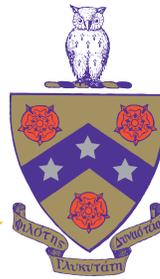


TIGER FIJI



State of the Chapter

by Da'Jeal Willaby-Partee '20 | Chapter President



Dear Brothers,

I have the pleasure of once again delivering my State of the Chapter Address as the current president of the Lambda Chapter. For those brothers who are not familiar

with me, my name is Da'Jeal Willaby-Partee. I am currently majoring in neuroscience with a minor in chemistry on the pre-med track. I am scheduled to graduate in May of 2020 and cannot wait to see what the future holds.

In addition to my leadership position in the chapter, I am also the project manager for Climate Justice in DePauw's Sustainability Leadership Program. As a Bonner Service Scholar, I am very involved with the community through my work with the nonprofit organization Mental Health America of Putnam County. Not only do I advocate for mental health treatment and awareness, I am also sure to show the community what a gentleman of Phi Gamma Delta looks like. But that's enough about me.

The state of the Lambda Chapter is a promising one! The chapter continues to strive for excellence and continually improve itself in friendship, knowledge, service, morality, and excellence. Scholarship first! The development and execution of our new scholarship plan is sure to improve the chapter's GPA ranking by incentivizing the pursuit of academic assistance. On the side of excellence, a brother of the Lambda Chapter now holds the position of Interfraternity Council president. We continue to recruit 24/7 as can be seen by the presence of our 2019 fall pledge class. As my time living in the chapter will soon come to an end as all great things do, I hold close our motto with a heavy heart and much confidence that my time as a FIJI brother is not for college days alone.

Damn proud, as always!

Lambda Celebrates the Holiday Season



For a second year, FIJI hosted a pre-Christmas dinner for homeless women. Four ladies from the local women's shelter and 12 FIJI brothers enjoyed the meal at the house, with food provided by FIJI, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Campus Cooks, and cooked by Lambda's Campus Cooks Chef Christina Hayes. The chapter hopes to continue this tradition.

The first annual Thanksgiving dinner was held for brothers who couldn't return home

and for other international students on campus. A broad selection of international dishes was prepared on a day when all university facilities are closed. Sixty-five people attended, including 31 freshmen! The chapter hopes to continue this tradition as well. Graduate brothers are encouraged to attend in future years.

Heartfelt thanks again to Jennifer and Daylon Weddle for organizing both of these wonderful outreach experiences!

A Note from the Board of Chapter Advisors

By Andrew Porter | President, Lambda FIJI Board of Chapter Advisors

I want to briefly illustrate how we support the undergraduate chapter and introduce our current advisors. The BCA's responsibility is to assist the chapter in setting its goals, developing an action plan to achieve these goals, following-up to see that the action plan is being accomplished, and monitoring the continuation of the action plan. Leveraging the official Phi Gamma Delta resources, we've designed the program for Lambda around our

chapter leaders. We have five BCA members aligned to the five cabinet positions, including scholarship chair.

We orchestrate a chapter retreat every August at the Prindle Institute for Ethics as a goal-setting and planning session. This past August, the chapter focused on two areas—scholarship, and tactical planning for the upcoming semester to support recruitment.

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With the help of Daylon Weddle, we rolled out a comprehensive scholarship plan. We are proud of the undergraduates for their focus on this plan. We're also very pleased to hear the news of a well-executed scholarship dinner that was attended by 11 DePauw professors. The chapter retreat concluded with a conversation with current seniors—mentally preparing as their time at DePauw winds down, planning for the future, and encouraging them to consider how they will stay active as a Lambda graduate.

Lambda FIJI could not function without a wide array of volunteer support: House Corporation, our Section Chief Charlie Ricker, our Purple

Legionnaire Orlando Ramirez, and the Board of Chapter Advisors are just a small few that invest year-over-year. We recognize that a healthy volunteer network requires an influx of fresh perspectives in order to keep its momentum. As with any volunteer organization, we have unbounded need for creative thinking horsepower to continue driving the Phi Gamma Delta mission of uniting men in enduring friendships, stimulating the pursuit of knowledge, and building courageous leaders who serve the world with the best that is in them.

