



# THE WOLFCALL

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## A LEADERSHIP THAT DELIVERS

It was a banner year for Indiana Epsilon, as the chapter proudly took home a series of major awards recognizing excellence in leadership, service, academics, and brotherhood. The achievements mark another decorated year in the chapter's history.

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Pillar of Excellence in Athletics: **Luke Snider '24**
- Pillar of Excellence in Faith: **Aiden Koch '23**
- Outstanding President: **Aidan Wucherer '22**
- Intramural Player of the Year: **Arie Hofman '24**
- Advisor of the Year: **Matthew D'Alessandro '16**

### CHAPTER AWARDS

- Chapter with Highest New Member GPA
- Chapter with Most Outstanding Management
- Chapter Winner of Fraternity & Sorority Life Week

These awards reflect the chapter's all-around excellence and its commitment to living out the values of the Fraternity both on campus and in the community.

"Our chapter has become a model for what a values-based Greek organization should look like," said Matt Solak, House Corporation President. "With Matt D'Alessandro's leadership as Chapter Advisor our undergraduate brothers consistently go above and beyond expectations in every area. I congratulate Matt and the Chapter Advisory Team for our chapter-wide awards and congratulate those men who won awards individually."

The chapter's success is credited to a strong executive board, deep alumni support, and a culture that emphasizes accountability, support, and growth. Members say that while the awards are gratifying, the real reward is the bond they've built and the impact they've made.

"The brotherhood we've built here is something I'll carry with me for life," said **Aidan Wucherer '22**, a senior member. "These awards are just the icing on the cake."

As the chapter looks ahead to another academic year, it plans to continue building on this momentum, with new initiatives focused on diversity, wellness, and leadership training.

*"We're incredibly proud of what we've accomplished as a brotherhood this year. These awards represent the hard work and dedication every member has contributed to making this chapter something truly special."*

**- Arie Hofman '24**



Ellie McCauley of Kappa Delta and **Aidan Wucherer '22** were both honored as Outstanding Chapter Presidents.



Phi Psi and Chi Omega, received the Excellence in Chapter Management Award, recognizing their strong organizational leadership and chapter operations.



**Arie Hofman '24** honored with receiving the Overall Fraternity of the Year Award during FSL Week 2025. Alongside, the Overall Sorority of the Year Award recipient.

## NEWS FROM INDIANA EPSILON

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## CHAPTER DASHBOARD

## Brotherhood by the Books

This section provides a snapshot of Indiana Epsilon's current standing, offering insights into the chapter's undergraduate membership, academic performance, recruitment efforts, and financial resources. It also highlights scholarship recognition, house occupancy, and memorial listings.

CHAPTER  
HEALTH

3.4

## FALL '24 CHAPTER GPA

Indiana Epsilon's average GPA  
for the fall semester was 3.4.

31

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

More brothers were added to  
the band of brotherhood in the  
2024 academic year.

845

## ALUMNI MEMBERS

Over 840+ alumni now share  
the bond and band of brother-  
hood starting this fall 2025 se-  
mester.

FUNDS WITH THE  
FOUNDATIONINDIANA EPSILON  
CHAPTER ONEFUND

Net Assets: **\$1,226**

INDIANA EPSILON  
ENDOWED ONEFUND

Net Assets: **\$161,078**

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ENDOWED ONEFUND

Net Assets: **\$86,525**

CHAPTER  
ETERNAL

*We mourn our brothers who have entered  
Chapter Eternal and extend heartfelt  
condolences to their families and friends.*

**Duane R. Oelschlaeger '53**  
**Gary D. Hoffman '65**  
**Todd W. Shepherd '74**  
**Harold C. Nuoffer '96**

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# 2024 ALUMNI DONORS

In 2024, donors from the 1950s through the 2010s showed up in force, reaffirming the lifelong nature of Phi Psi brotherhood. Indiana Epsilon alumni contributed a total of **\$31,430.97** to support Indiana Epsilon through the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation from more than **60** individual donors.

