



LAMBDA CHAPTER TAU KAPPA EPSILON

FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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CHAPTER UPDATE

from Lucas Meyer



Lambda Chapter wins fourth consecutive “Top TKE Chapter” award.

For the fourth consecutive year, Lambda chapter was awarded “Top TKE Chapter” this past Fall.

Once again, the chapter hit all of it’s KRAs (Key Results Areas) which include: academic GPA; chapter size; recruitment results; St. Jude contributions; and continuing education. The chapter also received the Top TKE Chapter award in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2011, 1981, 1980, and 1975.



This Fall Chapter Successes Continue

Success has continued this Fall, with the chapter working on achieving it’s Key Results Areas:

- Money raised for St. Jude Children’s Hospital – \$26,520 has been raised so far. The goal is \$30,000 by the end of the semester.
- Fall Rush – 33 candidates accepted bids for membership. Initiation is December 10th.
- Chapter Size – with the 33 candidates, the chapter membership is over 140 members. After initiation in December, the Lambda scroll will surpass 1,500 members.
- This Fall two TKE Fraters were elected to the IFC Board.
- The house is full with mostly single rooms and a couple of double rooms.
- The formal is upcoming in Chicago in December.
- Officer elections are scheduled for December 11th.
- The Regional Leadership Conference will be in Chicago in February next year.

1	BETA-SIGMA 170	USC University of Southern California
2	XI-OMEGA 148	VT VIRGINIA TECH.
3	ALPHA-GAMMA 145	WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
4	BETA-LAMBDA 139	AUBURN UNIVERSITY
5	LAMBDA 138	THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MADISON



2 Fraters competing in the Madison Marathon



Superheros Meet, 2023 Halloween



New Initiates, Spring 2023



Chapter Sweetheart, JoHanna Abraham



BADGER BASKETBALL WATCH PARTY

Wednesday, January 10th
TKE Founders Day



Come cheer on the Badgers as they take on Ohio State. Game time is 7:30pm CST. Game day watch parties will be held at a local sports bar at the following local sites:

Madison – host **Nate Johnson**, bignatej@uwalumni.com (608) 512-3619

Milwaukee – host **Eric Schmidling**, schmidlingeric@yahoo.com (414) 469-4902

Chicago – host **Colm Seigne**, colmseigne@gmail.com (802) 369-9762

New York – host **Ken Chwatek**, kenchwatek@gmail.com (908) 295-9887

Phoenix – host **Fritz Jacobi**, fritzj1@aol.com (920) 319-2113

Watch your email for more details.



UPDATE

Dear Fraters,

One of the Foundation's goals is to promote transparency with its donors. Every penny we bring in and spend is in support of the Foundation's mission and in strict adherence with our non-profit, 501(c)3 status.

Year to Date in 2023, the Foundation has brought in \$33,935 in donations from our generous alumni. Our top four donors for the year include James Boshuetz, Robert Yeoman, Ed Moy, and Paul Aspinwall.

During the year, the Foundation provided two \$1,000 scholarships to our undergraduates and provided \$2,000 in funds to our members to attend the Regional Leadership Conference. \$26,500 of the donations were transferred to our Legacy Fund. The balance of those donations was spent on our annual newsletter, awards for undergraduates and alumni, as well as our Career Panel educational modules.

Speaking of the Legacy Fund, the Foundation is establishing an account with a goal to provide annual reoccurring scholarships to our undergraduate members without having to tap into the general account funds. This structure will ensure that undergraduates receive these scholarships long after our current board has moved on. We have a formalized Investment Policy Statement in place with several funding options on the table. We are also establishing an Investment Committee to govern. We want to grow this account so that we can award more or larger scholarships in the future.



FROM
ERIC SCHMIDLING

Overall, the Foundation is operating from a position of strength. Our general account currently has approximately two years of operating expenses in reserve. However, we can always use your support. If you are able to provide a tax-deductible donation, you can visit us at: <https://www.wistke.org/donate>. Thank you!

As a foundation, nothing happens without volunteers. None of us are paid in any way, we do it because of the belief we have in the mission of the foundation and the men of Lambda Chapter. I ask, as you look at your volunteer time you give if you could consider the foundation. We are looking for volunteers to join the foundation board of trustees and to lead and participate in committees. I am always happy to discuss the foundation, what we do and the opportunity for alumni to get involved. If you have any interest in donating your time, please contact James Easter, our Volunteer Recruiting Committee Chair at 262-227-6694 or by email to jameseaster@gmail.com.

