



GAMMA UPDATE

Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma • Fall 2022

ASPIRING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Gamma Foundation Goals for 2023 and Beyond

The fall semester at 3455 Holdrege Street marked the first time in three years that a bit of “normalcy” returned to the men of Alpha Gamma Sigma. The chapter house is fully functional, classes are mostly in person, and our members can follow a “normal” philanthropic, athletic, and social calendar. The Alumni Board of Trustees hasn’t needed to focus on supply-chain disruptions, permits being issued in a timely manner, or subcontractor non-availability. The goal of a phenomenal fraternity house has been mostly accomplished. On to the next challenges!

What are those next challenges? There are a couple:

- 1 One remaining project for the facility is the replacement of some exterior panels. The Gamma Foundation Board received a bid this past summer, and based on current inflationary pressures and the cost of the project versus funds available, we decided to table the project for another year in hopes of pullback on costs (and additional fund availability).
- 2 Regarding available funds, based on information provided by Pennington & Company, we have two more years to receive the roughly \$250,000 of pledged funds made by our alumni toward the capital campaign. If everyone follows through on those pledges, it will put us in position to complete the physical improvements of the chapter house and face unexpected items in the years to come.

We must also take time to focus on our recent successes! There are too many to list, but a few jump out:

- This summer’s recruitment success, led by **Logan Anderson ’19, Γ1091**, **Alex Jarecke ’20, Γ1122**, and the active chapter teaching our 33 new members how to be AGS men. The experience began with a two-day retreat at the Carol Joy Holling Conference Center in Ashland, Nebraska. It was the perfect opportunity to unite the group and help develop their initial bonds. The funding of this project was provided by your generous support of the Gamma Foundation.
- Those new members have participated in our new *Aspire* development program, created with the assistance of **Rich Katt ’71, Γ255**, **Rick Gestring ’83, Γ450**, and **Dean Folkers ’84, Γ468**, along with much input from the Fraternity Education Committee. Fraternity Educator **Colton Husa ’20, Γ1130** is the administrator of the *Aspire* program, and he has been just the person to oversee this new program. Everyone is excited to learn from this first effort and further develop a four-year leadership and life-skills program for our brothers.
- The AGS Big Red Tailgate was held on Saturday, October 1, with over 300 alumni, actives, parents, and guests in attendance. Planned and overseen by **Mike Underwood ’90, Γ588**, the day provided many “wows” during the tour of the fraternity, some tears when officially dedicating the Daryl Warday Brotherhood Room, and many

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Just a few photos from the AGS Big Red Tailgate!



WARDAY

November 7, 2022

Dear Men of Alpha Gamma Sigma,

On behalf of the Warday Family, I wish to extend a sincere thank you. Allowing us to be a part of the dedication day for the Daryl Warday Brotherhood Room was truly an honor. Even though it has been a few weeks, my heart is still touched by the generosity and tribute to my late husband. As the boys and I chatted later that day, we were so moved by the heart-filled stories, the laughter, and the tears. The day was a perfect Homecoming Day.

Daryl loved the AGS house because of his brothers. You each made him the best version of himself. In turn, he inspired you in a unique way. This is true brotherly love. As Kevin Yost said, “Daryl is with us. He will always be with us.” I have no doubt of that truth. Daryl is so proud of every one of you. You have gone above and beyond to make AGS a true home to be proud of both today and into the future (110%).

Congratulations on the amazing new home of Alpha Gamma Sigma and thank you for honoring Daryl. The Brotherhood Room is beyond special. It is true “Brotherly Love!”

Our sincere love,
The Warday Family
Ann, Bryan, Kyle and Courtney, Ellie and Clare
(Baby Warday, June 2023)



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smiles and laughs during the actual tailgate event at the Hyatt Place outdoor venue. We hope to make this an annual event, so if you were unable to attend this year, look for announcements for the future.

As we close this update, know that you will continue to hear a constant theme from the alumni leadership moving forward. That theme is that the physical structure is now sound, and our next focus is the experience of the members.

The creation and implementation of the *Aspire* program is the start, but the Gamma Foundation Board also has its sights set on funding scholarship and other leadership development programs for our members. Look for further communications as the foundation works to raise the funds to carry out this mission.

Finally, please save the date for our Red Rose Formal and Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, in Lincoln. More details to come!

Thank you again for your support, and we hope that 2023 is a healthy and prosperous year for all.

Fraternally,
Shane Belohrad '87, Γ515
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Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

Why Bill Munn '87, Γ520 Didn't Hesitate to Give Back to the Brotherhood

Bill Munn '87, Γ520 spent his freshman year at the UNL comparing Greek life and non-Greek life; as it turns out, there was no comparison. He also spent that time getting to know the men of Alpha Gamma Sigma and found that they were who he wanted to have as close friends.

Bill found a family in Gamma Chapter, and living with and learning from his brothers served as a great introduction to navigating and succeeding in life. He quickly realized that it was not and could not be all about him; it was important to function as part of a team.

While Bill had a blast participating in large events as an undergraduate, such as formals, philanthropies, and recruitment, the most meaningful moments were simply spending time with his brothers.

"It was the moments hanging out with one or two of my brothers and falling on the floor laughing, commiserating over an upcoming test, or going to someone's hometown for the weekend to hunt pheasants or water ski," Bill said. "That's where the brotherhood and the friendships were cemented, and those are the things I vividly remember 30 years later."

When the *Building the Future of Gamma Chapter: The Campaign for Alpha Gamma Sigma* campaign began in 2018, Bill didn't hesitate to give back to the brotherhood; he knew there was a need for a new chapter house



and is proud of the state-of-the-art facility that will support the development of many future leaders.

