

# Gamma Epsilon Alumni Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome Spartan Sinfonian Alumni to the Spring 2017 issue of the Alumni Newsletter!

My name is Jaren Scoggins and I have served as the Alumni Relations Officer for the 2016-2017 school year. I am a Sophomore Management major, and a trombone player in the Spartan Marching Band.

This is the only issue of the Alumni Newsletter for the 2016-2017 school year. There will be two newsletters sent out in the 2017-2018 school year; one in the Fall Semester and one in the Spring Semester.

## Introducing Initiation Classes Spring 2016



From left to right: Ryan Gerhardt, Ryan Jones, Jaren Scoggins

### **Ryan Gerhardt**

Graduating in 2019

Bassoon

Music Performance  
and Psychology

Grand Ledge, MI

Big Brother: Marty  
Malfroid

Hero Line; Anaeas

Fun Fact: Is an  
amateur photographer

### **Ryan Jones**

Graduating in 2019

Piano

Music Composition

Canton, MI

Big Brother: Will  
Marchetti

Archie Line;  
Bullwinkle

Fun Fact: Owns a  
gnome named  
Seamus that lives in  
his room

### **Jaren Scoggins**

Graduating in 2019

Trombone

Management

Grand Ledge, MI

Big Brother: Ty  
Santos

God Line; Shiva

Fun Fact: Held lead  
roles as Tinman in  
“The Wizard of Oz”  
and Sonny in  
“Grease”

# Introducing Initiation Classes

Fall 2016



From left to right: Alex Everdeen, Jaren Scoggins, Jonah Weller, Connor Feckovic, Joe Baczkowski, Marty Malfroid

## Alex Everdeen

Graduating in 2020

French Horn

Music Education

Dexter, MI

Big Brother: Jaren Scoggins

God Line; Vishnu

Fun Fact: Has perfect pitch

## Connor Feckovic

Graduating in 2020

Percussion

Music Education

Grand Ledge, MI

Big Brother: Jonah Weller

God Line; Tlaloc

Fun Fact: Was a state champion gymnast

## Joe Baczkowski

Graduating in 2019

Trumpet

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Monroe, MI

Big Brother: Marty Malfroid

Hero Line; Brutus

Fun Fact: Held lead roles in "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Seussical"



From left to right: Matt Schira, Carson Greene, Lane Perry, Nick Culver, Stuart Barber, Ben Baldwin

## Matthew Schira

Graduating in 2019

Saxophone

Actuarial Science

Rochester Hills, MI

Big Brother: Carson Greene

Titan Line; Coeus

Fun Fact: Transferred from UM to MSU because he thought the color green was more flattering on him

## Nick Culver

Graduating in 2020

French Horn

Music Performance

Memphis, TN

Big Brother: Lane Perry

God Line; Hermes

Fun Fact: Is an Eagle Scout

## Stuart Barber

Graduating in 2019

Tenor 1

Finance

Grand Rapids, MI

Big Brother: Ben Baldwin

Titan Line; Uranus

Fun Fact: Is a competitive ballroom dancer

# Spartan Sinfonians in the Community

Music 4 Lansing 5K



Sometime in late December 2016, Jacob Steinberger proposed to the chapter that, considering the recent budget cuts to the Lansing Public School's Music Department budget, the chapter should host a 5k Fundraiser to try and raise money to donate. It seemed like a pipe dream, something we'd toss a few ideas around for and then push it to a "later semester" and perhaps never actually go through with it. Being a new initiate at the time I wanted to throw myself into Phi Mu Alpha and show my dedication, so when Jacob said he needed volunteers I raised my hand. In the beginning, it was more or less as I expected, we tossed good ideas in a Google Doc and let it mull. Suddenly it was February, two months away from the intended date and we realized that with what we had, we could make it a reality. Jacob and Matt Schira sat in front of a laptop and suddenly we were on the calendar. From there it was something of a mad dash by the members of the committee (Jacob, Matt, Ryan Jones, and myself) to take on different tasks. We were advertising, getting race insurance, making T-shirts, finding sponsors, plotting a course, talking to the police. All the pieces were coming together as we got more and more registrants for the race. Now as we're less than a week away it's amazing to look back on where we started from and think about how we're going to be making a real difference to the students in Lansing Public Schools. My childhood and young adulthood has been shaped immensely by music and the teachers I had, and it gives me great pleasure to be giving back.

Joe Baczkowski

5K Committee Member

## 2016-17 OFFICERS

President – Joey Swinkey

Vice President – Marty Malfroid

Treasurer – Carson Greene

Fraternal Education Officer – Chris Tartalone

Secretary – Trevor Nelson

Historian – Nick Culver

Alumni Relations Officer – Jaren Scoggins

Warden – Nathan Doss

Shack Manager – Ryan Jones

Executive-Committee-Man-At-Large – Ryan Gerhardt

Province Committee Representative – Jonah Weller

Fraternal Choral Director – Ryan Jones

Ritual Director – Jacob Steinberger