

NABOR NUBBINS

Nabor House Fraternity - University of Illinois

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NABOR HOUSE 2018/2019

Board Update

When looking to the future of our organization, we need to remember the importance of the ability of the active chapter to surface and successfully recruit new members. Due to recent changes in University policies this has been made much more difficult. In the past we have worked closely with the College of ACES for assistance on contacting U of I freshman. A new University policy has made this previous avenue unavailable to us. As alumni, we must increase our efforts to identify young men in our communities that will be attending the U of I and would make good Nabors.

Once the active chapter gets these men to attend a rush weekend at the house they have a very high chance of getting them to pledge. The record of getting rushes to pledge is incredibly successful. We have a great alumni base and keeping the active chapter confident in our network is key to future success.

Our goal as a board is to increase communication between the active chapter, the board, and the alumni base. This is being made more difficult by our growing number of alumni, and the increasing cost of postage for regular mail. An affordable solution is to communicate on a more regular basis is through email.

To do this we need to keep the alumni database up to date, with an emphasis on current email addresses. As alumni I encourage you to take the time to keep your information up to date as well as other Nabors you keep in contact with. This helps keep our entire network strong.

Seven years ago the fraternity made a commitment to build a new house and the large financial outlay that went along with that decision. Because of the generosity of many alumni we were successful in being able to build the house and leave Nabor House on a firm financial footing. The board has been able to hold the line on rent to the active chapter for the six years we have been in the new house. This year because of increased taxes and insurance premiums we were forced to raise the rent to the active chapter for next year (*Fall 2019*). It was a small increase but it was necessary to keep us on pace for repaying the mortgage on the house.

The board has also established a goal of trying to pay the mortgage off five years early so that we would be better positioned as we start getting into higher repair costs for an aging facility. In order to be able to achieve this goal we will need to rely on the continuing generosity of our alumni. If you haven't made a donation to the building fund or the foundation I would encourage you to do so. The Building with Bushels program is a very good way of maintaining deductibility of donations to the building fund, and the foundation is still tax deductible.

Also in this Nubbins is an article about a new way to donate to Nabor House made possible by the new tax law.

As we look to the future the board is committed to keep Nabor House as the best value in housing on the U of I campus while maintaining our commitment to keeping the high scholarship and leadership roles.

Fraternally,

Scott Reifsteck
Fraternity Board President

Save the Date...
Nabor House Annual Meeting
July 20, 2019

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Active Update - Fall Semester



The fall semester of 2018 was very interesting and extremely busy to say the least. Reflecting on the period a few months later, it truly seems like a blur. At times, I wondered if the semester would ever come to a close. Aside from the annual fall events that took place as usual, the fall semester saw the challenges of a time of remembering and being reminded of the history of Nabor House and what it means to be a Nabor.

Members of Nabor House have historically made the personal decision to interject four years of (*relatively low-risk*) learning and growth into their lives between high school graduation and the beginning of their working lives. The founding of Nabor House marked a time in which college education was less common and less expected. It was a privilege. We seem to be living in a very different time. For many current students, college is less of a privilege and more of an expectation. Though not at all entirely negative, there are certain benefits this change has allowed to be taken for granted. I also note that the house atmosphere has altered cyclically through the eight decades of its existence. These items stated, the challenges we faced during the fall semester have reiterated the importance of the Nabor House founding principles.

How we respond to changing times will dictate the success of the next ‘chapter’ - the next 80 years - of Nabor House. While I don’t believe it wise to respond to cycles with broad-sweeping alterations in procedures and governance, I do see an ‘ideal’ opportunity to renew our commitment to representing ourselves and Nabor House in such a manner that is a respectful tip-of-the-hat to our founding members and previous generations of Nabors.

The idea behind Nabor House poses an incredible opportunity to influence coming generations of young men. My years at the house were extremely rewarding and I see great importance in maintaining many of the traditions that bring house members into lasting relationships with one another. The fall semester was an outstanding learning opportunity that I believe will allow a very prosperous future for many more generations of Nabors.

I was able to graduate in December and have since re-located to Clinton, Illinois, and began work as a Farm Manager at Moore-Warner.

I greatly enjoyed learning, working, and recreating with my fellow Nabors the last four years. I give a massive ‘thank-you’ to all members, advisors, and alumni of the house who worked together during the course of the fall semester; it was truly a pleasure.

Frazier Curless
Fall 2018 House President

Fall 2018 House Officers	
President	Frazier Curless
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Treasurer	Michael Curry
Secretary	Jacob Calvin
Rush Chair	J.C. Campbell
Rush Chair	Andrew Brewer
Work	Derek Bernhard
Chaplain	Peyton McClure
Commissar	Joseph Howard
Historian	Connor Wachtel
Exec. Board	Ethan Plote
	Luke Hennebry
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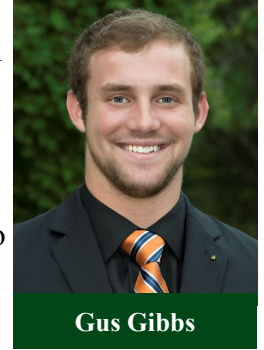
Active Update - Spring Semester

Spring 2019 House Officers

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Exec. Board	Ethan Plote
	Daniel Harder
	Nicholas Close
	Michael Curry

I had the privilege of taking some time away from school and completing a six month internship/coop program with CAT in Peoria, IL in their marketing division during the second half of 2018. This time away provided a unique professional experience prior to the end of my college career. While I did miss the entire fall semester, I was able to assume a leadership role in the house upon my return to campus.



Gus Gibbs

This spring was incredibly unique and I could not ask for a more memorable and humbling experience as President. We started off by adding ten more well-rounded individuals to the active chapter. I have very high expectations on what these individuals will accomplish during their time here as students and as Nabors. All the officers this year did an outstanding job, especially the Rush Department who orchestrated some extremely successful rush weekends. They are well on their way to filling the house again.

It is hard to believe that this semester is already more than half over, but luckily, we still have some of the best events left to come. These events include the annual beach party, scholarship dinner, Mom's weekend and more. This semester, Nabor House has made a wonderful addition to the house by painting a massive Chief in the first-floor recreation room. While the rest of campus might one day forget, the men of Nabor House will always remember and respect our true mascot, the Chief! I've included some pictures of our work to the first floor rec room:



Again, it has been a fantastic last semester and I look forward to coming back to the house in the future as an alum. Here is to another successful 80 years!

Gus Gibbs

Spring 2019 House President

Alumni Spotlight - A Letter From Rob



Fr. Rob Johnson

Dear Nabors & Friends,

I'm thankful for the opportunity to write and get to reflect on my years at Nabor House, from which I enjoy very fond memories and very good friendships today. I'm smiling (*and laughing at the memories*) realizing that I have stood as best man at the wedding of two Nabors, as a groomsman for two more, and I am excited to say I will be witnessing (*officiating*) the marriages of two more this August and October. I am honored to be Godfather to three children of Nabors and have now baptized two others as well! Not to mention the annual get togethers and golf outings with others that are again in the works for this summer.

When I moved into the House in the fall of 2005 I never dreamed I would be a Catholic Priest 13 years later, but God's plans are better than my own. I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois on May 26, 2018. I still love to hunt and read and spend time with my family and am currently the parochial vicar (*assistant pastor*) at St. Boniface Parish in Edwardsville, IL and the Newman Chaplain at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Both places have been great fits and very life giving.

I usually get a good laugh when I tell people that I first started to consider a call to the priesthood at a fraternity, but it is simply the truth. The roots and foundations of my Faith come from my family, but it was cultivated and deepened in a profound way when I was at Nabor House. It was there that I attended my first Bible study and formed friendships that challenged me to put Jesus at the center of my life. It was through friendships at Nabor House that I was introduced to the Newman Center on campus, where I started to attend daily Mass and go to confession on a regular basis and really learned how to pray and where I realized that the more I got to know Jesus the happier and more free I became, which allowed me to ask for the courage to follow God's will in my life wherever He called.

