



# THE ARCHER

Theta Xi Fraternity

Alpha Iota Chapter



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Fall 2018 Edition

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Brothers,

The Fall 2018 semester was one to remember. As many of you know, our extensive renovation was completed in early August - meaning this fall was the first semester in the newly renovated chapter facility. Additionally, a few brothers graduated, and we continued to strive for success philanthropically, academically, and intramurally.

The new house is beautiful, and if you have not had the chance to see it yet I highly encourage you to come visit. We would all be delighted to give you a tour. On behalf of all of the undergraduates, we are extremely grateful for all of the monetary donations, time, and effort our alumni put into the renovation process. We now have a chapter facility that parallels the quality of men we continue to recruit each year. With that being said, we are hosting our 6294 Formal in Manhattan on April 27th and that would be a great opportunity to see the renovated house.

Philanthropically, we have had a very productive semester raising over \$6,000 for the following beneficiaries: Habitat for Humanity, Cats Cupboard, and Multiple Sclerosis. Our first event "The Taxi Tours" was an open house which invited the K-State and Manhattan community to come tour the renovated house. In September, we partnered with Phi Delta Theta for a game-day cookout

and had an impressive turnout. Continuing with tradition, we also facilitated a Scary Corn Maze at Britt's Farm during the Halloween season.

Our chapter finished the semester sitting at a 3.526 GPA - which puts Theta Xi in second place among all fraternities at Kansas State. Being amongst the top in grades is something we have become accustomed to. We prioritize performing well academically before any extracurricular activities. Along with high achievement in the classroom, we have also had a stunning intramural season highlighted by team championships in both swimming and volleyball.

This fall, we were pleased to welcome 14 new associate members who all were initiated into the bonds of our beloved fraternity. This new class has been impressive. Collectively, all of them have shown prodigious initiative. For example, two of them are serving on our new executive board and one as a recruitment chairman.

I am thrilled to announce our chapter was awarded the Memorial Trophy at the 152nd Annual Theta Xi National Convention. Being the #1 chapter in the nation requires the best advising in the nation, and that is what we get from our Chapter Advisor, Phil Ryan. He was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter Advisor at the convention. Last, but not least we took home additional awards for Outstanding



Recruitment and for Outstanding Newsletter.

We are very satisfied with our previous semester, however, as Theta Xi's we want to avoid complacency and strive to build on what we have done. Alumni, thank you again for all your investment in the undergraduates - I assure you we will continue to make you proud. If you have any questions or suggestions for the fraternity please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

YITB,

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## TREASURER

### Brothers,

First of all, I'm very excited to begin my position of Treasurer for the Alpha Iota Chapter of Theta Xi. I want to start off by recognizing Brother Fain and the incredible job he did this past semester. Brother Fain made several changes including a new house bill amount and new budgets for all the committees. These changes are vital to our house because we need

to ensure that we will have enough funds to cover any unexpected expenses.

As for next semester, I am interested in forming a Finance committee with members that are interested in becoming the next treasurer of Theta Xi as well as learning more about the House's financials. In addition to that, the members of the Finance committee will assist me with the duties of the

treasurer and act as a second pair of eyes. I'm very eager to start my term and look forward to continuing the success of our chapter.

YITB,

Michael Modlin  
A.I. 1059

## HOUSE MANAGER

### Brothers,

This past year has been great for the house but challenging for its members. With the renovation of the Alpha Iota chapter, we were living in the Jardine Apartments. This was challenging to work around especially for growth in the bonds between brothers, but this displacement was well worth it. The new house is incredible to get to live in, and everyone who has seen the old house is amazed by the difference.

I am very lucky and thankful to be the first house manager to have a full term in the newly renovated house. It is great to finally have a house which has high quality parallel to that of its members, and my goal is to keep it like that by making sure we are taking all steps necessary for proper maintenance. I also plan on building or getting new things for the house like a shed, tools, and a table for the laundry room, but I will make sure that any additions to

the house will meet the new level of quality. We are extremely grateful to be in this house, and I make it my goal as House Manager to preserve it for future brothers of Theta Xi.

YITB,

Nick Kalny  
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## KITCHEN MANAGER

### Brothers,

I am very excited to start my term as Kitchen Manager! Having our brand new kitchen to use this semester has truly been a blessing! Our new floors, cabinets and countertops make our kitchen look and feel fantastic! I am pleased to announce that our first health inspection in our new kitchen went extremely well! We passed

with flying colors (the best marks in recent history of our kitchen) and our Chef Tony chalks that up to our hard work during our Kitchen Crew shifts and also our new floors, countertops and cabinetry.

We still have big plans in the kitchen, as we are also anticipating the installation of a new floor sink to make food disposal that much easier! Thank you all for your generous support of

our newly renovated chapter house and kitchen! All of us at Alpha Iota really appreciate this new house and will cherish it for years to come!

