

Alpha-Gamma News

Spring 2021

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Welcome

Brothers,

On behalf of all Alpha-Gamma Zeta, I would like to welcome you to the 2021 Spring Newsletter. It has been an exciting start to the new year of 2021. As we look back on 2020, we can start to breathe a little easier as Covid-19 has calmed down at the University of South Dakota. Lambda is more than excited to start kicking things back into high gear as we continue to adjust to the ongoing predicaments of the pandemic. We have a lot of exciting announcements for you, so let's dive on in!

- Caden Haiar, High Rho

Events this Spring

March 27th

Brotherhood Olympics

April 10th

USD vs. SDSU annual Football Run

April 14th

Great Shots Brotherhood Event

April 16th-18th

Formal in Okoboji

April 24th

Founder's Day – a hybrid will be held at the Chop House. Special presentations will be given virtually by Chapter Officers and Alumni. An overall summary of the house will be presented by Tayte Gleason. The 2021 recruitment plan will be presented by Riley Riggs. Scholarships will be awarded during the hybrid event as well.

Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-founders-day-tickets-147591798041 to join!

April 30th- May 1st

Senior Willings

2020 Fall Graduating Class: Nathan Bachman, Scott Sidlo, Ross Oyler

2021 Spring Graduating Class: Jack Seitz, Ethan Hazlett

Events this Fall

Sept 30th – October 3rd

DAKOTA DAYS

SIXTIES 50th Reunion!

Sept 30th

“SIXTIES” Sioux Falls Barbeque

Oct 1st

Bluffs Golf Course,

USD Alumni Center

Class of '69 Tailgate, Chapter

House

Oct 2nd

Parade, Class of '71 House

Luncheon, Football, Winery

Oct 3rd – Hail & Breakfast



Interview with Grant Judson



Grant is one of our newest Associate Members in Lambda Chi Alpha. He grew up in Pierre, SD where he played on the varsity basketball team. Grant recently transferred to USD from Augustana University and is currently pursuing a degree in accounting. Grant is described by his friends as, "an intelligent young man that strives to do the right thing". When asked why he chose to rush Lambda in the Spring Semester, his response was as follows, "I knew of some of the current members already in Lambda from Pierre. I knew them as great guys already, so Lambda was something I wanted to look into." Grant has some big goals already as an Associate Member. Grant is hoping to run for an officer position in the 2022 officer elections. He also is excited to be a part of the Summer imitation class of 2021!



High Delta

Hello, I am Riley Riggs, Alpha Gamma 1975, and the current High Delta for the 2021 term. My plan for this season as Delta and Recruitment is what I like to refer to it as the reconstruction plan. To break it down, I want to forge the Delta position back to the highest possible standard that it has progressively lost over the years. This includes changes such as regular recruitment training (inside and outside of rush week), regular recruitment events, the integration of Chapter Builder as a recruitment strategy, and a potential new member organization system. I am very optimistic for recruitment this year. I can assure you that I have the upmost passion for active chapter recruitment this season and I will strive to exceed previous year's recruitment by a landslide.



High Theta

Hello, I am Alex Kolbeck, and this semester has been filled with interesting opportunities to make a difference in our community. We have helped in places all over Vermillion striving to do random acts of kindness wherever we can! Some activities have ranged from helping a friend move furniture due to their basement flooding, shoveling snow off the roof of the Food Pantry in an early January winter storm, to raising money on social media to aid in helping pay for a young kid's heart surgery, (which raised over \$800), and doing our best to support other fraternities and sororities with their philanthropic missions as well. We have made a positive difference in the Vermillion community and becoming better men in the process!

Letter from the Alumni Association Director

Logan Lamphere, AG 1596

Brothers,

It is customary to start out any letter from South Dakota with a weather cliché, so here's mine—did you survive the big freeze in February? As I write this from Orlando, Florida, we've been experiencing above average temps in the 80s—I know, it's a difficult place to spend the winter, but please don't feel concerned for me. Seriously though, I hope everyone and their pets or livestock made it through OK. I know that many of you living in Texas weren't prepared for this kind of weather (even after spending +4 years in Vermillion, South Dakota!).

We had a great response from our last alumni newsletter, and were able to update several hundred addresses. Going forward, we plan to combine the alumni newsletter with the Active Chapter's Alpha Gamma News, as it just makes sense since we're writing and mailing to the same audience. I will provide content to the High Rho (Alumni Chair), who is currently Caden Haiar. We have been corresponding and meeting periodically, and I hope my virtual mentoring can help provide some assistance during this difficult time to be in school. I plan to still put together an email version of The Alumni Fellowship for the summer, so keep sending in your stories, photos, memories, work promotions, job vacancies, etc.

Since many of us can't always get back to Vermillion as much as we'd like, I'm setting up regional LCA@USD happy hours in the areas where many of us live. Sioux Falls has been holding monthly "Bored Meetings", which have been a big success in bringing together brothers of all ages. Seth Pierce has volunteered for the Omaha area. We are looking for regional alumni coordinators in Rapid City/Black Hills, the Twin Cities, Denver, and maybe Scottsdale to help schedule quarterly happy hours. Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer, or if you'd like to create a periodic LCA@USD happy hour in your area, and I can provide a list of area alumni. I will also schedule Facebook events.

