



GAMMA UPDATE

Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma • Fall 2024

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Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma continues a march toward excellence as the 2024-25 academic year progresses. The call for academic achievement, campus involvement, and professional growth never ends. Do the men make mistakes? Yes. Do they learn from them? We hope so, as we always stand alongside our brothers. I hope you enjoy the information in this update and appreciate the efforts of so many alumni to make it happen.

SPEAKER SERIES

The talents within the walls of Gamma Chapter are something to behold. I encourage all our alumni to find a way to be a part of this impressive group. **Trevor Spath '15, Γ1013** has done an excellent job in creating the Monday Meeting Alumni Speaker series. It provides the opportunity for alumni to join the men for dinner and then to speak to them, addressing one of the 13 Principles while sharing memories from their time as an undergraduate and describing their life after UNL. This fall, Trevor is passing the torch to **Bennett Perlinger '20, Γ1092**.

The positive response we receive from the chapter confirms how much they value hearing from our alumni. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Bennett either via email at bennettperlinger@gmail.com or by calling (308) 289-4428 You will enjoy it as much (or more!) than the undergraduates!



Undergraduate brothers raved about our first Aspire to Associate event!

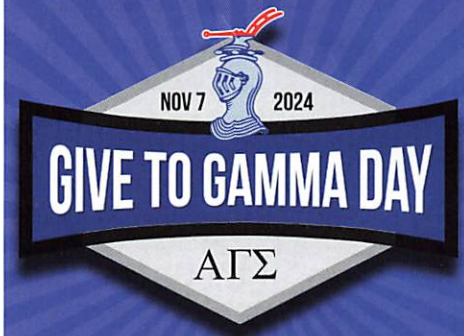
ALUMNI EVENT RECAP

Amazing things happen when the collective alumni, foundation boards, and countless alumni volunteers come together to aspire for excellence. The first-ever Aspire to Associate event was held on Friday, September 6, and the content and participation blew me away. It's exciting to see what we can build upon moving forward with everyone's help. Check out page 4 for more recap info and pictures!

If you have the chance, please visit the fraternity; if you can't—visit the website for updates and other resources. Share your thoughts with us because we can always improve. As always, I'm grateful for those who serve on the Alumni Association and Gamma Foundation Board. An involved alumni base ensures a successful undergraduate chapter.

Fraternally,
Shane Belohrad '87, Γ515
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Join Gamma alumni and collegians on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7** to celebrate the 71st anniversary of Gamma Chapter. Help us meet our goal of 71 donors to commemorate **71 YEARS!**



A live meeting will begin at 8 p.m. CST on via Zoom to celebrate the final donor tally and to highlight the fraternity's achievements. Check your inbox for the meeting link!

Questions? Please contact one of the Give to Gamma Day Co-Chairman listed below.

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GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER



The chapter dresses to impress for a dinner at Pizza Ranch.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT’S REPORT

So far in 2024, Gamma Chapter has accomplished impressive milestones. Over the summer, we welcomed 27 members into our fraternity, 10 of whom were legacies, and we’re excited to see the contributions these young men will make in the future.

⇒ SPRING 2024 RECAP

Our chapter earned a GPA of 3.33, ranking seventh among all fraternities—this year, we’re aiming for top five. Our Aspire to Associate event (read more about it on page 4) offered valuable opportunities for personal development and alumni networking. The Red Rose Formal was also an enjoyable evening for all.

⇒ CAMPUS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Our involvement in the NHRI mentorship program continues to strengthen our longstanding relationship with the organization. Additionally, numerous members are actively engaged in the Young Nebraska Cattlemen’s Club, CASNR Coffee Club, and Collegiate Farm Bureau, where they hone their leadership skills and grow their agricultural heritage.

⇒ LOOKING AHEAD

We’re eager to strengthen our bonds with other houses through formal gatherings and philanthropic events, enhancing our connections within both the city and east campus communities. During Homecoming week, we’ll be partnering with Pi Beta Phi and Pi Kappa Phi for our triad activities. We’re also collaborating with Alpha Omicron Pi on a philanthropy event, with proceeds going toward multiple sclerosis research.

Overall, we are thriving! We are preparing our men for life by coming together as scholars, living as brothers, and becoming the leaders of tomorrow.

Fraternally,
Grant Lewandowski '22, Γ1165
President



Undergraduates attend Chapter Church.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



The newest members of Gamma Chapter gather for an official group photo.

Brant Benes* | Albion, Neb.
(Brother **Braden '22**, Γ1173)

Nickolas Bilanini | Kearney, Neb.

Reagan Choat | Plain View, Neb.

Harrison Clements* | Omaha, Neb.
(Father **Justin '98**, Γ728 and
Uncle **Joel '97**, Γ699)

*"I'm excited to follow in my dad and
uncle's footsteps and build a strong legacy
with good friends."*
—Harrison Clements

Nickolas Daberkow | West Point, Neb.

Luke Kimbrough* | Geneva, Neb.
(Father **Mark '91**, Γ594)

Matthew Kinnison | Columbus, Neb.