Life as a Catholic priest is a serious responsibility and is not easy, but it is full in the best way, and it's a lot of fun. As a priest I have the privilege of being with families in the absolute best and absolute hardest of times and of trying to follow Jesus with my whole heart and life and helping others to do the same. It is a life I am not worthy of but that I grow in gratitude for every day.

If you're ever in the Edwardsville area please stop by and say hello! God bless,

Fr. Rob Johnson

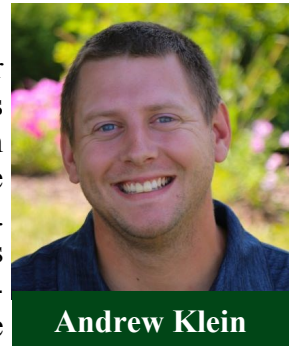
*A few photos from Fr. Johnson's First Mass at Resurrection Catholic Parish - Illiopolis, IL
Fr. Johnson's brother (Ross Johnson) and brother-in-law (Justin Moffitt) are also fellow Nabor House Alums*



Alumni Spotlight - Seeds of Success

Klein Selected to Lead New Ag Program

Andrew Klein has never been one to shy away from leadership roles. He arrived to Nabor House exactly one year late, due to a commitment with the Illinois Association FFA to serve as the 2014-2015 State Reporter. His decision to live at Nabor House began a chain reaction in which four consecutive major State Officer teams were represented in incoming Nabor House pledge classes (Andrew Klein, *Reporter 2015*; Connor Carmody, *Vice President 2016*; J.C. Campbell, *President 2017*; and Joey Birrittier, *President 2018*). While the House's history is rich with FFA influence, this continued presence is truly appreciated. Not only was he influential in the direction of the house recruitment efforts during his time, he also became even more well-rounded by completing basic training in the summer of 2017 and is now a member of the Illinois National Guard.



Andrew Klein



Being at the right place at the right time can be very rewarding and when Andrew began looking at careers in the agricultural field—specifically a role in Ag Education, there were several vacancies throughout the state. One in particular offered a greater challenge than many other opportunities. In early 2018, the Decatur public schools decided to move forward with creating a brand new Agriculture Education Program. While Decatur is home to some of the largest agribusiness, manufacturing, and production companies in the world, the public school system had no curriculum in place to educate the 8,900 within the system on agriculture and the opportunities the industry provides to residents of Illinois.

This opportunity came with great challenges, but one of the main obstacles in getting a new program off of the ground was taken care of: *Funding*. The Howard G. Buffett Foundation based out of Decatur, awarded \$1.65 million to the Decatur Public Schools to fund this initiative. In a statement about the new venture (named the Dwayne O. Andreas Ag Academy), Howard Buffett noted: “*We have to engage more young people to pursue opportunities in agriculture if we want the U.S. to continue to be a leader in global food security...*” he went on to mention “*Dwayne Andreas was a true pioneer who helped make the U.S. a global leader in agribusiness. We hope this academy inspires the next generation of leaders to build on this legacy.*”

This past summer, recently graduated, Andrew began his role as the first Agriculture Teacher and FFA advisor of this newly funded venture at Decatur MacArthur High School. A successful first year of selling involvement and participation amongst a student base with no formal knowledge of career development events, supervised agriculture experiences, let alone creed speaking and parliamentary procedure. Andrew was able to take a group of students to National Convention in Indianapolis and State Convention in Springfield, they toured businesses, visited farms, and met with community leaders on agriculture based issues. This foundational year, under great leadership, will no doubt provide a sound base to what is hopefully a very successful venture into the future.



Well done Andrew, keep up the great work.

-Submitted by the Active Chapter

Buzz Chart - Actives Recap

Room 1

Gus Gibbs - This semester in Room 1 with Kendall Loudon and partially Adam Rosentreter (Rosie) went by way too fast as it always seems to do. This room held discussions on the future of the house, frustrations with politics and many talks about our faith in Jesus. I look forward to coming back here and reuniting with my pledge brothers as alums!

Kendall Loudon - This semester was my last one here at the house, and it sure has gone quickly. My favorite memory by far this year was being in the Orange Krush when the Illini beat Michigan State. I can't describe how loud it was in there and how much fun it was to storm the court, but it was impressive. Yes, Illinois basketball has been disappointing the last four years, but it definitely had its memories that I'll remember for a long time.

Adam Rosentreter - Following a semester preparing to begin student teaching high school agriculture in Seneca, my semester as a teacher has flown by. The year itself has been the quickest of any yet, and it will be tough to move on from a place full of people I've grown fond of. At the same time, I am excited to begin my career as a Marketing Representative at John Deere and begin practicing what the University has preached to me for so many years. I am thankful for my time at Nabor House and the great relationships that have been developed thanks to this organization. I look forward to visiting, especially with my brother attending Nabor House, for many years to come.

Room 3

JC Campbell - This year has been a very exciting and an involved one for me. This year I worked in the house as Rush Chair. We have recruited a very strong group of Nabors for Fall 2019 and I am very excited to see them contribute to the house in the coming year. When I haven't been working in the house I have been taking on the bulk of my core classes this year and I have been working on campus as an ambassador for the ABE Department. I am very excited to use the knowledge gained from these courses this summer working with John Deere in Waterloo, IA as a marketing intern.

Joseph Howard - This semester has been going fairly good for myself; am currently in Room 3 with JC Campbell and Luke Henebry. We attempt to spend a lot of time

studying as JC and I could both be getting better grades, but Luke and a few other members of the house seem to know when we're being productive and choose then to come in and distract us. Because of this, I have spent a lot of time in the library downstairs in order to get my work done. It has been a tough semester, but an entertaining one so far and I'm excited to see how it turns out!

Luke Henebry - I had a great year at Nabor House. I served on the executive board in the fall and headed up the scholarship dinner for the spring. I moved into room 3 in the fall and have enjoyed the atmosphere of people coming in to hang out. I will be graduating in May and I greatly appreciate the impact Nabor House has had on me.

Room 4

Joey Birrittier - I really have enjoyed my first year here at the University of Illinois. The guys in room 4, Derek and Brewer, have made the transition easy for me. You often find us in room 4 jamming out to some guitar hero or listening to music from Derek's radio. Overall I have had a great time my first year at Nabor House and look forward to three more years to come.

Andrew Brewer - This past semester has been very busy for me. Whether playing intramurals, working, or trying not to fail out of chemistry, I've always got something going on. I've enjoyed rooming with Derek and Joey. We have the game Guitar Hero in our room, so there is a constant stream of visitors in room 4 practicing their guitar skills.

Derek Bernhard - Rooming in 4 with Andrew Brewer and Joey Birrittier has been great this semester. It has really helped me balance education and recreation, and with cooperation between the three of us we have created a fun room that attracts plenty of visitors. This summer, I have an internship with AGCO fixing combines out west, which should bring in plenty of funds.

Connor Carmody - My first semester of Junior year was a very good yet very busy one. I have started working with GDM seeds and spent two days a week during the semester at their Champaign location. This second semester has been very unique for me. I have been studying abroad in Ireland and spending weekends traveling to as many different unique places as possible. I come back in May to start my summer internship in Plant Breeding with GDM and will return to Nabor

House for my senior year.

Room 5

Joseph Myers - Lived 8 semesters in Room 5 and wouldn't want it any other way. Change is bad, Room 5 for life.

Ryan Harter - Room 5 is the best. I am having a good semester. I really enjoy living at Nabor House and interacting with my fellow Nabors every day.

Duncan Bradshaw - This year at Nabor House was a great experience. I was introduced to various clubs on campus and am a current member of the Illinois Hoof N' Horn club. I am a member of the House's archery tag team, and was a member of the flag football team as well. I was able to go to the gym throughout the day and work on my personal goals in life, which has made my transition to college much easier. Room 5 for the win.

