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Just over 100 years ago, about 60 years after our Fraternity's founding, young men faced the challenges of the First World War and the "Spanish flu" pandemic simultaneously. A review of articles from *The Rainbow* at that time, (deltatadeltaarchive.com) show reports of the government temporarily taking control of chapter houses to be repurposed for the training of young Delts for battle abroad and the 3,500 Delts who provided loyal service to their nation. It speaks of austere times at our Central Office. The Arch Chapter was focused on efforts to maintain good standing as an organization on compromised college campuses and, eventually, of disruptions to campus activities occasioned by the outbreak of a strange

new flu. A Karnea was held in 1917 in Boston. Much less was known about the science of community virus transmission and social distancing. It was hopefully a sparsely attended affair.

In the midst of WWII, with few healthy young men not in service to the nation, and many of our chapters in a state of dormancy, the Fraternity's Arch Chapter decided to postpone the Karnea. This triggered a change from its historical convening in odd years, to the even year protocols we follow today. It was the first and until now only time that a Karnea had not proceeded as scheduled. The Arch Chapter was essentially invested with war time powers, and continued in office through the crisis, with the president thereafter resigning to make way for the first vice president to assume office.

History provides context, and occasionally comfort. We are not in a world war. Young men are not asked to rally and heed a call to arms, but to shelter in place and wash their hands. That is not to minimize the pain of isolation, canceled plans, missed celebrations and the loss

of tens of thousands including some of our friends, neighbors and loved ones, or the anxiety produced by graduations not had, job offers not extended and futures on hold or unclear.

For the first time since WWII, there will be no Karnea in the classic sense. And yet, through the gift of technology we will in some ways still be together. We will do the Fraternity's good work, and we will elect the slate of officers that will bring us through to the other side of our current temporary challenges.

But unlike the other times, we are in a far better place to endure and indeed continue to grow as men and as Delts. Who we are during these times does not define our character so much as reveal it. There will be many stories demonstrating Delt character that will come to light in the months ahead.

Throughout this crisis, Delts across this country have come together as never before, be it through Zoom, Skype or Houseparty. Your Fraternity and its Foundation have provided grants to undergraduate Delts in financial crisis, assistance to house corporations struggling

to remain financially sound and counsel to young men who are struggling via Talkspace. Our fantastic alumni volunteers have continued to mentor and guide our chapters, and our young men have found unique ways to continue their mission. We have maintained connections through social media and hosted on webcasts with guest speakers to help members cope with many of today's challenges.

Whatever the year ahead may bring, your Fraternity will not stand down, awaiting more "normal" times. We will stand up and stand alongside you. We will provide our undergraduates with the support they need to run their chapters, develop as leaders and live lives of excellence. We will continue to support our community through our partnership with JDRF, to encourage and report on Delts rising to the challenges of today's world and will provide opportunities for our alumni to strengthen the bounds of brotherhood.

It is a challenging time to be alive, but it is always a great time to be a Delt. And we will be there with you, every step of the way. ▲

Upcoming features in *The Rainbow* include leaders in sports and higher education. Do you know a Delt with a story to share?

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The stories in this issue represent but a handful of Fraternity members who hold or have held an elected office or serve in a role in support of community through government or politics and whose leadership builds community. We thank all Delts, elected and appointed, who labor daily for the betterment of their communities.



Photo from the Archive: Epsilon Mu Chapter at Ball State University

25 TO 75 YEARS AGO IN *THE RAINBOW*

HEADLINES OF THE PAST

25 Years Ago (1995)

The intent and aspirations of the recently adopted and publicly declared Mission and Values of Delta Tau Delta was explained in the spring issue by President Jeff Heatherington (Willamette University, 1965).

“In each and every conversation about chapter operations, behavior and standards we are bringing the undergraduates back to the foundation of values that Delta Tau Delta stands for, and asking them to measure what they are doing against these values,” wrote Heatherington.

“We have argued for years with undergraduates about hazing, housekeeping, grades and alcohol abuse. Today we are talking about truth, integrity and excellence. The result is a new conversation that compares actions to values. As a Fraternity, we have no higher calling than to pass those values on to each succeeding generation. It is without doubt the most important initiative we have undertaken in many years.”

50 Years Ago (1970)

A turbulent spring of campus protests of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War reached a crescendo on May 4 when four students were shot and killed at Kent State University by soldiers from the Ohio National Guard. Coordinated by editor of *The Rainbow* Dave Keller (Ohio University, 1950), content in the summer edition was totally devoted to student essays and poems on a variety of topics pertinent to campus issues. The Vietnam War, the Kent State deaths and the subsequent emergency closings of several campuses were of primary interest.

Douglas M. Mancino (Kent State University, 1971), a rising senior in political science and president of the Delta Omega Chapter, wrote a particularly well-considered reflection of a chilling moment in American history.

“It has been several weeks since Kent State University has reopened after closing her doors in the wake of the May 4 killing of four of her students,” he began. “In these last months, much discussion and even more political rhetoric has transpired between the right and left and yet

Compiled by Jim Russell (Purdue University, 1975)

two questions remain unanswered and one problem remains unsolved.

"The questions are who at Kent State is ready to blame for the actions that ultimately resulted in the deaths of four of my fellow students and how is the problem of violent dissent to be resolved?"

As an uncertain opening of the 1970-71 school year loomed for administrators, faculty and students across the nation wondered what awaited. Mancino expressed that angst.

"Unfortunately, I cannot look toward to the coming year with the optimism that I would like. More demonstrations and violence can be expected unless some definite positive action is taken on student demands. The events of May 4 must be eyed also with a cautious realism on the part of students, and something must be said of the violent methods of protest. More demonstrations and more violence will result unless definite actions are taken upon student demand."

Mancino closed his thoughts with the following:

"I contend that the reason students and other protesters have despaired the use of words is that they have not mastered them. When clenching fists, shouting obscenities or burning buildings, the demonstrators' mindless actions have reverted back to primitive man and animal.

"The university is a place where learning and discussion should be foremost. Our views should be tested by the reason of our instructors and our opinions supported by logical facts, not emotionally laden words and actions. The words and actions of demonstrators are desperate attempts to communicate their feelings of dissent, but they fail in their attempts because they only tend to assail generalities, not specific problems.

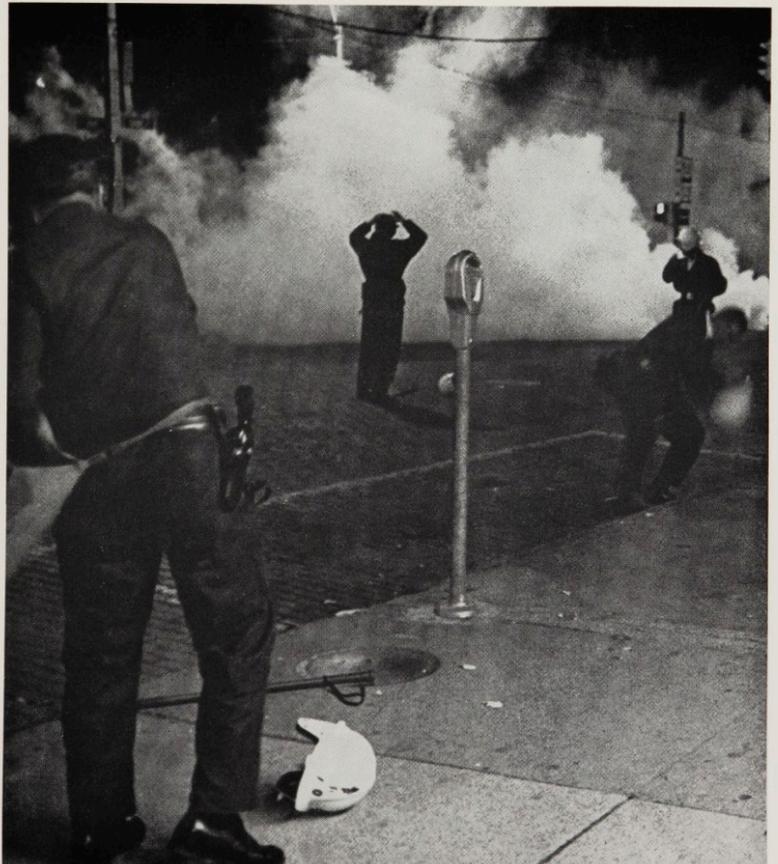
"Too many people are then alienated against the protester, resulting in a polarization that is increasing within America. Throughout history, dissent has been more effectively expressed by words than by violence. Violence itself is the confession of ultimate inability to effectively communicate through socially acceptable means.

"Words are still a powerful force and it is up to the university students to put down their rocks and find their voices. Today, with the nation in turmoil, we need less destruction and more constructive action. Rebuilding should follow the university tradition of leadership through positive action, not anarchy."

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The Summer 1970 issue was the first issue published after the shooting at Kent State University.

75 Years Ago (1945)

Prior to 2020, the last time the Fraternity failed to gather for its biennial Karnea came in 1945 due to World War II. Meeting in Chicago just weeks before the Japanese surrender ended nearly six years of bloodshed on multiple continents, the Arch Chapter accepted the resignation of President Charles T. Boyd (University of North Carolina, 1921). An attorney, Boyd had served as president since 1943 and on the Arch Chapter for eight years. As directed by the Fraternity's *Constitution*, the Arch Chapter elected Francis F. Patton (University of Chicago, 1911) the 19th president. Patton was an investment banker in Chicago. For three school years, Fraternity activity had been greatly curtailed. Yet, Boyd's final report noted 56 of 75 Delt chapters were operating as the 1944-45 year ended. During the war, 49 of the 65 Delt-owned chapter houses had been used for military training.



A little more than 100 years after the "Spanish flu" infected nearly a quarter of the world's population, much of the planet sits at a standstill amid another pandemic attacking humanity. At West Virginia University in 1918, many of the WVU students who remained on campus during wartime, between 500 and 600 of them were in military training on campus. More than half of those students in the Army Training Corps, eventually got the flu leading WVU to turn the Gamma Delta Chapter Shelter into a medical facility.

FACING DISRUPTION

Courage, understanding, assistance and persistence

By Jim Russell (Purdue University, 1975)

The scene is August 1919 in Boston, one of America's most historic cities. The occasion: The first Karnea of Delta Tau Delta conducted in New England.

The larger context: America is at a weary peace, tired of war and frustrated by the disruption of daily life. The Treaty of Versailles was signed just two months before on June 28, officially ending World War I.

The mood as Karnea attendees arrive: Elation. The Fraternity had somehow survived a mass migration

of young men strong in their youth who answered a nation's call to bloodshed on foreign soil. Many of those men made the ultimate sacrifice, never to return to their Delt brothers or even U.S. soil. Virtually all the others had their lives interrupted or radically changed.

Oh, and one more little obstacle to progress: While the doughboys were "Over There," an influenza outbreak had further disrupted the U.S. and its already depleted college campuses in autumn 1918 just prior to the war's armistice on Nov. 11, 1918. Its impact was

quick and deadly.

Schools reeling from diminished enrollment started late or not at all that fall. Delt shelters and other Greek chapter houses were hurriedly turned into makeshift campus hospitals to quarantine and treat those afflicted. Football seasons were delayed or truncated.

For those who did play, their schedules were cobbled to include games with nearby military installations, local YMCAs or even high schools. Most major conferences did not crown a champion due to an insufficient number of league games. The Rose Bowl,

the only post-season game of its day, featured Great Lakes Naval Station from outside Chicago against the Mare Island Marines of California. Great Lakes, whose roster included future NFL founding father and legend George Halas, defeated Mare Island 17-7.

As reported in *The Rainbow*, the 1919 Karnea was the largest to that point with a turnout approaching 600. Reports documented Delta Tau Delta's financial solvency and persistence through its most difficult days since infancy. With 62 active chapters and

1,720 undergraduates enrolled for the spring 1919 academic term, the Fraternity had never been larger. Delt had already rebounded sharply from a greatly dwindled undergraduate membership of just 920 men in the 1917-18 school year. Moreover, every Delt chapter emerged alive from a two-year period of hell, an American unease which really started with the European outbreak in 1914.

Against that backdrop on Karnea's opening day rose one of the most legendary and important figures in the six decade history of Delta Tau Delta, if not the entire fraternal movement. A century later, he still stands as one of our most important figures.

President James Breckenridge Curtis (Butler University, 1880), stood at the podium to gavel open the 45th Karnea awash in pride, celebration and significant relief. Hailing from a tiny burg southeast of Indianapolis, he became a New York lawyer and veteran of the Spanish-American War where he rose to the rank of colonel. In 1907, Curtis was elected to the first of six consecutive terms. No other man has served the Fraternity for more than three, the last in 1933.

The final two of those 12 Curtis years were particularly rigorous as the Fraternity weathered the loss of significant manpower from war, threat of financial ruin and then a global influenza pandemic that would linger into 1920. In its wake, more than 670,000 Americans and an estimated 50 million worldwide died. The outbreak was particularly virulent among healthy young adults and Delta Tau Delta was not spared.

As documented in the Karnea minutes, Curtis began his lengthy address to the body at Boston's Copley Plaza Hotel with a reminder of what Delta Tau Delta and the nation had endured since the Karnea last met in August 1917 at Buffalo. It came just four months after the U.S. finally was fully dragged into the long-raging war in Europe.

"Our 44th Karnea was held under unusual conditions. Our country had just entered the World War and was in the throes of organizing a National Army to be composed of young men with little or no experience," Curtis said.

"As some of you who attended the Buffalo Karnea will recall, it was my intention to lay down the work of Archon at the end of a decade. However, in 1917, that seemed like deserting when others were enlisting. The last two years of work have been the hardest during my administration.

"Our brothers responded to the call of the President in unusual numbers, which

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— *President James Breckenridge Curtis (Butler University, 1880)*

disrupted many of our chapters," Curtis continued. "With diminished numbers, our chapters began the college year of 1917-1918 in a heroic spirit. That was the state of mind of the country and our young men were loyal, not only so far as joining the Colors was concerned, but to the spirit of fraternalism, and were true to our Fraternity. Knowing that their financial problems were more difficult than ever before, they began the year's work with a determination to solve all their troubles.

"Without abandoning any of our ideals, our chapters were successful in recruiting

a sufficient number of men to keep each and every one of them alive. This was the third war through which Delta Tau Delta had gone in its 60 years of existence, so that it had already been scorched and had some knowledge of the difficult task which it was facing."

The oldest alumni in the room had survived America's horrific Civil War. Given the nation's rupture, the intersectional conflict probably should have caused the demise of the young Bethany College, the nascent Delta Tau Delta and many of its interfraternal brothers. It didn't. Then came an arduous Reconstruction, a sustained period of U.S. economic turbulence with recessions, depressions and bank panics throughout the final quarter of the 19th century, then the short-lived Spanish-American War of 1898. At age 60, Curtis had lived through it all. It took a toll; he would enter the Chapter Eternal within three years.

In the following 60 years, the U.S. would endure the Great Depression, an even larger global war which disrupted all American life and wreaked havoc on college men, two smaller but no less gruesome wars in Asia with American participation and terrifying, even deadly, conflicts on the campus itself that peaked 50 years ago this spring. The Fraternity weathered those storms and continued to grow.

Today, 101 summers after that gathering of fraternal elation in Boston, Delta Tau Delta faces uncertainty yet again. For the first time since the World War II years, there will be a pause in our pattern of biennial gatherings. We don't know if colleges will resume classes on schedule. Some will opt for a fully online environment. Some likely won't open at all this fall, perhaps shuttered forever.

Ten decades after Curtis and almost 160 years after the boys of Bethany went off to fight a gruesome war on different sides, we face disruption anew. Apparently, it is just part of the human equation. The parallels to the past, both as a Fraternity and a nation are obvious. As before, sacrifice, leadership and forbearance are demanded. As Deltas, it is a time for courage, understanding, assistance and most of all, persistence. ▲

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Delta Tau Delta is looking for volunteers to strengthen communities, undergraduates and themselves as part of a Volunteer Advisory Team. Volunteer Advisory Teams are designed to benefit each chapter and colony by providing advisors for each undergraduate officer and committee. Volunteer Advisory Teams help volunteers focus on one area of operation and share the time commitment associated with advising chapters and colonies. This list below includes chapters, colonies or planned colonies in need of alumni volunteers. Those in **bold** need a lead chapter advisor.

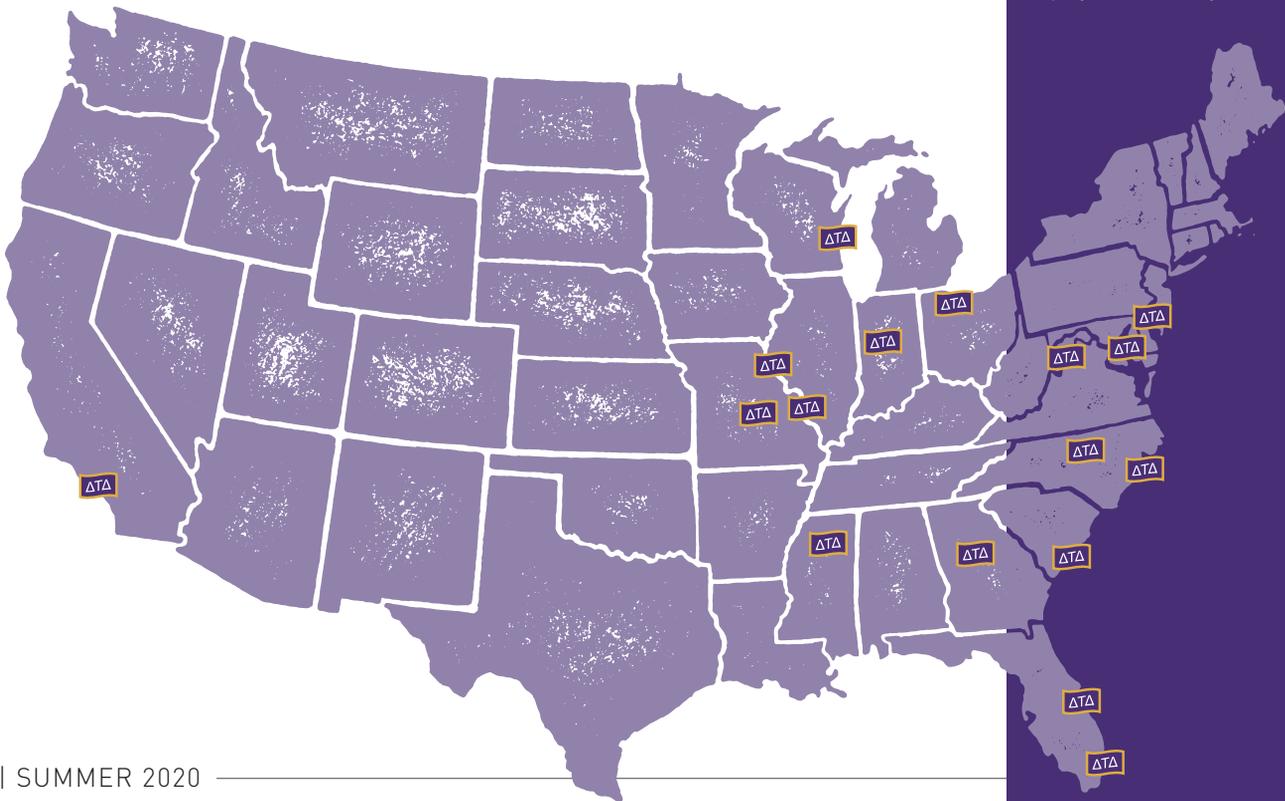
- **Beta Delta at the University of Georgia**
- *Gamma Eta at The George Washington University*
- **Gamma Lambda at Purdue University**
- **Delta Kappa at Duke University**
- **Delta Omicron at Westminster College**
- *Delta Pi at the University of Southern California*
- *Delta Tau at Bowling Green State University*
- *Delta Upsilon at the University of Delaware*
- **Zeta Alpha at Marquette University**
- *Theta Epsilon at American University*
- *Iota Delta at Quincy University*
- **Iota Nu at Florida Atlantic University**
- *Iota Xi at Florida Institute of Technology*
- **Kappa Beta at James Madison University**
- *Kappa Zeta at the College of Charleston*
- **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Crescent Colony**
- **Pi Crescent Colony at the University of Mississippi (Fall 2020 Expansion)**
- **East Carolina University Crescent Colony (Fall 2020 Expansion)**

Consider volunteering on a Volunteer Advisory Team (VAT) or as a facilitator at one of Delta Tau Delta's many leadership experiences.

