

# A-G-Z NEWSLETTER

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*LAMBDA CHI ALPHA @ USD*

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# INTRODUCTION

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*A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR*



The Alpha-Gamma Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha is pleased to release the annual A-G-Z Newsletter - a publication intended to keep alumni, family, friends, and any other Lambda Chi enthusiasts in the know. We aim to highlight the events that occurred, let you know what's to come, and maybe give you some fun - or not-so-fun - facts about the chapter and our members. The goal of the A-G-Z Newsletter is to showcase all that our members do, not only in the chapter, but also on campus and in the community.

The Alpha Gamma Alumni Association and the Active Chapter are seeking to go digital in the coming years, so it is paramount that we have your desired emails in our directory. We are looking to organize more social events both online and around the area so please make sure you are receiving our emails! If you are not receiving the latest emails, be sure to send an email to [alphagamzetaaa@gmail.com](mailto:alphagamzetaaa@gmail.com).





# DAKOTA DAYS 2018

This last October, many Lambda Chi Alpha brothers and their families gathered at the Chapter House to reconnect once again at the annual Dakota Days celebration from Friday to Sunday. To kick off the Dakota Days weekend, many alumni and several Active Chapter Brothers attended the USD Alumni Achievement Awards where we had two of our Alumni Brothers receive recognition for their contributions and achievements. Tyler Tordsen, who graduated in 2015 and currently serves as the southeast regional director for Senator Rounds, was presented with the Emerging Leader award. Furthermore, Dr. Rick Holm was awarded the Professional Achievement Award for all of his accomplishments within the field of medicine. We are so proud to have them as part of Alpha Gamma Zeta!

On Saturday, the Active Chapter organized a luncheon for all after the Dakota Days Parade where a meal was catered by Mr. Smith's and a presentation was given by Tyler Tordsen and Randy Sorensen of the Alumni Association. The highlight of the presentation was the recognition and awarding of the Distinguished Service Award to Brother Tom "Frog" Froning for his relentless compassion and service to furthering our chapter. Thank you, Tom, for all that you do for us! On Sunday, Doyle Estes generously provided a breakfast at the Chapter House where many gathered for a final way to celebrate Dakota Days 2018.



# PHILANTHROPY

Over the course of the semester, the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha raised over \$3,500.00 for Feeding South Dakota through our three annual events. The first event was the Haunted House that we hosted with the women of Pi Beta Phi. The theme was Childhood Nightmares and we had clowns, a creepy Santa, a dentist, and much more. It was a tremendous success, and everyone had a lot of fun planning and creating a house of horrors within the chapter house.



Our second event was our Football Run where we partnered with the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter at SDSU, running the game ball from Vermillion all the way to Brookings. As many know, this event has been a longtime tradition spanning over 50 years since it was first started. We called businesses and talked with friends, family, and our many alumni to help sponsor us as we made this run to bring awareness for Feeding South Dakota. All of their contributions went directly to Feeding South Dakota. Our biggest contributors were Nelson and Nelson CPA, Stern Oil, Brad Fowler State Farm, Old Lumber Company, First Bank and Trust, and Sanford Vermillion. Thank all of you for your contributions and for keeping this tradition alive!



Our last event was Lambda Chi Hy-Chi where we worked closely with our local Hy-Vee and helped bus tables as people came through to receive their \$5 Chinese buffet. Some of the proceeds go to Hy-Vee and some of the proceeds go to Feeding South Dakota. We always love this event because we are able to help our local Hy-Vee in addition to raising money for Feeding South Dakota.

One of the very small ways we also help out the community of Vermillion is through volunteering at the local food pantry. Every week, we go to the food pantry and help clean it. It is a nice way to give to our community and it's a fun weekly activity to do with brothers. Overall, this semester has been a very successful year, and we are excited to see what's in store for the spring semester.





# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JACKSONVILLE,  
FLORIDA



In early August of 2018, four of our undergraduate brothers and three alumni attended Lambda Chi Alpha's General Assembly in Jacksonville, Florida. Brother Dave Landry (AG867, Initiated 1970) was honored by Lambda Chi Alpha with the prestigious "Order of Merit Award" for his continuous support and involvement with our Active Chapter. Brother Dave is the third Alpha Gamma to receive the award, and joins Brothers Scott Stern and Jeff Espenshade as an honorable recipient. Congrats Dave, and thank you for all that you do!

Although Dave's award was the highlight of the Conference, three of our Undergraduate Brothers, Conrad Mohr-Eymer (AG1922, High Gamma), Ross Oyler (AG1947, High Kappa), and Ethan Walker (AG1936, High Beta), attended numerous Leadership and Development Courses throughout the duration of the conference. The courses varied in their focus, and the undergraduates were allowed to cater their schedule and choose which courses they felt the need to emphasize and develop themselves personally and professionally.

Brother Lucas Lund (AG1910 and the current High Alpha) was honored as being a member of The Grand High Zeta Nominating Committee, a committee that evaluated candidates that had applied or were recommended to serve on the Next Grand High Zeta, in addition to creating a slate of finalists who are voted on by the General Assembly.

