



# CHI PHI NEWSLETTER

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## From the Desk of the Alpha

Brothers,

I hope this newsletter serves you well in providing new information concerning the Alpha Theta Chi Chapter at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. As you may know, the chapter implemented a paradigm shift that was made to help grow the Chapter from an undergraduate perspective; not a National Staff or outside perspective. We based the model off of what is going to build a bigger and stronger chapter. The model included combining roles to eliminate lost spots, spots that would otherwise be empty or not done to the extent the Chapter needs. The plan has allowed for the establishment of a pure social committee made up of other officer positions rather than chairmen, and an exclusive executive team.

The plan has succeeded beyond expectation, and the chapter is doing well in all aspects. With the addition of four new men to the chapter, including an advisor, the Alpha Theta Chi's will ensure its existence for years to come.

With chapter efficiency being at an all-time high, Alpha Theta Chi will arguably end its best semester it has had in six years. The chapter is in great standing with Greek Affairs and the National Staff, and brotherhood has never been stronger. Check out our constantly updated website, get excited for the chapter's first philanthropy next semester, and always support the Alpha Theta Chi's.

Truth, Honor, and Personal Integrity always hold.

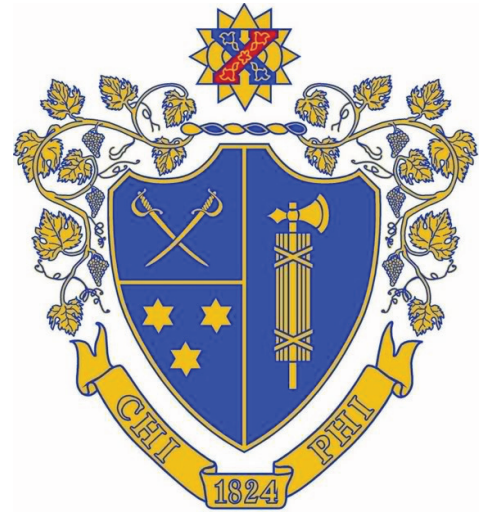
Fraternally,

Tim Uryasz  
Alpha



## Upcoming Events

April 10th: Antelope Valley Project Starts  
April 11th: Monthly Dinner (with alumni)  
April 16th: Spring Game Tailgate Party  
April 17th: Initiation and Candle Ceremony  
April 20th: Study night 6-8 pm  
April 25th: Paintball!!!!  
April 26th/28th: Study nights 6-8 pm  
April 30th: (Tenative Date) Zoo Trip



### Regional Leadership Alliance

From February 4th through the 6th, an RLA was held in Austin, Texas, with a couple other Texas Chapters. Tim Uryasz, Joe Putjenter, Evan Keelan-White, Ryan Riss, Paul Smith, and Christian Sypavongsey travelled through a snowy Oklahoma to get to Austin at 5am, only to go to meetings at 8. The next day was a success, with discussions on the values of the fraternity, benefits and consequences of a given chapter's actions, the rituals within the fraternity, what they mean to the fraternity as a whole, and many other topics that benefited the brothers there. Joe and Tim also participated in what was called the "Alpha Track", which discussed things along the lines of leadership, meeting conduct, communication enhancement, etc. After lunch, the Alpha track and the rest of the members grouped together again to have discussions that interested the members themselves, instead of just a scheduled event. Within that time, we got insight into committee formation, website details, and other details of chapter life. After RLA was dismissed for the day, the Alpha Theta Chi Chapter got a chance to tour the campus before going to Brother Eric Thorson's apartment to settle down for the night. On the drive back, The superbowl was played on the car radio, and SOME of us got excited when the Packer's won.

### Antelope Valley Cleanup Project

This year, after the Big Event on April 9th, Chi Phi will be in charge of cleaning up the section of Antelope Valley between "O" street and the Bob Devaney Center. The Chapter will be recognized with two signs in the valley, and it will also generate a great opportunity for the members of Chi Phi to do community service outside of what they already do. The paperwork for the "adoption" of the valley was taken care of by our own Cori Curtis, one of our graduating brothers; and Tim Uryasz. The idea was brought forth by Perry Pirsch.



### Spring Game Tailgate

As it is tradition, the Chapter will be having a tailgate party at the chapter lot on April 16th, before the annual red and white game in memorial Stadium. Alumni, actives, and pledges are all welcome to come and celebrate with Chi Phi.

### Marriage!

Congratulations to Kyle McClellan and Kristina Debus for their engagement! They are getting married on July 30th in Gregory, SD. Come support our brother and sister in a long and happy life together, and wish them well!



### Alumni Golf Outing

The Alumni are having their annual Golf Tournament on the 30th of July, at Highlands Golf Course in Lincoln, NE. Every year, a couple foursomes of undergrads and a couple foursomes of alumni get together on the last weekend in July to compete in a friendly game of golf, and then afterward relax and have a meal together.

### Intramurals

Chi Phi is participating in two intramural sports this spring, Softball with Alpha Delta Pi sorority, and dodgeball. The regular season games are over by now, but we will post the game schedule for playoffs on the website as soon as we have it.

### Inter-fraternity Families

To create bonds within the Chapter, Chi Phi has decided to create three inter-fraternity Families, all incorporating a senior, a junior, a sophomore, and a freshman. The families all have a budgeted amount of money to spend each month, and will grow in membership as new brothers are added to the chapter as a whole. This will create the potential for even stronger friendships than normal, and allow for some friendly “family feuds” between the three families.

