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# THE RUSSELL STREET REVIEW

The Lambda Iota Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta

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## From the Cabinet

Greetings brothers of Phi Gamma Delta,

In an effort to keep you informed of all the undergraduate happenings of 640 Russell, we have reinstated the Russell Street Review, this chapter's undergraduate review. Graduate news will continue to come from the Boilermaker FIJI, but our hope is that this newsletter will allow you become more acclimated with how the brothers are directing our chapter.

We are proud to inform all of you that Lambda Iota has continued to prosper. Academically, our chapter ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 41 fraternities with a 3.05 GPA for the fall 2009 semester, continuing a streak of 25 consecutive semesters in the top ten. Furthermore, the 26 gentlemen we recruited to carry out our traditions came through with an excellent 3.15 GPA which earned them the top spot among fraternity pledge classes.

Our chapter has recently revitalized our Philanthropy and Service committees. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lambda Iota hosted the first FIJI Rock for Relief with the help of the American Red Cross in order to help those who were devastated by the earthquake in Haiti. Multiple brothers have also donated their time to service through cross country bike rides, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers / Big Sisters, College Mentors for Kids, and numerous other activities.

Brothers of Lambda Iota have also taken a personal charge to become model leaders on Purdue's campus. We have 3 members and the Treasurer of Caliber, a Greek organization that works to maintain safety and promote alcohol awareness on campus. We also have multiple members and the president of Gimlet, the campus's Greek leadership honorary. Brother Hoye holds the position of chief of staff for the student government, and brother Dietrick became one of the founders of the Boilermaker Sports Alliance last semester. Bobby Riddell has returned to the Big Ten Champion Purdue basketball team as a student coach after exhausting his player eligibility. Multiple brothers have also become student ambassadors for their degrees of study. And finally, Brother Ben Deschner earned one of Fijiland's most prestigious awards, the Wilkinson award, given to the most outstanding senior brother of any Phi Gamma Delta chapter.

The Lambda Iota chapter is in excellent hands. Archon President and Purple Legionnaire, Brother Bill Miller's leadership has safeguarded the growth of our chapter. We are proud of our performance in this past year, but we are also conscious of our room for growth. Whoa to the complacent. Accept nothing but your best. The quality of the undergraduate brothers in the chapter has remains incredibly high, and we aim to keep you updated of our chapter's upward march in humanity with an even better report next time.

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## Intramurals

In terms of intramurals the brothers at Lambda Iota have continued to stay active and above the competition. In the fall, the house had many brothers playing different levels of flag-football. With our goal set to win the A-League championship, brothers rallied to support the team as they made their way to the championship. In the championship game, played in Mollenkopf, FIJI was in a tough battle against Kappa Sigma. With seconds left in the game junior quarterback Nick Wirtner found senior Kunal Parikh in the back corner of the endzone. Parikh's one-handed catch lifted FIJI over Kappa Sigma, bringing the championship trophy back to where it belongs: 640 Russell St.

In Basketball, both of our teams made the semi-finals this winter, but both were tripped up one game short of the opportunity to play in Mackey for a championship.

Other Intramural teams have been enjoying great success. The soccer and ultimate frisbee teams have been extremely solid in the past year and expectations are set high for this spring. Our A-soccer team, which is loaded with talent, fully expects to bring home another major intramural championship to 640 Russell St.

### \*\*Reminders\*\*

- Update your email addresses on the Lambda Iota graduate website to receive monthly updates and find out what's happening with brothers around the world. [www.purduefiji.org](http://www.purduefiji.org)
- If you have any questions or concerns contact Bo Dietrick at [bdietrick88@gmail.com](mailto:bdietrick88@gmail.com)

## *Philanthropy*

This past semester FIJI has been busy trying to re-vamp the philanthropy committee. We started by creating a brand new philanthropy to help benefit the victims of the Haiti earthquake in January. The event took place on February 3 and was called Rock for Relief. Rock for Relief featured four musical acts and was a great success, raising almost \$3000 for the American Red Cross. We have high hopes for a similar event next year. We have also been very involved on campus in other philanthropies. Brian Adams did a superb job as our representative for Zeta Tau Alpha's Big Man on Campus. Brian was chosen as people's choice award winner. Matt Svenstrup also just dazzled the crowd in Alpha Phi's Ivy Man competition. We have also competed in such philanthropies as Kappa Kappa Gamma's Off the Wall wallyball tournament and Delta Chi's dodgeball tournament. FIJI is also busy helping co-sponsor the DZ-FIJI Bowl-A-Rama. The event took place on Tuesday, March 9. The money raised went to help the speech and hearing impaired. The whole house has been very responsive to helping with philanthropies, and we hope that we can only make a greater difference in the future.

