

Alpha-Gamma News Fall 2012

LEADERSHIP TEAM

HIGH ZETA
HIGH ALPHA
TYLER TORDSEN

HIGH BETA
DAVID ESTES

HIGH THETA
JORDAN SMITH

HIGH GAMMA
DYLAN GEUTHER

HIGH TAU
STEVEN CAMPBELL

HIGH IOTA
JORDAN SMITH

HIGH KAPPA
TYLER TORDSEN

HIGH DELTA
JOE ERICKSON

HIGH PHI
JIM GULBRANSON

HIGH SIGMA
JP DEMPSEY

HIGH EPSILON
JOE ERICKSON

HIGH RHO
DYLAN GEUTHER

HIGH PI
CODY SIEWERT

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JEFF ESBENSHADE

TREASURER
SCOTT STERN

AT-LARGE
DOYLE ESTES
JACK NICHOLS
MATT BALLARD

The Bridge Builder

An old man, going a lone highway, Came, at the evening, cold and gray, To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide, Through which was flowing a sullen tide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim; The sullen stream had no fear for him; But he turned, when safe on the other side, And built a bridge to span the tide.

When Tyler Tordsen arrived at USD he had no intention of joining a fraternity. He was aware of the fraternity stereotypes and did not believe the fraternal experience was for him.

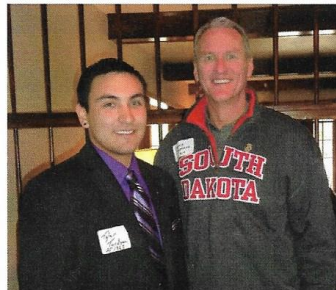
Then Tyler met Brother Jordan Smith. Jordan introduced Tyler to Lambda Chi Alpha's values and ideals. Tyler decided to give Lambda Chi Alpha a chance.

Still, Tyler was hesitant. At first he only attended chapter meetings. By initiation week Tyler still didn't know the names of all his classmates. But the lessons Tyler learned during initiation week changed him.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near, "You are

wasting strength with building here; Your journey will end with the ending day; You never again will pass this way; You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide- Why build you this bridge at the evening tide?"

After initiating Tyler moved into the chapter house and was immediately appointed House Manager. A semester later Tyler took on the dual role of High Beta and High Phi. And as



**Brother Tordsen with
Brother Daugaard**

just a Sophomore Tyler was elected to the highest ranking office, High Alpha.

Now a Junior, Tyler states that he has had experiences that he "could not have found anywhere else."

"I have seen the success of

a strong brotherhood, I have seen the strength of this bond over a lifetime thanks to the support of our alumni, and I have made lifelong friends of my own which I am proud to call my brothers. Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha-Gamma Zeta have greatly changed my life for the better and I in return owe much to the bond of our brotherhood."

The builder lifted his old gray head: "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said, "There followeth after me today, A youth, whose feet must pass this way.

Tyler realizes that the success he has achieved in Lambda Chi Alpha is not due solely to him; rather he knows many men have come before him who have afforded him the opportunity to succeed. And likewise Tyler strives daily to build a bridge for those men that will come after him.

This chasm, that has been naught to me, To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim; Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

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2012 Scholarship Recipients

Annually the chapter awards approximately \$12,000 in scholarships to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the undergraduate members. Congratulations to the following winners:

Man of the Year
Tyler Tordsen

Officer of the Year
Tyler Tordsen

New Member of the Year
JP Dempsey

True Brother of the Year
Jim Gulbranson

Athlete of the Year
Jordan Schumacher

Outstanding Academics

James Dempsey
Cale Scofield
Jordan Smith
Alex Vondrak

Alpha-Gamma Wins Bid to Host Conclave

Every Spring regional meetings of Lambda Chi Alpha chapters are held across the nation. The meetings provide an opportunity for chapters to meet with other brothers in the region and share best practices.

The upcoming 2013 Great Plains Conclave will be hosted in Vermillion, South Dakota by Alpha-Gamma Zeta. The chapter submitted a bid proposal that included plans

for facilities, scheduling, lodging, and a proposed budget.

All chapters in the region were allowed to submit a

proposal to the Grand High Zeta. After reviewing the proposals Alpha-Gamma Zeta was deemed the best and was selected to host for the Spring conclave.

The chapter is looking forward to hosting the conclave. We believe it is an opportunity to not only demonstrate the success the chapter has achieved, but also provides an opportunity for chapter members to gain event planning skills.



Chapter Donates 23,000 lbs. of Food

This year marks the 18th annual North American Food Drive. Every year the chapter engages in philanthropic efforts to

collect food for people struggling economically.

This year Community Service Chair Jordan Smith introduced a new and successful idea to achieve this goal.



On Friday and Saturday nights chapter members provided sober rides to Vermillion citizens for \$3 a ride. In total, the sober rides collected \$700.

Additionally, the chapter collected money for the food pantry by through hosting the annual Haunted House on Halloween and raffling a football autographed by the USD football team.

