
THE RUSSELL STREET REVIEW

The Lambda Iota Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta

Fall 2014

From The Cabinet

The Lambda Iota Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has revived Russell Street Review in hopes to keep all brothers up to date on what is happening in the chapter. Our chapter has done many great things these past months including scholarship, philanthropy, leadership, and others that we are proud of and would like to share with our brothers.

We have continued to be a prosperous chapter within Purdue's prestigious Greek system. Academically, we ranked 2nd with a 3.18 GPA, continuing our long streak of 35 consecutive semesters in the top 10. The current fall pledge class features an impressive 35 members, full of young men we are expecting to help further our chapter academically and in all other fraternal aspects. Our chapter has recently revitalized our philanthropic involvement on campus. Over the past two fall semesters, we have been co-hosts of the Theta Fiji Grill-Off, one of the Greek systems most successful philanthropies. In relation to other philanthropic endeavors on campus, we have several Brothers involved with Purdue's largest student organization on campus, Purdue University Dance Marathon (PUDM).

From a leadership standpoint, this year has featured a significant amount of involvement from the Lambda Iota Chapter. On top of having a significant number of members in leadership positions within their major, we have two Brothers who have recently been elected onto the IFC Board of Directors. There are currently six members of our chapter elected into the Gimlet Greek Leadership Honorary. We host the largest number of Brothers of any fraternity on campus within this prestigious organization, a trend we are hoping to continue moving forward.

We feel very confident with the current state of our chapter and our ability to continue to achieve excellence on Purdue's campus. As always, Brother Bill Miller's guidance has helped continue the growth of our chapter. His advise will continue to shape and mold our goals. While we are very pleased with past accomplishments we understand the importance of never being complacent and always see the need for improvement. The cabinet has established goals that they would like to achieve in the New Year. Some of these goals include the improvement of our graduate relations, the advancement of our pledge education program, the continuing success of our academics, and the submitting and recording of our accomplishments to be in contention for the Baker Cup and Cheney Cup.

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Scholarship

The Brothers of Lambda Iota were extremely pleased last semester with an average GPA of 3.18. That placed our chapter 2nd only Phi Sigma Kappa with 16 members, out of the 41 fraternities on campus. Our chapter has now been in the top ten in grades for 35 consecutive semesters. While the brothers, both undergraduate and graduate were enthused, the house is determined and motivated to come in first place this semester. In order to improve our efforts, the academic chair Jack Townsend implemented an academic advisor program this semester in which high achieving brothers met with the pledges within their major on a weekly basis. Our intelligent pledge class has given the house hope that a high standard of academic success will continue in our future. Scholarship is truly a top priority for the Brothers of Phi Gamma Delta.

New Pledge Class

The Lambda Iota chapter pledged 35 new members this fall. With a new academic advisor program that is heavily focused on the pledges, we hope for them to be amongst the top in GPA's on campus. The pledge class has shown what it means to be a Fiji by demonstrating all the 5 points: excellence, knowledge, scholarship, morality, and friendship. The pledge class alone raised \$7,000 for Purdue University Dance Marathon. The entire class also participated in Winterization, which serves nearly 300 homes in the greater Lafayette area. They also spent time helping with the West Lafayette Parks Department clean up project at the Morton Community Center. We are proud of what the new pledge class has done and see lots of potential. We have very high expectations of these gentlemen to help take Phi Gamma Delta to higher levels.

Rush

Lambda Iota held rush at the beginning of the school year. In the fall of 2014, there were 325 young men whom rushed Fiji. We had to be very selective with who we pledged. We chose 35 rushees who we thought would be a positive influence to the chapter based off past academic standards, student involvement, and past achievements. We would like to give our graduate brothers a chance to participate in rush, and we feel that your recommendations will directly result in quality young men coming 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 feel free to contact Jake Jay. He can be contacted via mail at the house address, email (12jakejay12@gmail.com), or by phone (317-319-0238). We are grateful for your assistance, and we anticipate another strong rush in the fall of 2015.

Intramurals

The brothers have had a lot of success this past semester in Intramurals. It started off with a great semester with multiple teams in the B League and A League, with one Fiji team in each league making it to the championship game. Unfortunately, the B league came up short in the last minute of the game, while the Fiji Team in the A League prevailed in overtime. Both championship games brought a large crowd of brothers who supported the teams in their championship. The Fiji Soccer team consisting of sophomores through seniors made it to the quarterfinals. The indoor volleyball team made another championship appearance but came up short in close match to SAE. The most recent sport being played is the all campus basketball invitational, where the Fiji basketball team made another championship appearance but came up short.

Graduate Relations

Lambda Iota recognizes that Graduate relations are a key component in the infrastructure of Phi Gamma Delta. Class reunions held first semester at the chapter house celebrating 50, 25, 11 and 10 years impressed chapter members with the importance of our dedicated Graduate Brothers. This year, we are proud to announce that the graduate relations will be striving to exceed the expectations of even the most ambitious graduate relations program the Lambda Iota chapter has ever had. The foundation of this effort is reestablishing a close relationship with our graduate brothers. Some of the efforts to achieve this tremendous goal include but are not limited to: founding a mentors program between graduate brothers and undergraduate brothers sharing the same major, the reinstatement of the *Russell Street Review* and the *Boilermaker Fiji*, the continuation of the annual Pig Dinner which will be held on February 21st, and recording and submitting outstanding achievements both on and off campus in order to be in contention for many of the available Phi Gamma Delta cups. The objective of this new mentor program is not only to improve our connection with our graduate brothers, but also for the mutual benefit of the undergraduate and graduate brother. The graduate brother can provide guidance to the undergraduate brother based on his experiences in the field of the shared major. Not only does this help undergraduate brothers get internships and job opportunities, this also provides graduate brothers with great recruitment strategies and a chance to keep in touch with their lifelong fraternity.

Philanthropy and Community Service

This semester the brothers of the Lambda Iota chapter have been busy participating in multiple philanthropy and community service events. We started off by having the Theta Fiji Grill-off, which benefited the Lafayette CASA, and raised over \$3,000. We also participated in Purdue's IFC Greek Week where we got first place overall out of 81 fraternities/sororities. Our chapter raised over \$1,000 for Greek Week.

We then participated in Multiple Purdue University Dance Marathon Events (PUDM), which benefit The Kids at Riley Children's Hospital. The events we participated in for PUDM were Greek Olympics, PUDM 5K, PUDM Golf Outing, and PUDM Dance Marathon. We also had multiple brothers participate in the First Annual PUDM 5K, which was created by our very own brother Christian Gatmaitan. For the main part of PUDM, The Dance Marathon that is 18 hours long, we had around 30 brothers that raised over \$16,000, which contributed to the \$1,002,510 to Riley Children's Hospital. This is the second year in a row Purdue Dance Marathon has raised over one million dollars. We have also been very active around the Community this semester. We had 60 brothers clean up the Lafayette Morton community center. Then on November 15th we had 65 brothers participate in Winterization, a community service event that serves disabled residents in the Greater Lafayette area to help them prepare for winter by doing chores around their house.

Please Join us for the Annual Norris Pig Dinner February 21st, 2015

The annual meeting of the Alpha Graduate Chapter and Lambda Iota Graduate Corporation will take place at 2:00PM at the chapter house followed by receptions and dinner in the Pavilion of the Ross-Ade Press Box.

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