Adam Kinnison | Ord, Neb.

Connor Kohout | Milford, Neb.

Andrew Kotik* | Hooper, Neb.

Kolton Kriete* | Hooper, Neb.
(Father **Doug '88**, Γ540 and
Brother **Garret '21**, Γ1140)

Ian Laetsch | Atkinson, Neb.

Lucas Lewandowski* | Dewitt, Neb.
(Brother **Grant '22**, Γ1165)

Tyson Mans | Eagle, Neb.

Owen Meyer | Hooper, Neb.

Easton Miller | Hooper, Neb.

*"I knew it was a great bunch of guys,
and being part of this fraternity will
provide more opportunities to be active in
college and make lifelong friends."*
—Easton Miller

Kolton Rasmussen | Dewitt, Neb.

Joey Sallach | Albion, Neb.

Kade Sindt* | Albion, Neb.
(Father **Justin '93**, Γ637)

William Skavdahl* | Callaway, Neb.
(Father **Joshua '90**, Γ589,
Brother **Sam '22**, Γ1154, Uncle **Judson '92**,
Γ618 and Uncle **Joseph '94**, Γ644)

Isaac Stromberg | Columbus, Neb.

*"It's a great group of guys that will help
me grow and create connections."*
—Isaac Stromberg

Andrew Vech | Waco, Neb.

Austin Welchert^ | Fort Calhoun, Neb.

Jackson Wellman | Columbus, Neb.

Mason Whitmore* | North Bend, Neb.

Nolan Williams* | Hooper, Neb.
(Father **Bruce '91**, Γ590)

Miles Wulf | Hooper, Neb.
(Father **Scott '88**, Γ548)

* Legacy; relation in parentheses
^ Sophomore

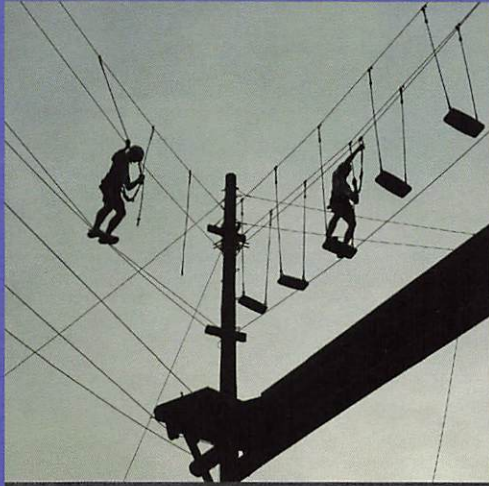
*Know Someone
We Should Know?*

SUBMIT A RECRUITMENT REFERRAL!

Help Gamma Chapter grow stronger than ever!

Scan the QR code to access our recruitment interest form and send the link to any current or incoming students who could be a good fit for our brotherhood. Thank you for assisting in this effort!





Brave brothers test their nerve on a ropes course.

Chapter Goals for Fall 2024

- #1** Achieve a 3.4 all-house GPA
- #2** Conduct a house improvement project
- #3** Increase our attendance at all chapter events



Brothers participate in team-building activities during the Brotherhood Retreat for New Members.

A Worthy Cause

HOW GERARD KEATING '82, Γ437 SUPPORTS AGS

"I can't imagine a better investment than supporting young people who want to make themselves better."

Alpha Gamma Sigma and the lifelong friendships it sparked made **Gerard Keating '82, Γ437** a better person. His favorite fraternity memory came 40 years after he joined: when Gamma Chapter dedicated its new home in 2022.

"A lot of people look backward, talking about the 'glory days,'" Gerard said. "That's not who I am. I'm always about the future, and joining this project to create opportunities for our future leaders was a satisfying endeavor." Gerard was proud to honor Gamma Chapter's 70th anniversary by co-chairing the campaign for a new chapter house, which will prepare AGS for 70 more years in Lincoln.

Gerard has participated in many nonprofit efforts, but none have matched the diversity and history of Alpha Gamma Sigma. "I'd ask my fraternity brothers: if we don't help build leaders in agriculture (and in general), who is going to do it? That's why I choose to give to programs led by people that I know and trust," he said. "I can't imagine a better investment than supporting young people who want to make themselves better."

Gerard founded Keating Resources in 2004 after a successful career with a corporate real estate entity in Chicago. His son, Alec, is now a partner in the family-based company, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. Above all, Gerard is proud of his two children (Alec and his daughter, Reese) and his efforts to stay connected with family and friends throughout his life. "Maintaining relationships takes work and effort, but it's so rewarding."

People and connections are the greatest gifts in Gerard's life, and he enjoys any opportunity to travel and meet new people in the places they love. When he travels for work, he tries to visit any nearby fraternity brothers (and call others when possible). He also tries to visit Lincoln once a year to connect with the local brotherhood. "It's a real blessing when we can all be together at certain events."

At age 60, Gerard is living his best life and believes AGS helped him (like many others) live up to his potential. "I strongly encourage brothers of all ages to give financially to the fraternity for causes that are important to the giver," he said. "Whether that's leadership programs, improvements to the house, etc., the return is very rewarding."

