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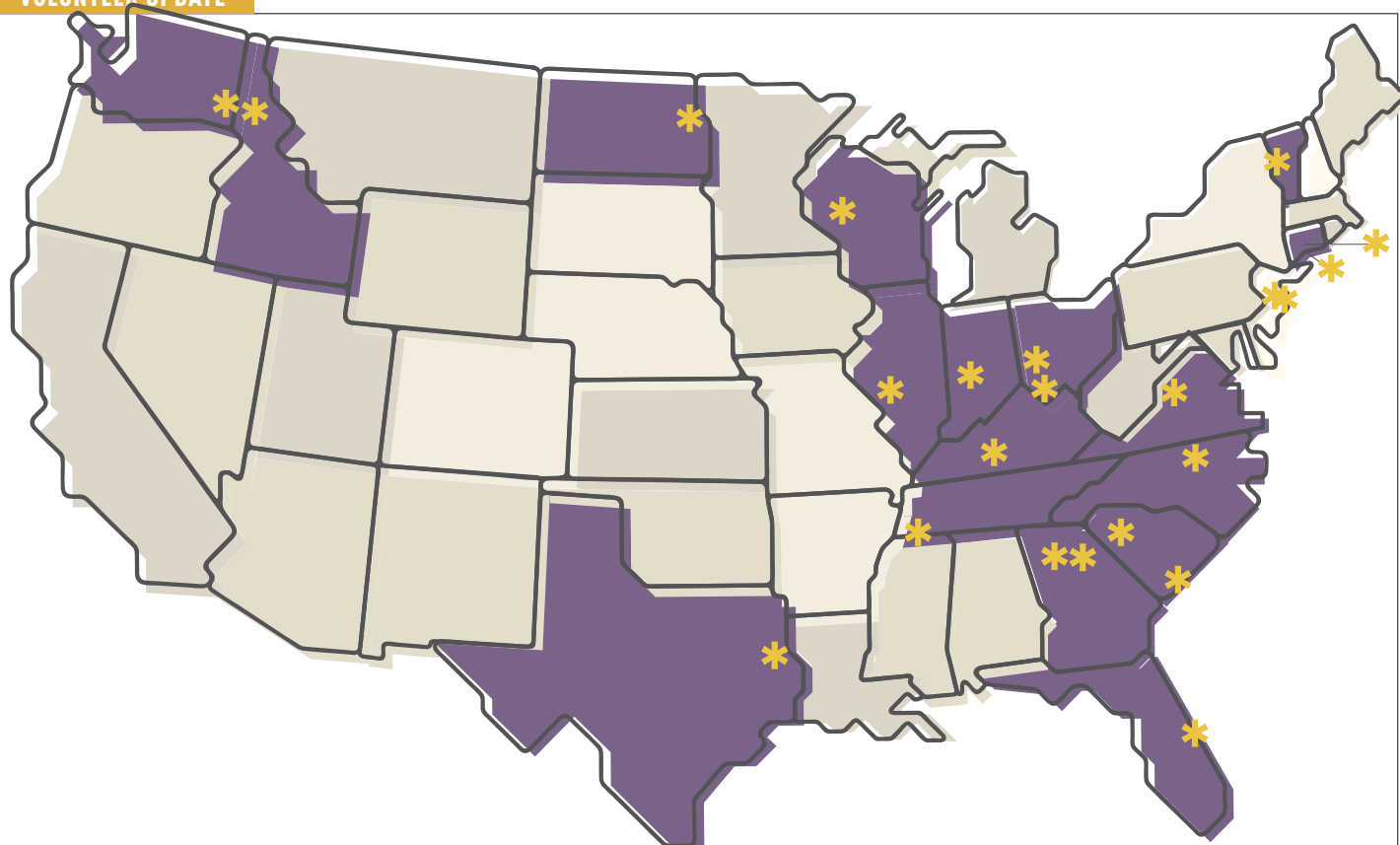
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*Iota Epsilon Chapter at Chapman University holding its two back-to-back retired Hugh Shields flags. Each retired flag represents five consecutive years as a Hugh Shields Award recipient. This photo was taken after the chapter's Delta Queen philanthropy event for JDRF.*



# YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## \* VOLUNTEERS GUIDE AND INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION

Delta Tau Delta is looking for alumni volunteers to strengthen communities, brothers 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 operations and share the time commitment associated with advising chapters and colonies. The following chapters need alumni volunteers:

- DePauw University (Beta Beta)
- University Georgia (Beta Delta)
- University of Cincinnati (Gamma Xi)
- Miami University (Gamma Upsilon)
- Duke University (Delta Kappa)
- University of Idaho (Delta Mu)
- University of North Dakota (Delta Xi)
- Washington State University (Epsilon Gamma)
- Western Kentucky University (Epsilon Xi)
- Western Illinois University (Zeta Lambda)
- Stephen F. Austin University (Zeta Psi)
- Clemson University (Theta Mu)
- Florida Institute of Technology (Iota Xi)
- Quinnipiac University (Iota Mu)
- University of Vermont (Iota Pi)
- Sacred Heart University (Iota Tau)
- University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (Iota Phi)
- James Madison University (Kappa Beta)
- Monmouth University (Kappa Gamma)
- The College of New Jersey (Kappa Epsilon)
- University of Memphis Crescent Colony
- College of Charleston Crescent Colony

Please contact Director of Volunteer Recruitment Bentley Anderson at [bentley.anderson@delts.org](mailto:bentley.anderson@delts.org) for more information regarding potential openings.

As of 3/26/18





## DELT TWEETS



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Thank you to @DeltaTauDelta for putting on such a great conference with so many empowering and inspiring educational sessions. Truly special to be apart of such a great organization.



Laura Hanson  
@hanlau

The students I met at @DeltaTauDelta were engaged, asked thoughtful questions and passionate about doing their part to end sexual violence on their campuses. They gave me hope.



ΔTA Epsilon Upsilon  
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Proud of our brother, [Epsilon Upsilon alum] Ashley Wollam for winning the Robert Ferguson Award for outstanding alumni advising.



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utarlingtondelts Epsilon Rho CC was recognized at Division Conference for having the highest GPA in the spring '17 semester at our campus. Our brothers... more  
banegasboy Keep up the good job gents  
wisbrock Congratulations!!!

deltnu  
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deltnu This weekend at our Conference Divisions in Baltimore, Maryland the Iota Psi chapter was awarded numerous awards including Excellence in JDRF, Excellence in Member Education and the Hugh Shields Award For Chapter Excellence! It is hard working groups of guys like this that allow our chapter to excel! We could not be more proud of this accomplishment! Congrats guys!

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butlerdelts Yesterday evening we welcomed home our fifth consecutive and 15th overall High Shields award for chapter excellence. It's always a great day to be a Delt, but today it's even better as a Beta Zeta Delt. #RahRah #CommittedToLivesOfExcellence

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Delta Tau Delta Fraternity - Theta Xi Chapter



Liked by pleasepassdemaio, thattvguy88 and 127 others  
emudelts The brothers at Theta Xi have just been awarded their 2nd consecutive Hugh Shields at this years Northern Division Conference! This is awarded to the top 10 Delt chapters in the nation that are recognized in excellent programming, academics, alumni relations, and much more! We cannot thank our brothers enough for all their time and commitments they make to win such awards, it's a great day to be a Delt! #ThetaXiWillDie

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ephidelts This one goes out to all the brothers who got us where we are and to those who keep their legacy STRONG! #rahdelts

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# 2018 DIVISION CONFERENCES

More than 1,000 Delt men from across the country met to strengthen their chapters and lead the way to achieving excellence at the 2018 division conferences. In Boise, Idaho to Baltimore, Md., Oklahoma City, Okla., Charlotte, N.C. and Columbus, Ohio they gathered in a place chosen within their division to celebrate the Fraternity, brotherhood and learn skills to help lead their chapters.

