

# AGR ACTION

JANUARY 2013

## Monsanto hires Alpha Gamma Rho brothers

Monsanto has hired a number of Alpha Gamma Rho brothers. This announcement comes as a result of the ongoing partnership between AGR and Monsanto.

Two brothers have joined the company as full-time employees: Adam Dietrich, Purdue, and Micah Agler, Nebraska.

Additionally, undergraduate brothers Holden Asmus, Iowa State; John Behlmann, Missouri; Jacob Buehler, Missouri; Aaron Cling, Iowa State; Brent Dye, Missouri; Alexander Fodge, Missouri; Joseph Hora, Iowa State; Christopher Hudson, Missouri; Kyle Miller, Michigan State; Trenton Newell, Kansas State; Justin Orme, Purdue; Jack Plunk, Illinois; Jake Riley, Texas A&M; Jeffrey Schmitt, Michigan State; Travis Sharp, Michigan State; and Derek Zenk, South Dakota State were hired as summer interns.

Upon completing his internship, Joe Hora said, "My summer experience with Monsanto could not have gone any better. I have gained professional experience that I will be able use into my future. The resources Monsanto offered me throughout the summer better prepared me to succeed in the goals that I wanted to accomplish."

Travis Sharp has obtained three internships with Monsanto and was recently offered a full-time position upon his graduation in May 2013. Sharp said he attributes his success to the leadership and networking skills he has gained as a member of Alpha Gamma Rho.

Monsanto committed to become a Diamond Sponsor for AGR in January



Alpha Gamma Rho brothers recently hired by Monsanto take a group photo with Rodd Whitney (front right).

2007 and intends for this partnership to be a multi-year agreement.

"Our partnership with AGR has resulted in an extraordinary number of talented young men who have joined our organization. Many of these individuals have gone on to achieve very high levels of success within Monsanto," said Rodd Whitney, Training Specialist at Monsanto. "The talent we recruit within AGR are very professional, self-driven and motivated. They are dedicated to help feed a hungry world. These are young men on a mission and Monsanto considers it an honor to serve alongside them these past many years."

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### North Dakota State Chapter raises money for breast cancer research

As the world observed breast cancer awareness month through October, Epsilon Chapter at North Dakota State also contributed to the cause.

The Chapter lent a hand to make healthier women (and men, too). They have actively taken up the issue of breast cancer plaguing the American society recently. They worked toward raising money and awareness for breast cancer research.

Epsilon Chapter organized a Pink Out Grill Out campaign where a delicious meal was served to fellow students for only \$5. The proceeds from this event were forwarded to the American Cancer Society.

The people who came to the Grill Out were very excited and happy about doing their small but important part in uprooting the cancer evil.

Many students attended and pitched in their support for the cause. The feeling that this was a noble cause seemed to resonate across campus when a large number of students came forward to participate

in the event making it a grand success. Epsilon Chapter's Philanthropy Chair Levi Hall was very happy about the turnout at the event. He says, "We



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*-Levi Hall, Philanthropy Chair*

The Chapter raised about \$3,000 in just one evening through the Grill Out event. They are also selling Pink Out T-shirts for \$10 each; Hall expects to raise another \$3,000-5,000 through the T-shirt sales.

"We bought 300 T-shirts on our first day and all got sold out within the day," he said.

Oct. 10 was observed as Pink Out Campus day, and all supporters were encouraged to wear their pink T-shirts.

This is the first year of this program and the Chapter expects the next incoming batch of students to keep the campaign alive.

"We had a cook with us for the past many years and when she was diagnosed with Breast Cancer, we realized how this disease affects not only the person but also their family as well as everyone associated with that person," Hall said.

Hall, along with American Cancer Society, wishes to raise even more money in the coming semesters and also want to hold educational programs to spread awareness about breast cancer.

*Information courtesy of The Spectrum*

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## AGR names new Director of Development

Brad Garrison has been named the third Director of Development for Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and the Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho. He will assume the position effective mid-January, 2013.

Garrison is a graduate of Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss. He graduated with a degree in landscape/contracting management in December 2000. He is originally from Easley, S.C. and still has family living there.

Philip Josephson, Executive Director, said, "We are mighty glad to have Brad on our AGR team. We have every confidence that he will do very well, and we look forward to working side by side with him to raise the funds for good programs and solid chapters throughout AGR."

