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## Alumni Weekend Was a Success!

Gamma-Lambda hosted more than 100 alumni and family members at our Alumni Weekend, held September 26-27. We set up a large tent on the front lawn to hold the weekend's festivities. On Friday, our newly renovated house was open for tours, followed by a BBQ dinner and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, where we recognized several brothers for outstanding service to the chapter. On Saturday, we held a football game pre-party, serving food and drinks before the Cyclones defeated Arizona.

Alumni joined us from as far away as Hawaii, San Francisco and San Antonio. It was a weekend of celebrating, reminiscing, catching up with old friends and meeting different generations of Gamma-Lambda brothers. For those who attended, it served as a reminder of the strength of our brotherhood.

## Save the Dates

### Basketball & Brotherhood – Iowa State vs. Texas Tech Game Watch

Alumni and undergraduate members are invited to Ames to watch the men's basketball team take on Texas Tech.

**Date: February 28, 2026**
**Time: 2pm**
**Location: TBD in Ames, IA**

### Brotherhood Workday

Alumni, active members, parents and families are invited to support the chapter by attending our second annual Brotherhood Workday.

**Date: July 16-17, 2026**
**Location: 237 Ash Avenue**

### Alumni Weekend & Hall of Fame Induction

Alumni and families are invited to join our active members for a football tailgate and annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

**Date: September 19, 2026**
**Location: 237 Ash Avenue**

# Letter from our Building Corporation President

Corey Walker '96

Brothers,

As we look back on 2025, we have much to be thankful for. The Building Corporation (BC) began implementing our four-phase revitalization plan with its acquisition of the chapter house on January 6th. We quickly began making the necessary improvements and upgrades to bring the house up to code so members could move back in. We were successful in completing this phase prior to the start of the fall semester, and our active members were able to move in before classes started.

The BC spent much of 2025 working with the executive board to improve on existing safety and financial procedures. We worked closely with the Ames fire chief to bring the property up to code, and the house successfully passed a rigorous safety inspection and fire drill. We updated codes of conduct and housing leases, and we implemented software to improve our ability to track cash flow, collect assessments, pay bills and communicate with members.

The BC and active chapter members also collaborated to host two alumni events. In late July, we hosted our first-ever Brotherhood Workday, which was attended by active chapter members, alumni and families. More than 30 people joined us to put the finishing touches on our Phase 2 improvements. In September, we hosted Alumni Weekend events leading up to the ISU vs. Arizona football game. These events included an open house, an alumni dinner and our Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Friday, followed by a front yard tailgate on Saturday. The weekend was such a success that we plan to bring it back in 2026!

Following Alumni Weekend, we officially kicked off our Capital Campaign, headed by brother Rob Hayes. Our goal is to raise more than $1.5 million to pay off construction expenses, retire house debt, build a reserve fund and make additional house upgrades and improvements. Read on for an update on these efforts.

Our 2025 alumni events, fundraising efforts and expanded communication highlight our goal of rekindling our life-long brotherhood and support of our active chapter members by providing opportunities for living experiences, fellowship and mentorship. We also hope to spread the word about our chapter's success while expanding our presence on campus. To remain up-to-date on all that's happening, please visit our updated website, www.iowastatekappasigma.org and follow the chapter on Instagram – @isukappasigma.

This year, Gamma-Lambda celebrates the 117th anniversary of its founding in 1909. BC and the men of 237 Ash Avenue are laying the foundation for the next 100 years. We sincerely thank you, our loyal alumni, for your continued support of our efforts. We hope you will continue to give back in 2026 and beyond.

AEKDB

Corey Walker '96
Kappa Sigma Building Corporation President

## Ways to Give Back

**Fellowship** - Attend alumni events.

**Recruitment** – Refer quality young men to BC for membership.

**Volunteer** – We are seeking assistant alumni advisors who live near Ames, as well as brothers with backgrounds in law, accounting and communications.

**Mentorship** – Serve as a mentor to current chapter members.

**Employment** – Let us know if you're hiring interns or entry-level positions.

**Donate** – Contribute to the Capital Campaign and make Gamma-Lambda part of your annual giving plan.

# Meet Our Alumni Advisor

My name is Brad Reiman, and I am honored to join the Gamma-Lambda Chapter of Kappa Sigma as the new alumni advisor. Having been initiated in 1979, I'm excited to rejoin the chapter to encourage and guide a dynamic and driven group of young men during an important stage of their lives.

