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# Alpha-Gamma News

## Fall 2021

## Welcome

Brothers,

On behalf of all Alpha Gamma Zeta, I would like to welcome you to the 2021 Fall Newsletter. It has been an exciting start to the new school year of 2021. The Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter has been running in high gear, ranging from planning philanthropy events in the Vermillion community to socials with our favorite sororities! The Fall Rush Class of 2021 has been making strides in becoming involved with Lambda and our seniors are preparing to hand down the mantle to our newest leaders. As we look back on the crazy year of 2021, the active brothers of the Alpha Gamma Zeta chapter would like to give extreme gratitude to the never-ending support from our chapter's Alumni. Let's dive in! - Matt Wegener, AF 1956, High Rho

### Events this Fall

- ◆ September 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Annual Mike Miller Brotherhood Event
- ◆ October 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Annual Alumni Dakota Days Celebration
- ◆ October 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Pi Phi Social
- ◆ October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Theta Social
- ◆ October 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - A-Phi Social
- ◆ October 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
  - Annual Pi Phi – Lambda Chi Haunted House
- ◆ November 8<sup>th</sup>
  - High Alpha, High Beta, High Theta Elections
- ◆ November 8<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>
  - USD vs. SDSU Annual Football Run
- ◆ November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - High Gamma, High Tau, High Iota, High Kappa, High Delta, High Phi, High Sigma, High Epsilon, High Rho, House Manager, and Executive Officer Elections
- ◆ November 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>
  - Formal in Okoboji



2021 Fall Rush Class

## Interview with Max Mickelson



Max Mickelson, Associate Member, was asked a few questions about his overall experience thus far in his Lambda career. Max Mickelson is originally from Sioux Falls, SD, and is now majoring in Political Science. Max was originally hesitant about joining a fraternity when arriving at USD, but as most freshmen, he decided to give Rush Week a chance. After spending a few days with the Lambda Chi brothers, Max soon came to realize that this chapter was more than the stereotypical fraternity. Max was most impressed with Lambda's motivation towards academics from week one of classes. Max has just recently been elected as our chapter's newest High Theta (External Vice President) and is looking forward to leading his fraternity through planning our favorite philanthropy events!



## High Beta Report

I am Jaron Pesicka from Parker, South Dakota, and am currently majoring in Marketing and Operational Analytics. One of the biggest challenges as High Beta was keeping track of the Beta Points System. My biggest goal as Beta was to make sure each of my fellow brothers were rewarded accurately for their incredible efforts. The most rewarding aspects of being High Beta was planning two successful Mike Miller Brotherhood Events. Active and Alumni brothers were able to enjoy shooting clay pigeons and watching some college football in my own hometown. Recently elected as new High Alpha, my most important goals in having a successful term are in my motivation to improve our alumni relations with our Active Chapter. I would also like to see a recruitment class of 20+ young men who are ready to become the next generation of Lambdas in the aspiring new house. CHOPS ON TOP 2022!



## High Theta Report

My name is Alex Kolbeck and I am from Brandon Valley, South Dakota. I am halfway through my junior year as an accounting major. I have been grateful to have served as Theta, but it did come with some challenges. The biggest one was staying up to date with the different philanthropy events on campus to help support other Greek Life. The most rewarding experience from this officer position was having my own family come down to experience our annual Lambda/Pi Phi Haunted House. Our turnout ended up being well over 400 people! This semester, my goal was to continue our philanthropy traditions such as the Haunted House and the Lambda Chi Football Run so the new generation of Lambda's could receive hands-on experience. Going forward, I hope to see a unified Theta committee made up of talented, hardworking, and compassionate brothers who will excel at our traditions. I believe we have the perfect group of underclassmen to make that happen. High Theta has been a truly humbling position and I am forever grateful to have served as the 2021 High Theta officer!

## Alumni Association Update: Big Dakota Days and Winter Reunions

Dear Brothers,

Wow, what a fall it has been! Dakota Days 2021 was held September 30 through October 3 (yes, four days of fellowship!) and was a big success. Thanks to everyone who was able to make it. We know that with Covid still rearing its ugly head, many of you understandably took the cautious route and sent your well wishes instead. You will have more opportunities in the next few years to make it back to Vermillion.

Please take note, next year **Dakota Days will be much later than usual—October 22, 2022** (22 in 22?!). We have already reserved the Buffalo Run Winery (Valiant Vineyards) for an alumni mixer for that evening after (or during!) the football game.

We would love to welcome back large groups from the **classes of '72 (their 50th!), '82, '92, 02', and gulp, 2012** (how can they be having their 10-year reunion already?!). We have a great template in place that the big SIXTIES reunion committee put together (still in ALL-CAPS...), and I will be helping with communications and logistics. If a couple of you from each reunion year would volunteer to be the “face” of the committees, I can do much of the rest. 😊

Your Alumni Council is also planning a big **Founders Day this spring on April 22** (another 22—maybe this is an omen that 2022 will be amazing!). USD's “Calling All Coyotes” event is also that weekend. We're planning events in both Sioux Falls and Vermillion, and will be making a big announcement updating you on the Capital Campaign for a new home, and launching the public phase. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

We will be holding a **brunch in Naples, Florida, on March 13**, 10am-2pm at the Cypress Woods Golf Club: [eventbrite.com/e/lambda-chi-brunch-naples-tickets-213728135607](https://eventbrite.com/e/lambda-chi-brunch-naples-tickets-213728135607).

