



GAMMA UPDATE

Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma • Fall 2019



Our updated rendering provided by APMA.

Increased Alumni Support Vital to Reaching Campaign Goal

Let's Write Gamma's Next Chapter Together

Since Alpha Gamma Sigma's *Building the Future of Gamma Chapter: The Campaign for Alpha Gamma Sigma* began, we have had several communication updates to keep you apprised of our project. We are excited to announce we have hired Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture (APMA) and Hampton Construction. The board feels confident after doing our research and due diligence that these will be great partners to work with. Above, you'll see an updated rendering from APMA.

This is an exciting update and direction we are moving toward; however, we need to raise more funds to begin construction in May 2020 and secure Gamma Chapter's future at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Mutual Assistance Begets More

To date, 119 brothers have committed \$1,546,910 to the campaign. This represents just 16.6% of our members participating. The average rate of participation for a successful Greek capital campaign is around 25%, and the highest at UNL is 38%. Imagine what we could accomplish if twice as many alumni pledged their support to Gamma Chapter.

Many hands make light work, and with the support of additional Alpha Gamma Sigma alumni, we are confident we will reach our goals. We would be honored to add your name to the list of donors helping us do so. Consider a commitment of \$5,000 or \$2,500, payable over the next five years, to help us achieve our \$2.5 million goal and put Gamma on solid financial ground. **It's imperative we reach \$2.5 million pledged by May 2020 to begin construction on time.**

Breaking Down Your Donation

We truly understand a pledge of \$5,000 or \$2,500 might take some sacrifice. However, broken into monthly payments, this pledge costs only \$84 or \$42 per month. **Can you spare \$42 a month for Alpha Gamma Sigma?** We often spend this same amount on non-essential items without

even noticing. By assigning this sum instead to ΑΓΣ, you enable today's collegiate men to have the same life-changing experiences you received. Your gift will go far in creating a brighter future for Gamma Chapter and enhancing the undergraduate experience for the brothers following in our footsteps.

Pay It Forward

We urge you to please do your part today by returning the enclosed pledge form with a gift to commemorate the time you spent at Gamma. The need is real and the opportunity is great for us to provide for the next generation.

There has never been a more pivotal time in our chapter's history. This campaign is a one-time opportunity to preserve ΑΓΣ's presence at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. If you have been holding off on making a gift, we need you to act *today*.

Fraternally,

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GAMMA'S FUTURE!

We are very grateful to the following brothers for committing \$1,546,910 to *Building the Future of Gamma Chapter: The Campaign for Alpha Gamma Sigma*. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of our Alpha Gamma Sigma chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Broad participation is required to reach our campaign goal. We hope you will join the campaign with a gift or pledge today.

Gamma Chapter Principals Society (\$100,000 and above)

Gerard J. Keating '82, F437
Keith Molzer '86, F511
Shane Belohrad '87, F515
Active Gamma Chapter

Benefactor Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Virginia and
Thomas Schwab '57, F76
Gestrung Family Gift
Rick Gestrung '83, F450
Bob E. Gestrung '85, F497
Kevin Yost '84, F464
John Bergmeyer '85, F485
Scott Bunz '89, F565
The Curtis Domina '93, F638
Memorial Gift
Matt Jedlicka '91, F605
Chad Hill '92, F613
Jason Katt '92, F615
Rick Gish '91, F619
Kevin L. Wemhoff '92, F624
Ryan Rikli '93, F628
Brent Karstens '93, F634
Eric Dam '93, F636
Justin Sindt '93, F637
Kevin Buhrman '93, F640
Warren Coulter '93, F641
Bill Japp Jr. '93, F642
Aaron "A.D." Daul '94, F650
Heather and
Drew Glasshoff '95, F672
The family of Beverly and
Chad Villwok '95, F666

Gamma Chapter Executive Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Boyd Stuhr '53, F21
Dale Van Vleck '53, F322
Eli L. Thomssen '56, F77
Edward Banning '59, F95
Milvern Noffke '59, F99
Wayne Wood '67, F195
Jill and Matt Keating '80, F416
Amy and Todd Shane '81, F423
Folkers Family Gift
Dean R Folkers '84, F468
Ryan A. Folkers '91, F606
Kevin T. Lytle '85, F484
Mike Miller '86, F502
Bill J. Munn '87, F520
Brase Family Gift
Mark K. Brase '87, F528
Mitch Brase '94, F654
Jed Christensen '95, F671
Chris P. Manske '96, F687

Gold Brotherhood Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Donald C. Meiergerd '59, F119
Wayne E. Hake '66, F168
Marcile and
Loren E. Katt '70, F230
Lyle Kinley Jr. '75, F313
Karna and
Dwight J. Dam '80, F401
Gary Kahle '84, F482
Brad Kresak '85, F486
Greg Hoegermeyer '87, F517
Doug Kreite '88, F540
Corey Huck '88, F547
Dana Soukup '88, F532
Brian Nedrow '89, F556
Dr. Jeff Jacobs '90, F575
Brian Wieman '95, F674

All donors contributing a minimum of \$5,000 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so we may make a correction.

