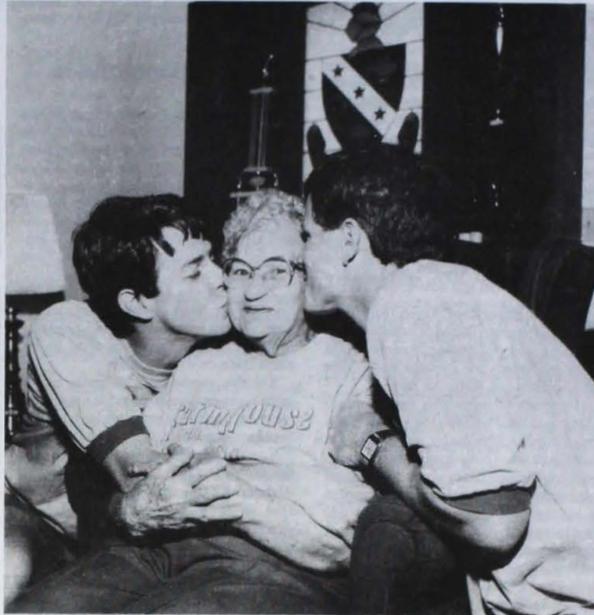
"I think the boys might, which they tell me otherwise, like a younger person. But they tell me she wouldn't be like a mom."

Ms. Bonner says she doesn't believe her mother for a minute. "After that event comes and goes, there'll be another one. She'll probably say she wants to wait for my son, who's 8, to pledge."

Article by Edna Boone Johnson, reprinted with permission from *The NewsPost-Herald*, Birmingham, Alabama, May 12, 1990.

Some of the best friends and among its most staunch supporters are the wives of FarmHouse men. A prime example is Helen L. Scheidenhelm, widow of Elmer, IL '23, mother of John, IL '50, and mother-in-law of Gary Eilrich, KS '61. One of the FarmHouse Foundation's most generous benefactors for over 16 years, her interest in and support for FarmHouse Fraternity spans over 50 years, dating back to at least 1939 when she recalls she first met D. Howard "Daddy" Doane.

Her interest became active involvement in 1940 while Elmer was Dairy Specialist at Michigan State when she served on a committee of FarmHouse wives to help select furnishings and decorate the Michigan State Chapter House, actually sewing drapes and curtains for various rooms. The Michigan State Chapter and Association successfully nominated Elmer to the then-National Board in 1937 and he was later elected National President in 1941. By this time the Scheidenhelms were living in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where Elmer was Professor and Dairy Extension



Helen 'Mom' Estes and 'Boys'

Specialist at Rutgers University. These being war years, no Conclaves were held until 1946 during which time Mrs. Scheidenhelm handled all of her husband's National Fraternity correspondence or secretarial work.

The Scheidenhelms moved back to Illinois in 1950 where Elmer was Farm Advisor (County Agent) in Douglas County, a county near Champaign-Urbana. They both continued to be active in FarmHouse affairs and son John was an undergraduate member of the Illinois Chapter during this time. Helen is still remembered for providing flowers for alumni receptions and other such gatherings.

When Elmer went to the University of Kentucky in 1953 as Dairy Specialist, Helen was once again active with the wives and mothers club and remembers being involved in several fund-raising projects to buy things that were needed to make the Chapter House more comfortable and home-like.

Upon Elmer's retirement in 1967, the Scheidenhelms became "snow birds," spending the winter months each year in the Phoenix, Arizona, area where other FarmHouse alumni, especially other retired Illinois alumni, were also living or spending part of the year. This group — the Gene Middletons, IL '19, Frank Mynards, IL '26, and Ray Benbows, IL '27 — became the nucleus for what has become the Arizona Round-Up the last Saturday of February every year and now includes FarmHouse men, wives, widows, and friends from all across the country. And Helen continues to provide the flowers!

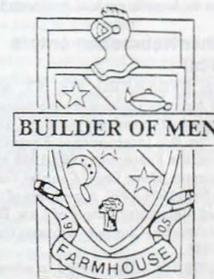
After Elmer's death in 1972 the Scheidenhelm family, numerous FarmHouse brothers and friends started the Elmer C. Scheidenhelm Memorial Fund, one of the first endowment funds received by the FarmHouse Foundation. Thanks to Helen's continued interest and support this Fund continues to underwrite the costs of the biennial



Helen Scheidenhelm

Regional Leadership Conferences, the oldest of the Fraternity's educational programs other than Conclave.

Mrs. Scheidenhelm says she's proud to have been a FarmHouse wife, and now a FarmHouse mother and mother-in-law. Certainly, the Fraternity is proud and grateful to be able to claim her interest and generous support as well!



In the summer of 1991, *Pearls & Rubies* covered the incredible impact two women had on our chapters. Mrs. Estes, the housemother at the Auburn Chapter (upper right), and Helen Scheidenhelm, widow of Elmer Scheidenhelm (Illinois 1923) and mother of John Scheidenhelm (Illinois 1950), who assisted with the Michigan State and Illinois chapters. In this issue, we chose to take a look at volunteers who make a lasting impact on FarmHouse men just like these women did.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 6-9, 2022

FarmHouse Leadership Institute
St. Louis, Mo.

JANUARY 16, 2022

National Western Stock Show Breakfast
Denver, Colo.

MARCH 10, 2022

Foundation Trustees Board Meeting
Washington D.C.

MARCH 10, 2022

Fraternity IEB Meeting
Washington D.C.

MARCH 10, 2022

FarmHouse Alumni Reception
Washington D.C.

MARCH 11-13, 2022

Power of 7 Seminar
Washington D.C.

APRIL 14-15, 2022

FarmHouse Day of Giving

APRIL 15, 2022

117th Founders' Day

APRIL 22-24, 2022

Kansas State Centennial
Manhattan, Kan.

JULY 21-24, 2022

51st Biennial Conclave
Oklahoma City, Okla.



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The spring 2022 issue will focus on diversity, equity and inclusion in FarmHouse. Submit your FarmHouse story or news you would like to include: bit.ly/SubmitFHnews

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HARNESSING THE POWER OF DATA

FarmHouse International Fraternity and the FarmHouse Foundation are at a crucial period in time. A higher education enrollment cliff is looming. “Abolish Greek Life” movements are on many campuses and other challenges became more apparent during the pandemic. While there are many obstacles, there are also many opportunities. FarmHouse will use these experiences to learn, change and grow as our membership and the world around us does too.

As an organization, it is crucial to use available resources to help make data-driven decisions and develop a strategic plan to create a positive future and membership experience. These research resources included Dyad Strategies data from undergraduate members, the Foundation for Fraternal Excellence (FFE) alumni engagement survey with Cygnus Applied Research and a national Gallup survey in partnership with the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). These three research studies provided key takeaways from our constituents. We assembled both Greek life data and highlights specific to FarmHouse.

NATIONAL RESEARCH REVEALS POSITIVE STUDENT TRENDS

Gallup completed an independent poll of undergraduates with membership in Greek life. Students spend 90% of their time outside the classroom. Fraternities add tremendous benefit to these hours by providing a family – a home – that offers help and guidance when a member needs it most. Fraternities enable students to create a strong support system at a time when college men are experiencing loneliness and depression at increasing rates. Research shows additionally this connection can create a strong sense of belonging, leading members to have more positive mental health and less anxiety and depression than other students. Nearly 80% of fraternity men report excellent to good mental health and wellbeing. When members seek help, they are twice as likely to turn to a brother than anyone else.

Additionally, 83% of members indicate leadership confidence as a result of their fraternity membership. They’re more likely to be thriving in every aspect of wellbeing – career, community, financial, physical and social wellbeing. Nearly half of fraternity members serve in other campus leadership roles, and 78% of fraternity members feel a strong connection to campus and are more satisfied with their college experience. In addition to connection, 75% of fraternity members demonstrate strong satisfaction with their overall student experience. If they had to go to college again, more than 8 out of 10 fraternity members would rejoin their organizations. The fraternity experience today continues to provide a home for young men to develop.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Despite a global pandemic that significantly altered the on-campus fraternity experience, FarmHouse members reported high satisfaction with their Fraternity experience. In 2020, FarmHouse had one of the highest satisfaction scores of any of the groups collecting data. FarmHouse members have among the lowest levels of hazing tolerance, with less than 10% of members endorsing tolerance of severe forms of hazing.

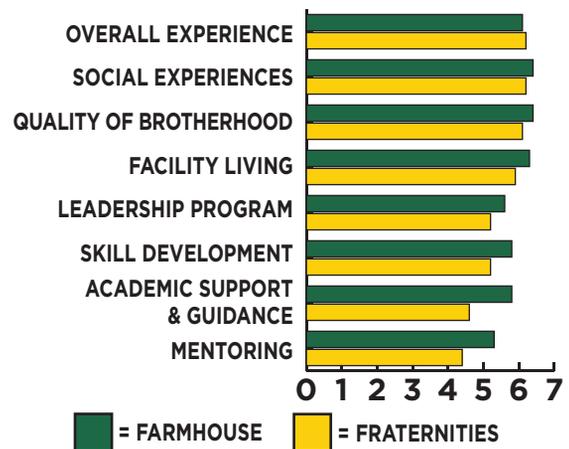
FarmHouse men showed positive scores in a mix of areas similar to the FarmHouse values. Specifically, respectfulness, academic excellence, leadership, duty, service mindset, personal growth, integrity and selflessness.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

The Foundation for Fraternal Excellence (FFE) first surveyed fraternity and sorority alumni and supporters in 2010. The survey was completed again in 2015 and 2020. The 2020 study is the largest single piece of research ever conducted on fraternal organizations. It includes feedback from more than 125,000 Greek alumni and supporters from 37 different organizations. This survey focuses on three areas: alumni history, perception and engagement; communications, solicitation and stewardship; and donor acquisition, retention and upgrades.

Amongst all participating organizations, FarmHouse had the highest participation in the survey with 11.3% FarmHouse alumni and supporters and 25.1% of active FarmHouse donors completed the survey.

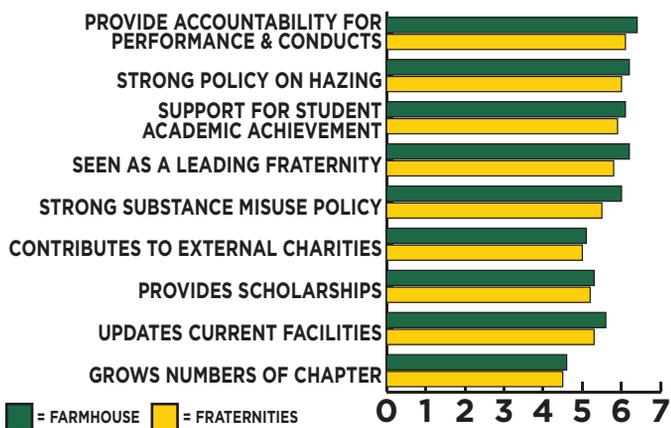
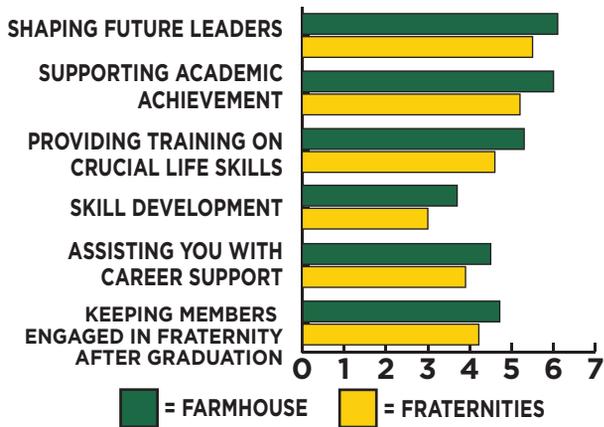
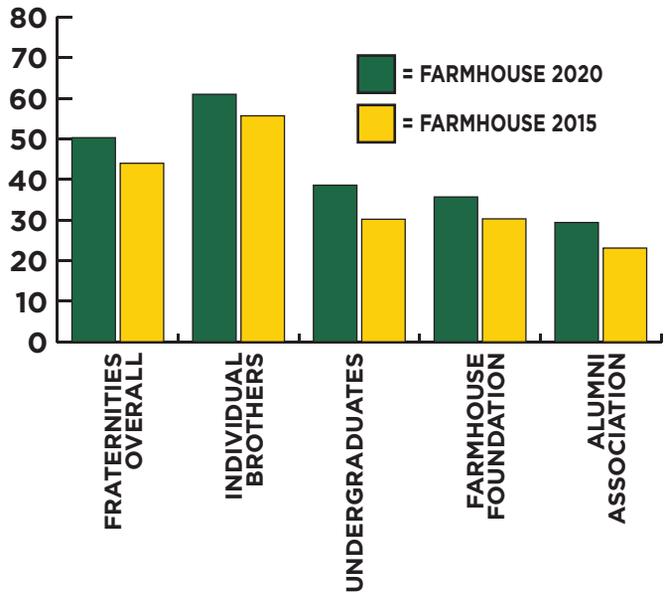
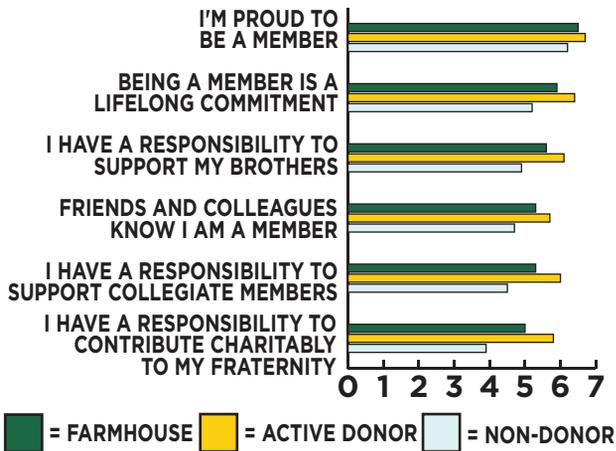
As evident in the undergraduate member assessment data by Dyad Strategies, alumni also rate various aspects of their Fraternity experience very high. FarmHouse ranks higher than other fraternities in all situations with social experiences being the highest and mentoring being the lowest.



Members, both active donors and non-donors, were asked to agree or disagree with the statement, “I’m proud to be a member.” On a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 7 (strongly agree), the overall average response for all three was 6.47.

When asked about the effectiveness of their experience, members ranked training on crucial life skills higher than all other fraternities completing the survey. On a scale of 1 (not at all successful) to 7 (extremely successful), FarmHouse respondents rated this training 5.3 compared to the all-fraternity average of 4.6.

Alumni were asked how important it was to them personally that FarmHouse achieved high caliber related to key programs and standards. Of those 10 areas achieving accountability for performance and conduct, having a strong policy on hazing and holding strong student leadership programs ranked highest.



Highlights from the Cygnus and Dyad research provided feedback related to the experience and values FarmHouse instills in its members.

Members shared:

“I never anticipated I would be Greek. I was surprised by how much it aligned with my values and my decision to join was values-based.”

“For me it was less about a fraternity experience and more about a sense of community.”

“I wanted to become a leader in this Fraternity because I want to make sure that men in the future get the same wonderful experience that I did.”

“We make an effort to recruit around values and academic commitment.”

As you can see, FarmHouse members have a great sense of pride in the organization. Our goal is to continue this, while also increasing engagement and interaction amongst members from all chapters. The findings also provide direction for educating undergraduate members. Many new engagement and education programs started in 2021. Updates to the association dues model, the FarmHouse brand and added education curriculum are just the start. A new strategic plan is being finalized to guide the organization forward. ★

FarmHouse members were also asked about their overall connection to the Fraternity, Foundation, their chapter or association. FarmHouse members had the highest connection to their individual brothers at 61% saying they have a good or excellent connection.

VOLUNTEERING

is for Life

VOLUNTEERISM IS SOMETHING DR. JOHN MATSUSHIMA (NEBRASKA 55) DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE A HIGHLIGHT OF HIS LIFE WHEN HE GRADUATED FROM COLORADO A&M WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN 1943. HIS FOCUS WAS ON BEEF CATTLE NUTRITION AND PRODUCTION, AND A DEEP PASSION FOR EDUCATION.

Dr. Matsushima grew up in the beef cattle industry in Colorado. His career in the industry started as a boy by raising and showing cattle at the Weld County Fair, just outside of Fort Collins, Colo.

In addition to his undergraduate degree in 1943, he earned a master's degree from Colorado A&M in 1945 and his doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota in 1949.

During his 70-plus years of teaching, research and outreach at the University of Minnesota, University of Nebraska and Colorado State University, he was nationally and internationally recognized as a tremendous professor, scientist, author and acclaimed beef cattle consultant. John is known as a pioneer and innovator in beef cattle nutrition.

Many of his students went on to achieve incredible careers and he remembers almost all of them or at least has the records to refer back to them.

"I have kept the names and records of over 10,000-plus students at the University of Minnesota, the University of Nebraska and Colorado State University," said Matsushima. "I have the grades for every student to this day. I have two big file folders. If I hear a name or see something I read I go back to look at my records to see if they were a student. I became very familiar with a lot of students."

In December of 2020, John turned 100, making him one of, if not the oldest, living FarmHouse alumnus and volunteer. He first came to know FarmHouse at the University of Nebraska. It was then he knew FarmHouse men were different, and he was honored to join (as an associate member of) the Fraternity. He assisted as a faculty advisor for several years.

