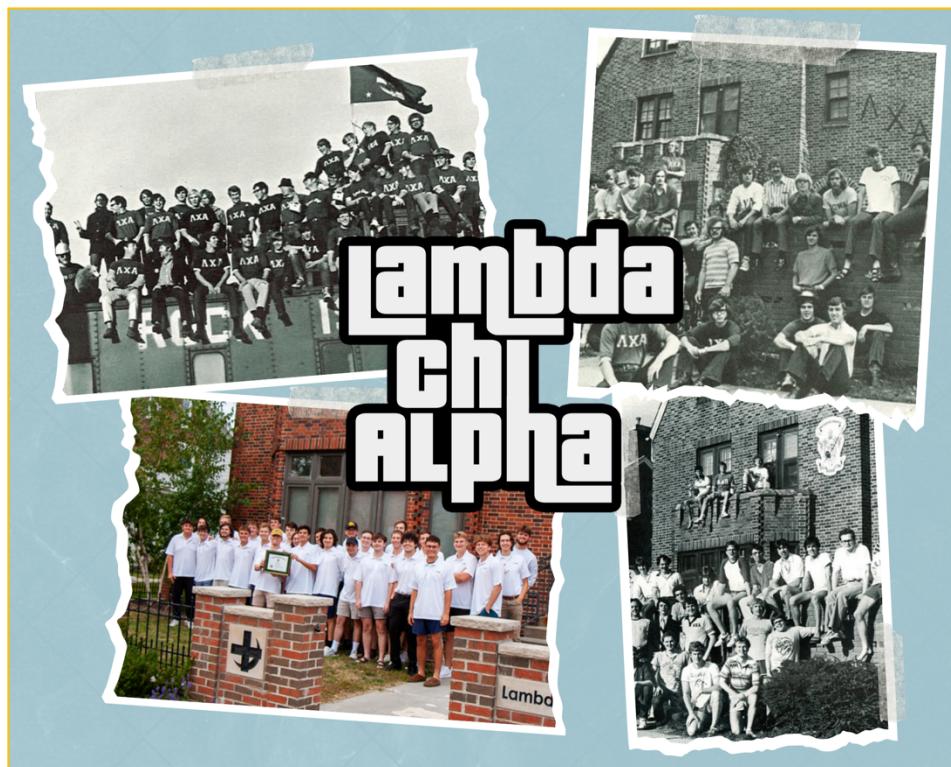


# The Iota Chiowan

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Fall Initiation

Dear Reader,

Happy Holidays, and welcome to the '22 Fall Semester edition of the Iota Chiowan! I'm Zach Stein, the '22 High Rho for our chapter at the University of Iowa. In the latest edition of this newsletter, you'll find a recap of our Fall events, read up on our new officers, meet our 16 newly initiated brothers, and more!

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that, after publishing three editions of the Iota Chiowan, this edition will be my last. However, I am ecstatic to pass the torch to the '23 High Rho, Mr. Eddie Tepper (IX 991). Eddie is one of our newly initiated brothers, and he has a ton of fresh ideas for the Rho position which I am looking forward to seeing implemented.

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Best of luck to Eddie, and thank you all for a great term!



Eddie Tepper (left), incoming High Rho, alongside Zach Stein (right), outgoing High Rho.

As always, we'd love to hear your feedback and/or any suggestions you have for the newsletter. Please contact Eddie at [eatepper@uiowa.edu](mailto:eatepper@uiowa.edu) with any thoughts!

It has been a great honor serving as Rho for the last two semesters, and I am beyond excited for what the future of this position holds. From myself and everyone at Lambda Chi Alpha, thanks for reading, and I hope you enjoy what this letter has to offer!

In ZAX,

Zach Stein

IX 971

## High Alpha Report

In my last High Alpha report, I noted how excited I was to brag about everything we will have accomplished by the end of the fall. That time is now, and I certainly have a lot to brag about. This was a greatly successful semester for Lambda Chi Alpha. I was excited going into this semester as the officers and I learned many things in the Spring. I consider the Fall to be where elected positions can really hit their stride, due to both previous experience and the high energy atmosphere.

