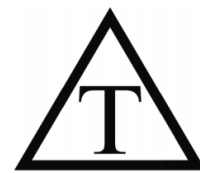


# LINES FROM THE MINES

SD Mines Triangle Fraternity

Spring 2025



## MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVE PRESIDENT:

### DADE GOMEZ

As the semester comes to a close, the future of Triangle is promising as we welcome eleven new initiates, bringing our total membership up to 37 active members. We have seven brothers graduating this semester. Next semester, we are looking forward to having 26 brothers living in the house, and five more active brothers living out of the house. Last semester our term GPA was a 3.21, with thirteen brothers earning a spot on the Dean's list with four of them earning a 4.0 GPA.

Our involvement in campus remains strong, as brothers remain and become more involved in CAMP teams, honor and professional societies, and campus committees. Next semester, brothers Connor Comer, Logan Hammer, and Chase Eitemiller are serving as the tri chairs of the Rocker Days committee, with several other brothers serving on sub committees. I am fortunate to have the opportunity to represent Triangle on the homecoming court and look forward to campaigning towards royalty in the fall.



*Order of Omega Initiates:*

*Andrew Wipf, Chase Eitemiller, Robert Erskin*

This campus involvement pays dividends to the brothers as they gain leadership skills that employers place so much value on. This summer, nineteen brothers will have an internship, two will have research positions, and two will be on co-op.

Looking to next year, the house is eager to welcome in our new brothers and begin the rushing season, welcoming the incoming freshman to Mines. This year, rush dates were chosen through a draft, with the draft order being determined through four different metrics, job/internship placement, community service hours, new members numbers, and GPA. These were scored and compared to other houses to determine the order, and Triangle came in first, exemplifying our commitment to being a top Greek life organization. We also look forward to participating in homecoming activities, and making burning of the M and whitewashing memorable for the incoming freshmen. We're proud to be involved in so many aspects of bettering life on campus and look forward to only growing this involvement and bettering our community in the future.

I look forward to sharing the lessons I've learned through the President's Leadership Academy as we execute the Fall activities. We are encouraging younger members to apply to this academy in hopes to continue to build a strong set of leaders for our chapter's future.

## **Chapter Home Update**

This spring semester has seen numerous projects that both improved the looks and comfortability of the house. As far as improving the looks, the brothers have taken on the task of fixing dead spots in the lawn by aerating and overseeding. We have also stained the new bullpen that was installed last semester.

Inside the house, the basement was fully painted, and many drywall repairs have been made throughout the house. To ensure the house is comfortable in the hot and cold months, all the exterior doors have been adjusted to seal better as well as completely replacing one of the basement doors.

Our House Cook, Cindy, was thrilled with the extra heat that was held in the house during the cold winter months. Fire Safety Improvements have also continued this semester, including adding exit signs to the remaining egress doors, electrical repairs, and having a fire drill.

Going into the summer, we will be replacing the basement flooring in preparation for the 95th Triangle Reunion in July. The house improvements will continue in Fall semester. As of right now, we plan to overhaul the Triangle Logo on the corner of the property, the wood features on the concrete pad, and potentially repaint the built-in grille. The main focus will be to make the house look as good as possible for the Fall Rush Season.

In F, S, & C,  
Andrew Wipf  
House Manager





## **Brotherhood Development**

This year has been a big one for Chicago. While we didn't run a die tournament like last year, we've introduced in-house competitive die leagues that have been a hit and kept the competitive spirit alive. It's been great seeing brothers stay involved and fired up week after week.

On the business side, I've officially started collecting Chicago bills and have sent out over \$80,000 in invoices so far. I've raised around \$1,000, and I'd like to give a shoutout to everyone who's paid up. If any alumni are feeling generous and want to support the house, feel free to reach out—every little bit helps keep the tradition alive.

One exciting change this year: the Chicago Bar has been permanently relocated behind the bar, thanks to the pledges, who chose to revamp the space as their pledge project. It's a great upgrade and makes the bar feel more like a centerpiece of the house.

We're still planning to close out the year strong with Senior Speeches and the always-entertaining Chicago Auction. It's been a great year so far, and I'm looking forward to ending it on a high note.

In F, S, & C,  
Logan Hammer, Chicago Chairman



## **Social Endeavors**

The second half of the semester has been filled with a variety of social events. We began by reviving the Tribrocial with Delta Sigma Phi and Theta Tau, highlighted by a competitive dodgeball tournament in which we proudly secured first place among the Fraternities. Following that, we hosted a social with Beta Delta Mu that featured a potluck dinner and a game of Greek life Jeopardy.

Our next major event was formal, held at a fancy cabin just outside of Lead that accommodated all of our brothers. This year's formal included the traditional group photos, dinner, and awards ceremony, as well as several new activities: a die tournament, drink swap, and the inaugural "Bigger Brother Blast", our own version of the classic Fat Man Race.

To finish out our events for the semester, we got together with Alpha Delta Pi for a social that included mock Shark Tank and an evening of karaoke. In addition to our social events, we purchased a heat press this semester. We have been enjoying printing shirts, hats, and about anything we can fit a design on.

