

# The Iota Iota Messenger

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## MAINTAINING AN EXCEPTIONAL HOME

### Iota Iota's Latest House Updates

The Iota Iota House Corporation continues to oversee the chapter facilities, and we are all set for another great year for 2025-26.

This summer saw some improvements to the band room with additional stage platforms and portable crowd-control safety barriers for use there as well as in the courtyard and front yard during events. We also painted and repaired items on the front porch and in the courtyard in addition to working on window frames and door trim. Resurfacing and staining the front porch concrete walkway area was also included in the annual preventative maintenance projects.

We are working with a well-respected interior designer for updates to the ladies' room and the addition of Turkish area rugs in the study and foyer. We have again extended the dining room services contract with Upper Crust Food Service and continue to receive positive feedback from our members as well as guests who have enjoyed a meal at the house while visiting. We recently upgraded our commercial-grade refrigerator-freezer combo to assist our kitchen staff.

This has been widely communicated, but I want to yet again congratulate Brothers **Eddie Lumpkin '74** and **David Kiger '85** on their designation as Significant Sigs at Grand Chapter this summer in Denver.

As of this printing, we don't have any other major initiatives planned but will continue to follow the invaluable advice of House Director Mrs. Rhae Nix, as always. I will say it again: the smooth operations at the house would not be as "smooth" without her dedicated efforts.

In hoc,  
**Will Yeldell '86**  
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Connor Hux '26 is joined by Will Yeldell '86, Significant Sig Eddie Lumpkin '74, Bill Stiers '86, Chapter Advisor Bob Loftin '79, and Dan Fugazzi '85 at Grand Chapter in Denver, Colorado.



Garrett Walker '28 and Nelson Leithead '28 accept the Peterson Award with Grand Consul Ryan Timbe and International Sweetheart Kenzie Loomis.

### Chapter Goals



Continue our academic excellence this semester by maintaining last semester's GPA.



Work to host an event with Sigma Chi's new partner, the American Red Cross.



Obtain another Peterson Significant Chapter Award.

## SAVE the DATE

The 150th anniversary celebration of Iota Iota will be hosted on **Saturday, April 11, 2026** in Birmingham at The Fenec.

*More details to be shared soon.*

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Join us!*

The chapter house will continue to be open for all home football games, so if you want to come by and see our house and show it off to family and friends, please make sure to visit!

### THIS YEAR'S HOME GAMES:

- Sept. 6 vs. ULM
- Sept. 13 vs. Wisconsin
- Oct. 4 vs. Vanderbilt
- Oct. 18 vs. Tennessee
- Nov. 8 vs. LSU
- Nov. 15 vs. Oklahoma (Homecoming)
- Nov. 22 vs. Eastern Illinois

## The Kind of Man You'd Stand Beside

Think of the men you'd trust in your corner—the ones who...

- ✓ SHOW UP
- ✓ LEAD BY EXAMPLE
- ✓ MAKE OTHERS BETTER

That's the kind of man we're looking for to join Iota Iota.

If you know a young man who fits that description, we want to meet him! Please send his info to Recruitment Chairman **Jackson Graham '27** at [jgraham8@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:jgraham8@crimson.ua.edu) or (334) 740-7241 so we can get in touch and show him what our brotherhood is all about. Be sure to include his name, year in school, email, and why you think he'll be a good fit.

# Share Your Latest News

Update Your Information!



In this issue of *The Iota Iota Messenger*, we've included a bio update form. Please take a moment to review and update your details, and you can return the form by mail or digitally.

We would also like to hear about your recent endeavors and those of your Iota Iota peers. Your updates could be shared in the alumni news section of our next issue!

*More instructions can be found on the form.*

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*Brothers Samuel Redelsheimer '27 and Nelson Leithead '28 gather with others for a group photo during the Huntsman Retreat of Excellence.*



*Iota Iota brothers tour Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium as a reward for winning the IFC recycling competition.*

## IOTA IOTA EXCELS ON CAMPUS AND BEYOND

*Brothers Build on Positive Momentum*

This spring, our chapter reached new heights under the leadership of Philanthropy Chairman **Samuel Redelsheimer '27**.

During Derby Days, we raised a record-breaking \$50,000—setting a new chapter benchmark and ranking us 28th internationally among Sigma Chi chapters.

This tremendous accomplishment not only reflects our commitment to service but also earned Samuel and **Nelson Leithead '28** invitations to the prestigious Huntsman Retreat of Excellence. At the retreat, they toured the Huntsman Cancer Institute and connected with staff, brothers, and sweethearts who are united behind this life-changing cause.

In addition to our philanthropic success, we demonstrated a strong commitment to sustainability. Our chapter won the IFC Recycling Competition by recycling 821 pounds in a single month, the most of any participating fraternity. As a reward, our chapter received a private tour of Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium—an exciting and well-earned experience.

Academically, we continued to improve, raising our chapter GPA to 3.39. This placed us sixth among all IFC fraternities and highlights our dedication to academic excellence alongside our other pursuits.

As Consul, I represented Iota Iota Chapter at Sigma Chi's Grand Chapter in Denver, Colorado, from June 26-29. While there, I had the opportunity to network with international officers and Iota Iota alumni, helping to strengthen the ties between our undergraduate members and our alumni community.

This summer, we also sent two brothers—**Garrett Walker '28** and Nelson Leithead—to the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop, Sigma Chi's premier leadership development event. While there, our chapter was honored with the J. Dwight Peterson Significant Chapter Award, the highest distinction a chapter can earn. This award recognizes excellence in academics, philanthropy, recruitment, leadership, and adherence to Sigma Chi's values and rituals.

As we look ahead, we are incredibly proud of what we've accomplished and excited to continue building on this momentum. These achievements are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and brotherhood that define our chapter and the values we strive to uphold every day.

In hoc,  
**Connor Hux '26**  
Consul

*The winning banners from this year's Derby Days banner competition.*