## GIVING TOTALING \$1,000 AND ABOVE

Christopher J. Ciupke '01  
Peter C. Eldridge '91  
Donald V. Fites '53  
Brian D. LeFevre '88  
Kevin J. Marks '92  
Joel T. May '94

## GIVING TOTALING \$500 TO \$999

Richard G. Gove II '88  
Matthew A. Hager '87  
James R. Hobelman '62  
William L. Steinbrecher '53  
Roger J. Thon '02

## GIVING TOTALING \$250 TO \$499

Jantzen T. Eddington '02  
William W. Ott '54  
Edward W. Tornberg '53  
Jerry B. Widenhofer '62

## GIVING TOTALING \$1 TO \$249

Neal P. Armstrong '89  
Casey R. Arterburn '04  
Timothy J. Brown '01  
Andrew D. Browne '06  
Robert S. Copouls '02  
Preston D. Currie '11  
Kevin L. Daelke '84

Brad W. DeBlecourt '91  
Christopher L. DeMarchi '07  
Andrew J. Denecke '11  
Gustave J. Dolmanisth '53  
Jantzen T. Eddington '02  
William C. Failey '05  
Matthew C. Fitzpatrick '14  
Aaron M. Forni '05  
Thaddeus N. Fridgen '05  
Bryan J. Howell '04  
Brad R. Jessen '95  
William O. Karpenko '58  
Peter G. Mace Valparaiso '67  
James M. Messerschmidt '79  
Joel M. Meyer '91  
Harold C. Nuoffer '96  
Annette Otero *Friend of Phi Psi*  
William W. Ott '54  
Matthew M. Palandech '04  
Timothy J. Ressmeyer '79  
Robert D. Richards '60  
Scott M. Rodseth '04  
John C. Ruck '62  
Richard E. Schraeger '13  
Ryan W. K. Schrock '14  
Cody S. Shumaker '05  
Matthew G. Solak '05  
Edward W. Tornberg '53  
Drew B. Turro '09  
Jerry B. Widenhofer '62  
Raymond F. Widmer '59

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FROM SKEPTIC  
TO CHAMPION:

Anthony Luciano '19



**Anthony Luciano '19** representing Phi Kappa Psi at Valparaíso.

When **Anthony Luciano '19** first arrived at Valparaíso University, the idea of joining a fraternity was the last thing on his mind. Like many incoming freshmen, he brought preconceived notions about Greek life shaped by national headlines and stereotypes. However, his viewpoint quickly shifted as he witnessed the genuine brotherhood demonstrated by Phi Kappa Psi members throughout campus.

"I was against it when I first got to college due to the stigma of fraternities nationwide," Anthony recalls. "However, I wanted to join simply due to how I observed members interacting with others on campus. Whether I saw them in class, in the Union, at athletic events, or studying in the library, they broke the stigma and truly showed they were a part of a 'brotherhood' that welcomed everyone." Anthony's transformation from skeptic to devoted brother exemplifies the authentic character that defines Indiana Epsilon.

Initiated in spring 2019, he quickly embraced the chapter's values and became deeply involved in campus leadership, eventually serving as Interfraternity Council President and Vice President.

One of Anthony's most treasured memories centers on his role during bid turn-in nights as an IFC officer. "As soon as the new members walked through the doors, stood in front of all the chapter presidents and our council, and presented their bids that declared 'Phi Kappa Psi,' it gave me chills thinking how our brotherhood will continue for future generations and how far it has come through history," he shares.

Brother **Matthew D'Alessandro '16**, a former Chapter President and Valpo's most recent Chapter Advisor of the Year, proved instrumental in shaping Anthony's college experience and beyond. D'Alessandro served as Anthony's new member educator and became a trusted mentor who was always available for guidance, emphasizing the importance of doing the right thing regardless of the situation.



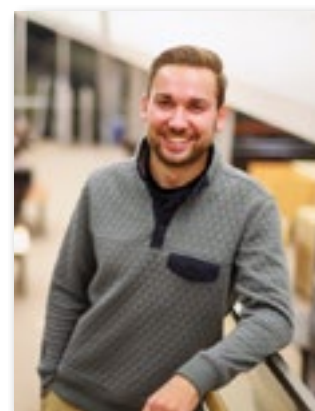
**Anthony Luciano '19** rings the Victory Bell on graduation day.

Since graduating, Anthony has built an impressive career at PepsiCo, starting as an Accounting Control intern during his senior year and advancing through multiple roles in the finance organization. Currently working on the North American Beverages Team responsible for headquarters activities, Anthony credits his Phi Psi experience with developing crucial leadership and management skills that continue to serve him professionally.