Roubal Family Gift
Tony Roubal '05, F849
Zane Roubal '08, F912
Clay Roubal '11, F946

Silver Brotherhood Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Stanley Eberspacher '53, F3
Roy D. Volzke '54, F39
Gen. Darrel D.
Thomssen '58, F104
C. Blair Williams '58, F90
Richard Katt '71, F255
Galen Kuska '78, F363
Barton Ruth '78, F365
Charles R. Peterson Jr. '79, F380
Susan and
Gary A. Schultz '83, F443
D. Kent Thompson '83, F454
Dr. Shawn Semin '88, F534
Cory Bergt '88, F535
Cary L. Sandell '88, F541
Kurt Loseke '88, F545
John S. Goertzen '88, F553
Chris Lesiak '89, F554
Chris A. Wormuth '89, F559
Pat L. Kroese '89, F564
Mark Frank '90, F581
Doug Knobbe '96, F678
Joel Clements '97, F699
Jerad Hutchens '00, F773
Chelsea and Lane Merz '08, F905
Jordan T. Busboom '13, F977

Bronze Brotherhood Society (\$1,000 to \$4,999)

Anonymous
Dierks Family Gift
Kyle Upp '15, F1006
Thomas L. Dierks
In honor of
Sen. Merton "Cap" Dierks

Donna Nedrow
In memory of
Bernard Bruce Nedrow '60, F102
Dale G. Anderson PhD '54, F30
Larry M. Lutz '56, F70
James M. Eriksen '56, F73
Virgil F. Wagner '61, F114
Ben Schole '65, F161
Duane W. Krajnik '66, F171
Keith Niemann '67, F190
Daryl Wilton '72, F274
Karen Tesina and
Tim Tielke '80, F399
Gregerson Family Gift
Tammy and
Tim Gregerson '84, F469
Garret Gregerson '13, F978
Matt Bergmeyer '87, F523
Mike Zalman '87, F524
Troy Bredenkamp '87, F530
Bill Smith '88, F552
Uhlman Family Gift
Thomas Uhlman '89, F558
Jacob Uhlman '17, F1048
Mike Underwood '90, F588
Andy Walden '99, F753
Michael Flyr '01, F795
Romshek Family Gift
Dustin Romshek '06, F867
In memory of
Dennis Romshek '78, F367
Trevor Watson '07, F888
Amanda and
Adam Brown '07, F892
Benson Wallace '08, F908
Logan Schweitzer '08, F913
Jeremy Schrieber '09, F898

WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME THESE PARTNERS TO THE TEAM!

The alumni association has contracted with Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture (APMA), located in Omaha, Nebraska. Founded in 1987, APMA has a long-standing history of taking a unique approach to each project with its own specialized team of professionals who bring passion and energy to every design. They have extensive experience in adaptive reuse of historic buildings as well as enhancing the environment around it. With that, we felt they were the best firm to meet the needs of our renovation project. We're excited about this partnership and look forward showcasing the design of the future Alpha Gamma Sigma.

We have also contracted with Hampton Construction, located here in Lincoln, to carry out the design APMA has created for us. They have constructed and/or renovated buildings in nearly every industry—general office, medical, dental, hospital, educational, financial, retail, restaurant, grocery, arenas, recreational, theaters, and more. Their reputation throughout Nebraska is second to none. They know construction, and they will help us realize our vision for Alpha Gamma Sigma.



CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of October 15, 2019



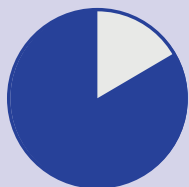
Campaign Goal
\$2.5 Million



Total Commitments
\$1,546,910



Total Contributors
119



Participation Rate
16.6%

**Join Bob Gestring and
118 other alumni with a
pledge to ΑΓΣ today.
Use the enclosed
pledge form or give
online at agsunl.org.**

Preparing Men for Life

Bob Gestring '85 Helps Gamma Chapter Brothers

Become Leaders of Tomorrow Through Campaign Contribution

As the FFA president for the state of Nebraska during his senior year of high school, **Bob Gestring '85** was heavily recruited by many fraternities upon his arrival at UNL. However, ΑΓΣ stood out among the rest. Ultimately, it was the commonality he felt with the brothers and the home-like feel of the chapter house that solidified his decision to join Gamma Chapter. Without Alpha Gamma Sigma, Bob would not have the life he has today.



reconnecting with many brothers he had lost contact with over the years.

