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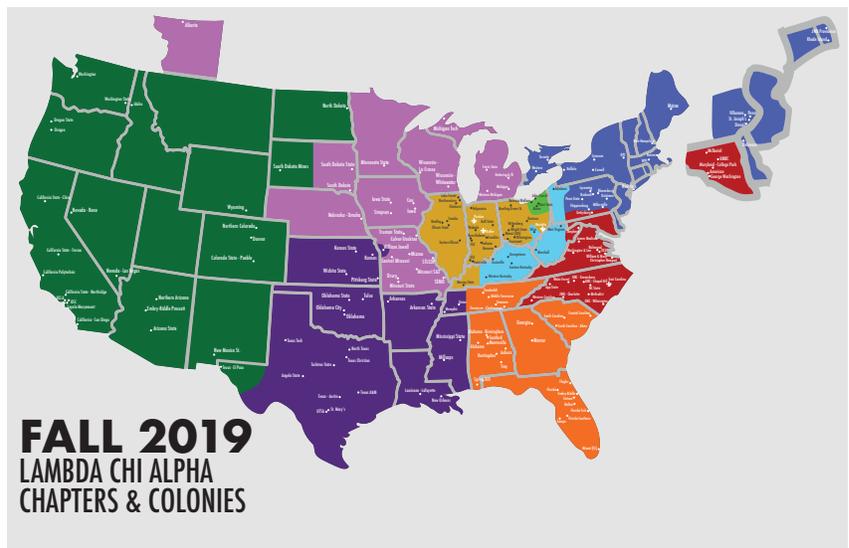
## WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Valparaiso chapter raises \$25,000 for St. Baldrick's Foundation through head shaving event.



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# CHAPTER NEWS

To submit Chapter News, please email [communications@lambdachi.org](mailto:communications@lambdachi.org). Undergraduate officers can also report updates on their chapter by logging on to LCAOne/Officer Portal and accessing the "Submit Chapter News" form. If you cannot find news from your chapter, then no information was submitted within this time frame.



## Akron | Akron, Ohio

On March 23, chapter members held a centennial celebration recognizing the chapter's 100-year founding on March 22. The event included a banquet at the John S Knight Center, where around 300 alumni in attendance. The event also included guest speakers, an awards banquet, and a dance.

The chapter held its 50th annual Bathtub Pull, an event where greek life comes together to pull a bathtub with crescent queens 10 miles collecting money from all the cars along the way. This year's event raised more than \$1,500 for the Akron Rotary Camp a program that sends children with special needs to camp for the summer. Following the event, the chapter held an alumni cookout where more than 40 alum attended and donated money towards the cause.

## Alberta | Edmonton, Alberta

The chapter added a new associate member, Jack Huang, and held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for associate members James Lis and Adil Khamed.

The chapter held a winter retreat in the mountains.



## Auburn | Auburn, Alabama

John Smith was awarded the COSAM Outstanding Junior achievement for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 4.0 for three straight years in the College of Sciences and Mathematics. He is majoring in biomedical sciences and plans to become a pediatrician. He serves his chapter as scholarship chairman has positively impacted the education culture helping increase the chapters overall GPA by .2 points. Smith's selfless leadership and active involvement in the brotherhood and student affairs has made him a role model for brothers and students around Auburn's campus. He is currently serving as the Phase 2 and 3 coordinator for Emerge at Auburn, a leadership training program for all students. Additionally, he uses his time to volunteer at the Boys and Girls club as well as many other volunteer and academic organizations.

## Ball State | Muncie, Indiana

The chapter hosted its annual alumni banquet. Attendees included the undergraduate members, local alumni members, and a few faculty members from Ball State. The event included an award ceremony and speeches. Brothers Micah Germann and Kyle Frank were recognized for their

dedication to the chapter, and Dr. Don Park was awarded the Inter-fraternal Brother of the Year Award. The keynote speaker was Mark Helmus, senior vice president of development for Ball State University, who had some great statistics on Greek Life at Ball State. In addition, chapter brothers were paired with Delta Zeta for the university's Dance Marathon, which raised more than \$615,000.

### **Bradley** | Peoria, Illinois

The chapter held three brotherhood events: a card night, a Super Bowl watch party, and an outing to attend a Bradley men's basketball game. The chapter added nine associate members.



### **Buffalo** | Buffalo, New York

The colony held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for 13 associate members. The colony will host a chartering banquet in April 13, 2019. Three chapter brothers have studied abroad: Teddy Gerstein traveled to Amsterdam, Nick Arroyo to the United Kingdom, and Giancarlo Herring-Calvo to Amsterdam.

Colony members held their annual bag drop, collecting nearly 200 pounds for the Food Bank of WNY. The event was organized colony Vice President Thomas Girardi.

Coinciding with Sexual Assault Awareness Month, colony members hosted an informational tabling event on April 11 in the Student Union asking fellow students to take the It's on Us pledge against sexual violence. Pamela Stephens-Jackson, the head of Greek life at Buffalo, says, "As the advisor for Greek-letter social organizations on campus,

I am both pleased and proud to hear that Lambda Chi Alpha is hosting an event in support of the It's On Us campaign and sexual assault awareness. It is refreshing to see them take the lead, as a male organization. Colony alumni advisor Dick Hubbard goes on to say, "I find the commitment of the men to be energizing. With each of them having taken the pledge themselves, we have seen an opportunity for leadership and experienced personal courage through their upfront promise to keep sexual awareness in the forefront of their daily lives."