Room 6

Daniel Harder - This year I am in room 6 with Jacob Calvin. We have a 2 man room because our room is one of the smaller rooms in the house. I will be working for Illinois Athletics again this summer as the Team Camp Coordinator. The house has participated in many events this year but so far my favorite has been the basketball tournament, we got a team together the day before the event and went to win the whole thing and win \$200. I will be a senior next year and I plan to get the most out of Nabor house as my time here is coming to an end.



Jacob Calvin - This past year I have been a lot more involved with the house and in clubs and classes and have been the secretary for the house. This spring I worked with Sigma Alpha's philanthropy chair to organize our annual pancake dinner for ag in the class room. I was able to go on a media immersion course trip for spring break where we visited different companies and ad agencies where spoke to and networked with alumni and employees at these huge companies like Nike, Adidas, Amazon, and Google.

Buzz Chart - Actives Recap

Room 7

Adam Kozuszek - In my last semester here at Nabor House, my pledge brother Ryan Miller and I have returned to room 7 where I spent my first 8 weeks as a freshman. As we both are busy working and farming, room 7 often remains empty. However, the time we spend in room 7 is consumed by talking about farming, watching farming videos on youtube, and honing my fortnite skills. Now entering the final few weeks of my college career, I have been reflecting on the experiences I have had because of Nabor House. Without a doubt, living at NH has been the highlight of my college experience. The friendships I have created at the house will last a lifetime. You hear about random connections that the house creates and just last week I was able to experience one of those connections when I found out a hopper bottom trailer that I had just purchased had previously belonged to two fellow Nabors that I had lived with in my time at the house. As I graduate and move into the next chapter of my life, I look forward to keeping up with the guys in the house and making more of these random connections with Nabors both young and old.

Ryan Miller - The spring of 2019 has been a bittersweet one in Room 7. It is my last semester living at Nabor House and I find myself looking back and recollecting on my years in the house. I am so thankful for what the house has given me and very happy that I chose to spend my college years living here. With commencement fast approaching, it is becoming increasingly tougher to keep focused in classes, but overall this semester is going good and looking forward to what comes next.

Room 8

Jonathan Myers - This year I have enjoyed being back at school as a sophomore. The first year was fun but I was glad that when I came back I already knew all of the guys I was living with. I am looking forward to spending the remaining two years of college having fun and making even more friends.

James Walker - I really enjoyed my experience as a pledge had some fun roommates in Ryan and Joe. I have enjoyed the recreation aspect of the house more than expected. I look forward to next year and returning knowing all the guys in the house.

Austin Schorfeide - My year at Nabor House has been one filled with many wonder-

ful and humbling experiences. My first semester at the University of Illinois flew by, as did the pledge process at Nabor House. I have learned a lot about myself and others this year from living in Nabor House, and I have come to appreciate almost everything about this house. Some of my favorite memories so far have come from random dinner cook crews or Sunday night dishes just having fun with my fellow Nabors. I look forward to the rest of this year and continuing my college career as a member of Nabor House.

Room 9

Nicholas Close - This has been a good sophomore year so far at Nabor House. Things are going well in room nine this semester, and Payton, Joe and I get along well. I am currently serving on the house's executive board and as the house librarian. I also served as the assistant work chair this past fall. I have enjoyed being involved with these offices and enjoy attending the house events like the rush weekends. We even had a big evening this spring where we hosted both a catered Illinois Ag Leadership dinner as well as a fun Family Feud social with Sigma Alpha. There was a good turnout from both groups, and everyone really got into the game. I look forward to more events like these and seeing what else this semester will bring!

Payton Hallis - This semester has been going well as it is my first semester after switching majors. My classes are much different and I have been enjoying them much more. This has overall been a very enjoyable semester.

Joseph Harmon - This year has been a very monumental and exploratory year for me. I have spent much time thinking about what I want in my college and post-college life. Its been an interesting and exciting year both at school and at Nabor House and I have definitely learned a lot from both.

Room 10

Michael Curry - This year has only had a few bumps in the road, but all in all it's been good. Fall semester I was treasurer and spring I am Vice President. I have gotten more involved with AFA and Field and Furrow. I am looking forward to the last few years.

Luke Crane - This is my Sophomore year here at Nabor House and it has been very busy. I am currently the active treasurer of Nabor House so I have been staying very busy making sure bills are paid on time.

Keeping up with school work hasn't been too hard. I am using this last semester of my time in the pathways program to finish all of my general education classes before I have full tuition at the U of I and those classes haven't been a very big challenge. I have enjoyed my time in the pathways program but I am ready to be a full time student at the university. As far as my room for this year it has been very entertaining. All of my roommates get along very well and they are always fun to be around. I'm excited for the next couple of years here at the house.

Ben McClure - About halfway through my second semester here at Nabor House and the University of Parkland College, I find it hard to believe how fast this year has gone by. Keeping up with eighteen hours has been challenging and kept me busy but it is going well so far. Pledging is finally over and I have found time to relax and do some recreating when I am not in class or studying. Room 10 has treated me well and I have enjoyed the camaraderie in here with Crane, Mike, and Nicholas. Overall, I have had a great time in the house so far, and I am looking forward to finishing the semester strong.

Nick Torrance - My name is Nicholas Torrance. I am a freshman from Macomb, IL. My major is crop science and I am considering a minor in Animal Science. My family raises corn, soybeans, and Hereford cattle. I hope to take over the family farm someday after I graduate. My experience at Nabor House has been very good so far. Sometimes pledging was difficult but looking back I would not change anything about it. I have gotten to meet some really great guys and my pledge brothers are awesome. I have been involved with the Hoof N' Horn club on campus. Chemistry has probably been my most difficult class so far. I look forward to three more great years at the house and the University!



Buzz Chart - Actives Recap

Room 11

Peyton McClure - It has been another great year at Nabor House and the University of Illinois. I have made new friends and grown in some relationships with some guys who I have gotten to know over the last 1-2 years. Ethan Plote, a great guy who I have gotten to know over the last couple of years, and I have had three freshmen, now little actives, cycle in and out of our room this school year. To say the least, I have really enjoyed getting to know each of them. We have really tried to be a source of encouragement to them, someone they can look to for advice, and overall, I look forward to seeing each of them do well in their future endeavors. Guys like Dylan Reetz and Frazier Curless were like that to me when I was a freshman, and I would not have had the same experience that I have had here at the U of I if it were not for them. Furthermore, my younger brother moved into the house last fall and activated in January (I was a proud brother). While we don't see each other a ton, it is great to have him here as our relationship has only gotten stronger since he moved in. In addition to that, I have gotten to spend some time and develop my relationship with my Nabor House little brother, Nicholas Close. I have never met someone as authentic as Nick, and I am thrilled to be his big bro and hope that we continue to grow in our friendship even more for years to come. Overall, it has been a great year. I have learned more about myself and am excited for the rest of the spring and am looking forward to next fall as my Illini go on a quest to win 6 on the gridiron. Nabor House is a great place to be, and I am so happy to have the opportunity to live here!

Ethan Plote - Being able to spend my third year of college in room eleven has been great! I have had the opportunity to serve on the executive board in addition to being community service chair. In addition to my positions within the house, I have been helping an alumni with home maintenance, serving as an ACE ambassador, and fulfilling leadership roles in multiple organizations on campus. My roommates have been great! When you walk by, you can usually hear either Devin playing video games or Peyton McClure cheering for the Illini. There is never a dull moment, and I hope the liveliness continues into next year.

Devin Koester - I have enjoyed my first year at the house. I have been extremely busy with school this year but I still participate in house

activities. My favorite activity this year was probably the rush weekends. I am currently serving as the assistant treasurer, and will take over the position in the fall. I am looking forward to the next three years at Illinois and in the House.

Peyton Ruwe - This past year has been a great experience for me. Coming in as a freshman I had no friends here at college and barley any idea of where things were at. Joining Nabor House has enabled me to make some great friends and connections that will last a long time. I didn't believe anyone when I was told that my pledge class would be my best friends by the end of first semester but that idea quickly became a reality. My favorite memory from this year is still barn dance, planning it was awful but the night of the dance was one of the best night so far this year. Along side of this was initiation to become a little active is a really cool honor and I'm proud to be apart of our amazing house.

