



◆ From the Cabinet

The cabinet has been working hard to improve the Lambda Iota chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. Our Purple Legionnaire, Bill Miller, and the cabinet's mission for this semester has been, "To move in a new direction, the right direction." We have steadily fulfilled that mission by remaining diligent in our mission for excellence building off of the support of our brothers in constructive ways. Over the last year we have seen our chapter GPA by rise by 1% from Fall 2017 to Spring 2018, fostered the successful launch of our new mentorship program between undergraduates and graduates of Lambda Iota, and have put in place the necessary improvements to our risk management and pledge education processes to further comply with the values of the fraternity and the bylaws of Purdue University and the IFC board. We have worked hard to bring Lambda Iota to even greater heights and look to continue that trend for the rest of our term and beyond!

◆ Graduate Relations

The early onslaught and marathon that was the first four consecutive weekends of Purdue Football brought hundreds of graduates to the chapter house already this semester. The undergraduates have been thrilled with the number of graduate brothers in town, and the good times and stories shared have left a significant impact on the morale of the chapter house. Brothers from the classes of 1962 through 2016 have been back to enjoy the football weekends alongside one another at 640 Russell. The Fiji golf outing brought graduates from across the U.S. back to campus for the Eastern Michigan game. Other highlights include the 20th, 30th, and 60th reunions for the classes of 1998, 1988, and 1968 respectively. The class of 1998 had all but one of their pledge brothers back for the home football weekend. Three pledge brothers from the class of 1988 were able to share time with their sons, who are now undergraduates living in the chapter house, all three in the class of 2021.

We would like to encourage all graduate brothers to mark their calendars for the upcoming 2019 Pig Dinner. The date of this year's Pig Dinner is February 2nd, 2019. More information will follow in the months leading up to the event. If you have any questions about graduate focused events, including the 2019 Pig Dinner, please contact Graduate Relations Chairman Tim Sarhage at tsarhage98@gmail.com.

◆ Philanthropy and Community Service

During the first half of the fall semester, Philanthropy Chairman Brother Beaty has spearheaded a major push for an increase in outside philanthropy participation. Already this year, brothers have taken part in Kappa Kappa Gamma's "5K color run" to support "Reading is Fundamental". In the early morning hours on the Sunday of homecoming weekend, 10 of our brothers placed 2nd through 7th in KKG's annual philanthropy event. The following week, a delegation of undergraduates were up in the early morning hours once again to support ZETA's annual 5k run to support their BMOC philanthropy event later in the school year, with proceeds going to breast cancer research.

Brothers are looking forward to another year of PUDM later in the fall, with the aim of beating our attendance record of over 40 brothers last fall. Brothers will also take on our annual service projects in the coming months with the Cumberland Park trails, and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

◆ Undergraduate Spotlight: Brother Collin Stark 2021

In a house full of young men all looking toward their futures and hoping for success, few of them are as driven as brother Collin Stark. Many would agree that his personality is unique, and very influential in

the day to day lives of his fraternity brothers. Collin is a sophomore majoring in Biology with hopes of attending Medical School following his time at Purdue. Collin's college plans had not originally pointed to Purdue, he intended for the longest time to pursue college football Dennison University or attend Vanderbilt University. Upon being denied admittance to Vanderbilt, and then deciding that college football wasn't going to lead him to where he hoped to be, he spent many sleepless nights pondering his next step and finally decided near the last minute to attend Purdue.

Collin's interest in Fiji came with a recommendation by a Highschool friend and our brother Mark Prechtel '20, and he also is the legacy to his uncle Jim Stark '76. Collin remembered visiting Mark at the chapter house while he was visiting campus, and recalls being very intrigued by the close relationships that the Fiji's had. He thought that this was characteristic of all fraternities and expected the same as he rushed around during his first semester. Collin said that he realized very quickly how unique the relationships at 640 Russell were, and how he wanted to have the same close bonds and amounts of fun he saw the Fiji's having.

After he was invited to join PC 21, he accepted without hesitation. As the semester rolled on, Stark admitted to being more distant than he should have from his pledge class because of a tough course load. In fact, he shared that he had been heavily considering a re-application to Vanderbilt. It took a very unfortunate loss of a friend for Collin to see how much his decision to come to Purdue and rush Fiji would change his life. Stark recalls being overwhelmed with support from his pledge brothers and feeling comfortable enough to seek their help during his time of need. This was such a strong influence on him that he felt that no other school could do that for him: provide that level of friendship on top of Purdue's academic prestige.