### **California - Los Angeles** | Los Angeles, California

Chapter members partnered with sisters from Kappa Alpha Theta to help pack and organize more than 9,000 pounds of food for the Los Angeles Food Bank. Ten chapter members became CPR certified through the American Heart Association. The chapter's annual Alumni Golf Tournament is May 11, 2019. The chapter's new Alumni Network Group is up on Facebook. Email [contact@bruinslca.com](mailto:contact@bruinslca.com) for more information. The chapter held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for nine associate members. Congratulations to brothers Max McNally and Scott Manis for receiving the A. Barry Cappello Scholarship and thank you to this alumni brother for his continued generosity and support of today's students and UCLA.



### California - San Diego | La Jolla, California

Timothy Nordahl secured an internship with Avata Intelligence.

The chapter added 19 associate members during Spring recruitment.

### California State - Fresno | Fresno, California

Dave Leathers (California State - Fresno) was re-appointed as High Pi to the Alpha-Lambda chapter at Oregon State University.

### Christopher Newport | Newport News, Virginia

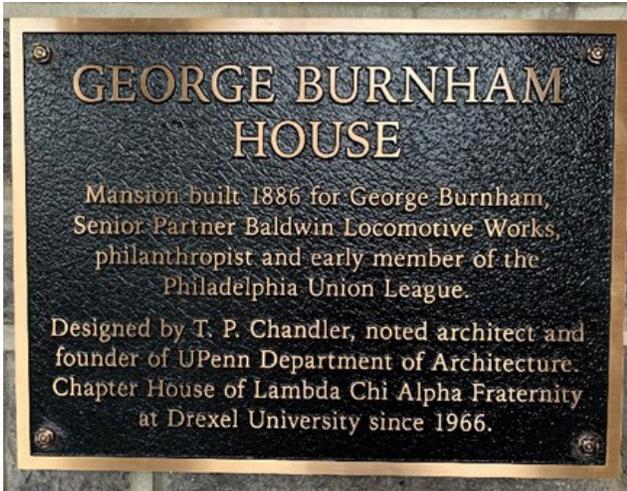
Chapter members participated in the Polar Plunge fundraiser and raised \$218.

Congratulations to the nine brothers who graduated: Andrew Lewis, Kyle White, Austin Slough, Jackson Clarke, Noah Strickler, Christian Denmark, Mitch Breeden, Cole Huffman, and Kylon Callaway.

### Denver | Denver, Colorado

On Wednesday, May 29, chapter officers joined the staff of the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) to present the staff with a check for \$10,000. The presentation was made at the Broncos Stadium at Mile High in downtown Denver, home to the NSCD. The chapter has supported the NSCD at various levels since 2005 and with this year's donation, they have raised nearly \$125,000 to help the NSCD in their important mission. More recently, the chapter has also supported the NSCD by selling 50/50 raffle tickets at Bronco's games and volunteering to wear various mascot attire while skiing up at Winter Park for a fundraising event. Next academic year, the chapter plans to combine their philanthropic fundraising with more direct volunteer opportunities. The NSCD offers adaptive lessons for individuals and groups of people with disabilities in a variety of action sports, adventure sports and competitive programs. Athletes with any physical, cognitive, emotional or behavioral diagnosis can participate in sports and recreation programs year-round in Colorado's Front Range and mountains.





### Drexel | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On May 10, the 2019 Annual Alumni Meeting and Awards Banquet was held at the fraternity house. The evening consisted of an unveiling ceremony of a historical plaque for the house, a graduation ceremony which inducted seven seniors into the Alumni Association, elections, and distribution of the annual awards. Alumni elected/re-elected to the alumni boards: House Corporation: Steve Cohen (Chairman), Michael Elmer (Secretary), Rob McCafferty, and Theo Speedy; Alumni Association: Michael Elmer (President), Dom DiGioia (Treasurer), and John Delaney (Secretary). Mark Stitz was given the Alumnus of the Year award and Omar Hayatt, the 2019 Frank Bockius award.

### Florida Southern | Lakeland, Florida

David Del Col (Florida Southern) is the newly-appointed High Pi for the Theta-Upsilon chapter at New York University. He lives in Secaucus, New Jersey and is a recruitment consultant for a leading professional recruitment consultancies in New York City. During his time as an undergraduate member, he served as a member of the Executive Committee, High Rho, High Epsilon, High Tau, and on Student Advisory Committee Ben Merryday (Florida Southern) is the newly-appointed High Pi for Florida Southern. He lives in Lakeland, Florida and is a financial manager for a large distribution company. During his time as an undergraduate member, he served as High Epsilon and IFC VP - Finance.

The chapter doubled in size from 24 to 51 members. In early February, the chapter celebrated its 80th Anniversary and 40th anniversary since the rechartering. Celebration

events included a golf tournament, reception with our college's president and other campus officials, and a formal banquet. At the banquet, the former chapter president from the rechartering spoke followed by the current chapter president. Lambda Chi Alpha CEO Bill Farkas was the keynote speaker and he spoke about the chapter's prestigious image and a reminder to remain pure, high, and ever-growing.