Our recruitment chair Tyler Baumgart recruited a class of 16 guys. This was a huge achievement from Tyler as it was the largest class that I have seen in all my time in Lambda Chi. We also made great progress in the social scene, with many more events with sororities than I have seen in semesters past. Our social chair Joey Davison worked relentlessly to bring these great opportunities to the guys. Additionally, our High Theta Mason Jeffries put in extra work to replace

## Newly Initiated Brothers

IX 984 Tanner Theisen

IX 985 Gavin Lemke

IX 986 Max Roberts

IX 987 Leo Smolensky

IX 988 John Strzelczyk

IX 989 Angelo Escareno

IX 990 Henry Vaughn

IX 991 Eddie Tepper

IX 992 Dylan Dorian

IX 993 Caden Killam

IX 994 Aiden Stanojev

IX 995 Henry Van Peursem

IX 996 Josh Rich

IX 997 Isaiah Barbosa

our old Fall philanthropy with two new ones: Dunkin' with the Deltas (which we did in collaboration with Delta Tau Delta) and Pumpkins and Pop's (which we did in collaboration with Alpha Delta Pi).

I am beyond thrilled with the new class of officers that we have. A few are returning members from my cabinet, many are from our new fall class (which is a testament to Tyler's great work as well as the initiative of these young men), and a few are general members who I am thrilled to have involved. I hope you enjoy getting to know them in this newsletter! Finally, I would like to wish good luck to the next president, Ethan Koren. I am thrilled to be keeping the presidential name consistent and frankly I don't think he needs any luck. I'm sure he will do an incredible job.

*It has been an honor and privilege to serve you all as High Alpha this last year. A huge thanks to everyone that supported me along the way.*

Always in ZAX,

High Alpha 2022

Ethan Schaffner

IX963

## Meet our New Officers

As terms wrap up for our 2022 High Zeta and Executive boards, our chapter kindly welcomes our 15 new officers and executives. We have a great mixture of guys, with some veteran brothers, some freshly initiated brothers, and one associate member. Congrats to the previous High Zeta / Exec for a fantastic year, and best of luck to the 2023 group!

You can read up on the new officers below:

### Alpha

Hi, I'm Ethan Koren (IX 972), and I'm honored to serve as the new High Alpha. I'm a sophomore from LaGrange Park, Illinois, and am currently a History major. I am really excited to lead this fraternity and represent it with a smile.

## Keep the Honors Coming!

Last semester, our former Alpha, Austin Olberding, was welcomed into the Order of the Omega, a Greek honors society with an emphasis on service and leadership. Shortly after, he was elected Vice President of the organization, and is currently serving his term. This semester, two more of our brothers, TJ Ascherl and Zach Stein, were selected to join Austin in the Order of Omega.

Congratulations to Austin for earning yet another leadership position, and congrats to TJ and Zach for this great honor!



New Order of Omega initiates TJ Ascherl (left) and Zach Stein (right) with Order of Omega Vice President Austin Olberding (middle).

## Beta

My name is Jack Barlow (IX 975) and I am a sophomore from Grand Rapids, Michigan. I am a Law and Criminology major working on a Spanish minor. I am excited to bring new ideas to Exec as well as new and exciting inter-fraternity events to better grow our already strong brotherhood.

## Theta

I'm Brady Welch (IX 979). I'm a sophomore from Waukee, Iowa, studying Business Administration/Management. I'm most looking forward to connecting with the community of Iowa City through our biggest philanthropy event, the Teeter-Totter-a-Thon, this Spring. Per usual, all proceeds will be donated to the American Brain Tumor Association.

## Gamma

My name is Gavin Lemke (IX 985). I'm a sophomore from Cary, IL, and I'm studying Journalism and Mass Communications. This year, I'm excited to maintain an efficient, well-documented, and productive High Zeta and Exec Board while helping improve our fraternity in any way possible.

## Tau

I'm Joshua Rich (IX 996), freshman from Oak Creek, Wisconsin. I'm very excited for my newly elected position as Tau, as I feel not only will I gain some great experience from it but I feel like it will put me in a position to help our fraternity flourish.

## Iota

I'm Caden Killam (IX 993), freshman from East Moline, Illinois. I'm currently studying Secondary Education and History, with a minor in English. As Iota, I am excited to help keep people safe and hopefully change the culture of our fraternity for the better. I want to be a helpful resource for anyone in the fraternity, and I'm excited to be a leader and a good voice on our Executive board.

