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Alpha-Gamma News

Fall 2023



Welcome: Best Alumni at USD

Happy Fall, Y'all!

On behalf of the entire Alpha-Gamma Zeta, I hope that the Fall 2023 Active Chapter Newsletter finds you well! This semester has looked a lot different from previous years without our beloved chapter house at 327 North Pine Street. Rest assured, though, that our brotherhood has never been stronger!

With our fall recruitment activities coming to a close and our final few philanthropy and brotherhood events happening in the next month, there are plenty of things that I'd like to update you on as we near the final weeks of the Fall 2023 semester.

On a personal note, with this being my very last newsletter during my term in office as High Rho, I want to express my sincere thanks to you all for reading these publications every season and staying up to date on all our chapter happenings. It has been my great honor to serve as the primary liaison between the actives and our amazing alumni

network, and I cannot thank you enough for all that you do in support of our chapter.

With your help in fundraising for the new house, providing leadership advice to our members, and supporting the actives with their career endeavors, I can say without a doubt that Lambda Chi Alpha has the BEST alumni of all seven fraternities at USD, and we would not be where we are today without you all. Now, without further ado, let's take a look at everything the Alpha-Gamma Zeta has been up to for the past couple of months as well as some upcoming events that we have to look forward to!

—Griffin Petersen, ΑΓ 1998, High Rho



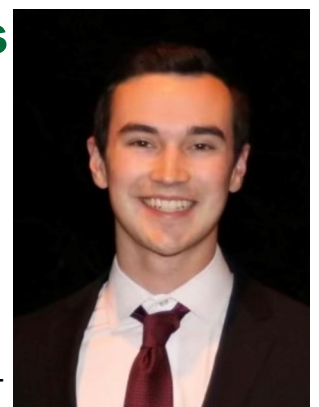
Mickelson: Recruiting Success

The Alpha-Gamma Zeta has had a great year thus far. We have added seven new associate members since rush week (bringing us to 13 this semester), and all members were above the GPA requirement after midterms, setting us up for the potential to move to 1st place in grades.

We are very confident in our ability to continue to recruit good men and have found that success there leads

to success everywhere. Despite our housing situation, we have continued to build the bonds of brotherhood by hosting weekly brotherhood events and socials with the other Greek houses.

Thank you for your continued support! --Max Mickelson, ΑΓ 1986, High



We BROKE GROUND on the new chapter house! Alumni of all ages along with undergraduates met on October 7 to officially break ground on the site of our former and future home away from home at 327 North Pine.

We plan to email monthly construction updates, and we will also be taking time-lapse photos!

Associate Members

Landon Bertram
(Pierre, SD)

Max Bour
(Sioux Falls, SD)

Aidan Boyd
(Sioux City, IA)

Justin Burge
(Gayville, SD)

Zach Burmood
(Harrisburg, SD)

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(Omaha, NE)

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(Tea, SD)

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(Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Parker Van't Hul
(Rock Valley, IA)

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(Dakota Dunes, SD)

New Initiates (Fall 2023)

Cody Burris
(AG 2006)

Nicholas Larson
(AG 2007)

Josiah Sholes
(AG 2008)

Fall 2023 Recruitment Going Well

As with most of our programming this year, Fall Rush 2023 looked much different without our chapter house.

However, this did not present a challenge to us in terms of bringing in new recruits. In fact, recruitment has been an unparalleled success this year according to High Delta Triston Curry (AG 1989).

"The chapter has organized a series of engaging events and activities throughout this semester that were incredibly well-received by potential new members," Curry said.

The active chapter was only able to acquire six new members during formal recruitment in what turned out to be a lackluster year for fraternity rush overall. This year's formal recruitment saw less than 100 men sign up to attend rush events, the lowest turnout for fraternity rush week at USD in several years.

However, this somewhat underwhelming start to recruitment has since been offset by what has become a semester-long effort to obtain new members. Since then, our chapter has



From top left are Landon Bertram, Parker Van't Hul, and Tyler Marshall. From middle left is Austin Weber, Benjamin V. Rhee, Taylor Van Emmerick, and Justin Tallman. From the bottom left is Aidan Boyd, Max Bour, Zakariah Cortez, and Justin Burge. Zach Burmood and Tanner Edwards are not pictured.

signed on an additional seven Associate Members, giving us a total of 13 new faces for the fall with many more potential members in the pipeline.