Chapter Advisor
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Asst. Advisor: Finance
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Asst. Advisor: Member Development
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Asst. Advisor: Community Service
Faculty Academic Advisor

You don't need to live near a campus to volunteer. In many instances, leadership from remote advisors is a valuable opportunity to give back. We encourage you to reach out if interested in opportunities to support chapters virtually.

For information about volunteer opportunities, please contact Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator Nick Pidgeon at nick.pidgeon@delts.org.





Michael "UK" Underkofler (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1984) Chapter Advisor for Kappa Epsilon at The College of New Jersey.

VOLUNTEER Q&A WITH MICHAEL UNDERKOFLE

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO JOIN DELTA TAU DELTA AS AN UNDERGRADUATE?

I was invited to a party by a friend from my dormitory. I liked the friendliness of all the brothers and the diversity within the chapter, which few fraternities at the time had. Back then, fraternities were frequently segregated by race, religion, perceived social status, athletic or academic interests.

HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED AS A FRATERNITY VOLUNTEER?

I knew I wanted to do volunteer work somewhere once I retired from

the military. I never felt like I could contribute to an organization while serving as I was always moving, deploying or spending what little free time I had with my own sons. Seeing the advertisement in *The Rainbow*, asking for help with chapters in New Jersey, was the impetus to apply.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

I'm just getting started as a volunteer, having served as a chapter advisor for a little more than two years. The young men in Kappa Epsilon are smart,

dedicated, caring, organized and inspiring. I've learned so much from them; I hope they've learned something from me.

WHAT HAS SURPRISED YOU ABOUT YOUR VOLUNTEER ROLE?

The magnitude to the services the Fraternity provides. I'm continually learning all the things that are available to the chapters and the brothers.

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE FRATERNITY BENEFIT CONNECTIONS ACROSS GENERATIONS?

I think it is very easy to see how our Fraternity supports connections across the generations. One example is our affinity groups. In the Military Delts Group, you'll find young men exploring or just beginning a military career as well as old guys like me who can offer assignment and career assistance. I'm helping a young brother in his quest to become an Air Force pilot. I'm hopeful he'll get to enjoy the same career field I had.

HOW DO YOU BALANCE VOLUNTEER TIME WITH WORK AND LIFE IN GENERAL?

Since leaving the military, I actually work a 40-hour a week job, both of my sons are in college, and my wife just went back to practicing medicine, so I actually have more time to volunteer than I've ever had.

WHAT IS THE BEST ADVICE YOU EVER GOT IN RELATION TO VOLUNTEERING?

To clearly understand my role: to coach, teach and mentor, but ultimately the chapter is run by the undergraduate men.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER TO AN ALUMNUS WHO HADN'T PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

The Fraternity doesn't just tell you to go forth and advise. I've received phenomenal training and have regular check-ins from both division and national leaders and coaches. I have received more back through volunteering than I have given. I think other volunteers feel the same way. ▲

Theta Kappa INSTALLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY



On January 18, 2020, Delta Tau Delta celebrated the installation of Theta Kappa Chapter at the University of Nebraska at Kearney with 29 founding fathers.

Installation ceremonies at the Nebraskan Student Union in the Ponderosa Suite included the signing of the charter where International President Steven A. Paquette (Syracuse University, 1977) and International Secretary Anthony Albanese (American University, 1996) joined the founding fathers to sign the charter; an event live-streamed through Facebook. Paquette later gave the keynote at the installation banquet where many parents, siblings and significant others joined to celebrate.

Beta Tau Chapter from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln performed the *Rite of Iris* and *Ritual*, welcoming the founding fathers to the Fraternity. One colony graduate returned for initiation.

Delta Tau Delta CEO Jack Kreman (University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2004), presented the Eversole badge to the chapter president during the installation banquet. One of the oldest badges known to be in existence, the design elements of this badge are identical to the current Fraternity badge. Beta Chapter (Ohio University) alumnus W. R. Eversole received the badge at his initiation in 1863. In recognition of this, presidents of all new chapters receive the Eversole badge as an enduring sign of

Fraternity heritage and history.

“All chapter installations are special. Personally, the installation of Theta Kappa is very significant—it is where I began my Delt career. The University of Nebraska at Kearney is a great place to have a strong Delt Chapter,” said Kreman.

The Fraternity returned to campus in the fall of 2017 after a four-year absence. Theta Kappa Chapter was originally installed on October 16, 1993, and had been inactive for four years due to a decline in membership. Western Plains Division President Chris Wisbrock (University of Missouri, 1997) and Western Plains Division Vice President Dan Lindstrom (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1982) joined Theta Kappa Chapter Advisor Tony Trausch (2010) and dedicated Theta Kappa Chapter alumni for the installation.

“I am beyond proud to see these young men sign the charter and turn the page to a new chapter of Theta Kappa and humbled to have been a member of the fall 2017 expansion team. This group of young men has already grown more than any of us could have expected or anticipated. I am anxious to see how quickly they climb the ranks and become one of the organization’s strongest chapters. Kearney, Nebraska will always have a special place in my heart as will the people I interacted with and the men who have begun the new Theta Kappa legacy,” said Director of Growth Adam

Abbott.

Valuable support from the chapter’s advising team comes from Faculty Academic Advisor Ben Brachle (University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2002), *Ritual* Advisor Ryan Caldwell (University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2002), Recruitment Advisor, Marcus Kloepping (University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2001), Risk Education Advisor, Nathan Buell (University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2007), and Financial Advisor, Andy Engel (University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2010). Caldwell, who serves as chapter advisor for Beta Chapter at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln also attended the installation.

Notable attendees at the installation included former Chapter Leadership Consultant and former Western Plains Division Vice President Jim Emanuel (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1983), former Chapter Leadership Consultant Nick Yarbrough (Baker University, 2017), former Chapter Leadership Consultant J.J. Nelson (University of Nebraska at Kearney, 1997), Vice President of the UNK Alumni Association Lucas Dart, (University of Nebraska at Kearney, 1997) and Dean of the Division of Student Affairs Dr. Gilbert Hinga. ▲

FALL GROWTH UPDATE

The Fraternity believes in future growth. As an organization, we are charged with identifying new colleges and universities where we would like to expand, colonize and plant a Delt flag. Delta Tau Delta will continue to grow in the fall with the establishment of two colonies including:



University of Mississippi: Pi Crescent Colony

The Fraternity will work to establish the Pi Chapter at the University of Mississippi after an absence since 1942. Rich in its southern history, Oxford, Miss. opened the doors to the institution in 1848 and soon after came the first Greek organization soon to be known as the Rainbow Fraternity. The University of Mississippi was home to the first chapter of the Rainbow Fraternity prior to the organizational merger to join Delta Tau Delta. The Fraternity will join 16 IFC chapters in the fraternity and sorority life community fall 2020. For updates on the colony, search for Delta Tau Delta at Ole Miss on Facebook and follow @olemissdelt on Instagram and Twitter.



East Carolina University: East Carolina University Crescent Colony

The Fraternity plans to plant a purple and gold Delt flag for the first time at East Carolina University in fall 2020. Located in Greenville, N.C., East Carolina University offers more than 175 degrees with nationally recognized academic programs taught by award-winning professors. The university is home to over 25,000 undergraduates from every county in North Carolina, all 50 states and 44 countries. The Fraternity will join 14 IFC chapters in the fraternity and sorority life community. For updates on the colony, search for Delta Tau Delta at East Carolina University on Facebook and follow @ecudelts on Instagram and Twitter.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Volunteers: If you know alumni, potential volunteers, friends or potential friends of Delta Tau Delta who may be interested in learning about ways to be involved as an advisor or volunteer for one of the three new colonies, please contact Director of Volunteer Recruitment Bentley Anderson at bentley.anderson@delts.org.

Referrals: If you know current undergraduates or high school seniors who could be potential members of one of the three colonies, who already attend one of the institutions or who may be attending beginning in fall 2019, please contact Director of Growth Adam Abbott at adam.abbott@delts.org.

Growing the Fraternity: If you are interested in the Fraternity returning to a campus where the Fraternity once had a chapter or have connections with a campus where our colors of purple, white and gold have never been before, please notify the director of growth for future expansion opportunity exploration.

For more ways to get involved contact Director of Growth, Adam Abbott at adam.abbott@delts.org

THETA OMEGA CRESCENT COLONY MARKS DELT'S RETURN TO NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY



Delta Tau Delta returned to Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Flagstaff with 20 members of the Theta Omega Crescent Colony established on February 21, 2020. The colony boasts a cumulative GPA of 3.47 based on the fall 2019 semester.

“After a four-year absence, the Theta Omega Crescent Colony is back with a full head of steam and 20 eager founding fathers,” said Chapter Leadership Consultant Kobe Nelson and expansion team lead. “Over the last month, we worked closely with these impressive young men and the drive we see in them is astounding. I can’t wait to see what this group does both as members of the NAU community and of Delta Tau Delta.”

Chapter Leadership Consultants Michael Nguyen (Case Western Reserve University, 2019) and Heath Schintler (University of Iowa, 2019) were also part of the expansion that began recruiting on campus in late January.

The colony joins 14 organizations in Northern Arizona University’s Interfraternity Council. The campus of more than 27,000 students with 95 degree programs has a total of 18 fraternities and 18 sororities

Colony members joined Fraternity leaders and guests at the Du Bois Center on campus for the ceremony. The Fraternity *Ritual*

team included Colony Advisor Matt Tantau (Northern Arizona University, 2003), Theta Gamma Chapter President Phillip Asuelo, (Arizona State University, 2022) and Theta Gamma Chapter Vice President Jake Walters (Arizona State University, 2022).

Ceremony attendees also included Western Pacific Division Vice President and Chapter Advisor for Theta Gamma Chapter at Arizona State University, Richard Schmidt (North Dakota, 1976); Former Western Pacific Division President, Vice President, and Theta Gamma Assistant Chapter Advisor John Bickerstaff, (University of Arizona, 1975); Connor Kralik (Northern Arizona University, 2016), Andrew Pitt (Northern Arizona University, 2015); former Chapter Consultant and original Theta Omega founding father Jake White, (Northern Arizona University, 2001) Ryan Ewing (Northern Arizona University, 2005) and Greg Baker (Northern Arizona University, 2015).

Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Kevin Gemoets attended along with College Panhellenic Council President Morgan Butler, 11 undergraduate members of Theta Gamma Chapter and 40 members of NAU’s campus community. ▲

In spring 2020, the Fraternity worked to reestablish the Theta Phi Chapter at Illinois State University. Despite spirited efforts by the professional staff and local volunteers, the campus wasn’t ready to support a chapter of Delta Tau Delta. The Fraternity made the difficult decision to stop the project. The Fraternity remains open to a return to Illinois State when the campus climate is right.



ZETA BETA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Chapter at LaGrange College holds 50-year anniversary celebration

More than 200 alumni, undergraduates and guests gathered on Mar. 7, 2020, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Zeta Beta Chapter at LaGrange College in LaGrange, Ga. The weekend included an informal reception on Friday evening, a house corporation meeting and performance of the *Ritual* ceremony. The day concluded with a reception at the new shelter built in 2015 and a banquet to toast the occasion.

LaGrange College is the oldest private college in the state of Georgia having been founded in 1831. The college was originally the LaGrange Female College. After the board of trustees decided to make the college coeducational in 1953, several local fraternities formed to satisfy the growing male population.

The Zeta Beta Chapter founded on March 7, 1970, following a petition by then local fraternity Sigma Nu Pi. The college decided all local fraternities should

become national. Following an intensive search, the men of Sigma Nu Pi made a request to Delta Tau Delta for recognition. Then Southern Division Vice President Carl Stipe (Emory University, 1923) dispatched a team of local volunteers to assess the local fraternity. The group was immediately approved for a charter without the requirement of serving a period of time as a colony. Very few chapters in the history of the Fraternity have bypassed colony status.

The reception at the new Zeta Beta Shelter provided an opportunity for the undergraduates and alumni to showcase their new creation. The old shelter, acquired in the 1970s, was nearing the end of its useful life. The College was interested in the land upon which it sat as a potential site for a new science building. Preparation met opportunity and in 2015 the university bought the existing shelter and built a new shelter in an existing Greek

row. All three LaGrange fraternities, Pi Kappa Phi and Alpha Delta Gamma (a local) have houses in the same area.

The banquet was a raucous affair as both members and guests participated in a slide show of memories, a live DJ and toasts to the accomplishments of the chapter that went well into the night. The Arch Chapter recognized long-time House Corporation President Bill Sanders (LaGrange College, 1972) with an official proclamation. Sanders served the Zeta Beta House Corporation from his graduation until his retirement in 2019, a total of 47 years of service as a Fraternity volunteer.

Zeta Beta Chapter at LaGrange College has been a perennial power for the Fraternity earning the Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence six times since its founding in 1970. The chapter also holds the record for most consecutive Court of Honor distinctions with 13 from 1999 to 2011. ▲

2020 DIVISION CONFERENCE AWARDS

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity recognized its top 10 chapters for the 55th year with the Hugh Shields Award during the Fraternity's Division Conferences in January and February.

The Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence was established in 1965, and is named for the late Hugh Shields (Indiana University, 1926), the first executive vice president of the Fraternity. The award recognizes overall chapter excellence and is presented to the top 10 chapters in the Fraternity. Chapters receive a gavel and a Hugh Shields flag.

The 2018-19 Hugh Shields recipients



ALPHA - ALLEGHENY COLLEGE (18)



DELTA OMICRON WESTMINSTER COLLEGE (11)



EPSILON IOTA-B KETTERING UNIVERSITY (12)



EPSILON PHI SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY (20)



EPSILON ZETA SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY (3)



GAMMA XI UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI (11)



IOTA EPSILON CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY (12)



IOTA SIGMA NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY (2)



THETA XI EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (4)



ZETA ZETA MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY (3)

(Number of years awarded including awards presented in 2020)

2021 DIVISION CONFERENCES DATES AND LOCATIONS

WESTERN PLAINS DIVISION

Feb. 4-7, 2021
DoubleTree by Hilton
Omaha Downtown—
Omaha, Neb.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Feb. 4-7, 2021
Sheraton Music Center
Hotel—Nashville,
Tenn.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Feb. 11-14, 2021
DoubleTree by Hilton
Hotel South Bend and
Century Center—South
Bend, Ind.

WESTERN PACIFIC DIVISION

Feb. 18-21, 2021
Crowne Plaza Redondo
Beach & Marina—
Redondo Beach, Calif.

EASTERN DIVISION

Feb. 25-28, 2021
Philadelphia
Marriott West—West
Conshohocken, Pa.

2019 FAAR DATA BREAKDOWN

The Fraternity Awards and Accreditation Report (FAAR) is mostly known as the tool for deciding the Hugh Shields recipients, but that is just a piece of it. Through the FAAR, the Fraternity collects more data about the progress of our chapters.

This data collection includes academic information, operational practices, data around community service and philanthropy, and unique practices that makes chapters stand out in their campus community. The Fraternity not only promotes these practices and provides them to other chapters as best practices, these performance metrics are tracked so chapters can receive the appropriate support based on their past performance.

Accreditation: The Arch Chapter adopts criteria as the minimum operating standards of a chapter and chapters are expected to submit materials to show proof of completion by November 1 annually.

Awards: The FAAR is the primary tool for the Fraternity to bestow awards on its chapters. The Hugh Shields Awards for Chapter Excellence and the Court of Honor are awarded based on chapter submissions.

FAAR 2019-20 Update:
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fraternity is working to create an award process that is significant while relieving the pressure of completing the FAAR in its entirety.

TOTAL SERVICE HOURS

95,808

AVERAGING **16.5 HOURS** PER MAN



TOP 5 CHAPTERS IN PER MAN HOURS SERVED

Delta Gamma (South Dakota) – 52.10 hours

Epsilon Phi (SE Louisiana) – 50.40 hours

Beta Delta (Georgia) – 37.39 hours

Zeta (Case Western) – 36.89 hours

Iota Omega (UT-Dallas) – 34.73 hours

FAAR POINTS INCREASE 2018 VS. 2019

Epsilon Beta (TCU)	365 INCREASE, 453 TOTAL
Epsilon Delta (Texas Tech)	317 INCREASE, 653 TOTAL
Gamma Xi (Cincinnati)	285 INCREASE, 887 TOTAL
Delta Mu (Idaho)	243 INCREASE, 447 TOTAL
Epsilon Nu (Missouri S&T)	230 INCREASE, 748 TOTAL



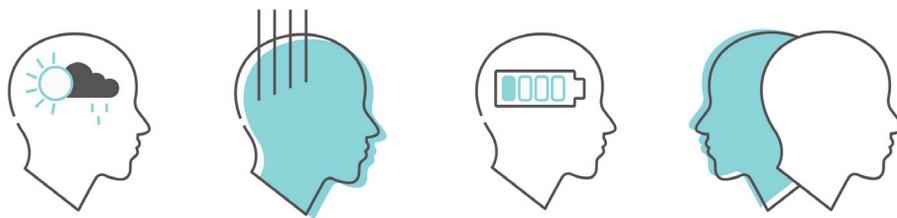
ITEMS REVIEWED:

5,109 AWARDS ITEMS

1,186 ACCREDITATION ITEMS

102 REGRADE REQUEST ITEMS

6,397 TOTAL ITEMS



THE WELLNESS PRIORITY

Delt ULifeline offers the tools to make every day another good day to be a Delt.

Delta Tau Delta brothers continually seek to help those that are struggling. “Our fundamental principles of Truth, Courage, Faith and Power, which have guided us since our founding, demand no less,” said International President Steve Paquette. “We are committed to lives of excellence and embrace attributes like integrity, accountability, lifelong learning, strengthening community and brotherhood. Perhaps most importantly, we support each other as friends and brothers, sharing in the celebration of life’s joyful moments and helping each other through times of difficulty. It is in the ups and downs of life that our brotherhood matures and deepens the bond which ties us together.”

As a society experiencing increased depression, anxiety and a rise in the reports of other mental health issues, many brothers have found talking to a trusted brother or friend when facing a challenge can often provide clarity and temporary relief. Truly addressing these issues requires the skill and assistance of a qualified mental health professional who can provide the right kind of help and direct us to just the right resources.

“As brothers, it is incumbent upon us to increase our awareness and try to be attuned to subtle calls for help and possible warning signs displayed by someone who is struggling. We do not have to be mental health professionals to recognize someone else’s difficulties or to look inward to see our own need for a helping hand. We cannot wait passively as our brothers suffer but must try proactively to render appropriate assistance,” Paquette said.