### Franklin | Franklin, Indiana

The chapter has started an Associate Member Scholarship Fund to help pay for part of three associate member and initiation fees. On Feb. 16, 2019, brothers Yousf Elayyan, Colten Pipenger, Damien Miller, Thomas Akers III, and Avery Bundy attended Franklin College's Greek Leadership Seminar.



### Georgia | Athens, Georgia

Chapter brothers volunteered for the Extra Special People organization's Big Heart at Bat event in an effort to raise money for fully accessible baseball fields in the Athens-Clarke county area.

### Huntingdon | Montgomery, Alabama

Chapter members participated in Break in a Bag for the Dining Hall Staff and John Knox Manor Retirement Home nurses. Members scheduled a dog walking and food supply for the Montgomery Humane Society. Members participated in Lets for Vets, writing letters to veterans thanking them for their service. Members wrote Valentine's letters to multiple hospitals for cancer patients.



### Illinois | Champaign, Illinois

The chapter held an Associate Member Ceremony for 10 new members: Josue Hernandez, Dennis Hsiao, Tim Munao, Alek Argoudelis, Brett Mills, Shaan Patel, Ralph Cabaya, Jason Liu, and Augustyn Crane.

The chapter collected more than \$4,000 in donations and 350 pounds of food for the Eastern Illinois Foodbank. The chapter held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for eight associate members. With these additions, the Chi chapter has initiated 2,243 members since our founding in 1915.

### Iowa State | Ames, Iowa

Chapter advisor Mike Andreski (Iowa) and Chef/House Director Connie Maxwell will be stepping down next fall. Andreski served for 10 years and Maxwell for eight. Maxwell's son, Alex, was a former chapter president. Andreski's son, Mike, was also initiated into the Iota-Chi chapter at Iowa.

### Johnson & Wales - Charlotte | Charlotte, North Carolina

The chapter added five associate members.

### Loyola Marymount | Los Angeles, California

Griffin Pickett (2021) and Wyatt Gold (2021) were the top fundraisers in the LMU Dance Marathon, benefiting The B Positive Foundation. The chapter had the second highest total raised of Greek organizations. The foundation aims to lessen the financial burden that is so often caused by childhood cancer by assisting families financially, raising awareness, and funding research.

### Lycoming | Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Justin Ossont (Lycoming) is the newly-appointed High Pi for Lycoming. He lives in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and is the assistant director of admissions for Lycoming College. During his time as an undergraduate member, he held the office of House Manager.



### Marshall | Huntington, West Virginia

The colony has goals to increase chapter size and make a permanent mark on the Marshall University campus.

Chapter brothers of Zeta-Zeta volunteered for Earth Day picking up trash along the floodwall at Harris Riverfront Park.

### Maryland - College Park | College Park, Maryland

Andrew Brauer (Eastern Michigan) is the newly-appointed High Pi for Epsilon-Pi chapter at the University of Maryland - College Park. He resides in Laurel, Maryland and works as a principal/educator for a local school district. During his time as an undergrad, he was High Alpha, High Beta, High Delta, and High Epsilon.

### McDaniel | Westminster, Maryland

The colony hosted recruitment events that ranged from pickup basketball in the gym to pool tournaments to video game nights. Colony brothers also volunteered in a street cleanup.

The colony added nine associate members.

**Miami (OH) | Oxford, Ohio**

The chapter hosted its annual Dad's Weekend, organized by Alumni Chairman Tyler Springmier. Events included a cookout and bowling. The chapter held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for 29 associate members. The chapter also hosted an alumni cookout and participated in Delta Zeta's philanthropy.

**Minnesota State | Mankato, Minnesota**

The chapter held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for two associate members. Social Chairman Kyle Mickelson and Recruitment Chairman Sam Graves are graduating from the IFC leadership program.

**Missouri Science & Technology | Rolla, Missouri**

The chapter held a watermelon bash, raising money for Feeding America. Chapter members would like to thank chapter Vice President Tyler Fank for organizing the event.



**Missouri State | Springfield, Missouri**

At the Fraternity and Sorority Life awards banquet, Lambda Chi Alpha won 2018 Chapter of the Year. In addition, Steve Backer was named Alumni Advisor of the Year, Logan Sunnarborg won IFC President of the Year, and Gabe Palmer won Fraternity Freshman of the Year.





### Nebraska - Omaha | Omaha, Nebraska

The chapter honored Lucas Luke, a graduating brother and former chapter president. On Feb. 10, 2019, the chapter held a Senior Ceremony for him. Chapter members volunteered at the Open Door Mission at the local Timberlake Outreach Center in Omaha.

On Feb. 10, the chapter held a Senior Ceremony for former chapter President Lucas Luke who graduated in December of 2018. He plans to attend graduate school. Chapter members volunteered at the Open Door Mission at the local Timberlake Outreach Center in Omaha. On Feb. 17, chapter members also participated in a bystander training session hosted by the chapter Advisor Scott Ussery and members of the Voice Against Violence. The chapter had presenters from the Omaha Collegiate Consortium come and present a talk called "Challenge the Silence." The presentation focused on how to become an active bystander and several intervention techniques for situations. The chapter also put together a team and participated in Theta Chi's "Nets for Vets" 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

The chapter participated in several events with other organizations like volunteering for the Sarpy YMCA as the Easter Bunny, the university's Dance Marathon fundraiser, Alpha Xi Delta's Autism Speaks Step It Up 5k, and had a bowling exchange with Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. The chapter also had a fraternity education presentation from alumni advisory board member David Castillo about ritualism, oaths, creed, and the coat of arms.