The money was donated to the Sioux City Food Pantry. According to the Pantry, the conversion of money donated was the equivalent of 23,000 pounds of food.

Chapter House Beginning to Feel Like a Home

When the Active Chapter arrived on campus for the Fall semester they were greeted by a pleasant surprise: new carpet adorned the hallways throughout the house, several bedrooms had been remodeled, the study lounge had been revamped into a conference room with a new table and chairs, and perhaps best of all the bathroom in the North basement had been remodeled.

These improvements to the

chapter facility, combined with the \$45,000 worth of improvements made in 2011 are starting to make the chapter house feel more like a home.

Next on the agenda for improvements are the three other bathrooms. The Housing Corporation hopes to remodel the bathroom in the South Basement over winter break at a cost of approximately \$4,000 dollars. The second and third floor bathrooms will cost significantly more to remodel due to their size and

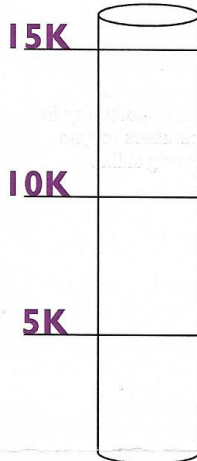
switch to individual showers. The Active Chapter and Housing Corporation thank you for your generous support these past years. We ask that you keep the chapter in mind this Christmas season and that you please consider making a donation of \$500, \$250, \$100, or \$50.

To donate, send a check to:
Scott Stern, Treasurer
2731 East Capricorn Place
Chandler, AZ 85249

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Inner Circle Giving Program

**2013
Fundraising Goal
\$15,000**



Benefits	Gold Donor \$500 and Above	Silver Donor \$250-\$499	Bronze Donor \$100-\$249	Alumni Dues \$50
Recognized on Chapter Website	X	X	X	X
Recognized in Spring Newsletter	X	X	X	X
Receive Hard Copy of Spring New Letter	X	X	X	
Certificate of Appreciation	X	X		
Recognized on Plaque in Chapter House	X			

Alumni Updates: Where are They Now?

Craig Knudson, AG 636 sold BancForce Financial Staffing in June to Workway. He hopes to retire within two years. Craig lives at 500 Montera Ct., Chula Vista, CA 91910 (the gateway to Mexico). His personal email is craig.knudson@gmail.com.

Logan Lamphere, AG 1596 is now an independent contractor providing SAP consulting and training services to large global clients implementing SAP. Logan first learned the SAP enterprise resource planning software at USD's B-School as part of the first undergrad class in the nation to be trained in SAP. His clients have included companies such as Nestle, SC Johnson, Medtronic, PACCAR, Honeywell Chemicals, Loblaw's, Freeman, Philips, and Saudi Aramco. He now works part of the year based from his Orlando home, but still returns to his hometown of Sturgis, SD, to help with the motorcycle rally campground on the family ranch.

Dave Welter, AG 1096 has been in Africa since July near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia working on a contract with ICAO, a branch of the United Nations under the United Nations Development Program. Dave is developing an air traffic training program for the Ethiopian Civil aviation Authority. The project is currently scheduled to conclude May 2013. Dave states that Ethiopia is a truly amazing country. The people are very proud of their country, have extremely strong conservative and family values, and generally very strong Christian values. They are a very poor country and are in need of much assistance. However, they prefer to have assistance in a hand up, not hand outs. Dave notes that he is surprised at how "green" the country is and states that the weather is almost perfect. Although it is within 10 degrees of the equator and at an elevation of over 7500', Addis Ababa never gets over 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and never gets below 45-50 degree. Overall, Dave has been pleasantly surprised with this experience.

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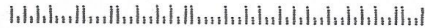
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Alpha-Gamma Plays Big Brother to School of Mines Colony

The Lambda Chi Alpha presence is growing in South Dakota. This Fall, a Lambda Chi Alpha Colony was started at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The Colony has numerous ties to Alpha-Gamma Zeta. The founding members of the Colony were recruited primarily by Lambda Chi Alpha Educational Consultants Brandon Hebert and

Chris Kirkeby. Chris is an initiate and former High Alpha of Alpha-Gamma Zeta. In addition, Chris

recruited alumni in the Rapid City area to aide the chapter, many of whom are Alpha-Gamma initiates. The Active Chapter has played a significant role for the Colony,

serving as the Colony's Big Brother chapter. Members of Alpha-Gamma traveled to Rapid

City to perform the Associate Member ceremony in September. Furthermore in November, the Chapter performed the Initiation Ritual for the Colony, welcoming 15 men into the bond of our brotherhood.

Lambda Chi Alpha is set to further expand in South Dakota next year. The South Dakota State University Chapter closed in 2006 due to lack of members.

Currently, it is scheduled to be colonized in the Fall of 2013.



Lambda Chi Alpha Colony 298 at the School of Mines