Some of our brothers are struggling with depression, anxiety or substance abuse. Some

will ask for help; others will seek to resolve these issues on their own. Supporting each other means offering a hand to those who need it, not waiting to be asked or invited. We cannot afford to lose one good Delt because of a health crisis left unaided.

The Jed Foundation, a leading nonprofit working to protect the emotional health of college and university students, partnered with Delta Tau Delta on the resource, which is now available to Fraternity members from more than 1,500 schools. The Resource Center, an affiliate site to The Jed Foundation’s ULifeline.org, provides information about several emotional and mental health topics. Further, Delta Tau Delta Lifeline provides links to local resources and on-the-ground support to help connect students to the support they need. It also includes a Self-Evaluator, which was developed for ULifeline by Duke University School of Medicine and screens for 13 of the most common mental health conditions that college students may face.

Delt’s ULifeline portal demonstrates our commitment to greater mental health awareness, accurate education and appropriate treatment resources. ULifeline is tangible evidence of our goal to provide mental health education and awareness as well as access to mental health crisis resources 24 hours a day. All undergraduates and alumni are encouraged to review the ULifeline site. By knowing what tools and resources are available, we can act quickly and confidently when we recognize a brother in need. The fact that we cannot do everything should not prevent us from doing something. ▲

Learn more: delt.co/ulifeline

NEED HELP NOW?

If you need immediate help:

Text: START to 741-741

Call: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

It is easy to procrastinate getting help but reaching out for support is the first step to feeling better. Most campuses offer confidential counseling services or can help connect you with resources in your community. Just talking about what is going on can help you feel better, so take that first step by reaching out for help or opening up to a trusted friend or family member. There are ways to feel better, but you must tell someone what you are going through.

Delt ULifeline is a source for facts about:

- Alcohol and Drugs
- Anxiety Disorders
- Bipolar Disorder
- Borderline Personality
- Cutting
- Depression
- Eating Disorders
- Emotional Health
- Schizophrenia
- Stress
- Suicidal Behavior

Wellness resources including:

- Sleep Recommendations
- Exercise Suggestions
- Nutrition Guidelines
- Stress Management and Relaxation
- Connectedness and Healthy Relationships
- Resources for helping a friend and getting help.

Tax-deductible gifts to the Health and Wellness Fund can be made to the Foundation at www.Delt.org/give

STORIES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Adversity to Advocacy: Scott Fedor (Lehigh University, 1998) knew he'd have lifelong friendships through the Fraternity—friendships that further proved to be enduring following a serious injury in 2009. Fedor was on track with a successful marketing career. Then, in 2009, while spending the July 4th weekend at his ex-wife's parent's cottage, he dove into shallow water and broke his neck. After the accident one of the first people to visit Fedor in the hospital was a Delta Tau Delta brother. With the support of a strong family and friends network Fedor created the Getting Back Up Foundation to help those living with spinal cord injuries.



Gator Brigaders Work Toward Sustainable Health: Three Deltas from the University of Florida serve on the executive board for Global Medical Brigade on their campus. They are part of an international movement of students and medical professionals working alongside local communities and staff to implement sustainable health systems. Volunteers work in remote, rural and under-resourced

communities in Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua and Ghana who would otherwise have limited to no access to health care.

Outstanding Hometown Community Service: New York's Nassau County issued a citation for outstanding community contribution to Yuvraj Chopra (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2020), one of the youngest people to ever receive the community service award.



Brotherly Love: Brotherhood has a deeper meaning for Josh Ballard (Southeastern Louisiana University, 2021) now that he shares the Fraternity experience with his older brother Christopher. Josh had never imagined joining a Fraternity, and his parents were opposed to the idea, but when he heard an upperclassman talk about why he joined Delta Tau Delta during recruitment he became intrigued. "I came back the night before bid day and heard the chapter advisor, Mr. Gene Pregeant (Southeastern Louisiana University, 1980) speak. I had my decision made when I left that night," said Josh. ▲

- Read more at deltas.co/stories.

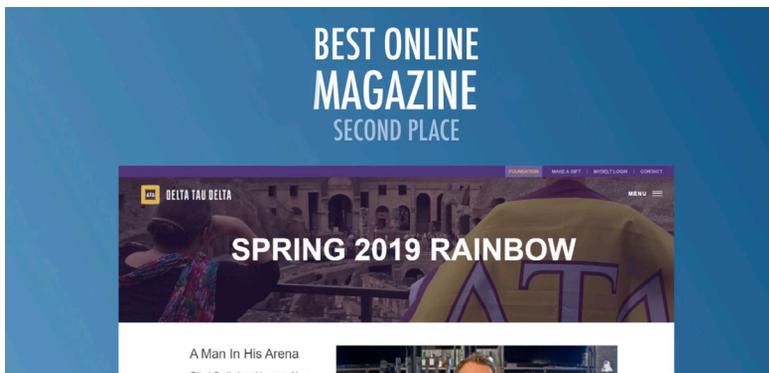


SPRING 2020 ISSUE OF THE RAINBOW

Did you miss the spring 2020 issue online? Delt's spring magazine is online only. If you're not receiving it, please make sure the Fraternity has your email address on file. Find this issue and all others at deltatadeltaarchive.com/

YOUR ONLINE CHAPTER DIRECTORY

Did you know MyDelt includes an online chapter directory? Click MYDELT on the upper right at deltas.org to access contact information for your chapter brothers. Click "get access" to claim your account.



FRATERNITY EARNS INDUSTRY AWARD

In May 2020, Delta Tau Delta earned recognition from the Fraternity Communications Association placing second for best online magazine for the spring 2019 issue of *The Rainbow*. The award in the digital category evaluates a magazine that is user friendly and excels in content and design.



Ninety-two chapter presidents participated in the inaugural Presidents Excellence Institute (PresX), held January 2-5, 2020, at Camp Copass outside Denton, Texas. A significant portion of PresX is funded by the generosity of the Delt Foundation.

PresX 2020

BUILDS SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

There is no question leadership skills gained through Fraternity experience have a lasting impact. With the addition of the Presidents Excellence Institute (PresX) in early January, Delta Tau Delta formalized a way to focus on transferrable leadership skills that make strong leaders.

PresX creates an opportunity for chapter presidents to practice leadership skills while receiving feedback by coaches and peer leaders. This hands-on training also helped develop valuable relationships between chapter presidents, Fraternity volunteers and staff and provided presidents an opportunity to develop a personal toolkit and plan for their term in office.

“PresX was extremely helpful because it helped me to get in the proper mindset to take on the role as president,” said Adam Wickler

(Washington State University, 2021). “Prior to attending PresX, I had assumed the topics covered would pertain mainly to the various responsibilities we have as presidents, and the many documents we need to submit. Rather, PresX was much more impactful than simply learning how to cross your T’s and dot your I’s. PresX taught me how to think in a much bigger picture, to analyze situations and develop strategies to solve problems.”

The expectation of leadership entrusted to chapter presidents today is beyond the scope of any other time in the Fraternity’s history. Chapter presidents are expected to be visionaries, administrators, planners, counselors, and risk managers—all while personally prioritizing scholarship, extracurricular involvement, friends and

family. Chapters often run large six-figure budgets and manage, in some cases, multi-million-dollar facilities.

Delta Tau Delta saw the opportunity for presidents to gain the leadership skills and training to succeed in today’s college environment. PresX helps facilitate the ability to have personal, face to face interactions and build the skills and knowledge to execute their office and perform as the chief executive of their chapter.

Ian Dickens (Ohio University, 2022) said he is accustomed to being the person who shows initiatives. If a team member didn’t get a job done, he would step forward to take on the responsibility. Through PresX, he gained a new perspective. “In his opening speech International President Steven Paquette described our position as now being the CEO

rather than the hardest worker. Delegation to other members of the Fraternity is absolutely necessary and I always have his quote in the back of my mind,” Dickens said.

After PresX, more than 90 percent of participants reported being more confident in identifying problems in their chapter, in critically thinking of solutions, in responding to issues as they arise, more confident in developing a positive chapter culture, managing team expectations and relationships within a team.

As a two-time chapter president Tucker Atkinson (Villanova University, 2021) said he appreciated PresX connecting him with other presidents whose chapters had similar characteristics. “This helped all of us work out different challenges we’d faced together so we were

better prepared going into the term as president,” Atkinson said, “PresX was very helpful because it was not a general leadership program, but one based specifically on our position which helped us to develop more useful skills compared to what we might have learned at a more general program. Being able to meet presidents from many different locations and types of schools helped us all brainstorm ways to improve our chapters with the help of one another.”

As PresX facilitator Frank Mosca (Sam Houston State University, 2012), who is an assistant advisor for Epsilon Zeta at Sam Houston State University, pointed out much of the day-to-day interface between chapters and Central Office is conducted remotely, making the face-to-face relationships built at PresX essential. “Bringing the vast array of Central Office and volunteer resources, in addition to the caliber and applicability of the keynote speakers definitely sends the message, ‘the Fraternity is here to provide you the resources and guidance your chapter needs to succeed,’” Mosca said. “While

the programming offered opportunities to further hone management and delegation skills, many of the participants already had a foundation in these skill sets. The peer to peer interactions are what I believe elevated much of the leadership curriculum, as presidents were able to build future chapter visions with input from chapter presidents at similar institutions.”

Connor Dodson (University of Tennessee, 2021) highly recommends any Delt president attend PresX with a positive attitude and the willingness to learn from other chapters. “Leading a chapter of Delt is not easy, and sometimes unexpected, but having a program like PresX gets you to set your goals and fundamentals to make the best decisions possible while in your role,” Dodson said. “I have attended the Southern Division Conference three separate times, Karnea and Ignite, and PresX was by far the most rewarding experience. The program is set for you to be uncomfortable outside your own chapter and to experience Delt as a

whole. PresX allowed me to find brothers outside my own chapter and connect in a way that is welcoming and rewarding.”

Chapter presidents told International President Steve Paquette (Syracuse University, 1977) they appreciated the training and brotherhood. They want even more time to interact with one another and they loved hearing from accomplished alumni who shared real-life experiences and applied them directly to the role of chapter president.

“One of the best parts of PresX is what happens when it is over, when the presidents return to their home chapters energized and emboldened and confident, knowing that when things get tough, they have a network of Delt across the country who understand their challenges and are ready to give advice,” Paquette said.

PresX was held January 2-5, 2020, at Camp Copass outside Denton, Texas. Ninety-two chapter presidents, 16 guest facilitators and four staff members managed the event. ▲



Above: Ian Dickens (Ohio University, 2022)
 Left: Hugo Lujano (Southeastern Louisiana University, 2021) and Satwik Sriram Kamarthi (Northeastern University, 2021)

PRESX AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE:

- Role of the Executive
- Accountability
- Visioning and Goal Setting
- Delegation
- Supervision
- Stakeholder Management
- A review of personal leadership attributes and strengths.

PRESX 2021: JAN. 7-10

All chapter presidents are expected to attend, any undergraduate who expects to run for president should reserve those dates.

A significant portion of Presidents Excellence Institute is funded by the generosity of the **Delt Foundation.**



YOUR GIFT IN ACTION

Your support helps Delt men. Every program the Fraternity holds is supported in some way, shape or form by the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation. Young men and alumni are able to grow, learn and lead through your generosity.





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INITIATIVES**

**VOLUNTEER
COACHING
SUMMIT**

**CHAPTER
LEADERSHIP
CONSULTANTS**

Your gifts to the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation result in grant funding that covers the cost of more than 40 percent of the Fraternity’s educational expenditures. By donating, you not only offset the expenses of the programs above but many others like Delts Helping Delts. Your support ensures undergraduates and alumni receive high quality and innovative educational opportunities to meet the needs of today while forging a path into the future.

Learn more about these programs and how you can make a gift to the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation at www.Delts.org.



DELTA TAU DELTA
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

FRATERNITY STAFF ADDITIONS

Delta Tau Delta is committed to being more accessible, providing members greater ownership in their Delt experience and adding greater value to every interaction it has with members. Knowing the chapter advisor is the most valuable resource for undergraduate members, the Fraternity needed to enhance the support it provides for volunteers. With this in mind, the Fraternity also analyzed and updated its member service model by adding new positions on both the programming and member services teams.



Dana Finley
**Accountability Training
Coordinator**

Dana Finley earned her bachelor's degree in communication from Boston University and was a leadership consultant for Sigma Kappa. She earned her master's degree in higher education and student affairs from Indiana University where she held an assistantship in the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life and an internship in the Office of Student Conduct. In this new role she supports chapters in need of risk management training and education, and undergraduates and volunteers at chapters with an Alumni Supervisory Committee in place.



Kelley Fox
**Chapter Support
Coordinator**

Kelley Fox graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 2016. She served Zeta Tau Alpha as a leadership consultant from 2016-2018, participating in two expansions. She completed her master's degree in higher education from the University of Arkansas where she served as a graduate assistant in both the Greek Life office and the Office of Student Activities working with the Associated Student Government. Kelley also served as an intern in the Office of Student Standards and Conduct and a graduate volunteer on the All University Conduct Board.



Nick Yarbrough
**Chapter Support
Coordinator**

Nick Yarbrough (Baker University, 2017) returned to the Central Office staff after working as an admissions counselor at his alma mater. Yarbrough also served as the house director for Gamma Theta Chapter for the 2019-20 academic year. He was a leadership consultant for two years traveling mostly to the Eastern, Northern and Western Plains Divisions. He played baseball at Baker University for two years, and earned NAIA scholar athlete honors. Yarbrough is a sports fanatic and roots on the Kansas City Chiefs, St. Louis Cardinals and the Kansas Jayhawks.



Nick Pidgeon
**Volunteer Recruitment
Coordinator**

Nick Pidgeon (University of South Florida, 2019) travelled for one year as a chapter consultant serving chapters in the lower Western Plains as well as Louisiana and Mississippi. During his time as a consultant he worked on two expansion projects at the University of South Carolina and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. In his new role, Pidgeon will identify, recruit, onboard and train chapter advisors and other Fraternity volunteers.

Emily Golding, Executive Assistant, Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation

Emily Golding joined the Foundation staff in February 2020 as the executive assistant. She provides strategic support to Foundation President Steve Vedra and ancillary support to the senior leadership team. She attended Purdue University and served as an office manager and executive assistant prior to joining the Foundation staff. Golding lives in Noblesville, Ind. with her husband and their two dogs. She enjoys attending concerts, traveling and spending time with family and friends.





Alex Kennedy
Director of Undergraduate Education

Alex Kennedy joined the Delta Tau Delta staff after serving as chapter services coordinator at

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority where she worked directly with collegiate chapters and oversaw the creation and design of learning and development initiatives. She was responsible for the development, implementation and support for individual member and chapter academic success. Kennedy oversaw the delivery and curriculum development for the organizations four-year member development program, Illuminate. An accomplished facilitator, she managed the recruitment and training of facilitators for

organizational programs. Kennedy served as coordinator of Student Activities/Greek Affairs at Western Kentucky University from 2014 to 2016 where she advised 33 fraternities and sororities and council executive boards with an overall population of 2,400 students. While on campus, she created and facilitated programming for the fraternal community. Before her work at Western Kentucky, she enjoyed a short stint working with the fraternal community at Central Michigan University.

Alex received her Bachelor of Science in applied arts with a major in communication from Central Michigan University and her Master of Arts in education from Western Kentucky University. She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity, having served as a volunteer since her collegiate graduation most notably serving as the Indianapolis Alumnae Club president. She also volunteers with the Junior League of Indianapolis and Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis.



Jacob Armosino
Expansion Consultant

Jacob Armosino (Arizona State University, 2020) earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and minor in political science. Armosino served Theta Gamma Chapter as public relations chairman and recruitment chairman. He played baseball in high school and was a member of the Interact Club. He hopes to continue the success of Delta Tau Delta and work efficiently to expand the organization. He is a loyal sports fan who is often in the gym.



Dalton Ford
Expansion Consultant

Dalton Ford (Kennesaw State University, 2019) majored in economics with a minor in philosophy. Ford served the Iota Theta Chapter as the sergeant-at-arms and philanthropy chairman and served as president and vice president of standards for the Interfraternity Council. He looks forward to reaching out to college men who may not have the fraternity experience without expansion and creating new colonies that may one day set the example of what fraternity culture should be. Ford enjoys camping and backpacking.



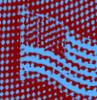
David Auth
Expansion Consultant

David Auth (Robert Morris University, 2020) graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications with a concentration in journalism and a minor in photography. He served as community service chairman, vice president and eventually president of the Zeta Mu Chapter, helping his chapter reach Court of Honor for the first time in its history. Auth was a photography editor for RMU's student news organization Sentry Media.



Justin Vatti
Colony Support Consultant

Justin Vatti (Moravian College, 2020) earned a bachelor's degree in political science, with a minor in public health. He served the Theta Tau Chapter as director of accreditation, director of academic affairs, wellness chairman and president. Vatti served on the programming board and as a tour guide. He looks forward to meeting Delts across the country, developing relationships and helping define the goals and culture of new colonies. He is an avid traveler and hiker and is devoted to listening to new podcasts.



DELTS IN POLITICS

CREATING IMPACT & INSPIRING CHANGE

Delt leaders build community at all levels of government.

By Jean Lloyd, Janine Wampler

OPEN TO THE CHALLENGE

There was a time, not too long ago, when **Jeremy Rodgers (Illinois Institute of Technology, 2001)** would have laughed at the idea of being an elected member of municipal government.

He's not laughing now. And by keeping an open mind about where life's journey would take him, the man serving in his final year as deputy mayor of Boca Raton, Fla., has a lot to smile about.

"It just wasn't something I had even considered. But I've been here five years now," he said. "I always knew I wanted to make a difference." His passion for his city of 100,000 residents and what it had to offer drove him to get involved in a couple of campaigns. He then joined a city committee and a financial advisory board. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Rodgers was born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens and moved with his family to St. Louis for five years before returning to New York. Then he was off to Chicago to begin his collegiate career at Illinois Institute of Technology, where he joined Delta Tau Delta. While he was in college, his family relocated to southern Florida, and he eventually transferred to Florida Atlantic University to finish his bachelor's degree and a master's, both in computer engineering.

His biggest role model along the way was his father, a man who enjoyed a long career with the United States Army. Rodgers credits his father with instilling a deep desire for learning and reading.

He also credits an older, "cool" cousin with inspiring him in technology. "When I got my computer, he already had one, and he had all of the games," he said. "He gave me a bunch of games and taught me how to play. He is probably the one who

got me on the path to technology."

The first in his family to attend college, he never had doubts about his major. "I was hosting bulletin boards in high school long before the internet was available on a wide scale," he said. "I was involved in some cyber communities. I liked math. I liked logic. I liked structure. And I liked problem solving. I wasn't sure what I would do with that, but it led to several programming jobs which led to IBM."

Today, along with his deputy mayor responsibilities, he leads the technical practice for IBM Security Solutions. "It's the solution law enforcement uses to track and stop crime; it's used by different federal and private organizations to track and stop fraud; it's used by the intelligence community and our military for intelligence fusion—keeping track of our adversaries," he said.

And it all aligns with another role he serves as an officer in the United States Navy Reserves, where he specializes in information warfare. "Each [aspect] really gains from the other," he said. "Part of the value of the reserves is all the great skillsets that come from the commercial industry that can be used in the military. On the commercial side, IBM really appreciates having the experiences and knowledge that I get from the Navy side."