I was raised on a farm in Carroll, Iowa, and have been married to my wife, Claire, for more than 34 years. Together, we have two grown sons and are proud grandparents to two grandchildren. Family has always been central to our lives, and that sense of loyalty, care and connection will guide my approach as an advisor to Kappa Sigma.

Since graduating from Iowa State University, I have spent my career in the insurance industry, focused on relationships, accountability and service. My professional experience has allowed me to develop strong organizational, communication and leadership skills that I look forward to sharing with our active members. I concluded my professional career in 2025, and I am excited that retirement allows me the time and energy to focus on giving back to the Gamma-Lambda Chapter, which played such a key role in shaping my college experience.

Our family's support for Iowa State runs deep, as my wife and I both remain active, engaged and involved in the Ames and Iowa State communities, an involvement that ultimately led me to accept the role as alumni advisor.

I hope to foster a welcoming, respectful and steady home environment at Kappa Sigma by offering support, providing perspective and being a reliable presence. My ultimate goal is to ensure 237 Ash truly feels like a second home for every brother. I look forward to meeting you all in the new year!

AEKDB
Brad Reiman '79

# Workday Recap

On the morning of July 25th, more than 30 active members, alumni, parents and family members gathered at the chapter house to finish Phase 2 improvements and prepare the house for move-in. We assembled bed frames, delivered mattresses and thoroughly cleaned the house. Thank you to all who contributed elbow grease to our efforts!

*Brothers Matt Cale '92 and Mike Morman '98 assembling bunk beds.*

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Help Us Reach $1.5M**
**Preserve Our Legacy at 237 Ash Ave**

Brothers,

For nearly 100 years, 237 Ash Ave our house has been more than a house—it's where lifelong friendships were forged and the Four Pillars of Kappa Sigma came to life: Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service.

Thanks to alumni before us, we enjoyed expansions in the 60s and 70s and a major renovation in the 90s. Now, it's our turn to ensure this tradition continues for generations to come.

Here's the reality: As of January 15, 2026, we've raised **$805,000 toward our immediate $1,500,000 goal**. That's incredible progress—but we're not there yet, and it would be very helpful for us to raise funds for retiring debt, educational programming, maintenance, and scholarship needs. Every dollar matters and every brother counts.

Imagine walking through those doors on our 100th anniversary knowing you helped make it possible. Your gift—large or small—will directly impact the future of our chapter and the experience of every brother who follows.

## Act today:

- Make your pledge now.
- Volunteer to call classmates and rally support.

Together, we can finish this campaign strong and honor the legacy we all cherish. Save the Date: **September 19, 2026 weekend:** Hall of Fame Ceremony and Celebration of reaching our Campaign Goal on our house's 100th Anniversary.

AEKDB
Rob Hayes '67
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# Grand Master REPORT

Hey everyone! My name is Michael Os, and I am honored to serve as the Grand Master for the 2026 year. I'm a sophomore majoring in Construction Engineering at Iowa State University, originally from McHenry, Illinois. My long term goal is to start my own construction company in either Iowa or Texas, focusing on earthwork or electrical contracting, and eventually earn my Professional Engineering license. This summer, I will be working at Todd & Sargent as a field operations intern, and I'm excited to gain hands on experience in the construction industry and begin building meaningful connections. Outside of school, I work as a client manager for Fraternity Management Group, spend time with my friends and girlfriend, and stay committed to helping our chapter be the best organization it can be.

Taking the reins from Moises, this semester has been one of transition both culturally and physically as brothers were finally able to move into the newly renovated chapter house and enjoy the long awaited improvements. The excitement surrounding the new house was matched by strong recruitment, with 2025 marking the fourth largest new member class in our chapter's history. As Gamma-Lambda entered a more stable period, we focused on strengthening our relationship with the university, the Greek community, and our alumni. A major highlight was our Hall of Fame Weekend in late September, which brought together well over 100 brothers and alumni. We were also fortunate to be paired with Kappa Kappa Gamma and Theta Xi for homecoming, creating a memorable experience for everyone involved. With even more brothers planning to live in the house next semester, we continue to show why Gamma-Lambda represents a brotherhood like no other.

