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Chapter Update

Since our last newsletter was released, our chapter has made great strides in our commitment to friendship, knowledge, service, morality, and excellence. We initiated 13 young men into our brotherhood, broke our own records in philanthropic donations, and started new traditions that will continue for years to come.

Our chapter was able to have some of our beloved social events as well, such as Formal in Atlanta, GA; Mountain Weekend in Gatlinburg, TN; and concerts in the Fraternity Lots. In the following pages, we will dive deeper into the additions to our brotherhood and our philanthropic efforts in 2022.



Also, at the start of this semester, our chapter welcomed five newly elected members to fulfill our new executive cabinet. In our new executive board, Anderson Reese is President, Jake Tosti is Treasurer, Clayton Joyner is Recording Secretary, Stafford Smith is Corresponding Secretary, and RJ Drucker is Historian.





Philanthropic Involvement

Led by our outstanding philanthropy chair, Jordan Hatcher, our philanthropy committee has put our brothers right back into the position to give back to others. At the start of the spring semester, we broke our own records in our annual shoe drive. We collected 297 pairs of shoes that were all donated to Soles4Souls, a nonprofit that turns unwanted shoes into a new opportunity.



In late March, we had our biggest philanthropy event of the semester. We partnered with the sorority Alpha Chi Omega to put on the first ever Battle of The Bands. The event consisted of five different local



bands competing against each other and to raise donations and awareness for American Cancer Society and domestic violence. Over \$8,500 was raised and donated to UofSC's Relay for Life and Sistercare.

Additionally, in April, we hosted our first ever Fiji vs USCPD softball game. We wanted to show our

appreciation to the commitment that they provide to the university's safety. The event was held to raise funds and awareness for Toys for Tots Literacy - SC Firststeps, which helps provide books and educational supplies for less fortunate children. Throughout the game there were prizes raffled off to raise funds. The game was amazing and everyone had a blast!



Lastly, our chapter enjoyed being involved in community service events throughout the semester. Our community service chair, Sam Smith, helped get brothers involved in many different ways to be able to help the city of Columbia. The biggest event our brothers went to was a suicide prevention walk in April. The walk was to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, a voluntary health organization that saves lives and brings hope to those affected by suicide. We are proud to say that we were the highest raising team by raising \$413!



Additions to our Brotherhood

This spring, 13 young men pledged themselves to the Mu Lambda chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. They are a part of Omicron Class, our chapter's 15th pledge class in our young history. These young men learned about our fraternity's history and values while growing together as a brotherhood of their own. Furthermore, they were able to witness and take part in our fraternity's traditions, something Covid has complicated over the last few semesters. All of our newly initiated brothers have expressed great interest in getting involved within our committees and our chapter expects great contributions from them all in the future.



Graduating Seniors

This spring, we had 35 seniors graduate from our chapter. These brothers have been vital to the growth and success of our chapter. There will always be a spot for them here in Columbia, and it is important to remember that Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone! We hope to see everyone back for our annual Pig Dinner that will happen in the spring of 2023. Congratulations!