As an advocate for civic involvement, devoted husband and father of four young children, Rodgers' life might seem like an impossible balancing act. But he takes it all in stride. "I have an amazing wife, and if it wasn't for her, I don't think I could do half the things I do," he said. "Every chance I get, I try to



*Jeremy Rodgers
(Illinois Institute of Technology, 2001)
deputy mayor, Boca Raton, Fla.*

integrate my family into city activities. So, if we are having a ribbon cutting, or our tree lighting or holiday parade, almost without fail, you'll see my family with me."

As a role model for his own children, he hopes to instill in them the importance of giving back to your community, of not being afraid to speak your mind and standing up for what is right—even when it's challenging. "You may find it was a lot less hard than you thought," he said. "And there are a lot more people who feel the same and just needed someone to take the lead."

As for Rodgers, being open to opportunities has led him on a rewarding journey. "I wouldn't have expected to have gone down the life path that I have, but I wouldn't change a thing if I had that option."

So, what does the future hold for this self-proclaimed technology geek and civic leader? "There are so many options," he said. "I know without a doubt that I will be mobilizing for close to a year with the Navy sometime in the near future." Beyond that, he's working to finish his Ph.D. in computer engineering which may lead to academia, further focus in private industry or additional service. But wherever his path may lead, one thing is for sure, Jeremy Rodgers is open to the challenge. ▲

HEADFIRST HELPING THOSE IN NEED

On January 1, **Chris Jensen (Butler University, 2006)** woke up to his "new normal."

It was his first day in office as the mayor of Noblesville, a small city of 65,000 nestled in the heart of Indiana; one with a story to tell. "I really looked forward to getting out in the community, telling the story of Noblesville, sharpening that story and helping to define it," he said.

During the first month in this new role, his administration enjoyed early success as they competed against more than 15 other sites and were selected to become the North American headquarters of an India-based medical company. "It was really unbelievable, and I'm so proud of that," he said. "That shows me we do have a story to tell as a community in a state that is attracting global investments. That's what I was most looking forward to."

Then the world changed. And Chris Jensen found himself living a new "new normal."

Now, he is focused on being the calm and steady leadership in a very tumultuous time. "We really have to make sure we are communicating properly what the CDC, federal government and state government is asking us to do," he said. "We have to examine what we can do on the local level to keep our citizens safe and healthy, which is rule number one in any community."

Noblesville is the county seat, and Jensen felt they needed to act fast. "It really has been built on the backs of a lot of locally owned businesses, very small businesses with 10 or less employees," he said. "I felt right away that we couldn't wait for the federal government to come in and save our community."

A program launched, granting 47 local businesses a share of \$250,000 from the city's rainy day fund. "We were able turn that around in a matter



Chris Jensen (Butler University, 2006) being sworn in as mayor of Noblesville, Ind.

of days, which is very ungovernmental,” he said. “I’m really proud of our team for springing into action to save our own on day one.”

Although he is new to his role as mayor, Jensen is no stranger to the people of Noblesville. It’s where he grew up, went to high school. It’s the place he has always called home.

One of four boys raised by a single mother, he learned that incredible opportunities can come from hard work. “We lost my dad when we were young. My mother was a teacher and fought tirelessly for our opportunities along the way, but also made us work for those opportunities,” he said. “I was a houseboy at Alpha Phi which paid for my meals and gave me a small paycheck. I was a cheerleader which gave me a book scholarship. I learned to pull my weight and that’s a lesson she instilled.”

It was in high school that he started to learn the value of having mentors like his government teacher who pushed him toward the political realm. Or the owner of a local grocery store where he held a job, who was also a long-time state senator and offered Jensen a full-time internship at the Indiana State House during his senior year at Butler University.

His time at Butler was educational both in and out of the classroom. His Delt experience was enriched with leadership opportunities, a foundation for community service and accountability for his actions. But one of the greatest lessons learned came on Sundays when it was time to clean the house. Here he learned that no job is too small. It was a lesson that served him well in his first job out of college working for the State of Indiana, where he often found himself holding the purse of the lieutenant governor as her right-hand man. And it’s one of many lessons he hopes to instill in his own children.

Jensen and his wife are raising their three young children in the community he serves as mayor and as a community-centric resident. “I think it is important that everyone gives back,” he said. “Giving of your time to other areas in your community brings your perspective to those organizations. Much like different personalities and visions make up a fraternity chapter, different personalities and visions make up a community.”

One of the biggest lessons he wants to pass along, is one he is in the midst of fully appreciating himself: to have compassion. “It’s important to give grace to individuals,” he said.

With so many people on the verge of losing jobs and their financial security, Jensen has witnessed a massive uptick in the number of mental and emotional calls to 911, stressing the importance of giving grace to individuals going through tough times. “I want to make sure I pass that along to my kids, to show that when the going gets tough, as Jensens, we run to the fire. We don’t run from the fire,” he said. “We go headfirst to it to help others who need it.” ▲

COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

Like any good salesman, **Dan Remely (Bethany College, 1974)** says he’s famous for talking. He applied his gift for gab and his business acumen gained as a 30-year small business owner to serve his community with three consecutive four-year terms on his local school board.

Giving his time to the school board gave him an opportunity to ensure the district responded to the values, beliefs, and priorities of his community—a role that fit well with his commitment to education and building community.



Dan Remely (Bethany College, 1974) served four terms on the school board for the Mt. Lebanon school district in Pennsylvania.

Remely raised his family in his wife's hometown of Mt. Lebanon, a community of more than 30,000 in the Western Pennsylvania hills south of Pittsburgh and he took a keen interest in Mt. Lebanon's nationally known, top-ranked school district.

"The schools drive the community," Remely said. "We don't have a huge business district. Families return for the top-drawer education." Remely knows this first hand as his family has had children in the school system for 54 straight years.

As his own children moved through the school system, Remely's business acumen had him watching with a critical eye when the school went over budget on a building remodel. Knowing how passionate he was about the schools, friends encouraged him to run for the school board. He was interested but held off until the youngest of his two daughters graduated from high school. "I wouldn't run until she graduated," Remely said. "That was her time and you don't want to serve on a board because your kids are there."

When he did eventually run, he focused on maintaining the academic excellence that distinguishes the Mt. Lebanon school district. During his third term, the school board oversaw the completion of the Mt. Lebanon High School renovation within one half of one percent of the original budget—a certain point of pride in managing accountability and fiscal responsibility.

Remely learned financial management early on. He grew up in the small community of Painesville, Ohio, where he started out as the smallest of small business owners. At the age of nine, he started a profitable six-year paper route business.

After high school he enrolled at Bethany College on a partial football scholarship. When a career-ending football injury landed him the hospital for four months, Remely met several Delts who accompanied friends who came to visit as he recovered. He eventually joined the Fraternity and served as vice president of Theta Founding Chapter. Brothers had a high level of campus involvement and Remely recalls a commitment to academics and recruitment which brought in what was believed to be the largest class size of his era.

As he continued college, he started a wallpaper and paint business to supplement his income. After college, he went to night school to become a paralegal. He eventually ventured into real estate. He left Pittsburgh for a job in Phoenix for two years, then returned to work in commercial redevelopment as a property manager using his expertise in real estate and construction.

"There are so many things you learn when you operate a business—who to deal with and how to deal with them," said Remely. "On a school board, everybody has specific experiences from their jobs and those melded together to lead to exceptional business decisions. The key is, everyone has to listen."

Through his time on the board, Remely is most proud of developing a program in the district which allows students with special needs to graduate with their class receiving a certificate of attendance. This certificate does not disrupt a student's ability to continue school services until age 21, but gives students an opportunity to participate in a rite of passage with their peers.

Remely also ran for the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, when the representative from his district moved to the Senate. "I knocked on 6,500 doors personally, but it was not the time for a Republican to win," Remely said. "Although I did lose the election, it was an interesting experience and I got to meet a ton of people."

He stayed in touch with the winner noting similar priorities in education. "I support whatever is best for kids when it comes to schools. There are no red or blue foreheads when it comes to education," Remely said.

Though he has retired, Remely continues to work part time in sales. He is proud of the time he served on the school board and goals the board achieved. "When I first ran for school board people told me it was a thankless job, but when you see the graduates you understand what you did had meaning and purpose," Remely said. "It's a good feeling to know you are committed to something that helps your community." ▲

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CIVILITY & VALUES

Louis Riggs (Westminster College, 1983) recognized the rapidly increasing need for broadband for its access to health care, education and a growing range of services. An attorney and English professor and a former Congressional campaign media director, Riggs has experience in Congressional offices in Missouri and Washington, D.C. The need for broadband access in education guided Riggs on his path to serving as a representative in Missouri's 5th district in the general assembly.

Connecting the Northeast Missouri Development Partnership and the state's regional Northwest Roundtable brought more than 40 counties together with the stark realization that broadband was a key issue for all of them. "We sat down and had a come-to-Jesus meeting asking what we need to do as a region north of I-70 and broadband was the winner. Everybody had broadband problems. Missouri is 41st in the country and 49th in speed. That was something I started with online education in higher education. We're dealing with it now because many colleges and universities sent everyone home and we've got people with connectivity issues. Normally they would be on campus taking courses, and now they're not," Riggs said.

"Online education has morphed into a lot of things, telemedicine, entrepreneurship and the simple fact of the matter it should be treated as infrastructure. We regulate utilities but we don't regulate broadband," Riggs said. "We have this crazy quilt patchwork. We were able to get enough of a statewide push that resulted in the creation of a broadband office, broadband policy, broadband funding."

Riggs continues to work on moving the issue of broadband access forward. Since 2008 his statewide involvement has grown and he's gotten to know people all across Missouri. He has chaired the Missouri Humanities Council and was president of the Missouri Community Betterment organization, another state-wide role.

Riggs work in politics started in 1984 with his interest piqued by getting to know Rep. Harold Volkmer whose son was in his Scout troop.

An English major, Riggs applied his writing and communication skills to writing quick press releases and communicating with print radio. "I graduated from that to work in congressional offices in Hannibal. I got to watch how the system works in a 21-county district—there are 114 counties in Missouri," Riggs said.

He spent the summer of 1986 in Washington, D.C. as part of an internship where he saw all the pieces of government come together where he concluded the leaders in D.C. are only as good as what those in their district tell them.

Starting with the Congressional side in his 20s provided Riggs with the education he says you don't get in books. "You have to go out and knock on doors and talk to people one on one," Riggs said. "You have to ask them for



Missouri Fifth District Representative Louis Riggs (Westminster College, 1983) at Delta Omicron Chapters' 80th Anniversary celebration in 2019 with his brother and four nephews who all joined the Fraternity at Westminster. L-R Adam Riggs (2017) Eric Riggs (2011), Louis Riggs (1985), Dan Riggs (1985), Evan Riggs (2009) and Ryan Riggs (2014).

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your vote. You have to listen. It’s so tempting to say, ‘Let me tell you what I know about that.’ They don’t want to know what you know; they want to know how you can help.”

Understanding how the bureaucracy works has proved invaluable in serving his constituents. In 2018, as Riggs faced a four-way primary, he counted more than a million steps on his Fitbit just knocking on doors through the election where even 100-degree heat didn’t slow him down. “I made two complete circuits in my district. I knocked on doors before the primary. After I won the primary with 52 percent of the vote, I went out and started knocking on doors immediately, so by the time people voted in November they’d heard from me four times.”

With no opponent in the upcoming election, Riggs announced his candidacy for the assistant majority floor leader in April. He serves on the house budget committee which he feels is the most bi-partisan committee. “We’re all trying to do the right things for the right reasons. It’s just a question of how we divide up the limited resources we have which spurs debate,” Riggs said.

Riggs has forged valuable relationships across the aisle exploring different issues that impact urban and rural areas. “There’s a lot to be said for civility and being able to work and play well with others which is one of the things you learn as a member of the Fraternity. Everybody is there for a reason. Our voters send us there to get results.”

Speaking of Fraternity, Riggs chose Westminster College for its excellent academic reputation and was anti-fraternity when he enrolled.

“As luck would have it, my roommate was the pledge class president for Delt so I got to know all the guys who were constantly in and out of our room,” Riggs said. Through quiet but persistent recruitment efforts the chapter members persuaded Riggs to consider joining.

“The more I saw, the more I liked,” he said. “What always struck me about that chapter was balance. We had folks who did extremely well with grades. We had folks who did extremely well with athletics. They were also just decent guys. I didn’t see a whole lot of egos. People worked well with each other and everybody got along.”

Though he hadn’t gone through formal recruitment, Riggs accepted a bid to join the chapter, a decision he says is one of the smartest decisions he’s made in his life. “The friends you make in the Fraternity are the people you talk to for the rest of your life—that’s rather trite, but it’s true. We’ve been in each other’s weddings and we talk on a regular basis. And those are relationships you can’t put a price on. That’s your support network as you go through life,” Riggs said. △

FINANCIAL PRIORITIES

John Murante (University of Nebraska, 2004) has big goals.

He is working diligently to ensure that each of Nebraska’s estimated 25,000 children born annually begin their lives with the promise of unlimited possibilities for their future. As the state treasurer of Nebraska, he is driven to make that happen starting next year by automatically enrolling each child in the Nebraska Education

Savings Trust (NEST) College Savings Program at birth.

Throw in a global pandemic, and he has his work cut out for him to make this lofty goal a reality! But when the going gets tough, Murante, like most of us, has learned a little something about himself. “I have the ability to stay calm in very stressful circumstances,” he said. “I didn’t really know that about myself because we’ve never had this level of challenge before where I’ve had to implement something this substantial in such a short period of time.”

While priorities may have shifted and staff safety is number one, Murante is charged with ensuring the business functions of the office continue. “We had a great pandemic response plan already in place, and it is really a credit to my staff that they were able to implement our business continuity plan as quickly as we did,” he said. “This situation escalated in very short order.”

Murante takes his role in state government all in stride as he’s been preparing for it from a very young age. “When I was in the third grade, I would sit in my school’s library and read a book on the presidents to learn as much about them as I possibly could,” he said. “I always had a desire to give back in the form of public policy. That has been a calling of mine from when I was a young kid.”

Although he grew up in a family that was largely apolitical, it came as no surprise that when it came time for college, Murante majored in political science at the University of Nebraska. “There was not a lot of political activity in my family, although my grandfather was very close friends with a lot of politicians, so I got to meet them and talk with them growing up,” he said.

And a lot of that talk happened at Big Fred’s Pizza, an iconic restaurant his grandparents, Fred and Rose Bruning, opened in Omaha in the 1960s—one that he would later operate in conjunction with service on the state legislature beginning in 2012.

Murante credits skills gained during his collegiate Delt experience for paving the road as he ran for legislature. “I was fortunate early on to be my pledge class president,” he said. “It provided me an opportunity to meet and have conversations with really good people who saw the world and had beliefs that were very much inconsistent with my own. It really helped in terms of seeing the other side’s points of view, which has benefited me ever since in building coalitions across party lines.”

But that’s not all he credits to Delta Tau Delta. Since graduation, Murante has made giving back to his community a priority in his life. “One of my best experiences as a Delt was volunteering at an elementary school in Lincoln where I would teach kids stuff they weren’t learning in the classroom, like how to play chess and things like that,” he said. “From that moment on, I’ve been involved in mentoring organizations and focused, certainly my time as state treasurer, in trying to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty—in particular through my current role the NEST College Savings Program, which I run. Starting from my Delt days continuing on to today, that priority is still there.”

Murante is a family man who hopes his experiences and the example he sets will provide a foundation for the lessons he passes along to his young daughter as she is set to begin school in the fall. “A lot of what I talk about deals with financial literacy and financial education,” he said. “I think it’s important for her to use this as an example that we can have the best plans but we need to be prepared for events we can’t predict.” ▲



*State Treasurer
of Nebraska John Murante
(University of Nebraska, 2004)*

PAYING IT FORWARD

U.S. Representative from California's 48th congressional district, **Harley Rouda (University of Kentucky, 1984)** sets the bar high when it comes to giving back, embracing his responsibility to have a positive influence on his community.

Growing up in Columbus, Ohio, he recalls his father talking about giving of your time, talents and treasures. It is a lesson he took to heart and makes a priority in his life.

"Any time we have an opportunity to give back, we should," he said. "Some of us may not have the treasures to give, but we have the time. And some of us may have talents that are immensely important to charitable organizations. By giving back, you help pay [it] forward to your children and future generations."

And sometimes that means stepping out of your comfort zone. "I think when you get your hands dirty by being involved, not just by going to parties and fundraisers to raise money for charity, but actually getting your hands dirty and helping those organizations, you see a different perspective on life in America and beyond that you were not otherwise exposed to," he said. "And I believe it broadens your horizon and your understanding of what America really means."

That's how Rouda and his wife, Kaira, found themselves building the first homeless center for families in Columbus, one of the first in the Midwest. "When we were in our 20s, my wife read an article in *The New Yorker* magazine about the plight of homeless families," he said, referring to what happens once they make the difficult decision to turn to a shelter for help and are separated between men and women. "All they have left is each other, and the system is breaking the family apart."

His wife researched the situation in Columbus and found the same thing. "She said right then and there, 'We're going to change it,'" he said. So, that's what they did.

Today, Rouda is giving back to his community in a way he never anticipated. After receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky, earning a M.B.A. from Ohio State and a J.D. from Capital University Law School, he worked for a large national law firm, and eventually went to work for the family business in residential real estate. When the family business was sold, he stayed on to lead the combined organization, which required a move to the West Coast.

Then in 2016, he felt a calling to make a difference in his community in Southern California. "In the 2016 election, I was frustrated with the narrative. It was all about personalities," he said. "Our Founders wanted us to talk about issues. We had got to a point in America where everything was so polarized and there was an



U.S. Representative from California's 48th congressional district, Harley Rouda (University of Kentucky, 1984)

unwillingness to talk about the issues.”

That’s when he decided to run for office, seeking to represent California’s 48th district in Congress. “It is the biggest decision I ever made with the least amount of due diligence,” he said. “That is unusual for a guy who is an attorney and a businessperson. I had no idea how the process worked and was actually quite naïve about it.”

It was a challenge. One he faced head on. And won.

His opponent was a 30-year incumbent who won every election throughout his tenure except one by a double-digit margin. Rouda knew he had a remote chance of winning but had no idea the race would grow to be of historic proportions.

“The race ended up being the most expensive race in the history of congress,” he said, excluding the 2017 special election in Georgia’s 6th district. “It’s just crazy to think we had 8,000 volunteers supporting our campaign. It was truly a movement driven by grass roots individuals who wanted to see change.”

For a man who doesn’t back down from a challenge, there was a definite learning curve. “As much as I’ve been comfortable with change, it’s a whole new level when it comes to politics,” he said. “I used to be somewhat anxious about public speaking or being on TV, but now if I have to give a speech to just about anyone on any topic, I could be ready on the fly with very little preparation because it’s the nature of the job. You have to communicate quickly and effectively at a moment’s notice.”

Whenever Rouda is in public, whether speaking or rolling up his sleeves to pitch in on a community project, you’ll often see family by his side. It has been his way of finding balance as his children grew up, despite his busy schedule. “One thing we’ve always done is included our kids in our work,” he said. “We want them to experience the satisfaction of work and giving back, the satisfaction of being engaged with your community, and seeing how your parents actually live and work outside the house, so they see you not just as a parent.” It is a lesson he is confident all four have carried into their adult lives.

