



# The Iotian

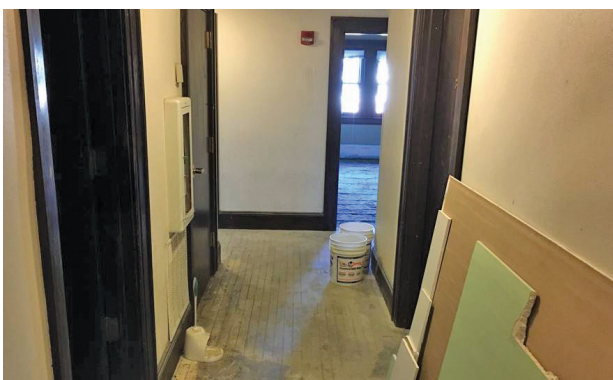
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Alpha Iota of Chi Psi at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

## Alpha Iota Second Century Campaign

Thanks to those Alumni and Friends of Iota who have supported the Campaign, we have \$700,000 in contributions collected and \$100,000 in pledges and commitments scheduled for collection. While this is good progress we remain \$1MM shy of our goal.

**Openly, this remaining \$1MM is the most crucial and important capital to be raised for the future of Iota.**



Work currently underway by JF Ahern Co to the third floor bathrooms and living spaces.

- We started the replacement of our 100 year-old heating system, but cannot complete the work unless we hit our capital goal.
- Heating system replacement will result in a return to new look for the third floor living suites and bathrooms after almost 30 years.
- We've partnered with John Ahern's 138 company, JF Ahern Co, for the work conducted to date, and hope that you will visit the Lodge during National Convention to see the amazing results and what remains to be done.

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**"Many thanks to those who've contributed generously to our campaign to date."**

There will still be much to accomplish at our Lodge as we begin another century under its roof:

- We will need to finish the heating system replacement and complete a return to new look for the second floor living suites and bathrooms.
- With some urgency, we will also need to complete a lakeshore improvement project in the future.

Earlier this year we partnered with the University of Wisconsin's Civil and Environmental Engineering department that yielded some very startling results. Since 1937 we've lost 24.6 linear feet of shoreline, and the toe and crest of the bluff overlooking Lake Mendota receded by 7.7 feet and 14.8 feet respectively. This equates to an even more substantial amount of square footage already lost and has undermined the stability of the bluff slope. The study was overseen by Professor Chin H. Wu, University of Wisconsin Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Director Environmental/Ecological Fluid Mechanics and Coastal Sustainability Laboratory of the Limnology and Marine Science Program. Professor Wu will be giving a presentation Friday evening, July 27th, 5:00pm – 6:00pm in the Pyle Center, Room 213, in Madison at National Convention detailing the results for any Alumni in attendance.

All are very relevant and striking examples of why the time to act is now. **Completing our 75 year building and property capital plan and our 25 year strategic plan - our future at Iota - is all dependent on this capital campaign – this last \$1MM we need to raise.**

Many thanks to those who've contributed generously to our campaign to date, and please join us in a call to action to all remaining Alumni to secure the future for Alpha Iota.

YITB,  
The Second Century Campaign Committee

## 2018 Chi Psi National Convention Madison, WI | July 25-28th

Please join us at the 177th Convention of the Chi Psi in Madison. **You can register for all events at [www.chipsi.org](http://www.chipsi.org).** In addition to the formal convention sessions we'll be hosting:

- An Alpha Iota host reception for all delegates and guests on Friday, July 27th
- A golf outing at The Oaks Golf Course at 8 AM on Saturday, July 28th
- 177th Convention Formal Banquet and Reception at The Edgewater Hotel the evening of Saturday, July 28th

**Please act fast the registration deadline for the golf outing is July 14th, and the registration deadline for all other convention events is July 18th!!!**

Also, the ICPA is currently sponsoring the Convention on behalf of our generous alumni base. If one, or a small group, of our alumni Brothers would like to personally sponsor the convention hosting fee of \$13,000 please reach out to Drew Eschweiler I'06 at [drew.eschweiler@gmail.com](mailto:drew.eschweiler@gmail.com), who's chairing the convention host committee.



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## ▶ Letter from the #1

### *Dear Alumni of Alpha Iota,*

*My name is Michael Tobin, and I am the current #1 at Alpha Iota. I am both humbled and honored that the active body at Alpha Iota elected me to this position, and I am incredibly excited to continue the success that has been achieved at 150 Iota Court by the past officers as well as the generations before me. This semester has obviously been quite the transition for me and my officers, but also one that has been highly successful so far.*

In December, before my tenure began, we successfully initiated 17 quality young men into the Lodge. This group has already proven their dedication and worth to the Lodge by holding positions such as Junior Recruitment and Lodge Historian. They have also helped establish a Social Committee that helps our current Social Chair, Jordan Pasbrig, set up and execute social events. This semester we proudly initiated an Pledge Class of 11 gentlemen on April 7th.



We're proud to welcome our newest group of Brothers, the Spring 2018 Alpha Iota pledge class.

Unfortunately, due to the scheduling of events around campus, this pledging semester was dramatically shorter. Despite this, due to our commitment to anti-hazing and Brotherhood, this Pledge Class has had no problem finding their place in the Lodge, and we can't wait to call these men our Brothers.

