



GAMMA UPDATE

Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma • Winter 2018

GAMMA CHAPTER ALUMNI BOARD PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Alumni Volunteers Are Needed

As we began 2018, the alumni board made a commitment to continue to work diligently to honor the past, present, and future members of Alpha Gamma Sigma.

To our alumni, we thank you all for making Alpha Gamma Sigma what it is today. Without you, we would not have the opportunity to instill the wonderful values the fraternity has given to so many that have come after you. To our active members, continue this legacy, represent the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with the 13 principles our proud fraternity lives by. To future members, we remain devoted to keep Alpha Gamma Sigma a place where “Preparing men for life by: coming together as scholars, living as brothers, becoming leaders of tomorrow” remains the standard!

I reflect on these three groups because it will be important for us all to unite toward a common goal, and that goal will be to look at building the house for the next 50 years. We had an amazing alumni event September 15-16 where we enjoyed a 4-man scramble, dinner and drinks at the Champions Club, Husker football, and a great wrap-up event at the Hillcrest Country Club. Active members really enjoyed hearing all the stories from the alumni, and our alumni loved the opportunity to get to know our members.

This event helped create a great awareness around the importance of building a new fraternity house. We continue to have issue after issue in our cur-

rent structures, and the competition from Alpha Gamma Rho, FarmHouse, the university, and private development has never been stronger. If we wish to continue our legacy, it will be vitally important that we have a new house that will ensure future success.

Our mission will continue to look toward the future and will need your attention and support as we move forward. If you are interested in volunteering in some capacity, please reach out to me. Whether you have a lot of time on your hands, or just a little bit, we would be happy to have your help.

We look forward to keeping you informed and aware of all that is going on with our chapter through our ongoing communications. As you may have noticed, we have a new look to the *Gamma Update*. We have hired Pennington & Company to help provide editing, design, and support for our communications programming. The content is driven by our chapter and Alumni Association, but we decided it was time to get some help with the production side. We hope you like the new format!

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Undergraduate Chapter Sees Outstanding Success in 2017

We've had another exciting year here at Alpha Gamma Sigma. Young leadership, new perspectives, and motivated members have driven change that will benefit our chapter for years. An executive board consisting of five freshmen, seven sophomores, and two juniors has led the brotherhood in a positive direction throughout the past year.

In September, we had a great Homecoming Week. Homecoming Chairman **Jared Stauffer '16** said, “The excitement for Homecoming made for a fun time and great bonding.” On September 30, we held our annual Dames and Desperadoes semiformal.

Our annual Red Rose alumni formal takes place each spring. Both alumni and active members take time to enjoy the evening and reminisce on times in Alpha Gamma Sigma.



Last summer we welcomed 19 new men into Alpha Gamma Sigma. These new men are taking huge steps in the right direction and are eager to become $\text{A}\Gamma\Sigma$ men. **Matt Morton '16** said, “Recruitment is going well and we can't wait to grow our membership!”

The chapter GPA was a 3.171 for the fall 2017 semester. This placed us ninth out of the 24 fraternities. Over a period of five years we have increased our GPA from a 2.900 to 3.171. Scholarship Chairman **Alex Czarnick '16** said, “Our

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AGS Alumni Weekend Golf Outing

The AGS Alumni Foundation golf event took place on Friday, September 15, at Crooked Creek Golf Club in Lincoln. This year's 4-man scramble kicked off Gamma Chapter's alumni reunion weekend, which concluded on Saturday with a celebration at Hillcrest Country Club. "It is that time of the year again to golf, socialize, and reconnect, all while raising money for the AGS Alumni Foundation to support educational efforts of the active chapter," said Alpha Gamma Sigma Foundation Chairman **Mike Flyr '01**.



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Chapter Sees Outstanding Success

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campus involvement is very strong in College Republicans and Collegiate Farm Bureau."

The men of $\text{A}\Gamma\Sigma$ raised money for Special Olympics-Nebraska through our philanthropy, Balloon Bash. Vice President **Brett Storer '15** stated, "We may not have had the attendance we wanted, but we were pleased to hear everyone had a great time."

Much of our success is credited to those who came before us. We're thankful for the rich history of our chapter and we invite all alumni to visit our house and to attend a Monday night dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
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Five brothers traveled to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis to receive their American Degrees from FFA. Back row, left to right: Michael Ferguson '15, Nic Taylor '16, and Shane Jiskra '16. Front row, left to right: Riley Kamphaus '16, Jack Spilker '16, and Jake Judge '17, Nebraska FFA State President.



JOHN BERGMAYER '85 SEES GREATNESS IN GAMMA CHAPTER'S FUTURE

John Bergmeyer '85 met some of his best friends in Alpha Gamma Sigma. He knew many as an incoming freshman, but throughout his time with the Gamma Chapter, that number grew immensely.

"Alpha Gamma Sigma was one of the greatest experiences of my life," John said. "Being with great people and growing personally during that time was critical to who I am today. There were countless role models in the chapter who worked hard and provided great examples for me to follow, but it was also a great place to cultivate friendships and have some fun, while developing a good work ethic and strong leadership skills. It was a unique experience that I will always treasure."

