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# TIGER FIJI

LAMBDA CHAPTER • DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

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## RECONNECT WITH LAMBDA CHAPTER

### FIJI DePauw's Newly Revamped Graduate Relations Program

Brothers:

We're very excited to announce the kickoff of our new Graduate Relations Program. As we begin this new journey with all of you, we can't wait to reconnect and get back to what made us Phi Gamma Delta men in the first place: friendship and brotherhood!

In the coming days, months, and years, we want to get together, tell stories, and reconnect with the best group of Graduates in the world. (And, of course, hit the links with you as soon as it's safe again.) Above everything else, we just want to help you stay in touch with your brothers. Here's how we do that:

#### WEBSITE

Our new website is your revitalized, centralized source of information for all things Lambda FIJI. Graduate Brother updates, news about upcoming Graduate events, and more will all live at [depauwfiji.com](http://depauwfiji.com). Visit the new website today to log in and explore!

#### EVENTS

Whether it's the Pig Dinner when we're able to come home to Greencastle again, happy hour with brothers in your neighborhood, or just a nice and easy Zoom get-together from the comfort of your own living room. We just want to spend some quality time with you and enjoy the gift of brotherhood.

#### DIRECTORY

We all had that one roommate or brother in

our pledge class we fell out of touch with over the years as life got in the way. Here's the good news: we can help you find him. Check out our new website's searchable directory to get back in touch. Some friendships are meant to last a lifetime.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Find us on Facebook (@[LambdaFIJI](https://www.facebook.com/LambdaFIJI)) and Instagram (@[depauwfiji](https://www.instagram.com/depauwfiji)), linked from the website homepage, to stay up-to-date on Lambda Chapter news.

#### ELETTERS

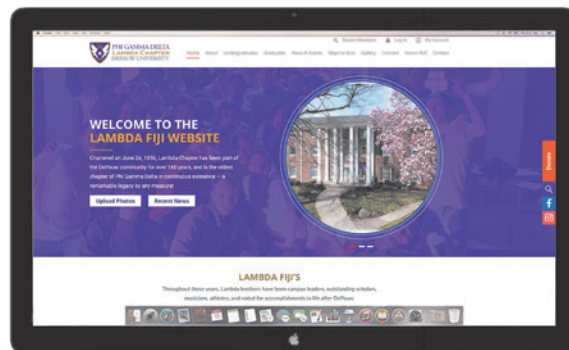
By now, you should be getting our revamped email communications where we let you know what's going on with the men at Lambda Chapter and how you can reconnect with fellow Graduates. Not getting our emails?

No problem, Brother. Just send a note to our new communications partner at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) and let them know to add you to the DePauw FIJI email list.

#### MAIL

You've got mail! Just as before, you should receive a *Tiger FIJI* like this one in the mail every few months sharing the latest Lambda Chapter news (*but now with a facelift!*). Use the enclosed form to submit your Graduate News for publication in a future edition of the *Tiger FIJI*.

*We can't wait to reconnect with you!*



## Thank You, Volunteers!

It would be impossible to identify all of the work that Lambda FIJI volunteers have done over the last twenty weeks. Suffice it to say, work on all of the issues surrounding DePauw's early closure in the spring semester and opening in late August has involved members of the FIJI Cabinet, House Corporation, Board of Chapter Advisors, House Directors, Property Manager, and a number of other willing FIJI volunteers. The list of folks involved would take a page, so we'll have to settle for a huge thanks to dozens of people.

Many issues had to be dealt with and decisions made during the past weeks to help keep FIJI "up and running." This group of FIJI volunteers has conducted weekly conference calls over this time period and probably hundreds of additional calls and meetings with DePauw personnel, the Greek Community Board (GCB), FIJI International Headquarters (IHQ), Lambda FIJI alums, and dozens of current and future vendors including the insurance company, cleaning vendors, building contractors, new communications vendors, lawyers, food service vendors, and the list goes on.

This dedicated group of people managed and coordinated:

- The early closure and move-out of the chapter this spring.
- The financial challenge of refunding money to the early-departing undergraduates.
- Repair of some damaged areas of the house.

