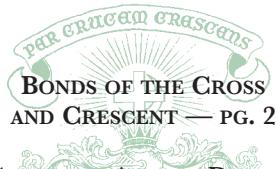


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DEDICATED TO THE BROTHERHOOD

Gamma-Rho Zeta Rebuilds Intramural Wall

Lambda Chi Alpha has dominated the intramural championship at the University of Oklahoma for the past 35 years, winning more than 65% of the annual championships. Each year that brought a new trophy, we added it to our intramural wall around the basketball court behind the Chapter House. However, the house refurbishment a few years ago removed the wall and it was not recreated.

Enter **Josh Cardosi, IP 2710**, an active member that held the office of High Rho a couple of years ago. Josh writes that the desire to do a new wall was brought up to him by alumni and actives alike. With the help of **Michael Nash, IP 2253**, former High Alpha, and **Mom Roberts**, the process began. Josh researched the intramural database and old pictures of the previous wall with the help of High Pi **Roger Lalli, IP 1894**.

Josh created a GoFundMe account and manned a donation booth at every home football game tailgate over a two-year period to raise the necessary funds. The wall was rebuilt by Norman Fence Company and Lisa Air painted the championship years. Congratulations to Josh for a job well done and thanks from all our alumni.

In Z.A.X.,
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The original west fence surrounding the basketball court at 904 College.



Loyal alumni, parents, and friends of Gamma-Rho Zeta raised the funds needed to rebuild the intramural wall in 2017.



Bonds of the Cross and Crescent

Michael Brandon Johnson, GP 1903 Reflects on Gamma-Rho Zeta Experience

When Michael “Brandon” Johnson, GP 1903 was first introduced to Gamma-Rho Zeta by his best friend, Timothy “Luke” Abel, GP 1827, he immediately felt a connection to the brotherhood. “Once I met members from all different pledge classes during recruitment, I knew I had met a group of like-minded men that would become a valuable part of my life.”

Throughout his undergraduate career at the University of Oklahoma, Brandon was constantly supported by his brothers to achieve his goals. Whether celebrating top grades or participating in U Sing and intramurals, he was always proud to call himself a Lambda Chi Alpha. “We had a group of talented men in the Chapter House, and I was provided with great examples and mentors to challenge myself.”

Brandon remembers understanding what hard work and the success that follows suit looks like from interacting with his Gamma-Rho Zeta brothers. His aspirations to attend medical school were all the more attainable by him staying true to these values. He attended the University of Oklahoma’s medical school with his roommate from the Chapter House. “To me, it was important to see this type of dedication on a daily



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He advises undergraduate members in a similar fashion. Obtaining goals is purely hard work. “What you do every day is what determines your success. Putting in that extra hour two can make all the difference because without it, you would not be challenging yourself to become the best.”

For Brandon, the influence of Lambda Chi Alpha did not stop when he became an alumnus. Instead, his connection to his brothers has only become stronger as he remains in touch with many friends from his hometown and other professionals in the Oklahoma City area. “This connection of being a Lambda Chi even extends beyond the local level. When I first met my brother-in-law, we had the instantaneous connection from the fraternity. Even though we pledged at different chapters, the bond is still there.”

Brandon is a fellowship-trained hip preservation specialist in Oklahoma City, Okla., where his roommate from sophomore year is also his surgical partner. He can be reached at mbdonjohn@gmail.com.

THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNI Show Your Support for Gamma-Rho Zeta Today

In fall 2017, 20 generous alumni responded to our call for support and donated more than \$33,735 to Gamma-Rho Zeta. These funds were used to provide scholarships and leadership opportunities, contribute to our capital campaign efforts, strengthen our alumni relations program, and create our memorial walkway. Supporting these opportunities helps us continue Gamma-Rho Zeta’s legacy at the University of Oklahoma. Donors are listed in their cumulative giving level.

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LEADING THE GREEK COMMUNITY

GAMMA-RHO ZETA PLACES FOURTH FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMICS

Lambda Chi Alpha has a rich tradition at the University of Oklahoma, and our active members continue to carry on this legacy. Our Chapter produces many of the finest leaders on campus, excels in academics, and creates lifelong friendships.

GAMMA-RHO ZETA PLACES FOURTH IN ACADEMICS

The hard work of our members and associate members in the classroom was apparent through our fourth-place finish in grades for the fall semester with a 3.18 GPA. Through our Chapter-wide incentive programs, including the reintroduction of the 4.0 GPA dinner, and our collaborative learning opportunities advertised through our High Sigma, the Chapter continues to make academics a top priority. The Chapter will strive to place first in academics for the spring semester.

The Chapter's new member education program continues to instill the values that we hold dear. This was evident through the initiation of 47 out of 53 associate members this last fall. As the new member program continues to improve, we fight diligently against the growing stigma associated with fraternity education.

CHAPTER EXCELS IN CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Gamma Rho continues to set the bar when it comes to on and off campus involvement. Our members hold various leadership positions on campus including the Relay for Life chairman and homecoming court nominee ([Alex Berney, GP 2658](#)), former Student Government Association president ([J.D. Baker, GP 2648](#)), and the VP of finance for the Interfraternity Council ([Carter Pettigrew, GP 2768](#)). [Luke Hudson, GP 2769](#), will soon be honored at the upcoming Fraternity and Sorority Student Life awards ceremony for his outstanding accomplishments in community service through his volunteerism at Life Church in Norman. As the Chapter closes in on its goal to log 4,000 community service hours, we are offering new opportunities for our members to get involved this

semester, including a service day at the regional food bank. With an intense focus on philanthropy for the upcoming year, we hope to reestablish the historic White Rose Pageant benefiting Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Norman. The Chapter is currently trailing first place in intramurals by 35 points with numerous opportunities left to take the lead. The pursuit of yet another intramural championship will be spearheaded by our fearless Intramural Chairman [Alex Jensen, GP 2763](#).

ALUMNI, RECONNECT WITH GAMMA-RHO ZETA

It is an exciting time for alumni involvement with many new opportunities for engagement with the Chapter. Through collaboration with the Gamma Rho Alumni Association and High Rho [Aidan O'Brien, GP 2822](#), we are coming up with new ways for alumni to reconnect and engage with the Chapter. To stay up to date with alumni events, networking opportunities, and more:

- Join our Facebook page, OU Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni.
- Join our LinkedIn page by searching Lambda Chi Alpha - University of Oklahoma.
- Update your contact information at [www.oulambda.com](#) through the alumni tab on the homepage.
- Contact High Rho Aidan at aidan.m.obrien-1@ou.edu.

The Gamma-Rho Chapter is looking forward to a well-rounded year that includes philanthropy, academia, and service. I would like to thank our incredible housemother, [Mom Roberts](#), and outstanding Chapter Advisor, [Rodger Lalli, GP 1894](#), for their dedication and hard work devoted to the Chapter.

In Z.A.X.,

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Join us for the annual Loyd Harris Alumni Golf Tournament



See website for registration
information: www.chopclassic.com

Contact **Todd Kahoe, GP 1619** at
tkahoe99@yahoo.com with any questions.

Save the Date

April 14 - OU spring game

May 5 - Norman alumni meet and greet
with a wine and cheese reception, time TBA

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