



# Beta Sigma Psi

## Alpha Alumni Newsletter

2023 Homecoming  
October 20-22, 2023  
Illini vs. Wisconsin



### Homecoming 2023 *(report written by Avery Clark)*

We are very excited to present the following homecoming arrangements for the Alpha Alumni and their guests. Once again, we have a block of rooms at the Eastland Suites on north Cunningham. The code for the group rate is live and reservations **can be booked through September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please continue to check the Alumni Facebook Group for updates.

We invite you to start the weekend on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> by returning to 706 W. Ohio for the annual Alumni/Active mixer. The event will begin at 7:00 pm in the Chapter House Lounge. Following the meet & greet with the Actives, we will head down to the traditional Friday evening social gathering, allowing brothers and significant others to reconnect and catch up with each other. A round or two of “Jungle Pong” may be played as well!

Saturday will begin with the traditional Alpha Alumni Chapter Fall Business meeting in the dining area of the Chapter House. We anticipate starting the business meeting at 8:00 a.m. with our tailgate opening at the conclusion of the meeting. The tailgate will be in our traditional tailgate location on the northwest side of the Stadium. Once again, we will again have a menu featuring Papa Del’s pizza in addition to a wide selection of snacks & beverages. As of this writing, kickoff has not yet been finalized. Right now, it looks like kickoff could be 11:00 a.m., but could be pushed back to 2:30 p.m. If changes to the schedule are made, we will continue to post updates to the Alumni Facebook Group.



The Fighting Illini football team is entering year three of the Bielema program, continuing to build the momentum of recent years. Though it resulted in a loss for the Illini, the 2022 season was able to net an appearance in the ReliaQuest Bowl against Mississippi State. Additionally, we retained control of the Land of Lincoln trophy in a dominant 43-3 showing against Northwestern to close out the regular season. Be prepared for some excellent Fighting Illini Football as we take on the Badgers, and the classic

Beta Sigma Psi tailgate experience! Our success on the field has led to growing support of Illinois Football. Large groups of tickets are becoming difficult to secure, but we were again able to acquire a block of tickets in the Horseshoe Section 122 in rows 46-47. We have 19 tickets available to be claimed on a first come-first serve basis, make sure to get your orders in early!

Saturday will conclude with the 2023 Homecoming Banquet. Based on some feedback we received last year, this year we want to try something a little different. Dinner will be at Biaggi’s Ristorante Italiano. Please join us before the banquet for a hospitality hour. The dress code for this year will also be a bit more lax. We’re opting for more of a business casual flavor. Dinner will be Martin Luther family style with our traditional program occurring during dinner. The program will follow the traditional format with an Alumni Chapter presentation, Active Chapter presentation, and awards. After dinner, all are invited to come unwind at Collective Pour craft brewery in Downtown Champaign. They have a wide selection of brews on tap, as well as specialty whiskey cocktails. We will be sure to have playing cards available as well. Food and beverage during the banquet will be complimentary (like normal). Collective will be full cash (or card) bar available. As a continuing incentive to our recent graduates, we again offer the “Young Alumni” banquet ticket price to Brothers who have graduated in the last 2 years.

Please see the schedule and reservations page for specific dates, anticipated times, and additional event information. And please continue to check the Facebook Group for updates about the weekend! Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend this year’s celebration. Homecoming 2023 will no doubt serve as an opportunity for a wonderful weekend to reflect upon the history of the Fraternity and to show our support to the fine Brothers who currently call 706 West Ohio Street home!

*Football Tickets purchased from the Alumni Chapter will be available for pick up at the Friday evening social event or the Saturday morning Business Meeting (tickets unclaimed at the end of the business meeting will be available at the **tailgate** until kickoff).*

**2023 Homecoming Schedule and Reservations**

This year’s Homecoming Banquet will be held at Biaggi’s Ristorante Italiano in Champaign (2235 S. Neil Street Champaign, IL 61820).