- A disastrous water pipe burst that wiped out a significant part of the new chapter library (*insured!*).
- Weeks of planning with DePauw regarding the implications of opening this fall semester.
- Hiring a new house director.
- Selecting a new graduate communications service company.
- Selecting a new food service plan and contract involving partnerships with two sororities on campus.
- Financial planning that involved dealing with a significant loss of returning undergraduates.
- The establishment of a new Lambda FIJI Emergency Fund.
- Deep cleaning the house to meet new COVID-19 standards.
- Reconfiguring the furniture in the study rooms and the first floor to meet the new COVID-19 standards.
- Providing new house usage policies and signage to meet COVID-19 standards.
- Designing documents describing FIJI opening policies and health and wellness guidelines.
- Designing a new member-recruitment strategy.
- Defining new alumni communications plans including website redesign, *Tiger FIJI* content and schedules, database design and update processes, the formation of a FIJI Presidents' Council, and a new schedule for alumni emails.

- Assuring that FIJI complies with all the new DePauw policies and practices that are in place for the fall semester.
- Redesigning all the major Lambda FIJI legal contracts dealing with undergraduates and employees.
- Establishing new fall move-in dates, times, and check-in procedures.
- Maintaining continuous contact with the undergraduate brothers to help ensure their well-being.

As you probably know, DePauw chose to open for the fall semester with significantly fewer students on campus. The University canceled all fall sports and a significant number of student activities. This was accompanied by completely redesigned student housing and food services, a new COVID-19 emergency plan, a new academic calendar, and a new curriculum that heavily features "distance learning" course offerings.

It remains to be seen how all this will play out over the fall semester. As we pen this short article, many questions remain unanswered. Regardless, our stance has been and always will be: "We are resolved that as long as DePauw University remains, Lambda Chapter fully intends to be here."

*Perge!*

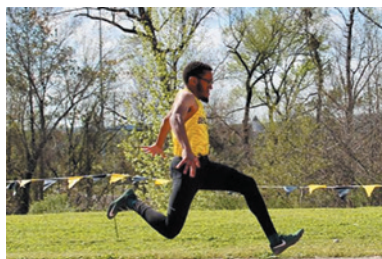
**The Lambda FIJI Cabinet, House Corporation, and Board of Chapter Advisors**

## ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: LUIS TORRES '21

### Student-Athlete Draws Strength and Inspiration from Lambda FIJI

Originally from Chicago, IL, Computer Science and Chinese Cultures double major **Luis Torres '21** says the most important lesson he's learned since arriving at DePauw is that anything can happen. He started running Track and Field when he was recruited in his junior year of high school. "I honestly don't know what they saw in me, but I'm so glad they did. I will be forever grateful."

Luis learned to love running and the community of people who uplifted and cheered him on in the sport. Then when he arrived at DePauw, he discovered he was a talented jumper too. "I went through four years of high school thinking I would only be a runner. That goes to show that anything really can happen."



Also on Luis' list of things he told himself he'd never do while attending university? Join a fraternity. Yet he found himself drawn to the brotherhood for the same reason he loves his fellow Track and Field athletes. "I fell in love with the community of people who not only wanted to see me push myself in track, but in every aspect of my life." By becoming a Phi Gamma Delta man, Luis says he's learned maturity and responsibility and found a way to become more engaged in the DePauw and Greencastle communities.

"Here I am living in a fraternity, so again I say: anything can happen."

## STATE OF THE CHAPTER

### Chapter President Seeks Guidance from Graduate Brothers

By Gage Smitley '21

Esteemed Graduate Brothers:

I'm Gage Smitley, the sitting Lambda Chapter President. I want to thank you all for your continued support of the chapter during this difficult, unprecedented time. I'll take this opportunity to shoot straight with you since I know how much Lambda FIJI means to all of you.

The current state of the chapter, like many things at the moment, is up in the air due to the pandemic. Because of DePauw's strict new guidelines and the decision to only allow freshmen and sophomores back on campus for the fall (along with select juniors and seniors), the chapter is operating at a fraction of its normal budget.

When we began our projections of how many brothers would be living in the chapter house last spring, we planned for 35 brothers; in reality, we only have 23. This is a severe financial blow to Lambda FIJI.