Room 12

Connor Wachtel - This year I'm on a new floor and I couldn't be happier with my roommates. I got accepted into the College of Education for my Secondary Ed Minor. And I'm counting down the days until Beach Party.

Jake Watts - My Nabor House experience has certainly been one to remember thus far. I always enjoy being able to come back from a class to a place that I can really call home. In my opinion, the best part of being a Nabor is always having something to come back to that will take your mind off of class or anything else that might be stressing you out. I look forward to my future semesters in the house and appreciate the family that I have joined here.

Sean Welch - One thing I always look forward to each week are house meetings. Often-times the actual meetings are boring, but its the attitude of all the members that make it fun. There are always plenty of jokes, offhand comments, and stories that make the night a great time.



EDUCATE. COOPERATE. RECREATE.

Scenes from the Semester



Class Photos



Freshmen



Sophomores



Juniors



Seniors

An I.D.E.A.L. Nabor

For the 2017-18 academic year

The IDEAL Nabor award rewards the member of the house that best exemplifies integrity, dedication, excellence, attitude, and leadership. These are traits that the founders sought in prospective members and traits that the house still strives for today. The member with the highest aggregate score from his peers earns the distinction of being that year's IDEAL Nabor.

Integrity *Leads by example and lives with integrity.*

Dedication *Does more than his share of the work yet seeks less than his share of the credit.*

Excellence *Takes pride in doing the best he can do as a student, leader, and Nabor.*

Attitude *Uses a positive attitude to promote house harmony.*

Leadership *Respects each individual and is an effective leader in serving others.*



Nicholas Close

I was very honored to be chosen from among the great men at Nabor House to receive the 2018 Ideal Nabor Award at the house's Annual Meeting. To make things even better, I was able to drive down and attend the meeting with my grandfather, Dave Close, a member of the six-man pledge class of 1958. It was great to meet his pledge brothers and the people from my home area that attended the meeting. This house has truly been a home away from home, and I enjoy being able to be around people from agricultural backgrounds from all parts of the state. I appreciate how the house has both given me a quiet place to study as well as a place to have fun and do more recreation than I would have likely done otherwise.

When I rushed Nabor House, I was impressed by the men I met, especially Peyton McClure, who I was later fortunate to have as my big brother. I enjoyed quickly getting to know the other men of the house in my first few weeks of college as well. After I got to know these men and was later elected as our pledge class president, I began to feel dedicated to the house. Since then, I have been honored to have served the house through the offices I have held. The office of Work Chair was especially exciting for me, as I enjoy trying to fix problems and maintain things. There was always plenty for Derek Bernhard, the Assistant Work Chair, and I to do as college-aged men tend to be hard on things.

I am looking forward to my future years at Nabor House and all the fun experiences that will come with them. It always amazes me that we can select a good group of men to effectively run a cooperative house by ourselves. Nabor House has already taught me many life lessons within my first year there, particularly about how to get along with a variety of men. I believe Nabor House will continue to be the premiere Ag house at the University of Illinois in terms of education, cooperation and recreation *"to make farm life the best life of all."*

Thanks Again,

Nicholas Close

Class of '21

"Simply put, Nick Close is the most authentic and sincere individual that I have ever interacted with. Not only is it an honor to call him a fellow Nabor, but a true friend as well. Congrats on this honor." - Peyton McClure '20



Alumni Tributes

It is with great sadness we inform you of the passing of two distinguished Nabor House alumni.

Allan G. Mueller, 95, of Lisle, formerly of Urbana, passed away peacefully in his sleep Friday, March 15, 2019.

Allan is survived by his daughter, Becky Musch (Thomas) of Naperville, and daughter-in-law, Barbara Mueller of Geneva. Allan was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 64 years, Gloria Mueller, and their son, Ross Allan Mueller.

Allan was born Nov. 17, 1923, in Taylor Ridge and grew up on a farm there. He studied at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. It was there that he met his wife, Gloria, whom he married in 1947 and raised their two children.

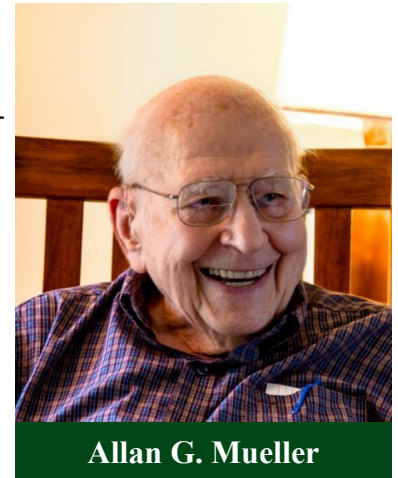
During his career as a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Illinois and in retirement, Allan and Gloria traveled extensively. Travels included Australia, Ireland, England, Canada, Elder Hostel programs and two visits to South Africa on sabbatical from the university.

Allan loved teaching and interaction with his students. He was particularly proud of developing a popular Ag Business Organization and Accounting course that he taught for 15 years. He did extensive Extension work, developed farm record systems, taught courses and mentored more than 25 master's students until his retirement in 1984.

Allan and Gloria continued their involvement with the Ag Department by providing scholarship money for incoming students who plan to study in the field of agriculture. He also was involved with Nabor House Fraternity, of which he was a founding member as a student in the 1940s.

Allan enjoyed woodworking, fishing, gardening and spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband and father. We will miss his engaging smile and upbeat nature.

A gathering to celebrate the life of Allan will be at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Silver Creek Restaurant, Urbana.



Allan G. Mueller



Jay A. Hageman

Jay A. Hageman, 66, of rural Fairmount passed away at 5:38 p.m. Tuesday (Oct. 9, 2018) following an accident in rural Vermilion County.

He was born Jan. 30, 1952, in Danville, the son of Joseph and Dolores Messman Hageman. He married Tracy Miller on Nov. 24, 1974, in Sidell. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Jenny (Chris) Kirschner of Homer, and two grandchildren, Dylan and Hadley Kirschner of Homer; three sisters, Connie Chew of Sidell, Karen (Barry) Maddox of Sidell and Linda (Brent) Winner of Crawfordsville, Ind.; sister-in-law, Dede (Don) Heidbreder of Potomoc; father-in-law, Robert Miller of Savoy; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Dolores Hageman; mother-in-law, Barb Miller; and brother-in-law, Doug Chew.

Jay was a graduate of the University of Illinois. In addition to his farming business, EAgCo, he was also the owner of Honest Abe Insurance in Newman. Jay was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Broadlands, where he served on many committees and was a longtime Sunday school teacher. He was a director for Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, a member of the Vermilion County Farm Bureau and the Sidell Lions Club. He was a devout supporter of Cunningham Children's Home and enjoyed having them out to the farm. Jay's greatest joy was spending quality time with his grandchildren. He also loved meeting people and knew no strangers, always sharing his faith in Jesus.

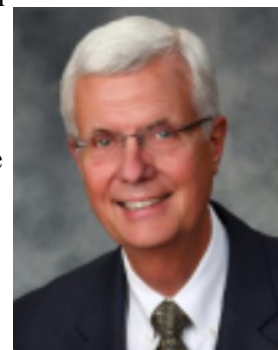
A celebration of Jay's coming resurrection was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, north of Broadlands, with Pastor John Sharp officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family was available to greet people for a reception in the church fellowship hall following the services.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

Alumni Notes - Mike Weber

Two tax changes, one in December 2015 (PATH Act) and the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in December of 2017 combined, will cause many taxpayers over age 70.5 to consider changing how they give to charities in future years, and still retain a reduction in their taxable income.

The 2015 law made permanent the option for individuals to give up to 100% of their Required Minimum Distributions to a qualified charity such as the Nabor House Education fund. However, the 2017 law has eliminated the Personal Exemption of \$4,050 each, limited the deductibility of the State and Local Taxes, known as SALT, to \$10,000, and raised the standard deduction of those over 65 to \$13,250 per person. The result is that there will be many taxpayers who will no longer be able to itemize their charitable contributions. Many of us will have found that out when we review our 2018 tax returns.



