

LINES FROM THE MINES

SD Mines Triangle Fraternity

Spring 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVE PRESIDENT: HUNTER KADLECIK

Membership in the SDM Chapter of Triangle Fraternity remains strong with 41 active members, including eight new initiates this semester. We have a total of eight active brothers graduating this May, putting us at a solid 33 next semester. Academics continue to be a priority, evident in our overall GPA of 3.27. As we reflect on the past year, I'm excited to share some highlights.

Another brother and I had the opportunity to attend the national Leadership Training Weekend (LTW), fostering connections with brothers from various chapters. I attended the President's track where I learned much to prepare me for my role. While running meetings and leading discussions are both important duties, I realized that effective leadership relies heavily on delegation and the quality of the rest of the Executive Board. My peer from Mines attended the Risk Management track where the focus was on a proactive approach to risk in our chapter.



Our involvement in organizations such as CAMP teams, professional organizations, clubs, and honor societies has continued to grow, and we are especially proud of our members who serve as officers in those organizations. Members of Greek Life here at Mines continue to grow into roles as leaders both on and off campus. We also take pride in preparing our members for the future. In the last year, 20 brothers had summer internships and 4 went on co-op, gaining real industry experience.

Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate welcoming our new members into the House and engaging in rush season to connect with incoming freshmen. Homecoming activities in the Fall, including the burning of the M and whitewashing, are still the primary duty of our House and promise memorable moments for our brothers and the incoming freshman alike. Greek Life remains committed to preserving the traditions of SD Mines, and we are proud to be such a large part of it.



Chapter Home Update

Triangle Fraternity's home improvements this year consisted of projects that the brothers have wanted for a while now and improvements to keeping those in the house safe. We had our usual workdays both in the Fall and in the Spring where we cleaned up the yard, trimmed hedges, and painted the parking lines. Some of the projects that have been completed include replacing the windows in the front of the house and getting them painted, as well as acquiring a pool table which is now in the day room.

Work on the bus has occurred as needed and mostly consists of small fixes and maintenance to keep it running well. Most of the house improvements this year were focused on keeping the house and those living here safe. All the emergency lights and smoke detectors have been replaced, as well as all the fire doors being fixed so they work properly in case of a fire. The other ongoing project is fixing the electrical issues within individual rooms. Materials have been ordered for this project, and progress will continue with it throughout the summer.

In F, S, & C,

Paul Winker

SDM Triangle House Manager



Rushing Wild

As Assistant Rush Chairman last semester, I assisted in the four public rush events held and the final, invite only rush event of the semester. The rushing class was slightly smaller last Fall due to less individuals that demonstrated F, S, and C. We extended seventeen bids this past semester, eight of whom were able to accept. All eight who did accept their bids are now initiated brothers, and we look forward to having them in the house.

Looking forward to next semester, we are hoping to see a larger rush class that exemplifies our values. We have five rush events in total planned for next year, with the final one being our invite only event. We will start the year with a yard games rush event at the House, followed by a putt-putt event at Putts and Glo. Our third rush event will be a pool tournament hosted at the Breakroom, while our final open event will be the skills challenge at the House. We will finish the semester with our invite only rush event that will start with poker before taking the invited rushees on a trip Around The World. The returning brothers are looking forward to another rush semester

and working to continue growing the house and brotherhood.

In F, S, & C,

Allan Dade Gomez, Rush Chairman



Brotherhood Development

As Chicago, I have planned many events throughout this year. I hosted an outdoor die tournament over President's Day weekend that saw 12 teams of brothers compete.

We also had our brotherhood development events throughout the semester which are critically important in the Spring. With the introduction of new pledges, we rely on BD events to build camaraderie between the actives and pledges alike. We also had our annual Family Tree Olympics with the new Rooks. The Beer Gamers barely took the title with a two-point win over the Rat Pack.

We closed out the year with two weekends of Senior Speeches due to the large number of brothers graduating. The first weekend saw the out-of-house brothers passing their wisdom down to the Rooks, while the second was reserved for the Chicago Auction and the in-house brothers' speeches. After adding up the Rooks' respective Chicago bills, I think it's safe to say that they'll be firmly in the sights of future Chicago Chairmen.

In F, S, & C,

Jaden Deuter, Chicago Chairman

Social Endeavors

This semester we were able to host a social event with APDI with some on-campus Hide n' Seek. Members of both houses were paired together, and their best hiding skills were put to the test. Afterward we all found our way back to the House, and the brothers were able to showcase our beautiful singing voices to our guests with a night full of karaoke.

Our annual formal was held just outside of Hill City at the beautiful Mickelson Trail Lodge. The brothers and their dates were able to enjoy a beautiful day outside before putting on our Sunday best and enjoying a wonderful meal. We were also able to celebrate the accomplishments of each other by giving out awards. The two most important, Triangle of Year and Mr. F, S, and C, were presented to brothers John McKennan and Duncan Pilling, respectively. As the sun set, we gathered around a fire. Playing games, telling stories, and enjoying the presence of some of the people that we love the most.

In F, S, & C,

Logan Hammer, Connor Comer, and Grant Behrend

SDM Tri-Socials



Rookie Remarks

Living in-house as rookies has been an invaluable experience, fostering a sense of brotherhood among us. Rookie duties like driving for Rookie Express and throwing TOTH have not only brought us closer together, but also instilled a sense of responsibility and humility. Through these tasks we've learned the importance of contributing to the collective well-being of the house, building a foundation for our future roles in the fraternity. There are many duties we enjoy, including our annual Paint the Town mural in the Fall.

Additionally, taking on the brunt of houseboys and server has taught us essential life skills and reinforced the importance of maintaining a clean and organized living space. These seemingly mundane chores have become opportunities for bonding and creating lasting memories with our fellow rookies. As we navigate our rookie year together, we are grateful for these experiences that have not only shaped us as individuals but also strengthened the bonds of our rookie class.