Brothers Noah Pinkman and Jay Tyndall graduated on May 3rd. The chapter is thankful for their contributions during their undergraduate careers. Both had held several officer positions during their careers. STEAD representatives were selected during the chapter's last formal meeting of the semester. Last activity for May was a Summer High Zeta retreat held on May 15th that focused on the major and minor recruitment events that would be held to meet and take PNMs to.



### Nevada - Las Vegas | Las Vegas, Nevada

The chapter won the intramural championship in both basketball and football. Chapter member Shane Slater, ranked 13th in the nation for 197 pound weight class, competed in the Conference Championship for wrestling.

Wyatt Villegas (Nevada - Las Vegas) is the newly-appointed High Pi for Nevada - Las Vegas. Wyatt resides in Las Vegas and works as site IT administrator of a local school district. During his time as an undergraduate member, he was High Gamma, Executive Committee member, IFC Elected Judicial Board Member, and chapter historian (before and during time as High Gamma).

### New Orleans | New Orleans, Louisiana

Chapter member Jacob Michalik colonized Best Buddies at the University of New Orleans and is currently the president. Eleven out of the 15 members of the organization are brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha. Officers of the organization include Jacob Michalik, Nigel Watkins, Bradly Maggio, and Chase Rich. Best Buddies is a nationally recognized program in both high schools and colleges that pairs students with disabilities with peers/fellow students that are disabled to better assist in their daily lives, bridge the gap that some communities have on disability, and be good friends.



### New York | Brooklyn, New York

The chapter held recruitment events such as Billiards and Pizza, Poker and Cookies, and BBQ House Tours. The Chapter added 5 associate members. Chapter brother David Bravo ran a half marathon in Copenhagen and Ginno Geocadin competed in his last squash match of his college career.

Chapter members Andy Huang, Jonathan Portilla and Naveen Siddique volunteered at the Bowery Mission.

David Del Col (Florida Southern) is the newly-appointed High Pi for the Theta-Upsilon chapter at New York University. He lives in Secaucus, New Jersey and is a recruitment consultant for a leading professional recruitment consultancies in New York City. During his time as an undergraduate member, he served as a member of the

Executive Committee, High Rho, High Epsilon, High Tau, and on Student Advisory Committee. The chapter earned third place in Greek Week (first in Academic Bowl, first in Social Media, first in Penny Wars, second in Banner). Brother Portilla and Brother Modric volunteered at the Mandala Cafe. The chapter hosted its annual Founders Day at the Park Plaza Restaurant.



### North Carolina - Wilmington | Wilmington, North Carolina

Chapter member Xander Hoffman was crowned homecoming king for 2019. This is the second consecutive year a Lambda Chi Alpha member has received this award. Along with Lambda Chi Alpha, Hoffman is involved with Student Ambassadors, Peer Education for Health Promotions and is also a tutor on campus for historically difficult science courses.

### North Dakota | Grand Forks, North Dakota

From Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, 2019, the chapter hosted recruitment events that led to nine new associate members!

Chapter brothers hosted a Parents Formal Dinner with more than 250 people in attendance. In addition, the Assistant Dean of Students and the Coordinator for Greek Life at the university provided remarks. Five brothers also received scholarships from alumni endowment fund.

### Northern Arizona | Flagstaff, Arizona

Colony members participated in a sorority philanthropy event, placing first in the dance competition and third overall.

The colony is now recognized as an on-campus organization and is working hard toward meeting the chartering standards.

### Northern Colorado | Greeley, North Carolina

On March 23, the chapter held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for three associate members and one associate member from the Delta-Omega chapter at Colorado State University-Pueblo.



### Oklahoma City | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The chapter hosted a philanthropy week for Feeding America. The week began with a voluntary fast to set the tone for the week and those that chose to participate wore purple bands in honor of the one in four Oklahomans who are food insecure. On Tuesday, brothers put on a movie night with free popcorn for the documentary *Hunger in America*. On Wednesday, Theta-Delta partnered with Raising Cane's to raise money for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. On Thursday, brothers hosted a bake sale to continue raising money for the food bank. Finally, on Friday, Theta-Delta ended the week with a date auction called "Shop the Chops" in which brothers donated dates to be sold in order to raise more money for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. In total, the events raised more than \$3,000, providing 12,214 meals to Oklahomans.

The chapter won first place in Spring Sing

competition. In addition, the chapter earned the trophy best in show which was voted on by the Blue Key Honors Society. Fabius Bascon and Tyler Jones wrote, choreographed, and directed the chapter's musical performance.



### Oregon State | Corvallis, Oregon

Chapter members have participated in Alpha Chi Omegas's "Healthy Relationships Week," Kappa Delta's "CARDV Wishlist Drive", Tri Delta's "Delta Dunks," and Sigma Kappa's "Spaghetti night." The chapter won first place in three of these events by raising the most money out of any other chapter on campus. In addition, the chapter hosted a philanthropy, "Can You Dash," raising the equivalent of about 10,000 meals.

