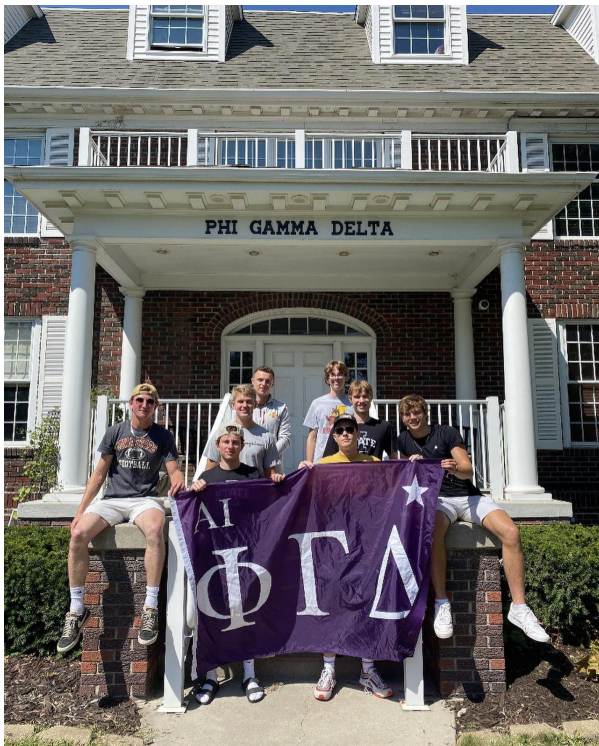


## Alpha Iota Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta

# Brainstorm

Spring 2023



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# *Pig Dinner*

## *Brothers*

The planning committee and the undergraduate chapter are thrilled to host the 115th annual Pig Dinner! This year's dates will be April 14th and 15h. Last year's hybrid Pig Dinner was such a success we will be live-streaming the dinner again for those who can't make it this year.

This will be our second year back in person, and we are very excited to mention that we will be returning to the Gateway Hotel for Saturday's dinner. We have 2 bars open till 10:00 pm, so hopefully, no one goes thirsty during dinner! Toastmaster this year will be Brother Wes Murdoch, class of '01.

We encourage all graduates to come on Friday the 14th for house tours, barbeque dinner, and this year we will be returning to Welch Ave for a private FIJI event at a bar called Micky's Pub from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. This event will only be for FIJI brothers, so we can chat and enjoy cocktails without the noises of the loud bar. All wives and girlfriends will also be invited to Friday night, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you for a great weekend.

## *Cost*

\$80 for Owl classes - \$125 up to and including April 1st - \$140 at the door and after April 1st. If you are paying ahead of time, please send a check to our Pig Dinner Chairman at 325 Ash Ave Ames, IA 50014.

Or pay Venmo to our Pig Dinner Chairman: Alec-DePhillips (picture is the diamond)

## **Sponsors**

In an effort to keep costs down (especially for younger grads), sponsorships are being offered to you and/or your business. Please consider sponsoring the weekend so we can continue to have a quality event at a reasonable cost. The breakdown will be as follows:

Silver sponsor - minimum of \$100

Gold sponsor - minimum of \$250

Diamond sponsor - minimum of \$500.

## **Weekend Schedule**

### Friday, April 14th

- Register at Alpha Iota Chapter House (325 Ash Ave.)

- **3:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

- BBQ dinner at the chapter house

- **5:00 - 6:30 PM**

- Mickey's Irish Pub @ 109 Welch Ave

- **Private Fiji Event from 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

- Outdoor Patio

- All undergrads and grads invited

- Spouses also invited

- Cash Bar with small snacks

- Cocktails & Conversation (Pool & Darts)

### Saturday, April 15th

- Registration at the chapter house.

- **11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

- Lunch at the chapter house

- **12:00 - 1:00 PM**

- Association annual mtg.
  - **1:00 - 2:00 PM**
- Memorial Service for brothers having recently passed “Ad Astra”.
  - **2:00 - 3:00 PM**
- Informal group picture at the chapter house.
  - **3:30 PM**
- Registration at the Gateway
  - **5:00 - 6:00 PM**
- Appetizers and cash bar at the Gateway
  - **5:00 - 6:00 PM**
- Dinner and program at Gateway
  - **6:00 - 7:00 PM**
- Socializing and cash bar at Gateway
  - **7:00 - 10:00 PM**

#### Sunday, April 16th

- Optional brunch at Gateway
  - In Iowa Stater restaurant
- \$16 All-you-can-eat buffet
  - **10:00 AM**

#### ***Hotel Blocks***

Here attached is the reservation link for the room block at the Gateway Hotel.