True to Phi Psi's spirit of brotherhood, Anthony has made it a priority to lift others as he climbs. One of his most fulfilling professional moments came when he helped a fellow Phi Psi brother, one class below him, secure an internship at PepsiCo that led to a full-time position. That brother has since advanced through two promotions and continues to thrive in his career.

Anthony's commitment to Indiana Epsilon extends well beyond his undergraduate years. He actively serves on the chapter's housing corporation. He mentors current members on financial management, budgeting, and business decision-making, ensuring they understand how these skills impact the organization's long-term success.

### HIS ADVICE TO UNDERGRADUATES EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF MAXIMIZING THE PHI PSI EXPERIENCE:



*"I would recommend that current brothers leverage university networks and get involved in leadership positions outside the chapter. This will help them become well-rounded leaders, and the skills they learn can be brought back to improve the chapter continuously."*

Anthony also strongly advocates for the residential experience, having lived in the chapter house for three years. "Though you might be alone in your bedroom or the library doing homework, the idea that you truly will always have your best friends around constantly pushing you to be better was extremely motivating for me."

Anthony Luciano's journey from fraternity skeptic to devoted alumnus illustrates the transformative power of authentic brotherhood and the lasting impact of the Phi Kappa Psi experience at Valparaíso University.

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## HOUSE CORPORATION UPDATE

Dear Brothers, Parents, and Supporters,

We're excited to share a brief update from the House Corporation as we continue to support the chapter's mission and maintain a safe, welcoming home for our undergraduate brothers.

#### Facility Improvements & Maintenance

The excitement of the property Union Street has certainly not dissipated over the last few years. Indiana Epsilon continues to have the premier housing facility of Greek life at Valpo. Our facility is a testament to the commitment of our alumni and a demonstration of the strength of our brotherhood.

We strive to make the necessary updates and maintenance to protect your investment in our chapter house.

#### Financial Status

While our finances remain stable we have made the decision to open the facility to the Valpo football team for summer housing. This is a great opportunity to be a strong university partner, make strides to build reserves for long-term investments in chapter house, and introduce a bunch of freshman men about what Phi Kappa Psi has to offer them at Valpo.

Additionally, we are always looking to strengthen our **annual giving program**. Contributions from alumni help ensure the house remains a vital part of the fraternity experience for future generations. Every gift — large or small — makes a difference. We know you have all done a lot to get us to the point of having our new chapter house, but we continue to ask for your support in its continued operations.

To donate, visit: [pkpfoundation.org/indiana-epsilon](http://pkpfoundation.org/indiana-epsilon)

All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

#### Alumni Engagement

If you're interested in volunteering or serving on the House Corporation board, please reach out — we'd love your input and involvement. We are working on shifting the House Corporation to a "project based" type of volunteering model. The goal being to increase the number of volunteers while allowing volunteers to focus on their individual passions on how to improve the Indiana Epsilon experience. If there is something specific you'd like to be involved with let us know.

#### Looking Ahead

Our mission remains the same: to provide a high-quality, affordable living environment that supports the chapter's academic, leadership, and social goals. With your continued support, we'll ensure that the house remains a strong foundation for brotherhood for years to come.

Faternally,

**Matt Solak '05**

President, Indiana Epsilon House Corporation

## STAY CONNECTED

#### Chapter Website

[www.valpophipsi.org](http://www.valpophipsi.org)

#### Chapter Facebook

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#### Chapter Instagram

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#### National LinkedIn Group

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#### National Website

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#### Foundation Website

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Make sure you stay up-to-date on what is happening within the chapter and organization. Complete the form on the back of this newsletter, place it in a stamped envelope and mail it to the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation. You can also use the link at the bottom of the form to submit your information electronically.

#### Support Indiana Epsilon

Gifts to the Indiana Epsilon Housing Fund can be made by check, credit card and/or appreciated securities. These gifts are 100% tax deductible through the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation.

You can give online using a credit card at [pkpfoundation.org/indianaepsilon](http://pkpfoundation.org/indianaepsilon)



or by mailing a check to:  
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Checks should be made payable to the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation and note Indiana Epsilon Housing Fund on the memo line.



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# Save the Date!

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Join us in celebrating homecoming weekend at Valparaiso!

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY**

**October 24-26, 2025**

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Indiana Epsilon Chapter

Mark your calendar and make your hotel  
reservations now! Family and friends are  
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*Invitation and details to follow.*