And yet, we have some things to celebrate. For the first time in many years, our chapter is the second largest on campus! We fully intend to take advantage of the edge that this will offer during recruitment. The fact that we're the second-largest chapter on campus by such a wide margin speaks volumes to the character and grit of our brotherhood. Phi Gamma Delta men at DePauw chose to come back to campus to face our challenges together, united as one, rather than go it alone. Many brothers made this critical decision specifically with the survival of our chapter in mind.



Above all else during this difficult season, I am seeking the advice and guidance of our graduates. **If there was ever a time the brotherhood needed your support, that time is now.** Whether you're able to give your time, talent, or treasure back to the chapter, your contribution is greatly appreciated. One thing is certain: our current volunteers can't combat this alone.

Did you learn about leadership at Lambda FIJI? Do you have lifelong friends thanks to the fraternity? Did you make an important romantic or career connection because of Phi Gamma Delta? If the answer is yes, I know you'll agree that preserving this brotherhood is worth the challenges we're facing.

If you know of a DePauw student who would make a great Lambda FIJI candidate, fill out the recruitment recommendation form on our website. If you're able to give back financially, see the enclosed letter to learn how to donate. If you have advice to share, feel free to contact me directly at 812-664-2169 or [gagesmitley\\_2021@depauw.edu](mailto:gagesmitley_2021@depauw.edu).

As graduates, you hold the key to preserving our chapter for its next 164 years.

Stay safe and, as always,

Press On!

**Gage Smitley**

President of the Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta

## HONORING A LEGEND

### Brother Judson Green '74 (1952 - 2020)

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of Distinguished Lambda FIJI Graduate **Judson Green** on Monday, August 31, 2020. Judson passed peacefully at his home in Orlando after complications related to a stem cell transplant. Judson had been battling cancer since 2008. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, his son, his daughter, and his three grandchildren.

In a recent letter, DePauw President Lori White wrote, "No words can adequately convey the deep and profound loss this institution has suffered with the death of Judson C. Green '74. Truly 'gold within,' Judson, a Trustee since 1996, and former Chairman of Walt Disney Attractions, Inc., served DePauw in a myriad of ways. DePauw's Board Chairman in 2001-2004, Judson Green was instrumental in the financing and revitalization of DePauw's School of Music and in other University endeavors, and heavily invested in boosting



Greens in mourning the loss of our dear friend."

Judson was awarded the Robert C. McDermond Medal for Excellence in Entrepreneurship from DePauw in 1997 and the Old Gold Goblet in 2011. He was the 1999 commencement speaker.

In his distinguished career, Judson worked for Disney for nearly 20 years. He rose through the ranks to become CFO and, in 1991, President of Walt Disney Attractions.

As a loyal FIJI alum, Judson supported Lambda Chapter's Capital Campaign and was named one of the first recipients of the Distinguished Lambda FIJI Award. He also received the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation's Distinguished FIJI award in October 2014. He is remembered with great fondness by his FIJI brothers. Rest in Peace, Judson. To read Brother Green's full obituary, visit [depauwfiji.com](http://depauwfiji.com).

the appeal of downtown Greencastle for our students and the whole community, just to name a few. In fact, the latest project Judson and his wife Joyce launched to benefit both DePauw and the city, Breadworks by Bridges, is still under construction. Judson Green was as approachable as he was generous and as creative as he was pragmatic. He leaves an everlasting imprint on the University in the beautiful Performing Arts Center that bears his and Joyce's names in the spirit that imbues every music student who benefits from his generosity. He was a dedicated son of our Old Gold. The DePauw community joins the

## GRADUATE BROTHER NEWS

Submit Your News Today at [depauwfiji.com](http://depauwfiji.com)!

