

The Iota Chiowan

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Iota Chiowan! My name is Zach Stein, and I'm this year's High Rho. Thanks to former High Rho (and newly-elected High Alpha) Ethan Schaffner, our chapter has this great new opportunity to connect with alumni, friends and family of Iowa's Lambda Chi Alpha through our newsletter, the Iota Chiowan. In this biannual letter, you can recap the fraternity's year so far, meet our new High Zeta officers, and check out our past/upcoming philanthropy events. Since this is only the second edition of our newsletter, we'd love to hear your feedback, and/or any suggestions you have for us. Feel free to contact me at zachary-stein@uiowa.edu with any thoughts!

From myself and everyone at Lambda Chi Alpha, thanks for reading! We hope you enjoy what our letter has to offer.

In ZAX,

Zach Stein

IX 971

High Alpha Report

This past year has been a tremendous year for growth in our chapter. Following the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unsure how the university and state guidelines would allow our chapter to operate. During this past semester, we were able to begin holding mostly in-person events once again. We were lucky that we were allowed our first in-person recruitment since the pandemic started. We brought in ten total guys and initiated eight of them, pushing us up to IX 977. We had many successful social events, including a cookout with Alpha Delta Pi sorority and a few gatherings with Alpha Chi

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Omega sorority. We were also able to have our annual date party, which saw a good turnout. Our philanthropy event Hy-Chi was once again a great success, as we produced over \$1000 for Feeding America. We had many brotherhood events as well, including seeing an Iowa Cubs game in Des Moines, a Toby Keith concert in Coralville, and the new Spider-Man movie at the theatre. Our overall chapter GPA was once again over a 3.0 and we had several members that made Dean's and President's List.

This next year is going to be a very exciting one for our chapter. Both the High Zeta and executive boards are filled with experience and new perspectives that will enhance how the chapter is run. Behind High Alpha Ethan Schaffner, our chapter has great success coming in the near future. This past year has been the greatest year of my life and it has been an honor serving as president. I look forward to our chapter's future and have high hopes for what we will accomplish.

High Alpha '20-21

Austin Olberding

IX 958

Newly Initiated Brothers

IX 970 Joey Davison

IX 971 Zach Stein

IX 972 Ethan Koren

IX 973 Tyler Baumgart

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IX 977 Rob Baker

Meet Our Officers

Alpha

Hello! My name is Ethan Schaffner (IX 963), and I'm the 2022 High Alpha. I'm from Wilmette Illinois, and currently a sophomore studying environmental science. I previously served as High Rho and brought back this newsletter during my term. I am extremely excited for what this semester will bring. Our 2022 High Zeta is passionate and prepared to go above and beyond. We plan to reach new heights in both philanthropy and recruitment, and I would also like to improve our relations with other chapters in the FSL community. That being said, it's easy to talk and harder to act. I look forward to describing our achievements in my report at the end of the semester.

Beta

Hello, I'm Trevor Bitner (IX 969) from Clinton High School. Assuming the role of Beta this year creates a lot of exciting opportunities for the continued growth of our chapter. I hope to push the role in order to re-establish long time standing Lambda Chi Alpha traditions. Since I will also be taking the role of Song Chair, the actives are confident they will out sing the alumni at this year's homecoming. As Vice President in the 21-22' school year, I will also be the first to assume the role of DEI (Diversity Equity and Inclusion) Chair. The responsibilities of this role are very much up to interpretation both at the Chapter,

IFC, and National levels. We look forward to further defining the expectations of this role in the bylaws this year, and tackling topics like mental health around the house. Overall 2022 will be one of the most successful years in the Iota Chi Zeta history, and I can't wait to work with this brotherhood.

Theta

Hello there. My name is Mason Jeffries (IX 959), I'm excited to return as this year's High Theta. I'm a Junior from Waukee, Iowa, studying Marketing Management. As Theta, I'm tasked with planning and organizing philanthropic events for the chapter to participate in. This Spring we will be holding our Annual Teeter-Totter-A-Thon. We were able to raise over \$10,000 last year for The American Brain Tumor Association and our goal is to increase our amount donated this year. I'm excited to work with active members, alumni, and businesses to accomplish our goal.

