

The Iota Iota Messenger



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Setting the Stage for 150 Years

IOTA IOTA CULTIVATES MEANINGFUL GROWTH

Iota Iota built momentum in 2025 through strong leadership, measurable achievement, and a clear focus on friendship, justice, and learning. The chapter earned a J. Dwight Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award for our chapter activities, and we look forward to what the new year brings.

The chapter initiated 54 members in the fall, a continuous hallmark of our commitment to growth at The University of Alabama. New Member Educator **Jacob Cox '27** and Recruitment Chairman **Jackson Graham '27** executed a structured five-week pledge program that emphasized values, expectations, and long-term retention. Their work supported a strong foundation for the chapter's future leadership and continuity.

Academically, Sigma Chi made meaningful progress and remained competitive. The chapter finished sixth in Interfraternity Council grades with a 3.39 chapter GPA, beating the undergraduate average of 3.36. This outcome was driven by former Consul **Conner Hux '26** and Academic Chairman **William Badger '27**, who reinforced an academic culture that values performance, consistency, and support.

Notably, the chapter delivered a record-breaking philanthropic result, raising over \$50,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation during Derby Days.



Nelson Leithead '28 and Samuel Redelsheimer '27 meet the Sigma Chi International Sweetheart at the Huntsman Retreat of Excellence.

This milestone reflects a sustained commitment to philanthropy across the chapter. The leadership of current Consul and former Philanthropy Chairman **Samuel Redelsheimer '27** helped elevate both fundraising strategy and sorority engagement.

Iota Iota is also proud to recognize the initiation of former Pro Consul **Eric Neilson '26** and Connor Hux into the Jason's Men Honorary. Their selection reflects the impact they have made through consistent leadership, service to the chapter, and a commitment to Sigma Chi's values both on campus and within the brotherhood.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be part of this historic chapter on its 150th year. This milestone represents a legacy of brotherhood and an opportunity to honor the past while setting an even higher standard for the years to come.

In hoc,
Nathan Pini '29
Chapter Editor



Jacob Hill '29 with his grandfather, Lloyd, Mississippi State '62; father, Paul '92; and uncle, Al '86, after initiation.



1
Earn another Peterson Award.

2
Break last year's Derby Days record of \$50,000.

3
Exceed a 3.39 chapter GPA.

Callaghan Bamford '29 | Sterling, Va.
 Ellis Biggers '29 | Madison, Ala.
 Thomas Cervantes '29 | Cicero, N.Y.
 Jack Chapman '29 | Birmingham, Ala.
 Dylan Charles '29 | Phoenix, Ariz.
 Bryan Copeland '29 | Raleigh, N.C.
 Reed Croftwell '29 | Brandon, Fla.
 Jack Davidson '29 | Gallatin, Tenn.
 Luke Duley '29 | Sterling, Va.
 Evan Ehring '29 | Houston, Texas
 Charlie Fife '29 | Atlanta, Ga.
 Cannon Ford '29 | Alpine, Ala.
 Peyton Fosberg '29 | Phoenix, Ariz.
 Andrew Frame '29 | Winter Park, Fla.
 Grant Frazier '29 | Prosper, Texas
 Christian Fuicelli '29 | Superior, Colo.
 Alejo Gonzalez '29 | Dallas, Texas
 Will Gough '29 | Sterling, Va.
 Mason Hepburn '29 | North Richland Hills, Texas
 Jacob Hill '29 | Homewood, Ala.
 Pete Homan '29 | Kearney, Neb.
 Noah Horton-Newell '29 | Brookeville, Md.
 Davis Hudson '29 | Northport, Ala.
 Cole Hughes '29 | Huntsville, Ala.
 Landon Kenney '29 | Hoover, Ala.
 Grady Lamm '29 | Beaufort, S.C.
 Noah Lewis '29 | Mount Pleasant, S.C.
 Carter Ligetti '29 | Woodstock, Ga.
 Ryan Logan '29 | Marietta, Ga.
 Vance Luedtke '29 | Orange Beach, Ala.
 Keegan Malone '29 | Huntington, N.Y.



