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Alpha-Gamma News

Fall 2022



Welcome

Dear Brothers,

The Alpha Gamma chapter would like to invite you and your family to join us for Dakota Days 2022!

We are looking forward to seeing the classes of '72, '82, '92, '02, and '12 back at the house for their respective reunions. Similar to years past, we will be hosting a Saturday and Sunday morning brunch at the Lambda Chi house. As many of you know, this could be the last Dakota Days we have left with the current Lambda Chi house. There is no better time to come back and tell all of the amazing memories you made in the house. We hope to see all of you here for Dakota Days 2022!

--Seth Knoer, AF 1991, High Rho



Dakota Days, Oct. 20-23, 2022

Thursday, October 20

3:00pm – 6:00pm: AXA
Dakota Days Welcome Back
Party

Jim Abbott & Debby Vander
Woude's home:
16 Twin Oaks Estates
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Friday, October 21

8:00am – 5:00pm: USD
Alumni Association Events

11:00 – 2:00pm: Bluffs Golf
Course 2nd Annual
Weapons of Grass
Destruction 9-Hole Best Ball
Scramble

2:00pm – 5:00pm: Old
Lumber Company Grill 3rd
floor – Welcome Back Social

5:30pm – 8:00pm: USD
Unleash Your Legacy Alumni
(complimentary hors
d'oeuvres)

8:00pm – 11:00pm: After
Hours Social @ 327 North
Pine

Saturday, October 22

9:00am – 10:30am: USD
108th Dakota Days Parade

10:30am – 12:00pm: Brunch
@ 327 North Pine, Alpha
Gamma Zeta House
Corporation Meeting, High Pi
Alumni Advisor Report, Nick
Bratvold Presentation -
Campaign Fundraising

12:00pm – 2:00pm: Coyote
Nation Tailgate Party
Outside Dakota Dome

2:00pm – 5:00pm: Dakota
Day Football Game –
Southern Illinois vs USD

~3:00pm – 3:30pm: Halftime
Social @ CorTrust Club
Suite (cash bar)

2:00pm – 5:00pm: Meet &
Greet Wine Tours - Valiant
Vineyards Winery

5:00pm - 6:00pm: Wine
Tasting – Valiant Vineyards

6:00pm – 9:00pm: AXA
Buffet Dinner – Valiant
Vineyards Winery;
Alumni recognition

Sunday, October 23

9:00am – 12:00pm: Hail &
Farewell Breakfast @ 327
North Pine

Visit us Online at www.LambdaChiAlphaAtUSD.org

New Associate Members

This year started out with a great rush class! We welcomed nine new AMs this fall, including a legacy, and have already started seeing the great contributions they will make to our chapter.

We would like to welcome:

Cedric Garcia, Cody Burris, Griffin Pederson, Hari Kadarkaraisamy, Jakob Powell, Jakob Logan, Wayne Boerner, Nick Dierson, and Macagen Moser as the newest members of Lambda Chi Alpha!

Once activated, one of them will become Alpha Gamma 2000!

We are continuing to recruit more potential new members throughout the year with the hopes of doubling the class by the end of the year.

Gulbranson Family exemplifies Lambda Chi Alpha values of sincerity, diversity and inclusion

The Gulbranson family initiated their fifth brother into our bond this past spring. Patrick Gulbranson of Waukee, Iowa, became Alpha Gamma 1993. On one hand, Patrick shares many of the qualities as the rest of his family—dedicated, accomplished and committed to community service. But on the other hand, Patrick is an exceptional trailblazer—he is the first member of our University of South Dakota chapter with Down Syndrome.

In a letter written by brother John “Cubby” Gulbranson (ΑΓ838), the family asked with pride and humility to consider their son Patrick for honorary initiation to Lambda Chi Alpha. At 34 years old, Patrick has lived a full and active life.

“Down Syndrome has never bothered Patrick and should not bother you,” wrote John. “He is a remarkable young man and will make you proud to welcome him as a brother.”

