

TIGER FIJI

LAMBDA CHAPTER
DEPAUW UNIVERSITY
GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

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Letter from the HC President

Dear Brother,

Here's a follow up to the letter I sent you in mid-December:

Campaign: 50 brothers responded with donations totaling \$112,000 out of the \$300,000 we need to absorb our occupancy deficit until it can rise from 23 to 33, our breakeven point. We're well on our way, but please do seriously consider joining in to save the chapter.

Rush: DePauw enrolled 499 first year students, down 1 from last year. Enrollment was 1656 last spring, 1658 this year. Fraternity Rush participants numbered 156, 5 less than last year and 136 pledged. FIJI has taken 8 through formal Rush, and intends to reach 10 through open bids, raising our occupancy to 27 in fall 2024-25, after graduating 4 seniors. This is the number we had planned, on our way to 33 occupancy for 2025-26. We will graduate 9 after 2024-25 ends.

Phired Up consultants: Jayson Davis provided 2 workshops and ongoing counseling during the recent recruitment season, funded by an anonymous HC member. The spirit was strong as the chapter competed against larger houses. We have begun outlining the schedule for next year's recruitment coaching with Phired Up, to ramp up next year's effort.

Chapter Retreat February 17: House Corp met with the Chapter to meet the new members and discuss recruitment, and met with the new Cabinet as to the challenges of the upcoming semester, to develop an approach to Business & Leadership School students and to improve graduate communications. HC offered to respond to requests about job searches and networking, and intends to reach Graduate Brothers to help support this function. **As May, 2024 approaches, and our funding dwindles, I'm asking you to examine the value lost if Lambda Chapter cannot survive at DePauw versus the cost of making a contribution that preserves it.** Was Lambda Chapter as instrumental for you in developing lasting friendships, learning life skills, and helping you succeed in college as it was for me? If so, then please help the next generation enjoy those benefits. And do you really want to come for alumni reunions at DePauw and join your brothers at the Union Building, or elsewhere? Frankly, we face a go/no decision point as this school year ends in May. What message do you want to send the chapter?

There are Many Ways to Make a Contribution

The ways to donate are below:

IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions:

Alumni older than 70-1/2 can transfer up to \$105,000 per year from your traditional IRAs to charity, (Lambda Chapter Educational Fund) which can count as their required minimum distribution (RMD) but is not taxable if you follow the rules for a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

Have your IRA Custodian/Broker mail the check to:

Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation
1201 Red Mile Road, P.O. Box 4599
Lexington, KY 40544-4599

This doesn't apply to a Roth IRA, which has tax-free withdrawals and no required distributions. Consult your tax advisor.

For gifts amounting to less than \$1,000, send a check to Lambda FIJI's donation processing center!

Phi Gamma Delta - DePauw University
Graduate Relations Processing Center
P.O. Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

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Or to donate online, scan the QR Code!

These contributions are not deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes.

For tax deductible gifts in excess of \$1,000, please make checks payable to THE PHI GAMMA DELTA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION and be sure to designate your donation for the Lambda Chapter House Educational Fund. Mail to:

Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation
1201 Red Mile Road, P.O. Box 4599
Lexington, KY 40544-4599

To donate appreciated stock, required minimum distribution, charitable gifts funds, or estate gifts, please contact Will Shier, Chief Financial Officer of the Foundation, at 859-255-1848.



Douglas D. Mitchell '70
Lambda House Corporation President
Pergé!



SCAN TO GIVE

NEW MEMBER BIOS

Introducing FIJI's Newest Members

Hayden Kiely '26

My name is Hayden Kiely, and I'm a junior English writing major at DePauw. I love learning about the inner workings of the English language through the lens of storytelling, and one day hope to become an author, and earn the ability to share my own stories with the world. I joined Fiji because it was instantly presented to me as a place where I could be myself. Fiji is a community that accepts people for who they are and isn't a place where I'd be filling a mold for the sake of brotherhood. Here, the brotherhood shines through completely authentically, and I am welcomed for who I am, which is what makes it such a special place. P!

Owen Vo '27

My name is Owen Vo. I am a freshman here at Depauw and intend to go into computer science in the future! I want to transform my love for computers and tech into a real career in the future. My interest also stems from that little hobby, I'm versed in many things audio related. I joined Fiji simply because of the authenticity of the brothers here. I have been having so much fun given my short duration in the house. I'm looking forward to fulfilling my part and continuing to grow the house into further greatness. P!

