

The Flamingo Forum

Lambda Delta Sigma

Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve

2015 - 2016 Review

By Miss Samantha Wiese

This year has been a great year for Lambda Delta Sigma! We started the year off with Blackbird Formal where we got a chance to catch up with each other after the summer to talk about all of the exciting things we all did.



Blackbird Formal

Then rush and pledge started full swing. We met many amazing girls and initiated 8 beautiful and bright ladies into our society. Alisa, Amanda, Amy, Emily, Kat, Katelyn, Shelby and Tarja have been a great addition to the society bringing many new ideas and voices.

We had multiple social exchanges with a variety of fraternities at NDSU this year. We also spent time volunteering in the Concordia and greater Fargo/Moorhead communities to focus on our roots as a philanthropic society. We all had a great time planning and hosting

Mr. Concordia to raise money for the YWCA. We also had a couple sisterhood bonding events this year to get to know our sisters and bring us closer together as a society.

Formal was a great success this year as well, thanks to our Vice President Miss Jocelyn Hegge. This year's Pink Flamingo Formal was held at the Avalon in Fargo. The theme was 'A Night of Dancing'. At formal the new actives were officially inducted into the society as well as the new position holders. The seniors who will be graduating in May were also honored and given gifts to show our never-ending love and sisterhood.



New Actives during Rush



Pink Flamingo Formal

At formal awards were presented to many deserving ladies that were voted on by the society. The awards and recipients are as follows:

Best Smile: Sarah Waller
 Best Dressed: Olivia LaVoy
 Best Hot Seat Question: Sammy Bertram
 Best Laugh: Kelsey Drayton
 Classiest Lady: Samantha Wiese
 Miss Congeniality: Lily Mackenzie-Olson

Above and Beyond: Anna Smith
 Pink Flamingo Spirit Award: Alyson Kasemodel

As we bring this year to a close, we would like to thank everyone who has been a part of it, and wish our nine graduating seniors good luck in everything their futures hold, we will miss each and every one of you!

Rush, Pledge, and Initiation

By Miss Kayla Lindquist and Miss Kelsey Drayton

This year's Rush and Pledge was really successful for us two newbie Pledge Captains! We wouldn't have gotten through it without the consistent help of Lily, Sarah, and Rachael. We had 2 weeks full of activities including our usual luau, ice cream social, night games and a movie night with the feature of Horton Hears a Who. We had fewer days for activities because we were running into Family Weekend with rush and close to Homecoming with Pledge. After much deliberation, we decided to give bids to eight girls and we could not be happier with our decision.

Pledge week is one of our favorite weeks with Lambda Delta Sigma as it brings the girls closer within their pledge class and the society as a whole. This year's pledge class bonded very quickly and seeing their friendship grow over the course of the year has been fun to watch. Monday was a long, hard night for the girls in a hot house, but at least this year the basement didn't flood on them nor were they fighting off bugs the whole night. While it was hot and stressful, it was also filled with a ton of memories learning the ins and outs of LDS. Tuesday was Dr. Seuss day and our day to give back to the community we call home. The new actives got to participate in their first philanthropic event at Great Plains Food Bank where we packaged enough cheez-its to fill a swimming pool or two. Wednesday was "I Heart My Big Sister Day." The girls got to take part in one of our favorite ways to have dinner, traveling dinner. All the girls walked to the houses of 3 of our active members to enjoy appetizers, dinner, and desserts with their big sisters. On Thursday the girls woke up VERY early for a special treat from their big. Later that night, they performed their pledge class dance in front of the bell tower for an audience made up of some of our friends from NDSU, current Cobbers, and LDS alum. This year they danced to the song, "Worth it" by Fifth Harmony. All of the color groups were able to complete their missions by the end of the day. It was so great to see the girls working hard and laughing together. And for our final night....what a night! Friday night was filled with a lot of commotion, emotion, memories, and a lot of surprises. On this evening, the girls bonded while singing loud and proud and participating in the important LDS traditions as they became true members of Lambda Delta Sigma. It's definitely a night that the girls will remember for a long time.

Just to say it again, because we really mean it, we're so pleased with the new actives we brought into the society and we love and care about them all a ton. We are so proud of every single one of them and can't wait to see what amazing things they do in your following years as members of Lambda Delta Sigma.

Social Exchanges

By Miss Paige Gault and Miss Kat Nicholson

We had a busy and fun year with socials and sisterhoods. Our first sisterhood event this fall was Blackbird Formal, which was held at the Season's at Rose Creek in Fargo, it was a fun time for all the girls to catch up about their summers and of course take lots of pictures! In October we had a sisterhood that involved writing what we loved about each of our sisters to remind all of us why we are a part of this society. In December we had our Sisterhood Christmas Party, there was lots of treats, bonding, and secret sister gifts, it was a fun end to the semester. At the end of March we had a sisterhood bonding activity just giving the girls a time to sit and talk and catch up with their sisters.