YITB,

Chris Anderson  
A.I. 1065

## HOUSE MOTHER

Dear Men of the Alpha Iota Chapter of Theta Xi, current and Alumni,

As House Mom of the Best Guys, the fraternity men, not frat boys, here at 1803 Laramie in the Little Apple, I can say I have the best job ever. Good Christmas wishes to you from me!

I am pleased for the opportunity to write an Archer article because I can again this year mention that the Men of Theta Xi still excel academically in the widest range of difficult majors. The Men of Theta Xi still excel in intramurals in every event you can think of (winning many individual championships) and bringing home team championships in Cross Country, Swimming and Volleyball!

These Guys are helping during Final Week with the Sock It to Em Sock Campaign contributing

socks. I can affirm that the Men of Theta Xi still believe in "Doing the Little Things." There is a common TX belief in helping and volunteering and serving in campus clubs and numerous organizations with a vast majority of Guys working and giving their time. The Guys know how to balance social and academics, the requirements of college students and time for their Brothers.

Please stop by and visit with the current men and find out what makes them tick and tour our beautifully renovated House. You are always welcome at Theta Xi. We already hosted a philanthropic event and our yearly Wassail so we continue to get the good word of Alpha Iota Chapter of Theta Xi out

to the public. Come by when you are in Manhattan and cheer on the CATS!

Thank you, Alumni, for your support! My Guys realize the stewardship necessary to maintain this outstanding House we call home. May the Holidays and 2019 bring opportunity, joy, health, some fun thrown in there, hard work, time to ponder, and time to spend with those special to you.

Love,

Mom Rose of Theta Xi

## WET 'N' WILD WHERE?

With the incredible renovations of 1803 Laramie, the future of the Wet 'n' Wild date party was put into question. As it turned out, the water runoff caused foundational damage over the years. Rather than canceling the event in its entirety, plans were made to change it to a destination date party.

The men of Alpha Iota left Manhattan on September 14th for Table Rock Lake in Branson, Missouri. Arriving at the Pointe Royale Condominium Resort & Golf Course, they checked in to their condos for the weekend.

The next day was the highlight of the experience. The group spent a majority of the day out on the lake in pontoon boats. While it was almost the first day of

autumn, the weather was perfect with it being sunny and close to 70 degrees.

After a long day out on the boats, the group headed to dinner at a nearby ballroom. Following dinner, a DJ provided music for the remainder of the night.

On Sunday morning, the men of Alpha Iota checked out of their condos and began the journey back to Manhattan.

While this new take on Wet 'n' Wild had varying reviews, the overwhelming majority enjoyed the experience. So much so, that plans are already being made for next year's date party.



## CONGRATS, SENIOR!

Brother Landon Warmund graduated this semester with a degree in Personal Financial Planning and a minor in Business. He also received a certificate in Strategic Sales.

### Brothers,

The main thing that I learned in college was to not be afraid to go to your fellow brothers in times when you need help or support. The brothers you live with are your family and are here to help you grow and succeed so it's important to take advantage of that. Another thing I learned while at college was, college is way too short for you not to enjoy it. College is a special time in your life and you deserve to enjoy it. Later down the road it will just be a small blip in our lives but, the memories you make during that small amount of time will be memories and experiences that will last forever.

Now that I'm graduated, I'm a Financial Advisor working in Kansas City at Reliant Financial Services where I help clients meet their financial planning goals, dreams, and objectives.

YITB,

Landon Warmund  
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## SEMESTER OF SERVICE

### Brothers,

This semester rounded off one of the most successful philanthropic years in recent Theta Xi history. After firmly establishing Fish Fry as our main spring philanthropy, bringing in over \$4,000, our attention turned to establishing a successful fall philanthropy.

The second week of school, we hosted an event called The Taxi Tours, where we charged \$3 or a non-perishable food item for a tour of our newly renovated chapter house. In 3 hours of tours, we were able to raise over \$500 and collected

over 80 non-perishable food items. The money and collected items were donated to the Cats Cupboard, a new food pantry available to students affected by food-insecurity. The Cats Cupboard was extremely grateful for our donation since they require a high supply of food at the start of each semester.

Our second event of the semester fell on the third week of September, when we partnered with Phi Delta Theta to host the Caturday Cookout. Before the kickoff of our first away football game of the season, we invited hundreds of students to Phi Delta Theta for a grill out with music

and yard games. We collected over \$3,000 at the event to be donated to the ALS and MS foundations.

These two events along with our annual partnership with the Britt's Farm Scary Corn Maze brought the total philanthropic money raised this semester to over \$6,000. This is the most money raised in a fall semester and has set us up for more philanthropic success in the future.