**Weekend Agenda:**

**Friday, October 20, 2023**

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Alumni/Active Introductions in Chapter House Lounge  
8:00 p.m. to midnight – Welcome Back Reception at Chapter House

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

\*8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. – Business Meeting at Chapter House  
\*10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Tailgate featuring Papa Dels Pizza  
    \*11:00 a.m. – Football game vs. Wisconsin  
    \*6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Cocktail hour at Biaggi’s  
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Banquet in Biaggi’s Great Room  
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. – Collective Pour (340 N Neil St #101, Champaign, IL 61820)

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

Eastland Suites (1907 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana, IL):

**Reservation Deadline is September 19, 2023**

Courtyard King Suite	\$189.00	(22 available)
Double Queen Suite.	\$189.00	(5 available)
Double King Loft Suite	\$249.00	(1 available)

**Call 217-367-8331** and specify group name “Beta Sigma Psi Homecoming 2023”. **Group code: 3724**

Should the above hotel be fully booked, you may also contact the following nearby hotels. Note: We have no block reserved with the below hotels.

- Ramada (217) 328-4400
- Comfort Suites (217) 328-3500
- Holiday Inn Express (217) 328-0328



**To reserve your place at Homecoming 2023, please return the Order Form below along with check payable to “Beta Sigma Psi” to:**

**Avery Clark, 1487 E Evergreen Drive Apartment 302, Palatine, IL 60074  
(call or email with questions: 217-303-1823 or avery.clark45@gmail.com)**

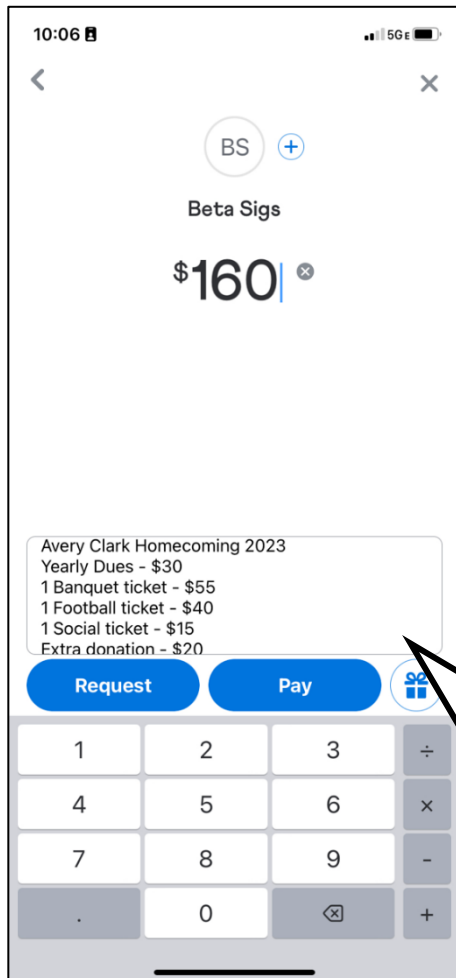
**OR**

Please see the following page for new Venmo Payment instructions:

New this year based on feedback, we are trying to implement an online payment option. To register for Homecoming 2023 this way, please follow the instructions below. Screenshots were included to provide a sample of what the order should look like.

- Send payments to @Beta-Sigs-Illinois-Alumni
- Include the following information in the description (example below)
  - Name
  - Number of each item
  - Dollar amount of each item
- Send a screenshot of the completed order form to [avery.clark45@gmail.com](mailto:avery.clark45@gmail.com) with a CC to [gtreichler@ameritech.net](mailto:gtreichler@ameritech.net) to confirm the order.

Additionally, please take the time to fill out items in the form below which were not included in your order (such as mailing address, phone number, graduation year, feedback, etc.). We love getting feedback about ways we can improve engagement throughout the year (not just homecoming). Our board is placing a renewed interest in developing our connections database and these items are a vital part of that process!



**Example:**

**Avery Clark Homecoming 2023**  
**Yearly Dues - \$30**  
**1 Banquet ticket - \$55**  
**1 Football ticket - \$40**  
**1 Social ticket - \$15**  
**Extra Donation - \$20**

**HOMECOMING 2023 ORDER FORM**

**DUES:**

Existing Life Member	OR	\$ -0.00-
New Life Member (\$300)	OR	\$ _____
Annual Dues (\$30)		\$ _____

*Dues must be paid (either by Life Membership or Annual Membership) to make Homecoming reservations, vote, and hold office.*

**TICKETS:** (order must be **RECEIVED** by September 19, 2023)

Full Homecoming Package \_\_\_\_\_ x \$110 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR (Individual Tickets)

Regular Banquet fee \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

“Young Alumni” Banquet (within 2 years of graduation date) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Social Fee for Friday social, tailgate, & hospitality suite \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fighting Illini vs. Wisconsin Football Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:** Limited Edition Beta Sigma Psi Tie \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Who are you trying to bring back to the Homecoming celebration? Do you or your Pledge Brothers have an anniversary coming up?