## Rho

My name is Eddie Tepper (IX 991) and I am a freshman. I am from the city of Chicago, Illinois and I am currently majoring in Sports Recreation and Management. I am super excited for next semester as I will be keeping alumni updated and can't wait to learn more!

## A Greater Purpose

In November, Austin Olberding finished his term as Chief Justice (VP of Standards & Accountability) of Ulowa's Interfraternity Council (IFC). He is succeeded by LXA's Zach Stein, the new Chief Justice for the 2023 term. In addition, LXA's James Buck was elected the new IFC Vice President of Education and Leadership, marking this the first time in 10+ years that our chapter has had multiple representatives on the interfraternal exec board. We are proud of these three men for taking up the challenge of this higher level of leadership. Congrats to Austin for a great term, and good luck to Zach and James!



Austin (middle) with the two new IFC executives, Zach (left) & James (right).

## Kappa

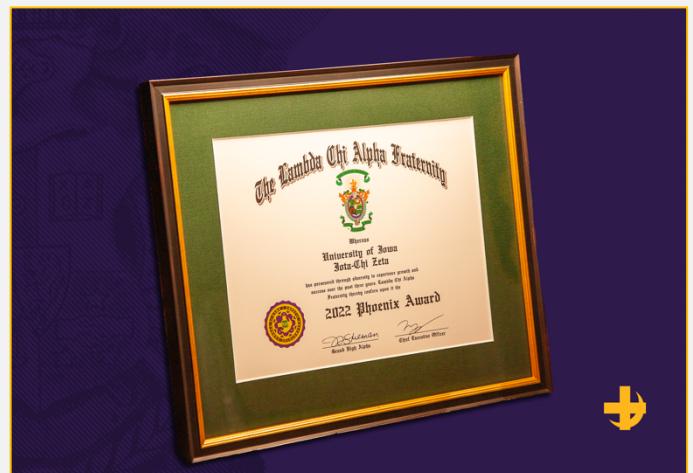
Hey, I'm Zach Stein (IX 971), and I'm a junior from Wilmette, Illinois. I'm studying Journalism and Mass Communications, with minors in Sports Studies and Spanish. You may know me as the author of the last few newsletters. This year, I am honored to serve as our chapter's Kappa and look forward to educating our new members on the fraternity's lore. I'm hoping to implement more fun activities into each week's Kappa session to bolster their learning experience, and possibly hold Kappa sessions for active members as well.

## Delta

My name is Isaiah Barbosa (IX 997) and I am from St. Paul, Minnesota. I am currently a freshman at the University of Iowa and I have an undecided major. This year I'm very excited to recruit a good group of great guys, have an amazing rush process, and continue to grow Lambda Chi Alpha.

### The Phoenix Award

At the General Assembly for all Lambda Chi Alpha chapters across the nation every two years, there are various awards given to the chapter that shows the most improvement, the best leadership, the most merit, etcetera. At the latest General Assembly, which took place last August in Phoenix, Arizona, our University of Iowa Chapter was the proud recipient of the 2022 Phoenix Award. This award is given to the LXA chapter which has experienced the most growth and success over the last three years. We are honored to receive this award, and are excited to see what the bright future of the Iota Chi Zeta has in store.



The Phoenix Award in all its glory.



Our guys as of Fall '22.

## **Phi**

My name is Desi White (IX 978) and I'm a junior at Iowa. I'm from Abington, Pennsylvania, and I'm a Physics and Astronomy double major. This year, I'm super excited to delve deeper into our initiation ritual and I'm looking forward to initiating our 1000th member.

## **Sigma**

I'm Jake Gorski (IX 980), sophomore from Batavia, IL. My major is Economics and my minor is Sports Management. I'm looking forward to helping all my brothers with their studies and helping them succeed academically.

## **Epsilon**

My name is Austin Beam, and I'm a freshman at the University of Iowa from Ankeny, IA. I'm currently an associate member with LXA. I'm majoring in Biomedical Engineering, and I'm super excited to plan events and socials with other Greek life organizations this year.

