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MAXWELL BOUR,  
SIOUX FALLS

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CARTER NORRIS,  
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CORRECTIONVILLE,  
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EMMERIK, TEA

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# Alpha-Gamma News

## Spring 2024



## Welcome!

Hello Brothers,

I hope that this 2024 Spring Newsletter finds you well!

Since our last newsletter, so much has happened, and the future of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of South Dakota has never looked brighter. Our brothers have remained very involved on campus as well as our community, paving the way towards investment in more quality men that will further our goals as a chapter.

Inside you will find some spotlights of our graduating seniors, information on our chapter's success in service, information on recruitment and initiation, and our accomplishments rec-



## Chops On Top!

Lambda Chi Alpha has long held a stellar reputation on campus and within the USD Greek Community. During the Greek Awards Ceremony on April 8, Lambda Chi Alpha dominated the ceremony receiving six awards.

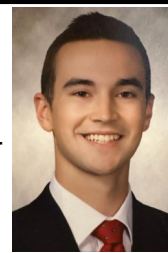
For chapter awards, Lambda Chi Alpha received the 2023-24 *Ionic Award*, making it the University of South Dakota's Fraternity of the Year. Additionally, the chapter received recognition for its service to the community with the *Citizenship Pillar Award* and was recognized as a Five-Star Chapter.

For individual awards, brother Taylor Van Emmerik was recognized as the *Outstanding*

## Mickelson: Big Things Ahead

ognized at the Greek Awards Ceremony. All the best, Taylor Van Emmerik, AF 2010, High Rho

The men of Lambda Chi Alpha have had a tremendous semester! This January, we initiated all 14 Associate Members, and gained another 5 since then. Our new officers are off to a great start, marked by our most successful Watermelon Bash yet. At the Greek awards April 8, Lambda Chi Alpha was named Chapter of The Year! This was the first time in ten years we have won the award; we also won the award for outstanding citizenship, and were recognized as a



five-star chapter, meaning we have the best possible relationship with the University. I was honored as Fraternity President of the Year, and our Rho, Taylor Van Emmerik, was named New Member of the Year. The brothers were elated to win these awards and are excited about the momentum we have going into fall rush with a brand-new house. Our academics are continuing to do well, our retention rate is 100%, and we were even nominated for a university award for philanthropy. The chapter is in a great place right now, and we are looking forward to an even brighter future. The active brothers are very thankful for the alumni dedication to our chapter, and appreciate all that you do for us. In ZAX, Max Mickelson, AF 1986, High Alpha

*New Member of the Year*, and brother Max Mickelson was named *Fraternity President of the Year* as well as a finalist for *Greek Man of the Year*. The win-

ner of Greek Man of the Year will be announced at the Coyote Excellence Awards on April 21. Alpha-Gamma Zeta has had a remarkable year of achievement while facing the added challenge of not having

our chapter house at 327 North Pine Street, but all of the hard work has paid off. Our chapter is proud of our accomplishments, and we can't wait to see what our brothers do next!



Left, Taylor Van Emmerik (AF 2010), Nick Diersen (AF 1999) center, and Max Mickelson (AF 1986) right, receive Greek awards from USD.

## New Initiates Spring 2024

- Zach Burmood (ΑΓ 2009)
- Taylor Van Emmerik (ΑΓ 2010)
- Max Bour (ΑΓ 2011)
- Austin Weber (ΑΓ 2012)
- Jordy Martinez (ΑΓ 2013)
- Benjamin Van Rhee (ΑΓ 2014)
- Zakariah Cortez (ΑΓ 2015)
- Justin Burge (ΑΓ 2016)
- Landon Bertram (ΑΓ 2017)
- Parker Van't Hul (ΑΓ 2018)
- Tanner Edwards (ΑΓ 2019)
- Justin Tallman (ΑΓ 2020)
- Tyler Marshall (ΑΓ 2021)
- Aidan Boyd (ΑΓ 2022)

## Spring 2024 New Associate Members

- Elias Gilk  
Pierre  
(Business Administration  
and Finance)
- Colton Fries  
Custer  
(Business Administration)
- Cameron Merkley  
Elk Point  
(Medical Biology)
- Henry Eckhoff  
Sioux City, IA  
(Accounting and Health  
Service Administration)
- Aidan Kellen  
Elk Point  
(Undecided)

# Service and Stewardship

As brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha, our fraternity is guided by the creed and the seven core values. One of these is **Service and Stewardship**.