Patrick Gulbranson is a 2008 graduate of Waukee High School, Waukee, Iowa, where he was very active in high school activities. Patrick has been an employee of McDonald’s Restaurant in Stuart, Iowa, since before he was out of high school. He is an Eagle Scout and is a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He enjoyed a 10-day backpacking trip to Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico.



John “Cubby” Gulbranson (ΑΓ838) (left) and Jim Gulbranson (ΑΓ1870) (right) added another family member with the honorary initiation of Patrick Gulbranson (ΑΓ1993) (center) (COURTESY JIM GULBRANSON)

But Patrick’s passion is Special Olympics. He participates in 3-on-3 basketball, track and field, but his real love is bowling. In 2015, he was one of two Special Olympics Iowa athletes to participate in the Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. In June of this year, Patrick was a member of the Special Olympics Iowa team to the Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando. He competed in bowling and finished 4th in individual, 5th in doubles and 7th in team bowling.

Patrick is one of two athlete members of the Special Olympics Iowa Board of Directors. He is also a Special Olympics Global Messenger, which is a select group of athletes that meets with and speaks to groups and businesses promoting respect and inclusion for persons with disabilities.

“The fraternity has always been about sincerity, diversity and inclusion,” John wrote. “Patrick would be more than just a token example of that. He can actually contribute to validating the fraternity’s values.”

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Sesdac: Helping those with physical or mental disabilities in Vermillion

Starting this year, we have had the opportunity to start working with Sesdac.

hundreds of people move on to paid employment, independent living, and rich, well-rounded lives.”

Sesdac is a company whose primary focus is helping those with physical or mental disabilities adjust to the hardships they may face in life to hopefully one day be able to live completely independently.

It is located at 1314 E. Cherry Street in Vermillion, and was founded in 1973.

On a weekly basis, we send a group of our guys over and spend time assisting their employees in anything they might need help with. This has been a great opportunity for us to give back to others and have quite a bit of fun!

According to their website, Sesdac develops “both social skills and job skills, [and has] helped



Paintball brotherhood event

Gulbransons,

Other Gulbranson family members include two uncles, Pat (AΓ750) and Tom (AΓ1133), and brother Jim (AΓ1870).

“Patrick and I have discussed his honorary induction and he has told me how honored he is to be considered,” wrote John.

“He understands the effort it took for both active chapter and alumni brothers to make this initiation happen. So...on behalf of Harriet and I and Patrick, thank you!”



Lambda Chi Alpha’s newest honorary initiate, Patrick Gulbranson (AΓ1993), participates in a Special Olympics “Plane Pull” philanthropic fundraiser at Des Moines International Airport (COURTESY JIM GULBRANSON)

USD/SDSU Football Run returns!

The football run is back! Once again, we are teaming up with the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter at SDSU for the annual Lambda Chi Alpha Football Run fundraiser.



Local businesses have been generous enough to donate a set amount of money per mile that we run. In total we run half of the distance to Brookings where we will then turn the game ball over to our brothers at the SDSU chapter.

Although we have not yet finished this fundraiser, we have been having an absolute blast participating so far!



Fall 2022 Rush T-shirt

Alumni Association Update

Dear Brothers,

I used to love fall in Vermillion. After moving back into the House at 327 N. Pine Street, I could catch up with brothers, enjoy the cooler air, and not worry too much about classes (just yet)!

The Alpha Gamma Chapter invites you and your family back for **Dakota Days 2022, October 20-23**. Welcome back to the Classes of '72, '82, '92, '02, and '12! Like last year, we'll have all the traditional homecoming activities—but wait, there's more!

You and your spouse are cordially invited to a **Welcome Back Party** at the home of Jim Abbott and Debby Vander Woude in Sioux Falls on Thursday, October 20, from 3 to 6 p.m. (Carpool, if you can!) With several hundred Lambda Chi alumni in the Sioux Falls area, we wanted to give you all the opportunity to reconnect, without the drive down to Vermillion (although we sure hope you can come down!).

Speaking of Sioux Falls, please remember that on the first Wednesday of each month, brothers of all eras meet for a **"bored meeting"** hosted by Nick Magera. Those mixers rotate around to different spots in Sioux Falls.

