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# Alpha-Gamma News **Fall 2025**

# **Dakota Days: Awards All Around**

Alumni, Actives and Associates Tyler Tordsen gathered in the beautiful chapter house on October 4, 2025, to celebrate the 111th Dakota Days. Guests enjoyed a nice lunch and socialized with one another.

The annual Housing Corp board meeting was held at Valiant Vineyards to cover milestones and goals for the future.

(AΓ 1863) was recognized for the national Order of Merit award, presented by previous winner Dave Landry (AF 867).

The Order of Merit award is the highest honor that recogniz-

> es alumni who have given exceptionally long and dedicated service to Lambda Chi Alpha.

Griffin Peterson (AF 1998) and Hari Ka-

darkaraisamy (AF 2000) were both recognized for their nominations to the Dakota

Days royalty. At halftime of the football game, Griffin Peterson was announced as Dakota Days 2025 King!



## High Rho Johnsen: Welcome and Thank You

Hello evervone, my name is Conner Johnsen and I am the High Rho of the chapter.

I am currently a sophomore medical biology major. I have enjoyed the role this semester in planning different events for Dakota Days and Parents Weekend.

This semester has been nonstop for the chapter, starting off with rush week and most recently ending with the annual Football Run.

We have been busy enjoying the brotherhood events, philanthropy, and a bunch of USD events like the football games and tailgate.

We want to extend our gratitude to all the alum-

ni that have been supporting us in becoming a bigger and better chapter over the years. None of our success would be possible without the support we receive.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Founders Day and any other events that you may attend.

Thank you all so much! Conner Johnsen, AF 2039



#### New Initiates Fall 2025

Owen Koontz (AF 2037) Radiology Technology Sturgis

Dawson Aberson (AΓ 2038) Business Management and Finance Sioux Falls

Conner Johnsen (AГ 2039) Medical Biology Huron

Mason McCoy (AΓ 2040) Criminal Justice Sioux Falls

Braedon Cunningham (ΑΓ 2041) Accounting and Finance Pierre

Devin Schofield (AΓ 2042) Accounting and Finance Sioux Falls

Carson Mount (AF 2043) Accounting Webster

#### Fall 2025 New Associate Members

Zayne Schramm Business Administration Yankton

Ivan Johnson, Accounting Harrisburg

Porter Cuka, Medical Biology Yankton

Elijah Eagle, pre-Physical Therapy McLaughlin

Markus Schof, Criminal Justice Mesa, AZ

Jason Schuch, Medical Biology

#### Marshall, MN

Michael Roob, Kinesiology and Sports Medicine Vermillion

Carson Bushfield, Finance and Accounting Harrisburg

Kaden Larson, Psychology Aberdeen

Austin Markman, Medical Biology Sioux Falls

Jensen Tesch, Business Administration Sioux Falls

Bryson Metz, Finance Sioux Falls

Issac Sittner, History Education Sioux Falls

Bryan Schierholz, Business Administration Sioux Falls

Gage Andries, Medical Biology Marshall, MN

Jonaus Bartscher, Medical Biology Sioux Falls

Jack Ireland, Finance Yankton

# **Seniors Graduating in December**

Pierce Sword (AΓ 2001) Business Administration Custer



Nick Larson (AΓ 2007) Business Administration Council Bluffs. IA



Both Sword and Larson are planning to attend law school after graduation.

# **High Alpha Update**

Greetings, alumni brothers! Fall 2025 has been yet another fun, exciting and successful semester for the active brothers of the Alpha-Gamma Zeta.