Service to one's community and fraternity before self signifies the correct order of priorities and this is something that our brotherhood holds close to our hearts—so much so that our chapter was honored with the Tozier Brown Public Affairs award at the 2024 High Alpha Summit.

Brothers of our chapter have spent countless



Actives volunteering as referees for the Southeast Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in Yankton.



Serving at the St. Agnes Catholic School Classic fundraiser.

hours invested in service this past semester. Including but not limited to serving at the St. Agnes School Classic, fundraising for the Vermillion Polar Plunge in support of South Dakota Special Olympics, volunteering as referees for the Southeast Special Olympics Basketball Tournament, and volunteering at Trinity Lutheran Church of Yankton's confirmation lock-in.

In addition, many of our members have chosen to take up leadership positions in organizations benefiting our communities such as the Student

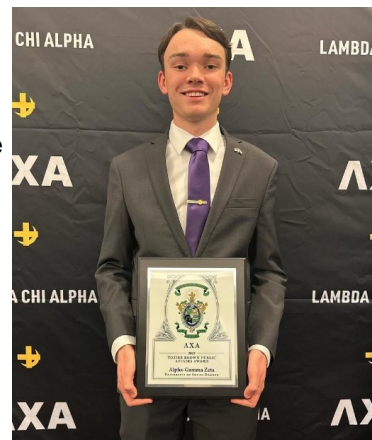
Government Association, the South Dakota Arthritis Foundation, the Army National Guard, the American Red Cross, and many others. All of this has allowed the chapter to reach a combined 590 service hours so far this semester, and if each member reaches their re-

quired 15 hours of service, the chapter will have around 800 service hours completed.

High Theta, Griffin Petersen is very impressed with the work our chapter has done, "I think our national recognition for service is a testament to the selflessness and dedication of each and every one of our members, and all I could

think about were the amazing things we have been able to do for our communities as I carried our award with me on the trip home."

As we wrap up this spring semester, Petersen is optimistic for the future and the good that



Griffin Petersen received the Tozier Brown Public Affairs award at the 2024 High Alpha Summit on behalf of Alpha-Gamma Zeta.

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# \$3,468,714 Raised; Dedication Oct 12!

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

We still need funds for furniture, landscaping, video conferencing equipment, and a kitchen island. Many thanks to these Brothers and their families for supporting the *Home Away From Home* campaign to build a new Chapter House!

The list below includes only those who have committed their support to the **Building Fund**. The list is current as of April 9, 2024. Annual donations to the Housing Corporation Operating Fund for 2024 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](mailto:rsorensen4@mac.com).

## \$150,000+

Harry D. Roberts AG 1185

G. Mark Mickelson AG 1337

## \$100,000+

James F. Hart AG 656  
James W. Abbott AG 782  
Roger W. Mjoen AG 790

Doyle D. Estes AG 805  
David J. Gardner AG 938  
Kenneth Duncan AG 993

Robert E. Anderson AG 1019  
Michael J. Runge AG 1379  
Michael L. May AG 1467

## \$50,000 – \$99,999

Douglas L. Estes AG 684  
Robert Murphy AG 773  
Edward J. Pluimer AG 803

Louis H. Hogrefe AG 806  
Brian Darnall AG 808  
Harry Christianson AG 889

Terry M. Schmidt AG 984  
Kevin D. Horner AG 1026  
E. Paul Amundson AG 1213

Nicholas J. Magera 1269

## \$25,000 – \$49,999

Frank L. Trotman AG 643  
David R. Gienapp AG 667  
Ralph D. "Van" Hines AG 844  
Dennis M. Daugaard AG 917  
Jeffrey K. Williams AG 947  
Alan K. Pearson AG 972  
Randy J. Sorensen AG 989

Ω Brad Gullickson AG 996  
Kevin P. Brady AG 999  
Mark Knight AG 1004  
Roger Werth AG 1017  
Scott Heidepriem AG 1018  
Kevin Garvin AG 1021  
Fredrick Slunecka AG 1022

Bradley D. Hammer AG 1053  
Bradley Estes AG 1059  
William L. Baker AG 1145  
John A. Lake AG 1177  
Scott G. Stern AG 1178  
Stephen G. Fendrich AG 1195  
Charles A. Nelson AG 1199