For the time being, however, Rouda is in a new reality when it comes to work/life balance. “Candidly, there is no balance right now. Our country is in a unique situation, facing a pandemic, and the hours dedicated to this job are literally countless,” he said. “It’s just the nature of the beast. Whatever amount of time you dedicate to it, there is always a need for more.”

His philosophy on giving back, is perhaps more relevant now than ever before. “I think if we would all get out of our respective bubbles and spend more time in other people’s



U.S. Representative from California’s 48th congressional district, Harley Rouda (University of Kentucky, 1984)



Nikhil Wandhekar (Oregon State University, 2022)

ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN'S VACCINES

Nikhil Wandhekar (Oregon State University, 2022) was one of 150 students nationwide selected to attend the ONE Power Summit in Washington, D.C. in February 2020.

ONE is a global movement campaigning to end extreme poverty and preventable disease, specifically in parts of Africa. As an international student from Kenya, Wandhekar said he got involved because the issue of limited access to vaccines in poor countries hits close to home.

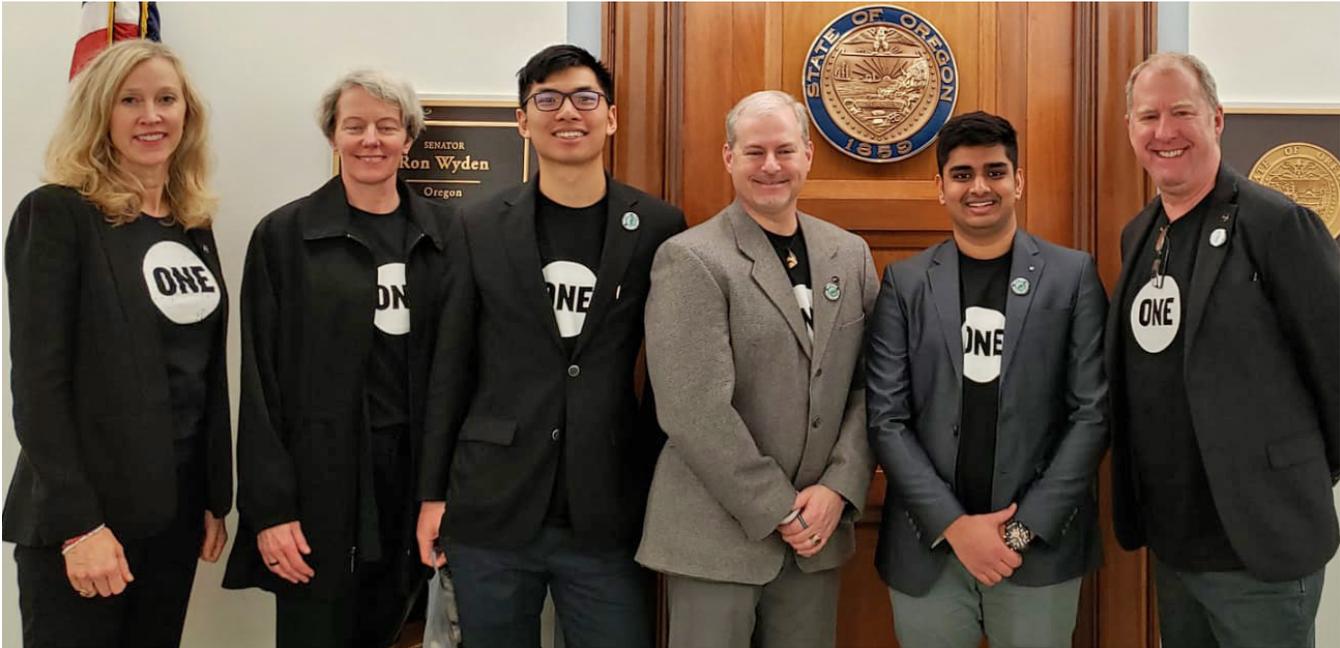
Through his visit to the nation's capital, Wandhekar lobbied federal lawmakers

on issues regarding extreme poverty and disease around the world and the need for children's vaccines in the world's poorest countries. Wandhekar, who is studying mechanical engineering, said he feels duty driven to support others.

"ONE was a way for me to get involved with my community in Kenya, but through my university. Every year we have this event called the Power Summit where all the campus leaders and regional managers meet in Washington, D.C. for almost a week. We train to talk to the Congressmen about passing certain bills and resolutions

to support vaccine distribution in poor countries," he said.

Wandhekar said ONE asked representatives to support Global Vaccine Alliance (GAVI), an organization that gives away free vaccines to developing countries. "We're focusing on the GAVI campaign—it's this collaboration amongst developed countries where they invest in some amount of money. This year was \$14 billion, and it helps subsidize vaccine production costs," Wandhekar said. "As a result, they're able to provide free vaccines to children in poor parts of



Top: Wandhekar and other representatives from ONE outside the office of Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon.
Bottom: Wandhekar writing letters to Oregon members of Congress thanking them for listening and taking the necessary steps for vaccine distribution and funding GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance.

Africa. Since GAVI started in 2000, GAVI has helped vaccinate 760 million people and that has helped save 60 million lives. One in four children deaths are a direct result of diarrhea or pneumonia and other preventable diseases so it's definitely something we can avoid, but no one's doing anything about it. The ONE organization helps people get their voice heard and talk about such issues."

He hopes his efforts continue to demonstrate to other students that it is important to consider and speak out on global issues. To get involved, Wandhekar said, all you need to do is write a note or write a letter to your Congressman asking for specific support. "We have a database where we have the person's name, the phone number, address and then they automatically become a volunteer by just doing like one thing," he said. "We've had a lot of success in terms of talking within the Fraternity and other sororities and fraternities because they require community service hours, and this is a good way to volunteer."

This is the first time Wandhekar has led an organization. "It can be intimidating and it's like not that easy but we're slowly growing and I'm learning as I go."

While meeting in D.C., he connected with other college students with the same passion. "They had this same understanding that everyone deserves an equal chance at life—you just form a strong bond with likeminded individuals," Wandhekar said.

Wandhekar originally crossed paths with the admissions director from Oregon State in Nairobi, Kenya. Though he'd never heard of Oregon, he was intrigued and immediately gained an appreciation for the school. Once on campus, Wandhekar became friends with a Delt from his dorm. As he got to know more of the Delts, he became interested in joining. "It was mostly for the people. I didn't know much about the organization at first, but I think everyone in the Fraternity is really genuine and nice. That's why I decided to join."

Connecting with the Fraternity eased the transition of moving on to college after high school and moving away from home. "It's really helpful in the sense that you have a family even though you're far away from home. I think that's one of the most important things, if not the most important thing when you move to college," Wandhekar said. "That's what makes me want to stay here." ▲



ONE is a global movement campaigning to end extreme poverty and preventable disease by 2030, so that everyone, everywhere can lead a life of dignity and opportunity.



Chris Patton (University of Kentucky, 1984) with his wife, Chris.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN COMPLIANCE EXPERT

Chris Patton (University of Kentucky, 1984) is nationally recognized as an expert in political campaign compliance and accounting, a field he entered because he saw a need and set out to develop a solution.

At the University of Kentucky, Patton studied business and as a member of Delta Epsilon Chapter, he demonstrated his ability to find solutions. “In college, I had an original IBM PC and I wrote software that printed monthly invoices for the chapter in the fall of 1983,” Patton said.

After graduation Patton got his first taste of a computerized business application in a clerical

job at a broadcast company in New York City. As he worked through a process of logging forms that had been mailed in, he knew there had to be a better way—a process with less shuffling of paper. Patton developed a system to automate the work with scanned responses—the kind that require a No. 2 pencil.

Patton’s ability to build something to meet a need grew in the next few years, eventually leading him to the campaign application. He had returned to Kentucky where he played a role in the campaign of his father, Paul Patton, an elected official in Kentucky who began a career in public service after

retirement. In 1981, Paul Patton was elected judge/executive of Pike County. He made an unsuccessful bid for lieutenant governor in 1987, but was later elected in 1991, serving concurrently as lieutenant governor and secretary of economic development.

“In my father’s race in 1987, I met a young computer science major who taught me how to program,” Patton said. Patton, who is otherwise completely self-taught, combined his programming knowledge with the data he needed to manage, leading to his decision to write a desktop application.

Ultimately, he founded

Patton Technologies in 1999 and developed the leading fundraising and compliance software for Democratic state parties known as PT Campaign Suite. The software is now used by 22 Democratic state parties and several congressional campaigns. From 1999 to 2009, while Patton was selling his software, 34 state parties used it.

“While candidates are trying to get elected, I would be the campaign bookkeeper and I decided to write software,” Patton said. “Every campaign has a jurisdiction where you report receipts and disbursements. You could use Quicken for bookkeeping and another program for compliance reporting. I wanted to do it all in one place. There were several options, but none did accounting and reporting in the same spot.”

Patton’s software streamlined record keeping by bringing accounting and reporting together. In 2009, when he realized he had one competitor, NGP Software, Inc., he sold his software to them. Though he sold the software, his business has grown into providing bookkeeping and compliance reporting services for Democratic political organizations using the software he created.

Patton has served as advisor for Delta Epsilon Chapter at the University of Kentucky for nine years. He became an advisor after a friend whose son was an undergraduate stepped down as advisor.

“I don’t have children of my own,” Patton said. “The chapter had a tremendous impact on me which I always valued and wanted to share. It has been very rewarding, especially the opportunity to work with members who are sons of my contemporaries.” ▲



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RECENT GRADUATE LOOKS TO BUILDING A MORE JUST AND FAIR SOCIETY

By Laura Douthitt

Robert Joerg (Albion College, 2019) got his start in politics volunteering for his local county water resource commissioner, and since then, has worked for a number of candidates at the state and federal levels. He is motivated by his commitment to improving public education and combating climate change.

Joerg grew up in the metro-Toledo area and currently resides in Ann Arbor, Mich. Joerg majored in political science at Albion College with a minor in history and a concentration in public policy.

As an undergraduate, he served as president of the Albion College Student Senate. He represented Albion College at international forums in Athens, Greece in 2017 and Pune, India in 2018. He was involved with the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service and the Institute Council. He was president and treasurer of the Michigan Federation of College Democrats. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. While he was a student at Albion, he was also a campaign manager for Michigan State Senator Anuja Rajendra.

Joerg honed his leadership skills as a member of his Delt chapter's honor board and as a member of the academic and student affairs committee. He has maintained contact with his Delt brothers since graduation. "I live with two of my brothers currently, and often see a number of my friends from Delt," Joerg said. "Some of my



Robert Joerg (Albion College, 2019)

closest friends are my brothers from Delt."

Joerg recently accepted a full-time position as deputy political director with the Michigan Laborers District Council (LiUNA's Michigan affiliate). "I look forward to fighting for workers rights and promoting policies that help hardworking Michiganders," Joerg said.

"I first became aware of the Laborers International Union of North America after a county Democratic executive board meeting when the statewide external affairs director (a member of the county Democratic board) approached me about a summer internship," Joerg said. "I accepted, and was involved with LiUNA throughout my junior and senior years of college."

In addition, Joerg currently volunteers as director of development for the College Democrats of America in Lansing, Mich. He previously

served as regional development director for the College Democrats of America, Great Lakes Division.

"I got involved with College Democrats when I arrived at Albion College's campus and saw that there was not an active progressive group," Joerg said. "I worked with our county Democratic party and reestablished the Albion College Democrats Club in December of my freshman year. From there, I became more involved, at the local level, then with the statewide federation and then the national organization."

The College Democrats of America is dedicated to electing Democrats across the country by registering students to vote, mobilizing activists, and encouraging students to engage in their local and state governments. It has more than 500 chapters and 47 state federations, including Puerto Rico and the District of

Columbia.

Looking ahead, Joerg plans to attend graduate school in a few years. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, nature walks and exploring new cultures.

Delts everywhere share values. By being members, Delts from different backgrounds learn to work together despite having a wide variety of opinions and viewpoints. It's these values that help Delts like Joerg make a difference.

"One of the most important values that I've found is listening," Joerg said. "It's important that we hear what people are saying on both sides to determine the policies that help as many people as possible. At the end of the day, what matters most in politics is that we help those that are in need of help and focus on building a more just and fairer society for future generations." ▲

MOTIVATED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH RESPECT AND OPEN-MINDEDNESS

By Laura Douthitt

Christopher Kerber (Albion College, 2023) became interested in politics early on while growing up in South Haven, Mich. “I first got involved in politics volunteering for local candidates in my area while in high school and my junior year, I participated in an internship with the Congressional Leadership Fund,” Kerber said.

“As soon as I turned 18, I became a precinct delegate, representing South Haven Township, Precinct Two,” Kerber said. “Since then, I have participated in multiple internships and been appointed to the Michigan GOP Youth Advisory Board.”

Kerber is pursuing a double major in political science and economics and management on a pre-law track.

“I have always enjoyed politics, so when I started college I knew exactly what I wanted to do,” Kerber said. “In addition to political science, I also decided to pursue a degree in economics and management. I think that they compliment each other perfectly. I’ve always had an interest in how the economy works and the large effect it has in politics. I also recognize the need for management skills in any occupation.”

Kerber is president of Albion College Republicans. His involvement with Albion College Republicans led him to Delta Tau Delta. “I first got involved with the Albion



Christopher Kerber (Albion College, 2023)

College Republicans on my first week on campus,” Kerber said. At a campus involvement fair he met the former Albion College Republicans Vice President Alex Tokie, who was a senior member of Delta Tau Delta. “I think it was Tokie who got me involved in not only the club, but also Delta Tau Delta.”

He didn’t hesitate to get involved with campus organizations and quickly became an Albion College Republicans leader. “When I first joined the club, I worked closely with the club leadership to expand our membership and provide students with more opportunities to get involved within the [Republican] party,” Kerber said. “When elections came around, I decided to run for president since most of our club leaders were seniors and was unanimously voted in.”

In addition, he is co-chair of Michigan Federation of College Republicans. “As co-chairman of the Michigan Federation of College

Republicans, I work closely with our chairman in the managing of the organization, in addition to executing its daily functions,” Kerber said. “This can vary anywhere from planning events, fundraising, to working on projects to improve our organization.”

During the summer of 2019, Kerber also served as an intern with the Office of Senator Aric Nesbitt, President Pro Tempore of the Michigan Senate. The diversity of Delt members who come together in brotherhood with shared values mirror Kerber’s belief that politicians should also do the same to unite the American people.

“On a personal level, political beliefs will never prevent a friendship,” Kerber said. “It is important to treat everyone, from every walk of life, and every political party with the utmost respect and open-mindedness. One of my favorite traits of Delta Tau Delta is the diverse, wide variety of people with different backgrounds and

beliefs, who all put aside their differences in recognition of brotherhood. It’s sad to see the extreme amount of partisanship in our politicians, especially in a time when the American people need them most. Quite frankly, Congress needs more Delts.”

In his spare time, Kerber enjoys spending time with friends and reading. “I am an extremely social person and love hanging out with my friends and meeting new people,” Kerber said. “However, I also enjoy reading about American history and am currently working on ‘White House Years’ by Henry Kissinger which describes his time in the Nixon Administration.”

“What motivates me most is knowing that I can make a difference in the lives of those around me and our Great State of Michigan,” Kerber said. “At some point in life, everyone will find something that they are truly passionate about and I was lucky enough to find mine early in life.” ▲

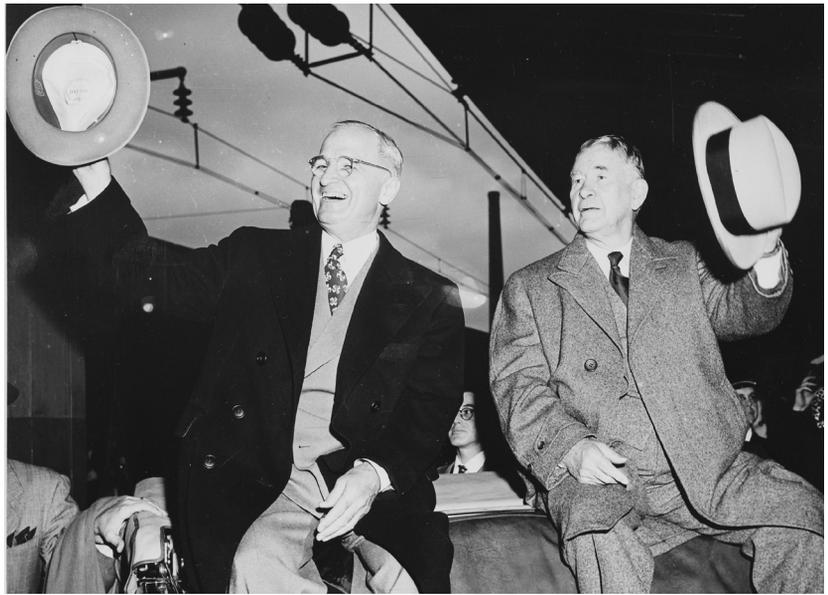
WHO IS THE ORIGINAL VEEP?

Willie Alben Barkley (Emory University, 1900), the eldest of eight children, was born in a log house in 1877 in Wheel, Ky. Barkley's parents were tenant farmers who grew tobacco, and his father was an elder in the local Presbyterian church. Barkley worked on his parents' farm and between the fall harvest and spring planting he attended school in Lowes, Ky. After graduating from college, he studied law and was admitted to the Kentucky Bar in 1901. Active in local Democratic politics, he won elective office as a county attorney in 1905 and a county judge four years later.

In 1912, Barkley was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served seven successive terms (1913–27) before his election to the Senate in 1926, where he served until 1949. His increasing seniority enhanced his influence on the committees on foreign affairs and finance, and he was a leading spokesman for the domestic and international policies of the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. An able parliamentary tactician, he served from 1937 to 1947 as Senate majority leader.

Barkley played important roles at every Democratic National Convention he attended from 1932. Passed over for the vice presidency in 1944 because of his age, he was finally nominated at the 1948 convention, though only after William O. Douglas declined the position. The oldest man elected vice president, Barkley served steadfastly, if unspectacularly, for the next four years.

He was popularly known as the "Veep" a name suggested by his young grandson as an abbreviated alternative to the cumbersome "Mr. Vice President." When Barkley told the story at a press conference, the newspapers



▲ President Harry S. Truman and Vice President-elect Alben W. Barkley in the Washington, D.C. train station, sitting on the back of an open vehicle, waving their hats to the crowd.

printed it, and the title stuck. Barkley's successor as vice president, Richard Nixon, declined to continue the nickname, saying that it had been bestowed on Barkley affectionately and belonged to him. While commentators may occasionally use "veep" as a generic term for vice presidents, historically the term is Barkley's alone.

When Truman, who was exempted from the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, ratified in 1951, that limited future presidents to two terms, announced his decision not to seek a third term, Vice President Barkley then sought the Democratic nomination for president. Failing to gain support due to his age, he withdrew from the race and retired to Kentucky. There he ran once again for a seat in the Senate against the incumbent Republican Senator. His victory helped return the Senate Democrats to a one-vote majority and made Lyndon Johnson majority leader.

On April 30, 1956, he gave a keynote address at Washington and Lee University where as he closed his remarks he reminded the crowd that after all of his years in national politics he had become a freshman once again, but that he had declined an offer of a front row seat with other senior senators. "I'm glad to sit on the back row," he declared, "for I would rather be a servant in the House of the Lord than to sit in the seats of the mighty." As the audience applauded Barkley collapsed and died from a massive heart attack. ▲

ALBEN BARKLEY'S LAST WORDS

As a junior Congressman, then I became a senior Congressman and then I went to the Senate and became a junior Senator, and then I became a senior Senator and then Majority Leader of the Senate and then Vice President of United States. And now I'm back again as a junior Senator. And I am willing to be a junior. I am glad to sit on the back row, for I would rather be a servant in the house of the Lord than to sit in the seats of the mighty.