If you have any questions regarding the Foundation's finances or would like to know more about how to donate or participate, please call Eric Schmidling @ 414-469-4902.

YITB,
Eric Schmidling
Foundation Board Treasurer

If you would like to contribute to the success of Lambda Chapter, please contact me at tkelambdafoundation@gmail.com or by phone at 608-512-3619.

You can also visit www.wistke.org/donate, go directly to <https://omella.com/wZsqJ> or scan the QR code.



2024 INDUCTEES SELECTED



Four Fraters have been selected as the 2024 honorees for the Lambda Alumni Hall of Fame. It is our way of honoring TEKE and Lambda Chapter alumni for outstanding achievements, in their professional career as well as support and assistance they have given to Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and Lambda chapter in particular. Past honorees can be found at <https://www.wistke.org/honored-alumni>. I look forward to seeing you at the 2024 ceremony, **Saturday, April 6, 2024** at the UW Memorial Union. Our 2024 honorees are:



Donald J. Bielski '77

Don received his undergraduate degree in 1981, and then attended the University of Wisconsin Law School, graduating cum Laude in 1984. He was a staff attorney for the Kenosha Public Defender's Office from 1984 to 1997. In 1997, he opened his own practice in Kenosha, where he remains to this day. In addition to criminal and misdemeanor cases, Don is also involved in child welfare cases where he is also an instructor for the State Bar. In 2008-2009, he served as president of our local bar association. In the community, he has served on the board of Women's Horizons and also served on the board of the Hope Council, a alcohol and drug treatment referral service. Don has served on the Lambda Chapter Building Corporation board since 2008, serving as secretary since 2009 until the present day, and occasionally providing legal advice.



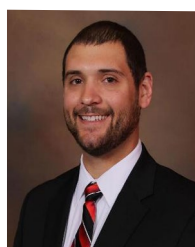
David Nelson '77

David received his BA from the University of Wisconsin in 1978, majoring in economics and international relations. While a Senior, he passed the Foreign Service exam, and joined the US Department of State in 1979. As a Diplomat, David represented the United States in 7 overseas assignments, including as US Ambassador to Uruguay. He also served in several senior positions domestically, including at the National Security Council and in leadership functions in the Economic and Business Bureau of the Department of State. After retiring from the Foreign Service in 2011, David continued to work in the public policy arena. In 2018, he founded a consulting firm — Global Business Policy-DC, helping US firms such as Cargill succeed in the global economy.



Paul Hanson '78

Paul started working for Miller Brewing Co in 1980 in college marketing. A highly successful career with many promotions eventually brought him to his last position, Vice President of Sales. He retired in 2018, and in August 2020 launched Iron Joc Performance Gear. <https://ironjoc.com/> which competes with other brands such as Under Armor, Nike, and Adidas. Iron Joc has a proprietary fabric that provides wicking, cooling, 4 way stretch, anti-static, water repellency, and stain blocking. As a result, when you sweat the silver ions kill 99.9 of the bacteria. His awards include being named employee of the year for Sales and Marketing in 1992, 1999, and 2010, and Leader for Women's Development and Mentoring at Miller Coors.



James Easter '07

James currently works for Cardinal Health as the Executive Sales Director for the Midwest market selling pharmaceutical distribution services and pharmacy solutions. He was selected to join Cardinal Health's Leadership Development program in 2017; only 2 years after joining company. Awards include being named Top Core Account Manager in 2020, and winning region of the year for past 3 years. James has been a board member of the Lambda Chapter Building Corp, and is currently a member of the Lambda Foundation Board and the Alumni Board of Advisors. James also served at the Chapter Advisor (2020 – 2022)

BUILDING CORPORATION

FROM
ERIC LANNIN



Dear Fraters,

Lambda remains among the Top TKE Chapters in the Nation and one of the Top Fraternities at the University of Wisconsin. In my fifth year as Lambda Chapter Building Corp, TKE Board President, I'm pleased to let you know that we continue to have strong momentum. We are setting the bar for our fifth straight Top Teke Award and have over 30 new Fall members. These awards are always a team effort and couldn't be accomplished without strong Chapter leaders and involved Board members.