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/2958?groupID=3528448>



# House Updates

## Water Fountains, TV, & Basketball Court

This spring semester, we were blessed to receive two brand-new water coolers that dispense cold and hot water. The brothers have been asking for them, and thanks to Brother Lou Filosa ('72), they have been installed on the second floor and in the dining room. Another addition to the dining room this year has been our brand-new flat-screen TV. It has been great for interviews, meetings, and CR meetings. We thank moms club very much for buying it, and big thanks to brother Bob Lawrence ('76) and his wife for installing it. The class of 25 has taken it into their hands to create a makeshift basketball court in the pit with hoops they "found" on the street.



# *New cabinet and President Interview*

## *(Spring 2023)*

### *A few words from our president*

I am Parker Suyko, a junior studying mechanical engineering from Cary, IL. For those who do not know me, I am a very driven person, and I set high expectations for myself. I try to stay involved in every aspect of the fraternity that I can because I truly believe that leading by example generates a lot of success. Although I currently do not have much of it, I typically like to spend my free time lifting, visiting family, spending time with my friends, or watching wrestling and football.

The main goal I set out to achieve during my term as president is to set the next cabinet up as much success as possible. I set out to do this by creating a culture that is dedicated to being involved in committees, in upkeep of the house, in Greek Week and Homecoming, and in building future leaders. I also aim to lower house bills by cutting unnecessary costs and filling the house. We have already decreased house bills by \$150 since last semester. I will also set up a foundation for success in the new Built to Lead program, which eliminates pledging in our fraternity. Lastly, I will continue the organization of tidy files, notes, and transition documents as my predecessor, Gabe, did well.

Some goals that I have already completed in my term are: getting a FIJI on IFC, increasing advisor communication and transparency, reimplementing the Judicial Board that has been scarcely used in the past, and adding a committee that is solely focused on IFC and IHQ Awards.

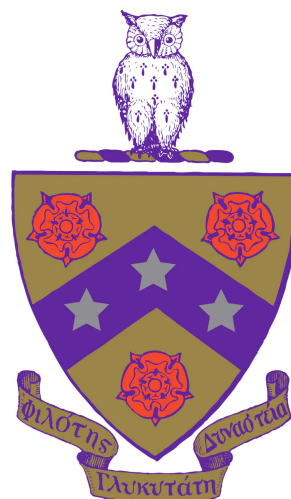
FIJI means more to me than it does most. It has helped me in many aspects of my life, such as teaching me leadership and business skills, giving me the ability to build countless lifelong friendships, and showing me how to manage and prioritize my time. This fraternity has developed many graduates who I aspire to be like through its brotherhood and its high standards for scholarship. I would not be the man I am today without this chapter.

I mostly stay connected with graduate brothers through advisory roles. For example, I have been in close contact with Tom Waldon (New BCA President), Nate Scott (House Corporation President), Lynn Schroeder (Section Leader), Paul Dudley (Purple Legionnaire), Bob Larrance (House Corporation Member), Steve Hunst (BCA Member), Ron Westeen (House Corporation Treasurer), Lou Filosa (House Corporation Member), both Justin Groff and Matt Dohrmann (BCA Recruitment), and many others. Staying in close communication with these members has helped the brothers understand how important graduates and both boards are to our

chapter. This has also given the house some benefits, such as the installation of water fountains and a new TV to conduct business meetings and display minutes. Our chapter would not be in the place it is in today without all the support from all of our graduates.

I have been very fortunate to travel to many places to represent this chapter, including Washington, DC, for Ekklesia, St. Louis, MO, for Academy, and Indianapolis, IN, for AFLV (an IFC-based leadership conference). Despite all of the memories I had made at these places, I would have to say my best memories are made on campus or in the house. Doing the simple things with my brothers, like watching the Super Bowl, playing pool or ping pong in the man cave, going to the gym, or going out to Cap or the bars, are undoubtedly the most memorable moments for me, and I would not trade these times for the world. Being able to lead such a great group of men with outstanding support from the graduates and GJo and still be able to have the time to get my schoolwork done and make many memories are what makes me mighty proud to be a FIJI!

Perge!”



