



The Black Lantern

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GAMMA ZETA • BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Alumni Spotlight

Cory McCartney ('98)



Brother McCartney is a member of the Football Writers Association of America and Baseball Writers Association of America, a published author, met President Jimmy Carter and has first-hand knowledge of Calvin Johnson's parallel parking skills.

If you know of any other GZ Alumni that you think should be featured in a future edition of the Black Lantern, please contact an officer of the Alumni Association.

Super Bowl Watch Party & Squares Game

We are hosting a virtual Watch Party for the Super Bowl on **February 7, 2021**.

We will also be coordinating a Super Bowl "Squares Game." See article inside for more details on how to purchase squares.

Give Us a Follow on Twitter

@BGASP_Alumni

And join our Facebook Group for information and important updates regarding Association events.

Message From The President:

THANK YOU for your involvement and support in past months.

The Reverse 50/50 Reverse Raffle was a success (over \$11,000 raised by the Association), we had solid attendance at the Virtual Happy Hour Event on Founder's Day (more than 25 Brothers) and Gamma Zeta finished second in both participants and dollars raised in connection with the "Founder's Day Challenge," which resulted in additional contributions to the Chapter's national endowment account (available only to Gamma Zeta brothers).

A special note of gratitude to Brother **DAVID HOWARD**, who won the 50/50 drawing and generously donated his winnings back to the Association.

The Board worked hard to plan and coordinate those events and we are pleased to see those efforts met with increased interest and involvement.

Most recently, we hosted a virtual "Watch Party" for the National Championship game (which was attended by 19 Brothers) and Brothers **TIM SWANN** and **JEFF FREDERICK** won the \$100 drawings in connection with that event.

There was unanimous interest in doing another "Watch Party" for the Super Bowl on February 7, 2021, so we will be doing that (check the Facebook page for additional details) and hope that you are able to attend – even if just to stop in for a few minutes.

We are also conducting a Super Bowl "Squares Game" in connection with the Super Bowl (see enclosed article for more details) and ask that you will support us by buying a square (or 5).

We are committed to making sure that the money that have raised is put to good use. Those funds will be re-invested into our upcoming Association events (including the Golf Outing on 6/5/21, Away Game Tailgate on 9/4/21, and 2021 Homecoming) and hope that you are all able to attend those events so that you can see your dollars at work.

Brother **JAKE KERPSACK** was elected as the undergraduate VP of Alumni Relations and has become an ex-officio member of the Association. Thank you to Brother **JOE KOSS** for your prior service in that role.

Finally, I would like to officially welcome our newest members of the Association, Brothers **BEN LOOMIS**, **NICK KUZMIK**, and **VIC MASSAQUOI** who graduated this past semester and are now Gamma Zeta alumni.

In Phi,

Greg Amend

GAMMA ZETA ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Cory McCartney ('98)

Director, Digital and Media at LakePoint Sports

(Former editor/writer at Sports Illustrated and former reporter/host at Fox Sports South)

Year initiated: Winter 1998 (Pin 527)

Year graduated from BGSU and major: 2000; B.S. in Journalism

Where are you from, and where do you live now?

Originally from North Baltimore, Ohio, I moved to Bellefontaine in elementary school. Graduated from Bellefontaine High School in 1996.

I've lived in Atlanta and metro Atlanta since 2005, currently living in Acworth, GA. Jama and I were married in 2004 and have two boys, Jack (13) and Cooper (11).

Career background/highlights:

My first job was with the Bellefontaine Examiner, not one I wanted to seek out, but my parents "suggested" I apply when there was an opening in the sports department. I was hired there in September 2000 and stayed until March 2005, covering high school sports, as well as getting to cover the occasional Ohio State football or basketball game.

On a whim in January 2005 I applied for a job at Sports Illustrated for a web editor/writer. I was stunned when they called about an interview and Jama and I drove to Atlanta, where SI.com had offices in the CNN Center. After interviewing they called me before I left the city and in March I moved.

I was there until 2012, covering college football, basketball and NASCAR for both the website and the magazine. My area of expertise was the Heisman Trophy and I became the web/mag Heisman Watchman,

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Super Bowl "Squares Game"

The Association is organizing a "Squares Game" in connection with the Super Bowl. You can support us by buying a couple and passing the word along. All proceeds will benefit the Association and be used to support future Gamma Zeta alumni events.

We will sell as many squares as possible and create as many sheets (100 squares) as necessary. You do not need to attend the Super Bowl "Watch Party" to win. We currently have 1 sheet full, but would like to get 2.

Squares are **\$25 each**, or **5 squares for \$100**, and 25% (~\$625.00) of the pot for each sheet will be paid out based upon the score at the end of each quarter of the Super Bowl.

The squares will be placed randomly (by draw) and any unsold squares will be designated as "Association" squares (the money will go to the Association, if it hits).

The deadline to enter is **12:00 PM (Noon) on Sunday, February 7, 2021** (Super Bowl Sunday) and the final sheets will be posted on the Association's Facebook Group and Twitter prior to kick-off.

Squares can be purchased by sending payment via Venmo (@Craig-Tuttle-3), PayPal (treasurer@bgalphasigs.com), or mailing a check, made payable to Gamma Zeta Alumni Association, to: Craig Tuttle, Treasurer, 5075 Highland Meadows Drive, Hilliard, Ohio 43026.