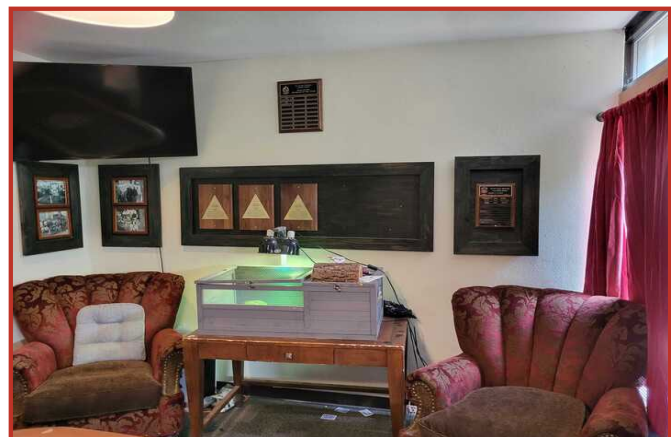
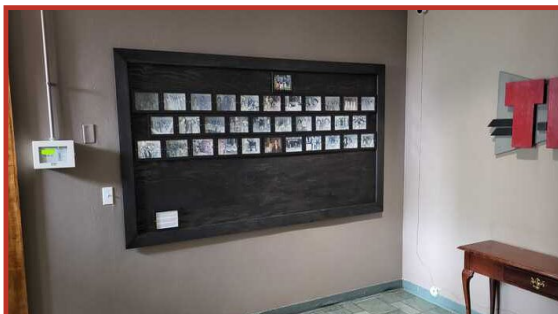
Due to our member strength and having full occupancy of the House, we continue to invest and make improvements. This Summer we plan to replace the flooring and paint the third floor bedrooms, front foyer flooring, and an overhaul of the front lawn. Financially, the LCBC, TKE continues to be very strong. We are paying for upgrades and renovations largely out of cash flow.

The future continues to look bright for Lambda Chapter, the LCBC, TKE and Lambda Foundation. Recently, we've had some changes of some of our Board members. I'd

like to recognize the efforts of Jeff Hertz, Jon Jenson, and David Zeitlin that recently left the LCBC, TKE Board. These Fraters have delivered years of effort and enthusiasm for Lambda Chapter.

Certainly much of Lambda's success today can be attributed to their involvement. We are always looking for alumni engagement. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you'd like to join one of the Boards, join a committee or offer other assistance.

Yours In The Bond,
Eric Lanning, President
Lambda Chapter Building Corp, TKE



SECOND ANNUAL

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LAMBDA ON THE LINKS!



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On August 25th, around 80 Lambda Chapter TKE members, alumni, and even parents enjoyed a day of sun on the links at Edelweiss Chalet Country Club in lovely New Glarus, WI. The course was beautiful yet challenging!

Thanks to donations from our generous alumni, we raised almost \$1,000 which will fund scholarships for undergraduate members. A special thank you to Fraters Eric Schmidling and Nathan Johnson for organizing a great event. Additional thanks go out to Frater Bob Yeoman for the donation of golf balls and flasks for our golfers.

Congrats to our talented winners! Donovan Johnson is credited with being closest to the pin on hole 16, Jason Silletti had the longest putt on hole 12,

Marcus Thelen had the longest drive on hole 3, and our very own housing board member Chuck Radtke was closest to the large oak tree on hole 9! The winning foursome consisted of Jim Scheiders, Jacob Breiling, Jack Summers, and Will Summers. Congrats fraters! Following our 18 holes, Edelweiss provided brats and burgers and beverages.

The 2024 event planning is currently underway. We are targeting late-August again with a geographical focus on central or southeastern Wisconsin. More information to follow. A survey is being sent out soon to make next year's event even better! If you are interested in serving on the 2024 golf outing planning committee, please contact Colm Seigne, colmseigne@gmail.com or (802) 369-9762. Dust off the golf clubs and start thinking about your foursomes for next year!

KEY CONTACTS

Lambda Chapter Building Corp., TKE

is the organization that manages the property at 216 Langdon Street. It is a 501(c)(7) organization which is exempt from income taxes and files an IRS Form 990 each year.

Chair/President - Eric Lanning

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The Lambda Chapter Board of Advisors ("BOA")

Serves to provide guidance to the undergraduate chapter members regarding all facets of chapter management. The BOA has regular calls with the chapter officers.

Chair/President & Chapter Advisor - Sebastian Atwood

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TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation, Inc.

A 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation registered with the State of Wisconsin. It has obtained tax exempt status by the IRS.

Chair/President - Nathan Johnson

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Annual Fund Campaigns

is the fundraising initiative to raise funds for the Building Corporation and the Lambda Foundation.

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