David G. Hurrell AG 1244  
Karl Adam AG 1330  
Joel L. Konrad AG 1343  
Jeffrey W. Post AG 1445  
Chris E. Ekstrum AG 1448  
Corey H. Peters AG 1471  
Logan Lamphere AG 1596

## \$10,000 – \$24,999

Allen B. Brown AG 532  
Ω Jerome B. Lammers AG 587  
Craig E. Knudson AG 636  
Richard E. Brown AG 688  
Wilson Kleibacker AG 759  
Ω Thomas J. Storms AG 787  
Leland Hoekstra AG 820  
Glen A. Severson AG 850  
Marcus Gullickson AG 860  
David W. Landry AG 867  
Roger D. Sullivan AG 900

Thomas J. Schaefer AG 914  
John Wollner AG 915  
Thomas F. Truhe AG 924  
James Morrison AG 930  
Daniel MacRandall AG 950  
Gordon Peterson AG 955  
Douglas A. Sandvig AG 977  
Mark Peters AG 985  
Dan J. Cheever AG 1008  
Thomas C. Bower AG 1016  
Gregg Carlson AG 1020

Kevin Whitelock AG 1037  
David Erickson AG 1048  
Douglas Mulder AG 1056  
Arlen Hanssen AG 1073  
Thomas J. McDowell AG 1141  
*Duerre Family*  
Ω Faris F. Pfister AG 66  
Ω Charles D. Nass AG 670  
Ω Faris G. Pfister AG 486  
Blake W. Duerre AG 1143  
J. Tyler Haahr AG 1284

Timothy A. Clausen AG 1317  
Craig S. Mischo AG 1322  
Matthew C. Reynen AG 1334  
Thomas J. Henderson AG 1382  
Joe Krall AG 1345  
David Mahowald AG 1348  
Doug P. Christensen AG 1349  
Mark Vavruska AG 1359  
Daniel L. Rausch AG 1365  
Brian D. Landry AG 1530  
Brandon Wilsey AG 1653

## \$5,000 – \$9,999

Thomas V. Conway AG 725  
Charles W. Cooper AG 760  
Joseph P. Egger AG 796  
Fred W. Romkema AG 799  
David G. Padrnos AG 862  
Curtis J. Liedtke AG 886  
Ross D. Lamphere AG 888  
Doug Lind AG 937  
Stephen L. Hebert AG 941

Richard K. Hegg AG 982  
Daniel Radigan AG 1035  
Kevin Hawley AG 1060  
J. Scott Endres AG 1186  
Clark Hurrell AG 1191  
Steven G. Pint AG 1290  
Michael J. Neuroth AG 1308  
R. Scott Campbell AG 1323  
Mark S. Simmons AG 1339

Randal J. Osterloo AG 1388  
Michael D. Padrnos AG 1456  
Milo R. Carley AG 1465  
Russell D. Olson AG 1479  
Lance Elshere AG 1581  
Van J. Carmody AG 1790  
*Tordsen Family*  
Tyler L. Tordsen AG 1863  
Troy D. Tordsen AG 1876

Quinton J. Tordsen AG 1974  
Nicholas R. Bratvold AG 1881  
Gavin P. Zimmerman AG 1888  
Zachary S. Williams AG 1893

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# Donors over \$1,000 will be on the house plaque

\$1,000 – \$4,999

Truman Schwartz AF 530  
 Thomas E. Aman AF 551  
 Courtland Swenson AF 573  
 Thomas Johnson AF 618  
 Jerome Andersen AF 629  
 Clark Absher AF 633  
 Gerald Baldwin AF 639  
 Larry Jorgenson AF 671  
 Victor G. Raphael AF 726  
 Richard Schneider AF 736  
 Jeff Esbenshade AF 757  
 George Strandell AF 758  
 Milne J. Duncan AF 772  
 Kris J. Kober AF 779  
 Dean Rasmussen AF 781  
 Ted Richardson AF 785  
 Ron S. Dvorak AF 789  
 Ω Peter E. Binder AF 786  
 Bryan H. Bennett AF 792  
 Thomas Duncan AF 804  
 John E. Leuthold AF 821  
 Roger C. Roskens AF 824  
 Joseph M. Fergen  
 Thomas Assmus AF 831