Pictured above from left to right in the back row are Brother Conrad Mohr-Eymer, Brother Ross Oyler, Brother Brian Landry, Brother Jim Abbott, and Brother Ethan Walker. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Brother Dave Landry receiving his "Order of Merit Award" and his wife Connie Landry, and Brother Lucas Lund.





# BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

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Brother Lucas Lund is enjoying exciting opportunities through the General Fraternity and the South Dakota Board of Regents. Last summer, Brother Lund was invited by Lambda Chi Alpha CEO Bill Farkas to serve on the 2018 Grand High Zeta Nominating Committee, an exclusive body tasked with evaluating and nominating candidates for the General Fraternity's Board of Directors. Lund was one of five undergraduates selected to serve on the Nominating Committee, which worked throughout the summer and during the 2018 General Assembly in Jacksonville. In August, he was elected by his undergraduate peers on the Student Advisory Committee to the position of Grand High Sigma, a role which allows him to serve as a voting executive member of the Grand High Zeta and Chairman of the Student Advisory Committee.

Brother Lund at the October Grand High Zeta Board Meeting, First Row, right of center.

In September, Lund was appointed by Governor Dennis Daugaard to serve a two-year term as the student regent on the South Dakota Board of Regents, the governing board for the state's six public universities and two special schools. In his role as the Board's student representative of the 35,000+ enrolled students in South Dakota's public university system, Lund will set policy direction, approve programming, and oversee the management of personnel, facilities, and financial resources for South Dakota's six public universities, the school for the deaf, and the school for the blind and visually impaired.

Upon his appointment this fall, Lund said: "It is truly an honor to be selected to serve as South Dakota's next student regent. This is an extraordinary learning opportunity for which I am extremely grateful, and I eagerly look forward to working alongside the Regents and our institutional leaders for the advancement of higher education in South Dakota."

We are proud to have Brother Lund represent Alpha Gamma Zeta at the international level and are excited to see where his work takes him on the Board of Regents.



# BROTHERS ABROAD



Junior Dale Loudon (left) and senior Lucas Lund (right) returned from an interdisciplinary USD faculty-led program in Greece which focused on history, philosophy, and geology, and included several weeks of sailing in Greece's lower Cycladic islands. Both earned credit toward the completion of their coursework in USD's Honors Program, and here they are pictured attending a performance of the Italian opera "Nabucco" at the Acropolis in Athens.



Junior Andy Holmes is currently completing a Spanish language and culture program in Barcelona. His goals in studying abroad in Spain include gaining significant progress in his Spanish language abilities and to gain a greater global perspective while immersed in Spanish culture. Here he is pictured in the Montserrat mountain region near Barcelona.



Senior Jace Jerome traveled to Hong Kong for a USD faculty-led program through the Beacom School of Business. The trip comprised of meeting with leaders from a variety of industry sectors and focused on how companies conduct business on a global scale.

**"It was an unforgettable experience! I would do it again in a heartbeat"**





# THE FUTURE OF THE HOUSE

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As of recent, a Board of Directors (B.O.D.) from the Alpha Gamma chapter have gotten together to investigate and finally recommend a path forward for the physical property of the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha. The B.O.D. developed the following Vision statement for what they want the physical property to encompass: "A lifelong Brotherhood and Home where leadership is fostered and expectations are exceeded." The B.O.D. and the sub-committee are in the process of distilling several potential ideas into a single plan that can be taken to the general alumni for consideration. However, on September 3rd, 2018, the B.O.D. held their Annual Meeting where they approved the following two recommendations from the sub-committee:

1. Engagement of Spencer Ruff & Assoc., for the purpose of evaluating the possibilities and limitations of our current house as they relate to the current project. Brandon Wilsey is coordinating this project and will take 90-120 days.
2. \$40,000 are to be procured for this feasibility study

From here, the next steps of this project will be to evaluate the Spencer Ruff Report prior to Founder's Day, obtain Artist's Rendering of our plan, conduct the Feasibility study that will last about 5 months, and hopefully mobilize to raise \$3 million dollars to build/rebuild our fraternity house



# DONATIONS

We would appreciate any support you can provide: time, talent, or treasure. If you would like to make a donation, be sure to contact Scott Bell below and follow the instructions. If you have time or talent that you would like to donate to the chapter, contact Lucas Lund at [Lucas.Lund@coyotes.usd.edu](mailto:Lucas.Lund@coyotes.usd.edu). Alpha-Gamma Zeta thanks you for your continued support and generosity, helping provide new opportunities for our over 100 year old chapter.

To pay your \$50 annual dues or/and make a donation

Send a check in the provided envelope to Scott Bell

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Or if you would like to pay by card contact Scott Bell

at [scott@scottbellcpa.com](mailto:scott@scottbellcpa.com)

Interested in being a Chapter Advisor?  
Contact [Lucas.Lund@coyotes.usd.edu](mailto:Lucas.Lund@coyotes.usd.edu) for  
more information.

Be looking for a Founder's Day Celebration  
announcement in the upcoming months!

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