Evan Roberts '27

My name is Evan Roberts, and I am a freshman Music Education major who is interested in teaching high school choir. I enjoy participating in DePauw's operatic productions and DePauw Cappella. This is my first year in Fiji. I'm excited to get to know my brothers and contribute to this house! P!

Braylon Jobe '27

My name is Braylon Jobe, and I am a freshman communications major from Cloverdale, IN. I want to go into sports broadcasting after school. I chose Fiji because at the end of the day, it felt like home. My brothers made me feel like a Fiji from the moment I walked through the door. I am very excited for these next three years in Lambda! P!



From Left: Christian (Condo) Gilkes, Braylon Jobe, Owen Vo, Tyler Wemhoff, Evan Roberts, Hayden Kiely

Christian "Condo" Gilkes '25

My name is Chris, though you can refer to me as "Condo." I am from New York City and am one of the Posse Scholars on campus. When it comes to academics, I love studying history. Apart from that, I love playing rugby and have a deep interest in aviation in its entirety. I joined Fiji because of the people and the fun things we do together. It has been a year since I first intended to join, and even though you could call me a late bloomer, I don't have any regrets. P!

SOPHOMORE BIOS

Introducing FIJI's Sophomores

Evan Diebold '26

My name is Evan Diebold, and I am a Political Science and Kinesiology Major from Avon, IN. I am also a student athlete at DePauw for the men's soccer team. I plan to get into sports law after I graduate from college and hopefully work for a soccer team. In the house I am currently our Risk Manager. Fiji has given me many new friendships that I will keep for the rest of my life. P!

Ethan Nichter '26

My name is Ethan Nichter, and I am from Fort Wayne, Indiana. I am a sophomore majoring in political science with a dual minor in Hispanic studies and history. After graduation, I am hoping to find a career in the field of international politics and am currently learning Spanish and Vietnamese. Since the fall semester, I have been Lambda's House Manager. Through this position, I have learned to engage in proper communication, management and compromises. P!

Zach Gideon '26

My name is Zach, I'm currently a sophomore planning to major in computer science. I'm from Thorntown, IN. My hobbies include photography, competitive gaming, and hiking. Outside of those, I play golf and go bowling when I can. I recently took on the role of Philanthropy Chair at Lambda, and so far, have loved it. P!

Jordan Tyler '26

My name is Jordan Tyler, I am from St. Paul, Indiana and I'm a sophomore majoring in Psychology. I love basketball and football, as well as video games. I joined this house due to how much it felt like a family and how supportive and fun it can be here. P!



From left: Hayden Kiely, Aliyy Eloraby, Jordan Tyler, Holden Biffle

UPPER CLASSMEN BIOS

Introducing FIJI's Upper Classmen

Josue Raygoza '25

My name is Josue Raygoza, and I am from Chicago, Illinois. I am a junior Economics major who is interested in investing and creating generational wealth. I have been Lambda's Treasurer for the past two years. It has taught me a lot about accountability and time management. I am proud to do my part in keeping this historic chapter running. P!

Daniel Grad '25

My name is Daniel Grad, and I'm from St. Louis, MO. I'm a junior studying psychology and German. I'm interested in pursuing psychology and neuroscience research in graduate school and beyond, with a focus on linguistics, language acquisition, cognition, and disability. I also enjoy playing the guitar, especially with my band on campus. I was the Historian of Lambda last year and I'm currently Co-Chair of New Member Education. I've gained a lot of purpose and responsibility from my time in the house, and I constantly seek to embody our longstanding values and Ritual as part of this chapter's mission. P!

Cole Stephen '25

My name is Cole Stephen, and I am from Greensburg, IN. I am a junior pursuing a Communications major and a Hispanic Studies Minor. Throughout my time at DePauw, I have dabbled in my aspects of the arts. Presently, I am an active participant in Duzer Du (Alpha Psi Omega), theatrical productions, and DePauw Cappella. I served as Lambda's Historian in 2022, President in 2023, and am this year's Corresponding Secretary. I have a lot of love for this house, as well as the people in it, and will continue to push myself and my brothers to achieve excellence. P!