### National Congress

Brothers Paul Smith and Evan Keelan-White have been elected as this summer’s Chapter representatives at National Congress in Orlando, Florida from June 23rd to June 26th. Thanks to the Alumni Association for supporting our Chapter each year to go to National Congress





## Community Service

### Fire Alarm Rally

For the opening of greek week, on March 6th, Chi Phi and many other Greek organizations on UNL's Campus gathered and helped the Lincoln Fire department put in over one thousand new smoke detectors in an area that Lincoln has had the cities worst history of fires. The new detector's were put in over a to last at least ten years, and be more convenient to the tenants of the houses and apartments they went in to. Paul Smith, Christian Sy-pavngsey and Zach Fischer attended.



### Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society held their "Relay For Life" fundraiser in the Cook Pavilion on April 2nd, where teams are set up between various student organizations and there are people walking laps around the field from 6pm to 6am, as well as remembering survivors and those lost to cancer in a Ceremony performed near midnight. Chi Phi formed a team of about 8 people and helped that night.



### Big Event

Every Year, the University hosts one day where about 1700 people unite and go do various jobs of community service in the Lincoln community. Chi Phi gathered a team to meet in the early hours of the morning and help the cause with many other groups. (need more, please give story to me by tomorrow, i wasn't there)





## CHI PHI'S GRADUATING CLASS



Cori Curtis



Justin Hicks

## CHI PHI IS EXCITED TO WELCOME THREE NEW BROTHERS!



### Daniel Finkner

The other day, on my way home, I stopped at a friend's house. As I got out of my car, I smelled the mild aroma of cow manure. I excitedly exclaimed, "Cow manure!" and proceeded to take a deep breath. If I had to sum me up in two sentences, it'd go something like this: Basically, I like dirt, grass, fresh food, and sleeping with the sun; I hate artificial lights, concrete, and cities. I have found answers to life because I dwell on the things of the earth from which we came but more importantly because I dwell on the things of the One who created it.

My name is Daniel "Theman" Finkner. I am a freshman at UNL, studying Industrial Engineering. I was active in the Abel Residence Association first semester, am currently active in Navigators and Chi Phi fraternity (that's 'duh' humor...haha), and am technically a member of the paintball club. For the last ten years or so, I was involved with my family's lawn care business, Countryside Lawn Care, during the summer. For three years, I volunteered at Timberlake--a summer camp in Midwest Nebraska where I will be working summer 2011-- and I went on annual missions trips to the Mexican border-town of Mexicali. In high school, I participated in football student-managing, basketball, competitive speaking, class play, Future Business Leaders of America, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I went to and graduated from Daniel Freeman Public School, a small school located in Adams, NE, a town from which I am a Third-generation Finkner. Other than the past year while attending UNL, I have lived my entire significant life in the Adams countryside, less than 30 miles from the original homestead of my great great great Grandfather Thomas LePoidevin. My great Grandma would have told you that he was the first homesteader of Gage County, Nebraska, which is more-or-less true. As I look to the years to come, I am excited to see how Alpha Theta Chi will grow, and how Chi Phi will grow me. And because I feel I cannot end this script without a cliff-hanger, a closing quote:

"The past is fixed, so to be there is to be stuck there. We cannot change the past; however, the future is ever-changing. Our focus should be on the future. But to forget the past is to forget who we are. It is good to remember but not to be stuck."

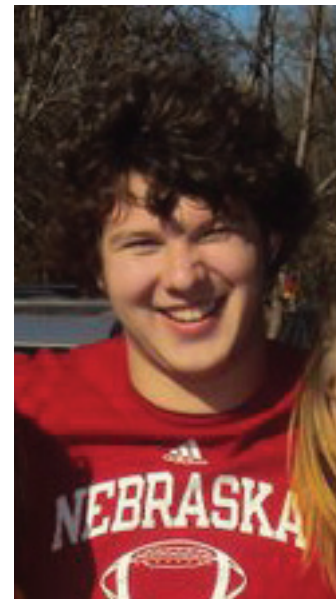


### Daniel Henry

Hello my name is Daniel Alexander Roy Henry, I am 19 years old and the youngest of three. My family and I were originally all born in Jamaica and then moved to Florida five years after I was born. We then lived in Florida for six years and then moved to Texas, to where we live to present day. So, I basically grew up in Texas to where I first join a orchestra during 5th grade and been in it ever since. I now know how to play three stringed instruments which are viola, violin, and cello. Texas also drew me to the thing I am best known for which is football. I have been playing football since I was in the second grade. I also played ever other sport except baseball, but football was my pride and joy. I loved it so much I decided to continue playing it in college to where I am currently playing at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln as a freshmen. Although people may first perceive me as a dumb jock who just likes to wear tight tee shirts they quickly find out that I am actually a nice sentmental person who puts others first and has some intelligence.

### Zach Fischer

My name is Zach Fischer. I was born on August 10, 1991 to Mary and Dana Fischer. I am from McHenry, Illinois. I have grown up in McHenry my entire life where I have played various sports growing up such as soccer, baseball, and golf. I attended McHenry High School West Campus. While attending McHenry High School I played golf, swimming, and water polo. Where our water polo team made the Illinois state tournament two years in a row. I love to hang out with friends and just have a good time. I also have two sisters. I look forward to what I can accomplish in the rest of my life.



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