Mike Weber

For those who turn 70.5 or older, who are charitably inclined regardless of what the tax laws are, or who are in part charitably motivated because of the tax laws, these new tax laws present an opportunity and strategy to reduce taxable income by UP TO the amount of their IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). The opportunity is in directing up to the annual (RMD) to a Qualified Charitable Distribution, or (QCD). Doing so will lower taxable income dollar for dollar of the amount directed to the QCD. It also satisfies the RMD by the amount of the QCD. Only RMD's are eligible for a QCD.

Lower taxable income can have additional ripple benefits by keeping one in a lower income level for the Medicare Sur-charges, Affordable Care Act surcharge, capital gains taxes and, if you are in a State that taxes retirement distributions (Illinois currently does not) lower State income taxes. Therefore, the savings can approach 50% of the QCD distribution depending upon the combination of the aforementioned and each individual's annual gross income.

As with any tax law there are rules that must be followed. The intent of this article is to give a general outline of the benefits and rules. I encourage anyone interested in knowing more or doing a QCD to discuss the specifics with their tax advisor. Because of the 2017 tax act, 2018 was the first year in which many became aware of this strategy so it is important to get competent tax advice before doing a QCD.

However, some generally known rules are that the distribution check cannot be made to the IRA owner. It must be made payable to the Charitable entity. Once the annual RMD is distributed to the IRA owner, it cannot be undone in that tax year and put into a QCD. Only the FIRST IRA distributions that satisfy the annual RMD can be directed to the QCD. Only distributions from an IRA are eligible. RMD distributions from Sep-IRA's, 403B's, 401K's and some Simple IRA's are not eligible for a QCD. There is a maximum RMD amount that can be directed to the QCD. It is \$100,000. The QCD can be done any time of the year as long as the RMD has NOT been already taken. The QCD check must be deposited by the charity by 12/31.

For those of us who have reached age 70.5 by 2019 and own IRA's or other qualified retirement plans, we know that there are multiple distribution rules and personal finance strategies and objectives that are unique to each individual's circumstances. Many are 'fortunate' enough to be taking out distributions at the same or higher marginal tax brackets than when we deposited them and want tax relief. Some may be charitably inclined and do not want the annual RMD distributions for living expenses or additional savings and save taxes as well. Some may not care but want tax relief. Using the QCD to satisfy the annual RMD from IRA's and to fulfill one's charitable intent may be a useful strategy that has multiple benefits for many.

The Nabor House Fraternity Education Fund is a tax qualified 501c3 charity that can accept the QCD. For general questions about the issues raised in this article, but NOT specific tax advice as it relates to your specific situation, please feel free to contact me at mweber@cfs-inc.net or 217-356-5575.

Michael R. Weber, AIF, CLU, ChFC, currently serves as President of Coordinated Financial Services, Inc., based of Champaign, IL.

Alumni Mailbox

1950's

Roland G. Pettit

Pledge Class: 1950

Favorite Memory: Hanging out with Nabors.

I enjoy keeping up with other Nabors in the Nubbins.

Dick Duvick

Pledge Class: 1951

Professional Update: Retired from The Ohio State University in 1995.

Family Update: Widowed in 2012. Live in Sylvania Ohio near our daughter.

Favorite Memory: Traditions such as "Starvation Corner" at meals, going to Prehn's for coffee (and something to eat if you were on Starvation corner that meal).

Other: Greatly enjoyed seeing the new house and old Nabors at the 75th anniversary weekend.

George D. Irwin

Pledge Class: September 1953

Professional Update: Retired from Farm Credit Administration in October 1998 as Director, Office of Secondary Market Oversight. Moved from Vienna, VA to Bloomington, IL in 1999. Obtained Illinois Real Estate Sales and Brokers Licenses and worked with Soy Capital Ag Services for several years. Assisted Shiela in preparing, publishing, and marketing a book on her father, American Volunteer Group Flying Tiger Lewis S. Bishop, entitled "Escape From Hell: An AVG Flying Tigers Journey" The original publishing date was 2004. It has since been published electronically and is now available. on Amazon Kindle. A Chinese language translation was issued in 2018. I have assembled a family genealogy database of about 17,500 names and have written and published two books describing my parents' two farm families from Europe to Logan County, Illinois – the Erhardt Stoll Family in 1847 from Germany and Andrew, William, Lydia Jane, Robert, and George Irwin between 1871-1884 from County Tyrone, Ireland. Through genealogy, we were able to obtain DAR recognition for Shiela and SAR for George. I also provided Harvest time truck driving assistance for two brothers who farm near Beason, Logan County, IL.

Third careers: We moved in 2010 from Bloomington, IL to Middletown, DE, a retirement community with nearby AMTRA access to New York City. All three sons once lived and worked there. Now, their careers took them elsewhere. *Fourth careers:* In March 2018, we relocated again to the Azalea Trace Retirement Community, 10100 Hillview Drive, Apt. 1316, Pensacola, FL 32514 Shiela continues to write poetry and develops a youth book about her father's Flying Tiger experience. I have continued my ungainfully unemployed career on the Gulf Coast.

Family Update: Bruce Irwin teaches architecture in London. He earned B.A. and B.Arch degrees from Rhode Island School of Design. Keith Irwin is in Los Angeles, where he has worked in quality control for food processing. He graduated from the University of Virginia. Scott Irwin is in Seattle. He's with Amazon Corp, doing computer related art work. He graduated from Rhode Island School of Design and Pratt Institute.

Favorite Memory: Living at 811 West Oregon Street in Urbana. Signing the mortgage to buy the new/old house on S. Lincoln Avenue. Paying our first visit to the new house on Lincoln Avenue --- What a progression!

Roger Higgs

Pledge Class: 1956 [B. S. 1960]

Professional: Retired Professor of Soil & Crop Science at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Family: Married to Fran 56 years; Daughter, Julie, and son, David, and two grandchildren Zack and Sophia Higgs

Memory: It was a pleasure working on the NH Board for 13 years as the board struggled with Urbana issues to build the new Nabor House. There was a lot of great leadership and tenacity.

Other: I always enjoyed Sundays at NH when the members sang several songs after the noon meal, capped with the alma mater.

Vernon Brazle

Pledge Class: 1956 [B. S. 1960]

Professional: Retired from Ag Communications in 1995. Semi retired since then. Built new home on a corner of 100 acres of the family farm in Fayette County. Record yields

last two years on the 55 tillable acres Wife Judy and I have operated Brazle Haus Bed and Breakfast since 1998. About ready to retire from that venture. Welcomed great grandchild number six last year. Five boys and one girl. Wife Judy and I will be celebrating 59 years of marriage in July.

I continue to work part time for Fayette County as Chairman of the Board Of Review. Keeps me busy about five months of the year. Busy with activities of Liberty Christian Church where I serve as Deacon.

Memory: Enjoyed my years at 811 W. Oregon -- especially the water fights and sunning on top of the flat roof. As an undergrad and then as a grad student worked in the Ag Communications Display Shop. Many fellow Nabors worked there also. That work led to a job offer from Hadley Read in 1965 Was serving as Vice President of the Fraternity Board when we purchased Tri Delta Sorority property at 1002 S. Lincoln.

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Tom Melton

Pledge Class: 1957

Professional: Retired with my wife, Carole, of nearly 59 years and two grown children (a nurse and an attorney who both live in the area so we have our own built-in support system) and five grown grandchildren.

Memory: My favorite memories of my Nabor House years are of team events like kitchen duty, IM Sports and driveway basketball. Also have very fond memories of having Nabor brothers visit my home for a weekend and having them invite me to their homes for weekends. Met such high-quality parents. I was very fortunate to have my brother Jim, who passed away last year, in Nabor House with me. He was a year older and we grew up like twins. Roger and Arlen Higgs were the same age as Jim and I so the four of us had some good brother time.



