

# The Iota Iota Messenger

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## Big Changes Bring New Excitement for Iota Iota Chapter *Alumni Proud of Capital Campaign Success, Elite Standing at UA*

2016 has been a busy year for the Iota Iota House Corporation. We elected new officers; Brother **Bill Stiers '86** was elected president and I was elected as vice president. We also welcomed a new housemother, Mrs. Rhea Nix, and got her settled into her "new house" at the beginning of the fall semester. She has been an outstanding addition to the chapter and has been warmly received by "her boys." On top of those changes, the Iota Iota Chapter was finally moved from our temporary assignment in the "South Alabama" province to our permanent assignment in the "North Alabama" province, as was the plan nearly five years ago when the Alabama province was split to accommodate the growth of new chapters into our order. With that reassignment, we began working with our new Grand Praetor, Michael Ciatto, who is based in Atlanta. This transition has gone remarkably well, and Brother Ciatto has been welcomed with warm regards by both undergraduate members as well as our loyal alumni.



On top of all those changes, we held our inaugural Fall Career Week in Tuscaloosa, where many of our alumni met with undergraduates one on one to discuss career paths in the industries where they work, as well as connect the undergraduates to a vast Sigma Chi network. We will hold a Spring Career Week that will focus on resumes and interview skills. Also, the capital campaign has been in full swing to continue to raise needed funds to help support the fantastic new house we

moved into nearly three years ago on University Blvd. I can tell you from personal experience, the Iota Iota House is one of the finest (if not THE finest) houses in all of Sigma Chi. What we have at Alabama is a facility that exceeds our grandest plans and offers our undergraduate brothers a fraternity experience unmatched across the Sigma Chi landscape in both the U.S. and Canada, and it arguably is not even the grandest house on campus! What is happening

with the Greek housing system at Alabama is unparalleled across the Greek world. Obviously an asset this grand requires significant love and care. The members of the Iota Iota House Corporation are committed to ensuring that care.

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## IOTA IOTA MEMBERS LEAD BY EXAMPLE

### Chapter Cultivates Success in Academics, Philanthropy, and Recruitment

The Iota Iota Chapter has experienced great success and growth over the past couple of semesters. We developed a Standard Man Program, which outlines benchmarks in seven areas of excellence each Iota Iota brother and pledge should strive to achieve. Our seven areas include scholarship, financial, chapter involvement, campus involvement, community service, ritual, and Greek relations. In addition, we expanded our committee system within Iota Iota so each brother can help contribute to the betterment of our chapter.

#### Chapter Secures Competitive Academic Ranking

The Iota Iota Chapter dominated in the classroom, securing a GPA of 3.22 for the spring 2016 semester. Our GPA placed us seventh among IFC fraternities, which is a vast improvement from our standing in years prior. Our scholarship chairmen are hard at work, providing study halls for both brothers and pledges three days a week.

#### Philanthropic Efforts Yield More Than \$25,000 in Donations

We held Derby Days in spring 2016 and I am proud to report that our chapter donated \$25,000 to Children's Hospital of Alabama, which will help them continue their specialized care for ill and injured children.

Additionally, as a prize for Pi Beta Phi, the winning sorority, we donated \$3,000 to the Pi Beta Phi Foundation as they continue their quest to improve literacy among children. Our chapter has partnered with several other philanthropic organizations, including Shades for Sage, UADM, Alabama Greek Missions, and Delta Gamma Anchor Splash.

#### Undergraduates Recruit 54, Launch New Pledge Program

Our chapter welcomed 54 fine young men this fall as they completed the newly established Preparation for Brotherhood pledge program. The program combines online learning with experiential activities to teach the pledges our values and history while smoothly integrating them into our chapter.

#### Revamping Chapter Operations

The chapter recently completed a Mission 365 program, in which we learned fundamental recruitment practices to allow us to continue to recruit the best and the brightest. We will also conduct a risk intervention program so we can review our risk management practices and learn the best steps for preventing and dealing with crises. We are excited to have a ritual peer

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attend our initiation and chapter meeting to evaluate us on our ritual knowledge.

