



The Undergraduate brothers of the Lambda Iota Chapter are happy to bring to you, once again, another edition of *The Russell Street Review*.

◆ From the Cabinet

The cabinet is pleased to report another productive semester for the Lambda Iota Chapter, as well as exciting plans for the upcoming school year! Last semester the chapter continued our strong academic success with a 3.11 semester GPA! This was our 12th consecutive semester above a 3.0 as a chapter. In addition to success academically, the chapter was recognized for having the top Graduate Relations program in the state of Indiana among all Fiji chapters! A true testament to the incredible support and involvement of our Graduate Brothers. This upcoming semester, we are excited to announce our new partnership with Habitat for Humanity, a national organization which allows volunteers to help build homes for struggling families in their local community. Chapter leadership is excited for the upcoming year and cannot wait to welcome all our brothers back into their home-away-from-home at 640 North Russell.

◆ New Initiates

We are proud to inform you all that our spring semester brought us the pledge class of 2022, comprised of 33 fine young men in their freshman or sophomore year. We are pleased to be joined by 8 legacies, 22 Indiana natives, and 11 who join us from out of state, from as far as San Diego. The Class of 2022 joins us as follows: Craig Joseph Ahsmann, Luke William Baker, Luke Brennen Bame, Matthew Ryan Bauer, Andrew Christopher Bettner, Ryan Matthew Bullard, Zachary Ryan Butz, Aaron Jason Cantrell, Jack Patrick Daum*, Connor Alexander Dobbins, Nathan Anthony Droessler, Craig Preston Dupper, Kevin Andrew Gaffigan*, Davis Michael Gellert, Drew Wesley Gray, Ryan Jon Gray, Chris James Ward Harstick, John Graham Kay, Carson David Kronemeyer, Gideon Mwaura Lawson, Johnathan Jeffery Lietzan, Michael James Maglio*, Luke Joseph Mann*, Benjamin Allen Metzinger, Sebastian Anton Moritz, Nicholas J Mutchner*, John Evan Ohnemus*, Christopher Foy Semler*, Nicholas Colgan Sowinski*, Andrew Riley Sutton, Carl Ernst Voigt, JR., Andrew Joseph Wood, and Daniel Challoner Zimpfer. (*Denotes Legacy)

◆ Fiji Mystery

From time to time, undergraduates at 640 Russell are contacted or gifted items or snippets of information and insights to traditions of our past. These items come in the form of unique decorative items, trophies commemorating an event from the past, or even things uncovered in our own house. We would like to include graduate brothers in helping us solve some of these mysteries. **This edition's mystery:** "Turkey Twist". Recently, we received what seems to be a party favor in the shape of a miniature paddle. The wooden plank reads "Fiji & Sig TURKEY TWIST, Purdue 1963". With little context or information surrounding an event under this name, we are looking for brothers from the 1959-64 era who might know something about it. Please contact the Graduate Relations Committee at tsarhage98@gmail.com to share any information you have. Our resident investigative reporters will post our findings will be published in the next RSR, and we will continue to post more about mysteries uncovered at the Fiji house!

◆ **Fiji's in Africa**

Every summer, undergrads can be found headed off to work across the states, to study abroad, or off on fascinating service trips. It is not uncommon to have brothers overseas helping less fortunate children and communities in fascinating ways. This year, we wanted to highlight 4 separate service ventures to Africa by a few of our brothers.

Clay Steele '19 headed back to Uganda for the second time, to an orphanage he has worked with in the past. During his return visit, Clay reconnected with the children and families he had grown close to in his previous summer in Uganda. During his Mission, joined by Graduate Brother Henry Russell '18 and with the help of a Uganda-based construction group, they built a full-sized basketball court for the orphanage.

Colin Zeh '21 traveled to Rwanda with U.S. Army ROTC's Cultural Understanding and Leadership Program (CULP). As a part of CULP, Colin worked with 21 Cadets from around the country, and trained alongside the Rwandan Defense Force, who are renowned for their contributions to UN peacekeeping efforts. Surrounding training from the Rwandan Military Academy, Zeh met with the US Ambassador and defense Attaché to Rwanda. The group learned about the history of genocide in the country and the efforts to recover from a troubled history.

Ethan Beaty '20 spent the early portion of his summer working and living at the Isaiah Amonde Secondary School in Agongo, Kenya. The School, founded by his Grandfather 5 years ago, provides education to 1,200 students, from the original 400. Ethan recalled the happiness and joyful nature of the children saying, "It was an inspirational and humbling journey to see the impact [my grandfather] has had on one community, and the drastic impact have on the future of these children". Any Fiji brothers or families are invited to learn more about the school by going to 'seedsofjoyfoundation.org'. Ethan explained that it currently only costs \$35/month to support a child, including tuition, uniforms, books, housing, meals and more!

Calvin Acker '21 traveled to Kenya as part of a medical mission trip. Calvin is spending time in Nairobi and Kisumu, Kenya. He will be a part of a team giving medical aid to remote villages, setting up clinics so patients from the area can reach them through easier means.