YITB,

Ethan Kallenberger  
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Brothers Andrew Buyle and Jack Dotterweich serve burgers at the Caturday Cookout

## New Initiates

- Sean Clennan A.I. 1074
- William Ericson A.I. 1075
- Jacob Braun A.I. 1076
- Luke Leavitt A.I. 1077
- Grant Boehringer A.I. 1078
- Parker McCafferty A.I. 1079
- Caden Churchman A.I. 1080
- Ben Fiarkoski A.I. 1081
- William Erickson A.I. 1082
- Carter Oeding A.I. 1083
- Andrew LeBourveau A.I. 1084
- Luke Hafner A.I. 1085
- Will Dalton A.I. 1086
- Mikey Strong A.I. 1087

## Save the Date

This year's 6294 Formal is scheduled to be in Manhattan on Saturday, April 27th. Invitations with more exact details will be sent out later this semester.

If you are able to attend, we highly encourage it. We hope to see as many Theta Xi alumni as possible!

# IMPRESSIVE INTRAMURALS

This semester has been another successful intramural run for Theta Xi. By the end of the fall semester, Theta Xi is ranked first among all fraternities at Kansas State for intramurals. This is a feat that the men of Alpha Iota are very proud of and it did not come without hard work and dedication.

In team sports, the men claimed first in multiple events throughout the fall season. Theta Xi placed first in cross country, swim, and volleyball. These accomplishments are a testament to each team's ability to effectively communicate and work together to best the competition.

In individual sports, Theta Xi once again saw outstanding triumphs in multiple events. Brother Kirkland Lambert placed first in tennis singles. In 1v1 under 6 foot basketball, brother Andrew Buyle

obtained the victory. Additionally, brother Levi Gauby was the overall champion in darts. Along with these championship wins, the men of Alpha Iota performed exceptionally well in countless events.

All-in-all this past semester has been yet another successful feat. With the way things are looking, it is possible for Theta Xi to place first in intramurals for the third year in a row. But that will not happen by accident, it will require diligence and tenacity throughout the upcoming semester. While Alpha Iota can celebrate a successful fall season, it is imperative that they recognize the work ahead of them that is necessary to secure the first-place ranking in intramurals this year.



Brothers Nate Hartter, Andrew LeBourveau, Sam Ockerhausen, Syrus Herz, and Will Erickson out pace the competition in cross country



The house volleyball team celebrates the championship win



The house swim team revels in placing first in the swim meet



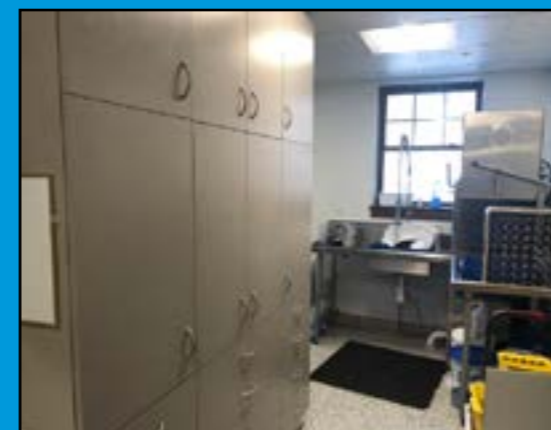
# NEW ADDITION

One of the significant aspects of the new section to the house was the addition of a new library. This brand new study space has been utilized to aid each person in his endeavor for knowledge. Throughout the semester, men could be found using "the study" as it was coined. The sizable table in the center of the room was actually constructed using the wood from the trunk of the large oak tree that originally occupied the house's lawn. This spacious table allows many people to fit around it at any given time. Study groups easily utilized the space to work together to solve problems. Likewise, group projects were more readily accomplished as collaboration was encouraged. This new addition to the Alpha Iota house has been one of many positive aspects introduced via these renovations.



# OTHER UPDATES

Along with the new addition, other parts of the house experienced a significant renovation. Two examples of this remodelling are in the kitchen and the bathrooms throughout the house. The kitchen, as shown to the left, was updated with new cabinets, floors, and a larger pantry. The bathrooms, as shown below, also underwent a refurbishment with new sinks, fixtures, and other facilities. All of the renovations done to the house have been a major improvement and all the men of Alpha Iota are grateful for the work and dedication put into it by alumni.





2018 WASSAIL



## Brothers,

I am looking forward to serving as the next secretary of the Alpha Iota chapter of Theta Xi. My goal is to use the exemplary work left by the past secretaries as a foundation to base my work off of. The secretaries that have come before me have left big shoes to fill, but I am ready for the challenge that awaits.

One of the many things I am looking forward to is our brand new website. The outstanding renovations of 1803 Laramie called for a new, modern website that matched our upgraded house. Throughout my term as secretary I will be updating the website with new information. Therefore, if you are ever curious as to what the men

of Alpha Iota are up to, head to [ksuthetaxi.com](http://ksuthetaxi.com). One of the projects I will be working on throughout this semester is creating a new video tour of the house. It is important that we have an updated video for anyone looking to rush Theta Xi.

This fall semester was an amazing experience and we have much to be proud of here at Alpha Iota. With that being said, there is plenty to look forward to this spring semester and I cannot wait to see what lies in store for all of us.

If you ever have any questions about anything regarding this chapter of Theta Xi, feel free to reach out to me.



YITB,

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