International President Jim Garboden (University of Pittsburgh, 1988) delivered the keynote address at the Western Pacific, Eastern, Western Plains and Northern Division

Conferences. International Vice President Steve Paquette (Syracuse University, 1977) gave the keynote at the Southern Division Conference which was held the same weekend as the Western Plains Division Conference.

Each division conference included an update on the state of the Fraternity. Second Vice President John Hancock (Whitman College, 1987) spoke at the Western Pacific and Western Plains Division Conferences, Steve Paquette in the Southern and Northern Divisions and International Secretary Rosario Palmieri (American University, 1999) in the Eastern Division.



Two of the top 10 chapters came out of Iowa. The University of Iowa and Iowa State University chapters are the only two Delt chapters in the state.

Each division conference delegation also experienced model *Rite of Iris* and *Ritual* performances.

At the Eastern Division Conference, the men of Delta Beta Chapter at Carnegie Mellon performed the *Rite of Iris* and the men of Omega Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania performed *Ritual*.

At the Southern Division Conference, the men of Beta Theta Chapter at the University of the South performed the *Rite of Iris* and the men of Delta Kappa Chapter at Duke University performed *Ritual*.

At the Northern Division Conference, the men of Iota Phi Chapter at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire performed the *Rite of Iris* and the men of Beta Gamma Chapter at the University of Wisconsin performed *Ritual*.

At the Western Plains Division Conference, the men of Epsilon Eta Chapter at Texas A&M Commerce performed the *Rite of Iris*. The men of Delta Chi Chapter at Oklahoma State University performed *Ritual*.

At the Western Pacific Division Conference, the men of Gamma Rho at the University of Oregon performed the *Rite of Iris* and the men of Delta Mu at the University of Idaho performed *Ritual*.



IOTA EPSILON AT CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY



## HUGH SHIELDS AWARD FOR CHAPTER EXCELLENCE

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity recognized its top 10 chapters for the 53rd year with the Hugh Shields Award during the Fraternity's Division Conferences in February. The Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence was established in 1965. It is named for the late Hugh Shields (Indiana University, 1926), the first executive vice president of the Fraternity. The award recognizes overall excellence in a chapter and is presented to the top 10 chapters in the Fraternity. All 10 chapters were repeat recipients.

## THE 2017 HUGH SHIELDS RECIPIENTS

Lambda Chapter, Vanderbilt University  
Omicron Chapter, University of Iowa  
Beta Zeta Chapter, Butler University  
Beta Theta Chapter, Sewanee: The University of the South  
Gamma Pi Chapter, Iowa State University  
Delta Kappa Chapter, Duke University  
Iota Epsilon Chapter, Chapman University  
Iota Psi Chapter, Northeastern University  
Epsilon Phi Chapter, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Theta Xi Chapter, Eastern Michigan University

Iota Epsilon Chapter at Chapman University earned a record-breaking 10th consecutive Hugh Shields Award, passing Beta Lambda Chapter at Lehigh University with nine consecutive awards from 1986 through 1994.

Six of this year's recipients have earned multiple Hugh Shields honors after being chartered or re-chartered since 2000 including Iota Psi—Northeastern University (2014), Omicron—University of Iowa (2013), Beta Theta—Sewanee: The University of the South (2003), Lambda—Vanderbilt University (2014), Delta Kappa—Duke University (2005), Beta Zeta—Butler University (2000).

Gamma Pi at Iowa State is the all-time Hugh Shields Award leader with 24. The next top five are:

Beta Tau—University of Nebraska—Lincoln (20)  
Epsilon Phi—Southeastern Louisiana University (18)  
Gamma Beta—Illinois Institute of Technology (18)  
Alpha—Allegheny College (16)  
Delta Chi—Oklahoma State University (16)



## COURT OF HONOR

The Court of Honor Award was officially established in 1965. The annual award is presented to the top 20 chapters in the Fraternity. For the 2017 reporting year, all chapters were asked to submit the Fraternity Awards/Accreditation Report. Chapters were asked to provide documents to measure compliance with the Fraternity's minimum operating standards, exceptional facets of their operations and Delta Tau Delta programming. Chapters were graded on excellence in chapter finance, recruitment, membership education, academics, alumni relations and community service.

Alpha Chapter, Allegheny College  
 Lambda Chapter, Vanderbilt University  
 Omicron Chapter, University of Iowa  
 Beta Zeta Chapter, Butler University  
 Beta Theta Chapter, Sewanee: The University of the South  
 Gamma Eta Chapter, George Washington University  
 Gamma Theta Chapter, Baker University  
 Gamma Mu Chapter, University of Washington  
 Gamma Pi Chapter, Iowa State University  
 Delta Gamma Chapter, University of South Dakota  
 Delta Kappa Chapter, Duke University  
 Delta Chi Chapter, Oklahoma State University  
 Epsilon Phi Chapter, Southeastern Louisiana University  
 Epsilon Zeta Chapter, Sam Houston University  
 Theta Xi Chapter, Eastern Michigan University  
 Iota Epsilon Chapter, Chapman University  
 Iota Iota Chapter, John Carroll University  
 Iota Psi Chapter, Northeastern University  
 Zeta Zeta Chapter, Morehead State University

1

Gamma Mu Chapter at the University of Washington

2

Alpha Chapter at Allegheny College with its Court of Honor gavel

3

Zeta Zeta at Morehead State University with its Court of Honor gavel

4

Delta Chi at Oklahoma State University

5

Beta Zeta at Butler University with its Court of Honor gavel







1  
Epsilon Iota A at  
Kettering University

2  
All of the Eastern Division  
chapters above the AMA/AFA  
average

3  
Gamma Iota at the University  
of Texas

4  
Dan Loving presents the  
Division Scholarship Award

5  
Gamma Eta at George  
Washington University



## ABOVE AMA/AFA 2016-2017

Chapters above the All-Male/All-Fraternity average.

Alpha, Allegheny College  
Beta Epsilon, Emory University  
Beta Phi, Ohio State University  
Beta Pi, Northwestern University  
Beta Theta, University of the South  
Beta Zeta, Butler University  
College of Charleston Crescent Colony  
Delta Beta, Carnegie Mellon University  
Delta Chi, Oklahoma State University  
Delta Gamma, University of South Dakota  
Delta Iota, Univ. of California-Los Angeles  
Epsilon, Albion College  
Epsilon Delta, Texas Tech University  
Epsilon Iota-A, Kettering University  
Epsilon Omega, Georgia Southern University  
Epsilon Phi, Southeastern Louisiana Univ.