Dave Leathers (California State - Fresno) was re-appointed as High Pi to the Alpha-Lambda chapter at Oregon State University.

### Pittsburg State | Pittsburg, Kansas

The chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary in March.



### **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** | Troy, New York

On April 13, 2019, the chapter held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for eight associate members: Brandon Chasse, Nicholas Cornacchiulo, James Dangio, Saketh Dargula, Sean Greatorex, Michael Holobetz, Nicholas Holzauer, and Toluwaleke Semowo.

### **Richmond** | Richmond, Virginia

The chapter held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for their associate members. Chapter members participated in Pi Beta Phi's philanthropy event, raising funds for child literacy training.

### **Shippensburg** | Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Ten brothers celebrated graduation: Nicholas Bates, Bailey Dawkins, Eric Zampelli, Scott Maldonado, Stuart Kaplan, Andrew Sweigart, Evan Courney, Zachary Haines, Alex Hess, and Corey Livelsberger.

### **South Dakota** | Vermillion, South Dakota

On Feb. 3, 2019, the chapter hosted a Super Bowl watching party and resume workshop. On Feb. 8, 2019, the chapter had a small triathlon that included limbo, cup stacking, and finally a cannonball contest. On Feb. 11, 2019, the chapter held a dodgeball game recruitment event. On Feb. 20, 2019, the chapter hosted a bowling social with AX?, the chemistry fraternity on campus. On Feb. 26, 2019, the chapter had another social with ADPi, a sorority on campus where the theme was "You are what you Netflix" in which we all dressed

up as characters from Netflix shows. On Feb. 27, 2019, the chapter hosted a brotherhood bowling event.

### **South Dakota Mines** | Rapid City, South Dakota

On March 20, chapter members volunteered at the Humane Society. The chapter held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for four associate members.

The chapter held a high "Steaks" poker recruitment night in which they played poker with monopoly money and ate steaks. On March 14, chapter members held a fundraiser for Feeding America and collected 430 pounds of food.

### **Southern Indiana** | Evansville, Indiana

Colin McDuffee represented the chapter on the homecoming court. Chapter members finished third in the Lip Sync competition.



### **St. Mary's** | San Antonio, Texas

This summer Alain Peralt will join Corpus Christi FC in the USL League 2 in American Soccer. This is a semi-professional league played over the summer where the best up-and-coming collegiate soccer players in the country compete against each other to improve their skills without losing their NCAA eligibility. He will be one of three St. Mary's University players playing for Corpus Christi FC.

### Tarleton State | Stephenville, Texas

At the Greek Awards, Austin Hamil received the New Member of the Year award and Cody Worth won IFC Officer of the Year. The chapter achieved 100 percent participation in the Ritual Initiation Exemplification with every associate member taking part.



### Valparaiso | Valparaiso, Indiana

Chapter brother Zach Diamond presented about cybersecurity at TEDx Valparaiso University 2019. Chapter brother Luke Weber served on the executive board for the program. For the second consecutive year, the chapter won Sigma Lambda Gamma's Penny Wars benefitting the Susan G. Komen foundation.

The chapter held an Initiation Ritual Exemplification for seven associate members: Cody Packer, Jake Diamond, Chad Dykman, Cameron Bobos, David Sanders, Christian Licea, and Casey Hill. Jake Landgraf has accepted a position in Indianapolis through the Orr Fellowship. Jake Diamond, David Sanders, Ray Polalis, and Ben Ganswindt are participating in service trips over Spring Break.

### Villanova | Villanova, Pennsylvania

Chapter held a Big Brother/Big Sister fundraiser.

### William Jewell | Liberty, Missouri

Hall of fame basketball coach Larry Holley (1967) retired as coach at William Jewell after the 2018-19 season. He was the head basketball coach at William Jewell for 40

years and retired with 918 victories, the ninth most of any college coach in history. Holley was a 2018 recipient of the Lambda Chi Alpha Order of Achievement award for career achievements.

### Wisconsin - La Crosse | La Crosse, Wisconsin

The colony added four associate members. The colony submitted its chartering petition to the Grand High Zeta.



### Wright State | Dayton, Ohio

The chapter won the IFC Chapter of the Year award, earned Tier 5 status, and was a runner-up for organization of the year.

# 100 YEARS

Congratulations to the following chapters that have celebrated, or will soon celebrate, their centennial anniversary!

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# WORTH FIGHTING FOR:

## IOTA-SIGMA ZETA'S JOURNEY TOWARD FINDING A CURE

By: Lindsey Hrinowich, Content Coordinator

For cancer patients, a pivotal moment in their journey toward health is the choice to shave their head upon accepting radiation treatment. Some choose a silent ceremony while others make a point to allow their friends and family to be involved by sharing on personal social channels. Loved ones occasionally join by removing their head full of hair in solidarity. At Valparaiso University, Iota-Sigma Zeta brothers used that symbolism to create the largest fraternal event on campus.

Lambda Chi Alpha's history with St. Baldrick's Foundation encouraged the chapter to explore the way supporting the organization connects with their personal vision for philanthropy. The High Theta at the time, Jacob Landgraf (Iota-Sigma, '19), began to understand how deeply St. Baldrick's Foundation impacted his brothers. Upon further research, he discovered that an alumnus brother had been diagnosed with cancer during his undergraduate career. After hearing that one of their own was directly affected by the cause, Landgraf dove head first.

