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Alpha-Gamma News

Spring 2022



Welcome

Dear Brothers,

On behalf of all Alpha-Gamma Zeta, I would like to welcome you to the 2022 Spring Newsletter! It has been an exciting start to the spring semester. Now that Covid is finally almost in the review mirrors, we have been able to jump right into things at the start of the year. We have already experienced, and are planning, many great events for the upcoming months. We can't wait to tell you all about it so let's dive right in.

--Seth Knoer, AF 1991, High Rho



Jim Mundt (AF 525) with Seth Knoer (AF 1991), Mesa Reunion

Founders Day, April 15, 2022

This year's Founders Day also serves to kickoff the campaign to rebuild Lambda Chi's home at 327 North Pine.

Join us to learn more about the project, recognize the generosity of those who have already pledged their support, and discover how to be a part of the next century of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Founders Day will be held in Sioux Falls on Friday, April 15, at the Country Club of Sioux Falls from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. CDT.

The event will include cocktails, dinner, and brief remarks from campaign leadership on the scope of the project and our progress so far.

Join us for what will certainly be a Good Friday!

Confirmed:

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Triston Curry
Dennis Daugaard
Nick Moser
Tate Nielsen
Phil & Jami Schott
Harry Christenson
Matt Wegener
Corey Peters & Betty Sinclair
Chuck Nelson
Brandon Wilsey
Louis Hogrefe

Visit us Online at www.LambdaChiAlphaAtUSD.org

Coming Events

- ◆ March 26th - Brotherhood Olympics
- ◆ April 8th through 10th - Spring Formal
- ◆ April 15th - Founders Day, Sioux Falls
- ◆ April 23rd - Watermelon Bash Fundraiser
- ◆ Date TBD - Senior Willings
- ◆ June 30 - Black Hills alumni mixer at the Valley Sports Bar
- ◆ October 20th—23rd The final Dakota Days at our current house

General News

We initiated six members in January. There are currently four Associate Members.

Six Seniors are graduating in May 2022.

Seniors Graduating: Matt Wegener, Casey Williams, Brayden Edwards, Caleb Lusk, Tyson Dahler

Matt Wegener



Hello, my name is Matt Wegener, ΑΓ 1956, and I am an Elementary Education major with a minor in reading. Once I finish school I plan to pursue a career in upper elementary education within South Dakota. My experience in Lambda taught me many different things, but most importantly it taught me that no matter what life throws at me, I can make it through. I am so thankful for every opportunity Lambda has had to offer me and the many memories made along the way.

Caleb Lusk

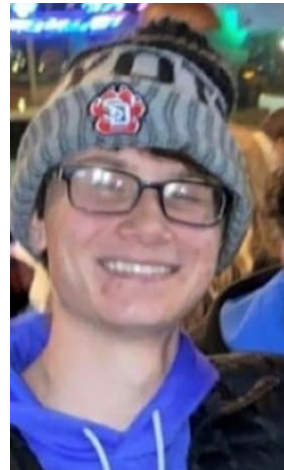


Hello, my name is Caleb Lusk, ΑΓ 1955, and I am a Kinesiology and Exercise Science major with minors in

Last Remarks

Psychology and Interdisciplinary Sciences. Upon graduating I will be attending Physical Therapy School to pursue my Doctorate of Physical Therapy. I could honestly list off 100 different memories I have of Lambda, but there are two that really stand out to me. The first one being in the strollers show my sophomore year. The second being the Football Run event that we do to raise money for Feeding South Dakota. It was truly an incredible experience. Thank you to Lambda for everything you have given me over the years.

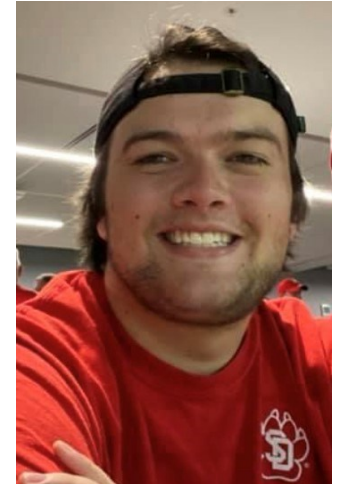
Brayden Edwards



Hi, my name is Brayden Edwards, ΑΓ 1963, and I will be receiving a B.A. in both Criminal Justice and Political Science with a minor in International Studies. Although I do not currently have a career path set quite yet, I will be continuing to live in Vermillion until I am able to find a job in my desired field. To me, the greatest experience I had within Lambda was simply the brotherhood. Living in the house was the best part. It felt like there was always something you could do with

your brothers in the house. I am so thankful I got to experience it.

