



GAMMA UPDATE

Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma • Spring 2022

OUR COMMITMENT CONTINUES

Helping ΑΓΣ Grow and Advance



Our very own Grady Johnson '18, Γ1080 was named American Star Farmer at the 2021 National FFA Conference.



These brothers are mentors in the NHRI program. The men of Alpha Gamma Sigma do their best to set a good example in the community by staying involved.

As the spring semester winds to a close and brothers head off to their summer jobs, we celebrate the end of the first academic year in our new location at 3455 Holdrege Street. A few punch list items remain, but we are 99% complete on the interior construction. The planned exterior updates might take a year or two (depending on contractor and product availability), but the facilities are in great working order.

So, what next? Both the Alumni Board of Trustees and the Gamma Foundation are switching focus from “active facilities” to “active experiences.” A commitment to academics and the development of leadership and life skills is the next primary goal. Stay tuned for updates regarding the creation of a learning management system that focuses on a four-year learning experience rather than a semester-long pledgship. **Rich Katt '71, Γ255** and **Dean Folkers '84, Γ468** are leading this development, and we are excited to test it this fall alongside the new members.

If you couldn't join us for the Annual Report at the Zoom meeting on March 5, you missed hearing that the active, alumni, and foundation checking accounts are in a strong position like never before. We owe that to a deep focus on a “full house” (70 members), fiscal responsibility on all levels, and the generosity of our alumni over the past few years. The gifts and pledges made on the recent campaign paved the way. If we all

follow through on the remaining two years of pledges to be received, the financial future looks very solid.

The Alumni Board of Trustees celebrated the election of four new members at the March 5 meeting (**Dean Acheson '92, Γ610, Mike Barrett '83, Γ449, Jake Judge '17, Γ1050, and John Williams '88, Γ551**), and we gave thanks to the four members they replaced (**Scott Bunz '89, Γ565, Rick Gestring '83, Γ450, Bill Munn '87, Γ520, and Logan Schweitzer '08, Γ913**). The Gamma Foundation welcomed two new members (**Gage Hoegermeyer '15, Γ1004 and Mike Miller '86, Γ502**) while thanking the work of the retiring members (**Dwight Dam '80, Γ401 and Bob Gestring '85, Γ497**). If you have interest in serving in the future, please reach out and let us know.

We'd like to give a final shoutout to Logan Schweitzer for his unparalleled leadership over the past seven years guiding the Alumni Board through much change. Gamma Chapter is in a much better place today than it was when he took over, and while many have played a part, someone had to guide it. The next time you see Logan, be sure to give him a hearty thank you!

Fraternally,
The Alumni Board of Trustees

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Mike Barrett '83, Γ449
Darin Armstrong '84, Γ480
Jerry Lentfer '85, Γ493
Shane Belohrad '87, Γ515
John Williams '88, Γ551

Dean Acheson '92, Γ610
Joel Clements '97, Γ699
Taylor Collins '11, Γ949
Jake Judge '17, Γ1050

Gamma Foundation Board

Eli Thomssen '56, Γ77
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Matt Jedlicka '91, Γ605
Chad Villwok '95, Γ666
Gage Hoegermeyer '15, Γ1004



Showing Up for the Brotherhood

How Adam Brown '07, Γ892 Stays Connected to Gamma Chapter

Whether new members know it or not, brotherhood is about going above and beyond for one another. **Adam Brown '07, Γ892** saw this firsthand when Alpha Gamma Sigma drove four hours to visit him during recruitment; he knew in that moment that Gamma Chapter was a special group.

"I immediately felt a connection and sense of belonging when meeting the recruitment chairmen," Adam said. "I honestly joined because of Recruitment Chairman **Tony Roubal '05, Γ849**. Although I didn't know it at the time, we were going to become great friends—and even each other's best man in our weddings."

After joining, Adam had his turn as recruitment chairman twice during summer recruitment. "Nothing will beat the road trips around Nebraska, meeting all the new young men coming to UNL and getting close to the other chairmen," Adam said. "You really get to know a person when you spend a couple of hours five days a week in a car with them."

Adam has had a winding path through school and in the first part of his professional life. "This was mostly due to not having a single clue what I wanted to do with my life," he joked. "Holding positions through AGS, however, taught me how to approach new challenges with confidence, to always keep moving forward, and to keep a cool head no matter what is happening around you. I would not be where I am today without those lessons."