"I think the big reason why people join Fraternities and Sororities is to give back. There's no better way of doing that than sharing your time and sharing your resources. I was very happy to volunteer my head for a child in need. That was something I wanted out of my Fraternity experience and events like that show we value Service and Stewardship, one of the seven core values" says Landgraf.

Volunteering his time is one thing, but his head is another. St. Baldrick's Foundation is dedicated to raising money toward cancer research for kids and created a chain of nationwide events to fundraise. Individuals can create their own head shaving event with the help of St. Baldrick's Foundation to make a direct impact. While many of the events offer food and games, the main goal is to raise money for cancer research through shaving participants' heads.



Head shaving participants hold up the amount raised during their first year of head shaving event.



Jacob Landgraf (Iota-Sigma, '19) shares his passion for St. Baldrick's Foundation by shaving his head for kids with cancer.

## WHERE TO BEGIN

Although Landgraf's passion for St. Baldricks Foundation was fueled by his lifelong brotherhood, other organizations on campus began the partnership at Valparaiso University. He learned that the event trickled down and the remaining materials were hidden in a corner on campus. Once Landgraf was able to obtain those, he began to understand how Iota-Sigma Zeta could make the event a success.

With his heart fully invested in the project, Landgraf sought out a St. Baldricks Foundation Special Events staff member to show him the ropes. Through various trainings and call outs for committee members, he was able to confront the task with ease knowing dedicated brothers and friends were enthusiastic about the revitalization of a St. Baldricks Foundation event.

"I wanted to make sure it was successful because I've never created an event that size before. I recruited seven advisors for a St. Baldricks committee, a couple people who work in residence life and people who work in the union. I also recruited seven brothers to serve on the committee and they each specialized in one area" explains Landgraf.

He explains that the main reason for forming a large committee was to create a space for younger members to experience leadership. Before he was elected

into the High Zeta, Landgraf saw a breach in the marketplace that newly initiated members could fill.

"I really wanted that committee to be the minor league system for the High Zeta. What's great about St. Baldricks and the way we organized it is that it provided a lot of chances for members of the chapter, particularly freshman and sophomores, to cut their teeth on professional communication and working with different departments across the university. They see exact results in a way that really prepares younger brothers well for serving on the High Zeta" explains Landgraf.

One of the committee members, Brendan Godsel, served in community engagement during his first year of involvement. His role was to encourage local establishments to donate their time and resources for the event. Restaurants like Dominoes and Culvers offer to provide food for the guests while Jimmy Johns sponsors cards for the raffle each year.

In addition to a raffle, the Landgraf saw it necessary to have a St. Baldricks kid represent the organization by coming to the fundraiser. Their family shares a short message about the impact St. Baldricks Foundation has on their life and why the head shaving events are important for inclusivity.



Men and women from the Valparaiso community share the collective amount raised for the second year of the head shaving event.

## CRUNCH TIME

By the spring of 2017, the event was beginning to take shape. When the High Zeta returned in the fall of 2017, Landgraf wasted no time by scheduling a weekly meeting to touch base. In two months, hundreds of individuals would come to the Valparaiso campus to support Iota-Sigma Zeta in their pursuit for cancer research.

The days grew long, and the nights became shorter as the event transitioned from weeks to days away. Landgraf began finalizing attendee numbers and ensuring the weather forecast did show signs of surprises. The night before, each member of the committee found ease in knowing that their hard work would come to fruition in a matter of hours.

Hundreds of people began to gather onto Valparaiso's campus to support Iota-Sigma in conjunction with St. Baldricks Foundation. Through the work of the committee members, more than enough entertainment and refreshments were prepared. From local pizza eateries donating their supply to barbers in the area working for free, the event gathered 300 people looking to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

"We had great participation from our faculty & staff. We were very good at recruiting people who didn't traditionally participate in fraternity and sorority fundraisers. Luckily, we had quite a few professors who have a history of supporting St. Baldricks Foundation, so they were instrumental in getting those fundraising dollars up" explains Landgraf.

One by one, students and faculty line up to willingly shave their heads in the name of cancer research. 50 faculty & staff, parents, students and brothers entered the stage to symbolize their support for St. Baldricks Foundation. Each participant reflects on the required 50-dollar fundraising fee that members of the crowd helped raise. Now, they got to witness what true partners in this fight look like.

"I've shaved my head twice before. We try to get guys in the chapter involved, as many as possible. The whole room cheers for you while you are getting

shaved to baldness. It feels great to be showing that you are helping. To have a way to show that you were a part of this is really cool" explains Godsel.

The barbers agreed to make the event more exciting by participating in a speed shave round. Selected participants group on stage at once to see which barber can shave their client's hair the fastest. The winning shaver picked up their fallen hair in victory of the ones who financially contributed to their victory.