John served as recruitment chairman and vice president while an active member of the Gamma Chapter, and he served on Gamma Chapter's alumni board for several years after completing his undergraduate degree in business administration. While no longer an active member of the board, he remains heavily invested in the chapter's well-being, and is excited to see what the future has in store for ΑΓΣ. "With the competition we face from other fraternities on campus, it's important to evaluate what



we want to be going forward and make a commitment to making that vision come to fruition.

"I would like to see ΑΓΣ continue to prosper so future members are able to pursue things that they are passionate about and are willing to work for. It's important to participate in leadership activities and organizations that align with one's passions, which in turn will lead to meeting people who are like-minded and have similar ambitions. I believe the university and fraternity can provide many opportunities like that to current and future members. They certainly did while I was there."

John and his wife, Kris, live in Lincoln, and have one daughter, Allison, who is a freshman at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, and is on the equestrian team. John has practiced law in Lincoln for nearly 25 years. His practice centers on working with businesses and business owners and families on a number of transactions, and helping people achieve personal and professional goals and ambitions. When he is not working, he enjoys golfing, fly fishing, and cheering on the Huskers. You can contact John at jbergmeyer@ohdbslaw.com.

Merton "Cap" Dierks '53 manages a 4,000-acre ranch. He and his wife, Gloria, have four children, Jon, Tom, Chris, and Stephanie, and a practicing veterinary grandson and a veterinary student grandson. Unfortunately, a stroke in 2011 limits Cap's active participation in ranch and organization activities. E-mail: mdierks@gpcom.net

Richard G. Terp '54 and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August. They have three children: Jeff, Brad, and Janae. E-mail: iowaterp@aol.com

Roy D. Volzke '54 reports he "was supposed to have died in 2012 from a heart attack, having four heart procedures—six stents and five heart bypasses. I had less than a 30% chance to live, and made such a recovery that I'm being studied, and spend 100% of my time as a speaker and a distributor of a one-of-a-kind product in the world. There is an aspect of this that could become a huge fundraiser for ΑΓΣ." Roy lives in Lakewood, Colo. E-mail: rdvolzke@gmail.com

Melvin A. Meierhenry '55 and his wife, Pat, live in Lincoln. "Having converted my life's story into words, I hope for an end result in the motivational arena. This is a challenge. Soon to be published on lulu.com."

ALUMNI NEWS

Norman Barney '65 works part time driving children to and from school and working with special needs children. He and his wife, Carol, have three children, Tyler, Justin, and Kathryn, and live in Overland Park, Kan. E-mail: bnorm628@sbcglobal.net

Wayne Wood '67 sees partial retirement on the horizon, and has no plans to fully retire. His business continues to be vegetation management for corporations and the government. Wayne and his wife, Marsha, have two grown sons and live in Longmont, Colo. E-mail: mlwww@aol.com

John Watson '68 developed and operates Century Sales & Management in Lincoln, managing apartments and handling investment property sales. He also owns part of Rentping, a website developer and management company. John is in business with his two sons, who have developed a lot of the business. "I am gradually retiring, and my wife, Carla, and I travel quite a lot." E-mail: johncarlawatson@gmail.com

Kyle D. Spilker '80 and his wife, Betsy, live in DeWitt, Neb. Their son, **Jackson '16**, is a sophomore at UNL majoring in agronomy. They also

have two other sons, William and Peter. E-mail: kdspilker@windstream.net

Jason R. Vogel '90 and his wife, Stephanie, have two children, Paetyn and Piper, and live in Norman, Okla. Jason took a new job as the director of the Oklahoma Water Survey at the University of Oklahoma, and is also on the faculty of the School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science at OU. "I still cheer for the Huskers though!" E-mail: jason.vogel@ou.edu

Dusty L. Paxton '92 and his wife, Mindy, were married in 2001. They raised Angus and Hereford cattle south of Mullen, Neb. Mindy is a cosmetologist, and their three children, Molly, Eli, and Peyton, enjoy school, rodeo, and living in the sandhills of Nebraska. E-mail: mindypaxton@hotmail.com

Dave Bird '95 and his wife, Sara, live in Omaha, Neb. They have four children: Evan, Logan, Hayden, and Cameron. In addition to working as an accountant for CSG, Dave is actively involved with his family's restaurant, LeRoy's Steakhouse, in North Bend. E-mail: davebird@hotmail.com

Jordan Busboom '13 graduated from UNL in 2017 and started at Farmer's Cooperative in Hallam, Neb., while helping on his family's farm. E-mail: jtbusboom@gmail.com

Help Us with your Recruitment Referrals

With high school graduation right around the corner, so begins our summer recruitment process. We ask that you, as alumni, keep a look out for young men who would be quality candidates for recruitment into Alpha Gamma Sigma. Early communication and direct contact from you helps us in a successful summer of rush. Please refer candidates to our Rush Team through the "Recruitment" tab on agsunl.org or by e-mailing us at rush@agsunl.org.

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Jacob Uhlman*
 Clatonia, Neb.
 (Father **Tom Uhlman**)

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**Legacy; relative in parentheses*

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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address. Thank you.



Active and new members cheering on the Huskers during the season opener at Memorial Stadium.

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