For those of you who winter in Arizona, there will also be a **reunion on March 23 in Mesa** at the Red Mountain Ranch Country Club—register here: [eventbrite.com/e/lambda-chi-alpha-reunion-tickets-165965751029](https://eventbrite.com/e/lambda-chi-alpha-reunion-tickets-165965751029). Brothers Rich Hinseth and Lee Hoekstra are helping coordinate that.

Watch for periodic alumni mixers in **Sioux Falls** (first Wednesday of each month), **Rapid, Denver**, and the **Twin Cities**. I host a quarterly one for any Lambda Chi in **Orlando**—let me know if you're in town!

We're building the opportunities to reconnect, network, and share in the bond of brotherhood that we all experienced at 327 N. Pine Street in Vermillion, South Dakota. Let's continue collecting those stones!

Yours in ZAX,  
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## Annual USD vs. SDSU Lambda Chi Football Run

We had a great week of running the annual State/U game ball on Highway 19. We finished our goal of 58 miles on Thursday and handed off the football on Saturday.

Throughout the week, we had a special report on *Keloland*, made by our very own alumni, Jacob Newton! It was a great turnout with our top two runners, Tyler Gere and Alex Kolbeck, running 10 miles each. Our SDSU chapter also accomplished their goal of running 57 miles and we got to hand off the game ball together as a big group.

Getting to meet the SDSU chapter was the highlight of the week. Overall, with the GoFundme page and other donors, we ended up raising \$862, a good amount, but below our target goal.

Our plan is to donate all the money generated from Haunted House and the Football Run on GivingTuesday. GivingTuesday has become a type of national holiday for nonprofits and will be on November 30th this year. We have raised roughly \$3,070 this semester and that should be able to be matched by our philanthropy, Feeding South Dakota.

-Alex Kolbeck



## Dakota Days – Through the Eyes of a Freshman

Hello, my name is Seth Knoer and I am currently a freshman at USD. After receiving my bid from Lambda, I decided to dive headfirst with all the fraternity had to offer.

The first big event that Lambda encouraged us freshmen to take part in would be our annual D-Days celebration. Although it was nothing short of a crazy weekend, it was an amazing experience. Throughout the week, I was able to take part in many activities hosted on campus. Some of these events included a hypnotist and a carnival, but it was what Lambda Chi had to offer in celebrating that I enjoyed most.

On Friday evening of D-Days, the Lambda Chi House hosted the first part of the D-Days celebration at the house. I will admit, I was very nervous in the days leading up to it. Only hearing good things about our alumni, I wanted to help around the house and make a great impression of our active chapter. Once the night began, it was obvious, and reassuring, to see that our oldest alumni were treating myself, and the active chapter like brothers. It was amazing to see the long-standing family that Lambda Chi Alpha had created firsthand.

The Saturday of D-Days, my freshman year, will be something I could never forget. As cloudy and gloomy as the weather seemed, the entire town of Vermillion was electric and abuzz. Not knowing what to expect when arriving to the Saturday-D-Days celebration at the Chop House, I was definitely not let down. The energy the active and alumni brothers brought to the game day atmosphere was nothing but a consistent adrenaline rush.

Being able to hear from fellow alumni brothers about the upcoming events, and continuing to move forward with the new house, was such a reassuring feeling in my gut. I knew then that choosing Lambda will be a lifelong journey and I would like to thank the alumni from D-Days for being a part of my first one!

-Seth Knoer, Associate Member



Dakota Days 2021 had a great turnout, especially from SIXTIES alumni. Events included golf, football, a Sioux Falls BBQ, House luncheon and winery tour.



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## Tayte Gleason, High Alpha: Active Chapter Update

Brothers,

I am originally from Dell Rapids, SD. I lived there for most of my life and attended Dell Rapids High School until graduating in 2019.

I think my greatest accomplishment from this year as High Alpha is how rapidly and successfully we were able to bounce back from COVID. Recruitment and especially retention (100% of Fall 2021 recruits), has been great! Academics have already seen a massive improvement from this time last year (over a 0.3 increase from Fall 2020 to Spring 2021). Our social and philanthropic events have finally seen a consistent return, and we have raised thousands of dollars for our philanthropy (Feeding South Dakota) through our Haunted House, Football Run, and other fundraisers held throughout the course of 2021. Our Zeta has really matured through adapting for the duration of transitioning from COVID restrictions into some form of normalcy.

At the beginning of my term, it felt as if a rug had just been pulled from under us due to COVID. Throughout this year, the chapter has been working tirelessly to build back that structure we once had. Our chapter has learned an endless amount of lessons in this process, which we have used to our advantage to thrive on campus once again. At this point, our chapter is really at a launching point. We have redeveloped and re-evaluated our operations, and our next term has the potential to far exceed expectations in how we affect Greek Life and the entire USD community.

I am forever grateful to have had this opportunity in serving my brothers as High Alpha in the 2021 term. I gained a wide experience of leadership, organizational, and time management skills through this office. I cannot thank the Active and Alumni Brothers enough for their never-ending support!

Sincerely, Tayte Gleason AF 1967