The stories in this issue represent but a handful of Fraternity members who hold or have held an elected office or served in a role in support of community through government or politics and whose leadership builds community. We thank all Delts, elected and appointed, who labor daily for the betterment of their communities.



Turner Christie and his brothers from the Gamma Nu Chapter at the University of Maine.

T1D ON CAMPUS

With a twin brother who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes (T1D) at age six, Turner Christie (University of Maine, 2021) understood type 1 diabetes. He knew the signs and he knew something wasn't right when he experienced a dramatic weight loss during his junior year of high school. He looked sick and was using the restroom often so he asked his mom to test his blood sugar. The test results sent them straight to the hospital.

Four years later, Christie has learned to manage T1D. He has a constant glucose monitor (CGM) and uses insulin pens or shots to manage his diabetes. "I have used the pump and I used it for about a year, it felt limiting because it's something you always have to have on," Christie said. "I don't like the idea that you can get really sick, too, if you don't have insulin and there are more errors that can happen with the pump."

One scary accident with incorrect settings on the pump left Christie preferring more personal control. "I've always tried to be as independent as I could with my diabetes because part

of growing up is being independent," Christie said. "T1D doesn't define who I am, it's just a part of me. I don't view it as a negative. It sucks and I don't particularly enjoy it, but I've met of people through it—through camp and doctors. It has brought me immensely closer to my twin just because it's something we both have, and we can both relate to. I try to look at the positives."

Before college, Christie worked at Camp Joslin that is part of The Barton Center for Diabetes Education in Massachusetts where his brother had been a camper. "At Camp Joslin, it's [the] most normal thing in the world is to have diabetes," Christie said. "I preferred working with the youngest kids. A lot of them were newer to diabetes and afraid of needles. It can be scary, but that's to be expected to get over the fear of needles."

Initially the move to campus at University of Maine made Christie a little self-conscious about having type 1 diabetes, but he quickly found his way. In the fall semester, he spotted someone at the rec center wearing a JDRF shirt. "I thought that was cool, so I stopped and showed him the type 1 diabetes tattoo on my arm," Christie said. It turned out the guy with the JDRF shirt was a Delt who recommended Christie participate in fraternity recruitment. At first, Christie wasn't interested in Greek life, so he blew it off.

By his second semester, he decided to learn more about fraternities through recruitment. "At Delt I sat

down and started talking about diabetes and how I thought it was cool the Fraternity was supporting JDRF. They were very happy to hear about that and to talk about it, and that made a really big impression on me," Christie said.

The current chapter president, Kyle Robbins (University of Maine, 2021), who became one of Christie's best friends, was the recruitment chairman at the time. "I was really nervous about joining a fraternity because I thought I would have to drink. I don't drink because of my diabetes and I expressed that to him and he said, 'You know we don't do that.' That was another thing that really stuck out to me was how he was adamant against hazing because I wasn't going to join an organization that made me do stupid things. I joined and became philanthropy chairman," Christie said.

Later Christie was elected vice president. "We're changing and we're growing, we're still holding our ideals. We focus on the important things and I think that a part of the important things for us is our community service and our philanthropy," Christie said.

When it comes to educating others about JDRF and T1D, Christie has found people generally are sincere in wanting to learn more. "I have noticed with diabetes people aren't afraid to be corrected and learn, especially if they care about you. Everybody in the Fraternity has been extremely respectful, especially in the way they ask questions. They come from a place of genuine curiosity," Christie said. ▲

CREATIVE FUNDRAISING SUPPORTS JDRF



Every year, Delta Tau Delta chapters find new ways to support JDRF and educate campus communities about type 1 diabetes (T1D). Since Delta Tau Delta established the partnership with JDRF in 2012, the Fraternity has contributed \$1.7 million with contributions in the fall of 2019 totaling more than \$104,000.

JDRF is the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes research. Its mission is to accelerate life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat T1D and its complications. To accomplish this, JDRF has invested nearly \$2 billion in research funding since its inception.

During the 2020 division conferences, the Fraternity recognized these chapters for their exceptional commitment to JDRF in the preceding year.

Gamma Xi Chapter at the University of Cincinnati

held a basket auction during Mom’s Weekend where brothers and their mothers contributed themed baskets for auction. They also raised funds through an Instagram Venmo board and donations from other organizations for a total of \$7,000 for JDRF.

6) Iota Sigma Chapter at North Dakota State University

hosted its annual Deltroni fundraising event making and selling macaroni and cheese with an array of

toppings. Through this event, the chapter raised more than \$6,000 for JDRF. In the previous spring, the chapter hosted Night of Iris where alumni, members and parents bid on various donated items through a silent auction to raise an additional \$2,200 for JDRF.

1) Epsilon Iota B Chapter at Kettering University

hosted an annual charity auction during Family Day which draws about 125-175 people. Members also hosted a macaroni and cheese dinner, returned cans and bottles for deposit refunds and organized an ugly Christmas sweater sale in December. The chapter also participates in the local JDRF One Walk. In

all, the chapter raised more than \$6,500 for JDRF.

Beta Upsilon Chapter at the University of Illinois

holds multiple events throughout the year to raise awareness and funds for JDRF. The largest is Deltona, a two-day event where sororities compete in various competitions. Through all of their fundraisers, the chapter raised a total of more than \$5,100 for JDRF

4) Delta Zeta Chapter at the University of Florida

held its annual Miss Greek competition where the men partnered with sororities who competed in various events. To maximize funds raised, the money each sorority raises factors into the determination



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of the overall winner. The chapter was able to raise more than \$15,000 for JDRF.

Delta Delta Chapter at the University of Tennessee raised \$4,000 for JDRF through several athletic competitions and percentage nights with local restaurants.

Iota Theta Chapter at Kennesaw State University held a volleyball tournament and Deltoberfest Week raising a total of \$6,200 for JDRF.

6) Theta Eta Crescent Colony at the University of South Carolina participated in the JDRF One Walk within a few months of colonizing last fall. Members promoted their walk team through social media and worked with the local JDRF chapter to offer incentives for individuals who raised more than \$100. In all, the colony raised more than \$6,400 for JDRF.

Gamma Mu Chapter at the University of Washington

provides volunteers at several local JDRF events such as the Dream Gala, Beat the Bridge and Shamrock Run throughout the year. In addition, members host several events where they sell food items to raise money for JDRF. In all, the men donated more than \$2,200 to JDRF.

Iota Epsilon Chapter at Chapman University held its annual Delta Queen event where the chapter raised more than \$19,000. Leading up to the big event, the men raised funds via donations from food trucks, donuts in the piazza, dunk tanks, tournament buy-ins. A short film shown during the Delta Queen event demonstrated the impact of donations in support of JDRF.

Epsilon Delta Chapter at Texas Tech University hosted Cottonfest where a country singer performs, and the chapter receives a portion of ticket sales to support JDRF. The chapter also hosts a Mom

and Dad's Weekend along with a Casino Night. Through these events the chapter raised a total of \$5,300 for JDRF.

3) Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa held two annual events to fundraise for JDRF. In the spring members host "Deep Dish" where they sell Lou Malnati's pizza and in the fall, they hold "Delt Dogs" where they sell Portillo's hot dogs. The chapter raised \$5,500 for JDRF.

Theta Delta Chapter at Baylor University held its fourth annual bubble soccer tournament where students compete in large inflatable balls. The chapter advertised on campus and sold T-shirts to raise additional funds. In all, the men raised more than \$5,000 for JDRF.

7) Iota Psi Chapter at Northeastern University participated in the Boston One Walk to benefit JDRF. Through various fundraising events and several social media

posts leading up to the walk, the chapter raised more than \$6,000.

Zeta Mu Chapter at Robert Morris University hosted its annual Delt Queen event on campus in addition to a raffle with all proceeds going to JDRF. The chapter raised nearly \$6,200. Members also hosted tables on campus and gave out stickers and wristbands to raise awareness for type 1 diabetes.

2) Kappa Epsilon Chapter at The College of New Jersey hosted its first annual JDRF walk on campus in the spring of 2019 and raised more than \$6,400. Several organizations on campus participated and representatives from JDRF spoke at the walk to educate the participants on type 1 diabetes. The chapter also participated in the 2019 Philadelphia One Walk to raise additional funds.

For more information, please visit delts.org/jdrf. 

ALUMNI NEWS



“DEAD TO ME”

With Will Ferrell (Kent State University, 1981) as a producer and James Marsden (Oklahoma State University, 1995) starring as Steve, the dark comedy “Dead to Me” returned to Netflix for a second season beginning in May 2020.

SONIC

1 James Marsden (Oklahoma State University, 1995) zoomed to the number one movie in America in *Sonic the Hedgehog*. Sonic and his new human best friend, Tom Wachowski (Marsden), team up to stop the evil scientist, Dr. Robotnik. The film now holds the record for the best three-day opening in the U.S. for a video game movie, taking in \$57 million compared to its previous record-holder *Detective Pikachu*’s \$54.3 million.

70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

2 Though their 70th wedding anniversary plans included a ceremony, blessing and vow renewals at their church, a reception with close friends and a party with family, 93-year-old Elaine, and 94-year-old John Rickerd (Bowling Green State

University, 1950) celebrated 70 years of marriage without leaving home. The social distancing party in their garage included balloons, roses, champagne, cake and a yellow, red and blue banner on the front lawn that read, “Cheers to 70 Years! Honk your horn to help our parents celebrate 70 years of wedded bliss.” As reported in *The Northwest Herald*, “Elaine, from Waukegan, and John, originally from Toledo, Ohio, met at a fraternity-sorority party at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Elaine asked John to be her date at a Turnabout Dance.”

WILD MAN ECOLOGIST

Dr. Doug Tallamy (Allegheny College, 1973) was featured in the April 2020 issue of *Smithsonian Magazine* in the article “Wild Man.” Tallamy is an ecologist fed up with invasive species and sterile landscapes. He urges people to go native and go natural—and remake every backyard, office park and traffic island in a campaign to promote the planting of native trees and plants to maintain the population of wild birds, bugs and other critters.

SEMPER FIDELIS AWARD

Monroe Trout (University of Pennsylvania, 1953) was recognized with the Marine Corp Semper Fidelis Award in April. Born during the Great Depression in 1931, Trout was one of 14 children and was the first in his family to graduate from high school. He worked his way through college and medical school with scholarship help. He was an intern at Great Lakes Medical Hospital when he was selected by the Navy to go to the Marine Corps as a doctor. “It was not an easy life being in the Marines, but it’s one of the most important things that happened in my life. It’s the finest fighting group in the world and as a result I felt I had to repay them,” he said of his support for the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. “Everybody had to help everybody else to make the world work,” Trout said. “There is no shame in being poor. The shame is being successful and not helping others.”

GREEK COMMUNITY BOARD

Brock Bowsher (DePauw University, 2001) was elected to serve as treasurer of DePauw University’s Greek Community



Board, an organization working to enhance the effectiveness of DePauw's Greek-letter fraternities and sororities in complementing the academic experience and providing leadership and personal development opportunities.

THE CLIMATE POD

3 Brock Benefiel (Butler University, 2010) started "The Climate Pod," an informative and humorous podcast on the latest environmental issues and climate action with his brother, Ty. Ted Danson was a recent guest talking about environmental activism and climate action.

ROCKY BURKE SCHOLARSHIP

The Morehead State University Foundation announced the establishment of the Rocky Burke Scholarship, a fund to benefit Morehead State University students. The scholarship was established by Rocky Burke (Morehead State University, 1977) who served in the United States Air Force, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2008. In addition to his Air Force career, he

worked in the public transit industry, managing bus systems for various municipalities.

TORCHBEARER PURSUES ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Nicholas Ross (University of Tennessee, 2020) was selected as one of six Torchbearers for the 2020 graduating class at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Torchbearers are outstanding seniors recognized for academic achievement, leadership and service. It is the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's highest student honor for demonstrating academic excellence and a commitment to serving others. In 2018, Ross received Delta Tau Delta Foundation's Ken File Scholarship. As a Chancellor's Honors student, he studied chemical engineering. Ross served as a student coordinator for both the University's Ignite Program and the VOLbreaks Program with the Jones Center for Leadership and Service. He is an ambassador for the Tickle College of Engineering in the Office of Engineering Professional Practice, and founder and president of Knoxville Elementary Outreach. A National Academy of Engineering Grand Challenge Scholar, Ross has extensive undergraduate research experience, including internships at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the U.S. Senate HELP Committee and Imara Microfinance in Nakuru, Kenya. He plans to pursue a master's degree in environmental engineering from Stanford University.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR

In April, Rick Neel (Marietta College, 1973) was just awarded the Outstanding Chapter Advisor of the Year award at Marietta College for his work with Epsilon Upsilon Chapter. In the same presentation Michael Doran (Marietta College, 2020) received the Dean's Award and Ryan McGuinness (2021) received the Living the Ritual Award.

FRATERNITY HALL OF FAME

Jeff Keysear (University of Southern Mississippi, 2006), former chapter consultant and current chapter advisor for Zeta Chi Chapter, was named to

the Fraternity and Sorority Life Hall of Fame at the University of Southern Mississippi in April. Keysear works with the undergraduate men to challenge, develop and grow the Fraternity and is driven by his desire to continually strive for excellence.

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA DELTS SUPPORT STUDENTS

Though their chapter has been inactive since 1999, Zeta Iota Chapter Delts responded in March when the University of West Florida asked for assistance to fund the student emergency fund for students who felt food deprived. The group exceeded their original goal of \$500 and raised more than \$2,000.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AT NYC'S BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

Dr. Nate Link (Butler University, 1979) serves on the front line of the COVID-19 crisis in New York City as Bellevue Hospital's chief medical officer.

BEST AND BRIGHTEST BUSINESS MAJOR

Jon Wen (Babson College, 2020) was one of the 100 Best and Brightest Business Majors of 2020 by Poets & Quants, a social network for higher education. "I met John during his first few days at Babson College. He is in the top five percent of the graduating class in terms of GPA and a star among stars in a class of 2020 that is a highly diverse and talented group of over 550 graduates," Dean of the Undergraduate School at Babson College Ian Lapp, told Poets and Quants. A first-generation college student, Wen concentrated in business analytics and minored in engineering. After graduation, Wen will join IBM as an associate product manager. He dreams of starting his own company one day (and growing it and getting acquired), and also of becoming a professor to give back to the next generation.

LEFTWICH AWARDED FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

5 Brooks Leftwich (University of Tennessee, 2020) has been selected for a Fulbright Scholarship to Taiwan for the 2020-21 academic year. He will spend



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the year as an English teaching assistant to supplement local English language instruction and to provide a native speaker presence in the classroom. Leftwich graduated summa cum laude in May with a mechanical engineering degree with honors and a minor in reliability and maintainability engineering.

Leftwich has been involved in many leadership activities while at UTK, including serving as an Engineering Professional Practice Ambassador for the Tickle College of Engineering, Student Code of Conduct Review Committee Member, UT Student Ambassador, Ignite Team Leader, Delta Tau Delta officer and as a mentor at several Knoxville area elementary schools.

THANKING FRONT LINE WORKERS

4 Pierre Twer (Indiana University, 1983) is president of Bolt for the Heart, an organization committed to saving as many lives as possible, by placing automatic external defibrillators (AEDs)

in our law enforcement heroes' patrol cars. In late March, Bolt for the Heart hosted a virtual quarantine challenge to help say thank you to Indianapolis-area health care workers on the front line of the coronavirus pandemic. In just the first day of registrations, the Bolt for the Heart Quarantine Challenge raised more than \$10,000.

HERO DETAINS UNRULY PASSENGER

Capt. Daniel Kult (University of Iowa, 2015) has been hailed as a hero as one of three Marines who helped detain a disruptive passenger on a flight from Japan to Texas on May 4. The three Marines assisted the flight attendant in restraining the passenger until they could safely land at Los Angeles International Airport, where the passenger was taken off the plane for a mental evaluation.

RISING STAR AWARD

Cody Clemens (Marietta College, 2013) received one of two Rising Star

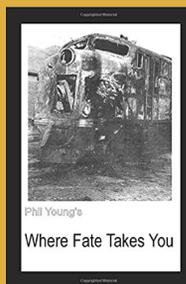
Awards granted from the National Communication Association (NCA) Training and Development Division in November 2019. He also recently defended his Ph.D. and will officially earn his doctorate in media and communication from Bowling Green State University in May. Clemens joined the faculty at Marietta College in 2018 as an assistant professor of communication. He helped advise and register incoming students, serves as one of the assistant chapter advisors for Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and as the Lambda Pi Eta communication honorary advisor. He is also the first faculty member to serve on the Marietta College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

FORGED IN FIRE WINNER

6 Scott Sweder, a blacksmith from Columbia Falls, Mont. won the History Channel's "Forged in Fire" competition. With 20 years of experience, Sweder was the oldest contestant, competing against

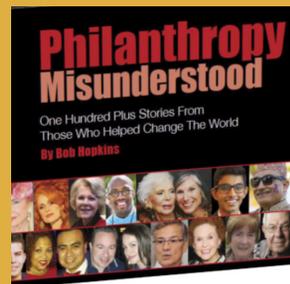
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blacksmiths ranging in age from 18 years old to their 40s. The knife-making competition consists of four rounds where winners battle to win \$10,000. With three judges watching over the three blacksmiths, the pressure is on. He runs his business, Iron Bear Knife and Forge, out of his home's one-and-a-half-car garage, where he makes furniture, railings, knives and even swords. Furniture is among Sweder's top sellers, and he gets a lot of business from contract work with Vinoture, a furniture company based in Kalispell. He also installs railing in homes, but he says he's trying to transition into forging more knives because they're easier to deal with as he ages.

LAW SCHOOL NAMED FOR MICHAEL DAVIS

When Michael J. Davis (Kansas State University, 1964) was a professor at the University of Kansas School of Law in 1971, he made a big impression on law student Christopher "Kit" Smith—so big that Smith and his wife, Diana, have

pledged \$1 million to create a fund at KU Law in Davis' name. Davis joined the KU Law faculty in 1971. In 1974, he was named the first general counsel of the university, a position he kept until he was appointed dean of the law school in 1980. During his nine years as dean, Davis recruited key faculty members, raised the entering class profile and chaired the Committee of Deans. His fundraising efforts quadrupled the prior annual giving total, increased the number of distinguished professorships from one to five, and led a successful capital campaign of which Smith was a key committee member. An outstanding teacher, Davis received the Immel Award for Teaching Excellence in 1991 and was named Centennial Teaching Professor of Law in 1997.

VOLUNTARY PAY REDUCTION

7 In late March, Columbia Sportswear announced Tim Boyle (University of Oregon, 1971), president and CEO, cut his

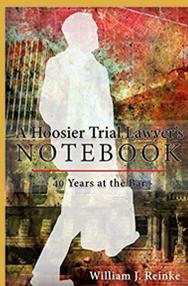
own pay to \$10,000 a year, and at least 10 top executives took a voluntary 15 percent pay reduction according to Portland Business Journal. Columbia Sportswear Company's CEO has essentially eliminated his own salary while regular paychecks continue to go out to employees, including those who work at the company's temporarily shuttered retail stores.