"I'd like for everyone who's ever been an active in ΑΓΣ to think about what all the house did for them and what it provided while they were there," he stated. "Going forward, do you want the house to be there? It won't be if we don't complete the campaign."

With other agricultural fraternities at UNL building new houses, it's imperative that Gamma Chapter can provide an updated house to remain competitive. Bob realizes that undergraduates want to live in a place that is up to modern day standards and creates a great Husker experience.

"We had alumni before us that made those similar sacrifices, and it's our turn to step up," Bob said.

On a personal level, Gamma Chapter introduced Bob to his wife, Laura, who is a UNL Alpha Phi alumna. "If not for ΑΓΣ, I probably would have never made that connection," he shared. "If I had to do it all over again, I'd join ΑΓΣ. I wish I could have those years back and do it again."

Bob and Laura have two children: Trent (22), who recently graduated from Arizona State; and Maclaine (16), who is a high school sophomore leaning toward attending UNL for college. They live in Phoenix, Arizona, where Bob is employed by Tessengerlo Kerley, Inc., as director of NovaSource sales for the U.S. and Canada territories.

You can connect with Bob and find out more about why he supports the capital campaign at bgestring@tkinet.com.

"Gamma Chapter provided me with a lot of guidance, enforced study hours, and assisted in a better understanding of how the university system worked," Bob said. "It did so much for me—it helped me get through college and start a good career."

Alpha Gamma Sigma also afforded leadership opportunities that set Bob up for success after college. He served as chapter president during his time as a collegian, refining skills he would later utilize in his professional endeavors.

Following his graduation from UNL, networking opportunities through his Gamma Chapter brothers made the transition into the work force much smoother. Bob admits that knowing brothers in the same field of work helped him get his foot in the door and launch his career in agriculture chemical sales in 1990.

Bob still feels a strong connection to his Alpha Gamma Sigma brothers and the Gamma Chapter—a connection that inspired him to support *Building for the Future of Gamma Chapter: The Campaign for Alpha Gamma Sigma*. Through the campaign, he has enjoyed

Bob Gestring '85 Fun Facts

- Favorite Memories of Gamma Chapter: Road trip to Colorado to beat the Buffs and Riverboat that turned into Riverbus
- Favorite Professional Sports Team: Dallas Cowboys
- Favorite Musician: George Strait
- Favorite Food: Misty's Prime Rib
- Left Brain or Right Brain: More Right
- Cake or Cookies: Cookies

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GAMMA CHAPTER WELCOMES 26 NEW BROTHERS

Alpha Gamma Sigma Reaches Highest GPA in Over Five Years

Though the fall semester is just beginning, the men of Alpha Gamma Sigma are already taking full advantage of the opportunities on campus in many different areas of leadership, academics, and philanthropy.

GROWING THE BROTHERHOOD

This fall, Alpha Gamma Sigma welcomed one of its largest classes into the fraternity with 26 new men. These new members exhibit the principles of an AGS man, pushing our leadership presence on campus and academics to new heights.

PRIORITIZING OUR ACADEMICS

Academics are *the* top priority for Gamma Chapter. This past spring, the chapter GPA was the highest it has been in over five years, reaching a 3.229. This placed us eighth out of the 25 IFC chapters, up from 10th last year. As we continue striving for higher academics, we are hoping the strategies we've implemented are successful and will propel us to the top of the IFC chapters.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR RED ROSE 2020

Last year, Red Rose was a huge success. Hosted at the Cornhusker Marriott, active brothers and alumni had a useful meeting about the future of the Gamma chapter house. In addition to the meeting, actives and alumni connected, danced, and enjoyed a meal together. Red Rose 2020 is set for March 14 and will be at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel once again.

INCREASING CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

AGS continues to raise the bar on campus leadership. The chapter has leadership positions in College Republicans, CASNR coffee club, and Greek Ambassadors, just to name a few. We also continue to be involved heavily with FFA. One AGS member is running for national FFA office and the chapter has many past and current state FFA officers.