Luke Mason '29 | Northport, Ala.
 Ryan McPhail '29 | St. Arlington, Va.
 Luke Mellen '29 | Phoenix, Ariz.
 Trey Meszaros '29 | Phoenix, Ariz.
 Cole Mire '29 | Covington, La.
 Reid Morgan '29 | Cape Girardeau, Mo.
 Connor Obel '29 | Dallas, Texas
 Mike Okland '27 | Cumming, Ga.
 Dylan Phillips '29 | Roseville, Calif.
 Nathan Pini '29 | Albans, Mo.
 Micah Redelsheimer '29 | Salado, Texas

Jack Richards '29 | Metuchen, N.J.
 Collins Schluer '29 | Manteca, Calif.
 Dylan Sherwood '29 | Pennsylvania, Pa.
 Noah Stefanacci '29 | Charlotte, N.C.
 Sean Talbert '29 | Covington, La.
 Andrew Torborg '29 | Alexandria, Va.
 Hudson Valen '29 | Prosper, Texas
 Reed Warburton '29 | Mountain Brook, Ala.
 Keaton Watson '29 | Huntsville, Ala.
 John Weathers '28 | Suffolk, Va.



with mother and dad; she was a Kappa at the university.” Reese lives in Beaumont, Texas. Email: rparr@gt.rr.com

R. Kurry Wyatt '69 has been married 52 years to Karen Parvin Wyatt, the 1969 Iota Iota Sweetheart. Their granddaughter, Madeline, graduates in May with chemical engineering degree from University of Tennessee. Kurry resides in Vinemont, Ala. Email: rkwyatt47@gmail.com

Gordon K. Meriwether III '70 made his final retirement in 2025, stepping down from his work at United Methodist Church. His previous retirements were from the U.S. Navy in 2001 and his consulting career at the Uriah Group in 2012. Gordon lives in Rockingham, Va. Email: gordon@gmeriwether.com

Reese Parr '67 took his twin 6-year-old grandsons, Morgan and Ben Matthews, to the Alabama-Wisconsin football game last fall. It was their first game in Bryant-Denny. “Hopefully, they are future Sigma Chis. They live in Nashville

J. Randy Catlin '72 lives in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina, hiking and blasting around the mountain roads on his sport bike and Porsche 911. He charts a yacht in the Caribbean every year or so. Of course, Randy still enjoys time with his wonderful wife, children, and grandchildren. Email: catlinhawk@gmail.com

Charlie Smith '73 and his wife, Sharon, are enjoying retirement in Tuscaloosa, Ala. They spend 8-10 weeks a year at their condo in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Both of their sons, **Chas '05** and **Matt '07**, are Iota Iota alumni. Email: cambama50@hotmail.com

Cavett Jones '75 is planning for his 14th safari in Africa in 2027. He lives in Vestavia, Ala. Email: l3@jalaw.net

Ward H. Simmons '91 used to regularly fly into Tuscaloosa for most home games. In 2021, he received the Betsy Plank Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from UA. He lives in New York and hopes to return to campus soon. Email: ewhs212@gmail.com

Cole Richards '19 spent the last six years in NYC at SMBC bank. He lives in Austin, Texas, and started his MBA program in August 2025 at UT Austin as a Hildebrand Scholar. Email: colerich4@gmail.com

Nick Bien '20 is climbing the ranks in real estate in his hometown of Fresno, Calif. He started as an assistant agent and “graduated” to full salesperson at New Home Builder, where he remained until January 2025. Nick left to start his own RE brokerage and property management company, which required obtaining a broker’s license. “Send Ms. Nix my love. She changed my life for the better.” Email: nbien1@gmail.com



Congratulations, 2026 Seniors

Jackson Avery
Marketing/Sales

Justin Banks
Sales and Recruiting

Rocco Bastoni
Marketing

Jackson Broadway
Marketing

Michael Burney
Accounting

Jack Carlin
Finance

Mason Corazzari
Commercial Banking at U.S. Bank

Zachary Costopoulos
Land Acquisition Business

Mason Crotwell
Pursuing Political Position/Officer
Candidate School

Matthew Dupps
Marketing

William Dyer
Account Executive for Goosehead
Insurance in Arlington, Va.