For socials this year we reached out to two Fraternities at NDSU that we haven't interacted with in the last few years Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) and

Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR). The first social was at the end of September with TKE, playing night games at Concordia. In October we had two socials, with DTD and with SAE. We had a scavenger hunt with the men of DTD at NDSU's campus that was a lot of fun considering most girls don't know their way around NDSU's campus. With SAE we carved pumpkins the day before Halloween and got to see everyone's creative sides! In November we played minute to win it games with Alpha Tau Omega (ATO), which for some took more than a minute to win it. December was the always fun Christmas social with Theta Chi, this included decorating gingerbread houses, Christmas Bingo/matching game, Christmas Trivia, Christmas

Charades, and a snowball slingshot game (not real snowballs, but toy ones). We decided to do another pop tab war this year, but as a social with the men of AGR, we won by quite a bit so they were disappointed and are already saving for next year. For the winner dinner social they made burgers and then we had a game night. To finish off the year of socials we went bowling with Farmhouse at NDSU's Union's bowling alley.



Philanthropy Update

By Miss Sefika Tahirovic and Miss Abby Carlson

As Co-Philanthropy coordinators this year, we got the opportunity to work with some great organizations around the Fargo-Moorhead community. Starting off our year, we volunteered at the Great Plains Food Bank where we bagged pounds of cheez-it's. In October, we partnered with an organization that we have never worked with before, Habitat For Humanity. The ladies organized various items throughout Habitat's Re-Store in Moorhead. For our philanthropy event in November, the ladies were stationed at different stores throughout the Fargo-Moorhead area ringing bells for the Salvation Army. In December, we volunteered at the YWCA in Fargo where we watched the movie, *Ice Age* with the families and organized gifts for a holiday shopping event that the YWCA was going to hold for their residents.

In January, LDS held an event on campus called, Mr. Concordia. Mr. Concordia is essentially a male pageant show, which helps our society raise money for the YWCA. Each contestant was asked to fundraise the week of Mr. Concordia with the help of the organization they were representing. Every contestant had to participate in three different categories in competition: Cobber pride, talent, and an impromptu question and answer session. This year, we ended up getting nine different Cobber men who represented various organizations and athletic teams on campus. Ryan Modahl was crowned Mr. Concordia 2016. Ryan represented the Concordia Theatre Department. We raised over \$2,400 for the YWCA of Cass and Clay counties to help women and children in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

For our February philanthropy, we volunteered at Eventide during coffee hour and chatted with the residents. In March, the ladies helped at the Emergency Food Pantry where they organized food and toiletries. In March some of the ladies also volunteered to help out at the Grandin Fire Department's Ham Dinner. For our last event of the year, LDS partnered with Dance Marathon (an organization on campus that raises money for the children and families at Sanford Children's Hospital) during their CobberTHON event. People were put into "jail" throughout the 12-hour event, and the ladies had to guard the "jail" to make sure no one escaped without being bailed out.

We had a great year planning all of these events and appreciate all the hard work that the girls put forth to make this year a success! **Lambda Delta Sigma, Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve!**



YWCA December 3rd



Emergency Food Pantry March 19th



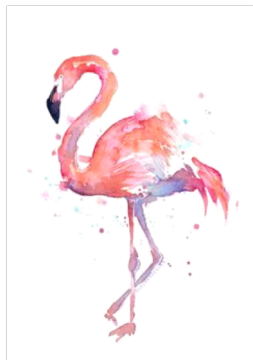
Optional Grandin Ham Dinner March 20th



Mr. Concordia January 23rd

Seniors

Close to my heart,



Not far from my mind

**Miss Lily Mackenzie-Olson,
President**

Major: Vocal Music Education
Hometown: Plymouth, Minnesota
Plans after graduation: Continue the search for an elementary music teaching position, travel to Ireland to see the Dixie Chicks, and road trip with her best friends out west.

**Miss Alyson Kasemodel,
Secretary**

Major: Psychology
Hometown: Billings, Montana
Plans after graduation: Get married and go to graduate school for clinical mental health counseling.

**Miss Kelsey Drayton,
Recruitment Captain**
Major: Communication Studies with Public Relations and Multimedia Journalism Emphasis
Hometown: Fargo, North Dakota
Plans after graduation: Finding a job.

Miss Anna Smith, Historian
Major: Global Studies & Psychology
Hometown: Osceola, Wisconsin
Plans after graduation: Work as a college coach and then go to graduate school for school counseling.

Mr. Isaac Svebakken, Ladies' Man (NDSU - Theta Chi)
Major: Finance & Biotechnology
Hometown: Hopkins, Minnesota
Plans after graduation: Start a micro financing business.