◆ **Chapter Activity and Achievements**

-Charles Price '20 is awarded IFC's 'Scholar of the Year'

-Shota Tsuda '20 named an undergraduate executive of SMIF (Student Managed Investment Fund), of which Brothers Mark Prechtel and John Deahl '20 are also members

-Brothers Matt Bauer and Luke Mann '22 study abroad in Rome, making stops in Florence and Venice along the way.

-Tommy Neff '21, traveled to Madrid to study

-Nolan Elsbury '20 volunteers with the summer special Olympics, and partners with Kaboom Build, building playgrounds for underprivileged children in the Indianapolis area

-BROTHERS AT WORK: Danny Shuck (Full-time, Holder Construction-Columbus), **Erik Kelsch** (Full-time, Dist. Mgr., Aldi-Illinois Reg.), **Zach Mutchner** (Thyssenkrupp Presta-Terre Haute), **Ryan Gray** (Executive Construction-Chicago), **Drew Gray** (PE, Ryan Companies-Chicago), **Liam Bettez**

(ARCO/Murray-Chicago), **Zach Butz** (BorgWarner-Auburn Hills, MI), **Mark Prechtel** (Zimmer Biomet-Warsaw), **Brady McGinnis** (Power Design, Inc.-St. Petersburg, FL), **Shota Tsuda** (Analyst, Morgan Stanley-Tokyo), **Max Kucer** (Brebud Football-Indianapolis), **Jon Maddox** (ME Intern, Magna Seating, Inc-Detroit), **Konner Hamilton** (Franchise Mgr., College Works Painting, Lafayette), **Nolan Elsbury** (Supp. Chain, Finish Line-Zionsville), **Sam Snyder** (Sales, Carter-Lee Lumber-Indianapolis), **Collin Noll** (Calhoun Construction-Louisville), **Jack Deahl** (T. Rowe Price-Baltimore), and many more!

◆ **Graduate Relations**

The chapter is very happy to report a successful Pig Dinner over the past semester. The undergraduates were very pleased to have welcomed over 50 graduate brothers back to campus for the weekend, from classes 2017 into the 1950's. Our attendance once again increased by over half of the previous year's attendance, and we hope to continue the trend.

This year, we hosted Mike Dilts (Lambda Iota '80) as the keynote speaker, in the Spurgeon Club at Mackey Arena. Mike shared stories of his time at 640 Russell, including the ways his pledge brothers and the relationships he made throughout the house shaped his future. Brother Dilts has a tremendous record of service to his community and employees, embodying the image and values of a true Phi Gam. We are grateful for Brother Mike Dilts!

The chapter would like to host any and all graduates who wish to visit campus or host a Fiji related event or reunion. The Graduate Relations committee will accept any input on graduate focused communication or events that you may have. If you have any questions about graduate focused events, including next year's Pig Dinner or visiting the chapter house, please contact Graduate Relations Chairman Tim Sarhage at tsarhage98@gmail.com.

◆ **Intramural Highlights**

It was a hot one for Fiji Athletics.... I'll let the stats speak for themselves:

- o **CHAMPIONS:** Basketball, 3v3 outdoor hoops, Floor hockey, Flag football, Team Tennis, Softball, Softball Fall Classic, Team Golf, Arena Football, Home Run Derby. (That's 10, count em', 10!)
- o **RUNNER-UP:** Ultimate Frisbee, Innertube Water Polo, Water Basketball.

Special thanks to the Basketball team for finally bringing back the trophy, taking down Pike to post an undefeated season. Let's do it again and re-sign The Professor! Thank you to our Senior Ballers, Thayne Bukowski and Jake Mann. While they will be missed, their gallant efforts on the court will never be forgotten.

◆ **Rush**

Lambda Iota is looking forward to our upcoming rush which will begin at the start of the next school year. We hope to have the same level of success during the selection of the next class as we had over the past year. We pride ourselves on continuing to select only those who will uphold the values that Phi Gamma Delta instills. We would like to give our graduate brothers a chance to participate in rush, and we feel that your recommendations will directly result in quality young men coming to Phi Gamma Delta. If there are any young men that you feel live up to the ideals of Friendship, Knowledge, Service, Morality, and Excellence, please feel free to contact our rush chairmen Jack Deahl '20 & Tim Sarhage

'20. They can be contacted via mail at the house address, email (rushpurduefiji@gmail.com), or by phone (574-440-5995 or 815-531-4007 respectively). *It is important that we receive recommendations as soon as possible, recruitment starts the Sunday before class, and happens very quickly!* We are grateful for your assistance, and we anticipate another strong rush in the fall of 2019.

Please contact Tim Sarhage with any questions or comments at: tsarhage98@gmail.com

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Important Notice!

Hotel space for ballgames will be scarce due to the loss of 200 rooms in the Union Club Hotel closed for renovations.

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