## Iota Iota Celebrates 140 Years of Excellence, Plans for the Future

This year, we are celebrating our chapter’s 140-year anniversary at the University of Alabama. We will hold a big Alumni/Parent Weekend in spring 2017. We also had Career Week this fall, where Sigma Chi alumni in various lines of work came to our chapter house and advised us on the life skills required to succeed post-college.

Iota Iota Chapter has battled through adversity the past couple years to emerge as an even stronger chapter. The brothers are excited to continue our steps toward excellence. If you want to recommend a young man for recruitment, please feel free to reach out to Recruitment Chairman **Adam Higginbotham ’19** at [ajhigginbotham@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:ajhigginbotham@crimson.ua.edu). Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the Iota Iota Chapter. Roll Tide!



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**ATTENTION:** *This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending The University of Alabama, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address. Thank you.*

## Welcome, New Members

**Foster Askew** • Houston, Texas  
**Riley Barrett** • Bend, Ore.  
**Logan Beyer** • Panama City Beach, Fla.  
**Nicholas Bien** • Fresno, Calif.  
**Thomas Blake** • Walnut Creek, Calif.  
**Sam Blanchet** • Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Jon Blunk** • Tewksbury, N.J.  
**Peyton Bramblett** • Harahan, L.A.  
**Judson Bristow** • West Point, Miss.  
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**Mitch Doran** • Fairview, Texas  
**Ty Floyd** • Houston, Texas  
**Dillon Friday** • Huntsville, Ala.  
**Luke Geiser** • Louisville, Ky.  
**Sean Haggerty** • Dublin, Calif.  
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**Sean Harvey** • Vero Beach, Fla.  
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**Benjamin Honan** • Mountain Brook, Ala.  
**Tyler Howell** • Spanish Fort, Ala.  
**Hayden Hughes** • Eugene, Ore.  
**Benjamin Jackson** • Nashville, Tenn.

**Jake Johnson** • Houston, Texas  
**Colton Kline** • Cincinnati, Ohio  
**Ryan Lannert** • Mt. Prospect, Ill.  
**Aidan Lavelle** • Rye, N.Y.  
**Ben Manush** • Huntsville, Ala.  
**Johnny McGrail** • Washington, D.C.  
**Michael Miller** • Naperville, Ill.  
**Ty Morin** • Coppell, Texas  
**John Mueller** • Louisville, Ky.  
**Max Murray** • Huntsville, Ala.  
**John Papandon** • Malvern, Pa.  
**Ben Parker** • Mountain Brook, Ala.  
**Cary Racioppi** • Alpharetta, Ga.  
**Dean Reynolds** • Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
**Brad Rothenberger** • Naperville, Ill.  
**Holden Rowe** • Gadsden, Ala.  
**Ryan Sorkin** • Potomac, Md.  
**Keaton Spitler** • Sellersburg, Ind.  
**Thomas Sullivan** • Mclean, Va.  
**Kevin Sweeney** • Keller, Texas  
**Bennett Theriot** • Louisville, Ky.  
**Greg Traller** • Huntsville, Ala.  
**John Turner** • Dothan, Ala.  
**Aaron Vander Linde** • Hinsdale, Ill.  
**Jeff Wenzel** • Medway, Mass.  
**Kyle Williams** • Nashville, Tenn.  
**Peter Williams** • Simsbury, Conn.

## Recruitment Recommendation

Iota Iota is always looking for new members to join our fraternity. We count on our alumni to make recommendations for those who they think would uphold our Sigma Chi ideals. If you know of a potential new member, please mail this form to Iota Iota Corporation, P.O. Box 3184, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

Prospect’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Does prospect have a ΣX relative? \_\_\_\_\_

Reference submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_