Epsilon Pi, University of South Florida  
Gamma, Washington & Jefferson College  
Gamma Beta, Illinois Institute of Technology  
Gamma Eta, George Washington University  
Gamma Iota, University of Texas  
Gamma Kappa, University of Missouri  
Gamma Mu, University of Washington  
Gamma Rho, University of Oregon  
Iota Delta, Quincy University  
Iota Epsilon, Chapman University  
Iota Iota, John Carroll University  
Iota Mu, Quinnipiac University  
Iota Omega, University of Texas-Dallas  
Iota Omicron, Babson College  
Iota Psi, Northeastern University  
Iota Tau, Sacred Heart University  
Iota Theta, Kennesaw State University  
Iota Xi, Florida Institute of Technology  
Iota Zeta, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Kappa Epsilon, College of New Jersey  
Kappa Gamma, Monmouth University  
Lambda, Vanderbilt University  
Nu, Lafayette College  
Omicron, University of Iowa  
Rho, Stevens Institute of Technology  
Tau, Pennsylvania State University  
Theta, Bethany College  
Theta Omicron, Univ. of Northern Colorado  
Theta Xi, Eastern Michigan University  
Zeta Alpha, Marquette University  
Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University  
Zeta Theta, Villanova University

## DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Western Plains Division was honored for having 82 percent of chapters above the All Men's Average, the highest percentage among the Fraternity's five divisions.





1 All of the Eastern Division chapters first on campus academically

2 Beta Rho at Stanford University

3 Beta Crescent Colony at Ohio University with its Venable Award

4 Epsilon at Albion College

## FIRST ON CAMPUS ACADEMICALLY

The following chapters received the highest grade point average of all fraternities on their respective campuses during the fall 2016 (F) and/or spring 2017 (S) term.

Alpha, Allegheny College (F) 3.25 (S) 3.18  
 Beta Crescent Colony, Ohio University (S) 3.1  
 Beta Mu, Tufts University (F) 3.57  
 Beta Theta, University of the South (F) 3.46 (S) 3.48  
 Beta Zeta, Butler University (F) 3.49 (S) 3.48  
 Delta Gamma, University of South Dakota (S) 3.27  
 Epsilon, Albion College (S) 3.42  
 Epsilon Phi, Southeastern Louisiana Univ. (F) 3.13 (S) 3.13  
 Gamma Rho, University of Oregon (F) 3.4 (S) 3.37  
 Iota Epsilon, Chapman University (F) 3.3 (S) 3.33  
 Iota Iota, John Carroll University (F) 3.27 (S) 3.27  
 Iota Mu, Quinnipiac University (F) 3.42 (S) 3.37  
 Iota Omega, University of Texas-Dallas (F) 3.10  
 Iota Omicron, Babson College (F) 3.25 (S) 3.3  
 Iota Phi, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (F) 2.78  
 Iota Tau, Sacred Heart University (F) 3.08 (S) 3.18  
 Iota Theta, Kennesaw State University (S) 3.27  
 Kappa Gamma, Monmouth University (S) 3.19  
 Lambda, Vanderbilt University (S) 3.59  
 Nu, Lafayette College (S) 3.34

Theta Omicron, University of Northern Colorado (F) 2.66 (S) 2.78  
 Theta Psi, College of Idaho (S) 3.17  
 Theta Xi, Eastern Michigan University (F) 3.19  
 Zeta Theta, Villanova University (F) 3.48 (S) 3.56  
 University of Texas at Arlington Crescent Colony (S) 3.05

## VENABLE AWARD

Named in honor of John Venable (Carnegie Mellon University, 1951), former director of academic affairs for the Fraternity, the Venable Award goes to the chapter with the largest increase in its grade point average during the previous year.

The Beta Crescent Colony at Ohio University achieved an increase from 2.587 to 3.1.

## SUPERIOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Honoring the chapter in each division for having the highest GPA relative to its respective campus average.

Beta Nu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Beta Pi, Northwestern University  
 Beta Rho, Stanford University  
 Delta Chi, Oklahoma State University  
 Lambda, Vanderbilt University



## CHAPTER GROWTH RECOGNITION

Honored for improved recruitment from the 2016 to 2017 academic year:

Beta Delta, University of Georgia  
 Beta Epsilon, Emory University  
 Beta Eta, University of Minnesota  
 Beta Omicron, Cornell University  
 Beta Rho, Stanford University  
 Beta Theta, University of the South  
 Beta Zeta, Butler University  
 Chi, Kenyon College  
 Delta Mu, University of Idaho  
 Epsilon Zeta, Sam Houston State University  
 Gamma Eta, George Washington University  
 Gamma Nu, University of Maine  
 Gamma Psi, Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Iota Omega, University of Texas-Dallas  
 Iota Omicron, Babson College  
 Kappa Epsilon, The College of New Jersey  
 Omega, University of Pennsylvania

Omicron, University of Iowa  
 Theta Zeta, University of San Diego  
 Zeta Alpha, Marquette University  
 Zeta Chi, University of Southern Mississippi  
 Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University  
 Zeta Sigma, Texas A&M University  
 Zeta Theta, Villanova University

## OUTSTANDING PROGRAMMING FOR THE ROAD: THE JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

Recognition for exceptional chapter programming through the Fraternity's comprehensive member education program:

Beta Theta, University of the South  
 Delta Chi, Oklahoma State University  
 Iota Epsilon, Chapman University  
 Iota Psi, Northeastern University  
 Lambda, Vanderbilt University  
 Theta Xi, Eastern Michigan University  
 Zeta, Case Western Reserve University  
 Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University



1 Alex Gonzalez accepting the Excellence in Chapter Growth award for the Zeta Sigma Chapter at Texas A&M University

2 Chi Chapter at Kenyon College

3 All of the chapters in the Eastern Division recognized for Excellence in Chapter Growth

4 All of the chapters in the Southern Division recognized for Excellence in Chapter Growth



## JDRF EXEMPLARY SERVICE

Recognition for dedication to the Fraternity's philanthropic partner, JDRF, the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes research:

Beta Tau, University of Nebraska  
 Beta Theta, University of the South  
 Beta Upsilon, University of Illinois  
 Delta Alpha, University of Oklahoma  
 Delta Zeta, University of Florida  
 Epsilon Mu, Ball State University  
 Iota Epsilon, Chapman University  
 Iota Psi, Northeastern University  
 Kappa Beta, James Madison University  
 Kappa Gamma, Monmouth University  
 Omicron, University of Iowa  
 Theta Xi, Eastern Michigan University  
 Theta Zeta, University of San Diego  
 Zeta Mu, Robert Morris

## IFC PRESIDENT RECOGNITION

### COLE TAYLOR

(DePauw University, 2019)

### BEN DAWSON

(Butler University, 2019)

### RHETT WALLIS

(University of Oklahoma, 2019)

### RILEY ACKERMAN

(University of South Dakota, 2019)

### JOSE ONTIVEROS SALAZAR

(Texas A&M-Commerce, 2019)

### MATTHEW GRAHAM

(Southeastern Louisiana University, 2019)

### JAKE EOVALDI

(University of Missouri, 2020)

### DANIEL RIVERA

(Baker University, 2019)

### TRYSTAN DAVIS

(Chapman University, 2019)

### JACOB FUCHS

(University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 2018)

### ALEX NISWONGER

(Ohio Wesleyan University, 2018)

### BENJIE STARR

(Muhlenberg College, 2018)

### CODY PITTMAN

(University of Northern Colorado, 2019)

### THOMAS HERNANDEZ

(Eastern Michigan University, 2019)

### JAKE FUNCK

(Robert Morris University, 2019)

