

UPCOMING EVENTS

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SAVE THE DATE! **52ND BIENNIAL CONCLAVE**

AUGUST 1-4, 2024
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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Alumni Spotlight - Spencer Chase (SD 11)

South Dakota State University FarmHouse Alumni Member, Spencer Chase, has been busy reporting on the world of agriculture policy since graduating from SDSU in 2014. Brother Chase currently serves as the managing editor of Agri-Pulse Communications out of Washington, D.C.

Agri-Pulse is the preeminent ag policy media source in the United States; covering international trade, the farm bill, nutrition policies, food safety, biotechnology, and conservation, among others. One of Brother Chase's primary focuses at Agri-Pulse is the production and supervision of their video and audio broadcasts. Agri-Pulse's weekly 'Newsmakers' segment provides interviews, top stories, and commentary in a traditional "newsroom" setting. Brother Chase serves as the anchor and lead contributor to this segment. Agri-Pulse just recently announced that Newsmakers will be aired weekly on RFDTV. It is safe to say that the agriculture industry and rural America are more aware of the issues that impact them because of Spencer.

Above and beyond his daily work as managing editor, Brother Chase just completed a term as the 2022 president of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting. In this role, Brother Chase led the organization in fulfilling its purpose of serving the interest of the agricultural community and its broadcast member stations and networks. Prior to serving as president, Brother Chase served as the president-elect as well as the regional vice president for the east region.

While at SDSU, Brother Chase stayed heavily involved on campus, in the community, and in FarmHouse. Serving as the vice president of administration in the chapter and FarmHouse big-brother were just a few of the ways he gave back to his chapter as an active member. The SDSU football team made use of Spencer's talents as well, employing him as a student coach focusing primarily on special teams. In addition to all of the above, he served as the 2010-2011 SDSU FFA treasurer and SDSU students' association senator.

Above all else, Chase has stayed steadfast to the ideals of FarmHouse. SDSU FarmHouse is proud to call Brother Chase an alum.



Two active members, Wesley Siira (SD 22) & Hunter Williamette (SD 20) were part of the Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band's performance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC.



In partnership with the alumni association, the active chapter offered the inaugural "Builder of Men Scholarship" to incoming freshman or sophomore men at SDSU. The intention is to offer this every year going forward. If you know of any young men interested in a scholarship, please direct them to apply. Pictured above is chapter president, Hunter Williamette and scholarship recipient, Dawson Gulizia.

51st Biennial Conclave

SDSU Alums pictured to the right (L to R): Lucas Tesch (20), Matt Dahle (13), Craig Weber (86), Jim Hericks (70), Ron Vaske (87), Gary Hansen (72), Justin Taylor (19), Hunter Williamette (20), and Connor Domonoske (19). *Not Pictured Jeff Muchow (66)

A group of SDSU FarmHouse men attended the 51st Biennial Conclave in Oklahoma City, in July 2022. At Conclave, brothers had the opportunity to reconnect with other members, take part in learning opportunities, and help complete the business of the fraternity. Two alumni currently serve on the FarmHouse Foundation board of trustees, Gary Hansen and Jim Hericks. It is wonderful to see SDSU FarmHouse men expand their service to FarmHouse beyond our local chapter.

The 52nd Biennial Conclave will be held in Omaha, Nebraska August 1-4, 2024. With this Conclave being so close to our local chapter, it is our expectation that the South Dakota State chapter will have an incredibly large turnout at the event. We encourage you to save the dates on your calendars!



Along with the Women of Ceres, the chapter hosted the Annual FFA Burger Feed during State FFA Convention.



The Men of FarmHouse embodied the Hobo Spirit with their "Hobomobile" that was driven in the parade.



Updated SDSU Chapter Officers (L to R:)

- Matt Njaa (21)** - Social Media Chair
- Lucas Doll (21)** - House Manager
- Ted Carlson (21)** - VP Recruitment
- Alec Sernett (21)** - Director of New Member Education
- Zach Sticken (20)** - Ritual Chair
- Bryce Adrian (20)** - VP of Administration
- Hunter Williamette (20)** - President
- Nick Wolles (21)** - VP of Finance
- Logan Helgoth (20)** - VP of Risk Management
- Connor Ruen (19)** - Food God
- Luke Hohwieler (21)** - Director of Alumni Relations
- Justin Ackerman (21)** - Director of Scholarship
- Corbin Fuoss (21)** - Philanthropy Chair



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SPRING 2023

A LETTER FROM YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

The spirit of FarmHouse is alive and well at South Dakota State University. From our record philanthropy numbers to our numerous awards, we have had a very successful year. One of our proudest achievements in the past year has been recruiting a class of 20 new members, which grew our chapter by over 50%. We do not plan on stopping there and are reaching for even more pledges this upcoming year. If you know of any potential recruits, please reach out to us.

At the beginning of this year, we had eight of our officers attend the FarmHouse Leadership Institute in St. Louis, Missouri. During the conference, we were able to brainstorm ideas with other chapters, as well as learn about and develop ourselves as leaders. We still rank towards the top of FarmHouse international being recognized as a three-star chapter as well as being presented with the Excellence in Philanthropy, Community Service Achievement, Excellence in Recruitment, and Spirit of FarmHouse awards. Locally, we were recognized as the 2022 CAFES Club of the Year as well as receiving Outstanding Alumni Relations, Outstanding Philanthropic Efforts, Outstanding Financial Management, and our advisor Jason Croat won Advisor of the Year within Fraternity and Sorority Life at SDSU. We feel honored to have been presented with these awards and to be recognized by campus officials as one of the top student organizations on campus.

We would also like to give a big thank you to everyone who has donated to our chapter. With the help of our loyal alumni and assistance from the Brookings community, we feel proud to be able to continue to serve in the capacities we do. This last spring, we are proud to say that

we, again, broke our Totally Baldacious record by raising over \$14,500 for Carter Herbst (MN 19) and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Carter is currently an active member of the University of Minnesota Chapter and is close friends with some of our members. In 2022, we continued one of our largest fundraisers in partnership with the residents of Lake Campbell. The chapter continues our tradition in the community of taking out and replacing docks and boat lifts to raise money for our philanthropy. This year we agreed to recognize a Lake Campbell resident, Ron Einspahr, to receive the Friend of FarmHouse Award for his continued support over the years and for going above and beyond to support us in our philanthropic efforts.

As the semester has begun and the new year has arrived, we are proud of the accomplishments of our chapter and alumni during 2022 and will continue to strive for excellence during 2023. We wish all of you the best this upcoming year and hope that the spirit of FarmHouse remains to impact your life. Feel free to use the contact information listed below to reach us at any time. We are particularly interested in hearing about any potential recruits for the chapter, or any feedback you may have for us.

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