Looking ahead, our chapter is shifting its focus from recovery to excelling beyond expectations. Thanks to the strong leadership of the previous semester, we are in a prime position to take this next step. With a large newly initiated class, we now have the manpower to delegate responsibilities effectively and give nearly every brother an opportunity to contribute. We are introducing several new roles, including social media and public relations chair, along with assistant executive positions to ensure smooth transitions, increased involvement, and strengthen our internal operations. These initiatives will help us continue improving our presence on campus and attract high quality young men who embody the values of Kappa Sigma.

**Fall '25 Initiates**
**26**

**Spring '26 Members Returning**
**89**

**Spring '25 GPA**
**3.03**

I want to personally thank all undergraduate brothers and alumni for their continued support, dedication, and involvement. Your commitment is what makes Gamma-Lambda the exceptional chapter it is today.

AEKDB – Michael Os '24



## Executive, Building Corporation, Advisory & Educational Foundation Boards

**2026**

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Grand Master - Michael Os '24
Grand Procurator - Rico Bertagnolli '23
Grand Master of Ceremonies - Thomas Spanos '23
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House Director - Jean Clark
Member - Ian Campbell '17

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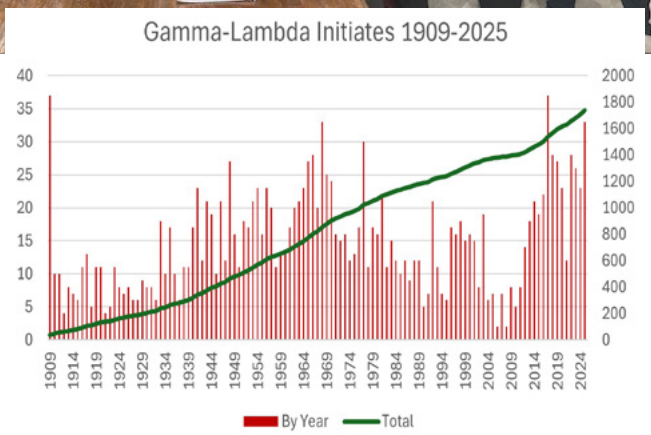
Treasurer - Whitey Stange '75
Director - David Sly '82
Director - Corey Walker '96

# Gamma-Lambda Completes a Historic Year of Recruitment

On November 7th, the Gamma-Lambda Chapter initiated 26 new members into our beloved order. Combined with the spring '25 new member class, we initiated a total of 33 new members throughout the 2025 calendar year, one of the largest initiation classes in the 116-year history of Gamma-Lambda!

Our new initiates are already stepping into leadership roles at 237 Ash, comprising nearly 60% of the spring 2026 chair positions. As we reflect on our successful year, the men of Gamma-Lambda would like to thank head recruitment chair Nathan Sarfo and the rest of the recruitment committee for this historic achievement.

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# Turkey for the Troops

After a year's hiatus, Gamma-Lambda once again hosted its annual Turkey for the Troops philanthropy event on November 18th. In honor of those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, the gentlemen of Gamma-Lambda helped prepare and serve a Thanksgiving meal, welcoming service members, veterans and the ISU community to dine in the chapter house.

This year's event was well attended by alumni, ISU faculty and members of the Greek community, including members of our 2026 Greek Week pairing, Alpha Phi Sorority and Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Through the event, we raised $2,300 for the Kappa Sigma Military Heroes Campaign. We were also pleased to honor undergraduate brother Brayden Burds, who currently serves in the U.S. Air Force.

Special thanks to Chef Audra for preparing such a memorable feast!

# Like Father, Like Son, Like Grandson

Spencer Carleton, '25 initiate, continues a long family tradition of Gamma-Lambda Kappa Sigmas. Following his initiation, he was greeted by his father, Justin Carleton '95, and grandfather, Tom Carleton '70. His uncle, Jordan Carleton '01, was unable to attend but sent his congratulations from afar. The Carletons are just the most recent example of Gamma-Lambda's lasting impact across multiple generations.

# A Glimpse of Gamma-Lambda past & present

# ALUMNI & MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## ALUMNI

### Jonathan Miller '98

**Grad Year:** 2000 **Major:** Political Science **Marital Status:** Single **Children:** Caitlyn, 20 and AJ, 21

**Employer:** Parsonex Enterprises, Inc. **Title:** CEO and Founder

**What You Do:** Entrepreneur (investments, entertainment and technology)

**Your Interests:** Building companies, making movies, golfing, skiing, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

**Advice for Undergraduates:** Life moves fast—enjoy it! Work hard for what you want and choose your path with intention. Surround yourself with great people, build real relationships and be the friend who lifts others up. As Ted Lasso (quoting Walt Whitman) says, "Be curious, not judgmental."