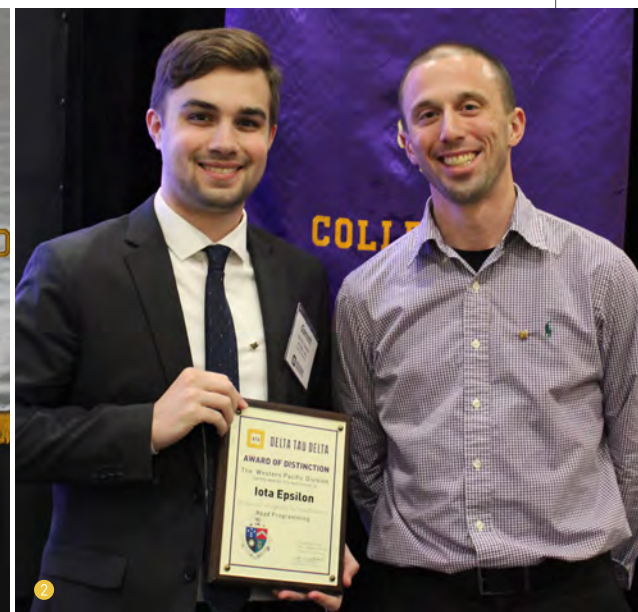


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Epsilon Mu at Ball State University

2  
Theta Chi at Muhlenberg College

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Epsilon Eta President Kevin Keefer accepts Jose Ontiveros Salazar recognition for Interfraternity Council President





## WESTERN PACIFIC DIVISION AWARDS

Western Pacific Division President, Nigel Manick (University of California–Riverside, 2003), presented the division awards February 1–4, 2018, in Boise, Idaho.

### ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT

Gamma Mu, University of Washington

### ALUMNI SERVICE

Jeffrey Heatherington (Willamette University, 1965)

Joe Wagner (University of Idaho, 1987)

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Iota Epsilon, Chapman University

### MEMBER EDUCATION

Iota Epsilon, Chapman University

### MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

Beta Rho, Stanford University

### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

Beta Rho, Stanford University

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Hayden Little (Stanford University, 2019)

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER TREASURER

Alexander Mietchen (Univ. of Southern California, 2019)

### OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Delta Iota, University of California–Los Angeles

### OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPY

Gamma Mu, University of Washington

### RITUAL PERFORMANCE/EDUCATION

Gamma Mu, University of Washington

### SHELTER PRIDE

Delta Mu, University of Idaho

### THE JAMES BOWERSOX AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ADVISING

John Bickerstaff (University of Arizona, 1975)



1 Hayden Little receiving Beta Rho's award for Superior Academic Achievement

2 Garrett Swallow receiving Iota Epsilon's award for Road Programming

3 Former International President Jeff Heatherington receiving his award for Alumni Service

4 Grant Giuliano receiving Theta Zeta's award for Excellence in JDRF





1  
Gamma Nu at the University of Maine

2  
Bryan Davidson (center) Outstanding Alumni Advising

3  
Zeta Mu at Robert Morris University

4  
Alex Venezia from Alpha at Allegheny College

5  
Beta Nu at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology



## EASTERN DIVISION AWARDS

Eastern Division President Bryan Adams (University of Maine, 2007) presented division awards Feb. 8-11, 2018, in Baltimore, Md.

### ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT

Zeta Theta, Villanova University

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University

### EXCELLENCE IN IFC AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Alpha, Allegheny College

### MEMBER EDUCATION

Iota Psi, Northeastern University

### MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

Nu, Lafayette College

### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

Theta Chi, Muhlenberg College

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ADVISING

Bryan Davidson (Washington & Jefferson College, 2005)

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI PROGRAMMING

Iota Psi, Northeastern University

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Andrew Oguich (Robert Morris University, 2018)

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER TREASURER

Brian Niemirka (The College of New Jersey, 2018)

### OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Gamma Nu, University of Maine

### OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPY

Iota Psi, Northeastern University

### RITUAL PERFORMANCE/EDUCATION

Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University

### SHELTER PRIDE

Upsilon, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



## SOUTHERN DIVISION AWARDS

Southern Division President Tiger Edwards (Southeastern Louisiana University, 1973) presented division awards Feb. 15-18, 2018, in Charlotte, N.C.

### ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT

Gamma Eta, George Washington University

### ALUMNI SERVICE

Mark Wenger (University of Southwestern Louisiana, 1974)

Jaison Desai (American University, 2006)

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Lambda, Vanderbilt University

### MEMBER EDUCATION

Beta Theta, University of the South

### MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

Epsilon Omega, Georgia Southern University

### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

Gamma Eta, George Washington University

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ADVISING

Ross Davis (Georgia Southern University, 2008)

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI PROGRAMMING

Beta Theta, University of the South

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Joshua Bailey (Georgia Southern University, 2018)

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER TREASURER

Justin Jett (LaGrange College, 2020)

Tommy Sledge (Auburn University, 2017)

### OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Beta Theta, University of the South

### OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPY

Zeta Chi, University of Southern Mississippi

### RITUAL PERFORMANCE/EDUCATION

Zeta Beta, LaGrange College

### SHELTER PRIDE

Beta Theta, Univ. of the South

### SUPERIOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Lambda, Vanderbilt University



1 The four chapters of the Southern Division first academically on campus

2 Mark Wenger (center), Excellence In Alumni Service

3 IFC President Matthew Graham at Southeastern Louisiana University

4 Tommy Sledge from the Epsilon Alpha Chapter at Auburn University





- 1 Iota Omega at the University of Texas-Dallas
- 2 Jimmy Nicketta, vice president of Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa
- 3 Gamma Theta at Baker University
- 4 Jake Calomino from Omicron Chapter recognized as Outstanding Chapter President

## WESTERN PLAINS DIVISION AWARDS

Western Plains Division President Dan Loving (Oklahoma State University, 1972) presented division awards Feb. 15-18, 2018, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

### ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT

Gamma Tau, University of Kansas

### ALUMNI SERVICE

Zane Gober (University of Texas at Arlington, 1988)

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Omicron, University of Iowa

### EXCELLENCE IN IFC AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Gamma Kappa, University of Missouri

### MEMBER EDUCATION

Omicron, University of Iowa

### MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

Gamma Iota, University of Texas

### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

Gamma Theta, Baker University

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ADVISING

Jim Meyer (DePauw University, 1986)–University of Missouri

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI PROGRAMMING

Gamma Theta, Baker University

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Jake Calomino (University of Iowa, 2018)

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER TREASURER

Sean Apple (Missouri University of Science and Technology, 2018)

### OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Zeta Psi, Stephen F. Austin State University

### OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPY

Omicron, University of Iowa

### RITUAL PERFORMANCE/EDUCATION

Gamma Pi, Iowa State University

### SHELTER PRIDE

Gamma Tau, University of Kansas

### SUPERIOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Delta Chi, Oklahoma State University



## NORTHERN DIVISION AWARDS

Northern Division President Mark Starr (Case Western Reserve University, 1995) presented division awards Feb. 22-25, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio

### ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT

Beta Crescent Colony, Ohio University

### ALUMNI SERVICE

Scott Sinner (University of North Dakota, 2000)

### CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Chi, Kenyon College

### EXCELLENCE IN IFC AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Epsilon Upsilon, Marietta College

### MEMBER EDUCATION

Zeta, Case Western Reserve University

### MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER

Kappa, Hillsdale College

### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

Iota Upsilon, Grand Valley State University

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI PROGRAMMING

Theta Xi, Eastern Michigan University

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Nick Fiedler (John Carroll University, 2019)

### OUTSTANDING CHAPTER TREASURER

Matthew O'Hara (Mount St. Joseph University Crescent Colony, 2017)

### OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Epsilon Iota A, Kettering University

### OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPY

Beta Zeta, Butler University

### RITUAL EDUCATION

Beta Eta, University of Minnesota

### ROBERT FERGUSON ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

Ashley Wollam (Marietta College, 2008)

### SHELTER PRIDE

Zeta, Case Western Reserve University

### SUPERIOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Beta Pi, Northwestern University



1 Robert "Fergie" Ferguson with Ashley Wollam, recipient of the Robert Ferguson Advisor of the Year Award

2 Iota Iota at John Carroll University

3 Iota Upsilon at Grand Valley State University

4 Luke Temke, Mount St. Joseph University Crescent Colony



Wisbrock and his wife Julie live in Chesterfield, Mo. with their two daughters.