**Robert B. Holland '65** writes, "Betsy and I are moving to Erie, Colorado after spending 50+ years in Chicago. We'll continue to spend our summers in Tucson but are looking forward to the move." (1315 Skyline Dr., Erie, CO 80516 or [hollandrb1@gmail.com](mailto:hollandrb1@gmail.com))

**Craig Stokely '67** writes, "Cheryl Nance and I were married November 10 in Tucson, AZ. We've recently returned from a fantastic 47-day honeymoon (yes, we are still married!). Santiago, Easter Island, Chilean Fjords, Patagonia, Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls, Rio, Antarctica (and our Polar Plunge!). We've now visited all seven continents since we first met a little over three years ago. Experiencing different cultures, food, beliefs, customs, geography, and history thrills us both. Each time we return home, we're reminded of the special place family and friends have in our lives... and of the importance of making every day count." (PO Box 93, Wayne, IL 60184-0093 or [c2stokely@gmail.com](mailto:c2stokely@gmail.com))

**Wick Cochran '83** writes, "I'm single, retired, and a proud father. I have a son in Texas (23), a daughter in Florida (22), and a son living at home who's in his senior year of high school (17)." (710 Cochran Dr., Dublin, GA 30021 or [cochran-wick@yahoo.com](mailto:cochran-wick@yahoo.com))

**Steven D. Wright '95** wrote and co-produced a new movie called "Allan the Dog" starring Sam Daly, Alison Haislip, Gwen Hollander, and Steven Weber. "Allan the Dog" is now available to rent or own on cable, satellite, and most V.O.D. services like iTunes, Amazon, VUDU, and YouTube Movies. Steve Wright is also the voice and Puppeteer of Allan, the title character. To learn more, please visit [www.allanthedogmovie.com](http://www.allanthedogmovie.com). (3839 Los Feliz Blvd #307, Los Angeles, CA 90027 or [stevendowdwright@gmail.com](mailto:stevendowdwright@gmail.com))



**Matthew Brauer '11** writes, "I'm an assistant professor of French at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville as of August 2019." (701 McClung Tower, 1115 Volunteer Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37996 or [mtkbrauer@gmail.com](mailto:mtkbrauer@gmail.com))

**David Gordon '15** writes, "I just graduated from Syracuse University with a master's in instrumental conducting. I'm continuing my studies this fall at the University of South Carolina, Columbia to pursue a doctorate in orchestral conducting." (1601 Main St #302, Columbia, SC 29201 or [dgordon650@gmail.com](mailto:dgordon650@gmail.com))

## GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT: ORLANDO RAMIREZ '13

### New House Director Guides Chapter Through Challenging Times

Brother **Orlando Ramirez** is a Tiger through and through. Since graduating from DePauw's School of Music in 2013, Orlando has been working in the admissions office, recruiting for the university, and serving as the Chapter's Purple Legionnaire for several years running. "I was excited to see the house director position open up as it gave me an opportunity to further engage with the brothers in a meaningful way."

As House Director, Orlando will be working with Jennifer Hammond to ensure the house is a safe, welcoming, nurturing, and fun environment. He says, "As the nation navigates issues like the pandemic and political upheaval, anyone could succumb to feelings of helplessness and anxiety, especially our students who've decided to live on campus this year. Throw in strict university policies and guidelines, and students can end up feeling isolated even though physically,

they may not be. I think the most challenging part of the job will be helping brothers understand that this, too, will pass and that they're not alone. On



the other hand, it's rewarding when you see brothers decide to be a positive influence in spite of the circumstances. I've been proud of how much the brothers have proved to be responsible and understanding of what's at stake."

About his time as a Lambda FIJI undergrad, Orlando says he has a ton of great memories. "My most memorable times were spent hanging out in small groups, watching TV, and talking with guys until the very late hours. That said, I think bid night all four years brought me the greatest joy. Obviously, there was a lot of joy as we welcomed a new group of guys to the house – and nothing can top Midnight Song."

## IN MEMORIAM

### Brothers Gone but Never Forgotten

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you of the recent passing of these fine Phi Gamma Delta DePauw gentlemen. Please join us in honoring their memories and in expressing our sincere condolences to their families who survive them. Though these men have now passed into the Lambda Chapter Eternal, they live on in the

memories of the brothers who knew them well.

**John M. Sutherland '52**  
October 17, 2019

**David S. Johnson '53**  
November 29, 2019

**Norman F. Jay, Sr. '55**  
June 10, 2020

**Robert L. Ottoman '61**  
March 3, 2020

**Robert Merriam '62**  
November 16, 2019

**James W. Smith '68**  
July 23, 2019

**Judson C. Green '74**  
August 31, 2020

**Chris W. Gilbert '91**  
February 2, 2020

**Brian K. Boykins '92**  
December 14, 2019