

LINES FROM THE MINES



HOME IMPROVEMENTS

This past year, the Triangle house has had a few major improvements. One of these improvements is the installation of a jacuzzi on the east side of the house where the brothers can go and relax together. The hot tub was given to us by one of the neighbors who needed it removed out of their house, so a few bothers got together and brought it home. In addition to the new hot tub, we have also purchased a grill for the brothers to improve their cooking skills which will also be used at various rush events in the fall.

For maintenance, another big improvement is the repainting of the basement along with staining the trim around the house and the stairway railings. We are also looking at purchasing new lighting for the dayroom to allow brothers to better engage in late night study sessions.

Looking at the future, we hope to get some new carpet in the main floor and upstairs hallways this summer as well as installing new windows in the rookie room that will match the trim on the rest of the house exterior.

In FS&C,
Jaxson Dueland
SDM Triangle House Manager

BROTHERHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Over the last two semesters the brotherhood has had plenty of opportunities to come together and grow. The highlights include: two chapter visits, the super bowl party, and senior speeches. Our first chapter visit of the year was a return to the Kansas chapter after a not so successful trip last time. We got an opportunity to go to the TCU football game on Saturday and see what the Kansas brothers had to offer.

Our second chapter visit was to Rose Tech, we were invited to their Maze Party. This trip was a great time for the brothers to visit a chapter most of us had never been to before. The boys were also able to see a couple other chapters including Illinois and Iowa State while on this trip.

While some of the brothers went on this trip, I held the Super Bowl party at the house. The party was a big success the brotherhood had plenty of food and beverages to keep themselves well hydrated during the football game.

The final highlight of the semester occurred just a week ago. The rookies had an opportunity to learn some wisdom that the seniors wanted to pass down to the newest brothers! The senior's time was as informative and thought provoking as ever!

In FS&C,
Cade Bailey
SDM Triangle Chicago Chairman

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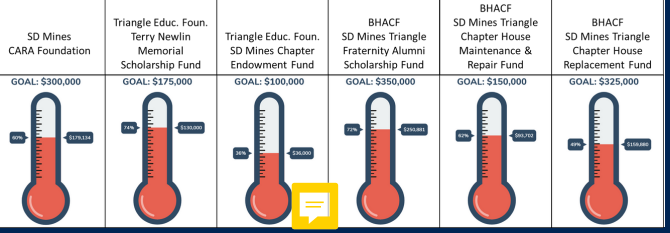


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SD MINES LEGACY PORTFOLIO

In June 2021, the SD Mines Triangle Alumni started a financial campaign to raise money for the SD Mines Chapter. The funds would be used for scholarships, Chapter House improvements and repairs, and for the development of a new Chapter House. Accounts were setup at various Foundations for alumni and friends to choose where to allocate their donations. The initial goal of \$400,000 was quickly reached, so the campaign was increased to \$1.4 Million.

The image displays all the funds that SD Mines Triangle Fraternity has access to and their balance as of December 31, 2022. The campaign has reached 61% of its overall goal and is on track to surpass the total by the SD Mines Reunion in 2025!



As the funds started to grow, the Alumni Board of Directors started dispersing scholarships to the SD Mines Brothers. The Brothers of SD Mines Triangle are eligible to apply for 12 annual scholarships, in total worth \$23,000. Some of the available scholarships are new and others have increased in value over the years. The scholarships and their values are:

- Mr. FS&C; \$1,000
- Triangle of the Year; \$1,000
- Most Improved GPA; 2x \$500
- Terry Newlin Memorial Scholarship; 2x \$2,500
- Patriotic Award; \$2,500
- Leadership Award; \$2,500
- Community Service Award; \$2,500
- Academic Excellence Award; \$2,500
- Triangle Active; 2x \$2,500

We thank all our current donors and encourage you to support SD Mines Triangle Fraternity. We hope you reflect on your time at SD Mines and the memories you made with your Brothers. If you'd like to donate, please check out our website for more details:
<http://triangle.sdsmt.edu/alumni.html>

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



My name is Benjamin Laufman, and I am the current president of the South Dakota Mines chapter of Triangle Fraternity. I am a third year Electrical Engineering student, and plan to graduate in Spring 2024.