ARTICLE ON HEART VALVE DISEASE

Daniel Ruiz (Clemson University, 2014) is the first author of an article published in The American Journal of the Medical Sciences while he was a medical student at the Medical University of South Carolina. He has since received his M.D. and is doing post-graduate study at Johns Hopkins. The article is called "Antiphospholipid Antibodies and Heart Valve Disease in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus."

PUBLIC HEALTH

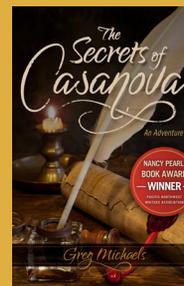
8 A \$6 million endowed gift from FamilyCare Health and the Heatherington Foundation in honor of FamilyCare Health President and CEO Jeff Heatherington (Willamette College, 1965) will fund 10 annual scholarships, student research and internships, a pre-health program director position and public health programming, taking Willamette's Publish Health program to the next level, with scholarships, internships and more. "This gift is an acknowledgment of Jeff's extraordinary commitment to public health and to public health education and will benefit Willamette and our larger community for generations to come," said Willamette University President Stephen Thorsett. "Thanks to this generous gift, Willamette can launch



A HOOSIER TRIAL LAWYER'S NOTEBOOK AND OFF-TRIAL NOTES: FORTY YEARS AT THE BAR IN INDIANA

William J. Reinke, J.D. (Wabash College, 1952)

In this case notebook, a top trial lawyer tells the story of many of the most interesting trials in which he participated for his law firm.



THE SECRETS OF CASANOVA

Greg Smith Michaels (University of Texas at Austin, 1971)

Casanova's will and destiny collide again and again in this riveting historical fiction that brings to light a man of great passion and not a few secrets.



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a new undergraduate major in public health that uses an interdisciplinary, liberal arts approach to explore human behavior and experience across multiple disciplines—including anthropology, history, environmental science, sociology, exercise and health science—so graduates can advocate for, collaborate with and lead effective change across diverse audiences.”

MARQUIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Richard E. McEachen (University of Kansas, 1955) received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. McEachen served in the United States Air Force prior to earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Michigan in 1961. He was admitted to practice law in Missouri and Kansas.

FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

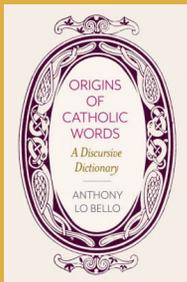
9 Luke Houghton (Wright State University, 2008) was named director

of development for the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, as part of Ohio Farm Bureau’s Strategic Partnerships department. He will focus on fundraising for the foundation and maintaining its scholarship programs. Years as a legislative aide at the Statehouse in Columbus have given Houghton an extensive background in advocacy, fundraising and strategic campaign management at the state and national level, and a solid understanding of agricultural and rural issues. Most recently, Houghton was with the Sportsmen’s Alliance as its director of state services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

David Giljohann (Northwestern University, 2003) was honored in Crain’s 40 Under 40 Class of 2019 that recognizes individuals who are reinventing what it means to do business in Chicago through financial impact and community

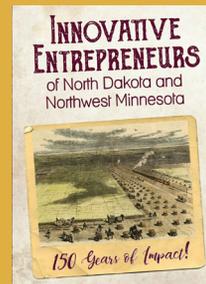
leadership. Giljohann has served as chief executive officer of Exicure, a pioneer in gene regulatory and immunotherapeutic drugs utilizing spherical nucleic acid (SNA™) technology, since November 2013, after starting out as the company’s founding scientist in 2011. He completed his Ph.D. in 2009 at Northwestern University where he developed oligonucleotide-modified nanoparticles, including Exicure’s Spherical Nucleic Acid (SNA™) constructs. Giljohann has been on the company’s Board of Directors since March 2014 and his work has been recognized with a Materials Research Society Gold Award, Baxter Innovation Award, Rappaport Award for Research Excellence, NSEC Outstanding Research Award and as a finalist in the National Inventors Hall of Fame Collegiate Inventors Competition. Additionally, Giljohann has contributed to more than 100 patents and applications.



ORIGINS OF CATHOLIC WORDS: A DISCURSIVE DICTIONARY

Anthony J. Lo Bello, Ph.D. (Allegheny College, 1988)

The study of the vocabulary of the Catholic religion may be taken as a definition of the liberal arts. There is an entry for each word of importance having to do with the Catholic Church.



INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURS OF NORTH DAKOTA AND NORTHWEST MINNESOTA: 150 YEARS OF IMPACT!

Bruce Gjovik (University of North Dakota, 1974)

Profiles of 76 regional entrepreneurs in 65 chapters, covering the Dalrymple Bonanza farm of the 1870s to today’s technology innovators.

HEAROCLUB SUPPLYING HEARING AID BATTERIES

Benjamin Norman (Indiana University, 2009) and RJ Pole (Indiana University, 2009) launched hearOclub, providing hearing aid battery subscriptions. “We are passionate about helping people always have a supply of batteries so they can always hear,” Pole said. “We were at the

Hearing Loss Association of America Convention where we held a workshop to educate people on the need for our services. We are a membership benefit of the HLAA and are a proud member.” hearOclub’s mission is to provide peace of mind, assuring members will always have the freshest batteries.

FRATERNITY PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR

Douglas DeLuca (Babson College, 2020) was named Fraternity President of the Year at Babson College and Sean Robertson (Babson College, 2021) was recognized with an Outstanding Emerging Fraternity Leader Award. ▲

2020 VIRTUAL KARNEA: JUNE 27 – AUG. 8, 2020

In the spring of 2020, the Arch Chapter made the decision to move the 2020 Karnea from a four-day in-person event originally planned to take place in Phoenix, to a summer-long celebration beginning June 27. Starting with the live business session, the Fraternity kicks off the six-weeks of celebration, education and legislation for Virtual Karnea 2020 with the closing session scheduled for Aug. 8. Fraternity staff and volunteers will deliver inspirational programs, Karnea committees will meet and business meetings will take place. All Delts may participate in the educational sessions and watch live business sessions. This is a Karnea for everyone. Every Delt should experience the Karnea at least once in his life, so if you have not been before, now is the time. **To learn more visit delts.org/karnea**



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IN THIS TOGETHER

Members persevere through COVID-19 pandemic

The surreal atmosphere of the COVID-19 pandemic is reaching far and wide with its disruption of daily lives. As Delta Tau Delta's copy deadline for *The Rainbow* closed in early May, the Fraternity gathered stories of a few members who reported on their experiences. We are thankful for the healthcare workers and all those who are serving on the front lines day in and day out including many Delt brothers. We hope you are staying safe and healthy, and our thoughts are with those who are struggling or lost a loved one due to COVID-19. The Fraternity mourns the loss of Dr. Frank Gabrin (University of Pittsburgh, 1981), the first emergency room doctor lost to COVID-19. (Chapter Eternal, p. 56). With the belief that "history is made by the hopeful" we remain hopeful as we persevere and write this new chapter in history.

DELTA ALUMNI WORKING TO SOLVE THE GLOBAL VENTILATOR SHORTAGE

Delta Tau Delta alumni are working with The Ventilator Project, a Boston-based non-profit building low-cost ventilators. Quinten Arsenault (University of Connecticut, 2020) and Gavin Colwell (University of Connecticut, 2020) serve on the engineering team for Ventilator Project and support the development of the AIRA prototype.

Volunteers with The Ventilator Project say COVID-19 patients don't need expensive, complex ventilators—they need simple ones which can be mass-produced while still getting the job done. According to the organization, engineering ventilators isn't the obstacle to getting more of them in hospitals. Rather, the supply chains currently in place aren't equipped to create mass amounts of ventilators in such a short period of time. So more than 200 people collaborated on ways to decrease the current shortage while also putting a solid framework in place for

the future.

The agency says they are still in the testing phase for their ventilators.

MEDICAL STUDENT RECOVERS

As a second-year medical student Lijah Vann Gardner (Chapman University, 2016) actively volunteers with the Veterans Affairs Medical Center between classes. In mid-March he got sick with what he thought would be a short-lived flu, but it lingered and progressed. "After a few days, I realized I was dealing with something more than a normal cold or flu and I got tested [for COVID-19]," Vann Gardner said. "I had many of the symptoms including fever, chills, a dry cough and a complete loss of taste and smell. I was fortunate that it did not progress to pneumonia. I was dealing with the worst part of the illness during a week of exams, so it was challenging to still perform at a high level with the stress of having COVID-19."

Vann Gardner lives in the Boise area, observing stay-at-home orders in April at the

time of this interview. "The hospitals did a good job of setting up drive-through testing and the ICU and hospital wards are not over capacity," Vann Gardner said.

"My main hobby is cooking, and the diminished taste and smell has made that difficult. Even after recovering some smell and taste, it feels dull. It is hard to have that one hobby become more of a chore rather than a passion. Luckily the nose and mouth have cells that regenerate frequently, so I'm hoping that given a little more time my smell and taste will completely return. I'm very grateful that of all outcomes, this has only put a minor inconvenience in my life."

PERSPECTIVE FROM A BROTHER IN FRANCE

Originally from Lyon, France Didier Rulhe (University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2001) is a police officer working as a trainer in France. Didier, who studied international relations at the University of Wisconsin, shared his recent experience which mirrors that of many in the U.S. He is adjusting to many changes while he works

from his apartment going out only for an exercise and groceries.

"We've had many COVID 19 cases and fatalities. No one was well organized from the start—it took a time to acknowledge this new reality, discovering this virus through experience. Social distancing made its way, especially at work. Many rules were set to clean everything used for shifts. Shifts could have easily been the most important way to infect each other. And due to the incubation time before getting sick, strict rules had to be enforced, if not, we would have had more fatalities," Didier said.

"Personally, life became suddenly much more self-centered. A survival mode perhaps. First I look after my daughter, parents and close friends, so, even if life became self-centered, keeping social contacts helps me remain an active link of the social chain. Perhaps even more now than before, but differently, of course. You can't hug anyone anymore or even meet at a café or restaurant. I almost don't use my car anymore," he said.

Didier finds it important to stay optimistic focusing on things like, reading, exercise and music. “Do all you can do to create a positive environment—good for our own mental and body health,” he said. “Listen to yourself, how your heart flows, how a sun ray feels on your skin and let your mind wonder. What we are living is a unique opportunity, we may never live again in our lifetime (hopefully).”

“We are part of our world and it is fierce reminder, perhaps it is also time to rethink our presence on earth economically, professionally, industrially, our health systems and interactions with biodiversity. I am confident in people’s optimistic creativity. There will a bright future. But we have no choice other than undergoing this difficult time to reach out for betterment and a safer world for ourselves and children.”

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SHELTERS IN PLACE ON CAMPUS

Zaithwa Gwaza (Robert Morris University, 2021) is an international student from Malawi studying economics and finance. In March, when he learned schools were beginning to go online for the rest of the semester, he knew he would remain on campus. “Due to limited funds, I would have never been able to go to Malawi this summer even if this global pandemic was not taking place,” Gwaza said.

Gwaza has stayed on campus in past summers and has experienced a quiet campus, but never like this he said. “I go for a walk around campus every morning as a time for my personal reflection

but it also allows me to not just be in one place. I usually video call my friends back home and watch a series on Netflix.”

He’s in regular contact with members of his chapter. “The brothers had a mental health session where we were just encouraging each other on steps to keep ourselves mentally healthy during this testing time. Apart from that, we communicate frequently over GroupMe.”

This summer Gwaza is working with Confluence Financial Partners in Pittsburgh as a wealth management intern. “I will be working on a team of wealth managers by assisting clients with their financial planning needs. This will range from making some market analyses in various asset classes and also trying to grow the clientele Confluence has,” he said. “God’s got my back and I’m confident everything will be good soon. I’m taking my time just to develop myself by reading leadership books and learn more about financial markets.”

FRATERNITY VOLUNTEER RECOVERS

Jerry Digennaro (Carnegie Mellon University, 1976) didn’t feel well on March 15. When he passed out, his fiancé called 9-1-1 and he was diagnosed with pneumonia at the hospital. A week later, after he developed additional symptoms, including a cough, he tested positive for COVID-19. Though he woke up in a sweat one day, he otherwise didn’t have a fever. He experienced loss of smell and loss of taste, both of which returned. By mid-April the cough persisted. “I’ve got one of these smart watches that tracks steps and for one week I

might have broken a thousand steps. It definitely wipes you out,” Digennaro said. “I was very fortunate. I’ve had a supportive fiancé and her son and helping me through this. We have a household of one confirmed case, two presumptive cases and three survivors.”

Digennaro had planned to get married in Las Vegas on April 1. Though everything is canceled he is glad to be on the road to recovery.

After more than 28 years in the military and 24 years in the federal government, Digennaro is semi-retired and has been working as a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania fire instructor. In April, when he learned he had been furloughed, he began helping his fiancé deliver the masks she is making at home for community members.

“Finding the production capacity to meet the need in our area was something I knew would be difficult on my own. I knew it would be important to reach out to some of my contacts and see if I could gain the resources to build a network of people willing to donate their time and equipment to helping front-line healthcare workers,” LaGassa said.

After contacting the administration from his high school he secured permission to access the high school’s supply of 3D printers and equipment.

“More than 5,000 ear savers have been donated in the last month. Depending on the model we are currently making, about 40-50 every hour at maximum capacity. We have also made about 30



▲ EAR-SAVERS FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

After a conversation with his aunt, computer engineering and computer science major Maxwell LaGassa (Kettering University-A, 2022) decided to pull his resources and put his knowledge of 3D printers to work creating ear-savers for front-line workers who spend all-day wearing a mask.

face shields that were donated to hospitals in our area, but it was becoming increasingly hard to find the clear plastic to make them, so we switched our production to primarily ear savers,” LaGassa said.

Daniel Boyle (Kettering University-A, 2020) donated his personal 3D printer and all of the filament he owned to help us make PPE and related items for healthcare workers. ▲

DELT SPORTLIGHT

COMPILED BY JAY LANGHAMMER (TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, 1966)



SCOTT DREW

Photo by, Matthew Minard/Baylor Photography

BASKETBALL

Baylor University head coach Scott Drew (Butler University, 1993) had his best record (26-4) in his 18th season. He was a 2020 Naismith Coach of the Year finalist and was named National Coach of the Year by NCAA Sports. His career record is now 364-224. In his 28th season, Bill Fenlon (Northwestern University, 1979) led his DePauw University team to a 14-12 record. His career mark is now 457-281. Case Western Reserve head coach Todd McGuinness (Bethany

College, 2002) led his team to a 13-12 record.

Five collegiate players had great seasons on the court for Stephens Institute of Technology's 23-5 team. Guard Spencer Cook was named a third team All-American by NABC and conference Offensive Player of the Year. He scored 540 points (19.3 per game) and ended his career with 1,116 points. Cook also was named NCAA three-point shooting champion. Teammate Alec DiPietrantonio scored 365 points (13.0), grabbed 270 rebounds

and blocked 51 shots. Guard Kevin Florio scored 286 points (10.2), pulled down 110 rebounds and had 51 assists. Guard JoJo Mosca scored 160 points (5.7) and had 86 rebounds.

Baker University senior forward Brett Elifritz started all 31 games, scored 218 points, grabbed 165 rebounds and had 65 assists. Three Deltas were solid players on the Lawrence University squad. Forward Mason Materna played in 25 games and averaged 12.2 points per game. Guard

Abhishek Venkatesh saw action in nine games and forward Charlie Heyer played in seven contests. Playing well for Westminster College was forward Steven Brandt who grabbed 29 rebounds in 23 contests. Members of the Wabash squad were Jack Hegwood, who scored 26 points in 18 games, and Drew Fleming who played in seven games. Guard Brandon Slaybaugh saw action in 11 games for the 20-9 College of New Jersey team and forward Lucas Nathanson played in four games for Ohio Western.



SPENCER COOK

Photo by, Mike McLaughlin Photography

BASEBALL

During the winter months, the Philadelphia Phillies signed relief pitcher Drew Storen (Stanford University, 2011) to a minor league contract. He had previously played for the Washington Nationals, Toronto Blue Jays, Seattle Seahawks and Cincinnati Reds. His career numbers are 99 saves, 29-28 record, 417 strikeouts and a 3.45 earned run average. The Oakland Athletics announced the promotion of former big leaguer Ed Sprague (Stanford University, 1989) to director of player development for the club in 2020. Former Stephens Institute of

Technology pitcher Charlie Ruegger (2019) was with the Yankees' Charleston minor league club in 2019.

In the college ranks, University of Texas at Dallas outfielder A.J. Liu led his team in hitting with a .492 average (32 hits in 65 at bats) and drove in 16 runs in 16 games. Ten Delts were members of the Wittenberg squad. Catcher Michael Kenny hit .400 in 10 games and scored 14 runs while driving in 10 runs. Outfielder Tanner Boros hit .316 in six games. DePauw University's season was also limited to a lower number of games in 2020. Senior pitcher Nick Casey was NCAC Pitcher of the Week with a one-hit seven-inning victory and was named to the All-NCAC second team. Infielder Jackson Williams hit .267 in 23 games. Westminster College pitcher Andrew Boessen had a 2.57 ERA, 13 K's and four saves over eight games on the way to Academic All-Conference honors. The Stevens Institute of Technology baseball squad was also limited to 12 games with infielder Thomas Paulich batting .313 (in 12 games) and catcher-outfielder Nate Zuckerman batted .286 in 12 games. Infielder Nathan Dill started eight games for Butler University.

SWIMMING

Case Western Reserve's Mark Fox, Jr. had a

season's best score of 370.05 in a three-mile event at the College of Wooster Invitational.



A.J. LIU

Photo by, Simon Asher

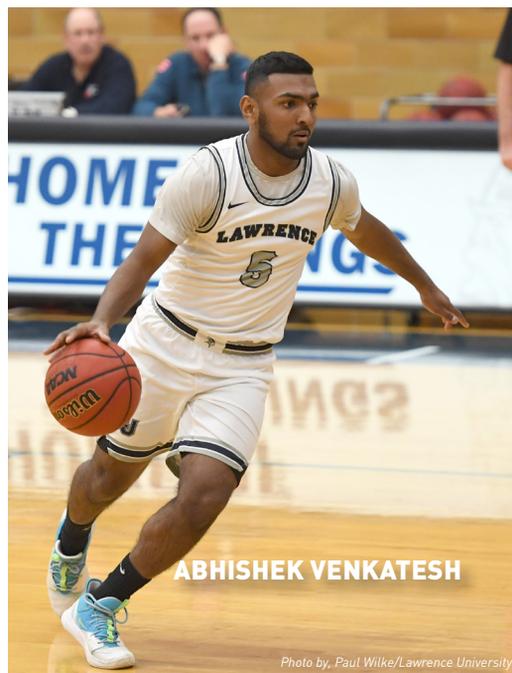
Gerardo Huidobro of Albion College earned All-MIAA first place honors in the 200-fly event. Chris Breen was also a key swimmer for Albion. Several Wabash College competitors performed well at conference events. Ryan Sacco placed eighth in the 1650 freestyle with his best time of the year. At the North Conference Swimming and Diving Meet, Justin To was 12th with a best finish of 58.22. Nick Young swam the 100 in 47.84 to place 15th. Other key Wabash competitors were Ben Klimczak, Hunter Jones, Kyle Louks (800-freestyle relay member), Joey Karczewski, Sam Colaiacova, Anthony Mendez and Chaz Rhodes.