Gamma

Hey, I'm Hayden Westphal (IX 953) and I'm our House Manager & High Gamma. I'm a Junior from Washington, IA studying Computer Science. As High Gamma I take notes on exec, and as House Manager I keep the house as clean as I can. I'm also planning to help with t-shirts for all the events this year. For the upcoming semester I hope to replace some old furniture, fix the concrete outside, and redo the caulk in the bathrooms as House Manager. For Gamma, I hope to continue the work I've been doing as well as work on taking some good photos and videos for the alumni. Chops on top!

Tau

Hello, I am Ryan Roache (IX 967) and I am this year's high Tau. I am a sophomore from Westchester, Illinois, studying accounting. My job as Tau is to manage the financial side of the Fraternity, handling dues and paying bills. My goal for the semester is to be on top of everything and help the Fraternity be the best it can possibly be.

Iota

Hello! My name is Jim Stenske (IX 950), and I am serving as this year's High Iota! I am a third year biomedical engineering student and I am from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As High Iota, I am in charge of managing the risks that can occur in our chapter over the course of the year as well as scheduling educational

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**

House Corporation of Lambda Chi Alpha, may be mailed to **Jeff McDaniel, 4320 Stone Haven Drive, Bettendorf IA 52722**. Donations to the **Mom B Scholarship Fund** at the UI Center for Advancement are tax deductible. Thank you!

to help teach members how to handle potential risks if they occur. For this upcoming semester, I'm planning on ensuring the safety of our chapter and its members by having monitors assigned each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening alongside myself to be called on for assistance to take care of any risks that might occur.

Rho

Hello! I'm Zach Stein (IX 971), and I'm this year's High Rho! I'm a sophomore from Wilmette, Illinois, studying Sports Studies and Journalism with a minor in Spanish. As Rho, my job is to maintain a healthy relationship with our chapter's alumni, as well as to put together the very newsletter you are reading right now. For the upcoming semester, I want to fulfil my goal of bolstering the connection between our alumni and active members, and I intend to do that by hosting more group events such as a cookout, bowling, or even Zoom meetings for our long-distance brothers.

Kappa

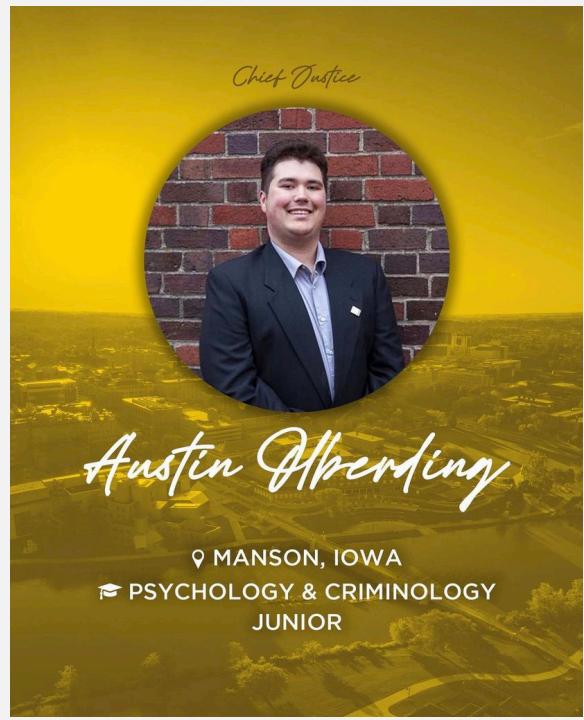
Hello! I'm Ethan Koren (IX 972), and I'm this year's Kappa! I'm a Freshman from LaGrange Park, Illinois, studying business in Tippie. As Kappa, my job is to educate the fraternity about its past and teach them how to become better men. On top of that I'm tasked with welcoming associate members into the house, showing them around and introducing them to everybody. For the upcoming semester, I want to learn more about the history of our fraternity and educate all of my brothers of it. I also want to help everyone learn essential life skills, for instance how to tie a tie or how to keep good hygiene.