"I used to have a lot of farmer boys in my feed and feeding class and beginning animal sciences," Matsushima said. "In the late 1950's a Nebraska FarmHouse member came to my office and said they wanted to honor me with an

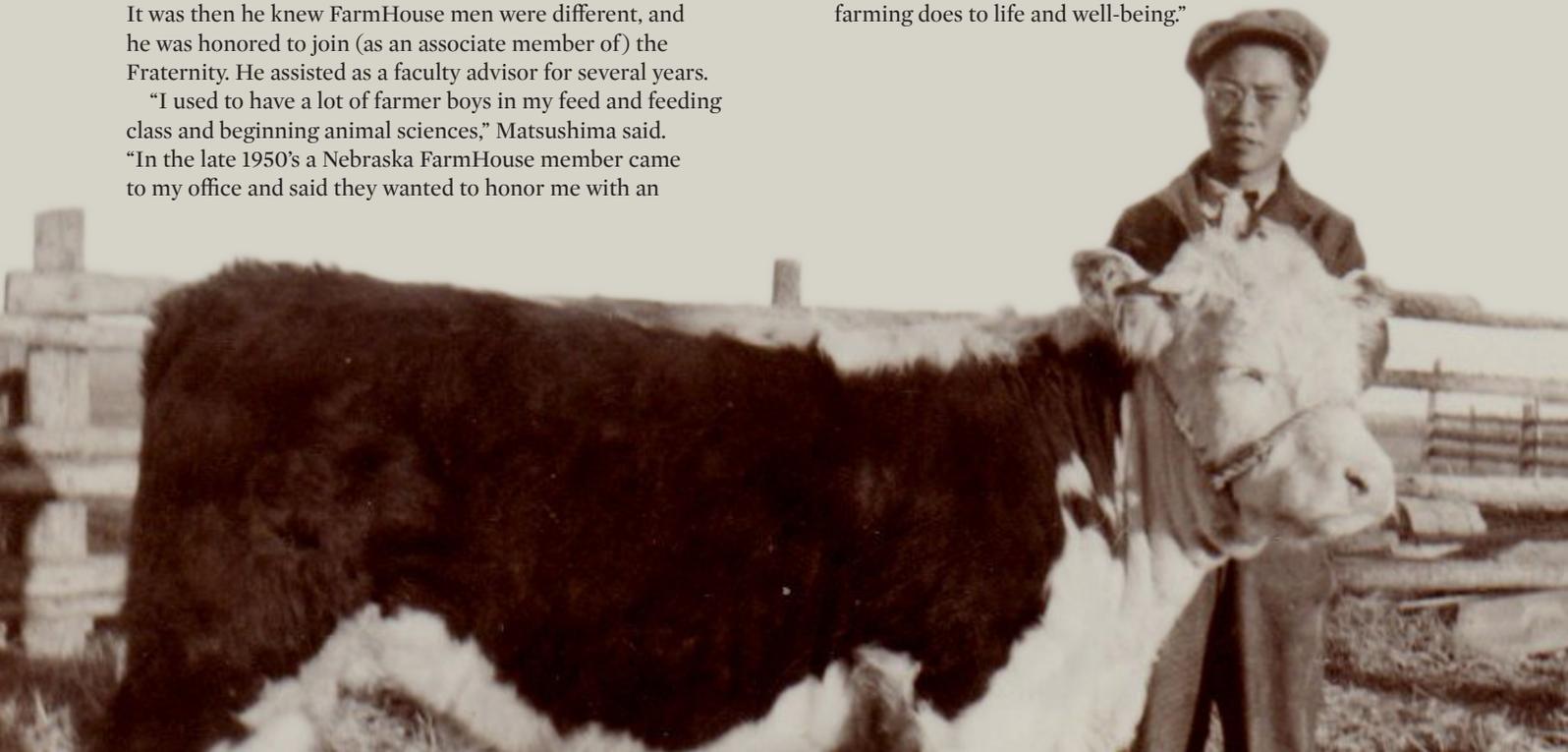


ABOVE: Dr. Matsushima (NE 55) poses with students at Rigden Farm, Colorado State University feedlot with his students in the late 1960's.
BELOW: Dr. Matsushima (NE 55) poses with a Hereford cow.

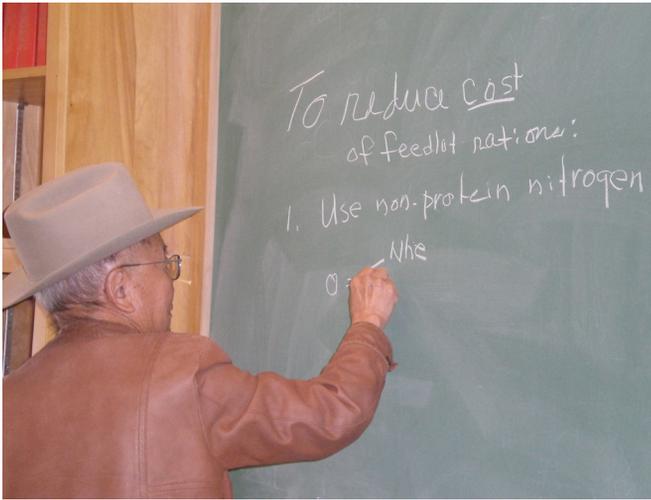
associate initiate certificate. Dr. Abram Epp (Nebraska 59), an agricultural economics professor, was also recognized."

FarmHouse men stood out to him. They were often students excelling in his courses. "Being a professor, you try not to be partial, but you always like to know who the smart ones are and those on the other end," Matsushima said. "Quite a few of those smart ones were FarmHouse members."

Matsushima remembers many FarmHouse men and students, but some stick out in his mind. "I knew most of those brilliant students wanted to make agriculture a better industry," he said. "I also know quite a few wanted to make sure not only farm families, but other people appreciated what farming does to life and well-being."



VOLUNTEERING IS FOR LIFE



The late Clayton Yeutter (Nebraska 49), former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture who worked for four U.S. Presidents, was one of those students. "He was a true leader," said Matsushima.

In addition, the late Harold Stevens (Nebraska 40), a Nebraska county extension agent, was a FarmHouse leader. "He really had a record for being a top FarmHouse leader," said Matsushima. "I think he was one of the most important county agents in the nation."

John's service and involvement with FarmHouse didn't end there. "When I moved to Colorado in 1962, I was approached by an officer in the Colorado State Chapter to be a faculty advisor," said Matsushima. "I said I would be glad to. There was another university professor, the late Bob Longenbaugh (Colorado State 54) who agreed to help."

Both assisted the chapter with operations and excelling on campus. His time volunteering with the Colorado State Chapter was very active. There were a number of changes during his tenure as an advisor. His most favorite memory was the move of the chapter facility. Before the move, there were quite a few hazards with the old facility and location.

"At that time, it was located on the busiest street in downtown Ft. Collins," said Matsushima. "For example, at a dinner I was invited to, there was a sewer incident."

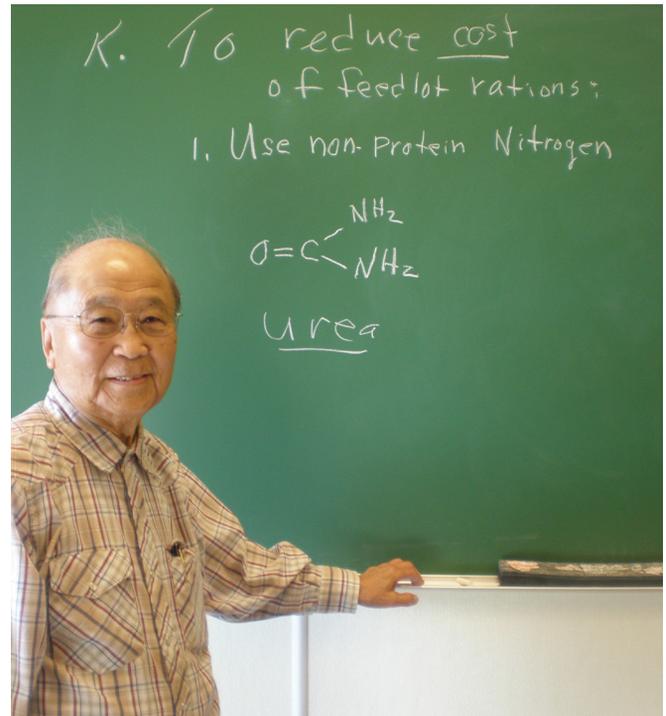
"As they got that fixed, the mayor of Fort Collins gave them an ultimatum," he said. "He told them they could no longer park their cars on the busy main street." The facility location on a bustling street made it difficult for traffic to pass by easily.

Thankfully, John was friends with the mayor at the time. He met with the mayor and other officials to discuss a location for a move of the facility. He also worked to secure more property than was necessary.

"I met with him and discussed a property close to campus that would be suitable for FarmHouse," said Matsushima. "I asked him if they needed a down payment. He said they wouldn't need a down payment and instead of buying one acre we took both (two) acres. So now the chapter in Ft. Collins has an extra acre they can do what they want with."

"BEING A PROFESSOR, YOU TRY NOT TO BE PARTIAL, BUT YOU ALWAYS LIKE TO KNOW WHO THE SMART ONES ARE AND THOSE ON THE OTHER END. QUITE A FEW OF THOSE WERE FARMHOUSE MEN."

- Dr. John Matsushima



Dr. Matsushima (NE 55) shares the formula for urea. His life-long passion was beef cattle and cattle nutrition.

The impact Dr. Matsushima made at the University of Nebraska and Colorado State University chapters will be felt for years to come. His ability to teach and shape young minds has been an incredible gift.

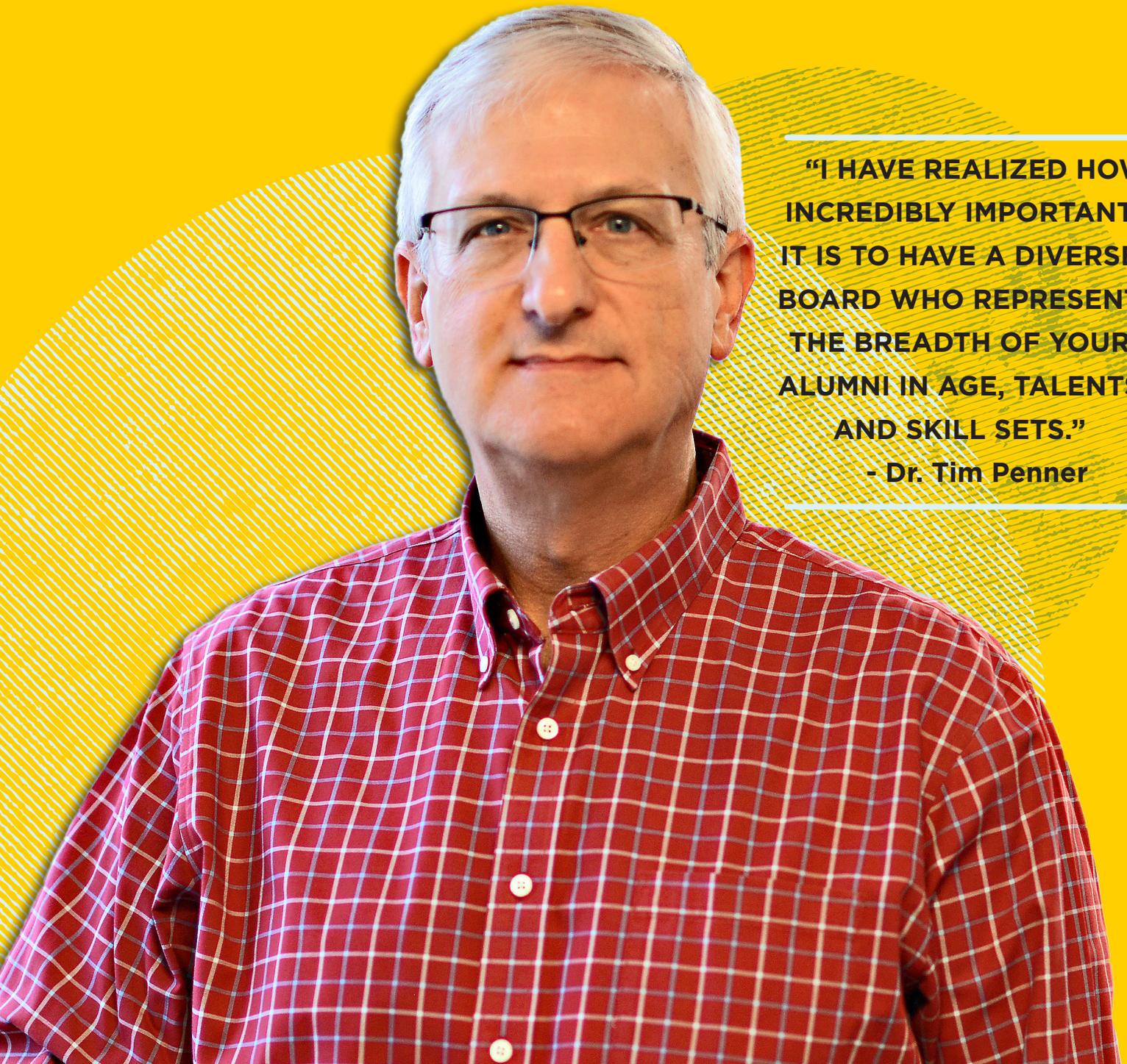
If you were impacted by Dr. Matsushima, he would love to hear from you.

"If they learn about my interview or read this, I want to know about it," said Matsushima. "I would love to hear from them."

If you have a story to tell about Dr. Matsushima you can email them to cody@farmhouse.org or mail your story to the International Office. ★

Leadership SPOTLIGHT

WITH DR. TIM PENNER (KANSAS STATE 1979)



**"I HAVE REALIZED HOW
INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT
IT IS TO HAVE A DIVERSE
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- Dr. Tim Penner

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Tim Penner (Kansas State 79) is a Family Medicine Specialist in Clay Center, Kan., and has over 35 years of experience in the medical field. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1982 and from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1986. From 1986-1989, he completed his family practice residency at Wesley Medical Center located in Wichita, Kan. Additionally, Dr. Penner has been involved with the Kansas State FarmHouse Association since 2009 and has served as President since 2013. During his tenure, he has led a \$4 million capital campaign for a renovation and addition to the Kansas State FarmHouse Chapter facility and has overseen the hiring of two housemothers.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE ALUMNI WHO WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH FARMHOUSE?

I have realized how incredibly important it is to have a diverse board, representing the breadth of your alumni in age, talents and skill sets. Doing the business of taking care of that place [chapter house] has become so complex, just looking back over the last decade. It's amazing to me. Granted, it was much more challenging when we started this capital campaign and the whole building project. I told Fraternity CEO, Christian Wiggins, it seems like you almost need somebody good at finances, you need somebody good with engineering, who knows how mechanical things run, and it never hurts to have a lawyer around.

We were so fortunate when we started this process, we had Joshua Lewis (Kansas State 01), who makes a living in financial management and worked in fundraising and politics. That kind of experience was incredibly valuable. Then Clint Blaes (Kansas State 05), who is a genius and can do anything. Clint was our treasurer extraordinaire. Then there was my pledge brother, Galen Pelton (Kansas State 79), who is a bank president. That was our finance committee. I can barely balance my own checkbook and they did amazing things.

Eric Brunkow (Kansas State 08), who is an engineer, was the project manager. I helped him put together the building committee and he wanted to be the project manager. Josh Adrian (Kansas State 01) volunteered to be the public relations manager. "Who wants to do that? Eric was phenomenal."

Mark Dikeman (Kansas State 92) works on campus. Having someone with that campus connection is really helpful. Just knowing what's going on at that level. All of these pieces, we were so fortunate this was the group we had. Raney Gilliland (Kansas State 72) and his work in government. He has connections and knows everyone. It was just incredible!

It all came together, and I was impressed how important that was to our success. If you have a board together who is all the same, you are not going to do well. I'm excited about the makeup of the association board as I am leaving.

Don't think you have nothing to contribute, that's what I thought. I'm not sure what I have to offer here. I see these skills these guys had that I didn't possess. When it comes to repair work, understanding how to buy a \$76,000 chiller, how do you do that? I don't know how to do that. Those kinds of things. It takes a village. Don't think you can't, If I can, anybody can.

WHAT TIPS FROM PRACTICING MEDICINE HAVE HELPED YOU GROW PROFESSIONALLY?

I have learned you must respect people and listen to them. That's a huge part of my job — learning to listen to people. If you listen to people, they will tell you the diagnosis and not jump to conclusions. That will carry you far. Those are things I think apply to my role. It's not rocket science. Treat people how you would like to be treated, listen well and be clear in your ability to communicate back, even if people disagree with you. If they know they've been heard, it's easier for them to accept whatever the outcome may be. These aren't things they teach you in medical school, by the way.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT YOUR TIME WORKING WITH FARMHOUSE IN YOUR CAPACITY?

I have truly learned to appreciate the International Office. I didn't know anything really about the International Office except that Bob Off (Colorado State 64) was everything. He was synonymous with FarmHouse. He was there forever. He was there as Fraternity CEO when I came on as a kid, and was there when I came onto the board.

I wondered, what is the Foundation? What do they do? So I appreciated the staff would host webinars or things I could participate in. Repetition is good, and every year learning how things go. It is certainly important we participate. This is what Allison Rickels, Foundation CEO, does and how things function well.

It is a part of the complexity of life. I don't know if you could survive on your own.

It reminds me of when I got out of residency. I foolishly thought about private practice. It obviously didn't work out, but I didn't realize until I was a part of this group. What if I tried to do this on my own? I realized on day two what a stupid decision that would have been. The business of medicine is so incredibly complex now. You just can't do, or be a full family physician doing obstetrics or doing what we call womb-to-tomb care. You just can't do that by yourself. You've got to have help.

I feel like FarmHouse is like that too. We can't be in solo practice, we need International. We need that support and have to work together with the International Office. That all was kind of an evolution of years. How we work together in a symbiotic relationship. ★

Advising FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Patricia Justice is a name many know on the University of Illinois campus. For most, it is from her dedication to academic excellence, but for a group of men, it is because of her long dedication to their brotherhood.

In 1985, Pat was on a trip for the university to Chicago, where she was introduced to her first FarmHouse man. The connection left a good impression that would translate into how she viewed the chapter in later years. Her university colleague, the late Fay Sims (Illinois 38) eventually asked Pat to become an advisor after feeling the chapter could benefit from a female perspective.

The decision to become an advisor was not a difficult one. Her late husband, Richard Justice, an associate member, was initiated in 1994 and served as an advisor previously. With a long connection to the chapter, this was a fit that begs the question at whether or not Pat would have found her way to FarmHouse if she had not gone on that work trip in 1985.

Though her bond with the chapter has been decades long, her fondest memories are from after she began serving as advisor. Several chapter members knew being a widow, Pat needed to have her sidewalks cleaned during a large snow storm.

"They have always been so considerate and respectful," said Justice. "They came to my house to clean the sidewalks and before I even knew they had done it, sent a message saying they would be back to do it again because more snow was coming."

This is a common interaction between Pat and the men of Illinois FarmHouse.

"I learn from the young men and see what it is like to continue to be a college student," said Justice.

Before her retirement in 2009, Pat served as adjunct assistant professor and executive associate vice chancellor at the University of Illinois. She jokes even though she has retired multiple times, she always seems to come back to campus, as

she loves what she does. She now serves as an adjunct faculty member, working with graduate students studying higher education. Pat is also a hospital chaplain and trustee for St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Pat is no stranger to hard work.

Current chapter advisor, Kirk Bulta (Illinois 04), and association president, Bruce Frank (Illinois 05), have worked with Pat in different capacities. They both see her as a vital part of the success of the FarmHouse chapter at Illinois.

"As a student, I looked forward to the chapter meetings Pat would attend. She always shared a positive message of encouragement to us," said Bulta. "Eighteen years later I have the privilege of serving alongside Pat as chapter advisor. Her advice to our men is always well timed, and often hits on critical issues taking place on our campus. She's willing to have tough conversations with our men, which often pushes them out of their comfort zone."

Bulta also noted Pat brings a unique perspective to the chapter. She helps the young men grow in ways a male advisor, or alumni, might not be able to do.