In F, S, & C,  
Colin Sweeney, John McKennan, & Chase Eitemiller  
SDM Tri-Socials

## **New Beginnings**

Our time in the house so far has been a fun and meaningful journey as we've begun to grow into the role of brothers during the pledge process. We've had the chance to connect not only with each other as a pledge class, but also with the actives who supported us and helped us grow. It meant a lot to see how much they cared about continuing the legacy of this house and welcomed us into that vision with real effort and intention.

More than anything, this process has been a learning experience. We didn't just learn about the history of the fraternity—we learned what it truly means to live in the house, to support one another, and to be a brother. The actives gave us opportunities to build teamwork and trust, through activities that challenged us and brought us closer together. Whether it was playing games or going on a hike, we had plenty of time to bond and grow as a group.

If there's one lesson we're all taking from our pledge period, it's this: the house only thrives when the bonds between brothers are strong. Without that connection, it's just a building. But with it, it becomes something so much more.

SD Mines Triangle welcomes these new Brothers:

Logan Bartling; Lodgepole, NE

Zach Rogers; Colorado Springs, CO

Grady Bott; Huron, SD

Ian Grinager; Rapid City, SD

Karsen Berndt; Summerset, SD

Dylan Kaster; Monticello, MN

Zachary Buley; Great Falls, MT

Robert Watkins; Beresford, SD

Adam Al-haj; Sioux Falls, SD

Easton Zahn; Gillette, WY

In F, S, & C,

The Rooks





## **Public Relations**

Over the course of the semester, Triangle has remained actively engaged in philanthropic efforts, solidifying community service as a core pillar of our fraternity. Collectively, we have dedicated 114 volunteer hours.

Triangle is committed to making a positive difference in the community. We understand the responsibility and opportunity we have to contribute meaningfully, and we look forward to expanding our reach by building relationships with those in need and continuing to assist others with purpose.

In F, S, & C,

Jeremiah Lundquist

## **Volunteer Events**

- MLK Food Drive
- Cookie University
- Career Fair
- Vitalant's Blood Drive
- MathCounts
- Engineering & Science Day
- Child Abuse Awareness
- Kids Fair



## **A Message from the Alumni**

Hello Brothers,

The spring of 2025 has been a busy one for the Board. As we gear up for the Reunion this July, I cannot wait to share with all of you the things we have been working on this spring. I hope to see many of you either at the events at the school, the socials, or at the Open House at 402 South!

I want to thank all of the Brothers and Families that have given to our Alumni Legacy Fund over the last few years. It started as a way to increase scholarships, give donors more options, and provide continual improvements to 402 South. In a short amount of time we hit our Phase 1 goal and moved on to what you see today as Phase 2. We have six funds at three different Foundations (listed on page 6). They include funds directed toward Scholarships, House Maintenance, Communication, and also House Replacement. Our Scholarships now amount to \$24,500 in 2025 and more in future years. We have been able to continually make repairs to our Chapter Home with peace of mind. Everyone that has contributed to the Alumni Legacy Fund has empowered our chapter to continue on for years to come! We look forward to sharing with you all our *Phase 3* which will start at the Reunion in July!

Our Board has been busy and I can't thank the Board and the rest of the local Alumni enough. I hope to see many of you this summer where we can grab a drink, chat (as many of you know I like to do), or reminisce and I cannot wait to see what the rest of this year holds!

In F, S, & C,

Evan Hammer

Alumni Board President

## **SDM Triangle Alumni Legacy Fund**

The SDM Triangle Alumni Legacy Portfolio was created to help our Chapter thrive for many years to come. Between three different foundations our goal is to create scholarships and funding to continue on the Legacy of SDM Triangle.

Our chapter is a 501(c)(7) educational non-profit organization. In order for donors to receive tax benefits, we've collaborated with various foundations who have 501(c)(3) status (charitable organization). For more complex gift options such as bequests, charitable gift annuities, IRA charitable rollovers, charitable remainder trusts etc., please contact each Foundation for their Charitable Giving professional who can walk you through the options / steps necessary to complete those type transactions.

Links to each of the Foundations can be accessed from our SDM Triangle Website ([triangle.sdsmt.edu](http://triangle.sdsmt.edu)) and navigate to the Alumni tab near the top. Foundation websites have also been provided below.

The Alumni Board has established a *Phase 2* \$1.4 million goal supporting the SDM Triangle Alumni Legacy Fund and an End-of-Year summary can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

### **SD Mines Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement (CARA) Foundation**

(<https://cara.sdsmt.edu>)

SDM Chapter Triangle Fraternity Endowment Fund, our oldest endowment, still continues to offer finances for House Maintenance & Repair and Active Scholarships. This fund has also produced 6x scholarships each year.

Triangle of the Year (\$1,000), Mr. FS&C (\$1,000), Most Improved GPA awards each semester (\$1,000), and 2x Triangle Brotherhood (\$2,500)

### **Black Hills Area Community Foundation**

(<https://bhacf.org>)

In 2021, we set out to give donors another option to support the Actives and Legacy of SDM Triangle Fraternity! Located right here in Rapid City, the Black Hills Area Community Foundation works to create more philanthropic options in our local community.