## *The Rest of Our Cabinet*

- Ben Snyder ('25)
  - Treasurer
  - Lanesborough, MN
  - Finance
  
- John Pfeifer ('25)
  - Recording Secretary
  - Morton, IL
  - Marketing
  
- Alec DePhillips ('25)
  - Corresponding Secretary
  - Des Moines, IA
  - Marketing
  
- Josh Breuer ('25)
  - Historian
  - Minneapolis, MN
  - Electrical Engineer





# Updates from GJo

Hello from Mom Jo

Remember the saying “time flies when having fun”? It certainly applies to me! At the end of spring 2023 semester, I’ll be ending my sixteenth year as House Director at 325 Ash Ave. It feels good getting back to normalcy with my gentlemen after the two-year experience with the pandemic. I’ve been able to bring back my themed dinners such as Halloween, Santa, St.Patrick’s, and Rock and Roll. Also, my “Guest Who’s Coming to Dinner” is active once again. Jamie Pollard, ISU Athletic Director, ISU President, Wendy Wintersteen, and ISU Professor, Alissa Stoehr are all on schedule to attend. I have also been able to reimplement CPR instruction. I enjoy being a part of their college years and then watching as they leave and begin their life’s journey. I look forward to a successful recruitment and a full chapter house this fall!#

“quality recruits quality”...

See you at Pig Dinner 2023!

Blessings,  
Mom Jo.



# *Winter Formal, Philanthropy, and Events*

## Winter Formal

This Winter Formal was sure one to remember as the men of Phi Gamma Delta took on Kansas City. Thanks to our amazing social chair Jake Balley ('24), we had two connected hotels located right in the heat of the city and only 5min away from our venue. Our venue was a bar & restaurant called John's Big Deck, and we enjoyed our time dancing to live music, giving out awards, and making great memories.



### *Fall Philanthropy*

Alpha Iota is happy to announce we raised over \$1000 for the USO during our S'mores & HotDog roast this past fall. We loved seeing everyone from the Ames community and all our friends who came to show their support.



### *Spring Philanthropy (Plan)*

This spring, Alpha Iota will be continuing with our Phi Gam Football Jam in hopes of raising money for breast cancer awareness. For those who are unaware, our Phi Gam Football Jam is a powder puff football tournament. Groups of sorority girls pick one guy from a fraternity to coach and play quarterback, and the winning team gets 50% of the proceeds towards their house's philanthropy.



## Other Events

### **Parents Weekend**

Phi Gamma Delta had a great turnout of over 150 people at our parent's weekend this past fall. It was great to see all the old faces and the new Freshman parents who are just starting their journey as Phi Gam parents. Thanks to our wonderful chef, Shawn, everyone was full of delicious burgers and hotdogs. We thank all the parents that donated items for the auction, and a big shout out to Cole Boyer ('22) for hosting the auction yet again.



### **GJos Valentines Date Dinner**

We were so happy to hear that GJo was bringing back her Valentine's date dinner; all the men rushed to fill out the signup sheet. If you've been to any of GJos dinner parties, you probably know how fun and creative they can be. You also know that "what happens in the kitchen stays in the kitchen" - GJo ;)



## Dinner with the President

The men of Phi Gamma Delta were very honored to have the President of Iowa State, Wendy Wintersteen, and her husband, Robert, for dinner. President Wintersteen shared her insights on what it is to be a good leader as well as the struggles and overcomings it took her to get where she is today. They were both very gracious guests, and we hope to have them back soon.



# Homecoming & Yell-Like-Hell

## Homecoming

This year the men of Phi Gamma Delta decided we were tired of getting beat out by the TKEs, so we put our game faces on and got to work. We took 3rd place in the food drive, 1st place in intramurals, and an overall 3rd place in homecoming, beating out the TKEs, of course. It was great to see all the men engaged and motivated to be on top, and we can't wait to do it again during Greek Week.



## Yell-Like-Hell

For those who are unfamiliar with Yell-Like-Hell, it's a big event that goes on during Homecoming and, essentially, is a choreographed dance and chant. YLH has three performances, and if you make it to the second performance, you get painted head to toe. Our boys this year did a great job and made it all the way to 2nd round. However, you better believe we will be bringing home the 1st place trophy for Lip-Sync this Greek Week.



# Closing Remarks

With the new class of '26s getting settled in and an ambitious new cabinet all set in place, the men of Alpha Iota are more than ready to take on the new semester. All there is left to do is sit and wait for all the grads to come back home for a great Pig Dinner. We can't wait to see everyone here this year and reminisce in sweet memories that are not for college days alone.

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