



The Undergraduate brothers of the Lambda Iota Chapter are happy to bring to you, once again, another edition of *The Russell Street Review*.

◆ From the Cabinet

The Spring 2023 semester wrapped up well for the Lambda Iota chapter. The chapter remained a leader in all aspects on campus, performing high in scholarship, philanthropy, and community service while maintaining a great social reputation.

The chapter is in good standing with Purdue and during the spring semester had 114 active brothers with 49 living in and 5 are studying abroad or participating in a co-op internship. Life at 640 continues to operate normally with no more COVID restrictions at Purdue. The chapter achieved a grade point average of 3.14 which will again likely land in the top 3 semester GPAs for houses larger than 100 members (FSCL grade reports are not released until late June). In addition, the house averaged at least 3 hours per brother of community service.

The Spring semester was an eventful one which kicked off with the cabinet going to Fiji Academy in St. Louis. In February,



Brothers of PC24 at the Black Diamond Formal (Dec 2022)

Brothers each invited a date to our annual Purple Garter formal in Nashville. In March, the Chapter hosted Pig Dinner in the Buchanan room at Ross-Ade Stadium (more on page 3). In April, the Chapter participated in Purdue Grand Prix for the second year in a row thanks to the work of Fiji Racing, led by Blake Fox (2025) and driver Caden Taylor (2025) and the generous contributions of many graduate brothers. More information about this year's Grand Prix can be seen on page 3)

Some stand out individual achievements include Makai Mitchell's (2025) participation in Big Man on Campus raising over ten thousand dollars, Kellen Reese (2025) setting two national club swim records, and Alex Hanna (2024) named all-Big Ten in club Water Polo as well as being named the Purdue Interfraternity Council's Scholar of the Year. Our campus involvement is exceptional currently and we look forward to keeping our reputation as a premier Fraternity at Purdue University.

Our cabinet is excited about the direction that the chapter is going. We have a plethora of great accomplishments and goals, good grades, philanthropy, and community service that we will continue doing. We are looking forward to next school year so that we may keep doing great things.

◆ **Chapter Scholarship Winners**

This year's chapter scholarships were awarded to Brothers based on differing criteria and brothers' responses to numerous essay prompts. Scholarships are funded by graduate brothers and can help recognize brothers for their merit and/or ease financial burden.

Greg Hales Scholarship - Kyle Johnson (2025), Alex Hanna (2024)

Dick Grace Scholarship - Alex Hanna (2024)

Bauerle / Bray Scholarship - Makai Mitchell (2025), Jeb Garrett (2025)

Cameron Johnston Scholarship - Blake Fox (2025), Alex Paskill (2023)

Keith Brown Scholarship - Jeb Garrett (2023)

AJ DiCarlo Scholarship - Alex Hanna (2024)

Sam DiCarlo Scholarship - Will Crawford (2024), Luke Baumgartner (2024)

◆ **Rush - Fall 2023**

Brothers, as the Lambda Iota chapter concludes another successful year, we are eager to begin the 2023 recruitment process. As some of you may know, both the recruitment and pledgship processes have significantly sped up due to changes within International Headquarters. As a result of these changes, we are working on developing a recruitment process similar to our Brothers at the Zeta (IU) chapter, where they heavily recruit Potential New Members during their senior year of high school and in the summer before the Fall Semester. So now, we need your help more than ever to continue to develop the Brotherhood we all love through recommendations for the Pledge Class of 2027. Whether it be family members, close friends, or mutual friends that will be attending Purdue next year and are interested in the recruitment process, it would be of huge assistance to recommend Potential New Members, as we plan on having at least two recruitment events this summer with times and locations TBD. Please feel free to reach out to our Recruitment Chair Michael Uhrig or Assistant Recruitment Chair Makai Mitchell with recommendations or questions. Perge!



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◆ Pig Dinner 2023 Recap

The 2023 Frank Norris Pig Dinner in Honor of William R. Miller was a great success. Over 100 undergraduate and 30 graduate brothers gathered on March 4th, 2023 at the Buchanan Room overlooking Ross Aid Stadium. Bobby “Buckets” Riddell (2010), former Purdue Basketball player and current Purdue Basketball color commentator delivered the keynote speech, reminiscing about good times at the house and urging brothers to take the leap and go the extra mile to pursue something they love.

The highlight of the event was when Chuck Horner (PC51) and Dick Grace (PC51) received their Diamond Owl Certificates indicating their 75th year of membership. To have just one Diamond Owl recipient in a year is rare, but having two from the same pledge class both able to attend Pig Dinner was truly remarkable. After receiving their award, the two pledge brothers sang their pledge class song. Brothers Horner and Grace have been outstanding members of the chapter and their lifelong friendship reminds brothers that Phi Gamma Delta is *not for college days alone*.



*Brothers Horner and Grace ('51)
receiving their Diamond Owl
Certificate (Mar 2023)*

◆ Grand Prix

For the 2023 Purdue Grand Prix, the Fiji Racing team was poised to be a podium contender. Our kart underwent major modifications leading up to this year’s race including improvements to the cage, fuel system, and even new body work to look more professional. These changes to allow the team to be in the best position to win would not be possible without the support of graduate brothers. The Fiji Racing team would like to thank (in no particular order) Dr. Chris Burke, The Hill Group, Taco Bell, The Class of 1974, Andrew Mikus, BWMC (Nick Miranda), Robert Bruce, Fox Motor Company, Wings Etc. and Bill Miller as major sponsors that made the teams participation in the race possible. The team especially appreciates the Class of 1974 as the top sponsor for the year, and Wings Etc. as a major contributor for the second year in a row.

All of the support allowed the team to have one of the fastest karts in practice and on race day. Driver Caden Taylor laid down the top lap time of the race but unfortunately the kart was unable to finish due to a clutch malfunction. After an outstanding first year and fourth place finish last year, the team was disappointed to be caught by the unpredictable side of racing. Fortunately, the entire team will be returning next year and will have learned from this past year to better prepare the kart. Despite the bad luck, Brothers Blake Fox (2025), Reece Renie (2025), Grant Brekke (2025), Adam Cox (2026), Luke Linden (2025), Bennett Taylor (1996), and Caden Taylor (2025) each deserve recognition for their efforts. Next year the team will be hungry for a win and looking forward to representing FIJI on the track.

◆ Graduate Relations

The Graduate Relations committee would like to give a special shoutout to Hill brothers, who stepped in to fix the house HVAC after the system inconsistently worked for months. Their generosity, initiative, and quick action was greatly appreciated by all undergraduate brothers.

Are you or your class planning an upcoming trip to campus? The chapter loves hosting graduate brothers, giving them tours of the updated chapter facility, and hearing stories of their time at Purdue! The Graduate Relations committee will accept any input regarding graduate focused communication or events including next year's Pig Dinner or any other trips to campus. Please contact Alex Hanna (2024) at hanna35@purdue.edu, with any questions or suggestions!

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