Collin is a leader among us all, and spends his free time dedicated to academics, his friends, and his work. He serves as the Risk Manager, in charge of keeping the house in line with IFC rules and regulations. During his summers, he works at Camp Tecumseh, where he is an upper level counselor. Stark cherishes his roll with Camp T and is fueled by the positive experience he had as a kid and wants no more than to pass that on to the kids he oversees each summer. He guides his kids with an "others before yourself" attitude and is eager every summer to give back to those kids who might have a challenging story. Collin attributes a lot of his growth and understanding of himself and the world to both Camp Tecumseh and Phi Gamma Delta.

The undergraduates are very happy to call Collin their brother. Stark is a guy that brother Nick Frawley '21 would call a "good guy". Liam Bettez '21 shared that Stark is someone who "always has his brothers' best interests in mind and is always willing to lend a helping hand." We are all looking forward to hearing about his future success and will be there to support him through it all as we know he will be doing the same.

◆ **A Continuation of an Incidental Tradition at 640 Russell**

Over the past four years, undergraduates have noticed a trend in recent pledge classes that proves certain population statistics need not apply to Fiji brothers. There are currently 9 undergraduate brothers or pledges on campus that are on piece to a "multiple-birth" scenario. This includes 6 sets of twins, one set being both associated with Fiji, and two brothers who make up one half of a set of quadruplets. The rest of our uniquely common twins either have twin sisters, or their twin is on another campus.

Birth statistics from 1995-2000, which is where all of these undergraduates would have been born, show a noticeable increase of about 4% in multiple-birth scenarios according to the National Organization of Mothers of Twins. This may help explain why we have observed our own increasing trend of twins and quads hanging around the house. The average rate around the time of our twins' births would have been around 2.8% according to a 1990's U.S. census reports, which is inconsistent with our 7.6% multiple-birth membership. While we were not actively seeking more twins to meet a twin quota, we are quite entertained by twin relationships in the house, and the frequent twin visits to the chapter house throughout the year.

Current Lambda Iota brothers and pledge brothers who are part of a twin or multiple birth include: Jon Lowe '21 (Kansas City), Liam Bettez '21 (Acton, Mass), Konner Hamilton '21 (Lafayette), Thomas Crocker '21 (Kokomo), Max and Joe Kucer '21 (Indianapolis), Pledge Brothers Drew and Ryan Gray (Naperville, Ill), and Daniel Zimpfer (West Lafayette).

We consulted some of our twins to comment. Most of them report their twin weighing in on their decision to join a fraternity but were comfortable attending separate schools. Liam Bettez '21 recalls his twin brother Brendan's first visit to Purdue as being a good time, as brothers were shocked by their resemblance, but was not pleased when the rest of the chapter decided Brendan was way cooler than Liam. Joe Kucer '21 declined to comment. We think our odd tendency to attract twins is pretty cool, they bring a unique quality to the table.

In addition to those currently on campus, we have done our best to find twins from Lambda Iota in recent years and from our past. Our records search came up with: AJ DiCarlo, Sam DiCarlo, 2017; Derek William Maravilla, 1998, Donald F. Maravilla 2001; James D. McKenzie, John E. McKenzie, 1984; Mark J. Crabb, Michael J. Crabb, 1981; Michael W. Sadler, 1978, Timothy W. Sadler, 1979; Michael A. Morrissey, Patrick C. Morrissey, 1976. As there is no specific record that highlights brothers of the chapter that were twins in the house at the same time, or those that are one part to a multiple birth, we ask all brothers to share information with us. Let us know your twin status to help us explore this unique history within our chapter.

◆ **Intramural Highlights**

- o **Softball:** Fiji Athletics records its first championship title of the year within the first two weeks back on campus in slow-pitch softball. Bothers boasted their head start in the pursuit for the Campus Cup.
- o **3-on-3 Basketball:** Brothers Isaac Panfil and Keegan Motter '20, with Zach Mutchner '21, claim the intramural title for outdoor 3-on-3 basketball. Isaac Panfil suffered a brutal tooth injury. Send prayers.
- o **Flag Football:** Senior QB Adam Iffert '19 leads the Fiji A-team to a championship title against AGR hosted in Mollenkopf Athletic Center. Many of the brothers were in attendance to watch the boys bring home another championship.
- o **Floor Hockey:** Brothers secure another championship in floor hockey. Team Captain Andrew Lapel '20 gave a special shout out to Brother Jacob Ruby "slotting a biscuit past their siv in OT."
- o A class of '21 led team makes a Semi-final appearance in the lesser known intramural sport 'innertube water polo.' Kyle Wisler '21 reports that "It was kinda fun."

◆ **Rush**

We welcomed another great rush at the beginning of the Fall semester, putting together a 35 member Pledge Class of 2022. Please contact the Rush committee by email for any upcoming rush recommendations for the Fall 2019 Semester: rushpurduefiji@gmail.com.

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