This semester has been packed so far with social events, brotherhood events, philanthropy, and a lot more. First, we successfully ran 6 social events this semester including socials with another Sorority on campus, parties, and a formal. We held our Formal in Chicago where we arrived around 4 PM giving everyone a couple hours to go sight-seeing and get some deep-dish pizza. At 6 PM, we had the second floor of Rock Bottom Brewery rented for us to enjoy drinks, food, and some dancing with our dates. The night concluded with everyone going downtown to enjoy Chicago's night life and then crashing at our hotel, the Downtown Holiday Inn. Overall, this has been one of the busiest and most successful social semesters we've enjoyed in a while, and we owe our social chair, Jordan Pasbrig, a lot of credit for his tireless efforts.

Due to the work of our Brotherhood Chair, Jake Fellman, we have been successful in continuing the incredible tradition of Brotherhood we have always had at Iota. Every Friday we had a beer and pizza night where we enjoy each other's company around our beautiful fireplace. Additionally, we had a trip to a local cigar bar and a Brotherhood camping trip in April. The Brotherhood at Alpha Iota has been the cornerstone of my Fraternity experience and will continue to be one of the largest points of emphasis during recruitment.

## ▶ Dear Alpha Iota Alumni,

The undergraduates at Alpha Iota are excited to announce that we would like to work with you, the alumni base, to establish a mentorship program. We hope this will help create more relationships between the alumni body and the active body as well as provide the undergraduates with vital professional development. The goal would be to pair a alumnus with an undergraduate who is majoring in a field that their assigned alumnus is currently working in or graduated with a similar degree. Additionally, we hope to have an alumnus come speak at our Monday Meetings to describe what they're doing in their industry, give tips for success, and any other insight they would like to share.

**To get this program started, any interested alumnus can reach out to the current #1, Michael Tobin, at the email [tobin3@wisc.edu](mailto:tobin3@wisc.edu) or to the current Parents and Alumni Chair, Jaxson Whittle, at the email [jwhittle@wisc.edu](mailto:jwhittle@wisc.edu).**

**The goal for this program is to introduce it at the start of the Fall 2018 Semester. Due to this, we ask that any interested alumnus reach out to the emails above by August 30th, 2018 for involvement in the Fall Semester.**

**The information we are asking for from each interested alumnus in order to pair you with an undergraduate are *Name, Profession/Industry of Employment, Degree(s), Year of Graduation, Email, and Phone Number.***

If you are interested in this program or speaking at Monday Meetings, please reach out as soon as possible. The undergraduate active body is extremely excited about the initiation of this program and working with the alumni body to make it a success!

YITB,  
The Undergraduates of Alpha Iota



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During my tenure, one of my goals is to establish more emphasis on service. We have proven our success and dedication to philanthropy, but service often gets forgotten about. This mentality has been established through volunteer work at Gio's Garden which is a therapeutic respite center for children with special needs, and we have partnered with them for the past four years. Our Purple and Gold Banquet, which we successfully hosted on April 21st, benefitted Gio's Garden as well. We hope to continue our philanthropic and service efforts in order to benefit our community as a whole.

Unfortunately, this is not the easiest time to be a member of Greek Life given the recent events on campuses around the country. That being said, we have a unique opportunity at the Lodge to be a beacon of hope and represent what is best about Greek Life. By sticking to the core values of Chi Psi and following in the footsteps of the many leaders before us, we have no doubt we can exemplify the importance of Fraternity on our campus. We strive to be the standard at UW-Madison through our commitment to anti-hazing, Brotherhood, and respect for anyone who enters under the roof of the Lodge.

This is an exciting time for Alpha Iota as the Chi Psi National Convention is coming to Madison this summer. Our current Parents and Alumni Chair,



Our undergraduate Brothers took home their second straight Humorology title and raised a record \$53,000 for the Neighborhood House alongside Alpha Epsilon Phi and Delta Tau Delta.

Jaxson Whittle, has volunteered to be the convention delegate for Iota, and we know he will do a great job working with the Central Office to make sure it is a success. I hope to see a great number of Iotians, both active and alumni, this summer showing off our incredible Lodge, campus, and Brotherhood.

The gratitude the undergraduate body has for everyone that came before us cannot be understated. Our undergraduate body has been overwhelmed by the contributions and support given to the Second Century Campaign, and we are eager to see the good that these contributions are going to provide to our Alpha. Additionally, we are the longest active Fraternity at UW-Madison and boast arguably the richest and most impressive history.

All of this would not be possible without the dedication of the Brothers that came before us. That is why I would like to thank everyone reading this article because without your work, I wouldn't have the opportunity to lead such an impressive group of men at such an esteemed Fraternity.

YITB,  
Michael Tobin, I '19

**To join our email list to receive the latest news and updates, please provide your email address to Holly Champagne at [holly@strigenz.com](mailto:holly@strigenz.com)**

## Thank You!



We'd like to thank all of our Brothers who attended another successful gathering at the Milwaukee Area Cocktail Reception in February at the Milwaukee Athletic Club. Special thanks are due to our host committee for their generous sponsorship of the event.

### 2018 Host Committee:

Mike Barina I'04  
John Frymark I'05  
Jim Murray I'71  
Tim Van de Kamp I'02  
Wes Wicker

Brother Neal Fitzgerald, I'12 and Nic Schutz, I'06 enjoying the 2018 Milwaukee Area Cocktail Reception.