From Left: Caleb Luna-Mroz, Nate Burk, Josue Raygoza, Cole Stephen, Daniel Grad

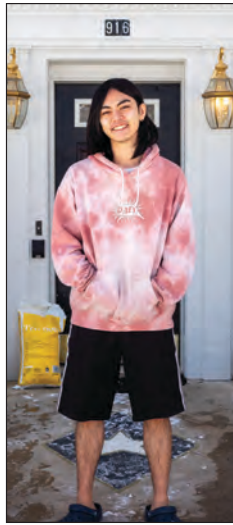
Jake Wood '25

My name is Jake Wood, and I am a Junior Peace and Conflict Studies major. Although I've also lived in Texas and New Jersey, I currently reside in Geneva, IL. After college I'm hoping to go into terrorism studies, something that I read about and research in my free time.

YUKO YUTAKA '24

Senior Spotlight

My name is Yuko Yutaka and I'm an education studies major. I love the potential education to improve our life, and after graduation, I plan to jump into teaching and learn more about education and social justice at graduate school. I was the Risk Chair in my junior year and am now the Mental Health chair where I host game nights and weekly mental health events. I joined Fiji in my sophomore year because it felt like the most welcoming and genuine community, which I can now confidently say is more than true, and it was the best decision I made at DePauw. In the house I usually hang out with brothers chatting, playing games, and simply having fun with everything that happens. Fiji is such a diverse community and I love learning more about each brother's culture and ways of thinking. Fiji moves with passion and care for brothers, and I love being in the constant flow of energy we bring into the house. When parties happen in the house, we start dancing and jumping around and just live in the moment. True, it's goofy, but this is what I love and will never forget about living with my brothers. I also make songs with some of the brothers and talk about game designs. I wouldn't have had these creative moments if I wasn't in the house. I'm a board game designer and in my free time I like playing and designing board games. I recently published my second game called "Heart of Venice" through Kickstarter. I'd love to continue this creative journey through publishing even more games. Lastly, thank you to everyone in the house for everything. I hope to come back in a year, 5 years, or maybe 30 years and still see the same energy as I have seen in my time here. Perge!



Lambda Chapter on the Web

Are you plugged in to our DePauw FIJI social media page? Follow us to reconnect with your Lambda Chapter alumni buddies online, find out about upcoming virtual and in-person events, and keep up with the latest news from the chapter.



Private LinkedIn Group:
[Phi Gamma Delta \(Fiji\) Lambda Chapter, DePauw University](#)



Instagram:
[Lambda, Phi Gamma Delta](#)



Chapter Facebook Page:
[Phi Gamma Delta at DePauw](#)

Private Facebook Page:
[Lambda FIJI](#)



THE LITTLE PRINCE

DePauw Opera

In DePauw's recent production of *The Little Prince*, new brothers Ty Wemhoff '27 and Evan Roberts '27 both put on a show. Evan portrayed the lamplighter, while Ty portrayed the Vain Man. In addition to their principal roles, the two performed as members of the ensemble depicting stars, hunters, and baobab trees. As the lamplighter, Evan taught audiences the importance of the little things in life, and the importance of following orders to a tea despite not knowing the reasoning behind your actions. Through his depiction of the Vain Man, Ty showed audiences the importance of appreciating those around you, especially when they show you kindness and admiration. In talking with them, both Ty and Evan reflected the parallels that could be drawn between the lessons they preached and life in a fraternity. Being both music education majors, and having participated in numerous productions throughout highschool, it is safe to assume this won't be the last time we'll see them on the stage. Additionally, *The Little Prince* was Holden Biffle's '26 first production. He operated the supertitles, which were projected over the stage throughout the performances. We are very proud of their efforts, and are looking forward to seeing them in future productions.

When asked for sentence or two about their experience in the opera, the responses were:

Holden

"Going into joint tech for the opera I was very nervous. However on my first night of tech week I found myself very enthusiastic to continue! Stepping outside of my daily routine especially into a field I am not familiar with was on of my favorite experiences this year"

Ty:

"It was a great experience and performance opportunity that gave a great glimpse into figuring out balancing life as a performer doing more than just performing"

Evan

"Getting to be in my first Opera was such a great experience. Working with such talented musicians in my first major production at DePauw was such a great learning opportunity"