## **Standards**

Hello, my name is Tyler Baumgart (IX 973) and I am a sophomore from Cary, Illinois. I am currently studying Mass Communications while pursuing minors in both Spanish and Entrepreneurial Management. I am incredibly excited for my upcoming term as the Standards Chairman. I am confident I will be able to use my knowledge and leadership qualities to assist our High Zeta officers to perform at an exceptional level.

## **Exec at Large (2 positions)**

Hello! My name is Joey Davison (IX 970). I am from a small town called Cary in Illinois. I am a sophomore and studying psychology. This semester I will be one of our two Execs at Large, and I am very excited to see a new side of our fraternity and help out as much as I can!

My name is TJ Ascherl (IX 976) and I'm a senior from Okoboji, Iowa. I'm majoring in Finance and minoring in Philosophy. I look forward to working with our Executive board to lead the chapter through the next year.

## **The Double-Decker**

Every semester, prior to initiation, each associate member class decides on a class project to work on.

Typically, the class project is something that benefits the house in some way; it can range from a mural in the basement to a poker table topper for the main room.

Well, our Fall '22 class decided to get creative and build a double-decker couch for our main room. They built it all in one day, and it's turned out to be a total game changer in terms of main room seating.



The double decker in the making.



The finished product.

## Semester Recap

The boys kept themselves busy during the Fall '22 semester. We had a plethora of very successful events, including our annual Alumni Homecoming, two new philanthropy events, and more. Here's a recap of all we did this Fall!

### Dunkin' with the Deltas

October was a busy month for us. We had social events with the sororities Delta Zeta, Alpha Delta Pi, and Alpha Xi Delta, and even hosted a brand-new philanthropy event with the guys at Delta Tau Delta fraternity. It was called "Dunkin with the Deltas" and took place on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the LXA house. Brothers from both fraternities took turns in the dunk tank, anxiously waiting for participants to hit the bullseye and drop us in the freezing cold. We also served Dunkin Donuts refreshments to go along with the purchase of a couple dunk tank throws.



The boys are locked in watching the latest contestant.

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**THE 38.★  
CHALLENGE**



Alec Fradin (Senior) awaiting his dunk tank fate.

All proceeds went to our two beneficiaries, the [JDRF](#) (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes research, and [The 38 Challenge](#), an organization whose mission is to eliminate suicide through challenging the stigma associated with showing vulnerability and seeking help. The new event, engineered by our philanthropy chair, Mason Jeffries, was a huge hit, as all the guys involved had a blast and we raised over \$1000.



Even the FedEx guy stopped by to dunk some kids.

## Pumpkins and Pop's

Following the success of Dunkin' with the Deltas, we decided to try another smaller philanthropy event, this time in collaboration with our neighbors at Alpha Delta Pi sorority. We called it "Pumpkins and Pop's" and hosted it at our house on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Participants were able to stop by the house to carve or decorate pumpkins in preparation for Halloween while enjoying a delicious entrée from Iowa City's very own Pop's Barbecue. Alongside ADPi, our guys posted in the front lawn all day to offer pumpkin carving and a BBQ meal to everyone who donated to the cause, benefitting [Feeding America](#). Additionally, we held a pumpkin-carving contest in which we posted the pumpkins created at the event to our Instagram page ([@uilambdachialpha](#)) and allowed the public to vote on the best pumpkin. The winner received a \$50 Visa gift card. After a day full of carving pumpkins and devouring BBQ ribs, we were able to raise over \$800 for our beneficiary, Feeding America.



Two of our ADPi neighbors advertising the event outside the house.



Our first contestant selecting the ideal pumpkin.



Our guys got in on the carving fun as well.



One of the submissions for the best pumpkin contest.

## Alumni Homecoming

Every Fall, alumni and current brothers alike congregate in Iowa City for our annual Homecoming event. Just like last year, the past, present and future of Lambda Chi Alpha met at the Hilton Garden Inn to catch up and make new friends over a delicious buffet-style meal. However, this year was very special, as it was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chartering of our chapter. We had fantastic attendance for this landmark event, with over 30 alumni and nearly the entirety of our current chapter, including the then-associate-members. The event also commemorated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mom B's death, as well as the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the house fire. After an emotional night, the event concluded on a cheery note, with the brothers singing classic Lambda Chi songs, arm-in-arm.