Over the last few years, we have been working to build a strong reputation in the community. We have made dog toys for the local humane society, volunteered for the Cornerstone Thrift Store, and helped maintain local bike paths. We continue to rake leaves and shovel snow for our great neighbors. We have even increased our requirements from the actives to over ten hours of volunteer hours per semester. Some things we have resumed post COVID is donating blood through Vitalant, helping with First Robotics and fundraising for Women Against Violence inc..

Our house is still growing! We were able to initiate 13 new members this semester, and they seem to have the potential to be great leaders in the future! Our membership has held steady, with 28 active members and 13 rooks. Right now, all 28 members living in the house, but the rooks look to take many spots next semester. Finally, I would like to congratulate Nicholas Wipf, Micah Hoylman, Joseph Alber, Jacob Marsh, Kevin Chamberlain, Logan Melstad, Zachary Lapsley, Cade Bailey, Conner Christenson, and John Kiehn on graduating this semester. I wish them all the best of luck as they begin their careers.

In FS&C
Benjamin Laufman
SDM Triangle Chapter President

ACTIVE FINANCES

In January I took over the Business Manager office. It has been a busy semester and with the addition of the hot tub, our utility costs have increased. However, the price has been well worth it. I have begun work on cleaning and organizing the business office, which has been long overdue. Once complete it will finally be able to be used again. It may even increase the house capacity since Brother Nathan Pfiefer has expressed interest in moving into it.

So far this semester we have been able to stay right near the line of our budget. But our housing costs may end up pushing us over the top due to extra costs of maintenance on our 70+ year-old home. Our house bills for next semester have remained low at \$2,206 and are still much cheaper than the campus dorms. They should lower even more in the coming years, as we only have two more semesters left of paying off alumni debt.

In FS&C,
Sage Oltmanns
SDM Triangle Business Manager

A WORD FROM THE ROOKS

Pledging Triangle was easily the best decision that we have made in our young college careers. We started by meeting with priests on bid acceptance night that impressed upon us the true meaning of being a Triangle man. Even though throwing Triangle on The Hill was a pain when the weather sucked, working through the shared misery brought us together. Getting to know the brothers over the course of the semester has made for moments we will never forget. While our experiences with the brothers and the house through the semester have been something to remember, the best part of pledging has been our growth as a group. From the beginning to the end, we have grown into a cohesive unit that works together to excel.

However, the bow on top of the semester was Greek Week. We had an amazing time playing games at the house with not only each other, but with the other brothers during the week. This week triumphed in a bonding sense and was what really brought us the closest throughout the semester. Along with the games we played, we were also able to go on a lovely hike with the brothers and experience parts of the Black Hills that were unfamiliar to us before. This gave us an amazing opportunity to bond with the brothers and each other.

In FS&C,
The Rooks



THE SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE



This semester the brothers hosted social events with other fraternities and sororities on campus. The events various each time, but the unanimous favorite was the poker social with Lambda Chi Alpha. The older members of each fraternity decided to put up their weekly food allowances on a friendly game of blackjack. Long story short, the cards were rigged, and the Triangle brothers made out like bandits. All in all, these events provided great opportunities to strengthen the preexisting bond within Greek Life at SDM.

This year's formal was held in the picturesque landscape also known as the Black Hills at High Country Guest Ranch. The brothers and their dates were able to take in the beautiful scenery while eating a fine meal and enjoying each other's companionship. As the sun set over the hills, the brothers gathered wood and started a bonfire to counteract the brisk night air and falling snow. Getaways like this allow us to forget about school and have a jolly old time with the ones we hold near and dear to our hearts.

In FS&C,
John Kiehn, Ryan Bruegger, and Jon Schmidtt
SDM Tri-Socials