Her success and tireless involvement was recognized when she was presented the "Fred H. Turner Outstanding Alumna" Award during the 2021 Greek Oscars at University of Illinois. The award was established in 1968 after Fred Turner, who served at the University from 1918-1966, retired as dean of students. The winner is chosen from interfraternal members who have made outstanding, continuous contributions to their fraternity or sorority, the fraternity and sorority community, as well as the university as a whole.

When asked about her contributions to FarmHouse, association president Frank said, "Pat has been a cornerstone of FarmHouse at the University of Illinois for almost two decades. There have been many ups and downs during those years, and Pat has been the one who has helped guide us through it. She has, and continues to, help turn new members who arrive on campus into well-rounded young men when they graduate. Over the years, she has not only been an advisor to hundreds of men, but also their friend."



For Pat, her key to success has been to be brief in comments, share news and always offer resources to the men. "Concentrate on resources so you help the men better understand what is being presented," said Justice.

"When you give short, meaningful speeches on drinking and sexual assault, you have to allow them time to get really get it."

She has used this method for years in roles she has served, and believes overwhelming people with content while not giving them resources can be one's biggest fault when advising.

Talking about her accomplishments comes second to the achievements of the chapter. She is eager to talk about the brotherhood she sees among the chapter members.

"Even with current events, there have been many positives in the chapter lately," said Justice. "Being shut in and not going places has helped men care for one another and appreciate each other more."

When asked about the future, Pat said that she loves what she is doing and that working with the students and community members keeps her just busy enough, while still doing things she enjoys.

"It really is a privilege to be associated with FarmHouse," said Justice. ★



Patricia Justice poses with Wyatt Martens (Illinois 18). Martens was commissioned to 2nd Lieutenant in the Fighting Illini ROTC Battalion Army. He is a senior, studying agriculture and consumer economics from Orion, Ill.

Cooking Up Memories

In most homes growing up, the family meal was something we looked forward to. It's a time of fellowship. The opportunity to gather and tell stories. It's also a place where memories are made for many of our FarmHouse men. Some chapters have a chef, some have food service and a few cook for themselves. These are some stories and recipes from a few of our chapters. We hope all can benefit from connecting and creating their own memories as they gather around the dinner table.

FAMILY AFFAIR

If you were a member of the Illinois FarmHouse Chapter then you are probably familiar with the Goins. Raymond and Jennifer Goins have devoted more than 25 years combined cooking for the chapter. Their care and dedication to the chapter have not gone unnoticed. It began with Raymond and has since been passed to the second generation of Goins.

Raymond worked for more than 10 years for the chapter. He started as a cook for another fraternity, but that chapter eventually closed, and he was in need of a job. He was working part-time at the 4-H Club camp in the area.

"I was approached by Fay Sims (Illinois 38) who put in a good word for me with the chapter," said Raymond. "He got an interview set up for me. That was 25 years ago."

Raymond worked as a chef until 2010. Both he and his daughter, Jennifer, are not a part of a food service group and operate independently.

"That was one of the things that made me very proud," said Raymond. "We are local, and that was something I always did, feed them something they were used to, done locally. I know some from here in town and watched them grow up."

Raymond enjoyed meeting with the local guys and watching them grow up. Sometimes parents or grandparents would show up on Thursdays for the weekend or for events. Raymond would swap recipes and give house tours. "It was great to see these young men grow up and flourish," Raymond said.

"I take a lot of pride when I tell people I was the FarmHouse cook. They knew how well they did academically. They made me an associate member in 2006. It is one of the greatest honors I have ever had."

As with life, things changed and it was time for him to make a career change. When his daughter moved home from Florida, Raymond began working for a sorority down the street from the FarmHouse chapter and Jennifer was a preschool teacher before becoming the Illinois Chapter's chef. For almost 10 years, Raymond worked at a new chapter house until his oldest grandson went to kindergarten. Today, he serves as the Food Service Director for Gibson City School District.

"I used to watch the guys getting older," said Raymond. "Now the children get younger every year."

Jennifer has been with FarmHouse for 11 years. She often jokes about things she hears or sees, wondering if she said it to a college student or a preschooler. While there are times the men can be immature, they are also very caring and thoughtful.

"Sometimes someone will bring me coffee," Jennifer said. "You think they're not paying attention, but they look out for me. When I had some surgery, they looked out for me and made sure it was easy for me until I was back at 100%. If it wasn't going to work out, they were there to help me out."

Some of her favorite memories are cooking just like her father did. There are several treats and meals that are her favorite to make. Two of these recipes are featured on page 15: banana squares and oatmeal cake. Additionally, her favorite meal is called "dash and dine." Every member who is not on the wait staff gets dressed up. They go get a date and come back for dinner in an hour, including getting dressed up. "It's the most fun," Jennifer said. "They don't really know when it's coming, especially the new members."

While she has a favorite recipe and event, she doesn't have a favorite member. Jennifer noted she has a few who regularly visit with her and see how she's doing. "I'll do whatever they ask," Jennifer said. "One guy wanted me to be his study partner."

She is often more than a cook, more of a maternal figure. "I've been there when someone's grades weren't what they wanted, when their girlfriend left or the chapter voted against them," Jennifer said. "I couldn't get that at McDonald's or at an office somewhere."

"It's family, it's not work," said Jennifer. "I'm lucky that my job is not my job to me. They're like my children."





JIFFY BABY CORNBREAD MUFFINS

DeShawn Jones,
Current Kentucky Chef

A NEW PASSION

Although DeShawn Jones is a member of the Dogwood Foodservice team, he has become more of a brother to men of the Kentucky FarmHouse Chapter. Chef Shawn is the current chef for the chapter. His background is not in cooking, but he grew up in the kitchen.

"I always tell people I've been cooking since I was 9 years old," said Shawn. "I grew up in a traditional Christian family. My grandfather was a preacher. We would have Sunday dinner. I grew up with the smells coming from the kitchen. My grandmother was a cook and I loved her meals. Cooking was a family affair."

He's been the chef for the chapter the last year (two semesters). He worked as a chef in Arizona before moving to Kentucky. "It was a lot of grinding, grinding and grinding," he said. "Opening and closing the kitchen all day, every day."

His experience helped him to become a better chef and enabled him to get the job with Dogwood and assigned to the Kentucky chapter house. Only when he started working for Dogwood did he truly consider himself a chef. He wanted to do it for the honor and the experience, like when he was growing up around his grandmother.

He considers cooking and the kitchen his sanctuary. "To cook something from scratch and put the food out, just the feeling of that, I get goosebumps," Shawn said. "That is what it does for me. It makes going to work more pleasant."

Although he can cater to specific needs, he has a few favorite meals he likes to create. One of his favorite, baby cornbread muffins, is featured on the right. He described the men in the chapter as more traditional; having basic meal requests or wants. His favorite meal is meat and potatoes.

"Just like the FarmHouse guys," he said. "I also like to make a nice brisket or loin. I put my six secret ingredients on it then make a nice whipped potato or twice baked potatoes."

His favorite part is the family environment. The ability to interact with the chapter members during their meal time is never dull. "You can tell some guys are a little more mature, and some are a little care-free and loose," he said. "They will come in and talk about school, significant others or trips."

He has had good interactions from the beginning. On his first day, the housemom (Kathryn Jackson) created a welcome sign and gave him a box of candy. Shawn likes that everyone is personable and willing to share. He provides extra attention to those with food allergies or who may need a plate if they can't be there for the meal on time.

The last day of the spring semester he was approached by a member who was lactose intolerant. Chef Shawn thought he was coming to give him a handshake and say thank you, but he gave me a hug. It was a special moment for Chef Shawn.

"I have to say by far, this group is the most respectful and genuine," Shawn said. "They are gentlemen."



INGREDIENTS:

- 6 CUPS OF FLOUR
- 5 CUP OF CORNMEAL
- 4 CUPS OF SUGAR
- 4 TSP. OF SALT
- 3 CUPS OF MELTED BUTTER
- 4 TBSP. BAKING POWDER
- 9 EGGS
- 6-8 CUPS OF MILK

COMBINE ALL DRY INGREDIENTS AND MIX WELL

ADD WET INGREDIENTS (ADD THE BUTTER LAST)

WISK UNTIL THERE ARE NO LUMPS

GREASE MUFFINS PANS AND FILL 3/4 FULL (LEAVING ROOM FOR MUFFINS TO BLOSSOM)

BAKE AT 385° FOR 20 -25 MINUTES (THEY SHOULD BE GOLDEN BROWN AND CAN PASS THE "TOOTHPICK TEST")

CAN BE TOPPED WITH BUTTER, PANCAKE SYRUP, HONEY OR EVEN BERRIES WITH WHIPPED CREAM

BROTHER COOKING CREW

While most campuses with a chapter facility have a chef or food service, a few do not. One of those chapters is at the University of Minnesota.

Men of the chapter volunteer to be on a meal crew. These men rotate through chores and cooking for their fellow brothers and the housemother. Every member living in the facility is expected to do two services a semester; one of those services is cleaning and the other can be the meal crew.

"It is done by volunteering," said Josh Tastad (Minnesota 18), Minnesota Chapter president. "The house manager asks those who are interested to cook or volunteer to cook. The director of house operations is in charge of food buying and that week's supplies. He looks out a week ahead and works with crew to order ingredients."

Those who serve, prepare a meal plan to let the members know what the schedule is for the week and send out the menu on Monday evenings. The crew then preps and makes the dishes for nine different meals through the week. Lunch is ready by noon and dinner is ready at 6 p.m. each day.

"We have new members who cook and have just started college," said Josh. "We have it organized so it's not a lot of pressure. There is no age restriction. It's a team building experience."

Lunches are more relaxed, making it easier for members to get started and ease into the process. Dinner meals are Monday through Thursday and the housemother makes the desserts. Mondays are typically the most time intensive because the meal is formal held before their weekly chapter meeting. However, other meals during the semester can also take up quite a bit of time to prepare and present.

"Toward the end of the semester, in the fall, we have a Christmas dinner," said Josh. "We invite guests and significant others. We make ham, turkey and really cool desserts. We serve about 90 people."

"If any other chapters have the ability to, they should consider doing this," said Josh. "It's cost effective and is a great brotherhood experience." ★



FarmHouse Recipes

ENJOY SOME OF OUR FAVORITE RECIPES FROM PAST AND PRESENT FARMHOUSE SUPPORTERS

CARAMEL ROLLS

Marge Rang,
Former South Dakota State Cook

INGREDIENTS:

2 LOAVES OF FROZEN BREAD DOUGH (THAWED)
1 CUP VANILLA ICE CREAM
1/2 CUP BUTTER
1 CUP BROWN SUGAR

MELT:

ICE CREAM
BUTTER
BROWN SUGAR

POUR HALF OF IT INTO A 13X9" GREASED PAN

CUT LOAFS INTO CHUNKS

PLACE HALF OF THE BREAD INTO PAN

ADD REST OF CAMEL

ADD REST OF BREAD

LET RAISE 30-35 MINUTES

BAKE AT 350° FOR 30-35 MINUTES

LET SET FOR 10 MINUTES

BANANA SQUARES



(MAKES ONE SHEET PAN)

Raymond Goin,
Former Illinois Chef

INGREDIENTS:

4 1/2 CUPS SUGAR
1 1/2 CUPS BUTTER
6 EGGS
1 TBSP. BAKING SODA
1 CUP SOUR CREAM
3 CUPS BANANAS
4 1/2 CUPS FLOUR
1 TBSP. VANILLA EXTRACT
3 CUPS NUTS

COMBINE ALL INGREDIENTS

MIX WELL

POUR INTO A SHEET PAN

BAKE AT 350° FOR
20 MINUTES

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CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES



Mary Claire "MC" Mohrfeld,
Former Iowa State Housemother

INGREDIENTS:

2 CUPS BUTTER OR
MARGARINE
2 CUPS BROWN SUGAR
4 EGGS
2 PACKAGES OF INSTANT
VANILLA PUDDING
2 TSP. VANILLA
4 1/2 CUPS FLOUR
2 TSP. BAKING SODA
4 CUPS CHOCOLATE CHIPS
1 CUP CHOPPED
NUTS (OPTIONAL)

CREAM TOGETHER

BUTTER OR MARGARINE
AND BROWN SUGAR

ADD:

4 EGGS AND CONTINUE
CREAMING

ADD:

THE PUDDING AND
VANILLA; MIX WELL

ADD:

FLOUR AND BAKING
SODA; MIX UNTIL
MOISTENED

ADD:

CHOCOLATE CHIPS AND
CHOPPED NUTS (IF USING)
(DOUGH SHOULD BE STIFF)

SCOOP BY
TABLESPOONFULS
ONTO BAKING SHEETS

BAKE AT 350° FOR 9 TO
11 MINUTES (OR UNTIL
GOLDEN BROWN)

OATMEAL CAKE



Jennifer Goin,
Current Illinois Chef

COOK:

1 CUP OATMEAL
1 1/2 CUP BOILING
WATER LET STAND
FOR 20 MINUTES

CREAM TOGETHER:

1 STICK OLEO
1 CUP BROWN SUGAR
1 CUP WHITE SUGAR
2 EGGS
1 TSP. CINNAMON
1 TSP. NUTMEG
1 TSP. SALT
1 TSP. VANILLA EXTRACT
RAISINS OR DATES AT
YOUR DISCRETION

ADD:

1 CUP FLOUR
1 TSP BAKING SODA
(SIFTED TOGETHER)

BAKE AT 350° FOR 30-35
MIN, (UNTIL A TOOTHPICK
INSERTED COMES OUT CLEAN)

ADD THE FOLLOWING
TO THE WARM CAKE
AND RETURN TO
THE OVEN (UNTIL THE
COCONUT IS BROWN)

3/4 CUP PACKED
BROWN SUGAR
3 TBSP. OLEO, MELTED
2 EGGS
2 TBSP. WHOLE MILK
1 CUP NUTS
1 CUP COCONUT

A Place for Mom in FarmHouse

There is a lot of history with parents and family involvement in fraternities and sororities. For the Iowa State FarmHouse Chapter, moms have proven this for decades through their Moms' Club. The club organizes events, meetings and fundraisers throughout the year to benefit the chapter.

Like other members of the Club, former Moms' Club President, Nancy Ann Thompson, of Badger, Iowa, knows the importance of parent involvement for the holistic development of college students. She knows FarmHouse well as her son, Jackson Thompson (Iowa State 2018), and husband, Mark Thompson (Iowa State 1985), are alumni of the Iowa State chapter.

"The Mom's Club purpose is to support the social connections of moms and parents in FarmHouse while their sons are part of the Fraternity as undergraduate members," said Thompson. "Also, we fundraise to support the comforts and conveniences not normally covered by their dues."

Through the years, the Club has purchased washer and dryer sets, and weight equipment as well as furniture throughout the chapter house to encourage socialization. The goal is to create a more positive environment for the young men of the chapter and involve their parents.

Sometimes Moms' Club members are called to put on special fundraising events for members. This was the

case three years ago when Trevor Miller's (Iowa State 2018) mom passed away from cancer.

The Moms' Club created a memorial fund the following Moms' Weekend in tribute to Trevor's mother. In return, Trevor purchased functional pieces and decorations for the chapter house in his mother's name. The remaining funds were saved to start a FarmHouse Moms' Club Care Fund.

"Trevor was so moved by the band of brothers who just showed up in-person at the news of his mom's passing and went to her visitation and funeral," said Thompson. "Trevor wanted to perpetuate the feeling of support and provide for future young men in similar situations."

The FarmHouse Moms' Club Care Fund is used to provide members with gas gift cards, food, lodging and other needs so they are able to physically show up for guys who suffer the loss of a loved one. Two men have taken advantage of the fund since it was created.

"Parent engagement is pivotal in a member's experience," said Nancy Ann. "When you have parents engaged with members, the impact of the values of the fraternity or sorority filters into the family and creates a life bigger than the collegiate member just attending meetings and doing philanthropy."

The Moms' Club is open to all moms who have a son in the Iowa State chapter. Volunteering for the Club enables parents to get to know each other more as well as build a unique bond with their sons while they are in college. By allowing all moms to have the opportunity to join, Club members immediately create a welcoming atmosphere

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- NANCY ANN THOMPSON



for parents. Some who join were not involved in Greek life or college graduates. The Club takes their experience and guides them through to make the family's transition to college and FarmHouse a little easier.

Another former Moms' Club President, Jacque Stouffer, of Liberty, Mo., has also played a large role in shaping what Moms' Club looks like today. Her sons, Will Stouffer (Iowa State 2015) and Jacob Stouffer (Iowa State 2018) are now alumni of the chapter. During her time, she planned move-in days and continues to be a crucial part of welcoming new parents into the Club.

Much of the work both Thompson and Stouffer have done for the Fraternity is from seeing decades of passionate parents wanting to make sure generations of men are equipped to succeed. They have been on the front lines talking with parents at events, making sure not only their sons have a positive experience, but they, as parents, feel supported from the moment they drop their son off to college.

"We get just as much joy out of connecting with each other and forming friendships within the Club," said Thompson. "That is really almost the bigger piece — socializing with other moms who are in a similar phase in life."

The pandemic created unique challenges for students staying involved on campus, however, it turned out to be one of the highest funded years through the Club.

Nancy Ann and the Moms' Club leadership team planned a virtual Mom's Weekend to take the place of their regular in-person events. The virtual weekend included photo searches, fundraising and socializing among members and the chapter Club members.

"FarmHouse is a unique organization that works to walk and talk its values," said Thompson. "I think parents who are involved are the most pleasantly surprised by this culture. It immediately strips away any negative stereotypes. Plus, the traditions like open Ritual allows moms to include those values in what they do within the Club and beyond." ★

LEFT: Nancy Thompson poses with her children, son, Jackson Thompson (Iowa State 18) and daughter, Juliet.
BELOW: The Iowa State Moms' Club gathered for a photo on the front steps of the Iowa State chapter facility.