For the first time ever, the Active Chapter will be holding a virtual Founder's Day on April 24 at noon CDT, along with an in-person Parent's & Alumni Day that afternoon at the House. Here is the virtual link: www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-founders-day-tickets-147591798041. If you are able to travel to Vermillion, the Actives would love to meet more alumni!

Yours in ZAX, Logan



Active Chapter

Alex Kolbeck
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 Ethan Riswold
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 Jon Bader
 Joshua Chase
 Kirby Kennedy
 Logan Stone
 Matt Wegener
 Max Peters
 Quinton Tordsen
 Reed Lenker
 Riley Peter
 Riley Riggs
 Tate Nielsen
 Tayte Gleason
 Tyler Ezra
 Tyler Gere
 Tyson Dahler

Refer prospective members

Do you have a son, nephew, brother or neighbor that is going to USD? Would they be a good Lambda Chi? Let the High Delta (Recruitment Chair) Riley Riggs know! His email is Riley.Riggs@coyotes.usd.edu and phone is (605) 867-5309.

What are we looking for in a prospective member? According to our national fraternity, we look for men with:

- scholastic aptitude
- leadership potential
- strength of character
- dedication to service

At USD, we have always added in friendliness and sociability; is this someone we would want to live with in the house? Are they a “good guy”?

There is also a way to refer prospective members online, even at other colleges and universities: www.lambdachi.org/refer-a-brother/.



Long list of Lambda Chi Doctors in Sturgis

By Logan Lamphere

Sturgis, South Dakota, has a lengthy lineage of Lambda Chi’s in the medical profession, and for some reason, their names begin with “L”.

In the Spring of 1970, a small pledge class (i.e. Associate Members!) including Curt Liedtke, Chuck Lewis and Ross Lamphere joined Lambda Chi Alpha at USD, with Ross having graduated from Sturgis High School. Dave Landry, also from Sturgis, had just joined the previous semester, and even though Ross knew that, he and the others joined Lambda Chi anyway.

Liedtke had graduated from Brandon Valley High School, and was soon followed by fellow Brandon Valley alumnus David Lauer. Liedtke, Lewis and Lauer all became doctors and located to Sturgis, while Dave Landry eventually received a nursing degree (although to my knowledge, Landry never assisted Liedtke, Lewis or Lauer).

But these brothers weren’t the first doctors to be associated from Sturgis. Dr. Bruce Lushbough, MD, AG 509, graduated from Sturgis High School in 1951, and as Aberdeen alumnus Dr. Tom Aman remembers, brother Lushbough was part of the South Dakota Boys’ Basketball State Championship team that year. (That team was coached by Buell Woodle, the Hall-of-Fame Sturgis coach, and included future Colorado All-American Carroll Hardy.)

Fast forward to 1983, and Lambda Chi Brett Lynass moved to Sturgis to start his Physical Therapy practice, after graduating from USD’s PT program with Honors.

Sturgis natives Mike Goodhope, AG 1531, and Chris Haas, AG 1665, have also become doctors, but their names didn’t start with “L”...

So Lambda Chi’s Lushbough, Landry, Liedtke, Lewis, Lauer and Lynass have all had a tie to Sturgis and the medical field. Only Lamphere failed to go into medicine (although he did serve on Monument Health Network’s Board of Directors and helped start the Rural Sturgis Ambulance Group, so I guess that counts for something...). ;) (Author’s note—Ross is my father.)



Tayte Gleason - High Alpha - Active Chapter Update

Hello, brothers! I am Tayte Gleason, the presiding High Alpha at our own Alpha-Gamma chapter. After over an entire year since the start of COVID, the chapter is finally beginning its gradual transition back to normalcy. Living in-house under the constant threat of quarantine definitely was a difficult change of pace, but we are nearing the light at the end of the tunnel. With stable virus numbers across campus so far this semester, many of our social opportunities are beginning to open once again.

Currently, the chapter is approaching spring finals. There have been numerous achievements made in these first ten weeks of the 2021 Zeta term. One personal celebration for me is our upcoming spring formal, the first one our chapter has been able to have in three years! Aside from this, we have been hosting plenty of other socials and brotherhood events as a chapter and our Zeta has done a great job working diligently to adjust to any restrictions. Our philanthropy has also been making strides; outside of our regular weekly contributions within the Vermillion community, we have taken part in two joint-chapter fundraisers and are planning the 2021 Football Run (the first of two this year) for the upcoming USD-SDSU game. Also, there has been chapter-wide academic improvement with the implementation of a new academic incentive system, and the chapter currently holds half of the executive seats on IFC. Finally, recruitment planning for the summer and fall is well under way.

We have much to look forward to as the semester draws to an end. USD plans to return to normal by fall, so the chapter will be running at full steam in August. Classes will be entirely in person, further social restrictions will be lifted, and favorite events such as our D-Days alumni event and the Lambda Chi Alpha Haunted House will be making their return. Big things are coming!



Sincerely,
Tayte Gleason
AG 1967



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