Barry Buehler AF 835  
 John Gulbranson AF 838  
 Patrick Seager AF 847  
 Michael Brummer AF 853  
 Gary Pommer AF 865  
 Steven Wobbema AF 866  
 John A. Eickman AF 870  
 Steven J. Holm AF 879  
 Thomas J. Froning AF 881  
 Wesley Shelton AF 893  
 James Plucker AF 896  
 Kenneth Eide AF 908  
 Lyle H. Castle AF 912  
 David J. Bell AF 913  
 Donald C. Rusch AF 919  
 Ronald Erickson AF 920  
 Randall B. Kasch AF 922  
 Jeffrey Stavenger AF 933  
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 Vernon Deters AF 936  
 Scott E. Bell AF 943  
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 William Grant AF 948  
 Jay Anderson AF 957  
 Russ Pearson AF 962

Steven Beyer AF 969  
 Scott Shaeffer AF 976  
 Darrell Mueller AF 979  
 Carroll Fullerton AF 987  
 William Taylor AF 1032  
 Mark Kontz AF 1062  
 James W. Miller AF 1072  
 J. Kevin Croston AF 1087  
 Thomas Kennedy AF 1105  
 Michael Fox AF 1122  
 Scott Schuknecht AF 1128  
 William Protexter AF 1130  
 Jeffrey Jares AF 1131  
 Craig Viehweg AF 1146  
 Paul M. Rickert AF 1147  
 John A. Reaney AF 1151  
 Michael A. Roach AF 1159  
 Mark A. Culhane AF 1174  
 Kevin G. Kane AF 1193  
 Benedict Mahowald AF 1197  
 Thomas Carpenter AF 1190  
 Steven M. Dexter AF 1198  
 Thomas Burchill AF 1223  
 James C. Edman AF 1228  
 Timothy Teslow AF 1246

Brian G. Stern AF 1253  
 James Protexter AF 1263  
 Ω Scott Schoppert AF 1267  
 Darrell A. Jesse AF 1273  
 Gary R. Jaeger AF 1278  
 Joe Smedsrud AF 1281  
 Marlon Lofgren AF 1347  
 Anthony J. Macke AF 1351  
 Timothy Forbes AF 1360  
 Robert Seuntjens AF 1361  
 James Hieb AF 1369  
 Ryker J. Lammers AF 1386  
 Steve Andrzejewski AF 1395  
 Tanner D. Musick AF 1544  
 Brad Delperdang AF 1595  
 Jeremiah Johnson AF 1601  
 Wade Foreman AF 1608  
 Jeff Johnson AF 1737  
 Christopher Healy AF 1815  
 Jordan M. Smith AF 1858  
 Jordan Schumacher AF 1862  
 James Gulbranson AF 1870  
 Derek McBride AF 1892  
 Garrett Bankston AF 1903  
 Lucas G. J. Lund AF 1910

## Upcoming Events

**April 20:** Founders Day, Sioux Falls

**May 3:** Last Day of Spring Semester

**August 26:** First Day of Fall Semester

**October 11-13:**

Dakota Days and NEW HOUSE DEDICATION

## Watermelon Bash

On April 3, the Alpha-Gamma Zeta in conjunction with our sister sorority, Alpha Xi Delta held the annual Watermelon Bash fundraiser in Prentis Park to benefit Feeding South Dakota and the Foster Network.

This year's event saw many similarities to those of previous years. Burgers, hot dogs, chips, and, of course watermelon were all on the menu for any participant along with a chance to win a \$15 gift card to Starbucks from the cornhole tournament.

This year's event also added to the festivities with the Greek Watermelon Toss. Representatives from each respective Greek chapter on campus were

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## Service and Stewardship (cont'd)



Volunteering at Trinity Lutheran Church of Yankton's confirmation lock-in.

Lambda Chi Alpha is doing on campus, in the community, and even the state as a whole.

"Our members have proven

time and time again that they are willing to put in countless hours of work on behalf of the communities they live in and the people they stand by, and

I just hope that they continue to hold themselves to that high of a standard in the years to come."

## Spring Formal

On March 22-24, the active chapter hosted its Spring Formal at Lewis and Clark Resort in Yankton. Formals are an incredible opportunity for our

brotherhood to strengthen its bond and provide more opportunities to pick up stones during our time in Lambda Chi Alpha. We are grateful to all the brothers who made it such a huge success!



