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After a successful fall semester and Holiday break, the men of UNO Delta Chi returned with a bold and exciting vision for the upcoming semester. After having nearly doubled in size during the fall semester, many new members were ready to take on the challenge of continuing the great work of our organization. On the weekend of January 15th, 2021, Anakin LeGrand (A) attended the annual A's Academy hosted by Delta Chi International Headquarters. Every year, Headquarters brings together all of the chapter and colony presidents from across the continent to participate in a weekend long leadership retreat. Unfortunately, this retreat had to be moved online due to the pandemic; however, this experience was nevertheless an excellent experience for our A, Anakin LeGrand. According to Anakin, his biggest takeaway from A's Academy was the connection he made with other chapter presidents in our region. While at the A's Academy, Anakin gained necessary resources to fulfill his role as A as well as new and exciting insight that will help him lead in the year to come.

Spring semester recruitment started well before the semester began. In December 2020, members of the recruitment committee began forming a rigorous and comprehensive schedule for recruitment. This schedule included multiple recurring virtual events. Potential new members were invited to participate in "Meet the Brothers" events as well as Kahoot and Jackbox Games nights. In addition to the open events, recruitment chairs Nolan Speicher and Grant Kowalski scheduled dozens of one to ones with potential new members. When asked about this recruitment cycle, Grant Kowalski commented, "Recruitment this semester went great! We battled COVID-19 once again, but we were able to learn and improve our techniques from the fall semester and gathered a very strong Delta Class." At the end of the process, UNO Delta Chi pinned 14 new members in virtual pinning ceremonies.

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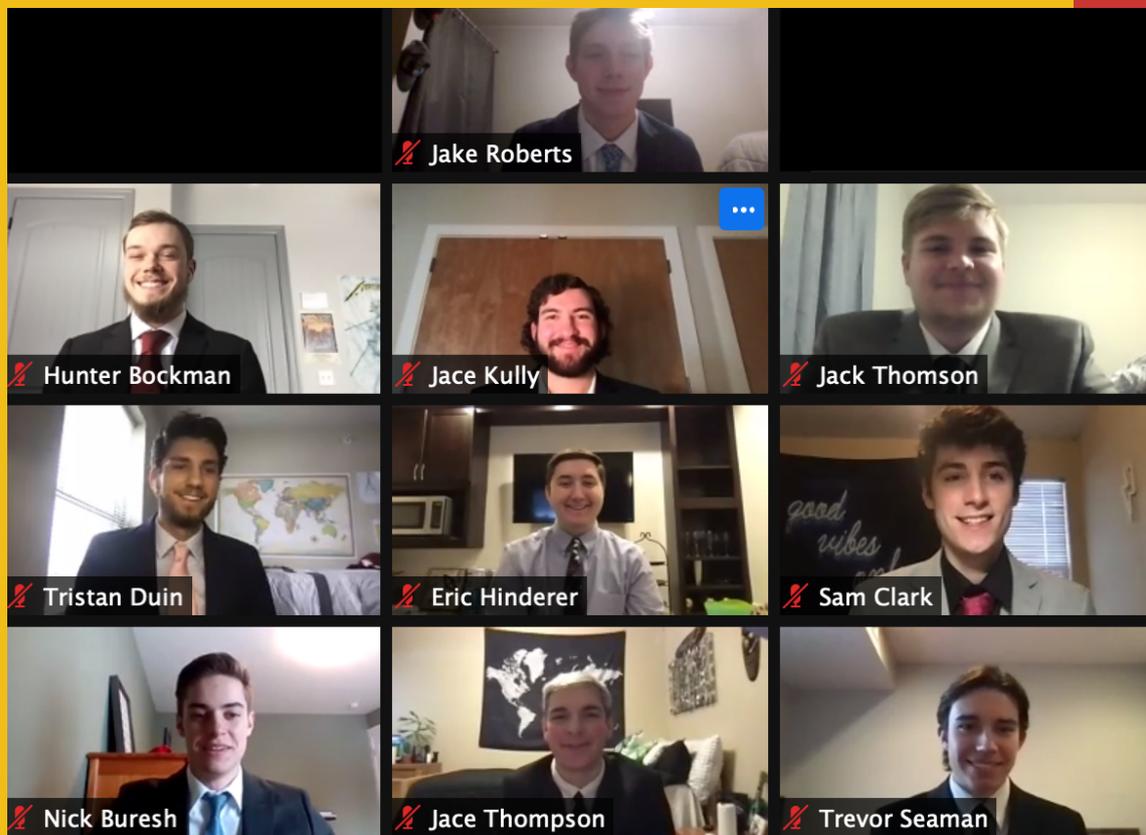
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The associate members pictured to the side are Jake Roberts, Hunter Bockman, Jace Kully, Jack Thompson, Tristan Duin, Eric Hinderer, Sam Clark, Nick Buresh, Jace Thompson, and Trevor Seaman. (Not Pictured: Ben DeMayo, David Saenz-Zuniga, John Christensen, Alex Miranda)