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

# NOT HOW MUCH, BUT THAT WE GIVE

From the moment, Chris Wisbrock (University of Missouri, 1997) took the Oath, he didn't look back. He went from undergraduate to a chapter leadership consultant to a volunteer providing more than 24 years of consistent service to Delta Tau Delta since joining the Fraternity.

During his two years as a consultant, Wisbrock had the good fortune to help the Fraternity grow to Wittenberg University and Northern Arizona University and return to University of Georgia and Butler University. By the time he had completed his role in 1999, he had traveled to all 50 states, four Canadian provinces and

more than 100 college campuses across the U.S. and Canada.

"I think the thing that we did was, we were very selective of the guys we brought in. We weren't afraid to set expectations—good, bad, ugly or indifferent," Wisbrock said. "If guys didn't make grades or couldn't understand the behavior pieces, we were willing to tell them.

Despite the fact that it may go against our numbers, we wished them well, but let them know that we weren't interested in having them as part of the group."

During his first year as a consultant, Wisbrock made his

first gift to the Delt Foundation. It was only \$20, but at the time it was not how much he gave, but that he gave. "I can give 20 bucks. I've spent 20 bucks on far worse things in the world. Why wouldn't I? So, I wrote that first check," Wisbrock said.

Professionally, Wisbrock is a services executive leading an organization of more than 300 people at GE Healthcare and every day uses some skill he learned while serving the Fraternity. Having developed strong self-motivation as a chapter consultant, Wisbrock has worked remotely for more than 20 years.

As a Western Plains Division vice president, Wisbrock is

currently helping the Gamma Kappa Chapter at the University of Missouri through a capital campaign. Although the goal is to build a new shelter, it has allowed many alumni to reconnect.

"It's gotten us a lot more connected, and that's really benefited the chapter," Wisbrock said. "What I keep coming back to with our team is, it would be really nice to not just make this a one and done type of thing, but continue to keep that network up and running because it makes the support all the more meaningful."

He once heard from an alumnus, "You're all under the false impression that you're self-made men." It was a statement that resonated with him.

"We're not self-made men. We've had a lot of shoulders that we stood on. And for me, a lot of those shoulders were within the Fraternity," Wisbrock said.

By donating, Wisbrock wants to provide the same experiences he had as an undergraduate.

"You start out that way, but you see where the money goes to programming and you see how the organization benefits. It's kind of that unique territory where, it's an organization, but kind of a family, but it's also kind of part of you. So why wouldn't you give back to it?" Wisbrock said.

Wisbrock, who has been giving for 20 consecutive years encourages every member to consider the impact of supporting the Foundation with a gift.

"Every member has that charge. That need to give something and be counted and worry less about how much we're giving. If we can give more, great, but it's more important that we give, not how much we give," Wisbrock said. ▲



# KARNEA SPEAKERS

At the greatest of all Delt events, the Delt Foundation believes everyone who attends Karnea should hear from the most engaging and thought-provoking speakers. The Delt Foundation, through a generous grant, will be funding several featured speakers at the 2018 St. Louis Karnea.



## JAMIE CLARKE

One of a handful of people in the world who have climbed the Seven Summits—including two summits of Mt. Everest—Jamie is the creator of the successful outdoor retail company, LiveOutThere.com, which has been named one of Canada's fastest growing businesses. Illustrating strong similarities between leading an expedition and an organization, Jamie brings audiences on a unique journey in which he demonstrates the power of teamwork, innovative thinking and an entrepreneurial spirit to conquer any goal. A captivating storyteller with high energy, humor and palpable passion, Jamie's insights have led companies like IBM, Audi and Kraft to seek out his expertise on leadership, teambuilding and perseverance.



## KEVIN HINES

Kevin Hines is a brain/mental health advocate, award-winning global speaker, best-selling author and documentary filmmaker who reaches audiences with his story of an unlikely survival and his strong will to live. Two years after he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at 19 years of age, he attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. He is one of only 34 to survive the fall, and the only one to regain full physical mobility. He is the only Golden Gate Bridge jump survivor who is actively spreading the message of living mentally healthy. The fall would break his body, but not his spirit. Today, Kevin dedicates his life to saving lives by spreading the message of hope and sharing his art of living mentally well.

## FLORIDA RALLIES REUNITE DELTS FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

Thank you again to the hosts of our 2018 Florida Rallies, a long-running reunion tradition:

- Norval Stephens (DePauw University, 1951) and Diane Stephens—14th Annual Treasure Coast Delt Rally
- Mark English (DePauw University, 1964)—35th Annual Naples Delt Rally

Alumni, undergraduates and guests from several different chapters, representing initiates from the past seven decades, were in attendance. If you are interested in hosting a Delt alumni reception in your area, please contact director of alumni initiatives Michael Carey at michael.carey@delts.org or at 317-284-0203 ext 1223.

# ALUMNI HONORED WITH THE WILLIAM J. FRAERING AWARD



*The late Bill Fraering (Tulane University, 1946) was the president of a food brokerage firm in his hometown of New Orleans, La. He was murdered shortly after he was elected as the 34th president of Delta Tau Delta at the 1978 Karnea. Fraering was initiated a Delt in 1943 at Tulane University. From that moment forward, he was an active member in every sense of the word. As an alumnus he served as a chapter advisor, house corporation president, alumni chapter president, Karnea general chairman, Southern Division vice president and president, and then as secretary, second vice president, and vice president of the Arch Chapter.*

The William J. Fraering Award honors young alumni who have faithfully served as chapter advisors, division vice presidents, house corporation officers or who have rendered other praiseworthy service to the Fraternity at large. The Fraering Award was established in 1981. Since its inception, the Fraternity has honored 85 of its young alumni, including two recognized during the 2018 division conferences.

This award honors exemplary service of those no more than 15 years beyond their undergraduate days. Nominees must be at least three years beyond graduation and provided extraordinary and outstanding service to the international Fraternity. Nominations may be made by an undergraduate chapter, by an alumni chapter or by any alumnus in good standing. Nominations are reviewed by the Fraering Award Committee comprised of five former recipients and a chairman.



## JUSTIN POCHÉ (SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA, 2007)

Poché worked for the Fraternity as a chapter leadership consultant, then returned to Louisiana where he became involved with the Epsilon Phi Chapter House Corporation serving as president for almost four years.

He has served as a facilitator for Ignite, the Presidents and Advisors Retreat, division conferences and Karnea. He recently performed the duties of secretary at the Southern Division Conference and continues to serve day-to-day as a division vice president for the men at the University of Southern Mississippi. He previously served as division vice president for the chapter at the University of Alabama. Poché is one of three representatives of the Southern Division on the Fraternity's Volunteer Task Force, analyzing and developing ways to improve the services Delta Tau Delta provides to volunteers.

Poché lives in Gonzales, La. where he and his wife recently welcomed a baby girl. He is an outside sales representative at Amazing Windows & Doors.