John Bader



Hello, my name is John Bader, ΑΓ 1961, and I will be graduating with a degree in Elementary Education. Since I will soon be finishing my student teaching, I plan on pursuing a job in education. One of the best memories I ever made in Lambda was when we went to Rapid City for spring break. I couldn't ask for more than getting to spend my time off with the best friends I have ever made. I am so thankful for everything Lambda did for me and taught me.

Tyson Dahler



Hello, my name is Tyson

New Watermelon Bash Fundraiser

This spring we have created a new fundraising event. We will be hosting the 1st Annual Lambda Watermelon Bash!

We will have several competitions including a watermelon eating contest, a watermelon carving competition, and a dodgeball tournament.

Of course, we will also be smashing some watermelons. All money raised will be donated to the

Community Center Project of United Way. We have partnered with the Vermillion Food Pantry for many years during the Lambda Chi North American Food Drive.

According to Vermillion's United Way, the new Community Connection Center will be a place where those in need can receive assistance, moving from crisis to stability, and ultimately, self-

sufficiency. The Center will serve as a one-stop-shop for multiple services, including, but not limited to, United Way of Vermillion, the Vermillion Food Pantry, the Weekend Backpack Program, The Welcome Table, and Salvation Army.

We are hoping to turn this into an annual big spring philanthropy event in the future. We hope this will be a fun and productive event that will be held for many years to come.



Brotherhood Olympics Team Captains

Interview with new member: Carter Norris

What is your favorite memory after your first year?

Honestly I would say the Lambda Haunted House. I had a lot of fun both setting it up and scaring people during the event. It is something I am looking forward to next fall.

What is the biggest thing you have learned so far? The importance of brotherhood. I have never made friendships like the ones I have made with my brothers. They are there for me with no questions asked and I really don't know what I would do without them.

What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming years as a Lambda? I just want to keep making the amazing memories that I have. This has been one of, if not the best, years of my life. I have made so many memories that I want to keep for a lifetime. I never want that part of it to end.



Last Remarks, continued

Dahler, AF 1959, and I will be graduating with a degree in Accounting. I have already accepted a job with Williams & Company as a staff accountant. I will also be continuing my education as I plan on pursuing my Masters in Business Administration and then getting my CPA License. One thing I will never forget from Lambda was the feeling after I finished my initiation week. Although there was some relief that it was over, I was also filled with pure joy knowing I was finally a full member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Casey Williams



Casey's major is Finance with a minor in Psychology. AF 1954



Nick Bratvold (AF 1991) and Rich Hinseth (AF 995) at Mesa Reunion

Alumni Association Update

Dear Brothers,

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend one of our winter reunions! The first was in Naples, Florida, on March 13 and the second in Mesa, Arizona, on March 23. We hope to continue hosting these events each winter. Check out our Facebook page for more photos at [facebook.com/groups/LCAatUSDalumni](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LCAatUSDalumni).

Coming up on April 15 (Good Friday), we will be hosting our **106th Founders Day in Sioux Falls** at the Country Club starting at 5:00 p.m. CDT. It will be a good day, indeed, as we make some major announcements about the capital campaign for a new chapter house in Vermillion. Please join us for this special event!

Dakota Days 2022 will be the FINAL one at our current house!

Join us October 20-23, 2022. We have already reserved the Buffalo Run Winery (Valiant Vineyards) for an alumni mixer for that Saturday evening after (or during!) the football game, along with the CorTrust Club for halftime at the Dakota Dome.

The classes of '72 (their 50th!), and '92 will be having reunions. If you would like to help round up brothers from the classes of '82, '02, and 2012, we would appreciate your help in hosting these reunion years. Your Alpha Gamma Alumni Association will be making the arrangements and logistics, so we really only need your help to get the word out!