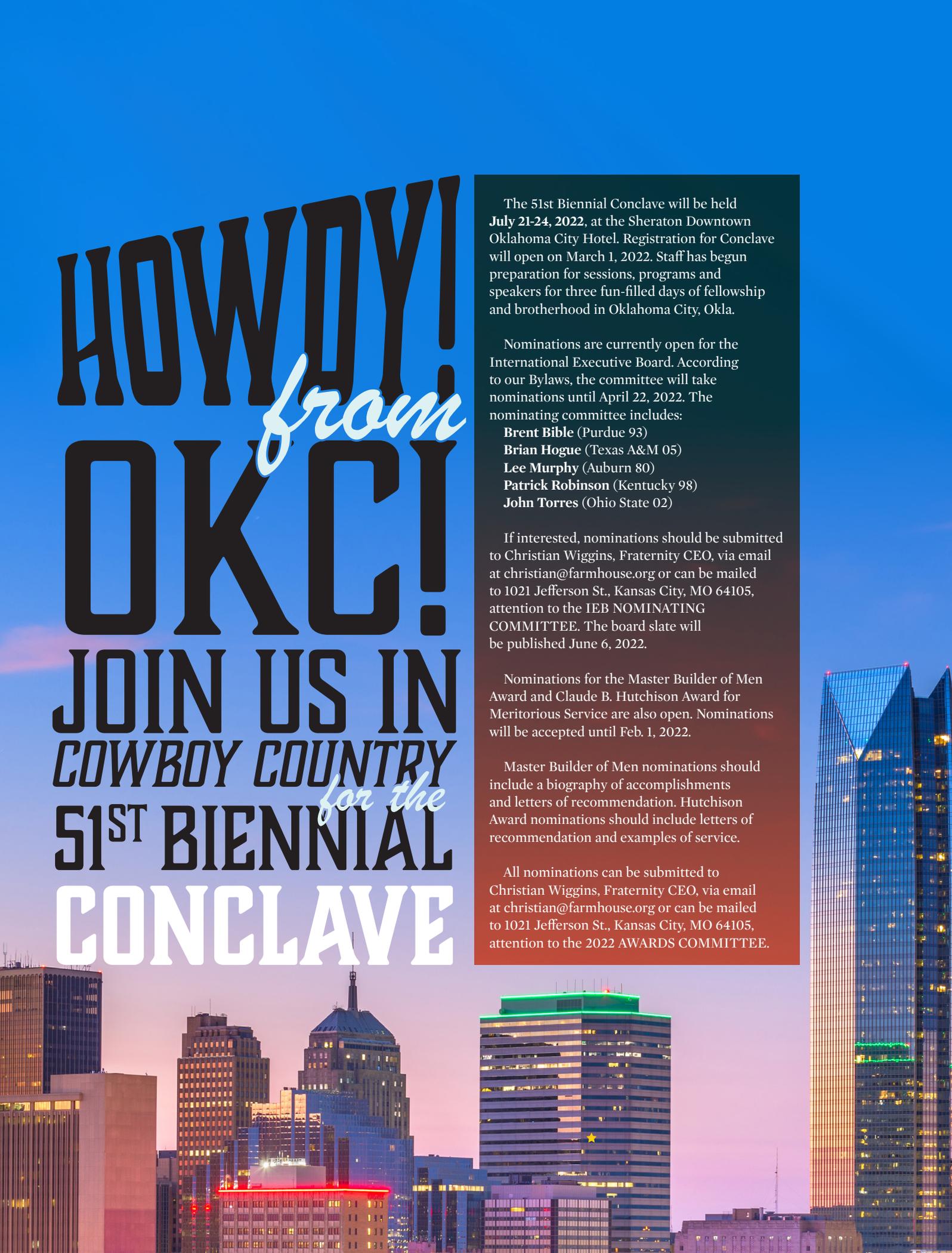
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Nominations are currently open for the International Executive Board. According to our Bylaws, the committee will take nominations until April 22, 2022. The nominating committee includes:

Brent Bible (Purdue 93)
Brian Hogue (Texas A&M 05)
Lee Murphy (Auburn 80)
Patrick Robinson (Kentucky 98)
John Torres (Ohio State 02)

If interested, nominations should be submitted to Christian Wiggins, Fraternity CEO, via email at christian@farmhouse.org or can be mailed to 1021 Jefferson St., Kansas City, MO 64105, attention to the IEB NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The board slate will be published June 6, 2022.

Nominations for the Master Builder of Men Award and Claude B. Hutchison Award for Meritorious Service are also open. Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 1, 2022.

Master Builder of Men nominations should include a biography of accomplishments and letters of recommendation. Hutchison Award nominations should include letters of recommendation and examples of service.

All nominations can be submitted to Christian Wiggins, Fraternity CEO, via email at christian@farmhouse.org or can be mailed to 1021 Jefferson St., Kansas City, MO 64105, attention to the 2022 AWARDS COMMITTEE.

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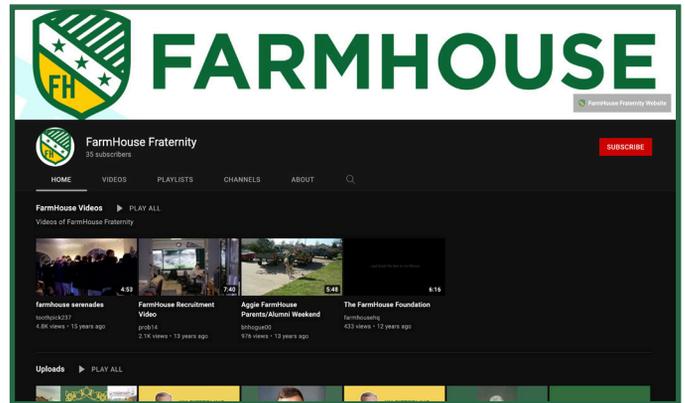
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FARMHOUSE FOCUS

In 2020, FarmHouse added a digital series titled "FarmHouse Focus." The series showcases individuals featured in the most recent *Pearls & Rubies* magazine. You will find related videos on the FarmHouse YouTube channel at:

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In addition to these videos, you can also view on our YouTube page pieces of FarmHouse history, traditional FarmHouse songs and Master Builder tribute videos. We continue to add to our archive and update with new content. If you have videos to share, please contact Cody Cramer at cody@farmhouse.org.



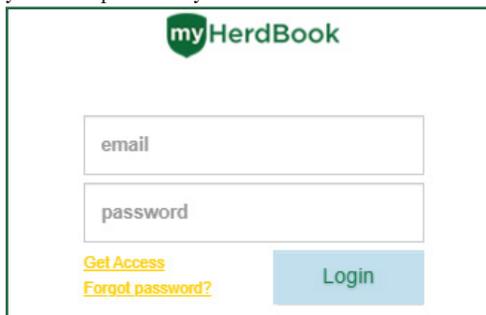
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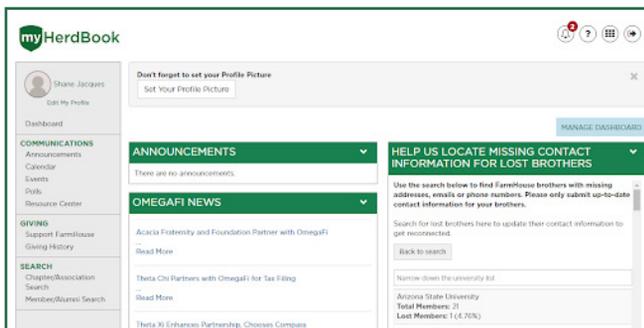
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 - Initiated Chapter
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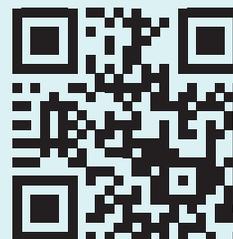
Once you've claimed your myHerdBook account, you can manage your dashboard and take advantage of everything the member portal has to offer.



SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH FARMHOUSE!

HAVE YOU RECENTLY MARRIED? HAS YOUR FAMILY RECENTLY GROWN THROUGH THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD? MAYBE YOU HAVE CHANGED CAREERS, EARNED A PROMOTION, RECEIVED AN AWARD AT WORK OR WERE RECOGNIZED IN YOUR COMMUNITY? WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT!

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS OR INFORMATION:
bit.ly/SubmitFHnews



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

With the end of the pandemic in sight, students are back on campuses and returning to life and classes as normal. After a year of limited opportunities and virtual events, FarmHouse has placed an emphasis on new member recruitment. We've highlighted some of our fall 2021 new member classes across the country.

When this issue of *Pearls & Rubies* went to print on November 3, 2021, there were more than 500 new members added to our Fraternity!

Welcome to our new members!



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS (12 MEN)



KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY (31 MEN)

HELP OUR CHAPTERS GROW.

Know students headed to campuses with a FarmHouse chapter? Refer them via the QR code below!



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA (33 MEN)



OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (32 MEN)



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY (14 MEN)



TROY UNIVERSITY (17 MEN)



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI (5 MEN)



VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY (9 MEN)



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (22 MEN)

Sewing Together a Legacy

QUILTS of Valor started in Iowa and has given several thousand quilts to veterans around the world. It is a program started to celebrate military service men and women and the sacrifices they have given to the country.

In 2019, Jamie Hughet had just joined as house mother of the Iowa State FarmHouse Chapter. Shortly after her start, she noticed there was down time between key busy periods throughout the year. During these periods, she enjoyed sewing and became aware of the Quilts of Valor organization.

“There is a time from January to spring break where there is a lull for the men in the chapter as well,” said Hughet. “I approached the chapter’s executive board to see if they would become a member of Quilts of Valor too and help sew quilts during this time.”

Brad Welch (Iowa State 18) was chapter president when Jamie presented the idea to the chapter’s executive board. He thought the idea was great and would serve as an easily accessible way to complete community service hours by chapter members.

“It was cool from my perspective to see Jamie come up with the idea because it was kind of the first thing I “she owned” in working with our chapter,” said Welch. “I think it helped her develop a lot of pride early on. She owned this and then handed it over to us and let us run with it.”

“We were super happy to take her idea and make something of it because we believed in it just as much as she did,” said Welch.

To make the process simple, Hughet cut squares and strips of fabric for the men and laid them next to the sewing machine. “She had this old sturdy sewing machine,” said Welch. “She told us you can’t break the thing, like it’s impossible. You can screw up as many

times as you want, but you can’t break it.”

Once the strips were sewn together, Jamie would put the strips into the desired pattern and complete the backing. The young men would work on the quilt throughout the day and into evenings, spending their free time socializing with each other while they put the pieces together. They also decided to just work on the project as they could, not setting a minimum or maximum on how many quilts they would produce for the organization each year.

“I would safety pin two strips together. I might have 25 sets downstairs for them to sew. The next day it would be like the elves and they would all be done,” said Hughet.

“WE WERE SUPER HAPPY TO TAKE HER IDEA AND MAKE SOMETHING OF IT BECAUSE WE BELIEVED IN IT JUST AS MUCH AS SHE DID.”

- BRAD WELCH (IOWA STATE 18)

As the program progressed, the chapter saw a shift in participation. It was easier to motivate other members to find short periods of time to work on their share of the quilt. It wasn’t unusual to see members sitting around the sewing machine, listening to music, eating a bowl of cereal or sharing stories before bed.

“The first year I had some men very hesitant to sew,” said Hughet. “Many hadn’t sewn since they were in an 8th grade exploration class.”

By Founders’ Day they had completed three quilts to present to veterans of their choice. Members of the chapter’s executive board selected their recipients with the help of alumni members.

This experience was special because it built a bond not only with undergraduate members, but also alumni and veterans associated with the chapter. Three men, Kyle Karstens (Iowa State 87), Ken Ashley (Iowa State 86) and Hunter Stumpf (Iowa State 18), were selected as the first recipients for the program with Iowa State FarmHouse.

“It was really less about me and more about the men of the chapter giving appreciation to FarmHouse men who have served. The members selected who received a quilt,” said Hughet. “I provide the material and the backing and the know-how, but it is really about the men and their appreciation to alumni, like Ken and Kyle.”

Hunter was also presented a quilt although he was a

Iowa State FarmHouse members pose with a completed quilt. The quilt was received by Kyle Karstens (IA 1987).



current student. "All last year he was overseas," said Jamie. "He missed most of the year and came back for the summer session. He works in the emergency room at a local hospital, so he is getting back into life here now that he is back."

"He was actually back for a month before Founders' Day rolled around," said Welch. "Giving them the quilts was incredible. I mean, it was emotional. Definitely tears from my eyes and a lot of guys' eyes in the room. It was really good with heartfelt reactions from those men that we gifted them to and what it meant to them."

Quilts have been started again in order to be ready for Founders' Day in April 2022, where two or three men will again be presented quilts through the Quilts of Valor program.

"Sewing is a skill these men will need well after they graduate or for life," said Hughet. "The passion for honoring alumni is bigger than the hesitations they may have come in with. I thought it would be a good stress relief for the men. Our FarmHouse chapter is exemplary with their commitment with scholarship, activities and service to the Ames community. These men are busy, so sewing can also reduce stress."

"A big part Quilts of Valor has brought, not only for our chapter's legacy, but for Jamie's legacy, is a lot of our men have had this awesome opportunity to connect with her through it," said Brad. "A lot of the times when you're in the chapter house in the afternoons, you will see her working on a quilt. If the sewing machine is open I'll sew some strips together and talk to Jamie for a little bit."

"I loved those moments and I did it as often as I could," said Welch. "Jamie is an incredible listener."★

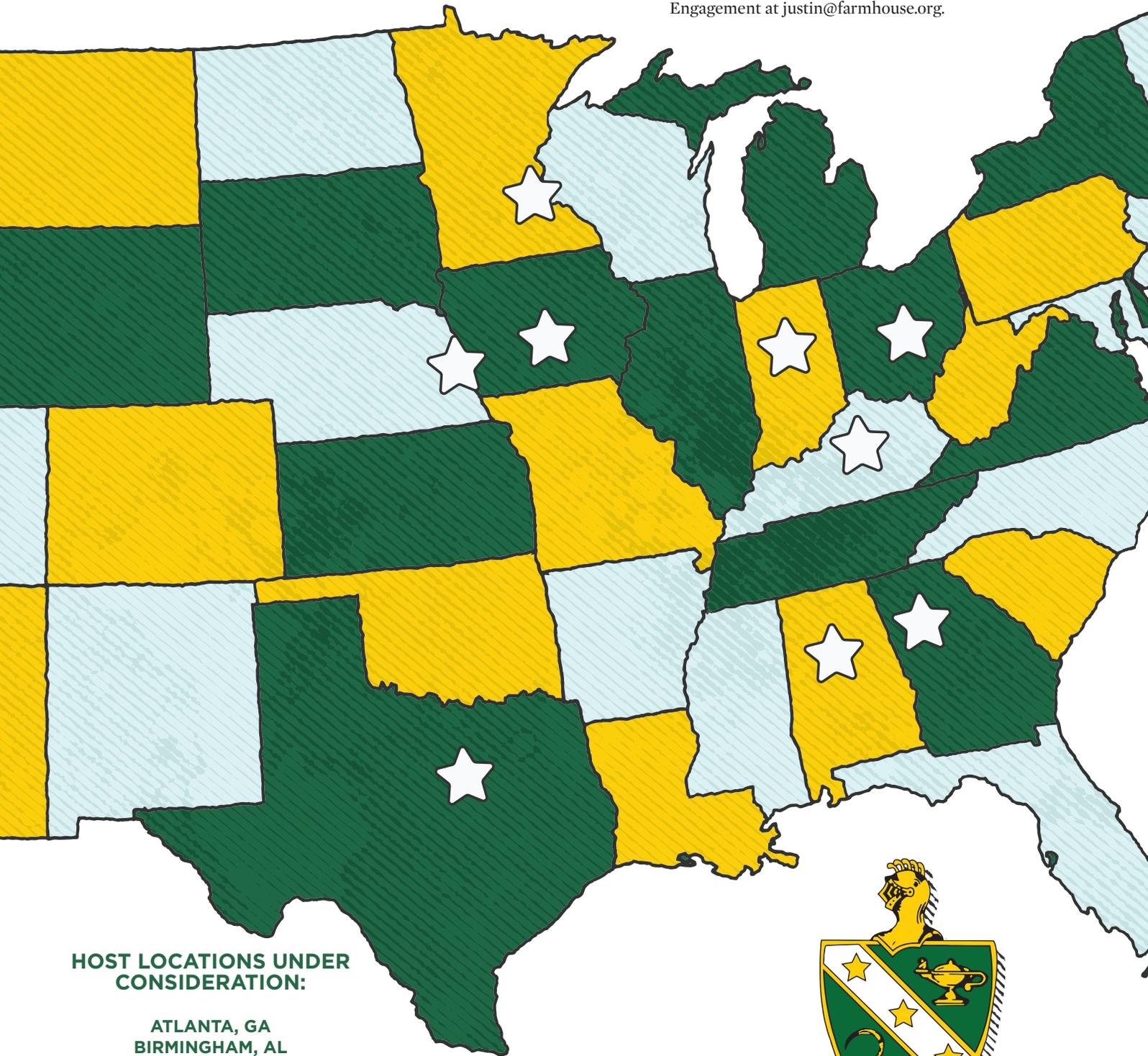
Iowa State FarmHouse members, Justin Schwamberger (IA 19) and Nathan Robillard (IA 18), sew fabric pieces together for their quilt.



CELEBRATE TOGETHER

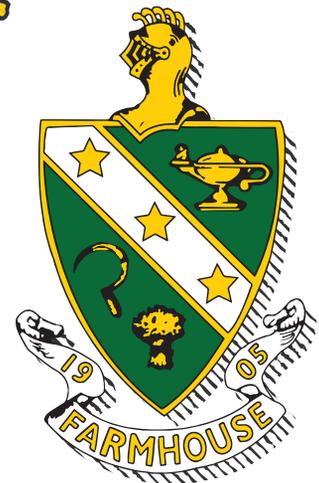
Join us for regional **Founders' Day** celebrations across the country. We are planning to host nine regional happy hour events to coincide with Founders' Day on Friday, April 15, 2022.

If you're interested in **planning or hosting a reception**, please reach out to Justin McCormick Director of Alumni Engagement at justin@farmhouse.org.



HOST LOCATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- ATLANTA, GA
- BIRMINGHAM, AL
- COLUMBUS, OH
- DES MOINES, IA
- DALLAS, TX
- INDIANAPOLIS, IN
- LEXINGTON, KY
- MINNEAPOLIS, MN
- OMAHA, NE



BACK TO OUR ROOTS WELCOME BACK, MIZZOU.

More than 190 new FarmHouse brothers, alumni, friends and family gathered to witness the initiation and rechartering ceremony for the University of Missouri FarmHouse Chapter at the Country Club of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., on Saturday, Oct., 23, 2021.

“I have been pumped about chartering all semester long,” said J.R. Adkins (Missouri 20), Missouri chapter president. “The chapter and the executive team have been marking off tasks and goals to get to chartering, and I am truly proud to be officially recognized as a FarmHouse chapter.”

The occasion was monumental. FarmHouse returned to the University of Missouri campus, but had the challenge of recruiting new members during the global pandemic. Even with recruiting limitations, more than 45 men joined the chapter in the fall of 2020. The chapter flourished and grew to more than 80 during the fall of 2021. This chapter chartering event would not have been possible without the incredible support from the Missouri FarmHouse alumni.