Alumni Mailbox

Edward Leon Turner

Pledge Class: 1957

Professional: Now fully retired after 30 years of federal service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration and 19 years as a Certified Residential Appraiser.

Family: My wife Patricia passed away July 14, 2018. We were married almost 57 years. I have a son and a daughter. John, also a U of I graduate, is single and lives in Urbana. He is a free lance copy writer and does advertisement and marketing campaigns for agencies and businesses. Mindy lives in Holy Springs, NC. She and her husband have four children. The two oldest are now married.

Memory: During "Help Week" our pledge class went to an exchange dinner at 4-H House in our "grubies". The girls took pity on us and boiled our eggs. That caused some consternation when we returned to our initiation duties at the house.

Jim Schoonaert

Pledge Class: 1958

Professional: Retired

Family: Marcia and I returned on March 31 from another warm winter in the Villages, FL. We enjoyed playing all 40 Executive golf courses again. Golf game not getting any better, but we enjoyed the 70 and 80 degree temps.

Memory: The possum stew that didn't make it to dinner on Monday evening.

Other: The evening of the annual NH meeting, all 6 members (Don Beitz, Glen Broom, Dave Close, Gordon Gullakson, Bill Washburn and I) of the 1958 pledge enjoyed dinner in Urbana to celebrate our 60th reunion. We are all pretty healthy, on the right side of the sod despite the addition of a few pounds since graduation in 1962. Glen Broom received the Good Nabor Award at the annual meeting and joined Don Beitz as a previous recipient from our pledge class.

Don Beitz

Pledge Class: Initiated spring of 1959

Professional: No changes. I am in my 52nd year as a faculty member in Departments of Animal Science and of Biochemistry, Bio-

physics, and Molecular Biology. How about another year or two.

Family: Our one granddaughter Morgan just blessed us with our second great grandchild.

Memory: The Initiation Weekend was quite memorable. Appreciated the opportunity to become well acquainted with many outstanding men.

1960's

David Schingoethe

Pledge Class: 1960

Professional: Retired in 2011 after 42.5 years on the Dairy Science Department faculty at South Dakota State University as Distinguished Professor Emeritus. I still remain semi-active in a number of dairy science-animal science related activities.

Family: Wife, Darlene (Wennlund) Schingoethe, (4-H House, graduating class of 1965). Two daughters, Darcy (Haber) and Deanna (Gall), and five grandchildren.

Memory: The friendship and fellowship of the members of Nabor House who were also usually majoring in an agricultural-related major. I still maintain contact with some of those Nabors today.

Jim Walker

Pledge Class: 1962 [B.S. 1966 J.D. 1968]

Professional: Retired lawyer spending summers in Bloomington and winters near Tucson.

Family: Wife, Sharon; our daughter, Jennifer, lives in LaGrange with her husband, Dave, and daughter, Sophie (7th grade); our son, Scott, lives in Denver, with his wife, Anne, daughter Andie (senior), and sons, Alex (sophomore) and Henry (8th grade).

Memory: Nabor House is the source of many great memories for me. Among those at the forefront this time of year is NH basketball, including our campus wide pledge team championship in 1963.

Robert Carlson

Pledge Class: 1963

Professional: If I sent this exact update a year ago, this is a reminder. I retired from Caterpillar (*Cat's decision*) in 2009, but still doing some consulting for them via phone and internet.

Ended full time working Brakes and Brake Controls for Wheel Loaders, Trucks (*Off-Highway Mining and Quarry and Articulated*), Motor Graders and Scrapers. And, that's what I doing still part time.

Family: Glenda and I have two daughters. One is married, lives in Aurora and has a (soon) 16 yr old daughter. The other daughter is married, lives in Madison, IN, and has four kids (2, 4, 6 and 8). Madison is on the Ohio R and has only about 13k people. I convinced Glenda we should move here, which happened in Dec 2017.

Memory: Sing-along after dinner on Sunday.

Richard H. Taylor

Pledge Class: 1964 (B.S. 1968.5)

Professional: Retired

Family: Married 44 years, Mary L. Burd, Armstrong, class of 1968, 2 children, both U of I alums, 2 preschool grandchildren

Memory: Pledge class and House social events and exchanges, including intramural sports teams.

Other: I was a 200lb. 6ft. football player who could type, and in those pre-computer days that typing skill alone enabled me to make friends and get to know all house brothers. Thanks. Dick



Alumni Mailbox

1970's

Ed McMillan

Pledge Class: 1964

Professional: Former President & CEO, Purina Mills, Inc.: University of Illinois System Board of Trustees 2009-Present (Chair 2015-2017); University of Illinois Research Park LLC Board of Managers (Chair 2003-Present); Illinois VENTURES LLC Board of Managers (Chair 2011-Present); Co-Owner McMillan LLC (M&A Consulting in food and agribusiness)

Family: Wife Judy (1970 College of Ag - Home Economics Food & Business Grad & 4-H House); Son Kyle (ACES Ag Econ 1997) wife Jodi (ACES Ag Education 1996) & granddaughter Lauren (to be freshman at ACES Ag Leadership Fall of 2019); Daughter Kelly McComb (Texas A&M Ag Business 2000) husband Brian (U of MN Avian Vet 2003) granddaughters Claire (10) and Kendall (7).

Memory: Met future wife Judy Schaufelberger on a NH exchange with 4-H House first week of school 1967

Other: Nabor House made it possible for my brother Ken and I to afford to attend the University of Illinois. I have invested the last 20+ years trying to give back to the University for what it provided to our lives and our careers... Nabor House made that possible... I will forever be indebted to Nabor House and our Founders who had the vision to create this faith based, cooperative, independent fraternity for future agriculture leaders!!!

Michael Campbell

Pledge Class: 1964

Professional: Retired after 35 years - Director. Patent and Food Law, Tate & Lyle North America (formerly A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company)

Family: Wife - Sue (BS and 2 MS degrees - Illinois); Children - Margaret (BS - Illinois, Married to Tod - BS and MS - Illinois) and Steve (BS and MS Illinois, Married to Julie - Franklin University); Grandchildren: 1. Alexandra (BS and MS - Illinois, Married to Paddy - BS, MS and working on PhD Animal Science - Illinois), 2. Ashley (BS - East Carolina, Married to Walton - US Army), 3. Emma (BS and working on MS - Illinois, Engaged to Jesse - BS - Northwestern and working on MS at Illinois - Required to marry into family!), 4. Isabella - Graduating from High

School, Will be freshman in Animal Science at Illinois), 5. Kaeli - Eighth Grade - Soccer Player - Cumming, GA and 6. Taylor - Sixth Grade - Swimmer - Cumming, GA. Great-Grandchild - Gracelynn - was born in Bavaria, Germany while father in Army, now in Fort Lewis, Washington.

Memory: Friends and activities. Also remember the tree stump in dormitory at 811 West Oregon that was used to prop up car axles.

Other: A new Nabor, Austin Schorfheide - Class of 2022, from Nashville is my cousin's grandson.

David F Mealiff

Pledge Class: 1968

Professional: I have switched from full time to half time work as Associate Pastor of Caring of the First Christian Church of Beloit, KS. I have also switched to half time retirement. My wife, Linda, and I are using this new modified work schedule to spend more time visiting Linda's Mom and our children and their families.

Family: My wife and I have been blessed to receive 8 children as God's gift to our family. We have four married children and four single so far. We have 6 grandchildren with another one on the way in June, 2019! We just got back from a 12 day trip driving from Kansas to New York City and back to visit our oldest daughter and her family who live there.

Memory: Ice Cream parties in the middle of the night when a fellow Nabor announced that he had gotten "pinned" in his relationship with a special gal!

Other: I encourage your prayers for our country and especially many individuals as many have lost their spiritual bearings, out of touch with God and complicated with a variety of problems. God help us I pray!

Dr. Steven J. Doll

Pledge class: 1968 (Vet. school in 1975)

Update: Deceased

Memory: Steve always talked about the semester when his room was in the basement.

Other: Steve passed away on June 7, 2018, from a single vehicle accident. His obituary can be found on the Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah, WI.