Please direct questions to Craig Tuttle, the Alumni Association Treasurer, at cstuttle@gmail.com or reach out any other Alumni Association Officer (contact information on last page).

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Cory McCartney

Career background/highlights cont'd:

... covering the trophy race from the summer until the ceremony, which I annually attended. I also appeared as a weekly analyst on The Big Ten Network.

In October 2012, I left SI but stayed in Atlanta and went to work for FOX Sports South. I was hired as their Digital Content Manager, but was able to expand my role to being a reporter and host/analyst on television and podcasts. I was the co-host of the popular Chopcast (covering the Braves) and wrote a book about the Braves (Tales From the Atlanta Braves Dugout) that was first published in 2016 and updated before the 2020 season. I also wrote a book about the Heisman Trophy that was released in 2017.

After many long nights at the ballpark, along with weekends spent away from my growing boys, I decided I needed a change and in October 2019, I left FOX Sports South for LakePoint Sports as Director, Digital and Media. The sprawling sports campus is much closer to my house and affords me the opportunity to forge my own path at this complex, which is the training center of the Harlem Globetrotters and host to elite prep sports events.

As a member of the Football Writers Association of America and the Baseball Writers Association of America, I'm still writing about college football and baseball for multiple websites and make weekly appearances and radio shows.

Favorite memories from your career:

Once upon a time I would have said interviewing Bill Cosby, but that obviously took a turn. Getting to cover multiple Baseball Hall of Fame inductions in Cooperstown was also pretty cool. But two things stick out the most:

During my SI days, I was sent to Georgia Tech to do a feature story on Calvin Johnson before their again against Brady Quinn and Notre Dame. I was cleared to spend the day with him and met Calvin after class. He drove me around Atlanta, listening to Outkast in his gold Chrysler Sebring. When we got to Bobby Dodd Stadium for practice, he had to parallel park, misjudged the angle and drove the passenger side tires up onto the curb. He got out, looked at my side and said "good enough." We laughed about, despite all of his accomplishments on the field, but he couldn't parallel park.

While writing my Braves book, a close friend who is a Secret Service agent helped set me up with a phone interview with Jimmy Carter, a massive Braves fan. At the end of our talk, I mentioned to him that my son (Jack) was studying him in school and he was so excited to know I was interviewing the former president. Carter asked about Jack and how old he was. He told me "now, you don't have to, but when I'm in town, if you'd ever like to bring your boys over, I'd love to meet them." A few weeks later, we were standing in his office at the Carter Center and his secretary and Secret Service left the three of us alone with him in his office. It was surreal. The boys had no clue what to take to see if he would autograph, so they bought decks of president flash cards and had him sign his. They both have them framed in their rooms and we all have a photograph of us with President Carter.

Favorite undergrad fraternity memory:

There were of course the parties, formals, etc., and I'm partial to the daily Price is Right watch parties, but I'm kind of surprised by my answer.

They felt like such an obligation at the time, but in hindsight, I think it was our weekly chapter meetings. You can get so involved in your own nonsense in college, but looking back it was so meaningful to know you had that carved-out time that was just about the family you chose to spend those years with.

Follow Cory on Twitter
@coryjmccartney

A note of thanks to Joe Reece for coordinating with Cory and writing this article.



Association Financial Update

50/50 Overview

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| Ticket Sales (59) | \$5,900.00 |
| PayPal Fees | (\$28.20) |
| Cameo/Promo Video | (\$40.00) |
| Cash Prizes | (\$3,350.00) |
| Total Donations Received | \$2,900.00 |
| Founder's Day Donation | (\$1,425.00) |
| TOTAL RETAINED: | \$3,956.80 |

2020 Summary Report

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| Beginning Balance (1/1/20) | \$5,106.05 |
| Ending Balance (12/31/20): | \$8,705.80 |
| ASP Foundation – GZ Chapter | \$106,683.13* |
| Spendable Balance | \$13,342.40 |
| BGSU Foundation – TBTM Fund | \$118,612.88 |
| Spendable Balance | \$13,908.30** |

* Does not include 2020 Founder's Day contributions

** BGSU Parlor Fees waived in 2020 due to COVID

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2020-2021

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

FEBRUARY 7, 2021 – Super Bowl Watch Party & Squares Game

- Via Zoom, Additional Details On Website & Social Media (Facebook & Twitter)

JUNE 5, 2021– Alumni Golf Outing (Stone Ridge GC - Bowling Green, Ohio)

- More Information and Details to Follow On Website & Social Media (Facebook & Twitter)

SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 – Away-Game Alumni Tailgate BGSU v. Tenn (Knoxville, TN)

- More Information and Details to Follow On Website & Social Media (Facebook & Twitter)

HOMECOMING 2021 (Date TBA) – Bowling Green State University

2022 ALUMNI GOLF OUTING (Date TBA) – Cleveland /Akron or Columbus/Dayton

JUNE 6-7, 2025 – Gamma Zeta 75th Anniversary Celebration (Bowling Green, Ohio)

- Please Let Us Know If You Would Like To Be Part of the Planning Committee

SEE YOU THERE!!!