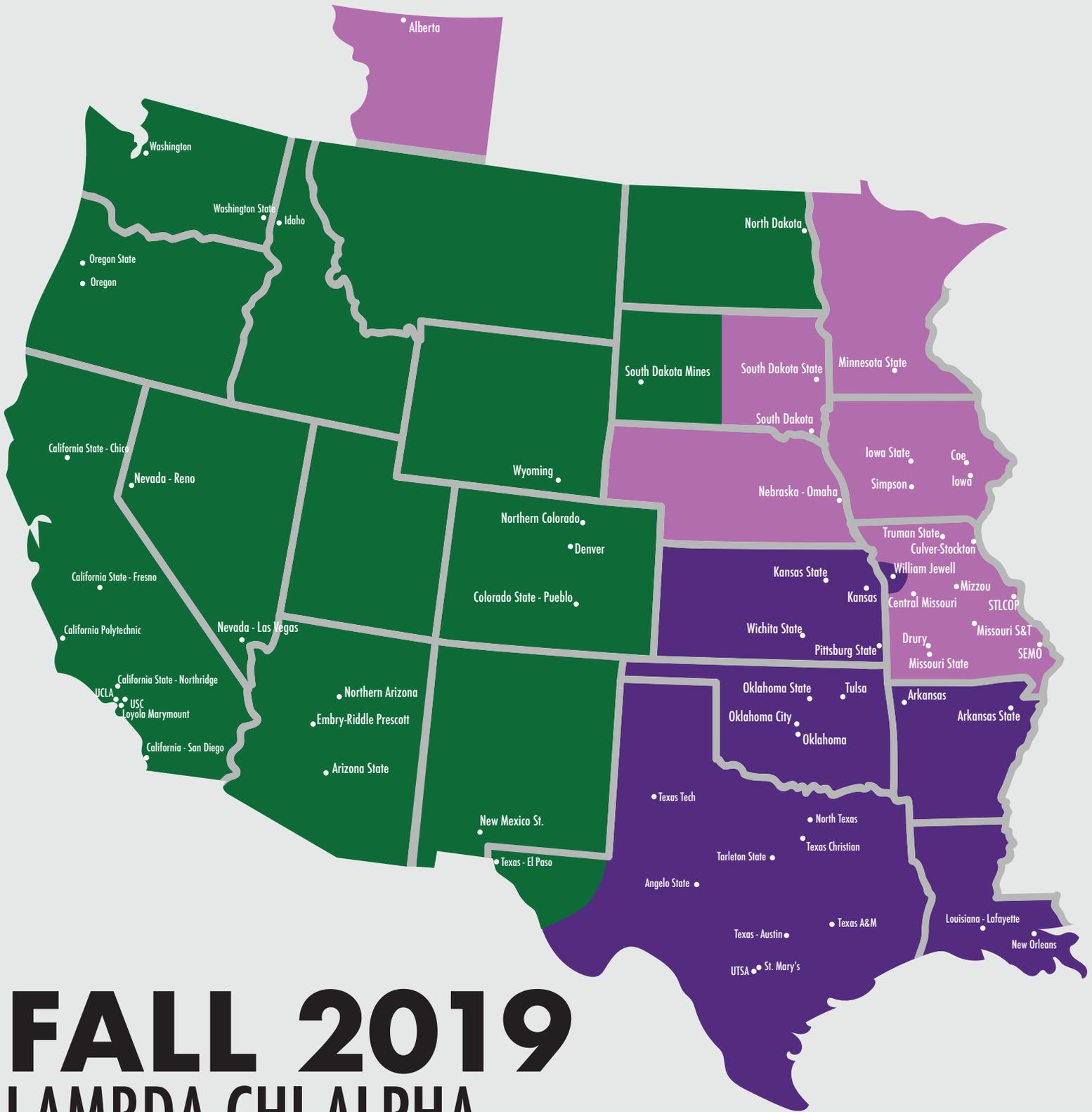
After it was said and done, the team took time to rest and recover before hearing news that would validate their commitment to St. Baldricks Foundation. Iota-Sigma Zeta was awarded the Valparaiso Fraternity/Sorority Award for Community Service and #1 Chapter Philanthropy Event.

In their first year, the chapter raised over 25,000 dollars to go directly back to funding St. Baldricks Foundation. Now that it has become their primary philanthropy event for the year, the current High Theta, Ulises Hernandez, plans to continue their success streak through his passion for finding a cure.

"We just want to let everyone know that we are working very hard to help end this disease that affects thousands of families nationwide. We are aware of the cost that it takes to fund this type of research and we want to contribute even if it's a very small amount" says Hernandez.

Now that he has graduated and moving to Indianapolis to begin his career, Landgraf feels honored to have spearheaded the next step in Iota-Sigma's journey toward philanthropy. He created a framework that he hopes smaller chapters will emulate in their pursuit for funding cancer research & treatment.

"The big reason we like St. Baldricks Foundation is because the research focus has a huge chance to really make a difference. You are supporting people who are on the cutting-edge of cancer research which is, hopefully, getting us closer and closer to finding a cure" says Landgraf.



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**JOSEPH SUZANNE**

\*Will only be doing expansions\*\*

\*\*Expansions are indicated by white Cross & Crescents



DANIEL ARMENTA

**Bio:**

**School:** Nevada - Reno  
**Major:** International Business Management and International Affairs  
**Fun Fact:** Is a first generation college

**Schools Covering:**

Bloomsburg, Boston, Bucknell, Buffalo, Cornell, Delaware, Drexel, Johnson & Wales - Providence, Kutztown, Lycoming, Maine, Millersville, New Hampshire, New York, Penn State, Pennsylvania, Rensselaer Polytechnic, Rhode Island, Shippensburg, St. Joseph's, Syracuse, Toronto, Villanova, Western, Worcester Polytechnic



AVERY BAKER

**Bio:**

**School:** Lycoming College  
**Major:** Music Performance & Psychology  
**Fun Fact:** Raced a seven-man war canoe in the 2017 Adirondack Canoe Classic "The 90-Miler."