In August, we recruited 18 great new AMs, who have all grown incredibly close to our chapter thus far! Dakota Days was also a time to remember. Dozens of alumni were in attendance to meet and greet active members, congratulate brothers Dennis Daugaard and Doyle Estes for their honors at the USD "Unleash Your Legacy" Awards, and celebrate the

111th homecoming at their alma mater! To top it all off, I was honored to be crowned as the 2025 Mr. Dakota Davs. something a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha hasn't accomplished in over 30 years! October also saw the return of the annual Haunted House fundraiser in collaboration with the Pi Beta Phi sorority, where we raised over \$1700 and had 600 people come through our house for a few good scares! Our Football Run also saw great success, raising just under \$3,000 for Feeding South Dakota, Continued on Page 3



#### Alumni Events

Jan 12: USD Naples Alumni Luncheon 11:30am -1:30pm EST Cypress Woods Golf & Country Club

Jan 22: USD Scottsdale Alumni Social 5:30 - 7:30pm MST McDowell Mountain Golf Club

## **Haunted House Returns with a Vengeance**

/Halloween week was a blast for the active chapter. High Theta. Colby Harrell, worked to bring back the Lambda Chi Alpha x Pi Beta Phi Haunted House.

The event ran over a two-day period, October 29-30 from 7-9 p.m. each day.

The haunted house was a tremendous success bringing in more than six hundred members of

the Vermillion community.

This year we were able to raise and donate \$1,754. The money raised is donated to Feeding South Dakota.



# **Brotherhood Events**

# 2025 Alumni Annual **Donor Wall**

This donor wall reflects annual donations to the Operating Fund of the Alpha-Gamma Zeta Housing Corporation. Our fiscal giving year is January 1 through December 31, so the Donor Wall resets January 1.

Roger W. Mjoen AF 790 Lyle Castle AF 912

Tom Aman AΓ 551

Thomas Conway AF 725

Ralph "Van" Hines AΓ 844

Steven J. Holm AF 879

John H. Swennes AΓ 596

Derek Eaton AΓ 617

Thomas T. Johnson AF 618

Jerome R. Andersen AΓ 629

David Gienapp AΓ 667

Uldis Sutka AF 708

Victor G. Ranhael AF 726

Kendall A Schmidt AF 741

Platinum Donor (> \$1000) Alan K. Pearson AF 972 Randy Sorensen AF 989

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Dennis Daugaard AΓ 917 James Morrison AF 930 Bradley D. Hammer AF 1053 Logan Lamphere AF 1596

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Annual Alumni Donation (\$50 - \$99)

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Rob Anderson AΓ 1019

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Garrett R. Cox AF 1771

Stephen Hebert AF 941 Clark Hurrell AF 1191 Ryker Lammers AF 1386

The active chapter has had a great time bonding throughout the semester. Brotherhood events like a movie night, a cooking competition, and a jeopardy night have all taken place.

Update (cont'd) and it was a great time honoring such a long-

and it was a great time running tradition be-

tween our chapters at USD and SDSU ahead of the rivalry game, where the Yotes took the win!

As I look back on my time as the leader of the active chapter, I can hold my head high knowing that we've grown to a nearly 60-man chapter that continues to uphold our Seven Core Values in everything that we do as a chapter and in our individual lives. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the High Alpha for 2025, and I am confident that my succeeding chapter leaders will continue to uphold the highest standards of brotherhood and success as those who came before them. Thank you all very much!

In ZAX, Griffin Petersen, High Alpha, AΓ 1998

Thomas M. Vick AF 580 Daniel L. Jackson AF 714 Patrick L. Gulbranson AF 750 Jeff Esbenshade AΓ 757

Truman Schwartz AF 530

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# **Climbing Steps for Sept 11 Philanthropy**

To honor the first responders that lost their lives on September 11, 2001, members of Lambda Chi Alpha participated in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb.

Each member that participated climbed 110 stories – 2,071 steps – the height of the World Trade Center.

Together we climbed a total of 12,426 steps. We will never forget the courage of the first responders and others that lost their lives on that day.

# Football Run Generates Over \$6000

The annual USD x SDSU Football Run officially kicked off on Oct. 20 and ran until Nov. 7.

Both miles ran, as well as money raised, were tracked throughout the event and the winning chapter between USD and SDSU won bragging rights for the rest of the



year.

This year the USD chapter alone raised \$2,944 and ran a total of 70 miles. The USD and SDSU chapters were able to raise just over \$6,000 and ran a total of 80 miles. Both chapters donated the proceeds to Feeding South Dakota.

Visit our website at LambdaChiAlphaAtUSD.org

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