While at Mississippi State, Garrison served in several leadership roles of the Beta Tau Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho including Noble Ruler. Upon graduation from Mississippi State, he served as a project manager for four years with Lambert's Landscape Company of Dallas, Texas, where he managed high-end residential landscape construction. In January 2005, he redirected his career path and joined Texas Industries, Inc. (TXI). For the past eight years, Garrison's roles at TXI included sales responsibilities in the sports field and horticulture markets with primary focus on representation of the Diamond Pro® Professional Groundskeeping Products line and Tru-Gro® Expanded Shale Soil Amendment.

Garrison has actively served as an alumni volunteer with AGR including



two years as a Leadership Seminar Facilitator, Leadership Seminar Coordinator for several years, and Co-Adviser to the Iota Chapter (University of Wisconsin-Madison) for three years.

Garrison said, "I am excited about the challenge this new opportunity presents for fundraising on behalf of Alpha Gamma Rho, an organization that has meant so much to me. This will truly be a labor of love for me!"

Garrison currently resides in Nashville, Tenn. and plans to relocate to Kansas City, Mo. in January 2014. In his spare time, he enjoys running, biking, hunting, snowboarding, attending sporting events and traveling.

He will be working with James Ferrell, current Director of Development, in the transition. James resigned on Dec. 3 so he could change to a career where he could be with his family more often.

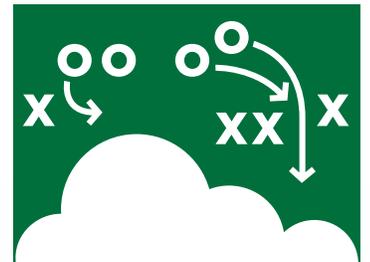
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**FEB. 15-16**.....Nashville, Tenn.

**FEB. 22-23**.....Reno, Nev.

**MARCH 1-2**.....Milwaukee, Wisc.

Register online at [alphagammarho.org/events](http://alphagammarho.org/events).

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## AGR Networking Reception in Louisville, Ky.

The Fraternity will be at the National Farm Machinery Show at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky. Feb. 13 through 16 in South Hall B. Booth numbers have not been assigned, so look for Alpha Gamma Rho's flag flying high over the booth.

We are especially excited to announce the Alpha Gamma Rho Networking Reception to be held at the show location, Thursday, Feb. 14, beginning at 5 p.m. Eastern. Many companies will want to participate in this event. Undergraduates and younger

alumni looking for career opportunities and internships should bring resumes and be prepared to meet some of the most dynamic people and companies in the United States economy.

While every detail has not been confirmed, alumni and companies desiring further information about sponsorships and participation can contact via email [agr.nfms@gmail.com](mailto:agr.nfms@gmail.com). More information will be posted as it's available at [alphagammarho.org/events](http://alphagammarho.org/events).

## AGR Barbecue hosted by TN and KY chapters

The Central Tennessee AGR Alumni Chapter, along with six undergraduate AGR chapters in the Tennessee and Kentucky region, are hosting the inaugural AGR National Barbecue Competition April 12 through 14, 2013 in Lebanon, Tenn.

Barbecue teams will compete in a variety of categories, and the winners will receive \$1,800 in cash and trophies. Both undergraduate and alumni barbecue teams are encouraged to enter. An inaugural "AGR Olympics" event will be held Saturday afternoon.

There will also be a large fundraising dinner on Saturday evening that is open to all AGRs and their guests. The menu is yet-to-be-determined but will likely consist of barbecue and/or a low-country Cajun boil. Ticket prices will be \$20 and will include



an after-dinner live concert.

To register or to get more information visit [agrbbq.com](http://agrbbq.com) or [alphagammarho.org/events](http://alphagammarho.org/events). If you would like to sponsor or volunteer for the event, contact co-chairmen Chad Bradshaw at (615) 708-8307 ([chadbradshaw@tds.net](mailto:chadbradshaw@tds.net)) or Robert Elliott at (865) 207-5513 ([robertelliott922@gmail.com](mailto:robertelliott922@gmail.com)).

## Upcoming events...

**Jan. 18-19, 2013:**  
**Recruitment School**  
*Kansas City, Mo.*

**Jan. 25-26, 2013:**  
**Adviser Forum**  
*Kansas City, Mo.*

**Feb. 8-9, 2013:**  
**Leadership Seminar**  
*Washington, D.C.*

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**March 22-23, 2013:**  
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*Kansas City, Mo.*

**April 12-14, 2013:**  
**AGR Barbecue**  
*Lebanon, Tenn.*

**June 21-22, 2013:**  
**Adviser Forum**  
*Kansas City, Mo.*