“It means progress most of all,” said J.R. “Taking the chance to join this group has been a big part of my college experience as well as my life. To have the FarmHouse association board, advisors, local foundation and alumni and staff there to acknowledge how far we have come means a lot to everyone one of our guys.” ★

CHARTERING MEMBERS

Jacob Adkins	Jackson Ford	Hyun Tae Joo	Kyle Pedrick
Jonathan Adkins	Drew Garcia	Michael Kalbac	Raymond Preston
Dylan Amico	William Garstang	Ben Kelly	Nicholas Quarnstrom
Jayden Bennett	Andrew Geiger	Nicholas Kesselring	Kadin Renn
Evan Beninganan	Regis Gibbons	Jackson Kite	Owen Roesel
Robert Blackburn	Samuel Gordon	Daniel Kobasa	Patrick Rogers
Zachary Bodmer	Alexander Gott	Kyle Koenig	Jacob Roschke
Andrew Brown	Hudson Grant	Jackson Koerner	Aleksey Salaz
Brock Burchett	Kyle Griffith	Tom Laparra	Philip Schappert
Robin Calderon	Erik Hansen	Christian Lee	Tyler Schmidt
Jack Carroll	Jonah Hartsook	Phuc Lee	Victor Scott
John Christian	Brett Hash	William Linder	Ryan Sellers
Justin Cooper	Ramsey Hassine	Jacob Lyon	John Silva
Andrew Crouch	Andrew Held	John McCormick	Logan Spaulding
Michael Curry	Brendan Heron	Brock Meiborg	Nicholas Thomas
Ryan Deterding	Jackson Hoover	Layton Moser	Christopher Walterscheid
Jack Dobbs	Shane Ireland	Jayson Musembi	Todd Wittler
Joseph Efken	Priest Jackson	Austin Ohley	Dylan Worth-Anderson
Tarun Emani	Jack Jenne	Jared Otlewis	Tyler Zaffaro
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JO BERRYMAN

Part-Time Administrative Assistant

WHY INVEST IN FARMHOUSE?

Twenty years ago, as a fresh-faced college graduate, I started with FarmHouse as the Director of Annual Fund & Communications and the second full-time staff member for the Foundation.

When I interviewed for that first job, I could tell FarmHouse was made of greatness. The headquarters office was modest, the staff was small and the Foundation's assets were \$2.5 million, but I quickly saw the difference they were making in other people's lives. I couldn't help but want to be a part of it. Little did I know the incredible opportunity I would embark on and how quickly time would fly by.

Fourteen years ago, the FarmHouse Foundation Board of Trustees hired me as the second full-time Executive Director & CEO of the Foundation. It was a big leap of faith — I knew it and they did too. I was young, had a lot to learn, would be a woman leading a men's fraternity foundation (a first and still only) and about to have a baby.

While the Trustees, our staff and alumni knew it would be challenging, they didn't sit back to watch. They all stepped up in incredible ways and the Foundation grew. I quickly learned the role of a fundraiser and CEO is a significant responsibility, and the Trustees gave me and our staff the confidence to do it. They believed in me, and we all knew it wasn't really about me at all — it was about making the Fraternity and Foundation sustainable and successful.

Twenty years later, I'm still often asked why I work for FarmHouse. It is my deep belief in FarmHouse to provide a positive, life-changing fraternity experience.

I am fortunate to be able to encourage, develop and foster philanthropy with our alumni donors, parents and friends for the betterment of young people. I truly have a front row seat to the difference we make in others' lives. I then follow it up to say...

...Let me introduce you to our outstanding undergraduates and interact with them at one of our FarmHouse leadership conferences. You will see when the 'lightbulb' goes on for them in how to be an effective leader, role model and team player. And you'll see their reaction when they gain new skills, confidence and learn about their strengths and how to

adapt them to their own life. Now more than ever, our campuses, workplaces and communities need strong, talented, values-driven leaders like FarmHouse young men.

It's a thoughtful handwritten note from a student when he receives an academic scholarship and shares his gratitude about how he won't have to take out an extra loan for tuition.

It is getting to know all our amazing alumni, like you. Men of various successful careers and leadership positions, with varying ages, who share with pride what the Fraternity has meant to them and why they continue to share their time, talent and treasure. The look in their eyes when they talk about meeting their best friends, mentors, spouses and colleagues through FarmHouse is immeasurable.

You should come with me to a FarmHouse chapter meeting, an alumni event or Conclave to see the fellowship that fills the room when members gather. They never shy away from meeting a new face or welcoming an old friend. It's true friendship at its best. And when we couldn't gather in-person these last 18 months, we all felt it in our FarmHouse family and are ready to gather again.

If only you could be a part of the meetings for the International Executive Board, Foundation Board of Trustees or a local association when vital decisions are made, and never taken lightly, for the best interests and future of chapters, members and the Fraternity. These devoted volunteers sacrifice their time, pleasures and comforts to make FarmHouse better tomorrow than it was yesterday.

Perhaps, like me, you have attended a FarmHouse wedding, milestone birthday or funeral, and witnessed the heartfelt appreciation these men have for one another — when together numerous men sing or pray in unison in tribute to a brother. These times with laughter and tears make the deepest impression on what's important in your own life.

And, it's watching a budding college freshman who's naïve and unpolished mature throughout college and then graduate as an all-star leader and student is inspiring. Watching his career path evolve, seeing him become a spouse and possibly a father — and help him give back to a cause that's near and dear to his heart. It is beyond incredible.

I am passionate about seeing young men become gentlemen, devoted spouses,



amazing fathers, find success in their careers and become leaders in their communities. We need this in our world.

And I believe FarmHouse makes it happen as you'll read in our Foundation's Annual Report pages and highlights for our fiscal year 2020-21.

Your generous giving, along with 2,230 other FarmHouse brothers, parents and friends, exemplified your belief in FarmHouse. You joined together to invest over \$2.31 million through the FarmHouse Foundation, awarded over \$1.63 million in 261 educational and leadership grants, and helped grow our assets to nearly \$25 million.

Through your generosity, you continue to help our leaders — students, volunteers and staff — be nimble in the face of ever-changing challenges, create new educational opportunities, and help ensure FarmHouse continues to be relevant, innovative and responsive.

While we have incredible milestones to celebrate from FY 2020-21, we're constantly aiming higher. My favorite line in the FarmHouse Object is, "progress shall mark our every step." We have a big vision, huge goals and new aspirations along with confident donors, volunteers and talented staff who believe this too.

All of these reasons are my why. I invite you to join me for a front row seat to FarmHouse as a donor. Your philanthropy, today and tomorrow, makes a powerful difference in the lives of young men as they experience the life-changing opportunities FarmHouse provides.

Loyally,

Allison Rickels, CFRE
Executive Director & CEO
The FarmHouse Foundation



FARMHOUSE FOUNDATION 2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

PROVIDED **261 GRANTS**
IN **7 AREAS** TOTALING:

\$1,632,750



4. Leadership Training **\$421,337** ★

was granted to the Fraternity and to individual chapters for leadership programs.

5. Educational Portion of Chapter Housing

\$821,977

was administered for the educational portion of new or renovated chapter houses on 10 campuses.

6. Program Services

\$112,951

for the Foundation staff to administer educational grants to the Fraternity and chapters.

1. Fraternity Support

\$69,340

supported the operations of the International Office, membership database, joint communications and *Pearls & Rubies*.

2. Computer Labs and Affiliated Technology

\$10,826

in grants were made to the Fraternity and three chapters for in-house computers and technology.



3. Scholarships **\$173,758** ★

in academic scholarships were awarded to 186 undergraduates.

7. Research Initiatives

\$22,560

granted to the Fraternity to help inform data-driven decision making demonstrating the positive impact of Fraternity and better understand student members' needs.

THANK YOU!

STEWARDSHIP, GIFTS AND FUNDRAISING

2,230 ALUMNI, STUDENTS
AND FRIENDS GAVE TO THE
FOUNDATION A TOTAL OF

\$2,310,846

OVER **9.57%** OF
FARMHOUSE MEMBERS
MADE A GIFT IN FY 20-21.

40.4% OF ALL
FARMHOUSE ALUMNI
HAVE EVER MADE A GIFT.

**Fraternal foundations average 3%
in alumni participation.*

1,357

DONORS GAVE
A RECORD

\$266,046

ON THE FH DAY OF GIVING
AND 116TH FOUNDERS' DAY

936

UNDERGRADUATES
DONATED

\$9,360

TO THE 2021 RUBY SOCIETY



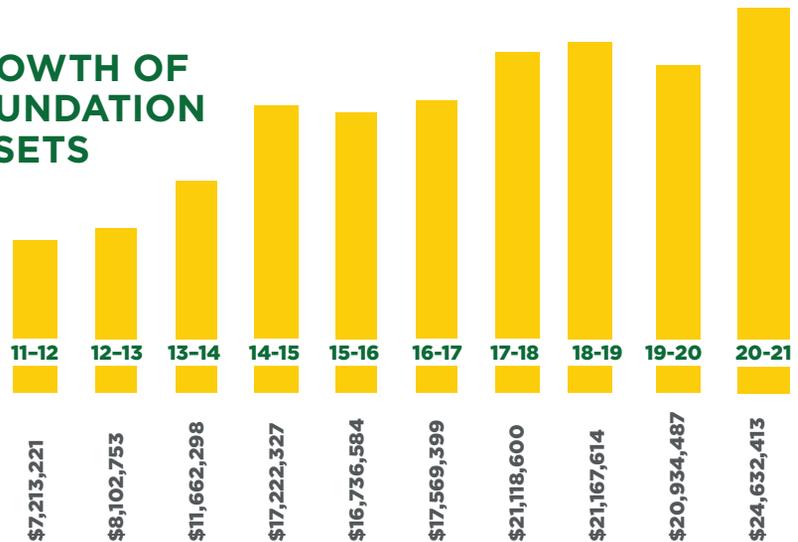
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individuals have included
FarmHouse in their estate
plans, totaling over

\$7.2 MILLION

in pledges through the
FarmHouse Legacy Society

GROWTH OF FOUNDATION ASSETS



\$0.17 FUNDRAISING
EXPENSES

\$1.00 PER DOLLAR
RAISED

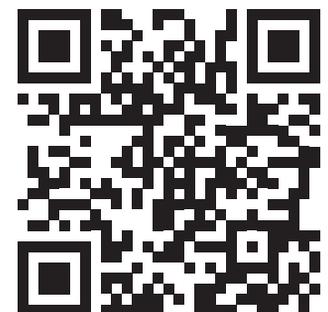
**Non-profit Industry average
is \$0.35/\$1.00.*

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new endowment funds
were established
bringing the total
number of endowed
funds to 182.

Learn more about those who
invested in the FarmHouse
Foundation, see your name in
the Donor Honor Rolls, review
the Foundation's financial
statements and discover more
ways you and other donors are
building young men by reading
our 2020-21 Annual Report.

<http://bit.ly/FHAnnualReport>





FARMHOUSE FRATERNITY 2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

36 **1,492** **41**

CHAPTERS UNDERGRADUATE MEN AVERAGE
MEMBERS CHAPTER SIZE



3.23

COLLECTIVE GPA

MORE THAN

\$40,000

RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR
PHILANTHROPIC CAUSES

275 AVERAGE

HOURS OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE PER MEMBER



THE FRATERNITY AND FOUNDATION MOVED THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE INTO A HISTORIC BUILDING LOCATED IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN AT 1021 JEFFERSON ST., KANSAS CITY, MO 64105 IN MARCH 2021. THE HOME TURNED INTO OFFICE SPACE WAS BUILT IN THE 1887 AND IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES. THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL PROVIDE A COST SAVINGS OF \$168,000 OVER THE TERM OF THE 7-YEAR LEASE.

IN JUNE 2021, FARMHOUSE HOSTED THE MASTER BUILDER RECOGNITION BANQUET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POWER OF 7 SEMINAR IN KANSAS CITY, MO. THREE OF THE FOUR 2020 CLASS MEMBERS WERE RECOGNIZED. THIS WAS THE FIRST FARMHOUSE IN-PERSON EVENT THE FRATERNITY AND FOUNDATION HELD SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN.



2021 FARMHOUSE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

250+

OFFICERS &
ADVISORS ATTENDED
VIRTUALLY

600

MEMBERS WATCHED
THE KEYNOTE BY
ZOOM

THE TIME IS NOW: FH DAY OF GIVING

On April 14-15, 2021, FarmHouse alumni, friends and students celebrated FarmHouse for 1905 minutes for the FH Day of Giving and FarmHouse's 116th Founders' Day. After one of the most unique and challenging years in FarmHouse's history, the FH Day of Giving was record setting! We were deeply humbled, grateful and impressed by the generosity that took place through the FarmHouse Foundation.

A record **1,357 alumni, friends and students** collectively donated **\$266,046** to celebrate the past, invest in today and help secure FarmHouse's future. The majority of donations were designated for the FH Excellence Fund, which enables the Fraternity to provide more virtual learning opportunities, enhance online educational programs, invest in the educational portion of the historic headquarters, support the Dyad research initiative and more. Ultimately, these gifts will strengthen FarmHouse for years to come.

Thank you again to those men and friends who took time to be a part of this special celebration, made a meaningful gift and connected in the name of FarmHouse.

FH DAY OF GIVING HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- 427 alumni, parents and friends donors
- 911 undergraduate donors
- 32 friends of FarmHouse donated
- Donors from 39 states made a gift
- Donors from 36 chapters
- 78 new donors
- 11 matching gifts and 12 chapter-based challenges
- 44,256 total impressions on social media reaching 10,544 followers
- 5,683 individuals shared, liked or commented on Day of Giving and Founders' Day social media posts
- A virtual Founders' Day celebration was hosted for FarmHouse alumni, undergraduates and friends with more than 60 people participating



SAVE THE DATE

FARMHOUSE
DAY OF GIVING
APRIL 14-15, 2022

CELEBRATE. ENGAGE. GIVE.

1905 MINUTES OF BROTHERHOOD

9:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
APRIL 14 to APRIL 15

TIME TO GET INVOLVED:

- **MAKE A GIFT** on April 14 or 15 to the FarmHouse Excellence Fund
- **SHARE YOUR FH STORY** on social media using #FH Proud
- **CALL A BROTHER** and share how much he means to you
- **OFFER A CHALLENGE** to match donations of your FarmHouse brothers

THERE'S NO BETTER TIME THAN THE FH DAY OF GIVING TO RENEW YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP BUILD A STRONGER TOMORROW FOR YOUR FRATERNITY!



EXCELLENCE FUND



BEGINNING WITH THE END IN MIND

This is a crucial time for the Fraternity and a collaborative approach is required for our shared challenges.

That is why the FarmHouse Foundation has partnered with the Fraternity to address the tough environment on college campuses today by raising new unrestricted financial resources to fully fund grants to the Fraternity this fiscal year and into the future.

Your unrestricted support makes this possible through the **FarmHouse Excellence Fund**.

To see a list of donors to the FarmHouse Excellence Fund visit <http://bit.ly/FHAnnualReport>



YOUR EXCELLENCE FUND INVESTMENT MAKES THIS AND MORE POSSIBLE . . .

- \$50,000 funds an educational staff position for one year
- \$25,000 funds one year of research to better inform our programs to meet our values and today's student's needs
- \$10,000 gives you an exclusive opportunity to attend the Power of 7 Seminar and mentor a rising leader
- \$5,000 provides an increased level of hands-on and virtual staff support for one chapter
- \$2,500 gives one chapter, like yours, access to enhanced risk management education training
- \$1,000 impacts future generations of young men through your membership in the Chairman's Club
- \$750 sponsors one undergraduate from your chapter to attend the FarmHouse Leadership Institute
- \$500 sends one new member to the Emerging Talent Retreat
- \$300 underwrites one chapter's online new member education curriculum
- \$116 provides a Clifton Strengths training workshop for one FH undergraduate or volunteer
* per academic year

YOUR INVESTMENT IN ACTION NOW:

- Enables the professional Fraternity staff to provide **virtual, enhanced and relevant training, coaching and support** to students and volunteers.
- Provides **health and safety education programs** to take care of the young men in each chapter and **protect the assets donors have invested in**.
- Supports **relevant research** chapters can use to make **informed decisions** about the experience they provide.
- Sends 8 chapter officers from your chapter to the FarmHouse Leadership Institute for **hands-on training and personal development**.
- Creates curriculum and resources to provide consistent, values-based member education to **ensure the same, positive FH experience** for all chapters and young men.
- Advances premier leadership training and personal development programs **accessible to all members**.
- Enhances **risk management and mental health** education for chapter advisors, association leaders and undergraduates.
- Ensures staff and resources to implement **values-based programs and educational opportunities**.
- Strengthens every chapter and every member through investments in **growth and innovation**.



FINDING THE *Silver Lining*

CHAPTER CONSULTATION PROGRAM PROVIDES NEW VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

For many decades, the Fraternity's chapter consultation program has involved cross-country travel, long days of meetings, staying with students in their chapter facility, connecting with volunteers and building relationships with campus administrators.

In the early years of the Fraternity, alumni and International Executive Board members volunteered to conduct consultation visits with chapters. Many weekend road-trips were taken by these volunteers seeing a handful of chapters each semester.

Then 20 years ago, the Fraternity's first full-time staff member was hired to coordinate the consultation program and travel across North America to meet in-person with chapters.

Throughout the last two decades, the consultation program has grown to now being implemented by five full-time staff members with the titles of assistant director of chapter services (ADs) and overseen by the Assistant Executive Director for Student Engagement. In the last 10 years, the Fraternity has ensured all chapters receive at least one visit each semester from the Staff, with more than 50% of chapters receiving two or more visits.

However, when COVID-19 brought travel restrictions and health and safety concerns, the Fraternity's chapter services team moved to a completely remote model. This new virtual coaching and mentoring model has provided many benefits to FarmHouse's chapter support with an increased focus on chapter goals, using the Dyad research and working more directly and more often, such as bi-weekly check-ins with chapter officers.

Andrew Stockmann (Wichita State 17), an assistant director of chapter services, began coaching chapters in December 2020 after working in-person in Columbia, Mo., on the Missouri FH Chapter's re-establishment during the fall 2020 semester. Andrew had ten FarmHouse chapters to support, which meant around 100 officers to meet with virtually throughout the spring semester.

"Getting to see chapter officers and fellow brothers face-to-face virtually, smiling together and talking through challenges was really beneficial," said Andrew. "I could have a check-in meeting with the Michigan State chapter president, review the Dyad Strategies survey results with the Nebraska chapter's executive board then speak with a Tennessee chapter advisor—all in the same day. This type of flexibility is much more difficult when we're on the road and focused primarily on the chapter we're visiting at that time."

Andrew continued, "I was also able to Zoom into chapter planning retreats, which we were usually not able to attend in person unless a chapter visit happened to coincide with one. One example is from the Tennessee FH chapter—they asked me to speak virtually at their chapter retreat in both the spring and fall semesters. When I visited them in-person this September, I was able to follow up on what we had discussed, and we already had strong connections with each other."