LACROSSE

The Stevens Technology Institute squad, with

19 Delt players, saw its season cut short to just 12 games. Brendan Monteleone was on the

assists), midfielder Will Reed (six goals) plus defensemen Shawn Coulter (six goals),



ABHISHEK VENKATESH

Photo by, Paul Wilke/Lawrence University

All-Empire 8-second team and had 42 goals, 40 ground balls and 12 assists. Ryan Gebhardt scored 22 goals and 30 points. Other key players for Stevens were goalie Jack Braswell (23 saves), captain Max Ranaldi, Ryan Caplis (six goals, 10

Connor Murphy, Bubba Brennan, Alec Caseiro, Daniel Crotty and Sean Scadden. Other lacrosse players in 2020 were defensemen Neal Riddle and Kyle Wallace of Wittenberg University and Marietta College midfielder Seth Hower.

GOLF

Scott Dunlap (University of Florida, 1984) continues to compete on the PGA Tour Champions circuit which has now gone through several months of cancellations. At the March 9 Hoag Classic, he won \$50,400 after placing ninth. Justin Kapke, Jr. was the top shooter for Albion, averaging 77.7 over 12 rounds at the MIAA and shooting 73 in the second round of the Irish Hills Invitational meet. Luke Boerner of Ohio Wesleyan tied for eighth (149) at the Irish Hill event. Ben Kiesel of Wabash placed 40th at the NCAC meet and teammate Heath Whalen played six rounds.

TRACK

Competing in track once again for Ohio Wesleyan was Darcy Isaiah who placed fourth in the 800-meter run at the Wittenberg opener. He also helped four 1600-meter relay teams win at four spring meets. Hurdler Grey Moehrs of Southeastern Louisiana was back for his senior season and Ohio Wesleyan Nick Jackson competed at several meets during 2020.

TENNIS

Playing once again on the court for Ohio Wesleyan were regulars Miller Buckholz, Alex Riess and Omar Santiagonúñez Ahumada. ▲



BE RECOGNIZED

Join or Renew Your Membership in the Order of the C—

Your membership in the Order of the C—provides critical funding that supports the work of Delta Tau Delta and our members from every chapter and colony. From the early days of the Fraternity, the goal of every Delt has been to lead a life of “practical, everyday service.” The Order of the C— is a permanent society within the Delt Foundation open to all Delts who make gifts of \$1,000 or more cumulatively each year to the Annual DeltFund. “The C—” is derived from the original private proceedings of the Fraternity dating back to 1877 and stood for The Crescent. Today, over 70 percent of the AnnualDelt Fund revenue comes from this loyal group.

Join the Order of the C— at [Delts.org/Give](https://delts.org/give)



Find the full list of Order of the C— members and other giving societies in the Educational Foundation’s 2019 Honor Roll of Donors.

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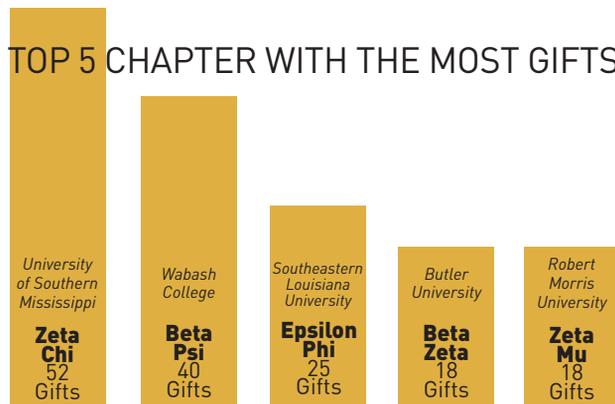
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The annual Delt Day of Giving has become a tradition that is positively impacting the Fraternity and Foundation and certainly our undergraduate Delts. Thank you to all who participated in this year's Day of Giving. We are successful because of you.

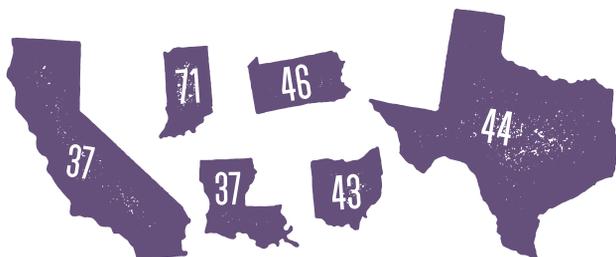
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STATES WITH THE MOST GIFTS



TOP 5 AMBASSADORS:

JERRY COOPER (Illinois State University, 1998)

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TONY QUANDT (Wabash College, 2004)

\$2,875 RAISED

JAMES MCLAURIN (University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1983)

\$1,225 RAISED

DANIEL POCASE (University of Southern Mississippi, 2004)

\$950 RAISED

MARTIN TUOHY (Wabash College, 1991)

\$885 RAISED

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity received the following Chapter Eternal notices at the Central Office between Nov. 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020.

ALPHA

Allegheny College
Edward L. Dearborn, 1951

BETA

Ohio University
James Shreffler, 1950
Robert E. Bires, 1951
Thomas W. Dowler, 1951
Robert A. Schurdak, 1955
Frederick J. Blaettner, 1984

GAMMA

Washington & Jefferson College
William Brown, 1949

DELTA

University of Michigan
Benjamin F. Jones, III, 1940

EPSILON

Albion College
Richard F. Cooper, 1946
John C. Sharp, 1950
Charles A. Hall, 1953
Stephen R. Dumas, 1969

ZETA

Case Western Reserve University
Jack M. Ayres, 1951
James A. Hathaway, 1955
Craig A. Ryder, 1959
James S. Ellis, Jr., 1960

IOTA

Michigan State University
Ernest S. Harris, 1949
Donald G. Denton, 1950
Burton L. Uecker, 1955
Robert McDonald, 1956
Timothy L. Rohmoser, 1973

KAPPA

Hillsdale College
Dennis Maxey, 1955
Ronald J. Kevelighan, 1959
Douglas H. Foulke, 1962

MU

Ohio Wesleyan University
Mike Kevesdy, 1950
Edward A. Guthrie, Jr., 1966
David A. Gardner, 1971

NU

Lafayette College
Clinton Everett, Jr., 1943
William R. Morris, 1943
Robert E. Bird, 1949
Jack R. Roeder, 1951
Walter M. Shaw, 1952
Edward J. Elbert, 1955
George G. Steele, Jr., 1955
Richard W. Mayne, 1962
Brian J. Corbett, 1977
Brant D. Speir, 1982

OMICRON

University of Iowa
Robert E. Sweet, 1952

RHO

Stevens Institute of Technology
Victor Gialanella, 1970

TAU

Pennsylvania State University
John Wallace, 1950
Robert L. Bridge, 1960

PHI

Washington and Lee University
Kenneth F. Spence, Jr., 1953
Junius M. Lemmon, 1961
E. Morgan Kelley Jr., 1965

CHI

Kenyon College
Edward M. Ames, Jr., 1953
Stephen Neri, 1984

OMEGA

University of Pennsylvania
David L. Robinson, 1961
John R. Doubman, 1962
Charles E. Corrigan, 1970

BETA ALPHA

Indiana University
Richard T. Manuszak, 1950
William Daniel, 1952
Thomas A. Spencer, 1958
Harold J. Milli, 1970

BETA BETA

DePauw University
Fred H. Rohles, Jr., 1942
David J. Portmann, 1959
David B. Sarver, 1961

BETA GAMMA

University of Wisconsin
William H. Raimer, 1958
Melford L. Strand, 1962

BETA DELTA

University of Georgia
William T. Hay, 1950
Thomas M. Robinson, 1976

BETA EPSILON

Emory University
Jason S. Lane, 1997

BETA ZETA

Butler University
William R. LaFollette, 1957

BETA ETA

University of Minnesota
Peter B. Vaill, 1958
Chris M. Labalestra, 1996

BETA THETA

University of The South
Lynn Morehouse, 1950

BETA IOTA

University of Virginia
Edward Wickes, Jr., 1940
W. Scott Dawson, II, 1972

BETA KAPPA

University of Colorado
David N. Corbin, 1948
Robert B. Peacock, 1953
Richard D. Lanckriet, 1962
Steven W. Farber, 1965

BETA LAMBDA

Lehigh University
Carl A. McRae, 1963

BETA MU

Tufts University
Robert B. Breckinridge, 1946
Francis D. Cogliano, 1956

BETA NU

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mark G. Shafer, 1973

BETA XI

Tulane University
Carl B. Hakenjos, 1950
James L. Reynolds, 1950
Howard E. Lewis, Jr., 1954
Michael D. Roche, 2007

BETA OMICRON

Cornell University
Robert Dilatush, III, 1953
Richard E. Godfrey, 1956
Dennis C. Caverty, 1957
Michael D. Phelan, 1968

BETA PI

Northwestern University
Edward O. Demyan, 1954
Andrew R. VanSickle, 1955
Han Chun Choi, 1988

BETA RHO

Stanford University
John F. Hall, 1950
Charles M. Denny, Jr., 1953
Jerry R. Dunn, 1957

BETA TAU

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
William H. Adams, II, 1953
Robert Berghel, 1956
Richard H. Bond, 1958
Gary E. Lacey, 1965
Jeffrey C. Van Lent, 1985

BETA UPSILON

University of Illinois
Tom R. Cavanaugh, 1944
Thomas H. Cramer, 1969

BETA PHI

Ohio State University
Paul K. Moffat, 1951
Ronald K. Miller, 1961
George R. Pressler, III, 1968
Robert M. Stofer, 1974

BETA PSI

Wabash College
Ted M. Williamson, 1967

BETA CHI

Brown University
Thomas J. Brennan, 1958

GAMMA BETA

Illinois Institute of Technology
Anthony V. Schwan, 1954

GAMMA GAMMA

Dartmouth College
Larrie S. Calvert, 1957

GAMMA DELTA

West Virginia University
Jack W. Beddow, 1944
William J. Droppleman, 1961
John A. Cobb, 1966
George W. Vetter, 1969
William R. Wilson, Jr., 1979
Thomas G. Wilkes, 1987

GAMMA ZETA

Wesleyan University
William L. Churchill, 1951
Michael J. Ray, 1973

GAMMA THETA

Baker University
Keith Daly, 1953

GAMMA IOTA

University of Texas
Bass C. Wallace, 1956
Fred S. Nagle, III, 1957
Billy W. Scott, 1961
Bradley Westmoreland, 1973

GAMMA KAPPA

University of Missouri
William W. McNearly, II, 1958

GAMMA LAMBDA

Purdue University
Paul T. Eubanks, 1953
James J. Edmier, 1958
Robert R. Burgess, 1963
Thomas P. O'Keefe, 1963
Larry D. Chojnowski, 1964
Larry A. Herrman, 1969
Patrick W. Tierney, 1978

GAMMA MU

University of Washington
Harry Stuchell, 1946
Alexander K. Wolfenden, 1947
William M. Jewell, Jr., 1951

GAMMA NU

University of Maine
Charles R. Huntoon, 1939
Franklin E. Woodard, 1961
William F. McPhee, III, 1972

GAMMA XI

University of Cincinnati
William J. Gervers, 1960
Frank Balow, 1963
Jeffrey D. Glasser, 1979

GAMMA OMICRON

Syracuse University
Harold D. Snyder, 1949
Donald Kessler, 1958

GAMMA PI

Iowa State University
Gerald A. Smith, 1950
Wayne E. Boyd, 1961

GAMMA RHO

University of Oregon
J. Douglas McKay, 1959
Michael R. Schaeffer, 1966
Phillip A. Mendiguren, 1972

GAMMA SIGMA

University of Pittsburgh
Edward W. Patchell, Jr., 1976
Frank Gabrin, 1981

GAMMA TAU

University of Kansas
Anderson W. Chandler, 1948
William Reinders, 1951
Charles L. Stroup, Jr., 1957
Jerry W. Nelson, 1960

GAMMA UPSILON

Miami University
Robert D. Russell, 1948
Charles E. Bancroft, 1950
Milton M. Bowen, Jr., 1952
Carlos C. Bancroft, III, 1954
E. William Swanson, Jr., 1957

GAMMA CHI

Kansas State University
David W. Craig, 1960
William R. Hegberg, 1968
Steven Stockham, 1970
Darren S. Enochs, 1993

GAMMA PSI

Georgia Institute of Technology
Louis E. Gates, Jr., 1953
John R. Howey, 1957

DELTA ALPHA

University of Oklahoma
Joseph B. McMullin, 1950
Don S. Bobzien, 1957
Richard L. Wall, 1957
James C. McSherry, 1958
Michael Longley, 1969

DELTA BETA

Carnegie Mellon University
Allynn F. Hayworth, 1973

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University of South Dakota
Tommy D. Tobin, 1967

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University of Tennessee
Alvin E. Paetzell, 1953

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University of Kentucky
Paul E. Nuckols, Jr., 1951
Max L. Smith, 1954
Steven Combs, 1982
Joseph W. Wilder, 2004

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University of Florida
John H. McCorvey, 1960
Wales H. Phipps, 1964

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University of Alabama
Paul C. King, 1951
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David C. Agee, 1958
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Duke University
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Greyson E. Spector, 2020

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Charles H. Burrows, Jr., 1953
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University of Idaho
Russel F. Viehweg, 1951
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Lawrence University
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University of North Dakota
James W. Cochrane, 1936
Loren K. Hoff, 1936
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Norman R. Haugan, 1949
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Ernest E. Skoglund, 1949
Lucas T. Held, 1950
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Bruce K. Listoe, 1955
Richard H. Lapp III, 1960
Darrell F. Wood, 1960
D. Thomas Fischer, 1963
Gene A. Hansen, 1964
Bruce C. Hanson, 1964
Leonard J. Schnitzler, 1964
Daniel R. Uhlir, 1964
Larry D. Ullrich, 1964
Stanley G. Wilson, Jr., 1964
Barry L. Johnson, 1966
Arthur A. Martel, 1966
Terrence G. Adams, 1985
Thomas J. Alton, 1986
Eastman D. Johnson, 1986
Seth T. Pederson, 1996
Eric B. Asselstine, 2001

DELTA OMICRON

Westminster College
Donald Ames, 1958

DELTA PI

University of Southern California
William L. Todd, Jr., 1952
Douglas M. Heathcote, 1959

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Melvin G. Davidson, 1960

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Mark G. Shaffer, Jr., 1955
Robert B. Hewitt, 1970

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H. Thomas Lindy, 1960
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John D. Tortorella, 1982

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Richard A. Chilcutt, 1956

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DELTA CHI

Oklahoma State University
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George L. Sallee, Jr., 1955

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Kent State University
Anderson O. Millsaps, 1979

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Auburn University
G. Ritch McCutchen, 1963

EPSILON BETA

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 Don S. Leaman, 1956
 Carl Gossett, 1978
 David W. Beezley, 1982

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Texas Tech University
 Bobby Switzer, 1962
 Andrew R. Agan, 1967

EPSILON ETA

Texas A&M University-Commerce
 Robert M. Quin, 1964
 William H. Ayres, III, 1971
 Jose L. Saucedo, III, 2001

EPSILON KAPPA

Louisiana State University
 Anthony L. Figallo, III, 1968
 James L. Coco, 1973

EPSILON MU

Ball State University
 Mitchell Z. McAdams, 1983

EPSILON XI

Western Kentucky University
 Robert D. Kilijian, 1967

EPSILON PI

University of South Florida
 William J. Locher, 1974
 Dario L. Miranda, 1976
 Lyndon D. Hinton, 1986

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 Michael P. Stack, 1973

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 James W. Reddoch, 1969
 Robert P. Pellegrin, 1970
 Carroll J. Petitjean, 1975
 Cameron A. Bahn, 1978

ZETA ALPHA

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 Richard J. Marino, 1973

ZETA DELTA

Texas State University
 Slade A. Holle, 2018
 Dillon L. Simms, 2018

ZETA ZETA

Morehead State University
 David G. Evans, 1975
 David R. French, 1993

CORRECTION:

Richard L. Elliot, M.D. (Butler University, 1959) is alive and well in Tennessee. We apologize for the error of his name appearing in the Chapter Eternal in the Winter 2020 issue of *The Rainbow*.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

NOTIFICATION: Please call 317-284-0203 or email Rainbow@deltas.org to notify the Fraternity of a member who has joined the Chapter Eternal. If possible, include the member's approximate date of death and an obituary.

In Memory of Frank Gabrin (University of Pittsburgh, 1981)

On March 31, America lost its first emergency room doctor to COVID-19. Dr. Frank Gabrin (University of Pittsburgh, 1981). He was an emergency room physician at East Orange General Hospital in New Jersey. At the time of his death, New Jersey was the state with the second most cases of coronavirus in the United States.

Gabrin had spent several weeks treating patients who tested positive for COVID-19.

Even without a test, Dr. Gabrin recognized the symptoms he'd seen in those patients when he began to feel ill. A two-time cancer survivor, he stayed home to recover so he could get back to the hospital and into the fight. On the morning of March 31, he had trouble breathing. His husband, Arnold, called 911, but Gabrin died before help could arrive.

Gabrin was born and raised in rural Southwestern Pennsylvania. As a young boy, he would apply bandages to neighborhood pets. His mother knew he would be a doctor.

He couldn't afford medical school at first, so he joined the U.S. Navy Medical Corps where he served for four years before getting his training in emergency medicine. During the 1990s, Dr. Gabrin worked as a medical flight physician in Cleveland and volunteered in the Cleveland free Clinic's HIV Aids program. In 2013, he wrote a book to help other health care professionals manage the stress and anxiety of working in the ER. Frank Gabrin, a heroic physician who gave his life to the fight against COVID-19, died at home. He was 60 years old.

Charles E. Bancroft

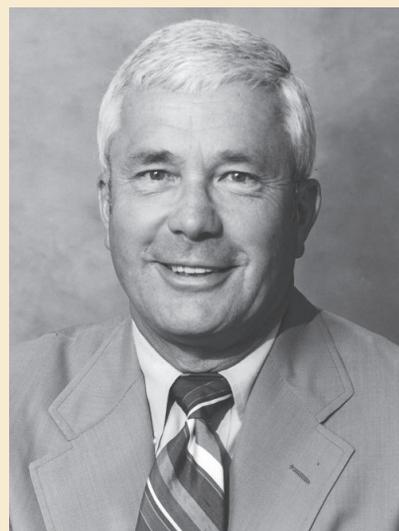
Charles E. Bancroft (Miami University, 1950) died Feb. 4, 2020. Known as "Charlie" he brought goodwill, good sense, good advice, camaraderie and his incredible sense of humor everywhere he went. He led by example. He was a collaborator, mentor, teacher and always a true and loyal friend. He was born May 31, 1925, in Mansfield, Ohio, and graduated from Mansfield High School in 1943. He immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with valor in the Pacific Theater earning both the American and Asiatic Theater Ribbon and a Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged in February 1946.

He began his lifelong career in the insurance industry with Lumbermans Mutual of Mansfield, Ohio. In 1966, he became executive vice president of California Mutual Insurance Co. and in 1967, he was promoted

to president and CEO. Between 1986 and 1995, he helped start other insurance companies. Then, in 1995, he helped buy Sequoia Insurance Co. and ran it as president and CEO until 2003.

As a dedicated Delt, he found scores of ways to quietly but effectively demonstrate Delt devotion, through practical, everyday service. He served as an undergraduate leader in Gamma Upsilon Chapter and as Western Division vice president. He was an Alumni Achievement Award recipient, a stalwart in the reestablishment of Beta Omega Chapter at the University of California and a strong member of the Educational Foundation Steering Committee. He was cited to the Fraternity's Distinguished Service Chapter on February 23, 1991.

He is survived by his two daughters and six grandchildren.





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