Looking forward to 2020, please consider how you can support Lambda, however that may be. If you are interested in being a part of any informal/project-based work or formal named roles, let's chat at Pig Dinner; we'd love to have your support.

Introducing the 2019-2020 Board of Chapter Advisors

Andrew Porter '10 | BCA President

Andrew currently lives in New York City, where he works for a software and management consulting firm. During his time at DePauw he double majored in the school of music and computer science as a part of the Science Research Fellows Program.

Leif Anderson '15 | BCA Scholarship Advisor & BCA Vice President

Leif is a former chapter president and co-recruitment chair. After working for the U.S. House of Representatives, then the U.S. Senate, he is now attending law school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Ryan Edelen '11 & Kevin Milne '11 | BCA Advisors to the Treasurer

Ryan Edelen was social chair for most of his time at Phi Gamma Delta. He studied biology and economics within the Science Research Fellows Program. Ryan currently lives in Chicago and works in sales for a laboratory device company. Kevin Milne was an economics and philosophy double major and is now a systems administrator for a consulting firm in Indianapolis.

Willie Brooks '13 & Timothy Brooks '14 | Advisors to the Secretaries & Historian

Willie, a classical civilization and political science minor, currently lives in Indianapolis, Indiana, working as a program manager for the State of Indiana. He's also recently engaged! Timothy Brooks, also a classical civilization and political science minor, currently lives in Austin, Texas, where he works an operations manager for a video game company.

Philanthropy Pupdate

By Brandon Jordan '22 | Philanthropy Chair

Bark-B-Que was a great success this year! We held it on Theta's patio, and Campus Cooks was super generous in donating all of the food for the event. All together, the donations totaled over \$700 for the Putnam County Humane Society.

I have one other event in the works this semester, a nice winter-themed hot chocolate and bake sale with the addition of

hand-knitted hats for the brothers in the house. I decided to focus on quality over quantity this semester and I believe these events reflect that decision.

Moving forward with more confidence and experience, I plan to have more events next semester to lead DePauw's campus with the character and action that fraternities truly exemplify.



Brothers Etienne Ruiz '21 and Antranig Asmarian '21.

Academic Awards

Solomon Alhakeem '22 received the Gilman Scholarship to study abroad in Italy this summer at the Trasimeno Archaeology Field School. He is the first student from DePauw to receive this scholarship for a summer program. He also received the Syrian American Club in Houston's scholarship for the academic year.

Farukh Sarkulov '20 received the Douglas B. White Grant to present at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements Urban Annual Research Conference in Bangalore, India.

Get to Know Lambda's Newest Brothers



Gavin Lancaster '22, Jakub Nowak '22, and Luis Emanuel Torres '21.

Gavin Lancaster

I am a sophomore English writing major from New York City. I came to DePauw University on the Posse Scholarship, and I also participate in the Media Fellows Program. I serve as an intern for campus activities, and as a member of DePauw's step team Elite PreciZion. Coming from New York City, being at DePauw has definitely been a major challenge for me, which is why Phi Gamma Delta has been so valuable for me, as my brothers have made it feel like a second home on campus. Once I'm able to move into the FIJI house next semester, I look forward to getting to know each of my fraternity brothers as individuals so I can truly appreciate what every one of them brings both to the organization and to each other.

Jakub Nowak

I am from Chicago, Illinois. I am a sophomore and

I'm majoring in business economics and I'm also a part of the jazz band. I joined Phi Gamma Delta because individuality and brotherhood are very important to me as a person and because I love seeing that the men of this brotherhood work together to become better and stronger individuals.

Luis Emanuel Torres

I am from Chicago, Illinois. I am a junior here at DePauw University currently pursuing a double major in computer science and Chinese. In addition, I also run track and field. I joined Phi Gamma Delta because I enjoy the atmosphere and most importantly because I feel safe there. As a person of color, one of the most important things to me is surrounding myself with people I feel comfortable around and I can confidently say that Phi Gamma Delta is that place. I'm looking forward to joining Phi Gamma Delta and becoming a part of the brotherhood and its rich history.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: EVAN GRATHWOHL '20

I will be graduating in May with an economics major and minors in political science, international business (area of focus: Middle East), and peace and conflict studies.

During my time at DePauw, I have been very involved in the Management Fellows Program, serving as one of the class of 2020 ambassadors. In fulfillment of the program, I completed a semester-long internship in the spring of 2019 with Ohana Software in Indianapolis, working as a sales development representative.