## *Scholarship*

In terms of scholarship, Phi Gamma Delta is one of the paramount chapters on Purdue University's campus. We have been top ten in grades for the past twenty-five semesters and we are currently ranked third out of forty-one fraternities for the fall 2009 semester with our house grade point average of 3.05. Our pledge program strongly influences scholarship. Each pledge, during the year he pledges, is required to attend study tables every Sunday through Thursday for two hours. We believe that this is the main reason of why our pledge class ranked first out of every new fraternity pledge class with an average GPA of 3.15. This semester, we attempted new scholarship activities such as optional study tables for in-house brothers and a scholarship dinner. The optional study table idea is still in the building stages, and the scholarship dinner is an event to create an incentive to raise grades. At different GPA levels, brothers received differing meals in accordance to where they stood in the overall house GPA. The Lambda Iota chapter of Phi Gamma Delta is an excellent example of strong academic performance and we are continually striving to achieve even greater educational success.

## *New Pledge Class*

The Lambda Iota chapter pledged 26 new members this fall, 24 of whom were initiated upon completion of the first semester. We are pleased to say that the class placed first on campus with a cumulative average of 3.15. Alex Sener and Max Parker lead the class by both receiving a 3.95 cumulative. The house is proud to say that new pledge class has exemplified more ways than one on what it means to be a FIJI. In addition to their outstanding grades, the new pledge class has participated in philanthropy events such as FIJI-DZ Bowl-A-Rama, FIJI Rock for Relief and will partake in Boiler Blast. We are proud of what the new pledge class has accomplished thus far and have high expectations of what they have yet to offer.

## *Rush*

It's that time of the year again... Lambda Iota is searching for a new pledge class to continue the chapter's academic, philanthropic, and athletic excellence on Purdue's campus. For Lambda Iota, this past year has been a successful one: the class of 2013 was ranked first on campus in G.P.A. out of all freshmen pledge classes. This class also had a large number of legacies and strong potential to be leaders in this house. Beyond, pledgship, the entire chapter has thrived in recent years in all aspects, most importantly in grades. This past year we were above the all fraternity, all men's, all campus, and all women's grade point average, and we are currently ranked 3rd out of 41 fraternities on campus. This would not have been possible without a strong rush and many outstanding young men that have pledged through the assistance of graduate recommendations. We would like to give our graduate brothers an opportunity to participate as much as possible in our rush, and we feel that your personal contact will help direct fine young men to Phi Gamma Delta. If there are any young men that you feel live up to the ideals of Friendship, Knowledge, Service, Morality, and Excellence, please direct any recommendations to our rush chair Brad Beutler. He can be contacted via mail at the house address, email ([sbeutler@purdue.edu](mailto:sbeutler@purdue.edu)), or by phone (765-418-6289). We are grateful for your assistance, and we anticipate another strong rush this year.

## *Graduate Relations*

This has been an outstanding year of growth in the Graduate Relations committee of Lambda Iota. In the fall, we were honored to host our graduate brothers attending home football games. The chapter house was open for tours, parking, and brunch before and after the games. Through this, we were able to have a large amount of brothers return to 640 Russell for class reunions, as well as opportunities to re-live old memories. This is a fantastic fall tradition that we hope to continue into the 2010 season!

As a result of the chapter's efforts to strengthen our ties with graduate brothers, Lambda Iota was honored to host brother Chuck Connor as a guest speaker with the Old Masters program. He and his fellow pledge brothers dined at the house with undergraduate brothers before he shared his life experiences and lessons learned from within the fraternity.

In early February, Lambda Iota was awarded the distinguished "Best Graduate Relations in the State of Indiana" award at this year's State Day in Indianapolis. This award is the great honor that the undergraduate and graduate brothers can all share in great pride.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the annual Norris Pig Dinner was held at the Lambda Iota chapter house. We were graced with the presence of 30 graduate brothers who helped root the Purdue men's basketball team onto victory before a delicious meal. This year's guest speaker was brother Bob Baney from the International Headquarters, with a focus on continued improvement to our graduate relations program. It was an enormously successful event, and we are already looking forward to next year's Pig Dinner!