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After attending graduate school, Adam ended up at Firespring as an account manager, providing support services to clients. He has worked his way through the company, having filled five different roles in eight years.

He decided to give back to Gamma Chapter by serving as a chapter advisor from 2013 to 2017.

He also served as an advisory member to the alumni board until he and his wife, Amanda, moved to Colorado in 2017.

Now his involvement has been primarily with AGS's website and social media properties, as Firespring hosts the website. Adam is responsible for the site, while the active chapter and alumni board provide content or design ideas and requests.

"I stayed a part of AGS and the brotherhood afterward because of a deep sense of purpose and passion for what AGS stands for," Adam said. "I also owe the fraternity a great deal; my four years in the house molded me into who I am today, and I will be forever grateful."

Adam even met his wife, a Gamma Phi Beta, due to his involvement in AGS. "The phrase 'I outkicked my coverage' applies heavily here," Adam joked. "Amanda is a cardiothoracic PA-C who specializes in heart and lung surgery, and she is as beautiful as she is intelligent."

Living in an outdoor haven, Adam and Amanda stay active. Adam enjoys a balanced life though, partaking in golf, snowboarding, overland camping, and hiking outside as well as playing video games inside and connecting light switches, doors, and anything else he can to his smart home.

You can catch up with Adam at brownadame@gmail.com.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Boyd Stuhr '53, Γ21 and his wife, Elaine, were inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement this year—following a two-year delay due to the pandemic. The couple began their farming operation in 1960 and have made major contributions to agriculture in the state of Nebraska through various volunteer and leadership roles. Boyd has been especially active in promoting and speaking out for the corn industry in the state and played a key role in bringing the ethanol industry to York County. Elaine worked in education for many years and served



Elaine and Boyd Stuhr '53, Γ21 are inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement.

as an agricultural spokesperson for decades; she passed many pieces of relevant legislation during her 12 years in the Nebraska Legislature.



Mike Jacobson '72, Γ266 is sworn into the Nebraska Legislature.

Mike Jacobson '72, Γ266 was appointed to the Nebraska Legislature's 42nd District in February, following the resignation of former State Senator Mike Groene. He will complete Mr. Groene's term, which ends in January 2023. Mike is the founder and principal shareholder of NebraskaLand Bank and lives in North Platte with his family.

Governor Pete Ricketts appointed Mike to this seat because of his "fantastic American success story."

We congratulate Boyd and Mike on their wonderful achievements! You can reach Boyd at bstuhr@stewireless.com and Mike at mjacobson@nlhb.com.

MORE ALUMNI NEWS

Keith Niemann '67, Γ190 is retired from Nebraska Extension. He and his wife have four kids and nine grandkids. Keith volunteers on two nonprofit boards. He lives in Lincoln, Neb., and enjoys Husker sports, especially baseball. Email: keithandhelen@msn.com

Ron Walberg '69, Γ216 is mostly retired, but works part time for a large agricultural corporation. He lives in Chesterfield, Mo. Email: rwalberg@charter.net



FINISHING STRONG IN THE SPRING

Brothers Have Big Plans for 2022



Brothers enjoy their first weekend back from winter break! We embraced the brotherhood with events such as bowling, chapter church, and Sunday lunch at Pizza Ranch.

As the spring semester winds down, the executive board still has major goals for 2022. Our scholarship chairman, **Jackson Henry '21, F1138**, continues to push brothers to do their best in the classroom, especially with finals week right around the corner. We aim to secure a 3.4 GPA as a chapter this spring, and members are putting in the effort to reach this goal.

Our fraternity educator, **Colton Husa '20, F1130**, is working with his committee and several alumni members to revamp our new member education program. As you read on page 1, the goal is to make this program for more than just new members; we want a true "four-year education" program to help prepare all brothers for life after college.

One of our biggest goals is to work with AGR and FarmHouse on a large-scale benefit concert

for the fall. The plan is to have a country artist come to Lincoln and perform at UNL, with a percentage of the profits going to the Bryan Cancer Research Center.

Gamma Chapter can't thank our Alumni Board enough for the support and guidance they have provided us over the past few years. Four valued members are stepping down from the board this year, and we want to thank them all for the countless hours they have devoted to helping our fraternity flourish. We are also excited to start to work with the four new members on the Alumni Board to push Alpha Gamma Sigma in the right direction moving forward.