After organizing a strong ground game and amassing a large network of connections among USD's freshman class, the chapter has amped up its recruitment strategy immensely and plans on expanding even more as we head into Spring semester.

According to the High Delta, these efforts would not be

possible without everything that our chapter has to offer.

"The sense of community, camaraderie and the values upheld by Lambda Chi Alpha always seem to resonate strongly with potential new members. As a result, the chapter has welcomed an outstanding group of new members, showcasing a promising future for the fraternity during this time of change as our new house continues to go up," the High Delta stated.



We reached another major milestone on October 20-- the foundation of our new chapter house going in!

As we look ahead, our chapter is very confident we'll acquire even more great young men who will keep our brotherhood alive and well in future years, and we could not be more pleased with the Associate Members we have welcomed into our bond during the Fall 2023 semester!

\$3,438,157 Raised; Construction Begun

Help us avoid bridge loan interest charges by speeding up donations.

We also need to furnish and landscape the new house, so if you were still sitting on the fence thinking that this project wouldn't happen, please reconsider and help us build a modern, safe chapter house! Many thanks to these Brothers and their families for supporting the *Home Away From Home* campaign to build a new Chapter House for the next 100 years of Lambda Chi Alpha at USD!

The list below includes only those who have committed their support to the **Building Fund**. The list is current as of October 31, 2023. Annual donations to the Housing Corporation for 2023 regular chapter operations are published on Page 5. This list does not include donations towards our scholarship funds.

If your name is missing or the amount is incorrect, please contact Randy Sorensen at rsorensen4@mac.com.

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Robert Murphy AF 773	Brain Darnall AF 808	Kevin D. Horner AF 1026	
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 Garrett Bankston AF 1903
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Upcoming Events

November 13 & 20:

High Zeta Elections

November 18-19:

Brotherhood Recruitment Retreat in Yankton

December 13:

Last Day of Fall Semester

January 1-6:

Initiation Week

November Fills in for Haunted House

As with many of our regular fall activities, our philanthropy efforts during the Fall 2023 semester have looked much different without our house. Given the lack of any viable facilities, our annual Haunted House fundraiser had to be cancelled for this season. However, this has not upended our service efforts entirely for this semester.

Each November, Lambda Chi Alpha partners with the Movember Foundation to raise funds in support of men's health initiatives meant to combat male suicide, testicular and prostate cancer, and overall well-being among young men. Individual chapters can participate in this effort in a variety of different ways, and the Alpha-Gamma Zeta intends to do so this Fall. While plans are still in the works for what our participation will look like,

New Member Spotlight-Taylor Van Emmerick

While the Alpha-Gamma Zeta welcomed a number of outstanding young men into their bond this fall, one in particular has an impressive resume when it comes to philanthropic activity.

Taylor Van Emmerick, a sophomore political science and economics major at USD, signed on to join Lambda Chi Alpha at the beginning of the semester and boasts heavy involvement in the South Dakota Arthritis Foundation.

"I have two main roles within the Arthritis Foundation. I am the lead coordinator for the Sioux Falls Jingle Bell run, so I designate the roles when it comes to planning that event and serve as the main point of contact for the city on all matters pertaining to it. I also chair the Leadership Board for the Foundation and make sure that all our personnel are

doing their jobs on behalf of the people we serve."

A sufferer of juvenile arthritis himself, Van Emmerick states that there are many challenges associated with having the disease at such a young age.

"I was diagnosed with arthritis when I was nine years old. It started out with just my right ankle, and then it eventually spread to my fingers and the entire lower half of my body, including my toes, knees, and ankles. At that age, I didn't even know what arthritis was let alone that someone my age could be affected by it. What I did know was that I was in pain, and that it was definitely a more



serious condition than just your regular aches."

Despite these challenges, Taylor has persevered and helped lead one of the largest campaigns in the country dedicated to supporting those with arthritis.