- SDM Triangle Fraternity Alumni Scholarship Fund - provides 4x (\$2500) scholarships to the active members of the chapter with specific purposes of Leadership, Academic Excellence, Patriotic, & Community
- SDM Triangle Alumni House Endowment Maintenance & Repair Fund - allows the chapter home to stay in tip-top shape for many years to come.
- SDM Triangle Fraternity Chapter House Replacement Quasi Fund - looks to provide our chapter with the ability to continue to own and operate our own chapter home and is designed to eventually replace our home at 402 South.

### **Triangle Educational Foundation**

(<https://www.triangle.org>)

The Triangle Educational Foundation is home to two additional funds through the National Organization.

- SDM Terry Newlin Memorial Scholarship Fund - 2x scholarships (\$2,750) each year for service to SDM Triangle, University, Local Community, and Triangle Nationals.
  - SDM Chapter Endowment Fund allows the actives to use these funds for Educational purposes.
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## **South Dakota Mines All School Five Year Reunion** July 9-12, 2025

We want to welcome you back to SD Mines and Triangle Fraternity. We hope you can join us at any or all of the activities.

A full schedule of events and registration can be found here: <https://cara.sdsmt.edu/events/reunion>

Events where you'll be sure to find Triangles are the following:

### **Thursday, July 10th**

10 AM - Presidential Welcome in the King Center

11 AM - 1 PM - Tunnel activities and picnic in the quad

6 PM - 9 PM - Decades Street Dance in the Dunham Field Parking Lot

### **Friday, July 11th**

4 PM - 6 PM - Triangle Open House at the Chapter House

-learn about the NEW Chapter House plans

6 PM - 9 PM - Evening Social at Brother Jeff Allen's residence

-food and drinks provided

-Dan Carlson's band will play music at 7 PM

### **Saturday, July 12th**

8 AM - 3 PM - M-Hill Climb, hopefully it's a good day to climb

4 PM - 5:45 PM - Triangle Social at The Box

6 PM - 7:30 PM - All School Banquet at The Box

7:30 PM - 10 PM - Live Music - Dan Carlson's band



### **SD Mines Triangle Welcomes New Alum**

*Best of luck on your next adventure!*

Tom Barnett from Sioux Falls, SD

B.S. Industrial Engineering; MLDP Associate for Nestle in Burlington, WI

Hunter Kadleick from Sioux Falls, SD

B.S. Mechanical Engineering; Rotation Engineer for Williams International in Pontiac, MI

Jaden Deuter from Mitchell, SD

B.S. Mechanical Engineering; Manufacturing Engineer for Harvard Integrations in Tea, SD

Jon Schmidt from Kersey, CO

B.S. Chemical Engineering; Process Development Engineer for Poet in Scotland, SD

John Mckennan from Omaha, NE

B.S. Mechanical Engineering; Powertrain Engineer for Caterpillar in Peoria, IL

Nick Dill from Kersey, CO

B.S. Mechanical Engineering; Equipment Engineer for Kiewit in Gillette, WY

John Goodwin from Omaha, NE

B.S. Physics; actively exploring career opportunities

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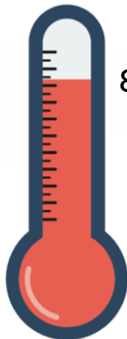
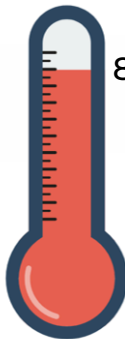
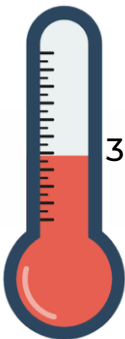
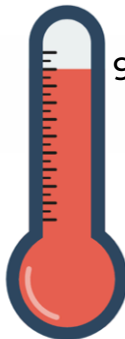
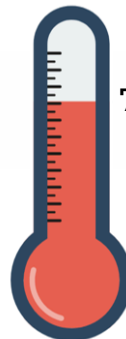
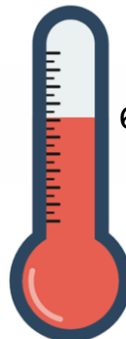


We hope to see you at the 2025 All School Reunion!  
Reunion Website: <https://cara.sdsmt.edu/events/reunion>  
**\*\*Don't forget to select "Triangle" as your Greek Affiliation\*\***

Triangle Legacy Campaign

As of: 12/31/2024

We're on track to achieving the goal of \$1.4 Million by the 2025 All-School Reunion in July. We hope to see you at the event and help us cross the finish line. More information can be viewed on the SD Mines Triangle Website. Contributions may provide for taxable deductions.

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 Quasi Fund
 84%	 89%	 38%	 90%	 71%	 62%
Goal: \$300,000	Goal: \$175,000	Goal: \$100,000	Goal: \$350,000	Goal: \$150,000	Goal: \$325,000

If you have something you'd like shared, e-mail it to us! Triangle@mines.sdsmt.edu