Although the Fraternity has resumed in-person visits for the fall 2021 semester, the staff continues to use virtual platforms to stay connected with chapter officers and advisors.

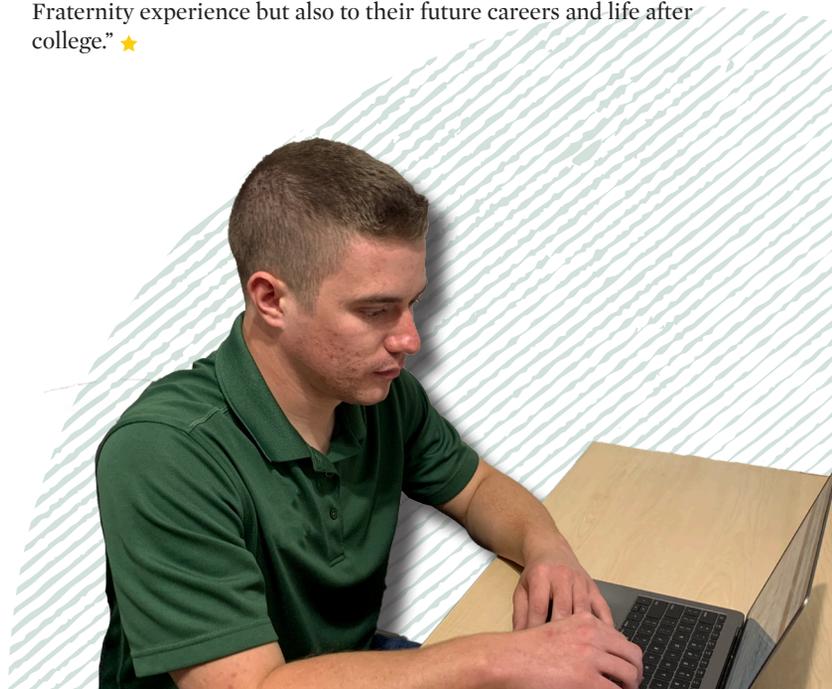
Assistant Executive Director Kahlin McKeown said, "Since many people are now accustomed to using platforms like Zoom and Google Meet it is much easier to feel connected and build rapport with chapters even outside of an in-person visit. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a number of challenges, but our new chapter coaching model is truly a silver lining that will be a mainstay of our program for years to come."

This increased level of support enables the Fraternity to have a year-round educational impact on chapters and members. Thanks to donors who invested in the FarmHouse Excellence Fund during FY 2020-21, over \$184,000 was granted to the Fraternity for the educational costs and staff time associated with chapter visits, chapter resource development and educational program delivery during the academic year.

Grants include reimbursement for the hard costs of staff travel, lodging, meals and on-site and virtual program facilitation expenses. Additionally, these grants included a reimbursement for the staff salaries and benefits related to implementing the educational portion of the consultant program and chapter support.

"We thank the Fraternity Staff and International Executive Board for their efforts and commitment to provide values-based educational programming to FarmHouse members and volunteers, especially during one of the most unique and challenging years," said Allison Rickels, CEO of the FarmHouse Foundation.

"We commend the team for being able to provide virtual chapter consultations, remote learning opportunities, intentional services and support to benefit every FarmHouse chapter and all members. We also recognize these educational initiatives are for the betterment, personal development and skills building of FarmHouse members, which are applicable not only to their Fraternity experience but also to their future careers and life after college." ★



CHAIRMAN'S CLUB

Join this growing list of committed donors!

Membership . . .

The Chairman's Club is reserved for those who provide the strongest unrestricted support through the FH Excellence Fund to FarmHouse. Your investment ensures we can meet the top priorities of our growing, progressive and successful International Fraternity and support all FarmHouse chapters.

Last fiscal year results . . .

A total of 201 alumni, friends, associations and foundation councils joined the Chairman's Club for FY 2020–21. Collectively, Chairman's Club members gave over \$592,000 to the FH Excellence Fund, which was over 80% of the unrestricted support of the Foundation. This generosity is incredible and so impactful for our students.

Your membership invests in . . .

- An increased level of hands-on and virtual support for chapters
- Premier leadership training and personal development programs
- Creation of health and safety initiatives
- Enhanced risk management education training
- Mentor and volunteer training programs
- Research-based initiatives and new Dyad assessment
- Future growth and innovation for the Fraternity
- Staff and resources to implement values-based programs and educational opportunities

Your membership includes . . .

- Exclusive Chairman's Club pin for new members
- Special FarmHouse gift as a token of our appreciation
- Members-only virtual sessions with FarmHouse Fraternity and Foundation leadership
- Who's Who Chairman's Club Directory
- Recognition in *Pearls & Rubies*, e-newsletters, Foundation website and the Foundation's Annual Report

Last Fiscal Year Raised for the FH Excellence Fund:
\$731,062

Goal for FY 2021-22: \$800,000

How Your Investment will be used:

- 90% for immediate funding priorities
- 10% for unrestricted endowment to sustain FarmHouse's future

**View a list of 2020–21
Chairman's Club members at**
farmhouse.org/foundation/chairmans_club.htm

Add your name to our growing list of Chairman's Club members for the FH Excellence Fund for the FY 2021–22 and move FarmHouse forward to our goal of 240 members by June 30, 2022.

LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

YOUNG ALUMNI

(\$500 or more to the FH Excellence Fund)
For young alumni, 30 years old or younger, you'll receive the benefits listed.

CHAIRMAN'S CLUB

(\$1,000 to \$2,499 to the FH Excellence Fund)
You'll receive the benefits listed.

FOUNDERS' CIRCLE

(\$2,500 to \$4,999 to the FH Excellence Fund)
In addition to the listed benefits, you will be invited to attend special Foundation dinners and alumni events.

SOWER SOCIETY

(\$5,000 to \$9,999 to the FH Excellence Fund)

POWER OF 7 SOCIETY

(\$10,000 to \$24,999 to the FH Excellence Fund)
In addition to the listed benefits, you will receive an exclusive invitation to attend the Power of 7 Seminar, which includes sponsorship of student mentee, 2-night hotel stay and meals.

CRESCENT SOCIETY

(\$25,000 or more to the FH Excellence Fund)
Join Master Builders, Doug Sims (IL 65) and Jim Herbert (TN 61), as donors and members of this premiere giving society. You will receive all of the listed benefits, Power of 7 Seminar invitation and special recognition.

THE POWER OF 7 SEMINAR TRADITION CONTINUES

Transferring wisdom, sharing life lessons, networking, celebrating brotherhood and learning across generations is at the heart of the FarmHouse Foundation's Power of 7 Seminar. It is also a unique fundraising tradition as a part of the FarmHouse Excellence Fund.

Alumni who make a gift of \$10,000 or more to the FH Excellence Fund are invited to attend and mentor one of FarmHouse's top undergraduate leaders.

The 15th Annual Seminar will be held in Washington D.C. on March 11-13, 2022. Current roundtable discussions, exclusive tours and special dinners are being planned for this memorable weekend in the spring. Please contact Allison Rickels at 816-891-9445 or Allison@FarmHouse.org for more information and to reserve your seat today.



STUDENT PROFILE

WHY YOUR GIVING MATTERS... MY FARMHOUSE EXPERIENCE

BY GRANT LACH (OHIO STATE 19)

My only regret is that I did not join FarmHouse sooner.

From finding myself in a completely different environment to being comfortable leading the efforts of our chapter, my FarmHouse journey has been filled with challenges, triumphs and plenty of learning opportunities along the way.

The promise of progress made in the FarmHouse Object is a guiding principle in my life, and I know my experience has been made possible because of the generosity and involvement of countless FarmHouse alumni.

I joined FarmHouse as soon as I could. As a sophomore transfer student, I found myself in a new setting, surrounded by people I did not know, being asked to make decisions about my future, even while I was uncertain about what I wanted to do. Plus, I was commuting 30 miles to Columbus, Ohio from my hometown for an 8:00 a.m. class. It was overwhelming to say the least.

My reprieve was found when I was approached by a friend to spend some time at the FarmHouse chapter at Ohio State. Once I had the opportunity to meet members, I was sold! Coming into a new, large university as a sophomore made it difficult to meet people and establish myself within the cohort of my major. With FarmHouse, I was immediately welcomed as a brother and encouraged to pursue what matters most to me.

My involvement in the chapter quickly began to grow as a new member. I had ambitions to attend FarmHouse conferences like the Emerging Talent Retreat, Conclave and the FarmHouse Leadership Institute. However, I wasn't able to since these in-person programs were canceled to prioritize our safety during COVID-19.

I continued to stay involved, became a chapter officer and pursued progress for myself and the chapter. I am also very fortunate to have received academic scholarships from the FarmHouse Foundation to help financially further my education and validate my career aspirations. So I had plenty to show when it came time to apply for the Power of 7 Seminar.

Hearing the news I was selected as one of the student attendees for the 14th Annual Power of 7 Seminar was extremely exciting. The Seminar experience, held in Kansas City, June 10-13, 2021, did so much to help me really think about a multifaceted approach to having a successful life. From discussing the global economy to picking your life partner, so much wisdom and advice was communicated to us as student attendees. I am incredibly grateful I was selected for this distinctive opportunity.

One of the most notable themes of the Power of 7 Seminar is mentorship and having the opportunity to learn from and listen to the experiences of many distinguished and inspiring FarmHouse

alumni. My Seminar mentor was Master Builder Jim Tobin (Iowa State 76). His resume is astonishing, but nothing compares to his thoughtfulness and dedication to make a positive difference in the lives of others through his generosity and involvement. Talking with Jim and the other alumni mentors who helped to make the Power of 7 Seminar possible, not only rooted me deeper into the ambitions I have, but helped me to establish a roadmap of connections that will be helpful in directing my future.

The fellowship and brotherhood during the Seminar weekend is something that will stick with me for the rest of my life. I am hopeful one day I, too, will be able to be among the men mentoring and making the Seminar possible for the future leaders of FarmHouse.

Approaching the close of my undergraduate journey is bittersweet. I ruminate upon the things we have been able to achieve as a chapter, in the face of so many trials, and the fast three years as an undergraduate member.

As I work to be accepted into a graduate school to continue to study astrophysics with a focus on planetary and exoplanetary science, my thoughts are often surrounded by the question, "how will I give back to FarmHouse?"

Without a doubt FarmHouse is a bright light in the sphere of fraternity life, but just like the stars burning through their hydrogen—that brightness must be fueled by the efforts of many. I want to be one of many supporting FarmHouse's bright future.

Thank you to all who have put forth time, effort and support to make the FarmHouse experience possible for me and so many others. The appreciation I have for our alumni and my FarmHouse brothers and friends is unending, and I look forward to paying back this kindness well into my future. ★

Grant Lach (OH 19) with mentor sponsors, Jim Tobin (IA 76) and Gina Heagney, at the 14th Annual Power of 7 Seminar in June 2021.



FROM THE EXPERTS: 2021 DONOR INSIGHTS REPORT

BY ADVANCEMENT RESOURCES

The events of 2020 challenged everyone on both professional and personal levels. Amid the disruptors, philanthropy became more important than ever — and donors responded, through heartfelt contributions that aided relief efforts and continued to drive change in their communities.

Moving forward, the biggest question in the minds of those who give and those whose organizations depend on philanthropy, like the FarmHouse Foundation, is how the events of the past 18 months have affected the donor mindset. Advancement Resources conducted a study to find out exactly how donors are feeling.

“There have been other reports and articles written concerning donors’ giving since the pandemic, but they are all based on surveys or numerical data collection,” says Ven Batista-Pedro, senior researcher with Advancement Resources.

“We created the 2021 Donor Insights Report to complement this information by conducting detailed interviews with donors to gain an in-depth understanding of how they are feeling. What we found was inspiring, useful and can benefit any nonprofit looking to find ways to relate to new donors and deepen their relationships with existing donors.”

Founded in 1999, Advancement Resources has evolved into a leading global provider of professional development in philanthropy—in large part because of their drive to uncover answers about philanthropy through qualitative research. Based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, their team of 39 staff members have trained over 80,000 professional fundraisers and partners in research-based education, implementation services, strategic planning and breakthrough thinking in philanthropy.

In early 2021, the Advancement Resources research team interviewed 27 individuals about their charitable giving, how the events of 2020 have influenced their philanthropic engagement and whether their philanthropic values have changed.

None of the donors interviewed decreased their levels of commitment to their existing causes. Most stepped up their charitable giving, targeting areas of greatest need exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“COVID was an immediate threat, and people respond to immediate threats,” stated one donor. Another donor said, “Our giving went up substantially. It’s probably somewhere between 25% to 35% higher this year.”

Advancement Resources probed how donors felt about the ways in which organizations engaged and interacted with them in 2020. Some donors are eager to get back to in-person meetings and events. Others have embraced the virtual world and appreciate the savings in both time and money afforded by less travel and in-person events. Either way, the donors interviewed said they want to be engaged.

The biggest takeaway from the research is the importance of building relationships and offering meaningful opportunities within organizations, like FarmHouse, have not changed and will not change, no matter what other events may be in the future.

Ben Golding (Iowa State 97), president and CEO of Advancement Resources, said of the findings, “The ‘new normal’ looks a lot like the ‘old normal’ — with some minor changes. The underlying nature of philanthropy remains constant. The joy donors receive from giving has not changed. Donors still want to make a difference for others based on their own personal stories.”

PHILANTHROPY: THE LOVE OF HUMANKIND

ONE FARMHOUSE ALUMNUS EXEMPLIFIES THIS PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY

For Darrell Godfrey (Iowa State 73), Master Builder, life is all about people and making the world a better place. Fortunately for FarmHouse, countless members, alumni, staff and volunteers have been the beneficiary of his coaching, mentoring and generosity.

Professionally, Darrell is Senior Vice President of Advancement Resources (see sidebar for more about the company). Darrell has extensive experience helping organizations, like the FarmHouse Foundation, develop comprehensive and strategic training programs to significantly raise levels of philanthropic support.

In his leadership role for nearly 14 years, Darrell has presented more than 500 interactive workshops to academic institutions, healthcare organizations and other non-profits. In addition, he provides specialized outcome-based coaching and consulting to academic leaders.

“After my first exposure with Advancement Resources, I learned they were helping philanthropic organizations be better and more effective at fundraising and connecting with donors. I was sold,” said Darrell.

“I thought, I can do that. I knew I was never going to be a big, big donor to organizations even though my wife and I are great donors to causes we believe in. But I knew I could make a major contribution professionally to help organizations improve themselves and positively affect people’s lives.”

“As a research-based organization in philanthropy, we spent hours interviewing donors, fundraising professionals, university deans, administrators and others about why people make philanthropic contributions and what is the best way to connect with those donors,” Darrell shared.

Darrell is a true connector, which he credits much to FarmHouse and has close ties to his work with Advancement Resources.

Darrell grew up on a farm in southwest Iowa and first learned of FarmHouse through 4-H. As a high school senior, he served as an officer on Iowa’s 4-H Council. The late C.J. Gauger (Iowa State 37), Master Builder, was the state’s 4-H Program Leader and became a long-time influence in Darrell’s life. “Through 4-H I learned there were other talented individuals beyond my family, school and community, and there was a bigger world out there. I also understood I had the opportunity to make others’ lives better through volunteering and giving.”

As a college freshman, Darrell joined the Iowa State FH Chapter. “The first time I visited the chapter house, a member asked me, ‘what can you bring to FarmHouse and why should we make you a member?’ It was the first time an organization asked me what I’d do to make an impact. It left a big impression on me.”

In FarmHouse, Darrell quickly got involved as a member and took on leadership roles. “At Homecoming and Founders’ Day, I noticed the many alumni who would attend and see the amazing things they had

accomplished, and that FarmHouse was an important part of their life. I thought, 'I want to be a part of this going forward.'

After graduating from Iowa State with a degree in agriculture, Darrell worked for Farmland Industries for 10 years. During that time, he worked with several FarmHouse alumni and students as he supervised their internship program.

During his time working for Farmland in Bloomington, Ill., Darrell was approached by his mentor, C.J. Gauger, to start a FarmHouse chapter at Illinois State University, which chartered in 1992 and he was named their Founding Father.

"Helping to start the Illinois State chapter was a unique experience. My frame of reference was a very well established, well financed FarmHouse chapter. Here was a group of young men who wanted something more and to become a FH chapter. We met in a classroom on campus and talked about FarmHouse's values, history and brotherhood. It was a true grassroots effort, grounded in the values of the Fraternity. A full circle moment was meeting the son of one of those founding members when he joined FarmHouse at Iowa State years later."

When Darrell moved from Bloomington to Liberty, Mo., his involvement in FarmHouse didn't stop. He served on the Fraternity's IEB from 1994-98 and was named a Master Builder in 2004.

Shortly after starting with Advancement Resources in 2008, Darrell made a call to Allison Rickels, Foundation CEO, inviting her to a public workshop for fundraising professionals and offered to give a half-day seminar to the Foundation Trustees about the board's involvement in fundraising. Allison quickly jumped at the opportunities after learning about Darrell's new role and the FarmHouse connection.

"The founder of Advancement Resources, Joe Golding and his family, are long-time friends through my wife, Nelda. They went to college together and we stayed in touch. In college, Joe's two sons, Ben (Iowa State 97) and Tim (Iowa State 98), joined FarmHouse. Plus, Allison went to high school with Ben and Tim. Today, Ben is President of Advancement Resources. It's all about connections and building relationships."

Shortly after the Foundation's board workshop, Darrell was invited and became a Trustee, serving from 2010-16. He was fundraising chair during the highly successful "Live. Learn. Lead. — The Campaign for FarmHouse", raising over \$23.6 million. Advancement Resources generously donated video production, coaching and training to the staff and board, thanks to Darrell's leadership.

"Serving as a Trustee was life-changing," he said. "It was another opportunity to be around exceptional people who had accomplished amazing things in their lives and wanted to take what they've learned and share it with FarmHouse. I saw how generous people are to FarmHouse and really enjoyed the opportunity to encourage others to be philanthropic to perpetuate the values and vital programs of our Fraternity."

"We are living in the greatest philanthropic opportunity," said Darrell. "However, philanthropy isn't about the money, it is about the meaning. The definition of philanthropy is 'love of humankind'. It's about understanding why and what motivates someone to give. People today are giving to fewer organizations and really asking themselves, 'what can I meaningfully do with at least a portion of my money that matters.'"

Darrell and his wife, Nelda, have been married for 44 years and they have two grown children, Elizabeth and Mark, who are each married and they have three grandchildren. Nelda is a professor and associate dean of innovative partnerships and practice at the University of Kansas School of Nursing.

They are committed to a number of philanthropic

interests and each serve as board members for organizations dedicated to building into the leadership and scholastic skills of young men and women.