**Schools Covering:**

Alabama, Alabama - Birmingham, Auburn, Coastal Carolina, Embry-Riddle, Flagler, Florida, Florida Southern, Florida Tech, Georgia, Huntingdon, Mercer, Miami (FL), Middle Tennessee State, Montevallo, Rollins, Samford, Sewanee, South Carolina, South Carolina Aiken, Spring Hill, Stetson, Tampa, Tennessee Chattanooga, Troy, Vanderbilt



JACOB BAUMGARTNER

**Bio:**

**School:** Edinboro  
**Major:** Chemistry  
**Fun Fact:** Is the tallest Baumgartner within the last 3 known generations.

**Schools Covering:**

Ball State, Bowling Green State, Bradley, Cincinnati, Denison, Eastern Illinois, Elmhurst, Eureka, Evansville, Franklin, Hanover, Illinois State, Indiana, Indiana State, Lake Forest, Miami (OH), Murray State, Northwestern, Rose-Hulman, Southern Indiana, Valparaiso, Wabash, Wilmington, Wittenberg, Wright State



TYLER DRISKO

**Bio:**

**School:** University of New Hampshire  
**Major:** Recreation Management & Policy  
**Fun Fact:** Enjoys snowboarding, mountain biking, and playing guitar.

**Schools Covering:**

American, Appalachian State, Christopher Newport, Johnson & Wales - Charlotte, Maryland - Baltimore County, Maryland - College Park, McDaniel, Methodist, North Carolina - Chapel Hill, North Carolina - Greensboro, North Carolina - Wilmington, North Carolina State, Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth, Wake Forest, Washington & Lee, Western Carolina, William & Mary, James Madison, Shepherd, Gettysburg  
 Butler Expansion



TREVOR HOLLAND

**Bio:**

**School:** Ball State University  
**Major:** Public Relations  
**Fun Fact:** Has a twin brother

**Schools Covering:**

Angelo State, Arkansas, Arkansas State, Kansas, Kansas State, Louisiana Lafayette, Memphis, Millsaps, Mississippi State, New Orleans, North Texas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma State, Pittsburg, St. Mary's, Tarleton State, Texas A&M, Texas Christian, Texas Tech, Texas-Austin, Texas-San Antonio, Tulsa, Union, Wichita, William Jewell



COREY MIRACLE

**Bio:**

**School:** California State - Fresno  
**Major:** Business - Marketing  
**Fun Fact:** Has owned 30+ exotic pets throughout his life.

**Schools Covering:**

Akron, Baldwin Wallace, John Carroll, Kent State  
 East Carolina Expansion, Marietta Revitalization



TREVOR NICHOLAS

**Bio:**

**School:** South Dakota School of Mines  
**Major:** Applied and Computational Mathematics

**Fun Fact:** Met Chumlee from Pawn Stars during expansion at Northern Arizona University.

**Schools Covering:**

Butler Expansion, Marietta Revitalization, Purdue Expansion



JIMMY PHILLIPS

**Bio:**

**School:** Franklin College  
**Major:** Public Relations  
**Fun Fact:** Addicted to Disney

**Schools Covering:**

Butler Expansion, East Carolina Expansion



WALKER ROSE

**Bio:**

**School:** North Carolina - Wilmington  
**Major:** Business Administration

**Fun Fact:** Has built the second largest commercially available LEGO Set ever made.

**Schools Covering:**

Arizona State, California - Los Angeles, California - San Diego, California Polytechnic, California State - Chico, California State - Fresno, California State - Northridge, Colorado State Pueblo, Denver, Embry-Riddle Prescott, Idaho, Loyola Marymount, Nevada - Las Vegas, Nevada - Reno, New Mexico State, North Dakota, Northern Arizona, Northern Colorado, Oregon, Oregon State, South Dakota Mines, Southern California,, Texas - El Paso, Washington, Washington State, Wyoming



CODY SALLEE

**Bio:**

**School:** University of Idaho  
**Major:** English (Minor in Psychology)  
**Fun Fact:** Fan of adult coloring books

**Schools Covering:**

Alberta, Central Missouri, Coe, Culver-Stockton, Drury, Ferris State, Iowa, Iowa State, Kettering A, Kettering B, Michigan, Michigan Tech, Minnesota State, Missouri S&T, Missouri State, Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou), Nebraska - Omaha, SEMO, Simpson College, South Dakota, South Dakota State, STLCO, Truman State, Western Michigan, Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wisconsin-Whitewater



JOSEPH SUZANNE

**Bio:**

**School:** Johnson & Wales - Charlotte

**Major:** Food and Beverage Entrepreneurship

**Fun Fact:** Achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2013 at age 16.

**Schools Covering:**

Edinboro, Ohio, Marshall, Eastern Kentucky, Georgetown, Louisville, Western Kentucky, West Virginia University  
 Purdue Expansion

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