



# FARMHOUSE

★ SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CHAPTER

★ SPRING 2022



## LONG TIME VOLUNTEER TURNS 107

Nebraska FarmHouse Alumnus and longtime SD FH Volunteer and advisor, Boyd Shank recently celebrated his 107th Birthday in Brookings, SD. Professor Shank graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1935 with his Bachelor of Science degree in Agronomy followed by graduate work at Iowa State University.

After schooling, Boyd worked as an Assistant Professor and cotton & corn breeder at the University of Arkansas. While there, he was granted several deferments from military service in WWII due to his work on cotton which was in high demand due to the war efforts. Eventually, Boyd and his wife Clarice made the move to Brookings, SD where Boyd began a 35-year career as a corn breeder and professor while Clarice served as a faculty member teaching food and nutrition.

In 1965, the FarmHouse Club was formed as a first step towards becoming a fully-formed FarmHouse Chapter. That club, and the chapter that followed, has relied on the advice, support, and guidance of brother Shank for 57 years. Boyd retired from SDSU in 1980 and Clarice in 1983. Clarice passed away in 2013.

After Clarice passed, Boyd discussed with Clark Hanson the possibility of gifting his membership pin to the South Dakota State Chapter, where it currently resides. The picture below shows Clark Hanson, Boyd Shank and members of the SD Chapter wishing Boyd a Happy Birthday a few years ago.

## A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENT

SD FarmHouse Alumni,

In the world of Covid that we live in, our opportunities to gather as an alumni group have been few over the last few years, but hopefully those opportunities will increase in number over the coming months. The Association Board has spent the last year primarily meeting via conference call and Zoom, but has had the opportunity to gather a few times to discuss the business of the Association. The challenges of a global pandemic have not missed our Association, but we have responded and adapted to them as they have come.

The primary focus of the Association Board has been supporting the Active Chapter in their recruitment efforts however we can while managing the upkeep of the Chapter House. In the past year we have repainted the common areas of the house, re-done the landscaping of the facility, fixed concrete issues at the main entry, and re-sealed the parking lot. This ongoing maintenance is essential to the longevity of our beautiful chapter facility.

A primary focus of the Association Board looking forward to 2022 is to increase opportunities for our alumni and active members to interact. Better usage of the FH Tailgating Lot, higher attendance at Spring Formal, and a large contingency headed to Conclave in Oklahoma City are all topics of discussion among our Board.

Read while performing the “Ruby Ceremony” that confers alumni membership to Graduating members, “The Charge” asks the question, “Where are our alumni?”. It is my hope that in 2022 the answer to that question is: Together.

Fraternally,

Jeff Davis  
SD FarmHouse Association Board President



## SDSU FH CHAPTER RECEIVES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The 'S' in FarmHouse stands for Service, and it has not been overlooked by the South Dakota State FarmHouse Chapter. Our members have worked diligently to accomplish and exceed goals in Community Service and Philanthropy. Last spring, the chapter members had a record breaking Totally Baldacious event that was broadcasted live on Facebook. In total they raised over \$14,000 for Ella's Warriors and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Then in the fall, they set another record out on Lake Campbell, taking out docks and boat lifts for 70 homeowners and businesses. The generous donations given by the people of Lake Campbell total over \$9,000, and set the chapter up for another record breaking Philanthropy event this spring. Our members have gone above and beyond with other Community Service as well. Last fall they racked up over 1,000 Community Service hours, averaging 34 hours per member. All of this hard work and promise of service was recognized by FarmHouse International as the chapter received the Excellence in Philanthropy, Philanthropy of the Year, and Community Service Achievement awards at FarmHouse Leadership Institute in January 2022. As Alumni, we can be proud of the commitment to service and character shown by our undergraduate members.



Chapter members joined Sigma Alpha club for a night filled with games at the chapter house.



Star and Shield Ceremony was held last month. Members learned what the star and shield symbolize during the event.



### Updated Chapter Officers (L to R:)

- Social Media - Connor Domonoske
- House Manager - Jonathan Wiechmann
- Recruitment Chair - Jackson Fiegen
- New Member Education - Bryce Adrian
- Ritual Chair - Zach Sticken
- VP Admin - Jake Thompson
- President - Justin Taylor
- Risk Management - Lucas Tesch
- VP of Finance - Conner Thaler
- Food God - Logan Tesch
- Alumni Relations - Daniel Williamson
- Director of Scholarship - Hunter Williamette
- Philanthropy - David Steinhagen



## A LETTER FROM YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Alumni Brothers,

The SD Chapter of FarmHouse Fraternity has been as busy as ever over the last year. From doing Docks on Lake Campbell to raising money through our annual Totally Baldacious events, the activity of the chapter never ceases. I am excited to see our members back on campus and ready to set and achieve new goals in the new year. If you're reading this, you may be able to help with our first goal, that is recruitment. Recruitment the last few semesters was challenging due to Covid restrictions from the College. If anyone knows any potential recruits, currently or soon to be, attending SD State feel free to reach out to myself or someone in the Chapter with names and any other information you have.

The members of FarmHouse are extremely grateful for the 14 years of service our House Cook Penny has given us. She has cooked in two different houses, for over 100 men, and filled our hearts and stomachs like no one else. It was hard to hear that she was going to retire, but we are all happy for her to move up from feeding a house full of hungry men, to being a grandma for her eight grandchildren. Though it will be hard to fill her shoes, we are in search of a new House Cook to start hopefully next fall. Again, if you have any referrals please reach out to myself or someone in the chapter.

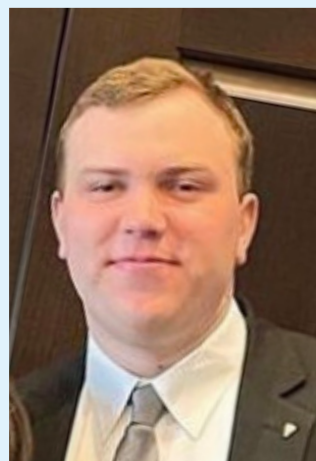
We would also like to give a big thank you to everyone who has donated to our chapter, especially the Ode family from Brandon, SD, and the Domonoske family from Waterville, MN. Doug Ode and his family have received the Friend of FarmHouse reward multiple times in the past, and has yet to quit giving. They donated \$3000 and 250 pounds of ground beef to fill our freezer and help us through some tough financial times. The Domonoske family was the recipient of the Friend of FarmHouse award in the Fall of 2021. They too helped us fill our freezer, by letting us utilize their meat processing facilities to butcher two cull sows donated by the Tesch family of Henderson, MN, and a steer from the Baker family of Cleveland, MN.

If anyone would like to reach out to myself or our recruitment chair with potential recruits, or any other topic, feel free to use the contact information below.

Fraternally,



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 9**

FARMHOUSE SPRING FORMAL

**OCTOBER 8**

USD AT SDSU FOOTBALL GAME

**OCTOBER 29**

HOBO DAY



## SHARE YOUR NEWS

Have you recently married? Has your family recently had or adopted a child? Maybe you changed careers, received a promotion, received an award at work or were recognized in your community?

We want to know about it!

Submit your news or new contact information for our next issue of Pearls & Rubies and future Association Newsletters by going to this website:

**[bit.ly/SubmitFHnews](https://bit.ly/SubmitFHnews)**

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