What’s Your Favorite Part of Beta Sigma Psi and Homecoming weekend?

Are there any new events that you would you like to see at future Homecoming weekends? Is there a venue you’d like us to explore? Do you have a place in the Champaign area you’d like to visit/re-visit?

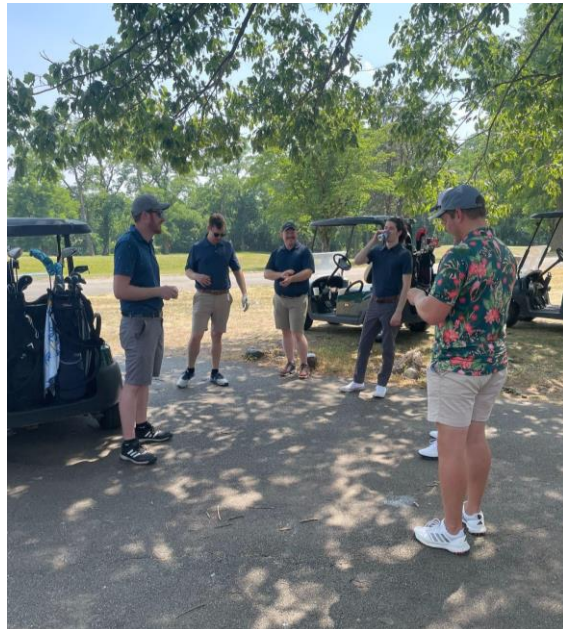


## **Summer Alumni Event Recap** *(report written by Joe Baldwin)*

On June 24, 2023 the Alumni chapter hosted the 2nd annual Summer Alumni Event, which was a 4-man golf scramble at Lake of the Woods Golf Course in Mahomet, Illinois. It was a beautiful day with high temps and low scores, as Beta Sig brothers gathered to play golf and spent time together, and of course, reminisce about their time in the fraternity and swap stories. The event featured alumni from three different decades as well as brothers from all over Illinois—and two brothers who traveled from Missouri and Ohio! Overall, we had 15 players in the event, and everyone had a great time at a very well-maintained and scenic golf course.

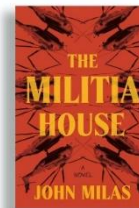
After the event, the group had a nice BBQ dinner together just down the road at Project 47 Smokehouse in Mahomet. It was great to relax after a long afternoon in the summer heat while enjoying delicious food and catching up with brothers we hadn't seen in a while. The overall feedback for the event was positive, and we hope to continue this kind of event in the future, hopefully with an even higher turnout next year!

This year at homecoming, I plan to have some discussion about the Summer Alumni Event to get feedback, suggestions, and ideas for improving the event and increasing turnout. While the event may not be a golf outing every year, this type of event seemed to be very popular and had lots of interest. If you wanted to attend this year and couldn't make it, or if you have any comments or suggestions about the summer alumni event—I'd love to hear from you. The goal for this event is to be a fun, social outing to bridge the gap from Homecoming every year and to give alumni a reason to get together. We want this event to be open to all alumni, and we encourage everyone to make an effort to attend if possible. We hope to see you next year!



## Alumni News

Congratulations to brother John Milas on publishing his first novel, "The Militia House," which was recently featured by The New York Times!



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(Recent graduate, David Woo, has volunteered to fill this vacancy in the fall!)

## Distinguished Alumnus Award

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is chosen each year at the Spring Business Meeting. The Executive Board is always interested in obtaining names of alumni worthy of the title of "Distinguished Alumnus." Please read through the criteria below and think of someone who falls into one or more of the categories listed. Nominees may have done something recently or in the past that sets them apart from their peers.

Distinguished Alumnus Judging Criteria:

1. Activity in Beta Sigma Psi as an active or alumnus
2. Activity in the Community (school, clubs, volunteer, etc.)
3. Activity in Church (offices, committee, etc.)
4. Awards (professional, civic, etc.)
5. Outstanding personal achievement
6. Any other characteristic qualifying nominee as a Distinguished Alumnus

### Distinguished Alumnus Nomination Form

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Person Nominating \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Describe why the person you are nominating deserves this award.  
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

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Return Form To (or fill out via Google Form; see link: <https://forms.gle/SaywS3J3yvc6Qwx48>):

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