Kappa Eta Kappa lota Chapter Newsletter

Spring 2024 - Iota Active Chapter, Housing Corporation, and Alumni Association



Iota Alumni Association

In May of 2023, 5 members of the lota Active Chapter graduated from St. Cloud State University. 2 of them joined the lota Alumni Association as officers to rejuvenate the IAA and support the Active Chapter. Congratulations to I197 Josh Frieler, I206 Ty Heckenlaible for graduating and becoming lota Alumni Association Officers. With Josh and Ty, the new IAA Officers are:

PresidentI1Vice PresidentI1SecretaryI2

I197 Josh FrielerI135 Mike PhillippeI206 Ty Heckenlaible

Treasurer

1089 Ray Melberg



Picture 1: Back Left Moren Mose, I197Josh Frieler, I194 Brandon Mitchell, I134 Mike Philippe, I219 Zach Lansing, I031 Terry Cronin, I206 Ty Heckenlaible, I218 Dennis Matveyev, Front I189 Jose Galarza-Wandemburg, I220 Cole Orth, I200 Ashley Creps

The new IAA kicked off with a Happy Hour at Back Channel Brewing Company June 24th 2023.

Members and Alumni got together and enjoyed some brews and fraternity on the coast of Lake Minnetonka.

The IAA, IHC, and Active Chapter hosted a KHK lota Alumni Summer Picnic on July 15th at Riverside Park. This is an annual event bringing together Members, Alumni , and Families every year to reconnect and enjoy each other's stories and successes.

Another event the IAA helps host is the Alumni Talk. This year on September 11th,

2023, 6 Alumni spoke to about 20 S.T.E.M. students and KHK Members about their jobs and how KHK can benefit students during their time in school and entering their careers.



Picture 2: Back I219 Zach Lansing, I214 Josh Brown, 2nd Row Moren Mose, Rose, I181 Jesus Perez, I211 Thomas Xiong, I221 Brendan Chermack, Front I197 Josh Frieler, I189 Jose Galarza-Wandemburg, I220 Cole Orth, I218 Dennis Matveyev



Picture 3: Back Moren Mose, Rose, I220 Cole Orth, I219 Zach Lansing, I221 Brendan Chermack, I218 Dennis Matveyev, I222 Ruchi Bhusal, 2nd Row I197 Josh Frieler, I211 Thomas Xiong, Front I134 Nick Woodliff, I189 Jose Galarza-Wandemburg

The Minnesota Twins hosted a Saint Cloud

State University Night during one of their games! We went to the game and hung out at a rooftop bar afterwards!

We did find a Wheatstone bridge on Ebay, so we bought it. The bridge is from Alpha Chapter at the University of Iowa! We are planning on restoring it and displaying it at the lota House!

The IAA holds a monthly meeting online usually on a Thursday Night. The IAA has been working on adding a form on the Active Chapter website to be able to collect dues and donations online. Check out the website at iota.khk.org. The IAA also helped with the Active Chapters recruiting efforts during the Fall 2023 Semester. Together a total of 7 members joined bringing the total number of Actives from 4 to 11 to start the Spring 2024 Semester.

The Spring 2023 lota Graduating Class consists of I197 Josh Frieler B.S. Electrical Engineering, I206 Ty Heckenlaible B.S. Computer Engineering, I214 Josh Brown B.S. Marketing, I216 Mouhamed Bani B.S. Statistics, I218 Dennis Matveyev M.S. Software Engineering, and I219 Zach Lansing B.S. Computer Science.



Iota Housing Corporation

The lota Housing Corporation spent the year fixing and updating all areas of the house. The effort put forth by the alumni and actives helped fill the house for the first time after the Covid - 19 Pandemic. The living room and basement southwest floors were redone. 2 refrigerators were replaced as well as the clothes washer and dryer. The electrical to the second floor was replaced with modern wiring. The garage has new garage doors and repaired the garage ceiling structure. 4 bagsters of junk were removed from the garage and the house, restoring the garage as a recreation space. Broken windows have been replaced with new modern windows. There is also a new projector for the living room for movies and games. IHC bought a cobra powered snake to be able to clear blocked drains without having to hire a plumber, which saves us money every year.

The lota House has been full for a year now with the help of active members Cole Orth and Ruchi Bhusal. For a while we had rented to non-member tenants. Now the house is half full of members, the rest are students of SCSU.

The IHC is working to buy the house from the National Executive Council of Kappa Eta Kappa. We will still have to pay back approximately \$25,000 borrowed from NEC in the past.

Here is a list of projects the IHC would like to tackle and need help within the near future.

| Project | Estimated Cost |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Replace Stucco Siding | \$80,000 |
| Roof | \$3,000 |

Iota Active Chapter

The active lota chapter only has had 4 active members for the Fall 2023 school semester, this was because we had 5 actives graduate in the spring of 2023. We are proud of the work we've done with the low active member count, and are very hopeful for the future. GO KHK! GO IOTA!

Meet the 4 current actives!

I220 Cole Orth - President/House Manager/Treasurer

Cole is a senior level Mechanical Engineering student. He is from St. Cloud, MN and has a passion for motorsports racing. Working on the SCSU FSAE racecar team called Husky Formula Racing, as the lead suspension engineer. Cole has a goal of working in the automotive engineering industry after graduation. Cole joined KHK in fall 2022.

I221 Brendan Chermack - Vice President

Brendan is a sophomore level Computer Science student. Brendan is from Elk River, MN and has a passion for software development. Brendan is involved with the Computer Science Club, currently being the President. Working hard to put on events like hackathons for students to collaborate with each other, and to network with alumni of the computer science industry. Brendan joined KHK in fall 2022.

I223 Ruchi "Kibucha" Bhusal - Secretary/Treasurer

Ruchi is a sophomore level Computer Engineering student. Ruchi is from Nepal and is very involved with the international student body, as well as giving international students a voice in student government. He is proudly helping the Nepali students find their way at SCSU as well. Ruchi joined KHK in spring 2023.

I224 Barineme Dumwibe - Active

Bari is a sophomore level Software Engineering and cyber-security student. He is from Nigeria, loves basketball, while trying to incorporate business ideas into the software engineering profession. Bari joined KHK in spring 2023.

President Cole and Secretary Ruchi excitedly visited both the other chapters this year. Visit to Beta Chapter for their Labor Day cookout!



New life fills the lota chapter this year, we welcome the fall 2023 Pledge class! 1224 John 'Zuckerberg' Klein 1225 Zach 'Flapjack' Marotz 1226 Abhishek 'Milky Wave' Ghimire 1227 Chris 'Robinhood' Wilson 1228 Karuna 'Amy Schumer' Gupta I229 Bidur 'If Loop' KaphleI230 Matthew 'Wet Cardboard' Molenaar

Collect Dues and Donations

We are working on a way to collect dues and donations on our website iota.khk.org. Yearly dues are \$35 by check, or \$40 on the website. Checks can be written out to "The Kappa Eta Kappa Iota Chapter Alumni Association" or "KHK IAA" and sent to Ray Melberg at 13522 210th Cir NW, Elk River, MN 55330.

If you would like to donate to a specific project, please indicate that somewhere or let us know. Thank you for your generosity!