

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### GOPHERS VS ILLINI FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024— Start time will be two hours before kick-off.

At Katie O'Learys Beef and Brew in beautiful downtown Waseca.

Open to all Clovia, FH, LDPHi, GOB, DTS, AGR and GDI alumni and friends of the St. Paul Campus!

### MN FH FOUNDERS DAY, ALUMNI GATHERING & ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, April 12, 2025 @ FarmHouse

1505 N Cleveland Ave

## 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!

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## MINNESOTA FARMHOUSE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE WEEKEND DEC. 6-8

Do you know any high school juniors or seniors who fit the ideals of the FH Object and are considering college?

What could a positive weekend experience at the chapter house do to expand potential new members perspective for the future?

Minnesota FarmHouse is the reason for attending the University of Minnesota. FarmHouse is open to all majors including: science & engineering; business & management; biological & medical sciences; agriculture, food and natural resources.

**Contact Noah Erickson [eric4687@umn.edu](mailto:eric4687@umn.edu) and Lee Siewert [siewe061@umn.edu](mailto:siewe061@umn.edu) for more information.**

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What percent of the University of Minnesota's budget is provided by the Minnesota legislature?

- A. 32%
- B. 46%
- C. 16%
- D. 24%

Answer C. - 16%

What was it during your time at the University?



The men of FarmHouse represented themselves at a University of Minnesota training hosted by NMDP, headquartered in Minneapolis. Minnesota Timberwolves player, Naz Reid, was also in attendance and the chapter took a picture with him.

## CHAPTER UPDATE

This semester has been filled with a lot of unique opportunities for us here at FarmHouse. Leading up to fall semester we had a majority of the house working or competing at the Minnesota State Fair. Once school started we began our fall recruitment events starting with our alumni BBQ. It was great to see the alumni and friends of FH that were able to make it.

We attended Jimmy's Billiards for a pool tournament and later in the week invited potential new members over to play ultimate frisbee. We also went to a Minnesota Twins game which was a lot of fun and to wrap up our fall recruitment events we went to Topgolf with some alumni.

We are excited to welcome seven new members this fall. Another opportunity we had was to register potential new donors to the NMDP (formerly known as Be The Match) registry. The registry serves as a resource to match donors with patients who need a life-saving blood stem cell transplant. As a kickoff event for NMDP we got to meet Naz Reid and hear his story of why this is an important cause.

In October, we hosted FarmHouse Fraternity and Foundation board members and staff at the chapter house. It was a great opportunity to meet alumni from different chapters and hear about their shared passion for FarmHouse. It has been a very good start to the year here at Minnesota FarmHouse and we look forward to what the future holds.

Fraternally,  
Noah Erickson (Minnesota 22)  
President – Minnesota FarmHouse Chapter



In October, the FarmHouse International Executive Board and the Foundation Board of Trustees held their joint meeting in Minneapolis. The chapter cooked a meal for both boards and Fraternity and Foundation staff who visited the house.

## LIFE OF A FARMHOUSE MOM — FALL 2024

During the inauguration of President Cunningham, Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, spoke about her “Gopher Story.” Sharing her background, college experiences and expressing it was where she “learned about the world and herself” and where she found “her people.” A concept I know was true for me and I’m sure you would agree.

College is certainly a time to focus on academics, but we know there is much more learning to be done than just in the classroom. It is a critical time for self-discovery, consolidating beliefs and values, developing life skills both practical and interpersonal, being exposed to different lived experiences, points of view and culture backgrounds and importantly, the formation of lifelong friendships. All these things help to form our own “Gopher Story.”

But for us, our story is also synonymous with our FarmHouse story, one cannot be separated from another. I have witnessed this strong and deep connection between FarmHouse brothers on a daily basis and in every generation of men, from our 1960s alumni who gather every summer to the young men who sing “FarmHouse Girl” at their brother’s wedding, and in every decade before, after and in between.

I believe this enduring brotherhood is one of the strongest value propositions of membership, not to mention the connections that flow from this brotherhood throughout a lifetime. I often tell our young men; they have no true concept of the unique relationships they are developing and will only see the real value as they go through their lives. Their brothers will see them through all their life milestones, the good and the bad. This is what makes FarmHouse so very special and worth supporting, promoting and investing in, both personally and financially. We want other young men to have an opportunity to develop this unique

Gopher and FarmHouse story.

As always, it is a privilege to be your house mom, as I commence my fourth academic year, I can

still say it is the best job in the world. Please stop by, meet these amazing young men, share your story, inspire and challenge them to live up to The Object and continue to carry on the strong tradition of what it means to be a FarmHouse man.

Reach out to me at any time, at 612-961-7933 or at [juliedrechsler1968@gmail.com](mailto:juliedrechsler1968@gmail.com).



Pictured from left to right, Julie Drechsler, Regent Doug Huebsch (Minnesota 84), Craig Altman and Joel Reiman (Minnesota 96).



Undergraduate chapter members and prospective new members enjoy app's at Applebee's, a new tradition for the group.



Undergraduate chapter members and Princess Kay of the Milky Way, an ambassador of Minnesota dairy farmers at a St. Paul Saints game.



Undergraduate chapter members at a Monday night meeting.



# FARMHOUSE

## MINNESOTA CHAPTER

FALL 2024

### A HOME AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA—MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

Are you aware that our new University of Minnesota president is an advocate for the land grant mission and the St. Paul campus? In her inauguration address, President Rebecca Cunningham outlined her vision for the University of Minnesota to be an affordable, world-class university focusing on healthy people, healthy animals, healthy society, healthy environment, healthy economy, and healthy agriculture for Minnesotans. In her first months leading the university she visited all campuses and believes the schools strength is connecting the state through the expanse of the university system—and much of that work happens through the St. Paul campus.

I am confident early and consistent messaging to Dr. Cunningham by St. Paul campus alumni and the work of the St. Paul Gopher Coalition (a cooperative effort of FH, Cloiva, LDPhi, DTS & AGR) provided and will continue to provide critical influence. Before the end of the year you will receive a mailing with more detail and updates from both the St. Paul Gopher Coalition about the St. Paul campus and the Minnesota FH Association about your Fraternity. Part of that message will be the following:

What we need you as an alumnus to do:

1. **PROUDLY RECRUIT** young men early. Minnesota FarmHouse is the reason for attending the University of Minnesota. Alumni must actively recruit young men of high school age who fit the ideals of the Object and encourage them to apply to the university!

Target majors include, but are not limited to: science and engineering, business and management, biological and medical sciences, and agriculture, food, and natural resources

2. **FREQUENTLY CONTACT** the University of Minnesota Board of Regents and your state legislators, as they are financial decision-makers. Dr. Cunningham delivered the message of a necessary focus on the St. Paul campus. We need you to advocate to regents and legislators for financial investment in the St. Paul campus as critical part of the world class University of Minnesota.
3. **ACTIVELY SUPPORT** the chapter. Connect with undergraduates and donate to the Minnesota FarmHouse Progress Fund, which will support the chapter and preserve the chapter house into the future.

Together we will honor the FarmHouse Object and assure your life changing experience is made available to future generations. On behalf of the entire Minnesota FarmHouse Association board, thank you for your continued support of FarmHouse!

Thank you to the over 80 alumni and friends who gathered this past April at Cabella's in Owatonna for Founders Day to socialize and hear an update on FarmHouse and the St. Paul campus. Save the date for the next Founders Day on April 12, 2025, at 1505 N. Cleveland Ave.

Fraternally,  
Joel Reiman (Minnesota 96)

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