Delta

Hey guys, my name is Tyler Baumgart (IX 973)! I am a freshman out of Cary, Illinois, studying Mass Communications and Spanish. It is my honor to be the Delta for this year, as I am extremely excited to dive straight into recruitment this Spring. I aim to grow this fantastic chapter we have already established with a quintessential group of men. I want to get all of our brothers invested in recruitment this year. I find it essential that every member of the fraternity is ALWAYS recruiting—any man at this university is a potential new member, because every man, a man!

From President to Chief Justice

This fall, one of the more notable brother accomplishments was our former High Alpha, Austin Olberding, being elected University of Iowa IFC Chief Justice. We thank Austin for his time as Lambda Chi's President and wish him the best of luck in his new position on the IFC Executive Council!



Phi

Hi there! My name is John Patchett, IX 961, and I am the High Phi for 2022. I am a junior from St. Louis, and I am studying Accounting with a minor in Mathematics. As High Phi, I'm charged with conducting Initiation Week. I coordinate times and dates that ceremonies are to occur, making sure all open and closed ceremonies go according to plan. This semester, my biggest goal is to make sure all the brothers learn about the importance of each ceremony. I want the brothers to not only attend but understand the important meaning behind each ceremony.

Sigma

Hello! I'm Michael Birtles (IX 962) and I am the Sigma for this year's High Zeta. I'm a senior from Aurora, Illinois and I am studying History and Education with a minor in Economics. My role as Sigma is to ensure the continued academic success of our chapter. My goal during my tenure is to provide new resources for academic and professional success, like providing internship opportunities, resume assistance, study rooms, and a plethora of other things. As someone who is pursuing teaching, Sigma seemed like a great opportunity and practice for the future.

Epsilon

Hello, my name is Joey Davison (IX 970), and I'm from a small town called Cary in the northwest Chicago suburbs. I'm a freshman and couldn't be loving Iowa more! As this year's High Epsilon, I serve as the Social Chair of Lambda Chi. This semester I hope to expand our relations across campus and overall have a great socially active year.

Standards

My name is Drew Jones, and I am the Standards Chairman for the 2022 year. I'm a junior majoring in Marketing and am originally from New Canaan, Connecticut. As the Standards Chairman, my role includes making sure all officers are doing their job correctly and to the best of their ability, ensuring all members are exerting our chapter's traits in the best of ways, and holding everyone accountable. I'm excited for the upcoming semester and to work on my goals, which include being hands on with every officer, and figuring out how to best help them do their job successfully.



Our new High Zeta officers. From left to right: T. Baumgart, M. Birtles, Z. Stein, J. Stenske, H. Westphal, E. Schaffner, T. Bitner, R. Roache, E. Koren, J. Davison, J. Patchett, D. Jones. Not pictured: M. Jeffries.

Fall Recap

Alumni Homecoming

October 16th was our alumni Homecoming event at the Hilton Garden Inn. It was a great opportunity for our active members and associate members to mingle with the visiting alumni, exchanging stories from Lambda Chi's present and past. Not to mention, the dinner was wonderful. The event concluded with actives and alumni arm-in-arm, singing our fraternity's songs.

Hy-Chi

On October 28th we continued our yearly tradition, Hy-Chi, a philanthropy event in which our fraternity purchases Hy-Vee Chinese food meals and re-sells them, donating the profits to Feeding America, a nonprofit organization that feeds more than 46 million people nationwide through food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community-based establishments. Organized by our High Theta, Mason, each of our brothers signed up to volunteer either as salesmen out in front of our house or as drivers to pick-up/deliver food orders. We were able to raise over \$1000 for Feeding America that day.



Our brothers and their dads.

Initiation

Following an interesting week, to say the least, December 4th was Fall initiation day. We welcomed 8 new brothers to our active ranks, many of which went on to become the officers you might have read about above. With this new class of brothers, our bond number count is now up to Iota Chi 977, with Mr. Rob Baker bringing up the rear.

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 zachary-stein@uiowa.edu.

Dads Weekend

The weekend of November 5th, the fathers of our active/associate members were invited to hang out at the house. We had plenty of dads join us for burgers, hot dogs and a pool tournament on Saturday. We also watched the Hawkeyes grab a W against Northwestern. All around it was a lot of fun for us and I know the dads had a great time as well.



Our 8 newly initiated brothers.