



The Fiji Forum

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The Mu Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta at the University of South Carolina



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Meet the 2019 Executive Board

In November our chapter elected 5 new members to our executive board. Junior Noah Conner, former Philanthropy Chair and Recruitment committee member, was elected to succeed Gus Narro as Chapter President. Noah transformed our chapter's philanthropy efforts, helping us raise around \$12,000 during his tenure. Sophomore Mike Klein was elected to replace John Strack as Treasurer, and Junior Justin Umberger



was elected to replace Jake Dahl as Historian. Mike Klein served on the Membership Development and Intramurals committees and was actively involved in philanthropy and community service events, while Umberger served on the Pledge Education committee he now oversees. In addition, Umberger also served as the Sorority Relations Chair, that was ultimately in charge of major events with sororities like Greek Week and Homecoming.

Sophomores Sam Laurie and Jac Medve were elected to replace Austin James as Recording Secretary and Tyler Cole as Corresponding Secretary. Before being elected to the Recording Secretary position, Sam served on the Scholarship committee as well as the Recruitment committee, where his role was to contact and attract potential new members from the northeast. Jac served on the Tailgate and Philanthropy committees prior to being elected to the Corresponding Secretary position. Both Sam and Jac were actively involved in philanthropy and community service events before being elected. This group of young men have already helped our chapter grow and progress, and without a doubt will continue to do so throughout their terms.



Philanthropy Spotlight

This has been another productive month for our Philanthropy committee! Newly elected philanthropy chair Bradley Foster did an excellent job with our second annual Soles for Souls shoe drive. For two weeks we collected shoes at our table in front of Russell House, as well as from lots of other generous donations. By the end of the drive we collected a total of _____ shoes to be donated to an excellent organization that will distribute them to people in need all over the world. We also recently hosted a percent night at a local Chipotle where customers could mention our name to donate 15% of the price of our order towards our philanthropy. We ended up raising _____ with no added costs to us.



Looking ahead on the philanthropy calendar, our chapter will participate in the charity Greek Bowl sponsored by the Interfraternity Council. Our flag football team will compete against teams from other UofSC chapters for a chance to win a \$2,000 donation towards our fund to Dance Marathon. If you would like to donate towards our Greek Bowl or Dance Marathon funds you can by visiting the links under “Philanthropy” at www.uofscfiji.com. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and go to a great cause!



New Kids On the Block

This semester, eleven young men pledged themselves to the Phi Gamma Delta brotherhood here at the University of South Carolina. During the coming weeks the Iota Class will have the opportunity to learn more about the history, values, and traditions of their chapter and the brotherhood as a whole. The new class made their official pledge on January 28th before the chapter with excitement and anticipation for the opportunity to earn their brotherhood status within the coming weeks.

The Mu Lambda Chapter's recruitment committee held several events to give U of SC students the chance to come out and meet the active brothers before the official bid day. This included a banquet at Wild Wings Café and a series of cookouts which gave the prospective new members the chance to shoot the breeze with active brothers and learn a little bit about what it means to be a Fiji. The recruitment period ended with a formal dinner catered by Blue Marlin where the invitees had the chance to introduce themselves to all the attending brothers, and by the end of the night, they were informed if they were selected to be part of the new spring class.