## ALFRED "T-BONE" KUZOV (TEXAS A&M-COMMERCE, 2002)

After serving as an active alumnus in many capacities, Kuzov became the advisor for his chapter in 2009, a time when the chapter was struggling. Under his mentorship, the chapter improved, focusing on values-based recruitment, financial integrity, strengthening the community through service, responsibly hosting social events and meeting brothers from our chapters.

Along with strong mentorship, this Delt proves to be a faithful brother whenever he is needed. In addition to his tireless work with his chapter, Kuzov has been a fixture at the Western Plains Division conferences. He has led countless sessions, working to educate the undergraduates and inspiring them to do great things at their chapters and he guided the *Ritual* team at this year's Western Plains Division Conference.

Kuzov and his wife have two children. They live in Rowlett, Texas. He is a senior account manager for Vende Social Media.



# THE TRUE MAN IS *UNCONQUERABLE*

Become the type of member who makes a significant impact on his brothers and chapter. You will connect with brothers from across the country, and begin to define what your legacy will be as an undergraduate member. If you are eager to learn more about the Fraternity. If you are passionate about mastering her values. Ignite is calling you.

## IGNITE SESSIONS

### MINNESOTA IGNITE

June 1-3  
Camp Victory  
Zumbro Falls, Minn.

### TEXAS IGNITE

June 8-10  
Camp Coppas  
Denton, Texas

### INDIANA IGNITE

July 6-8  
Camp Tecumseh  
Brookston, Ind.

### OREGON IGNITE

July 20-22  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis, Ore.

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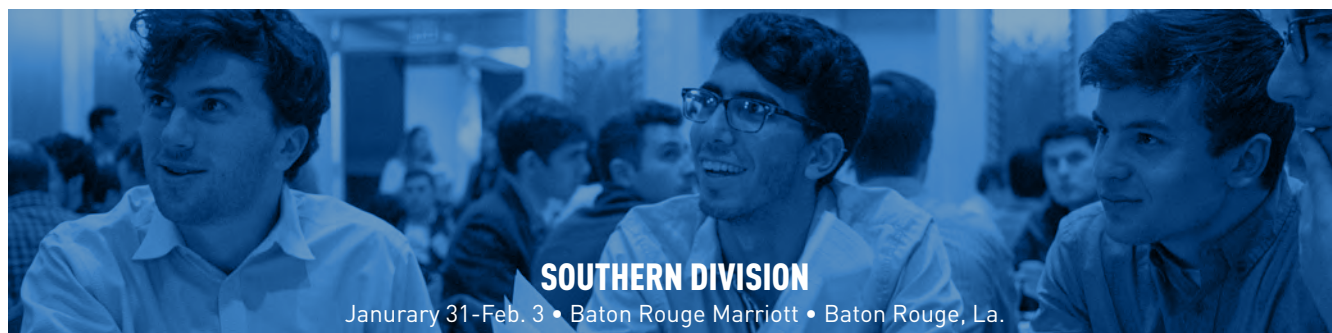


# IGNITE





# 2019 DIVISION CONFERENCES



## **SOUTHERN DIVISION**

January 31-Feb. 3 • Baton Rouge Marriott • Baton Rouge, La.



## **WESTERN PLAINS DIVISION**

February 7-10 • Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza • Kansas City, Mo.



## **EASTERN DIVISION**

February 14-17 • Double Tree Hilton Pittsburgh - Green Tree • Pittsburgh, Pa.



## **NORTHERN DIVISION**

February 14-17 • Marriott Courtyard Horizon Convention Center • Muncie, Ind.



## **WESTERN PACIFIC DIVISION**

February 21-24 • San Diego Marriott Mission Valley • San Diego, Calif.

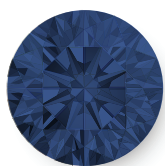
# NEW VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION INITIATIVE

The strength of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity as an abiding influence in the lives of her members is derived from the volunteers who serve her. Volunteers are Delta Tau Delta's greatest asset in the advancement of the Mission and Values, while providing continuity in chapter operations and programming. Volunteers within Delta Tau Delta serve as role models and trusted advisors, forever impacting the lives of the men they mentor.



## RECOGNITION LEVELS

Delta Tau Delta will be honoring its volunteers with volunteer badge guards. Volunteers who have met certain criteria will be recognized with one of four badge guards representing their tenure and engagement. The criteria includes, but is not limited to, years of service, division conference participation, Karnea participation, leadership development facilitation at national programs and Presidents and Advisors Retreat attendance.



### SAPPHIRE

Recognizing those who have volunteered approximately 5 years with the Fraternity.\*



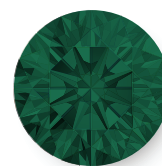
### RUBY

Recognizing those who have volunteered approximately 10 years with the Fraternity.\*



### DIAMOND

Recognizing those who have volunteered approximately 15 years with the Fraternity.\*



### EMERALD

Recognizing those who have volunteered approximately 20 years with the Fraternity.\*

\*Volunteers with shorter tenure may be recognized with a badge at this level due to participation in additional Fraternity events.





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**THE CHARGE**





# AMBASSADOR FAMILIES INSPIRE SUPPORT FOR JDRF

As a philanthropic partner with **JDRF**, Delta Tau Delta spreads the word about type 1 diabetes at each division conference and Karnea. Fraternity men learned first-hand from JDRF ambassador families who share their stories and inspire further support for the JDRF mission to work toward a world without type 1 diabetes.

JDRF is the only global diabetes foundation with a strategic plan to end type 1 diabetes (T1D). The 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. The organization is built on a grassroots model of people connecting in their local communities, collaborating regionally for efficiency and broader fundraising impact, and uniting on a national stage to pool resources, passion and energy.

## WHAT IS TYPE 1 DIABETES?

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease that occurs when a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, the hormone that controls blood-sugar levels. T1D develops when the insulin-producing pancreatic beta cells are mistakenly destroyed by the body's immune system. The cause of this attack is still being researched. However, scientists believe the cause may have genetic and environmental components. There is nothing anyone can do to prevent T1D. Presently, there is no known cure.





## WESTERN PACIFIC: AMY COLGAN AND CYNTHIA ROGERS-CELT

Amy was diagnosed on Mother's Day in 2000 at age 14.

Amy works as an office administrator for Edward Jones and loves volunteering for JDRF. She currently serves as secretary for the Idaho Leadership Committee for the Mountain Valley Chapter of JDRF and is the Idaho Advocacy Team Chair for JDRF.

She was just 14 when the symptoms of type 1 diabetes suddenly made sense. She had extreme thirst and said she couldn't drink enough orange juice. With that came frequent urination. She was losing weight. Her aunt, whose son has type 1 diabetes, put the pieces together leading to the diagnosis.

"I was just suddenly drawn into the world of having type 1 diabetes and being an awkward

teenager that didn't want to be different than all of her friends," said Amy. "It's hard, and it's every day. You don't get a break from it. It's 24/7. Just because you had one good day of taking care of yourself doesn't mean that tomorrow you get a break."

One of the things Amy loves about JDRF is that 80 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to research and is changing lives. "It's changed my life. I've seen how the technology has improved since my diagnosis, and it's phenomenal.

As a JDRF advocate, Amy encourages others to support clinical research to identify a cure for type 1 diabetes and better ways to treat type 1 diabetes.

Cynthia was diagnosed at age 19 as a college sophomore.

Cynthia is passionate about patient connections, empowerment and engagement in T1D education and JDRF support. She was just 14 days into her sophomore year of college when diagnosed.