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Van Emmerick (cont'd)

"Through learning more about my disease and how it affects me, it helped me find ways to support others who are suffering from it while also helping me manage my condition."

Given his experience in the non-profit sector already, Van Emmerick says he has gained valuable skills that will help Lambda Chi Alpha in its own community service efforts.

"Leadership is definitely the biggest skill you learn right away when working in a nonprofit like the Arthritis Foundation. It has also made me a much better networker with all the business leaders I have interacted with during my time with the Foundation, so I think those skills alone will really help us with all our future philanthropic goals as a chapter moving forward."

When talking about what made him choose to become a Lambda Chi in the first place, Van Emmerick stated that he was impressed by a number of things about our chapter.

"I knew a couple guys in Lambda who I met during my first year at college. Through what they told me,

it really made me want to join as well. I also heard that our alumni network was very good and provided a lot of support to our members with all kinds of different things. With my experience networking with different people through my work with the Foundation, it really made me eager to join up and meet some of those individuals. I also really liked Lambda's philanthropy mission of supporting Feeding South Dakota, because it is an organization that really hits close to home for me and it's one that I think really makes a difference in people's lives."

With all his nonprofit experience and a great attitude in the face of adversity, we are so glad to have Taylor Van Emmerick as one of our newest associate members and cannot wait to see what he is able to accomplish as a Lambda Chi!

If you would like to support Taylor in his fundraising efforts for the Arthritis Foundation, visit the website below to donate to the foundation or register for the upcoming Sioux Falls Jingle Bell Run.

events.arthritis.org/event/JBRSiouxFalls

Football Run Returns as Sole Fall Fundraiser

The men of Lambda Chi Alpha successfully completed its Football Run fundraiser to coincide with this year's USD-SDSU football matchup!

During the week of October 23, the active members took to Highway 19 with a football in hand, running in support of Feeding South Dakota in the leadup to the big game.

In total, we ran over 58 miles, which was short of the distance between Vermillion and Brookings, as our goal is every year, but still impressive given the weather conditions and time constraints that the week brought.



Hari Kadarkaraisamy (AF 2000) and Nick Diersen (AF 1999) run the football in the annual fundraiser during the State-U football game

We also raised \$350 for Feeding South Dakota from various business owners in Vermillion and even a few private donations from students, a small but impressive sum in support of our philanthropic efforts! Overall, we had a great time with this event and hope to continue this long-held tradition for many years to come!

2023 Alumni Donor Wall

This donor wall reflects annual donations to the Operating Fund of the Alpha Gamma Zeta Housing Corporation for annual operations.

Our fiscal giving year is January 1 through December 31, so the Donor Wall resets January 1.

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Richard Schneider AF 736
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D-Days 2023

Dakota Days 2023 saw a smaller turnout than in previous years. However, this year's homecoming activities still marked a momentous occasion for our chapter as we looked ahead to the construction of our new house at 327 N. Pine Street.

D-Days began with a Welcome Back Kickoff at the Country Club of Sioux Falls, where alumni reconnected to start off USD's annual homecoming celebration.

Friday was less eventful than previous years as the annual golf scramble had to be cancelled due to weather. The night brought much more fun, however, with the Post-Legacy Tailgate Party at the Prairie Inn.

On Saturday, both alumni and actives gathered at the construction site for the new house to officially break



2023 Annual Meeting at Valiant Vineyards (back L to R), Brian Landry, Lou Hogrefe, Brandon Wilsey, Tom Froning, Rob Anderson, Bob Murphy, Griffin Petersen, Dan Radigan, Tyler Tordsen, Doyle Estes; (front L to R), Darrell Mueller, Dave Landry, Roger Mjoen, Dick Brown, Kevin Horner, Lee Hoekstra.

ground, a momentous occasion for the future of Lambda Chi Alpha! The day continued with a brunch at Piz-za Ranch before the tailgate party and football game at the DakotaDome, during

which USD prevailed against Murray State.

The day ended with a buffet dinner and the annual Housing Corp business meeting at Valiant Vineyards where

important updates were given on the new house. Overall, D-Days 2023 brought brothers together from a variety of eras and allowed us to celebrate the good years we have ahead of us!

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