The 2nd Annual Weapons of Grass Destruction 9-Hole **Best Ball Scramble** will be on Friday, October 21 at the Bluffs Golf Course. (If you can hunt in the cold, you can golf in the cold!) Contact Bryan Bennett (bsbenn48@comcast.net, 720-448-6228) or Bob Murphy (frozeninfargo@gmail.com, 612-508-5857) to sign up—Alumni and Actives really enjoyed last year's outing!

We have reserved the **Buffalo Run Winery** (Valiant Vineyards) for an

alumni mixer for Saturday evening, October 22, after (or during!) the football game, along with the **CorTrust Club for halftime** at the Dakota Dome. Call 650-677-5959 and use promo code LXAREUNION to get football tickets. Both will be after the luncheon and Housing Corp meeting at 327 N. Pine that morning at 10:30am. We'll have a professional photographer this year, so get a last photo with the old house!

Lambda Chi alumni continue to amaze me. Soon after D-Days, Brother Jim Plucker (ΑΓ 896) invites you to the 6th annual **Helping Kids Round First** banquet in Sioux Falls. This non-profit was founded by Brother Craig Severtson (ΑΓ 904) to help improve the lives of people in Nicaragua through baseball. State fiddle champion Dr. Tom Schaefer (ΑΓ 914) will be providing entertainment! Learn more and sign up at HelpingKidsRoundFirst.org.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

In early September, we surpassed our latest fundraising **milestone of \$2 million** in signed pledges! This gave us the go-ahead to order architectural plans for the new Chapter House. This will be key to finalizing a budget, ordering materials, and lining up subcontractors. Many thanks to the leadership of the Steering Committee, Building Committee, Development Committee, and Housing Corporation for their depth of experience in construction, fundraising, lending, budgeting and

legal work!

Help us meet our December 31 goal of \$3.5 million in signed pledges by visiting LambdaChiAlphaAtUSD.org. With fundraising on track, this *may* be the last Dakota Days at the Brown House. We hope to see you at Dakota Days or the next alumni mixer in your area!

Yours in ZAX,
Logan Lamphere, ΑΓ 1596
ΑΓ Alumni Association Director
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605-490-0732



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thoughts or news.*

*Join us at: [Facebook.com/groups/
LCAatUSDalumni](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LCAatUSDalumni)*

Videos: Magical Mystical Memories!

Have you seen our videos yet? Led by Roger Mjoen (ΑΓ 790), a team of alumni worked with Mason Horacek, a USD grad in Sioux Falls, to produce two videos that are posted on YouTube.

The first is from the **2021 SIXTIES Reunion** held last year. It includes a touching memorial to brothers who have passed away, along with photos and memories from an important time in our chapter's history:

youtu.be/dUib4-ZrqvW

The second is a **commemoration of 327 North Pine Street**, "the Brown House." If fundraising continues on schedule, this Dakota Days may be the last one for our current house, built in 1931: youtu.be/aHH4PLO8yLc
You can also go to YouTube.com and search for "Lambda Chi Alpha South Dakota." Check them out!

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Thank you to those 167 Brothers & 10 Crescents who have given or pledged to give to the Home Away From Home Campaign!

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High Alpha: Brothers attend 59th General Assembly; plan more recruitment

Four brothers attended the Lambda Chi Alpha 59th General Assembly in Scottsdale, Arizona, this past July.

“The general assembly was an incredible experience,” wrote High Alpha Jaron Pesicka (ΑΓ 1969). “Getting to meet all of those brothers from all over North America was so much fun. The Scottsdale area was beautiful too, and the resort we stayed at was the perfect spot for the General Assembly.”

The current freshmen we have recruited are all promising young gentlemen for this fraternity. They’ve all been highly involved and every week we have a new prospective member at the house. Everyone’s on board to recruit and add to the class that will live in the new house!

High Alpha, Jaron Pesicka, (ΑΓ 1969)

From left, Ethan Riswold (ΑΓ 1978), Pesicka, Tate Nielsen (ΑΓ 1980), and Tyler Gere (ΑΓ 1977) (Photo via [Instagram.com/lambdachialpha_usd](https://www.instagram.com/lambdachialpha_usd))



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