## Mom's Weekend

November 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> was Mom's Weekend. Our brothers and their mothers gathered at the house to mingle, watch Iowa football, and play games. There was even a contest to determine whose baby picture belonged to whom, with baby pictures of both the guys and their moms. The person who guessed the most baby pictures correct happened to be our Alpha, Ethan. Overall, it was a lot of fun, and it gave the guys an opportunity to enjoy the city with their moms.

## Initiation

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, following a successful I-week, we welcomed 14 new brothers into our circle. They are IX 984 through IX 997 (see page 2 sidebar for more info). Here's a look at our new class:



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Isaiah Barbosa, Dylan Dorian, Angelo Escareno, Tanner Theisen, Caden Killam, Henry Van Peursem, Henry Vaughn, Eddie Tepper, John Strzelczyk, Aiden Stanojev, Josh Rich, Leo Smolensky, Gavin Lemke. NOT PICTURED: Max Roberts.

This new initiation class sets our bond number tally at nearly 1000 brothers strong. We plan to initiate our 1000<sup>th</sup> member into the Iota Chi Zeta next semester, so if you would like to be present during this momentous occasion, please contact High Rho Eddie Tepper at [eatepper@uiowa.edu](mailto:eatepper@uiowa.edu), or High Pi Colin Nelson-Pinkston at [colin-nelson-pinkston@uiowa.edu](mailto:colin-nelson-pinkston@uiowa.edu). Congrats to our 14 new brothers for all the hard work they put in this year! The future of LXA is now in your hands.

## Changing of the Guard

At the end of last school year, following years of devotion to our University of Iowa chapter, Jeff Emrich (IX 326) announced he was retiring from his High Pi (Alumni Advisor) position. Throughout his time as both brother and alumni, Jeff showed nothing but heartful devotion to the chapter and its members. From his time as High Alpha to his role in Housing Core, Jeff has always been a kind, understanding resource that everyone could count on. He always had the best interest in mind for not only our chapter as whole, but for each individual within. Jeff is the ideal representation of all that Lambda Chi Alpha stands for, and his presence around the house will be dearly missed. From every brother who had the pleasure of working with you during your time as our advisor, THANK YOU for everything, Jeff!



Jeff Emrich, former High Pi, IX 326.

As for his successor, we are ecstatic to have Colin-Nelson Pinkston (IX 791) as our new High Pi. Despite the big shoes to fill, Colin has been everything we could have asked for this past semester as our advisor and friend. In the short time he has been advising us, he has already had a tremendously positive effect on the fraternity, specifically in the areas of recruitment, alumni relations, and brother interconnectedness. He has a lot of valuable insight to share after working at Lambda Chi HQ, Phired Up and TechniPhi. And now, a quick word from the man himself:



Colin "CNP" Nelson-Pinkston, current High Pi, IX 791.

Hey all, I'm Colin Nelson-Pinkston, IX 791, initiated November 2010, graduated May 2014. During my time as advisor for our Iowa chapter so far, I've really enjoyed seeing the chapter come together to work toward initiating our 1000th brother. I've also appreciated the quality of leadership in the '22 High Zeta board. There were plenty of tough decisions to make, but the HZ made those decisions with long-term goals in mind. It's been great just getting to be around the members and to hear their stories about what it means to be a Lambda Chi in 2022.

If you are in the Iowa City area and want to get together, don't hesitate to reach out! We are also looking to build out an Alumni Advisory Board to serve as coaches for each High Zeta position, so please contact me if you are interested in giving your time and talents to support our brothers. My cell is the best way to reach me, 920-530-8431.

In ZAX,

CNP



Jeff (middle left) & Colin (middle right) at the '22 General Assembly, receiving the Phoenix Award.

## ATTENTION ALUMNI:

How'd we do? We'd love to hear from you! If you have any suggestions as for new segments we could implement in the newsletter, please reach out! You can reach us at [eatepper@uiowa.edu](mailto:eatepper@uiowa.edu).

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## Care to Donate?

Lambda Chi Alpha could always use your contributions. Your support would allow us to expand many of our current programs as well as build new ones. Donations to Iota Chi House Corporation of Lambda Chi Alpha are used to support upkeep/repair of the chapter property.

Donations to the Alumni Association help offset alumni programming like Homecoming. Unfortunately, those gifts are not tax deductible. Checks, made payable to **Iota Chi Colony**

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## Gallery