Miss Sammy Bertram, Active
Major: Elementary Education & Spanish
Hometown: Brainerd, Minnesota
Plans after graduation: Finding a job as a teacher in the Twin Cities area.

**Miss Rachael Michaud,
Active**
Major: Communication Studies
Hometown: Litchfield, Minnesota
Plans after graduation: Start a sustainable homestead and buy a cow.

Miss Abbie Siirila, Active
Major: Elementary Education
Hometown: Fargo, North Dakota
Graduated December 2015 and began substitute teaching in multiple area schools. Hopes to have a full time teaching job in Fargo area next year.

Miss Rachel Swedin, Active
Major: Chemistry & Mathematics
Hometown: Scandia, Minnesota
Plans after graduation: Attend graduate school in Physical Chemistry.

Miss Sarah Waller, Active
Major: Music Education
Hometown: Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Plans after graduation: Find a job teaching choir at middle or high school level.



Get to Know Our Sisters

Miss Jocelyn Hegge, Vice President

Year: Junior
Major: Psychology & Communication Studies
Hometown: Fargo, ND

Miss Madi Grady, Treasurer

Year: Junior
Major: Business
Hometown: Rogers, MN

Miss Olivia Lavoy, Parliamentarian

Year: Junior
Major: Communication Studies with Public Relations Concentration
Hometown: Mahanomen, MN

Miss Abby Carlson, Philanthropy Chair

Year: Sophomore
Major: Elementary Education
Minors: Spanish & Special Education
Hometown: Champlin, MN

Miss Sefika Tahirovic, Philanthropy Chair

Year: Sophomore
Major: Psychology & Sociology
Hometown: Fargo, ND

Miss Kat Nicholson, Social Chair

Year: Sophomore
Major: French & Global Studies
Minor: Spanish
Hometown: Laurel, MD

Miss Paige Gault, Social Chair

Year: Junior
Major: Biology & Environmental Studies
Hometown: Minot, ND

Miss Kayla Lindquist, Recruitment Captain

Year: Junior
Major: Dietetics
Minor: Psychology
Hometown: Hopkins, MN

Miss Samantha Wiese, Public Relations Coordinator

Year: Sophomore
Major: Healthcare Leadership & Long-Term Care Administration
Hometown: Park Rapids, MN

Miss Emily Anderson, Active

Year: Freshman
Major: Music Education
Hometown: Grand Forks, ND

Miss Tabitha Durbin, Active

Year: Sophomore
Major: English Writing
Hometown: Rogers, MN

Miss Alisa Fadden, Active

Year: Freshman
Major: Healthcare Administration
Hometown: Corcoran, MN

Miss Amy Leopold, Active

Year: Sophomore
Major: Social Work & Sociology
Hometown: West Fargo, ND

Miss Katelyn Mitchell, Active

Year: Freshman
Major: Studio Art & Museum/Heritage Studies
Hometown: South Barrington, IL

Miss Tarja Nelsen, Active

Year: Freshman
Major: Elementary Education
Hometown: North Andover, MA

Miss Paige Olson, Active

Year: Sophomore
Major: Communication Studies & Multimedia Journalism
Hometown: Moorhead, MN

Miss Amanda Randall, Active

Year: Sophomore
Major: Communication Studies
Minor: English
Hometown: Brainerd, MN

Miss Shelby Singer, Active

Year: Freshman
Major: Business
Hometown: Rogers, MN

Miss Cassie Roeder, Active

Year: Junior
Major: Biology & Psychology
Minor: Chemistry
Hometown: Saint Cloud, MN



New Officers 2016 - 2017

President: Miss Jocelyn Hegge

Vice President: Miss Paige Olson

Secretary: Miss Sefika Tahirovic

Treasurer: Miss Shelby Singer

Parliamentarian: Miss Olivia Lavoy

Philanthropy Chairs: Miss Abby Carlson and Miss Emily Anderson

Social Chairs: Miss Alisa Fadden and Miss Tarja Nelsen

Sisterhood Coordinator: Miss Amy Leopold

Recruitment Captains: Miss Kayla Lindquist and Miss Paige Gault

Historian: Miss Katelyn Mitchell

Communications Coordinator: Miss Samantha Wiese

Ladies' Man: Mister Adam Gietzen

Alumni! This year I have worked hard to find ways to keep you involved in LDS so if you have any ideas please let me know! Also, if you have any information regarding the history of LDS, or would like any information from the Ladies of Lambda Delta Sigma, please email me at lds.alum.cc@gmail.com. Also, please like us on Facebook at Lambda Delta Sigma - Concordia College and our page specifically for alumni like you, Lambda Delta Sigma Alumni.