Larry Dallas

Class: 1975

Professional: Farm with brother David since 1984 and now nephew John Dallas

Personal: President of Douglas County Farm Bureau since 2012 and have served on several committees with Illinois Farm Bureau

Memory: I have always valued the friends I made in my time at Nabor House and maintain those connections to this day. I think the House and those connections had a huge influence on what I am today.

Rod Dye

Pledge Class: 1975

Professional: retired pastor (July 1, 2018)

Family: Son Nick, wife Patty, Natalie 10, Naomi 3 months, live in Marion, IA; Son Ben lives in Galesburg, IL, his kids are Kadence 10, Liam 8, and Tobin 6.

Dave Conlin

Pledge Class: 1976

Professional: Sr Manager, Credit Risk Administration, First National Bank of Omaha, DeKalb, IL.

Family: Wife of 35 years, Sharon, died Jan 28, 2019. Daughter, Stephanie, single, homeowner, lives and works in DeKalb. Son, Zachary, single, homeowner, lives and works in DeKalb.

Memory: Too many to pick just one but at this moment recalling the intramural football championship game we played in Memorial Stadium which was quite a thrill. Many fun times around the dinner tables.

Pledge Class: 1978



Alumni Mailbox

1980's

Doug Ray

Pledge Class: 1980

Professional: Owner - Ray Farm Management Services, providing professional farm management and farm real estate services.

Family: married to Sue 25 years, 3 step kids -Josh, Megan, Ashley and 2 kids, Aaron and Sarah. Aaron and Sarah both attended Arizona State University. Aaron will be an Occupational Therapist and Sarah will be a nurse. One granddaughter, Taylor, is a sophomore at Bureau Valley High School.

Memory: ice cream parties, open air dorm sleeping, steak and bean dinners, intramural flag football, watching Caddyshack and Days of our lives in the Basement of the old house.

John Kermicle

Pledge Class: 1980

Professional: AgriGold Hybrids General Manager, AgReliant Genetics Leadership Team and TrustBank Chairman of the Board

Update: All three children are now married and we have our first grandchild!

Memory: Wow, that is a tough one. A lot of great times with a lot of great people!!

Harold Gates

Pledge Class: 1980

Professional: Adoption Home Studies of Missouri, adoption agency.

Family: Married RoxAnne Pierce, Sept 1 2018, moves to Cape Girardeau MO.

Mark Ridlen

Class: 1981

Professional: Comptroller of the Currency; Assistance Deputy Comptroller -Cincinnati/ Columbus

Family: My family and I still have our residence in Carmel, IN, but I now spend my weekdays in Cincinnati and Columbus Ohio managing roughly 50 banks and 50 employees as a part of the US Treasury Department.

Joe Weber

Pledge Class: 1983

Professional: EVP Business Development Smithfield Foods

Family: Wife Helen, Daughter Peyton (22) student at William & Mary, Daughter Kendall (20) student at William & Mary

Memory: Playing Double Euchre in the front room.

Keith Miller

Pledge Class: 1984

Professional: ADAMA National Sales Manager

Family: All are doing well.

Memory: Competing with fellow Nabors in Intramural sports. Fellowship. Cooking Crews.

Dave Winterland

Class: 1987

Professional: Farmer. Landlord.

Family: Dad (Lowell) passed in July 2016. Grandma Dottie Freeman turning 101 on April 13!

Memory: Favorite G-rated memory---Spaz awards. Always interesting to hear the "secrets" come out!

Scott Hawbaker

Pledge Class: 1988

Professional: Just completed my 20th year serving as Executive Director of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, and still doing side jobs with my graphic design/desktop publishing company Greendell Publishing.

Family: My wife Melinda is in her 5th year at the City of Decatur serving as their Comptroller. Daughter Mallory is 16 and finishing her Sophomore year at Maroa-Forsyth High School. Son Spencer is a Freshman at the University of Illinois - Gies School of Business. He enjoys UI and joined Sig Ep fraternity (a lot of business majors there).

Memory: Canoe trip to Turkey Run....or at least what I can remember of it....I wasn't in very good shape by the time we got there :)

Paul Taylor

Pledge Class: 1989

Professional: Still running ESS Clean and Taylor Illinois Properties. We opened a branch office in Indianapolis last year with the acquisition of a small janitorial company.

Family: Grace is a sophomore at ISU. Olivia is a sophomore at University Laboratory High School, and Laura is in 7th grade at Jefferson Middle School. Andrea is still teaching in Horticulture/Crop Sciences

Memory: Jackhammers in the backlot.

1990's

Keith Engel

Pledge Class: 1990; B.S. 1994

Professional: I have worked for GEA Farm Technologies for 18.5 years now. I took a promotion over a year ago and I have the honor of working with all of Hygiene Representatives throughout North America with the FutureCow Automated Prep System and with dairy chemicals, milk quality, and milk harvest. I am currently serving on the board of directors of the National Mastitis Council and the Dane County Farm Bureau while donating my time to other organizations like the Professional Dairy Producers Foundation.

Update: I have 3 awesome nieces and 4 incredible nephews that I live spending time with and another on the way. My parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past year and doing well. The home farm, Luck-E Holsteins celebrated 50 years in business this year and had a very successful sale this past March having buyers in 6 countries and 8 states averaging \$4780 on over 150 lots. We are all very blessed.

Memory: Time in the house hanging with my fellow Nabor brothers.



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Alumni Mailbox

Troy W. Fischer

Pledge Class: 1988 (B.S. 1992)

Professional: In 2019, I'm celebrating 25 years with the MetLife Agricultural Finance Department covering a territory that consists of Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin.

Family: I got remarried in 2017 on a beach in Mexico to Tandy Fischer. We have five kids between the two of us and all are college aged and older, so we are fully enjoying the "empty nest" phase of life!

Memory: Too numerous to mention one, but was definitely valuable for a small town guy to arrive on a large college campus and be surrounded by a support group of 35 high quality guys with similar backgrounds to help navigate college life.

Matt Kellogg

Pledge Class: 1994

Professional: Farming Full time, part time jobs are seed treatment, seed sales and chemical sales. Also serving on Kendall county Board.

Family: Five daughters. 2 to 14. Do you really need more information???

Memory: Four years of memories. Hard to pick just one. Probably golfing on the Quad during a Take back the night rally. Jason Tompkins. Pitching wedge off... this was in the middle of Beach Party.

Ryan Harms

Pledge Class: 1996

Professional: I've been at the Iowa State University Foundation for more than 10 years now - amazing how quickly time goes. Enjoying my role leading the College of Engineering fundraising team.

Family: Brea and the kids (Carter 13, Addison 11) are doing well. Stay busy with never ending sport and school activities. We moved back to the Quad Cities two years ago and enjoy our community.

Memory: Almost too many to pick, but I was recently explaining to my son what happened at the house when a meal didn't turn out as planned. Never knew a mattress could fly so far...

Greg Stierwalt

Pledge Class: 1997 (B.S. 2001)

Professional: I have been working in sales at Birkeys Farm Store in Urbana since 2001. I have been also taking more of the family farm over and hope for a good weather for planting.

Family: My wife Tori has been filling in for teachers on maternity leave. My oldest Sophia will be starting High School in the fall, the twins will be starting Junior High and youngest will be starting 3rd and all growing up fast.

Memory: I always looked forward each year to our annual canoe trip. It usually involved many tipped canoes and slow floating down the river.

Other: I am now on the NH board and enjoying getting back involved in the house. If anyone is heading to back to Champaign look me up.

2000's

Jake Wendling

Pledge Class: 2001

Professional: General Manager of Direct Lines, Inc. trucking and farming on the side.

Family: Wife, Erin and 4 Children (Hayden 11, Melia, 9, Elijah, 7, and Lydia, 5)

Memory: Concrete Lions, and Bubbles, Bubbles, everywhere.