Upon completion of my internship, I went home for the summer and interned with Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. out of their Detroit office. I am currently in the job search process in the group healthcare sales

industry, working on the carrier side. I have also applied to the Fulbright Program in hopes of receiving a grant to do economic research in Kuwait for 10 months following graduation. I am hoping to hear good news on this program in the spring.

As an active brother of the Lambda Chapter, I have served as philanthropy chair, corresponding secretary, and Pig Dinner coordinator. Some of you may remember me as my uncle, Gary Grathwohl, has cooked the pig the past two years.

I also represented FIJI in the Little 5 race in 2017 and 2018, and I will be racing again in 2020 (unable in 2019 due to my internship). I am also excited to announce that I will be taking on a pledge education role in the spring.



Evan Grathwohl '20

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: TSIAN DEFOUR '22

I am a sophomore film studies major with a business administration minor. My athletic experience at DePauw is very unique for a few reasons:

1. I am one of five black students on the team.
2. I am the only current football player at DePauw who's also a FIJI.
3. I was a walk-on my freshman year (2018-19), not having played football since the age of 12.

Oftentimes, these things make my athletic experience very isolating; it's tough facing all those facts day to day at practice, if I'm being perfectly candid. I love it, though. I'm not only challenged physically, being on the smaller side at 169 pounds and only 5 feet 8 inches tall, I do keep up with the team in terms of work, but I'm also challenged mentally. However, with the support of my Phi



Tsiann DeFour '22

Gamma Delta brothers, I feel true belonging.

Regarding my passion for football, there is no real reason for me to participate in football at DePauw except for the glory of it. If you were at the 126th Monon Bell Game this year, you may have gotten a taste of what I mean.

BROTHER ABROAD: TOM STRASSER '21

My semester in Prague, Czech Republic, so far has been exciting and interesting at every turn. I recently finished shooting a film that I wrote and directed with another student on the program. The classes here at the Film and TV



Tom Strasser '21

School of the Academy of Performing Arts and the experiences I've acquired working on other students' projects taught me a lot about how much time and work goes into the making of a film. I also met a lot of cool people here, and I even ran into some friends from DePauw. Prague is a beautiful city and a wonderful place to spend a semester in college.

GRADUATE BROTHER NEWS

"I'm curling again in the senior league at the new, outstanding Wausau Curling Club," writes **Jim Force '61**. "Freelance writing for several magazines in the water management field. Still learning how to edit my ledes!" (515 Franklin St., Wausau, WI 54403; forcex2@aol.com)

"Bonnie and I have been married about 57 years," writes **Thomas O. "Tod" Dawson '62**. "We spend our winters in Scottsdale, Arizona (January through April), our summers in Michigan (July through October), and the other four months in Champaign. We always look forward to seeing our brothers and their wives whenever possible. We spent a wonderful week this past summer cruising the coast of Maine with brother **Bill Graham '62** and Lori (Bill's wife) and their two children and one spouse. I've been retired for almost 19 years. Life is good!" (1719 Mayfair Rd., Champaign, IL 61821; tdawson540@aol.com)

Daniel A. "Dan" Strayer '74 writes, "I retired in June of 2017 from being a Spanish professor/teacher at the university and high school level for 21 years. As a retiree, I volunteer as a Spanish interpreter at a local healthcare clinic for poor people three days a

week. I am a substitute Spanish teacher at several local high schools one or two days a week. My hobbies include reading, painting, walking, cycling, and traveling." (3010 Dockshire Ln., Fort Wayne, IN 46804; dastra@comcast.net)

James S. "Bert" Stuart '75 writes, "I retired March 16, 2018 (my wife, also a DePauw grad, retired the same day) and we moved to Florida two weeks later. In the spring of 2019, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer; had surgery in May. Everything looks good. My wife and I took up line dancing in May 2018, and interestingly enough, we now are teaching the class; those of you who know me as having 'two left feet' will get a hoot out of that. I've also taken up art, a specialized form called colored pencil painters, which is *not* adult coloring books, and I further 'specialize' in creating pictures of birds, although I'm still not very good. We're enjoying retirement!" (5633 Cedar Waxwing Dr., The Villages, FL 32163; stuartjama@gmail.com)

Douglas Rudd '76 has a new home address: 363 Warwick Way, Naples, FL 34110.