We will host a **Black Hills area mixer on Thursday, June 30**, at the Valley Sports Bar (owned by brother Bret Estes). And of course, there are the **Sioux Falls "bored" meetings**, held the first Wednesday of each month organized by brother Nick Magera. Watch for periodic alumni mixers in Denver and the Twin Cities, too.

We recently rebuilt our website, and it is full of information about the new chapter house. Visit LambdaChiAlphaAtUSD.org to learn more!

If you are not receiving our emailed summer and winter Alumni Fellowship Newsletters (full of photos and old stories!), please send me an email at alphagammazetaaa@gmail.com.

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

Yours in ZAX,
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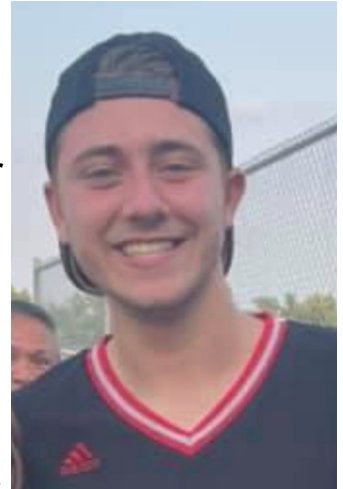
Interview with new member: Zach Ciurej

What is your favorite Lambda memory after your first

year? Fall formal was one of the greatest weekends of my life and I would not trade it for anything. I loved the atmosphere and truly everything about it. Formal weekend is a weekend I will never forget.

What is the biggest thing you have learned so far? The biggest thing I have learned has been trust. I have never had anyone like the brothers I have. Being able to trust them has been incredible. I know that they always have my back whenever I may need it.

What are you looking forward to in the upcoming years as a Lambda? I cannot wait to see how being a part of Lambda continues to help me grow as a person. Looking back to who I was when I arrived at USD and who I am now is something that makes me very proud. I have grown exponentially as a person and I attribute a great deal of that to Lambda Chi Alpha.



In Mesa: Tom Schaefer, Rich Hinseth, Gregg Graber, Dave Cullen, Jerry Skinner, Dave Gardner, Dave Landry, and Dennis Daugaard.

Mesa, Arizona, Alumni Gathering

On March 23, High Alpha Jaron Pesicka and I (High Rho Seth Knoer) had the opportunity to attend an alumni dinner event in Mesa, Arizona.

I would be lying if I said I was not nervous leading up to this event, but the anxiety quickly faded once we arrived. We were immediately greeted with smiles, and were not only just treated as equals, but as friends.

While we were there we had the



Seth Knoer (AF 1991), Dennis Daugaard (AF 917), Dave Landry (AF 867), Jaron Pesicka (AF 1969)

opportunity to meet several different alumni and see Dave Landry and

Dennis Daugaard be presented with awards for their contributions to Lambda Chi Alpha.

The entire trip was truly surreal. I was meeting people that would be leaving incredible legacies and have done amazing things in their lives.

They all started exactly where I am today, living in the same house that I am. To me that is incredible. It is honestly an experience I will never forget.

2022 Alumni Donor Wall

Support your Fraternity – Be an alumnus in good standing!

These are received donations of all types to the Alpha Gamma Alumni Association. Pledges to the Capital Campaign will be reported separately.

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Naples Winter Reunion—a new Florida tradition



From left, Nick Bratvold (AF 1991—speaking), Roger Mjoen, Cathy Gullickson (Crescent), Marc Gullickson (AF 860), Penny Lind, Debby Vander Woude, Doug Lind (AF 937), Jim Abbott (AF 782). From back left, Ross Lamphere (AF 888), Janet Lamphere (Crescent), Steve Holm (AF 879), Lynn Holm, Vicki Mjoen, Rick Hegg. From center Dan Cheever (AF 1008), Terry Schmidt (AF 984), Brenda Schmidt, Janet Cheever, and in the foreground, Jeff Williams (AF 947). Photo by Logan Lamphere (AF 1596). Not pictured Rob Anderson (AF 1019) and Kathleen Anderson.

Many thanks to Roger and Vicki Mjoen for treating us at the Cypress Woods Country Club.

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