Because she was within a mile of one of the top diabetes centers in the country, she

was given a new fast-acting insulin and novel treatments. What they didn't give her was a connection to the T1D community. For more than 16 years she felt alone with diabetes.

At Thanksgiving, the year of her diagnosis, she returned to her small hometown in Minnesota where she didn't connect with anyone her age with T1D. Years later, through her involvement with JDRF, she finally found a connection to people with T1D.

"It brings a sense of connection. Not only the technology and all the resources that they put the funding into. But really, it can connect you as an individual with so many other people who are living like you. It can help your families connect, people that you love. It provides a sense of support and makes you feel not alone anymore and that you are part of the bigger picture," said Cynthia.

A highlight of her experience with JDRF is participation in the JDRF Ride. She raised more than \$5,000 for JDRF through this ride and then biked 100

miles in Death Valley facing 55-mile per hour winds and a temperature of 105 degrees. She trained for the ride after nearly losing her leg to a diabetes infection in her foot which required four months of daily clinic visits for three-hour rounds of IV infusions. "I couldn't walk, but I ended up riding my bike," said Cynthia. Along with the JDRF Ride, team Cynthia raised more than \$300,000. Cynthia sees how the sense of community JDRF can bring empowers those with T1D to do something with it for a greater good. As a diabetes patient advocate, she works for a large pharmaceutical company to make sure they connect with patient events and people. "There are so many amazing things that JDRF does to connect what I call the forgotten middle, of 17 to 30-year-olds, where you're not a child at diagnosis, and you're not an adult yet, really, in taking care and managing this really cruel disease," she said. "I'm passionate about having a support system in place for that age group of people." ▲



## EASTERN DIVISION: ANGELA AND BELLA CAVALLARO

Bella was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes on Nov. 20, 2009, at the age of seven.

Angela Cavallaro describes the day of her daughter's diagnosis with T1D as an opportunity to paralyze or mobilize. "While we were running rampant and in shock of the diagnosis, we also were met with, at grassroots level, an organization who swept us in and provided support immediately."

The connection to JDRF was just what they needed. "Leaning into what JDRF does, by way of awareness for families, is also so very critical," said Angela. "One of the things that drew us to this cause was the grassroots, the boots on the ground effort."

Just like Delt chapters support JDRF through local

events, the Cavallaro family is involved with events in their community. "We do a horseshoe tournament. We do cross fit for a cure, which has turned out to be an amazing event. We do a bowling tournament," said Angela.

Bella is one of three girls in the family, and her middle sister raised \$1,000 through a bake sale. Since participating in their first JDRF Walk in April 2010, the Cavallaro family has raised more than \$225,000 for JDRF.

Beyond fundraising, the Cavallaro family supports the important role that JDRF plays in educating people about T1D. "Type 1 diabetes is a very different disease from type 2 diabetes," said Angela.

Now age 15, Bella takes living with T1D in stride calling it "manageable." "There are no vacations. That's hard sometimes when you want to hang it up and leave it for a couple of days, for a couple of weeks. Forever, really. And

you can't," she said. She has to explain to friends what happens when her blood sugar gets high, when it's low, telling them "You need to know, just in case." She sees their fear and says, "Wait, no, it's just in case."

Bella wears a wireless pump, the Omni Pod, and gets frequent questions such as, "What's on your arm? What's on your stomach? That's a really big Band-Aid. What's that?"

"I could talk about all the pump sites and the finger pricks, that stuff's hard, but I think it's all about perspective for me," said Bella. "I try not to go into it like, 'I have to do this again. And again.' Because I know I do, it's about looking at it like, keep fighting it. Keep fighting it. Something, there's going to be change, and I try to keep that positive outlook because really, there's no other way to fight this disease."

Diabetes makes it easy to feel alone, but Bella values

the support of her family and JDRF. "I have all this support from my family, but it is easy to feel like I'm the only one going through this. JDRF opened my eyes. All these people are here fighting this fight with you, people are going through this," she said. "JDRF gave me the opportunity to reach out to those who are newly diagnosed and let me help them and say, 'Here. I'm here with you. We're fighting this together.' That has meant a lot to me over the last couple years. I hope that it continues, because JDRF, really became a big part of my life, and I hope to stay involved with it."

Bella's mother thanked the Fraternity for working with JDRF. "It was a pleasure to be with the brothers of Delta Tau Delta. We are so appreciative of their advocacy for JDRF. Speaking as a family who has been directly impacted in so many positive ways by JDRF, I can assure you it is making a difference," said Angela. ▲



## SOUTHERN DIVISION: SARAH AND AVERY SMULKTIS

Six-year-old Avery Smulkitis was diagnosed in March 2017.

Avery is a first grader. Her favorite part of school is drama class. She loves to eat wings and loves to play spy like she's a detective. When she grows up, she wants to swim in the Olympics. Avery says her favorite thing about having diabetes is when she has to get candy when she is low, and her least favorite thing is when she has to get poked with needles.

Though she was terrified of needles, Avery surprised everyone with the extraordinary bravery she displays in the face of type 1 diabetes. At the hospital, her mom said the nurses kept coming in to see her smile because everybody on the floor was talking about how brave she was, and how smiley she was.

As the Smulkitis family learned the ins and outs of T1D, they found support from JDRF. At the hospital, a mentor from a family who had been living with type 1 for a year already, and had a first-grade daughter who talked with them. "She told me life will go on; you will eat cupcakes, you will still go to birthday parties. It was great for me to have someone there who I could turn to if I had questions as a parent who was living with this," said Sarah.

The family heard about a JDRF walk just a few weeks after Avery's diagnoses. "We immediately knew we wanted to get involved," said Sarah. "We wanted to surround Avery with other kids who were living with this, and to know that she wasn't alone. On her first day back at school [after her diagnoses], she drew a picture of herself on a

hospital bed and said, 'I will be brave.' Our team name is 'Brave for Ave.' It's such a great thing for you to walk around and see all these kids and adults living with type 1 diabetes and know that the way that you're contributing money is going to help support them.

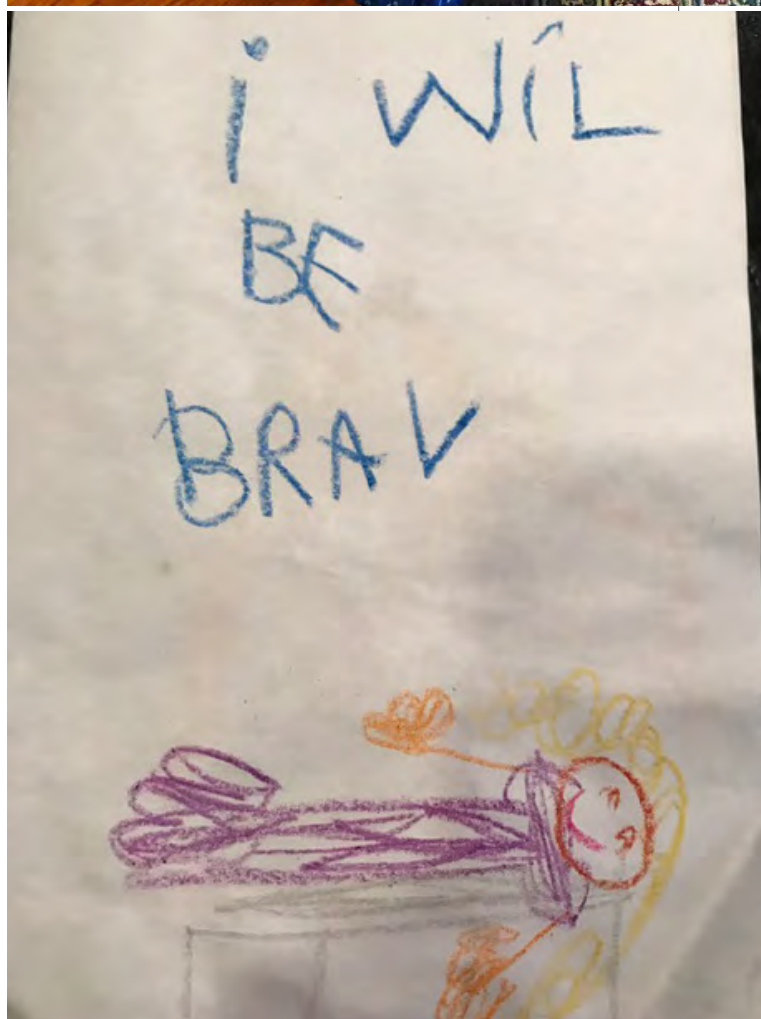
"JDRF's mission is making type one type none. And it was founded by parents who were looking for a cure. So, it's not this big drug corporation trying to make money, but these are parents like myself who are raising awareness and trying to find a cure for our children," said Sarah.