Fraternally,
Chad Niemeier '19, F1099
Chapter President

Dale Ekart '70, F227 has been big game hunting (mostly elk) as well as bird hunting for the last 51 years. He mentors recycling professionals for fun now and follows his grandkids extensively. Dale lives in Berthoud, Colo. Email: daleanna51@gmail.com

Larry Rauert '73, F288 is the owner of Meadowlark Farm and the property manager for Grand Island White Lotus Group. He and his wife, Donna, have three sons and 11 grandkids. Larry lives in Grand Island, Neb., and has served as a judge for many county fairs and the Nebraska State Fair/Aksarben. Email: mlarkfarm@yahoo.com

Galen Kuska '77, F363 has been on the Farmers Coop Board of Milligan and Dorchester since 1990 and currently serves as board chairman. He's also on the board of directors of the Nebraska Coop Council. His

hobbies include drumming in several polka bands, including The Accordionettes and The Milligan Czech Brass Band. Galen's wife, Sharon, has been a professor at the UNL college of Architecture for 35 years and serves as the associate dean. Galen and Sharon live in Exeter, Neb., and have three children and six grandchildren. Galen still keeps in touch with several of his brothers and enjoys visits with them. Email: gkuska@hotmail.com

Randy Saner '78, F356 is an extension educator at the University of Nebraska Extension and previously worked for Missouri Extension and Colorado State Extension as well. Randy and his wife, Patti, live in North Platte, Neb. They have three children, Chris, Matt, and Phillip, and one granddaughter with another on the way. Email: randy.saner@gmail.com

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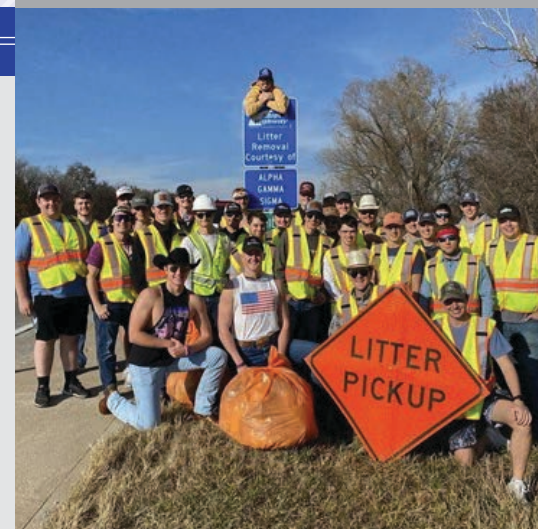
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Risk Management Chairman
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A beautiful, sunny afternoon in Lancaster County makes for a great day to do a little community service. Highway cleanup 2021 was a success!



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October 1, 2022

Save the date for a new annual ΑΓΣ event! Join us before the Homecoming football game for a true Husker tailgate experience—food, beverages, entertainment, and games—all with fellow ΑΓΣ brothers, family, and friends.

Where: Behind the Hyatt Place Hotel in the Historic Haymarket

A block of hotel rooms will be available soon. More details to come by email and on our website!

Communication support and assistance provided by Pennington & Company.

Gearing Up for Recruitment

How You Can Support ΑΓΣ

As recruitment season approaches, we have started a list of potential/preferred candidates for the upcoming class. We've also created a form on our website (look for the "RUSH 22" button) where you can submit names to our team. We appreciate any responses, even if you do not have their complete contact information, a name and high school work great for us!

Recruitment is a team effort—not only within the recruitment team itself, but also the executive board, active chapter, and our alumni. With ΑΓΣ now offering the highest level of university housing on campus, coupled with our leadership development program, I can assure you we will bring in the best class of incoming university men.

Our current goal is to have 30 new men signed before July, with an average incoming GPA of at least 3.7 and an average ACT score of 20 or more. With this deadline and goal in place,

contacting potential new members early is a must.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in recommending new members. We'd also love to hear from any previous recruitment chairmen to get their advice and perspective.

You can learn more about our recruitment team on the chapter website. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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Upcoming Recruitment Events

May 21
Parents and Alumni Day

June 4
Latitude or Academy Pool Party

June 18
Spalding Tanking Trip/Dozlers

June 25
Golf Day in Lincoln

July 9
Paxton Tanking Trip/The Barn



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