Recently, our new Membership Development chairman Josh Trede and his committee spearheaded an initiative called "developMENT". The purpose of the initiative is to maximize the committee's productivity as ultimately, the purpose of a fraternity as a whole is to develop its members. The developMENT initiative has taken the form of biweekly workshops, seminars, or other similarly discussion-based events that highlight some basics of developing oneself both professionally and personally in areas that are under-taught or underrepresented in our education, but still essential. Some of the topics targeted by the committee include how to properly set goals, basic financial knowledge for college students, fine-tuning a resume, cooking and baking skills, job interview tips, what to look for when renting your first house or apartment, and much more! In essence, the goal of the Membership Development committee is to single out skills that are essential for success and well-being as a young man in this world, but simultaneously seldom taught in the classroom and otherwise difficult for a young man to learn on his own. Trade hopes these membership developMENT nights "create a culture of constant learning and improvement as men." So far, Trede and the committee have hosted several informative sessions!

Over the last several weeks, Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) President Manny Macias, Anakin LeGrand (A), and Flopateer Habib (E) have met to begin planning for the new Omaha Chapter ABT. The three discussed potential structure for the new board, alumni outreach tactics, and the overall vision of the role the board will play in the life of UNO Delta Chi. Our chapter is currently looking for more people to join the ABT! If you are interested, please reach out to Flopateer Habib at unodeltachi.alumni@gmail.com!

On February 20th, Dance Marathon Chairman Lucas Gappa and active member Dominick Lange hosted a successful gaming event with our Miracle Kid, Easton. During this event, Easton played some of his favorite video games with Delta Chi members while Dominick streamed to Twitch. Viewers who were tuned in to see Easton play donated a collective \$350. These funds will go to aid Easton who suffers from chronic illness.

Dear comrades let our voices mingle, In strains that set our hearts a glow, In songs that set our hearts a tingle, The merry songs of long ago. And if you ask me for the dearest, Ill bid you raise your voices high, And sing what to your heart nearest, The praise of dear old Delta Chi.

The Delta Chi Bond Song



Why did you want to attend RLC?

"Because I love meeting new people, I know that I have a passion for recruitment. I went to the Regional Leadership Conference because it was a good opportunity to learn more about recruitment and build my leadership skills. "

- Andrew Lindemeier,
Active Member

Annually, UNO Delta Chi hosts a philanthropic event called Dare a Delta Chi to raise funds for our local philanthropy partner, the Ronald McDonald House. Due to obvious current limitations on events, Philanthropy Chair Bryan Carver brainstormed alternative options and decided to move Dare a Delta Chi to Instagram. Several Active and Associate members signed up to be targets to a series of specific dares determined by the philanthropy committee. Each dare had a certain price, and examples of dares included recreating tik tok dances and waxing legs. People simply sent a venmo payment to UNO Delta Chi and the participants filmed a video for social media fulfilling the dare. At the end of the event, Dare a Delta Chi raised around \$669 dollars to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha!

On Saturday, February 27th, several Active and Associate members attended the 2021 Region 3 & 4 Regional Leadership Conference. This event was an all-day virtual event that brought together Delta Chi undergraduates and alumni from across the Great Plains and Midwest. Members participated in sessions specific to their leadership position or interest. In addition, the conference included several general sessions which featured presentations from the Region IV Regent, Mark Sexton and International President (AA), Aaron Otto. Executive Board members were equipped with resources, ideas, and tactics that will surely help guide them in their roles over the upcoming year.