New Beginings

Before we explain what we enjoyed about our pledge process here at SD Mines, you should get to know a little about us first. Our class contains eight people, which is small, but it has allowed us to become much closer to one another. The following is a bit about us individually. One thing we all enjoyed this Spring was working on our pledge project. After talking with the current actives, we decided to make a vanity for the first floor of the chapter home. This was a good experience for all of us, and it allowed some of us to learn new skills. Similarly, building our pledge paddles was another process that allowed some of us to learn new skills and bond with one another. The paddles also allowed us to meet some alumni which was a unique experience that we all enjoyed. Overall, having a smaller pledge class has allowed the eight of us to grow together while we worked through our project not as individuals, but instead as one.

In F, S, & C,
The Rocks



From L to R: Jeremiah Lundquist - CEE - Kansas City MO; Colin Sweeney - CEE - Philadelphia PA; Chase Eitemiller - CEE - Mitchell SD; Justin Zirpel - ME - Humboldt SD; Blake Hovaldt - EE - Harrisburg SD; Aiden Lee - EE - Britton SD
(not pictured) Brycen Farris - CEE - Windsor CO, Daniel Laufman - ChemE - Mitchell SD



Public Relations

Our Chapter continues to make philanthropy and volunteer work a priority. Together, we raised \$1900 for our WAVI (Working Against Violence Inc.) Christmas Party with the help of alumni, brothers, and other donors. This money was spent on gifts for the children living in their domestic abuse shelter. Over the span of the academic year, the brothers had approximately 570 volunteer hours. The following are some of the volunteer events we attended or hosted:



- Freshman Move-in
- Putting up WAVI Awareness Bows
- Blood Drives
- First Lego League Tournament
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day Food Drive
- MATHCOUNTS Math Competition
- YFS Kids Fair
- Feeding South Dakota
- Highway Cleanup
- ADPI Hop Pancake Feed
- WAVI Christmas Party

The men of Triangle intend to maintain a culture of service at the SD Mines chapter. We recognize that we have the power to enact real change and hope to do so by fostering connections within our community. We constantly strive to have a positive impact on those in need.

In F, S, & C,
Trey Wood



A Message from the Alumni

Hello Brothers,

We have had a fairly busy and productive year in Rapid City! We were able to help with new carpet, scholarships, and keeping the house together!

In December, after the Fall graduation we got a group of Actives and Alumni together to help with carpet removal. With many hands it only took a couple of hours to get the old carpet removed and hauled off to the dump. With a few water bills from the alumni, the removal didn't cost the house anything which helped save the project a few thousand dollars. Thank you to all the brothers who helped out that day, young and old, as it goes to show that our brotherhood doesn't stop at graduation.

This spring we had the great pleasure of selecting 8 Actives that will receive a scholarship in the fall. With the great support from many alumni, this number has gone up from nearly \$5,000 in annual awards to over \$20,000. We are still looking to raise a little more by the 2025 reunion to hopefully raise that number to more than 10 active scholarships of at least \$2,500, shameless plug!

As we look forward, I am very proud of the work we have done and we continue to do. I look forward to seeing many of you and your families at Rocker Days in the Fall and the Reunion in July, 2025. If you are local and would like to be involved, we are hosting our Alumni Board Meetings, when possible, every 3rd Sunday, @ 5:00PM during the SD Mines Academic Year.

I just want to say thank you to all of our Alumni and Actives, Families and Brothers that have helped out in any way. Through donations or boots on the ground 402 South is still standing, and the Actives are staying strong on Campus and in the Community. Lastly, I would like to say thank you rest of the SD Mines Alumni Board for the time and attention that each of you gives to keep things going.

In F,S, & C,

Evan Hammer, Alumni Board President



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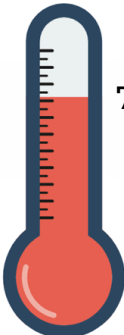
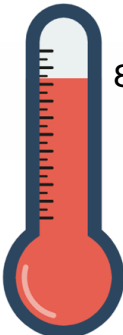
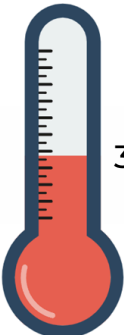
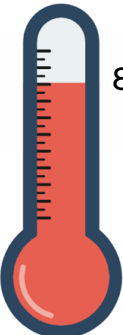
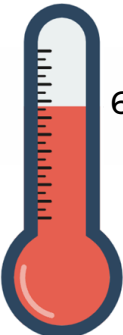
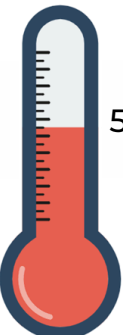


We hope to see you at the
2025 All School Reunion! If not sooner!

Triangle Legacy Campaign

As of: 12/31/2023

We are making great headway on the Triangle Legacy campaign. Check out the numbers below as we advance our way to the goal of \$1.4 Million. More information can be viewed on the SD Mines Triangle Website.

SD Mines CARA Foundation		Triangle Education Foundation		Black Hills Area Community Foundation South Dakota Mines Triangle Fraternity	
SDM Chapter of Triangle Fraternity Endowment Fund	Terry Newlin Memorial Endowment Scholarship Fund	SD Mines Chapter Endowment Fund	Alumni Scholarship Fund	Chapter House Endowment Maintenance & Repair	Chapter House Replacement Fund
 72%	 84%	 37%	 81%	 67%	 55%
Goal: \$300,000	Goal: \$175,000	Goal: \$100,000	Goal: \$350,000	Goal: \$150,000	Goal: \$325,000