**Favorite Campus/Chapter Memory:** It's hard to pick just one—there were many (and a few best left off the record). The pledge road trip to the University of Illinois, initiation week (yes, I loved it—despite it being a fun kind of grueling), VEISHA and countless others. Is Beach Bash still a thing?"

### John Christensen '80

**Grad Year:** 1983 **Major:** Nuclear Engineering **Marital Status:** Married **Children:** Peyton Uden, 32 & Cheyenne Kuker, 28

**Employer:** Retired **What You Do:** Michelle and I currently watch our two granddaughters (ages 6 and 3) full-time.

**Your Interests:** My current interest and focus is on my family and family activities including traveling when we get the chance.

**Advice for Undergraduates:** My advice to undergrads would be to get involved, participate, and HAVE FUN! It won't be long before you will look back and wonder where it went. My four years at ISU are some of my best years ever – with some of the best friends I ever made. I learned more about life in those 4 short years than I would have ever imagined. Don't leave 237 Ash with any regrets.

**Favorite Campus/Chapter Memory:** I have too many great memories to adequately answer this question but a few stand out. Top of the list would be the days spent in "Wildman" Murtha's room playing cribbage after lunch watching Duane Ellett and Floppy - "Blue Ribbon!!!!". Playing goalie on the IM Hockey team we had, working on the VEISHEA floats, and just spending time with the guys. When I think of my time at ISU I don't think of school – I think of 237 Ash and all the great friends and memories from four fantastic years.

## ACTIVE MEMBERS

### Spencer Carleton '25

**Anticipated Grad Year:** 2029 **Major:** Mechanical Engineering

**Career Plans:** Going to get my doctorate at MIT before working for an Aerospace Engineering company.

**Chapter Involvement (Current or Past):** Current Scholarship Chair along with Assistant Treasurer, along with volunteering at local food kitchens with Kappa Sigma Philanthropy.

**Campus Involvement (Current or Past):** A part of the Rocketry and Solar Car clubs freelance tutoring.

**What Does Gamma-Lambda Mean To You?:** Gamma-Lambda, for me, means a place where you can bring in people of varying personalities and backgrounds and bring them together to make something special. Teaching each other how to not only be a better student and brother, but a better person as a whole. I, personally, have been changed for the better by being a Kappa-Sig and I am proud to be a part of something so great.

**Favorite Chapter Memories:** I think some of the best times and memories I've had has been when people are gone for a break and there are only a couple of guys left in the house. Being able to just hang out with a brother and talk and be chill has honestly been one of my favorite experiences in the house so far.

**Advice for New Members:** Don't be afraid to just try it out. I originally wasn't planning on joining a fraternity when I first got on campus and I was actually really against the idea of Greek Life. However, I got bored one night and texted a recruitment chair about the idea of joining, and I haven't looked back since. There are going to be so many different people in a fraternity, especially at Kappa Sigma, that you are going to belong, no matter who you are.

### Ethan Lamson '24

**Anticipated Grad Year:** 2027 **Major:** Chemical Engineering

**Career Plans:** Work as a consultant in an engineering firm, specializing in process or petroleum engineering applications.

**Chapter Involvement (Current or Past):** Scholarship Chair and Recruitment Chair. Display chair

**Campus Involvement (Current or Past):** Engineers for a Sustainable World, Sales Engineering

**What Does Gamma-Lambda Mean To You?:** It's a brotherhood. It has allowed me to connect with like-minded individuals who share the same interests and goals as I do. I wouldn't have met these people without this brotherhood, and I am thankful that I have I joined it when I did.

**Favorite Chapter Memories:** My favorite memory from this chapter is attending the Grand Conclave in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where I connected with other Kappa Sigma brothers from different universities and learned skills to implement the four pillars in our respective chapters. I also visited the University of Minnesota Chapter to socialize with other brothers.

**Advice for New Members:** Getting involved early and often has really helped me grow. Jumping in from the start gave me more chances to learn, build confidence, and gain real experience. Staying involved has helped me develop stronger skills and figure out what I want to pursue moving forward.

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