Darrell and Nelda have been exceptionally generous to FarmHouse as long-time donors, annually as a Chairman's Club member and including FarmHouse in their estate plans. "I give to FarmHouse because I want to leave a legacy. Leaving a part of what you've been able to accomplish in a way that will keep an organization that helps people attain their highest potential. I want to be a part of it because it's very important. I highly encourage others to join me in giving generously to FarmHouse. It's much like planting seeds and letting people sit under the shade of a tree you may never see. That's incredibly rewarding."★



"THE FIRST TIME I VISITED THE CHAPTER HOUSE, A MEMBER ASKED ME, 'WHAT CAN YOU BRING TO FARMHOUSE AND WHY SHOULD WE MAKE YOU A MEMBER?' IT WAS THE FIRST TIME AN ORGANIZATION ASKED ME WHAT I'D DO TO MAKE AN IMPACT. IT LEFT A BIG IMPRESSION ON ME."

— DARRELL GODFREY (IOWA STATE 73)

Creative Gift Planning:

USING DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS TO INVEST IN FARMHOUSE

Donor-advised funds have become an increasingly popular way to support favorite charitable organizations, like the FarmHouse Foundation. A personal charitable savings account, these funds allow donors to easily track their giving and make an impact, no matter the economic climate. They can make giving easier and help you create a family legacy of giving as these FarmHouse Foundation donors share...

“Setting up a donor-advised fund was attractive for multiple reasons,” said Scott Nagel (Minnesota 85), Foundation Chair-Elect. “We consistently give to three to four organizations. I used to take stock and transfer it directly to the organization. That was lots of work and it often took 30 days for them get it. It is much simpler and quicker with a donor-advised fund. I transfer stock to my Schwab Charitable account, they sell it the next day, and then I make a recommendation on a donation to which the organization. Funding my donor-advised fund is based on when I want to sell stock. It allows me to sell high but avoid being taxed on the short-term capital gains.”

“Donor-advised funds help the community. They are a positive philanthropic tool to support causes you care about,” said Terry Tobin (Iowa State 76).

“From a tax standpoint, if you have a ‘life event’ that creates a tax burden you can contribute to a donor-advised fund that year, take the tax deduction then distribute the dollars over time.”

Terry added, “With the change in tax laws and the standard deduction for a couple being \$24,000-\$25,000, donor-advised funds allow you to ‘bundle’ your charitable contributions in one tax year to get above the standard deduction and then give consistently to support charities over time.”

“My wife, Lisa, and I knew we wanted to continue our philanthropy in retirement but realized our retirement income cash flow would be less,” said David Rock (Kansas State 77). “Our financial advisor recommended establishing a fund to enable planning for current tax and future giving. The ability to get an immediate increase of 30%-plus in our future available giving dollars by harvesting the tax savings up-front, then investing those funds, allowing them to grow was very appealing.”

You can establish a donor-advised fund at any age as young alumnus, Jordan Moore (Oklahoma State 05) explained. “After working with our financial advisor, we decided to set up a donor-advised fund so we could allocate money we’ve earmarked for giving for a tax benefit, but weren’t yet sure where we wanted to give that money specifically yet. We have been pleased to support the FarmHouse Foundation through this fund the last few years.”



HOW THEY WORK

A donor-advised fund is like a waiting room for a charitable donation. You establish a fund using cash or appreciated property with a nonprofit called a sponsoring organization. They then invest and grow your money over time.

There are two ways you can use the money in your fund to support your favorite causes, like FarmHouse.

1. Recommend a grant or recurring grants to the FarmHouse Foundation. This allows you to support our mission today.
2. Name the FarmHouse Foundation as a beneficiary of the entire account or a percentage of the fund. The Foundation would then receive the money left over after your lifetime.

THE BENEFITS

Establishing and giving through your donor-advised fund offers many benefits. You:

- Qualify for an income tax charitable deduction in the year you make a gift to your fund.
- Don’t have to track your contributions (your sponsoring organization does). You will receive a single tax document each year, making record keeping easier.
- Can grow your fund over time if your sponsoring organization invests it, eventually allowing you to give more than you thought.

ALREADY HAVE A FUND?

Don’t let it sit idle! Donor-advised funds are often described as “rainy day funds.” If you have a fund, make sure you put it to work by making recommendations each year. Your gift can be designated to provide funding for the FH Excellence Fund, leadership training, research, scholarships, chapter housing and any other educational programs made possible by the FarmHouse Foundation.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

When you make a gift to the FarmHouse Foundation from your donor-advised fund, we may not know who it is from. If you use your fund to make a gift to the FarmHouse Foundation, please let us know by contacting Allison Rickels, Executive Director & CEO at 816-891-9445 or Allison@FarmHouse.org so we can thank you for your generous support.

In Their Own Words...

DAVID ROCK
(KANSAS STATE 77)



WHAT IS ATTRACTIVE ABOUT A DONOR-ADVISED FUND AS A DONOR?

I have found a donor-advised fund to be a very useful tool in support of short and long-term giving objectives. The timing of income and tax benefits are not always aligned with giving opportunities. With a donor-advised fund, tax benefits can be realized when monies are put into the fund and thus realized in advance of the donation to a specific cause. Using Fidelity, it is convenient and easy to set up for one time and ongoing scheduled grants. By 'paying' in advance for future giving, the fund is invested and grows in value, increasing the capacity for philanthropic giving. The donor-advised fund also fits in our estate planning. Rather than have our bequests managed by our will and trust and incur the costs of document changes, we've named our daughter to make distributions based on our final wishes. With this plan we have the flexibility to change and adjust our final wishes without incurring the cost of legal fees. The remainder in the fund will become a gift to her to distribute as she chooses.

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO ESTABLISH A DONOR-ADVISED FUND?

My wife, Lisa, and I knew we wanted to continue our philanthropy in retirement but realized our retirement income cash flow would be less. Our financial advisor recommended establishing a fund to enable planning for current tax and future giving. The ability to get an immediate increase of 30%-plus in our future available giving dollars by harvesting the tax savings up-front, then investing those funds, allowing them to grow was very appealing.

WHAT OTHER ADVICE WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ALUMNI TO KNOW?

With the current tax law and increased standard deduction it takes significant levels of giving to realize the tax benefit. With a donor-advised fund you can pull ahead the deductions by bunching them to realize the tax benefit but retain control of the money for giving at a later date.

An Example of How DAFs Work:

Joe wants to give back to FarmHouse in a way that will benefit undergraduate brothers and their educational opportunities. He establishes a \$30,000 donor-advised fund with a community foundation. He receives a federal income tax charitable deduction for the amount of the gift. He also gets time he needs to decide and do research on which 501c3 organizations to support.

Joe recommends grants to the FarmHouse Foundation (which he has supported for years), his church and an area food bank. The community foundation presents the charities with checks from the James Fund, which Joe named in honor of his father.

He also decides to name the FarmHouse Foundation as the beneficiary to receive the account balance after his lifetime. Joe is gratified to start this personal legacy of giving.



TWO FARMHOUSE MASTER BUILDERS PERPETUALLY REMEMBERED

When two Master Builders and pillars of FarmHouse, **John Foltz** (Ohio State 55) and **Owen Newlin** (Iowa State 50), passed away in the last year, their FarmHouse brothers and friends came together to find meaningful ways to remember and celebrate their legacies in FarmHouse. As a result, named endowment funds were established in their memories.

John and Owen each exemplified what it means to be a Builder of Men. They were two of the finest examples of how to build others; be consummate leaders on the national, state and local levels; successful agri-businessmen; devoted spouses, fathers and grandfathers; champions for higher education; and long-time supporters of FarmHouse.

John C. Foltz served as USDA Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture and in numerous leadership roles for agricultural industry associations. After graduating from Ohio State University, John joined the Navy, was a part of several military tours abroad and became a naval weapons instructor. Following the military, John worked for FFA as public relations manager and then director of the FFA Foundation before joining USDA. Prior to retirement, he served as an Assistant Commissioner for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.



JOHN C. FOLTZ

John was instrumental in the merger and bringing FarmHouse to Ohio State University in 2010 and tirelessly served as a long-time volunteer of the Ohio State chapter and association. He served as a FarmHouse Foundation Trustee from 2008-11 and was named a FarmHouse Master Builder in 2010. John passed away Jan. 7, 2021, in Dublin, Ohio.

FarmHouse brothers Larry Hageman (Ohio State 94), Jack Stickle (Ohio State 03) and John's wife, Anne, and son, John Foltz (Ohio State 79) started the **John C. Foltz, Sr. Memorial Endowment Fund** with others contributing as well. The purpose of the permanent endowment fund is to provide grants for leadership training and scholarships to benefit members of the Ohio State FH Chapter.

"Our affiliation with FarmHouse would have never happened had it not been for Brother Foltz," said Stickle. "He recognized the character and values the men of FarmHouse had through his career and knew we aligned. He also knew our standalone chapter of ATZ could benefit tremendously with leadership opportunities, resources and part of a larger network. We will never be able to quantify the impact and insight John offered to our chapter and to many of us individually."

"John was the bridge of generations in our FarmHouse chapter," said Hageman. "Always engaging, listening, wanting to learn more about students and keeping alumni in touch. John always had a welcoming smile and a comforting handshake. By interacting with John, I have become a better man and a better person. It was an easy choice to recognize John for his efforts with an endowed scholarship and to contribute towards it."

John's son, John who serves on the International Executive Board said, "My father was a big believer in people and the

good that people can do. He was supportive of groups that build 'human capital,' and FarmHouse is a great example of such a group. He was also a strong backer of youth development and believed in the mantra that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. The endowment established in his name is a superb way to recognize my dad's legacy and his lifelong involvement in our Fraternity. Thank you to all who have supported it and will support it in the future!"

Owen J. Newlin, PhD., dedicated his entire life to his family and helping farmers feed the world. Prior to his retirement in 1993, Owen served as vice president of Pioneer Hi-Bred International and was a director of the company from 1963 to 1999. He volunteered on numerous national boards in the agriculture industry, on the Board of Regents for the state of Iowa including as president, FFA and on the Iowa State University Foundation. For his countless career achievements and involvement, Owen received many prestigious awards and national recognition, including the FarmHouse Master Builder of Men Award in 1998. Owen passed away July 12, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa.



OWEN J. NEWLIN

To honor and remember Owen, with the blessing of his wife, D.J., in September 2020, the **Owen Newlin Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund** was established. The Fund will annually award a scholarship for international study abroad experiences by a FarmHouse undergraduate. Members of the Iowa State FH chapter will receive first preference, with members of other FH chapters also eligible. D.J. was touched when asked about this idea and shared that offering a scholarship like this would be very appropriate as Owen believed international travel was very important to a young person's development and understanding of how the world works.

Paxton Williams (Iowa State 97), past president of the Iowa State FH Association, said, "I always have been impressed by Owen in my interactions with him, by his humor, good spiritedness and his ability to speak his mind and give his honest opinion in a clear, civil way."

Jim Tobin (Iowa State 76), who spearheaded the fundraising efforts for Owen's scholarship, said, "I recall Owen once saying to me, 'Jim, it is the people and their development as leaders that is the most important part of FarmHouse.' He lived the FarmHouse Object throughout his 92 years of life. Owen truly set an example for us and so many others who he encouraged and supported over his many years. This scholarship fund is an opportunity to permanently thank, honor and remember Owen and his legacy."

Individuals may make a donation in memory of John, Owen or other FarmHouse brothers memory to the FarmHouse Foundation at bit.ly/FHGive. Please choose "Endowment" in the drop-down menu and in the notes section write the person or Fund you would like to support. For more information about how to establish an endowment fund like these, please contact Allison Rickels with the FarmHouse Foundation. ★

Seeing Is Believing!

On the FarmHouse Foundation's Plan My Legacy website, you can:

- Find the right gift for you based on your age, assets or the amount you would like to give.
- Learn about ways to give and how to fund your gift.
- Write your own estate plans through our partnership FreeWill.com.
- Download brochures and watch videos on popular types of gifts.
- See your potential benefits with our Gift Illustrator.
- Get your plans in motion with our Personal Estate Planning Kit.
- See the names of FH Legacy Society donors.

WWW.FARMHOUSE.PLANMYLEGACY.ORG

GIVE THE *Perfect Gift* THIS SEASON.

3 WAYS TO HONOR A LOVED ONE AND SUPPORT FARMHOUSE

During the holidays, do you struggle to find the perfect gift for your loved ones, only to settle for something else just so you can cross them off your list?

We've all done it – given a gift that we know the recipient won't love. This holiday season, consider a gift they won't want to return. If you know someone who values FarmHouse's commitment to building men and/or have a FarmHouse brother who has made a difference in your life, consider making a donation in his honor. These tribute gifts are also a great way to remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

To learn how you can extend the impact of a gift to FarmHouse well beyond the holiday season, please contact the Foundation Staff.

HOW TO MAKE A TRIBUTE GIFT

There are three easy ways to give a tribute gift to FarmHouse...none of which require a trip to the store:

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- 2. MAKE A GIFT THROUGH YOUR ESTATE PLAN** – Include a gift in your will or living trust, stating that a specific asset, certain dollar amount or percentage of your estate will pass on to us after your lifetime in honor or memory of your loved one or another FarmHouse brother.
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CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

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EASY GIVING PLAN

Budget your investment by setting up a recurring gift, giving each month or quarter rather than a lump sum payment.

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A donor advised fund gives you the flexibility to recommend how much and how often money is granted to the FarmHouse Foundation and other qualified charities. You can recommend a grant or recurring grants now to make an immediate impact or use your fund as a tool for future charitable gifts.

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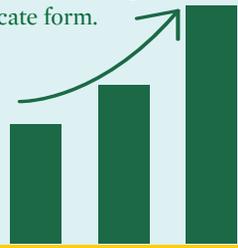
Those with a career in production agriculture can make a gift of grain or other commodities and reduce their taxable income.



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

STOCK GIFTS

Appreciated stocks and mutual funds can be transferred electronically from your brokerage account or sent through the mail if held in certificate form.



CARES ACT FOR 2021

The new CARES Act expands charitable giving incentives allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to donate up to \$300 to qualified charities, like the FarmHouse Foundation. For those who itemize, the law allows for gifts to charities be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for 2021.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Visit bit.ly/FHGIVE to make a gift online to any fund and at any time via PayPal's secure donation system. PayPal accepts all major credit cards. You can also make a gift and see your donor record on MyHerdBook.



OTHER GIFTS

The Foundation Staff is happy to answer your questions and assist with other gifts such as donor advised funds, life insurance, charitable gift annuities and planned giving. To qualify for a tax benefit in 2021 (when you itemize deductions on your income tax return), you must make your gift by December 31. To learn more, visit FarmHouse.org/Foundation.

MEMORIAL & HONORARY GIFTS

To make a tribute gift, indicate this on your check or include a note in the gift designation field for an online donation.



ESTATE GIVING

Including FarmHouse in your estate plans is leaving the ultimate legacy. Estate gifts include bequests, insurance policies, charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities. Doing so, you will be included as a member of the FarmHouse Legacy Society. To learn more visit www.farmhouse.planmylegacy.org.

MATCHING GIFTS

Your employer may have a matching gift program that can multiply your support. Please ask your employer for the necessary forms.



ENDOWMENTS

Endowment funds are permanently restricted so only the income from the funds is to be used for the purpose agreed to with the donor when the Foundation accepts the gift. Named endowment funds can be established at \$10,000 or more, which can be made in a lump sum, spread over up to five years or as an estate pledge commitment.

CHARITABLE IRA GIVING

Individuals age 70.5 or older can make gifts up to \$100,000 per year using funds transferred directly from their IRA to the FarmHouse Foundation without paying taxes on the distribution.

GIFTS TO A CHAPTER FUND

You may designate your gift for an endowment fund that is designated for a specific chapter as well as give to your chapter's foundation council or building fund.



ALUMNI NEWS

ARKANSAS

Freddie Bourland (Arkansas 67) was recognized by Southern Cotton Ginners Association for his work in cotton breeding and research.

Dr. Michael May (Arkansas 07) joined MANA Family Medicine South and moved back to northwest Arkansas.

Justin McCormick (Arkansas 11) started as Director of Alumni Engagement with FarmHouse Fraternity in July 2021.

ILLINOIS

Kirk Builta (Illinois 04) was elected as the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) Alumni Board of Directors as past president. Kirk has spent the past two years as the president of this board.



Drew DeSutter (Illinois 06), a corn, soybean and beef cattle farmer from Knox County, Ill., has been appointed by the American Farm Bureau's President to serve on their Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee.

Wayne Gehrke (Illinois 10) of Kane County, Ill., has been elected the 2021 chair of the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee.

David Gilmore (Illinois 86) was recipient of the University of Illinois ACES Alumni Association's Award of Merit designation in 2020.



Ethan Luth (Illinois 99) was recognized by the

University of Illinois ACES as a Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient for 2020.

Jake Prather (Illinois 09) was recently elected to the University of Illinois College of ACES board of directors as young alumni director.

IOWA STATE

Ken Fawcett (Iowa State 68) was awarded the 2021 Iowa Conservation Farmer of the Year award by the by the Iowa Department of Ag and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

Dr. Tony Fischer (Iowa State 97) was published in *Time Magazine* for his safety recommendations for children under 12 related to COVID-19. Fischer, MD, Ph.D., is a pediatric pulmonologist at the University of Iowa Health Care and an assistant professor in Iowa City, Iowa.

Jake Jacobson (Iowa State 93) started as senior advisor for Parris Communications in Kansas City, Mo.

Kurt Rosentrater (Iowa State 90) received the 2021 BBI International's Award of Excellence. He is the executive director and CEO of Distillers Grains Technology Council and associate professor for Iowa State University's Department of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering.

Daniel Tarte (Iowa State 14), a graduate student at Yale University, recently co-authored a paper related to plant photoperiodism in the Volume 56, Issue 17 of the *Developmental Cell Journal*.

KANSAS STATE

Lonnie Berger (Kansas State 75) wrote the leadership development curriculum called "Every Man A Warrior" in 2011. It has been distributed to 52 countries and has been translated into 18 languages.

Dr. Michael Dikeman (Kansas State 63) is the recipient of the R.C. Pollock Award presented by the American Meat Science



Association. This is the highest award given, in honor of the first general manager of the National Livestock and Meat Board.

MINNESOTA

The Minnesota housemother of more than 15 years, **Mary Ann Bannerman** has retired. She was an invaluable resource and support to the chapter and the alumni during her tenure. More than 300 undergraduate members have joined FarmHouse during her time with the chapter.

Philip Horsager (Minnesota 12) and wife, Megan, had their first child, Peter Aaron Horsager, born Aug. 29, 2021.



NEBRASKA

Curt Snodgrass (Nebraska 85) took early retirement in 2021 from Union Pacific Railroad, where he worked as an auditor and tax manager. He lives in Omaha, Neb. with his wife, Sophie and their daughter, Eden, and son, Bennett. A book has been written about the illustrious career and remarkable life of the late **Clayton Yeutter** (Nebraska 49) and will be available for purchase in December 2021. The book is called "Rhymes with Fighter: Clayton Yeutter, American Statesman" by Joseph Weber.