# Graduating Seniors

## ETHAN RISWOLD

MAJOR: MARKETING  
 HOMETOWN: DELL RAPIDS, SD  
 FAVORITE PART OF LAMBDA: GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY WHILE MAKING MEMORIES AND FRIENDSHIPS  
 FUTURE PLANS: SURVIVE LAW SCHOOL



## ELI CRANE

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
 HOMETOWN: SIOUX CENTER, IA  
 FAVORITE THING ABOUT LAMBDA: WE ALL KNOW EACH OTHER SO WELL AND ARE A VERY COHESIVE CHAPTER  
 FUTURE PLANS: MOVE BACK HOME AND GET AN ADMINISTRATION JOB WITH ONE OF THE LOCAL BUSINESSES



## TYLER GERE

MAJOR: FINANCE  
 HOMETOWN: PIERRE, SD  
 FAVORITE LAMBDA MEMORY: FORMALS AT BOJI  
 FUTURE PLANS: CONTINUE MY JOB AS AN ACCOUNTANT AT PREMIER BOOKEEPING IN SIOUX FALLS



## LOGAN STONE

MAJOR: ACCOUNTING  
 HOMETOWN: DELL RAPIDS, SD  
 FAVORITE THING ABOUT LAMBDA: I LEARNED A LOT OF VALUABLE LESSON AND MADE EVER-LASTING FRIENDSHIPS  
 FUTURE PLANS: ATTEND A MASTER PROGRAM AND GET MY CPA



## RILEY PETER

MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY  
 HOMETOWN: DELL RAPIDS, SD  
 FAVORITE THING ABOUT LAMBDA: THE FRIENDS AND MEMORIES I'VE MADE ALONG THE WAY  
 FUTURE PLANS: I AM CURRENTLY UNDECIDED



## REED LENKER

MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION W/ SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING MINOR  
 HOMETOWN: OMAHA, NE  
 FAVORITE THING ABOUT LAMBDA: ALL OUR FORMALS  
 FUTURE PLANS: GET MY MBA AND WORK IN MARKETING



## CARTER SHACKLETON

MAJOR: NURSING  
 HOMETOWN: RAPID CITY, SD  
 FAVORITE THING ABOUT LAMBDA: LAMBDA HAS BROUGHT ME SO MANY THINGS INCLUDING DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES, CONNECTIONS, AND FRIENDSHIPS THAT WILL LAST ME A LIFETIME  
 FUTURE PLANS: PASS THE NCLEX



## Bash (cont'd)

given the opportunity to see who could hurl a watermelon the farthest. This year's winners, Kappa Alpha Theta and Beta Theta Pi, each received a twenty \$25 cash prize.

Griffin Petersen is the current High Theta and believes that this event did more than just fund-raise for a good cause, "I thought we had a great turnout this year despite high winds and chilly temperatures that day. There were several members of all the Greek houses on campus, and I thought that the event really brought a lot of people together!"

Fundraising totals are projected to reach over \$800. Lambda Chi Alpha is proud to host this annual philanthropic tradition with our sister

sorority and we want to thank them for their hard work in helping make this event possible.

## 2024 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.

### Platinum Donor (> \$1000)

Roger Mjoen AF 790

### Gold Donor (\$500 - \$999)

### Silver Donor (\$250 - \$499)

Randy Sorensen AF 989

### Bronze Donor (\$100 - \$249)

Gary Davis AF 819

### Annual Alumni Donation (\$50 - \$99)

George Strandell AF 758  
 Scott G. Stern AF 1178

Theodore Steinkogler AF 685  
 Patrick L. Gulbranson AF 750

Rob Anderson AF 1019

David Landry AF 867

Thomas Carpenter AF 1190



# New House Dedication Oct 12

We have been so fortunate with the mild weather this winter that things are moving quickly and are AHEAD of schedule!

But luck stops with the weather—it's been hard work and expert knowledge from our partners at Mart Bros Construction of Vermillion and our experienced Building Committee led by Mike Runge and Brandon Wilsey that have kept the construction on track and at budget.

As of April 9, all mechanical, plumbing and electrical work is done. Sheetrock installation is complete. Exterior masonry has been delivered and is starting soon.



**Because of the quick construction progress, we now plan to hold the DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHAPTER HOUSE over Dakota Days, Oc-**

**tober 12!**

Mark your calendars—invitations to follow.

**\*\*\*Founders Day April 20, 4-8pm at the SD Military Alliance, Sioux Falls\*\*\***

Visit our website at [LambdaChiAlphaAtUSD.org](http://LambdaChiAlphaAtUSD.org)

## Alpha-Gamma Zeta House Corporation

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