

Phi Gamma Delta

Chi Lambda Chapter History

2012 – 2013 Academic Year

Historian: Russell Hoover

Fall Recruitment

The 2012- 2013 academic year started off well for the Chi Lambda chapter of Phi Gamma Delta at the University of California, San Diego with a strong recruitment during fall quarter. The new pledge class, Omicron class, was very diverse and motivated to become involved within chapter affairs. Ultimately, eleven new members were initiated: Matthew Harmatz ('16), Jonathan Mariano ('14), Andre Mota ('15), Richard Castro ('13), Ario Ramezani ('16), Kyle Estabrooks ('16), Slava Gadetskiy ('14), Tyler Witte ('16), Kazu Otani ('16), Riley Mills ('16), and Kevin Crowley ('15). Following their initiation, all of the new members listed above continued to embody the values of Phi Gamma Delta and met all the responsibilities of membership. Many new members have also begun to assume leadership roles within the fraternity. Tyler Witte has taken the role of recruitment chairman, Richard Castro has been made scholarship chairman, and both Matthew Harmatz and Kevin Crowley are involved on the new member education board. Shown below is the design used for recruitment fliers and t-shirts during fall quarter 2012.



Elections

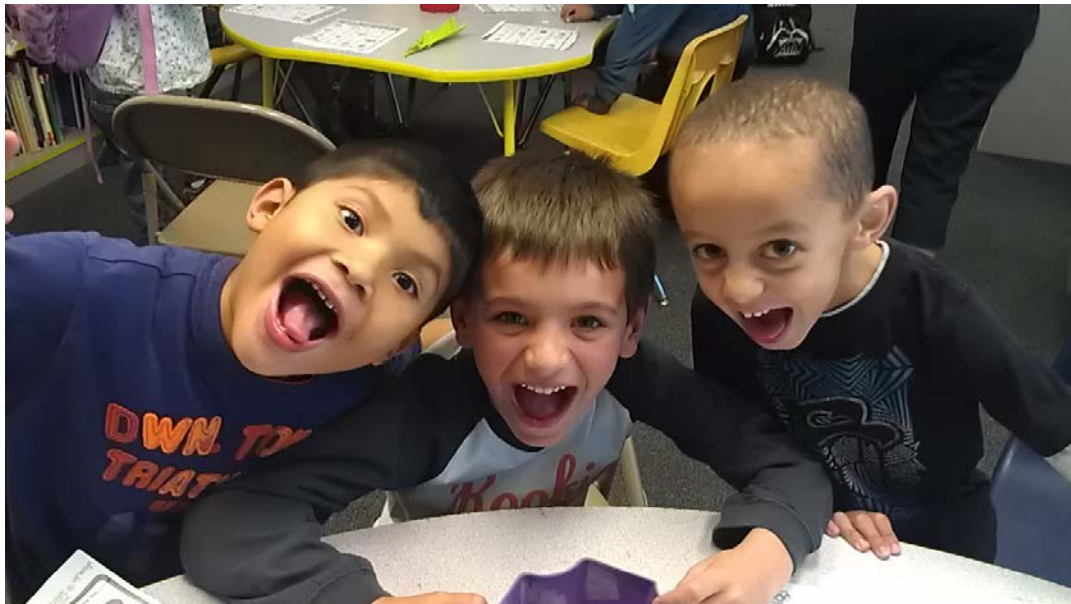
New cabinet members were elected for the 2013 calendar year. Billal Jamili ('14) was reelected as president, Jeffrey Curtis ('14) was elected as treasurer, Adam Schaar ('15) was elected as Recording Secretary, Zachary Hight ('14) was elected as Corresponding Secretary, and Russell Hoover ('15) was elected as Historian. In addition, new committee chairmen were appointed. Alex Lee was appointed as athletics chair, Michael Cross was appointed as brotherhood chairman, Jeremiah Beldah was appointed as philanthropy chairman, Jerome Lee was appointed as risk management chairman, Richard Castro was appointed as scholarship chairman, Tyler Witte was appointed as recruitment chairman, Sean Tsai was appointed as pledge educator, and Dylan Sohngen was appointed as social chair.

In addition, brother Zachary Sheldon was elected as Vice-President of External Affairs for the University of California, San Diego Interfraternity Council. Russell Hoover was elected to serve as IFC delegate for Phi Gamma Delta.

Service

Starting in the beginning of the 2013 calendar, thanks in large part to the enthusiasm of new philanthropy chairman Jeremiah Beldah, the Chi Lambda chapter became much more involved in community service. Each week, brothers volunteered at the local San Diego Boys and Girls Club of America, participating in after school activities with local elementary school students. Additionally, the chapter partnered with the Surfrider association in San Diego to hold beach cleanups each quarter, minimizing the waste left behind on public beaches. These events provided brothers with a great opportunity to give back to the community and help those in need of assistance. Some pictures of both events are shown below.

Boys and Girls Club Volunteering:



Beach Clean Ups:



UCSD Greek Awards

The Greek Awards banquet was held at the University of California, San Diego on February 6, 2013. The Chi Lambda Chapter won first place in alumni engagement and came in second place overall for chapter of the year. Brother Adam Schaar won first place in an individual award for emerging leader. After winning first place in chapter of the year for two

years in a row, coming in second place served as a wake-up call and motivated our chapter to work harder to come back and win first place again next year.

Campus Involvement

In addition to being involved within our chapter, many Chi Lambda brothers have been involved in other organizations on campus. Newly initiated brothers Andre Mota and Ario Ramezani were recently elected to positions on the UCSD associated students council. Andre will be serving as Revelle College President while Ario will be serving as a college senator. In addition, brothers Kit Wong, Zachary Hight, and Jonathan Mariano will be serving as resident advisors for this upcoming school year. Brothers Jerome Lee and Ario Ramezani will also be serving as orientation leaders for the upcoming school year, helping incoming freshman become acclimated to college life. Brother Matthew Hogains was also recently elected as president of the National Society of Black Engineers on the UCSD campus.

Black Diamond Soccer Cup Philanthropy

On the weekend of May 11 – 12, the Chi Lambda chapter held its third annual Black Diamond Soccer Cup, raising money for the Lupus Foundation of America. The event was successful. Eight teams from within the outside community competed. A team composed primarily of Chi Lambda Fiji players came in first place in the tournament for the third year in a row. Because the event was held this past weekend, the exact amount of money raised has not yet been calculated, but a substantial donation is expected.

Spring Recruitment

Recruitment during spring quarter 2013 went very well. The newest pledge class, pi class, currently has 15 members. They include Nathan Lok ('16), Santiago Arconada ('16), Christopher Westfall ('16), Christopher Coauette ('16), Jonathan Gao ('16), Brian Flammer ('16), Sêrhiy

Vorobyĉv ('16), Keita Funakawa ('16), Tyler Levine ('14), Jeremy Proctor ('16), Kyle Baxter ('15), Mikhail Kazi ('16), Altaf Wahid ('14), Adam Setters ('16), and Derrick Ho ('14). With the help of new pledge educator Sean Tsai, our chapter revamped the pledge education curriculum for this newest pledge class. Priority was placed upon instilling the values and priorities within the new members and on integrating the new members within the chapter, seeking to improve active brother retention. All of the potential new members seem excited and eager to join our brotherhood. Shown below is the design used for our recruitment fliers and t-shirts for spring quarter 2013.