OHIO STATE

Ryan Vonderhaar (Ohio State 15) was married to his wife, Mary, on Aug. 22, 2020 in Carrollton, Ohio.



OKLAHOMA STATE

Jake Fanning (Oklahoma State 15) passed the Oklahoma bar exam in May 2021.

Preston Lewis (Oklahoma State 16) started with Ernst & Young in Dallas, Texas, as a financial accounting advisory services team member in September 2021.

Robbie Maples (Oklahoma State 10) married Sarah Dietrich on Aug. 7, 2021 in Oskaloosa, Kan.



TEXAS A&M

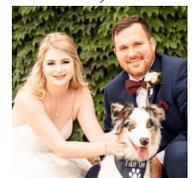
John Muns (Texas A&M 20) has started an organization called Operation Foxfire that coordinates aid for refugees in the Middle East. The program advocates for individuals who find themselves engulfed in geopolitical conflicts around the world.

TROY

Cody Farrill (Troy 11) was appointed chief of staff of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. In this role, Farrill serves as the primary liaison to the Executive Office of Gov. Ron DeSantis and he is also responsible for coordinating health care policy with the Florida legislature, other states and the federal government.

VIRGINIA TECH

Chris Atkins (Virginia Tech 10) married Lauren Sanford on July 2, 2021, in Manakin Sabot, Va.



Adam Ford (Virginia Tech 10) published "The House Cooperation Built," a history book for his employer, Rockingham Cooperative, to celebrate their centennial anniversary. Adam serves as the marketing manager for Rockingham Cooperative.

IN Memoriam

The following are notices received by the international office between March 15, 2021 and September 15, 2021.

Listed by—Name (Initiation year); Death 0/0/0000; Age at time of death; Resided in

ALBERTA

FRANCIS X. AHERNE ('74); 9/8/2020; 72; Bellingham, Mass.

AUBURN

LARRY C. ABEL ('75); 3/30/2019; 63; Winchester, Tenn.

CAL STATE POLY-POMONA

JEFFREY M. DEAN ('82); 4/24/2020; Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

JOSEPH L. SCRIVEN ('90); 1/16/2020; Lake Forest, Calif.

COLORADO STATE

JERRAL E. BALMAN ('58); 6/14/2020; 83; Flagler, Colo.

GEORGE R. BURGESS ('58); 12/23/2020; 82; York, Neb.

PAUL E. KONDY ('55); 2/2/2021; 84; Arthur, Neb.

DAVID J. MORELAND ('67); 6/29/2021; 75; Lakeside, Ariz.

ROBERT L. PAINTER ('58); 4/18/2021; 83; Crawford, Neb.

ELDON R. REYNOLDS ('53); 2/21/2021; 88; Delta, Colo.

BERNARD F. STANLEY ('53); 11/18/2020; 87; Bridgeport, Neb.

ROGER L. WHITE ('75); 1/2/2020; 65; Wray, Colo.

PAUL A. WITTENBERG ('59); 4/20/2020; 80; Hot Springs, S.D.

GEORGIA

JOSEPH W. LINEBERGER ('65); 4/16/2021; 77; Demorest, Ga.

ILLINOIS

R. PERRY BOSSHART ('62); 12/27/2020; 78; Modesto, Calif.

JOHN 'ROGER' BOSSINGHAM ('56); 2/17/2021; 83; Riverside, Ill.

RALPH BURNETT ('46); 5/15/2021; 97; Woodstock, Ill.

BYRON E. JONES ('59); 1/9/2021; 81; Gibson City, Ill.

JOSEPH P. MAIER ('68); 4/1/2021; 71; Germantown Hills, Ill.

WILLIAM A. SCHUMACHER ('61); 5/6/2021; 79; Maple Park, Ill.

PAUL E. SHUMAN ('56); 2/6/2021; 83; Sullivan, Ill.

GARY B. THOMSON ('54); 3/17/2021; 85; Modesto, Ill.

ILLINOIS STATE

RICHARD D. NESBITT ('83); 3/31/2021; 59; Indianola, Ill.

IOWA STATE

DENNIS D. BALVANZ ('68); 10/9/2020; 72; Hubbard, Iowa

DENNIS A. BOILEAU ('69); 4/3/2020; 69; Chaska, Minn.

CARL W. BOYLAN ('69); 4/17/2021; 70; Shenandoah, Iowa

CHARLES J. CHRISTIANS ('52); 4/29/2021; 87; Maple Grove, Minn.

A. CORBY FICHTER, JR ('50); 8/23/2021; 90; Shenandoah, Iowa

VERYL L. FRITZ ('50); 10/16/2020; 92; Cedar Rapids, Iowa

DONALD E. GREIMAN ('48); 4/5/2021; 94; Garner, Iowa

VERGIL A. HEYER ('75); 12/8/2020; 65; Ainsworth, Neb.

GAYLORD J. LYON ('47); 1/22/2021; 92; Toledo, Iowa

GARY C. MCVEY ('51); 8/19/2021; 87; Kerrville, Texas

RICHARD MCWILLIAMS ('64); 3/24/2021; 76; Boone, Iowa

MYERS M. ROSSITER ('49); 1/25/2021; 92; Winfield, Iowa

DELBERT C. SCHEIDER ('48); 3/30/2021; 95; Freeport, Ill.

JOHN W. SYNDERGAARD ('57); 7/10/2021; 82; Cecil, Wis.

GLEN O. THOMPSON ('76); 4/1/2020; 97; Fort Dodge, Iowa

RICHARD A. UTTER ('42); 11/18/2020; 97; Columbus Junction, Iowa

DARYL F. VISSER ('49); 6/15/2021; 90; El Cajon, Calif.

KANSAS STATE

JAMES A. BROWN ('57); 7/26/2021; 84; Clay Center, Kan.

D. RICK CORNWELL ('68); 5/17/2021; 71; St. John, Kan.

GILMORE M. DAHL ('55); 6/2/2021; 86; Broken Arrow, Okla.

WAYNE L. DAVID ('52); 10/15/2020; 87; Leawood, Kan.

LYLE R. FRITZEMEIER ('77); 9/17/2020; 62; Cascade, Idaho

SCOTT D. JOHNSON ('80); 6/5/2021; 59; St. Joseph, Mo.

DONALD W. LARSEN ('46); 1/10/2021; 94; Livermore, Calif.

STANLEY L. LARSON ('54); 5/1/2021; 87; Lawrence, Kan.

DONALD E. LOVE ('50); 1/6/2020; Kearney, Neb.

ROBERT H. MASON ('47); 3/25/2020; 92; Rio Verde, Ariz.

JOHN E. MEANS ('50); 7/6/2020; 89; St. Joseph, Mo.

JORY J. MEARS ('96); 7/18/2021; 45; Edmond, Okla.

JAMES M. MILLIKEN ('62); 5/15/2021; 78; St. Francis, Kan.

CAROL C. MONTGOMERY ('42); 4/6/2021; 98; Loveland, Colo.

WILLIAM C. MOTES ('53); 5/10/2021; Minneapolis, Minn.

DEAN L. SCHOWENGERDT ('46); 7/21/2020; 94; Coldwater, Kan.

KENTUCKY

MELBOURNE C. BROUGH ('52); 5/2/2020; 87; Brooksville, Ky.

JOHN H. COLLIVER ('66); 8/12/2021; 74; Louisville, Ky.

DONALD H. HERING ('60); 12/4/2015; 75; Warren, Mich.

RONALD L. SOUTHWORTH ('76); 6/1/2020; 63; Salvisa, Ky.

PAUL V. WESTERMAN ('77); 10/1/2020; 101; Seabee, Ky.

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MICHIGAN STATE

JAMES G. BECKER ('61); 2/18/2020; 79; Saint Johns, Mich.

GREGORY J. DAILY ('83); 3/17/2021; 58; Mayville, Mich.

LLOYD E. GIDLEY ('53); 3/10/2021; 88; Labelle, Fla.

STANLEY H. KNOPF ('50); 3/15/2021; 91; Grand Rapids, Mich.

JON A. MEAD ('61); 1/21/2021; 79; Frankfort, Mich.

WILLIAM J. MUMBY ('52); 8/7/2020; Utica, Mich.

SHARAD C. PHATAK ('62); 2/18/2020; 87; Tifton, Ga.

WILLIAM J. PINTAL ('54); 11/24/2020; 86; Eagle, Mich.

LARRY J. SCHULTZ ('69); 1/26/2021; 68; Marinette, Wis.

MINNESOTA

JOHN I. ANKENY ('48); 2/8/2021; 97; Saint James, Minn.

TERRENCE CURTIN ('51); 12/15/2020; 94; Fuquay Varina, N.C.

JOHN B. GRATZEK ('53); 11/22/2020; 89; Athens, Ga.

KEITH A. HANSON ('63); 1/16/2021; 76; Hopkins, Minn.

EUGENE B. HOOK ('51); 1/12/2021; 88; Tracy, Minn.

DAVID A. KING ('51); 2/11/2020; 87; Tucson, Ariz.

JACK W. REGISTER ('53); 1/17/2021; 89; Menomonie, Wis.

RONALD H. SCHMIDT ('62); 10/12/2020; 77; Gainesville, Fla.

RONALD W. THOMPSON ('63); 12/20/2020; 88; Colton, S.D.

HERBERT R. TIMM ('52); 2/21/2021; Minneapolis, Minn.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

JOHN C. BURT ('69); 7/4/2021; 72; Brooklyn, Miss.

ROBERT L. ELMORE ('64); 3/8/2020; 76; Naples, Fla.

DALTON G. GARNER ('64); 8/26/2020; 81; Booneville, Miss.

MISSOURI

ROBERT A. BELL ('66); 4/17/2021; 74; Carrollton, Mo.

JOHN E. DOAK ('50); 2/22/2020; 93; Dallas, Texas

PAUL GIBBS ('61); 4/20/2020; 78; Bettendorf, Iowa

LAWRENCE D. MANSER ('65); 1/13/2021; 74; Ridgedale, Mo.

EDWIN J. MERRIFIELD ('53); 2/16/2020; 87; Kansas City, Mo.

DARREL W. RAGLAND ('75); 7/19/2021; 64; Hastings, Neb.

ROGER A. REES ('77); 10/9/2020; Clermont, Fla.

IVAN S. SLAUGHTER ('41); 9/1/2020; 99; Greenwood, Mo.

MICHAEL L. SWIFT ('75); 4/12/2021; 67; Shelbyville, Tenn.

MONTANA STATE

BRENT M. HITCHCOCK ('84); 8/1/2020; 55; Dutton, Mont.

BRAD O. KING ('84); 9/4/2020; 56; Helena, Mont.

NEBRASKA

MAURICE D. ARGABRIGHT ('48); 11/13/2020; 96; Harlingen, Texas

OWEN W. BRAINARD ('47); 12/31/2020; 95; Elwood, Neb.

CALVIN B. DAHLKE ('41); 3/30/2021; 97; Omaha, Neb.

STEPHEN M. EVEANS ('73); 10/25/2016; 63; Omaha, Neb.

GLENN D. MARSH ('52); 1/9/2021; 89; Albuquerque, N.M.

RONALD C. MEINKE ('61); 3/13/2021; 77; Houston, Texas

MARVIN L. PANEITZ ('50); 10/17/2020; 89; Parker, Colo.

PHILLIP L. PANKONIN ('77); 7/18/2021; 62; Louisville, Neb.

DONALD REYNOLDS ('54); 6/4/2021; 85; Hastings, Neb.

ROGER STORK ('61); 4/21/2021; 78; Littleton, Colo.

DALE E. WOLF ('41); 3/20/2021; 96; Wilmington, Del.

ROBERT C. WRIGHT ('53); 5/30/2021; 88; Chappell, Neb.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

JULIAN H. BRAXTON ('98); 8/30/2021; 69; Clayton, N.C.

WILLIAM B. HIGGINS ('95); 5/13/2020; 71; Rutherfordton, N.C.

HORACE HIGGINS ('64); 2/18/2020; 76; Burnsville, N.C.

DURWOOD S. LAUGHINGHOUSE ('68); 11/20/2020; 72; Raleigh, N.C.

WILLIAM R. MARTIN ('61); 3/18/2020; 78; Franklin, N.C.

ROBERT R. PARRISH ('73); 4/9/2021; 66; Dunn, N.C.

RALPH SIEWERS ('54); 1/4/2020; 84; Sedgwick, Maine

DAVID J. SINK ('66); 12/8/2020; 73; Lexington, N.C.

JAMES E. STEELMAN ('54); 4/9/2021; 89; Wilmington, N.C.

MICHAEL F. THOMASON ('75); 2/23/2021; 64; Salisbury, N.C.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE

FLOYD J. ALBERS ('58); 8/17/2020; 81; Loveland, Colo.

FLOYD W. AUNE ('59); 12/14/2020; 82; Mayville, N.D.

ELROY E. HAADEM ('63); 3/13/2020; 77; Bismark, N.D.

DAVID O. SEILSTAD ('80); 12/15/2020; 61; Council Bluffs, Iowa

RANDY J. SILHA ('69); 4/7/2021; 73; Mindoro, Wis.

OHIO STATE

JAMES D. FISHER ('64); 7/31/2020; 78; Lansdale, Pa.

FREDRICK W. GIESSLER ('58); 1/29/2020; 83; Centreville, Va.

DALE JUDY ('59); 4/7/2021; 84; Hurst, Texas

JAMES E. LEONARD ('60); 6/19/2021; 82; Beavercreek, Ohio

OKLAHOMA STATE

JOHN C. ABBODD ('52); 10/6/2020; 89; Wichita, Kan.

DONALD R. BILES ('55); 4/12/2020; 86; Purcell, Okla.

JOHN W. FOLEY ('61); 12/22/2020; 78; Chickasha, Okla.

JACK L. HARDAGE ('52); 4/4/2021; 89; San Antonio, Texas

D. ALAN HERMANSKI ('71); 9/8/2021; 69; Garber, Okla.

LARRY C. KAUL ('56); 3/23/2021; 83; Miami, Texas

ROBERT C. LAFFERTY ('52); 1/2/2020; 88; Indianahoma, Okla.

DENNIS G. LAMUNYON ('54); 6/1/2020; 88; Jacksonville, Fla.

RICHARD W. TARPEY ('61); 2/6/2021; 78; Shawnee, Okla.

PURDUE

JAMES M. FRASER ('61); 4/9/2021; 79; Plymouth, Ind.

CHAD R. GEER ('88); 6/29/2020; 52; Fishers, Ind.

CRAIG S. WILSON ('80); 7/15/2021; 60; Rockville, Ind.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

GERALD K. CHING ('68); 4/13/2021; 73; Mountain View, Calif.

MARK J. POWERS ('68); 11/17/2020; 80; Durham, N.C.

DAVID J. STEFFEN ('66); 3/23/2021; 74; Burke, S.D.

TEXAS TECH

BOBBY MOSS ('93); 2/3/2021; 71; Brownfield, Texas

MARK S. WINBURN ('87); 1/10/2021; 55; Houston, Texas

THOMAS W. MONAHAN ('83); 4/20/2020; 55; Richland, Wash.

THEODORE POTTER ('59); 5/21/2021; 81; Kennewick, Wash.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

DAVID DUDGEON ('95); 8/28/2021; 50; Eastview, Ky.

WYOMING

EDWARD C. BLISS ('50); 7/23/2021; 92; Wheatland, Wyo.

CLARENCE W. BLUNCK ('52); 2/2/2021; 87; Platte, S.D.

MASON F. SKILES ('56); 4/13/2021; 83; Laramie, Wyo.



Master Builder: Jack Annan (Colorado State 53)

John L. Annan, 87, was born May 17, 1933 in La Salle, Colo., and died April 20, 2021 in Windsor, Colo.

He graduated from Colorado A&M College in 1955 with a degree in agriculture education. In 1966 he earned a master's degree in education from

Colorado State University (CSU).

Jack married his wife, Florence, of 66 years, on Sept. 19, 1954. Upon graduating from Colorado A&M, he received an ROTC commission in the U.S. Army Reserves.

After his military service, Jack went to Northeastern Junior College (NJC) in Sterling, Colo. as an instructor in the agriculture department. He worked for NJC in several capacities including instructor, recruiter and for the alumni

association until 2021. He was instrumental in organizing the Colorado Young Farmers Educational Association in 1970.

Jack received more than 20 awards and recognition during his lifetime including the Master Builder of Men Award in 2018. In 2004, a life-size bronze statue of Jack was dedicated on the NJC campus recognizing him.

He and Florence enjoyed traveling and visited every state in the United States.



Master Builder: Robert Crom (Iowa State 47)

Dr. Robert Crom passed away at age 95 on April 27, 2021 in Geneva, Ill. Bob was born Feb. 15, 1926 in Hampton,

Iowa. Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon graduating high school in 1943. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After an honorable discharge as a second-class petty officer, Bob earned his degree

from Iowa State University. On graduation day, June 9, 1950, he married his wife Lucy.

Bob began his career as a farm broadcaster for radio station KGLO in Mason City, Iowa, and then for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. He spent the next 40 years within the land-grant university system including 13 years at North Dakota State University (NDSU). He earned a master's from NDSU and doctorate from Michigan State University. He spent the next 22 years at

Iowa State as the director of alumni affairs and dean of extension and director of the Iowa Cooperative Extension Service. His last job was as the director of extension and outreach for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

He helped to start the NDSU chapter. He served as a Foundation Trustee from 1972-1982. He received numerous awards in his lifetime and received the Master Builder of Men Award in 1982.



Master Builder: Richard "Miles" McKee (Kansas State 49)

Dr. Richard "Miles" McKee was born Oct. 8, 1929, in Cottonwood Falls, Kan. He married his

wife, Marjorie, on June 22, 1952.

Miles grew up on a ranch in Chase County, Kansas. He attended Kansas State University (KSU), received a degree in animal science and was a member of

the national champion livestock judging team. He was a U.S. Marine and served in the Korean War as a 1st Lieutenant.

After his military service, he worked as a beef herdsman on ranches in Kansas, Missouri and Michigan. He returned to KSU as the herdsman for the purebred beef unit. Miles then received his Ph.D. in animal science from the University of Kentucky in 1968. He returned to KSU, joining the animal science and industry faculty where he received numerous

teaching awards. For years, Miles served as a "Burger and Brats Griller" at the department tailgate on football Saturdays.

Miles was well-known for his cowboy hats. He could be seen wearing one no matter the occasion. The Kansas State FarmHouse Alumni BBQ in September displayed a hat and collected donations in his memory. Miles died on Aug. 30, 2021, at age 91, in Manhattan, Kan. He was named a Master Builder in 2006.

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