Class of 1984. (L-R): Mike Lueder, Stu Ferguson, Ken Bushelman, Steve Williams, Pumpkin Head, Dave Dakich, and Ted Wanberg.

Eric Vale '81 writes, "I purchased a tax business in Oct. 2017, so am now fully self-employed and I love it! Business is good. Still married to my first wife (Ruth, Stanford '83) and my four kids are doing well—two live in San Francisco, one in Garden Grove, and my daughter is finishing junior year at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. We only have one more semester of college tuition to pay, woo hoo! If you're in the SF Bay Area during non-tax season (February-April is my 'season'), please contact me." (3747 Chaparral Ct., Concord, CA 94519; ericvale_ca@yahoo.com)

Eric Wolfe '04 writes, "Appointed to the DePauw University Alumni Board, named No. 1 broker in the Putnam County market in 2018 with 148 closed transactions." (PO Box 584, Greencastle, IN 46135; ericwolferestate@gmail.com)

Dan Kelley '05 writes, "Kristin and

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Charles E. VanNada '39
February 1, 2007

Charles Eldredge Jr. '40
January 2, 2017

Robert H. Kast '40
March 18, 2006

Charles M. Walley '41
February 3, 2004

Charles L. Walker Jr. '51
December 16, 2018

Karter R. Blaney '54
July 27, 2016

I live with our two boys, Joe and Sam, in Carmel. Kristin still practices commercial/immigration law at Ice Miller (it's a rather interesting time to practice in that field) and I practice commercial litigation at Faegre Baker Daniels. We look forward to hearing from you!" (3330 Spruce Wood Ct., Carmel, IN 46032; daniel.r.kelley@gmail.com)

Garth Anderson '09 writes that he and his wife, Cara, have moved to Wheeling, Illinois. Their address is 1936 Potomac Ct., Wheeling, IL 60090. Additionally, Garth has accepted a new job as a band director and general music teacher in Prospect Heights, Illinois. Garth just finished an eight-year tenure as a teacher in Sycamore, Illinois. (garthanderson1987@gmail.com)

House Corp. Overview: Where Are We Now?

By **Doug Mitchell | House Corporation President**

We're one and one half years past the bulk of the house renovation. Where are we now?

Lambda's house remains in the nicest, best condition of fraternities on campus. After academic performance dipped last semester, Daylon Weddle '13, our new house director, used his broad experience as a FIJI field secretary to design a program with positive and negative rewards and internal peer pressures, which has refocused the chapter's brothers on their studies. The guys are looking forward to seeing real improvement this semester.

Pre-implementation planning is underway to strengthen the support for *Tiger FIJI* and other chapter communications functions, drawing on submissions from across the brotherhood under new Corresponding Secretary Solomon Alhakeem's supervision. Support in the planning from the Board of Chapter Advisors and House

Corporation is creating a collaborative editorial team. Graduate brother Andrew Porter is architecting the new set of communication features that we need.

Recruitment has remained at high priority, as the number of declared rushees to date remains well below 100 across the campus. ATO returns from DePauw suspension and SAE is now returning to campus. Lambda expects three sophomores to join the house for second semester, and a continued program to acquaint first year students with FIJI has reportedly already lined up a group of serious prospects. Eleven seniors are graduating and 32 brothers currently reside in the house. This year's challenge is large, and the brothers—and their BCA advisors—are taking the challenge very seriously.

As last spring's *Tiger FIJI* indicated, recruitment and occupancy levels are the key to

returning to our capital improvements. The House Corporation is evaluating a new, creative plan for landscaping and parking facilities that graduate brother Tom Grooms and DePauw's Center for Sustainability designed this past summer. We honestly hope this update to Lambda's appearance will impress the entire campus as a striking, natural, sustainable landscape plan that will convey a positive and welcoming visual image for the chapter, and provide our graduate brothers with an enhancement that they will want to join in supporting.

With major challenges ahead, Lambda's House Corporation, BCA, and undergraduate brothers are pushing forward strongly and positively. We urge our graduate brothers to join in, as we need their engagement and offer real rewards for their assistance.

Proud to be.

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