Charles Ellis
Public Accounting at BDO in San
Diego; Audit Focus

Conner Gelatt
Finance/Real Estate

Graydon Horn
Law School; Business/Real Estate
Law Focus

Connor Hux
Operations Management and
Finance

Vincent Klueppel
Mechanical Engineer at Drury
Southwest in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Matthew Kolenda
Accounting

James McCrary
General Business

Quinn McGinley
Political Representative

Ryan Milsap
Advanced Analytics Crypto Expert
at Inca Digital

Luke Peters
Marketing

Steel Rawls
Finance/Real Estate

Hayden Smith
Sales Associate

Jack Spiekerman
Finance/Real Estate

Zachary Vos
Independent Real Estate Company

Preston Vukovich
Independent Insurance Brokerage
Firm in Northern California

Williamson Watts
Finance in Birmingham

Hampton Wyman
Marketing

Rocco Zunino
Sales

CHAPTER OFFICERS

President
Samuel Redelsheimer '27

Vice President
Harrison Lusk '27

Treasurer/Finance
Blake Mezaros '27

Standards/Judicial
Harrison Lusk '27

New Member Educator
Jack Blitch '28

Secretary
Will Badger '27

Philanthropy Chairman
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Service Chairman
Nelson Leithead '28

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Christopher Dondanville '28

Risk Management Chairman
Tyler Dersam '28

Social Chairman
Max Rodgers '28

Swap Chairman
Nicholas Van Son '28

House Manager
John Lenich '28

Tribune
Collins Schuler '29

DEI Chairman
Nelson Leithead '28

Health and Wellness Chairman
Durham Branch '28

Historian
Peyton Fosberg '29

Chapter Editor
Nathan Pini '29



WHO WILL CARRY THE TORCH?

Send Us Your Member Recommendations

From one generation to the next, our brotherhood endures through those willing to continue our Iota Iota traditions. Who do you know with the resilience, leadership, and honor to carry our brotherhood's torch into the next generation?

Help us find the young men who will honor our past and shape what comes next. Send their info, including how we should contact them, their hometown and year in school, and why you think they'll fit right in with Sigma Chi, to **Harrison Lusk '27** at hslusk1@crimson.ua.edu.

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Sigma Chi at Bama

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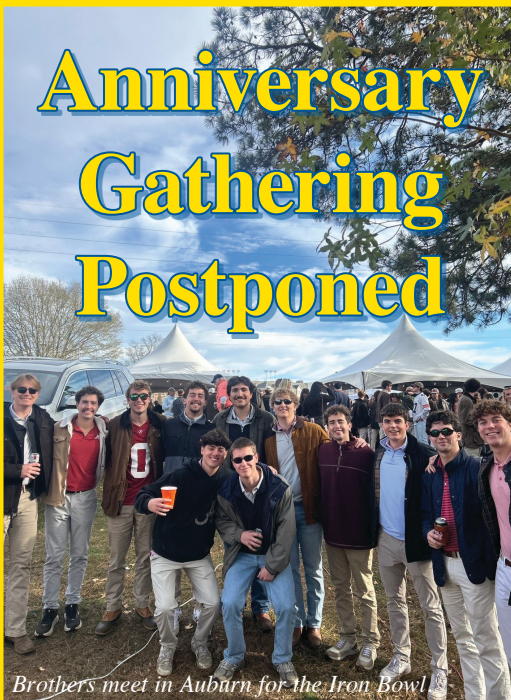


Make sure brothers you know are also getting emails.



My info is already up to date! Let's start reading *The Iota Iota Messenger*.

Anniversary Gathering Postponed



Brothers meet in Auburn for the Iron Bowl!

Staying Connected in

2026

2025 was another successful and “non-eventful” year for the Iota Iota House Corporation. We had numerous visitors to the chapter house, both on game day weekends and various other occasions. The undergraduate members are always open to visitors; they'd love to welcome you to our outstanding home in 2026.

As you have likely heard by email, we had to **POSTPONE** the chapter's 150th Anniversary Celebration, originally slated for April of this year. We are looking to early 2027 for the new date.

As always, should you wish to visit, please feel free to reach out to either myself or our wonderful and dependable House Director, Ms. Rhae Nix.

I look forward to sharing more details on the anniversary celebration as we solidify our new plans.



In hoc,
Will Yeldell '86
IIHC President
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