Ben Taylor

Pledge Class: 2001 (B.S. 2005)

Professional: I'm wrapping up my first year as an assistant director of economic development and innovation for the University of Illinois System, a move into the heart of campus after many years on the outer edges. I'm working on the statewide Discovery Partners Institute and Illinois Innovation Network projects, so I'm learning a lot and really enjoying it.

Family: I'll leave the big family news to others in my pledge class, as the status quo remains firm for the Taylors. Abigail is five and Ethan is three, and Abigail is firmly entrenched in the Mahomet Park District T-ball and soccer circuits with yours truly as her coach. I'm pretty sure there aren't many things funnier than watching me teach soccer

fundamentals to a bunch of 4- and 5-year-olds

Memory: Nearly impossible to choose, considering the abundance of good memories. But I'll go with all the great times we had living in -1, the room in the basement. Between the natural disasters that always seemed to strike Kevin Knapp's farm toy display, Underwear Day movie afternoons, and the guitar jam sessions Waldo and I had, it was a pretty great room.

Larry Coers

Pledge Class: 2003

Professional: I have taken over as Site Director for a solvents manufacturing plant in Cincinnati, OH. Going on 14 years in the company, MilliporeSigma.

Family: My wife, Bree, and I are in the process of relocating to Bellevue, KY and will close on our new home May 3rd.

Memory: Hanging out in the backlot with the other Nabors.

Casey Campbell

Pledge Class: Fall 2007

Professional: Engineer at Ducks Unlimited based out of the Grand Island, Nebraska

Family: Married as of April 2018

Mitch Hiatt

Pledge Class: 2008

Professional: Currently working as Commodity Market Advisor at Water Street Solutions in Peoria, IL.

Family: Married summer of 2018

Logan Frye

Pledge Class: 2009

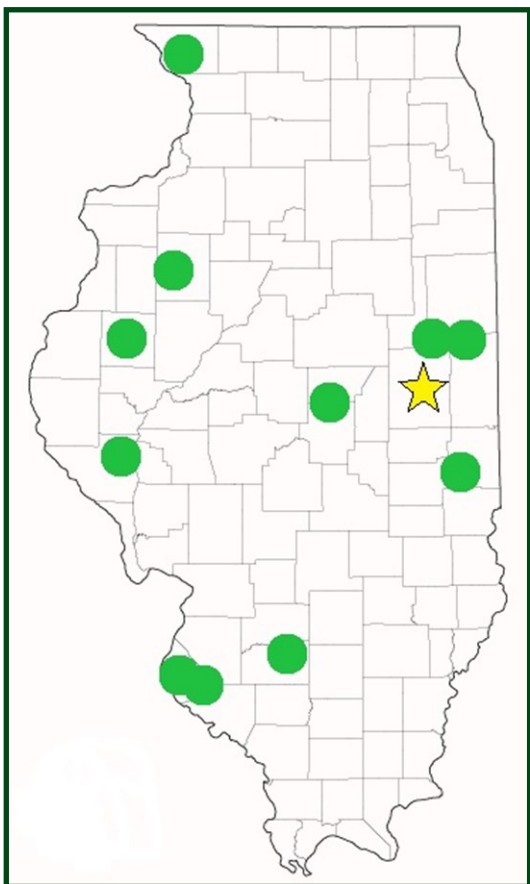
Professional: Currently working as Farm Manager / State Certified Appraiser at First Illinois Ag Group in Decatur, IL.

Memory: The semester the new structure was built will always trigger the best memories. Moving out, temporary housing, and moving in created added "cooperation" amongst those 34 individuals.

11 Men Pledge During Fall Semester

Joey Birritier (Fr.)	Waterloo, IL (Monroe Co.)	Ag Education
Duncan Bradshaw (Fr.)	Griggsville, IL (Pike Co.)	Ag Business
Jacob Jung (Fr.)	Waterloo, IL (Monroe Co.)	Ag Education
Devin Koester (Fr.)	Elizabeth, IL (Jo Daviess Co.)	Crop Sciences
Ben McClure (Fr.)	Paxton, IL (Ford Co.)	Ag Engineering
Peyton Ruwe (Fr.)	Maroa, IL (Macon Co.)	Ag Engineering
Austin Schorfheide (Fr.)	Hoyleton, IL (Washington Co.)	Ag Policy / Pre Law
Nick Torrance (Fr.)	Macomb, IL (McDonough Co.)	Crop Science
James Walker (Fr.)	Kansas, IL (Edgar Co.)	Engineering
Jake Watts (Fr.)	Rankin, IL (Vermilion Co.)	Crop Science
Sean Welch (Fr.)	Knoxville, IL (Knox Co.)	Ag Leadership

An all Freshman Class!



Alumni News

Hageman Celebrated at Annual Tailgate

On Saturday, October 13, 2018 the NABOR HOUSE FRATERNITY TAILGATE held a CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JAY HAGEMAN. Jay passed away on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 following a truck accident in rural Vermillion County. Jay was a member of the 1970 Nabor House Pledge class. He is survived by his wife, Tracy; daughter, Jenny; son in law Chris Kirschner (NH class of 2002); grandchildren, Dylan and Hadley.

Jay graduated in 1974 from the College of Agriculture. During his college years he worked Fay Simms, Extension Specialist, which paved the way for fellow Nabors, Bill Campion (pledge class of 1971) and Kurt Walker (pledge class of 19).

The past 5 years Jay served on the Nabor House Education Foundation Scholarship Committee. He kept very involved with fellow Nabors through vacations, promoting Nabor House to prospective pledges and always available to talk as a friend. Jay loved meeting people and knew no strangers.



Kevin Martin Class of 1974

Bernhard Completes PhD



Brad Bernhard earned his Ph.D. degree in Crop Sciences from the University of Illinois under the advisement of Dr. Fred Below. As part of the Crop Physiology Laboratory, Brad's research focused on characterizing hybrids that would yield greater when planted at higher planting populations and/or narrower row spacing. His work will not only aid plant breeders in selecting for hybrids that will perform well when grown under these more intensive management systems but also help farmers decide which hybrid is best for their particular management practices. In addition, Brad evaluated different nitrogen management strategies including band vs. broadcast nitrogen prior to planting along with different nitrogen side-dress application technologies (coulters vs. Y-drop).

Brad will begin his career in the ag industry as the Agronomy Lead/Agronomic Researcher for Twin State Inc., a liquid fertilizer manufacturer and full service ag retail company located in eastern Iowa. He will be conducting field research on management practices to increase grain yield along with train and support members at the retail locations.

Brad graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in 2014 and master's degree in 2016 in Crop Sciences.



Brad Bernhard Class of 2014

Broom Honored with 2018 Good Nabor Award

The *Good Nabor Award* was first presented in 1980, and at the 2018 Nabor House Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors presented Glen M. Broom the distinguished honor. Glen is Professor Emeritus in the School of Journalism and Media Studies at San Diego State University (1979 - 2007).

Mr. Broom first worked as Asst. Extension Editor in CES which included an assignment as radio consultant with the US AID In Amman, Jordan. From there he became part owner and Vice President of PR for Applied Behavioral Science, Inc. In 1972 he began work on his Ph.D. in Mass Communication at the UW-Madison. Upon completion he joined the faculty as head of the PR Sequence (1975-1979). Glen also was a visiting professor at the UT-Austin as well as Adjunct Professor at Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane Australia.

Glen co-authored the 6th—12th editions of *Effective Public Relations*, the field's longtime leading textbook. In 1990, he also co-authored *Using Research in Public Relations* and has written numerous book chapters, research articles, and scholarly papers. He was honored with the Pathfinder Award (1986), National Outstanding Educator (1991), Jackson Jackson, & Wagner Behavior Science Prize (1993), San Diego PR Club Professional of the year (1995), the National Communication Assoc. Pride Award (1997), Lifetime Achievement Award (2008—San Diego County) (2009 San Diego Press Club). In 2013, the President of SDSU announced the launching of a \$1.5M campaign to fund the Glen M. Broom Center for Professional Development in Public Relations.

James Schoonaert presented the honor. Congratulations Glen.



Glen Broom Class of 1962.5

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