Gerard lives in Atkinson, Nebraska, and can be reached at gerard@keatingresources.com.



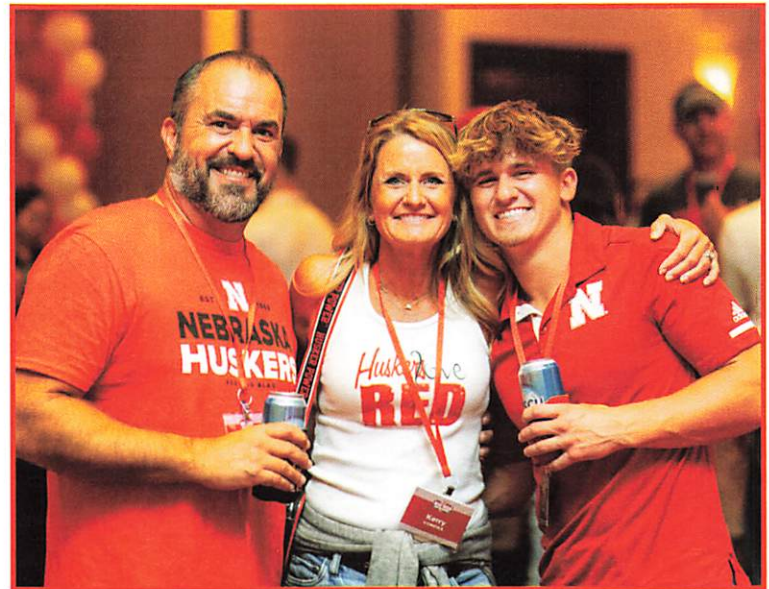
CELEBRATING 71 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD *BRT RECAP*

BRT 2024 was a great success. If you couldn't make the meetings or BRT in 2024, we hope you can attend next year!

The business meetings for the Alumni Association and Gamma Foundation were held before the AGS Big Red Tailgate on Saturday, September 7. Over 280 alumni, undergraduates, parents, and guests were in attendance. Orchestrated by **Mike Underwood '90, F588**, the event was held at the Embassy Suites before the Husker Football victory over Colorado.

Alpha Gamma Sigma's 71 years at UNL are something to be very proud of, and the day was filled with fun and laughter. The highlight of the day was recognizing **Jerry Lentfer '85, F493** as Gamma Man of the Year. **AEA** State Office Legacy Scholarships were awarded to **Braydon Binger '24, F1218** and **Alex Boudreau '24, F1208** and Living Leadership Scholarships were awarded to **Ross Hebda '21, F1161** and **Sam Skavdahl '21, F1154**.

Lastly, we announced **Give to Gamma Day**, which will be held for the first time this November 7. Besides some great food and drink, the opportunity to visit with and hear from brothers comprised of many different generations was enjoyed.



Visit tinyurl.com/BigRedTailgate2024Gallery to view a gallery of professional photos from the event!

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, November 7



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GIVE TO GAMMA DAY

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Read more inside about
our inaugural day of giving
to be held on Gamma
Chapter's founding day!

Aspire to Associate

INAUGURAL EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

On September 6, Gamma Chapter launched the inaugural **Aspire to Associate** event to rave reviews from the undergraduates. The content was created to support their pursuit to "Be the Best Man You Can Be" through a series of development sessions designed uniquely to meet the needs of this generation of men.

The event included three development sessions, Present Your Best You, Live Your Best Life, and Be Your Best You, which were led by a team of alumni members with established career experience and expertise related to the session content. The sessions were co-facilitated with the support of the undergraduate's fraternity education committee members and **Gavin Dozler '22, Γ1166**, fraternity educator.

Session topics included tips on behavioral interviewing, how to make a great first impression, networking, how values, beliefs, and principles guide the pursuit of purpose, and the importance of mental, physical, spiritual, and financial well-being. The headline event was a luncheon that featured keynote speaker Lindsay Hastings, Clifton professor of mentoring research at UNL and wife of **Matt '01, Γ780**.

Special thanks are due to the following alumni who created the development sessions and provided event support: **Taylor Collins '11, Γ949, Rich Katt '71, Γ244, Bennett Perlinger '20, Γ1092, Gary Kahle '84, Γ482, Jake Judge '17, Γ1050, Brett Storer '15, Γ1016, Brody Benson '20, Γ1126, Kooper Jelinek '20, Γ1108, Trevor Spath '15, Γ1013, Rick Gestrung '84, Γ450, Nolan Casey '16, Γ1044, and Pat Kroese '89, Γ564.**

We also sincerely appreciate event sponsors and funding from Gamma Foundation, which made this event possible. Thank you to Farmers Cooperative, Aurora Cooperative, Gallagher, Pioneer, First State Bank Nebraska, Mitchell Equipment, Husker Rehab, Corteva, and Corey Bergt for your sponsorship.



The Aspire to Associate event was an excellent opportunity for our undergraduates to learn from and be encouraged by our alumni.