"I saw the opportunity to help AGS continue to lead the UNL Greek system and attract the best young men coming to campus."

Bill has remained connected to Gamma Chapter over the years; he has served on the Alumni Board of Trustees a few times and tries to make it to events whenever he's in Lincoln. His daughters even enjoy wearing his old AGS sweatshirts and promoting the fraternity at their school.

In his career, Bill is honored to have worked for Nelnet for 25 years and to be around a team of smart, driven people who make it a great place to work.

"I like who I work with, I like what I do, and I believe in what we're doing as a company; we live to serve others and make dreams possible," he shared. "Like AGS, we're helping develop tomorrow's leaders."

Bill and his wife, Gina, are soon to be empty nesters; although it is a little scary, they have loved watching their two daughters grow and mature into amazing, smart, and funny young women, and they can't wait to see where they go next.

In his free time, Bill enjoys heading up to the mountains, which he loves more than anywhere else. You can connect with him at billmunn@comcast.net to learn more about why he supports AGS.

"Being an AGS man taught me how to function as part of a team and to find my individual path at the same time—a lesson I've used many times over in my career and my life."

Why We Joined

Hear from Our Newest Members

"I found the group of men had aspirations and drive to achieve things in their lives. I wanted to be in this brotherhood of achievement and excellence."
—Dustin Andresen '22, St Edward, Neb.

"The people I met all made me feel at home and welcomed. I also had talks with Milford AGS alumni who spoke on the great fraternity that Alpha Gamma Sigma is."
—Dylan Kroese '22, Milford, Neb.

"To be part of a brotherhood that would surround and support me throughout college."
—Nick Conrad '22, York, Neb.



Our AGS-Gamma Phi Beta coed softball team celebrates being intramural champions!



Gamma Chapter's Executive Committee traveled to Columbus, Ohio, for Conclave 2022 this summer. Our members learned a lot hearing from brothers at the national level and enjoyed seeing Alpha Chapter's house.



Brothers had a great time helping with the UNL East Campus "Big Event" in April.

NOTHING BUT OUR BEST

Gamma Chapter Keeps Thriving on Campus

Alpha Gamma Sigma has had a great 2022 with high-profile achievements from several members. **Bennett Perlinger '19, Γ1092** was a Homecoming candidate and named IFC's Outstanding Chapter President and Outstanding Junior at UNL's Greek Gala this spring. **Mikael Harropp '18, Γ1081** also won Outstanding Senior.

This fall, we had a carnival-themed philanthropy with Gamma Phi Beta that was a big success. We also encourage members to keep joining organizations like NHRI, Mortarboard, and IFC, all of which we're involved in currently. Last semester, we had a chapter GPA of 3.21. We are striving for a higher GPA this semester to become one of the top fraternities in academics.

The new member development program, *Aspire*, is also in full force. Our fraternity educator,

Colton Husa '20, Γ1130, is hard at work further developing this program for a better member development experience. **Alex Jarecke '20, Γ1122** and **Logan Anderson '19, Γ1091** did an exceptional job this summer recruiting the largest class in our chapter's history. Shoutout to Assistant Recruitment Chairmen **Bennett Perlinger '20, Γ1092** and **Drew Walton '21, Γ1151** as well!

The fraternity continues to strive for the best by building up the members within our organization. Our ultimate goal is to prepare our members for life and make them better men leaving the chapter than they were coming in.

Fraternally,
Chad Niemeier '19, Γ1099
Chapter President

CHAPTER GOALS

- 1 Reach a chapter GPA of 3.35.
- 2 Activate all 33 new members.
- 3 See 80% meeting attendance every week.



Congratulations to former Chapter President Bennett Perlinger '19, Γ1092 for making Homecoming Court and being recognized by IFC!

Chapter Officers

President
Chad Niemeier '19, Γ1099

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Jace Leibhart '20, Γ1123

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Treasurer
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Sam Vonsprecklesen '21, Γ1150

Red Rose Formal and Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 1, 2023
Lincoln, Neb.

More details to come!



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Golf Management

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Milford, Neb.
Accounting

Dalton Duryea*
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Ag Business
(Dawson Duryea '20,
Γ1118)

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Mechanical
Engineering

Jaret Eitzmann
Beloit, Kan.
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Administration

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Bio Systems
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Γ581)

Keenan Brown
Oakland, Neb.
Agronomy

Gracin Hahn
DeWitt, Neb.
Undecided

Tandon Buhr
Adams, Neb.
Mechanical
Engineering

Colton Hauder
Milford, Neb.
Ag Business

Jack Chapman
Milford, Neb.
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Animal Science
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Milford, Neb.
Fisheries and Wildlife
(Pat Kroese '89,
Γ564)

Kaleb Kumm
Allen, Neb.
Architecture

Grant Lewandowski
DeWitt, Neb.
Electrical Engineering

Carson Maricle
Albion, Neb.
Ag Econ

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Mech Systems

Grant Mielak
Lincoln, Neb.
Undecided

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North Platte, Neb.
Ag Business/Animal
Science

Boston Reeves
Battle Creek, Neb.
Ag Business

Cameron Sattler
Stuart, Neb.
Animal Science

Dawson Schram
Tekamah, Neb.
Pre-Pharmacy

Evan Svanda
Nehawka, Neb.
Mechanized Systems
Management

Eli Vondra
Milford, Neb.
Pre-Physical Therapy

Seth Wert
Central City, Neb.
Agriculture Education

Tucker Whitesel
Miller, Neb.
Undecided

*Legacy

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New Gamma Chapter members participate in various team and bonding activities in a two-day retreat.



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