In addition, our philanthropic involvement continues to grow. For the first time, Alpha Gamma Sigma will be hosting the World of Whiffle Ball tournament this fall for our main philanthropy event. We also give back to the community through maintaining an adopt-a-highway stretch along US 77, hosting blood drives, and volunteering at the People's City mission.

THANK YOU, ALUMNI

These exciting happenings couldn't have been done without support from our alumni who continue setting us up for success and growth. We would like to invite any alumnus wanting to visit the chapter house or a chapter meeting to stop by! Dinner and meetings start at 5:30 p.m. and we love to hear from alumni.



If you would like to join us for a chapter meeting, reach out to Alumni Relations Chairman **Jake Morris '17** at (402) 227-5378.

Nicholas Taylor '16

Chapter President

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WELCOME TO ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA

*Please join us in welcoming
these new members into our brotherhood!*

Logan Anderson
Virginia, Neb.
Agronomy

Brook Behlen
Columbus, Neb.
Undeclared

Cole Bures
Oakland, Neb.
Plant Biology

Ethan Dozler
Albion, Neb.
Animal Science

Miles Eggleston
David City, Neb.
Agriculture Education

Spencer Gaffney
Broken Bow, Neb.
Animal Science

Zane Gansemer
Nehawka, Neb.
Undeclared

Cole Gracey
Arnold, Neb.
Secondary Education

Tyson Haddix
Lindsay, Neb.
Animal Science

Maxwell Heuerman
St. Paul, Minn.
Undeclared

Kooper Jelinek
Atkinson, Neb.
Mechanical Systems

Luke Krabel
Juniata, Neb.
Civil Engineer

Cole Liable
Atkinson, Neb.
Construction Management

Andrew Liberty
Bellevue, Neb.
Accounting

Trent Marshall
Burwell, Neb.
Agriculture Education

Zach Molzer*
Kansas City, Kan.
Undeclared

Chad Niemeier
Beatrice, Neb.
Agronomy

Creighton Niemeyer
DeWitt, Neb.
Agriculture Business

Blake Pelster
Wallace, Neb.
Agriculture Economics

Aidon Perlinger
Paxton, Neb.
Undeclared

Bennett Perlinger
Paxton, Neb.
Undeclared

Cody Schaad*
Columbus, Neb.
Undeclared

Ben Schow
Paxton, Neb.
Agriculture Business

Kaden Schow
Paxton, Neb.
Agriculture Economics

Tony Sloboth
Omaha, Neb.
Pre-Health

Weston Svoboda
Burwell, Neb.
Agriculture Economics

*Legacy

Alumni News

Millard Hanson '66 was born and raised on a farm at Ord, Neb., and graduated from UNL in 1969 before enlisting in the Army. He served two years driving for the Southern Command Surgeon General at the Canal Zone in Panama. Millard went to Jungle Training School and non-commissioned officer training school to help make rank and went back to the farm for 13 years, leaving in the mid-1980s due to the agriculture crisis. He then started working as a loan officer for Producers Livestock Credit Corporation in Omaha. In his position, he financed livestock for farmers and feedlots in a 10-state area, in addition to providing hedges, options, and other forms of risk management. During that time, Millard served as a judge for the FFA at their state convention in Lincoln.

In 2017, Millard moved to Castle Rock, Colo., to be with family. To take up some of his slack time, he works as a contractor for a roofing company in Monument, Colo., but mostly spends time with family and friends. Email: Millardhanson@gmail.com

Trevor Spath '19 lives in Kearney, Neb., where he works for Corteva Agriscience as an associate territory manager with Pioneer Seeds. He began the position upon graduating in May. Trevor's role supports the Pioneer sales team in the western two-thirds of Nebraska and provides him the opportunity to work with farmers and sales people, many of whom are ΑΓΣ brothers. Email: trev.spath@gmail.com

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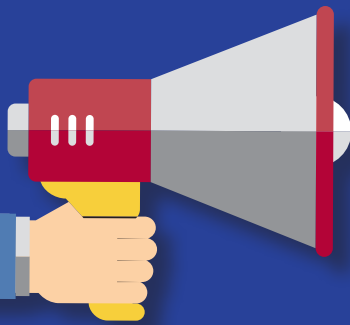
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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address. Thank you.



CALLING ALL ALUMNI

Gamma Needs You to Volunteer

Looking for a way to stay involved with ΑΓΣ? Join the alumni board! Elections will be held this spring and it's never too early to consider joining our board of dedicated alumni volunteers. We could greatly benefit from some new faces on the board!

Mark Your Calendars

Red Rose 2020

March 14, 2020

Cornhusker Marriott Hotel

More details to come!