The family now helps mentor other families, and they are involved with the JDRF gala. Type 1 diabetes is always on their mind, but Avery is an active soccer-playing child who goes dirt biking in the summer and sledding in the winter.

"T1D never stops us from having fun is the motto that we want to live. Yes, it's something that we have to plan for, we have to bring her diabetes bag with us all the time, but it's something that's not going to keep us from living our life," said Sarah.

"I saw that Delta Tau Delta's core principles are truth, courage, faith and power and I feel like those are the principles that we live by," said Sarah.

"Our truth now is that we've had to be educated about what type 1 diabetes is, and face the facts of this is our life right now. We have to make sure that we're educated and we're on top of this. We have a lot of courage because Avery is facing needles and things like that with bravery. We have faith that God can use this for good, and that we can get our story out there. And then the power that we have is now that we have this truth, we have the power to educate other people." ▲







## WESTERN PLAINS: JULIE AND SEAN BIEBRICH

Sean was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes on July 13, 2011.

Sean is 11 years old and in sixth grade. He is a top student, active with choir and plays goalie for the Oklahoma City Oil Kings Pee Wee travel ice hockey team. He does not let T1D slow him down, and even at his young age, he understands the importance of daily maintenance.

His mom, Julie is an active board member for the Oklahoma JDRF. As she explained the day of Sean's diagnosis, Julie said, "If I cry, it's because it's still a raw moment in my life. I think back of all the stories I've been told, all the people I've lost that's had it, and I'm thinking, 'Oh my gosh, what do I do for my child? What is this? Well, you can't panic. We don't have a diagnosis yet.'"

She described talking to the doctor as a deer in the headlights experience she wouldn't wish on anyone. She began to ask questions how she could make sure her son lives his life and his dreams as they learned to count carbs and give shots. And then they found JDRF. "I'm so happy we found JDRF. It is an amazing organization. I am thankful for the parents that started it," Julie said.

Sean has also been very active with the Oklahoma JDRF chapter since his diagnosis. He is a youth ambassador, advocating and educating on the topic of T1D. He recently

represented Oklahoma as a delegate to the JDRF Children's Congress.

"Last summer I went to the Children's Congress, which has over 160 delegates from around the world who go to Washington, D.C. and talk about diabetes and learn about it; and also, to renew the Special Diabetes Program, which brings in 150 million dollars every year for two years, to give money to research, like encapsulation or the artificial pancreas," said Sean. "It was cool to learn about how they decide what they fund for what research."

Sean also learned from scientists who gave presentations and from T1D role models that were there, including one of his favorite hockey players, Max Domi, of the Arizona Coyotes, who talked about his life with type 1 diabetes.

"My favorite technology coming out is the artificial pancreas. It's the size of a Band-Aid, and they put it in you, and it has beta cells in it to help with your pancreas and, so you don't have to manually use your pump and take insulin and test your blood sugar. It's in there, in your body, for over a year, almost two years, and so you can act like a regular kid, and you don't have to stop at recess and go in, you know that 'Oh, I feel low, can I test my blood sugar?' And I don't have to have all of my rashes I get from changing my sites and everything else."

Julie and Sean are both thankful for JDRF and the awe-inspiring impact the organization has made in the fight to end type 1 diabetes. ▲

← Andrea Flowers, branch director for the Oklahoma Chapter of JDRF, presented Delta Alpha Chapter at the University of Oklahoma with an award recognizing its participation in the 2017 JDRF One Walk in Oklahoma City.





## NORTHERN DIVISION: ALISSA AND BRANDON HOLFINGER

Brandon was diagnosed right after his fourth birthday in September 2012.

Before his diagnosis, Brandon displayed common signs of T1D—excessive thirst and weight loss. Fortunately, Brandon’s symptoms were caught early and he avoided hospitalization. He is 100 percent dependent on injecting insulin into the body to cover the insulin not being produced by the pancreas. Between the complex process of estimated dosing and 24-hour management, Brandon’s mom, Alissa, said there is truly not a moment they don’t have to think about diabetes from the minute he wakes up and throughout the entire evening when they have to wake up and test him.

The Holfingers count on JDRF, the leading organization in raising money and funding research, to find a cure. “I can’t say with complete confidence that if Brandon and I were to come back and talk to you in five to 10 years from now, that we will have

a cure by then. But I am very confident that if we came back and talked to you in five to 10 years from now that what Brandon would describe as to how he manages his diabetes is going to change drastically,” said Alissa.

Nine-year-old Brandon said he doesn’t remember what it was like to live without T1D. “It’s a part of my life. Since my pancreas doesn’t make insulin, I have to give my body insulin so that the sugar in my body can be used for energy. To know how much insulin I need, I count every carb, and I prick my finger to get blood, and I test with a meter to get my blood sugar level. I have to test between 8 to 10 times a day.

“Since my diagnosis five years ago, I calculated that I have pricked my fingers to test my blood sugar over 14,600 times. I have to be careful about how much insulin I give myself. Because if I give myself too little or too much insulin, my blood sugar level will go too high or too low, which can make me feel bad and can be very dangerous,” said Brandon.

Among things that bother Brandon most about diabetes is when he can’t do things like spend the night at a friend’s house

because his mom has to test him when he’s sleeping.

There are many more issues though. “Changing sites for my sensor pump because the needles hurt. Not being able to play my best in soccer leagues and other sports when I’m out of range. Not being able to eat food with high carbs when my levels are too high. I hope there continue to be improvements to help manage diabetes,” said Brandon.

“I hope they can make the needles not as big when I have to change my pump or sensor site and to be able to test my blood sugar level without having to prick my finger. I have heard there is something JDRF is helping research that is called smart insulin, where all I’d have to do is take a shot every day, to adjust the amount of insulin in my blood automatically. I wouldn’t have to do anything. I dream that one day there will be a cure for type 1 diabetes. Thank you for helping find it.”

“I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart because you are truly impacting Brandon’s life and the other 1.25 million Americans living with this disease. Thank you all very, very much,” said Alissa. ▲





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A collection of Delta Tau Delta merchandise. At the top left is a purple short-sleeved t-shirt with an Under Armour logo and "DELTA TAU DELTA" text. To its right is a purple polo shirt with a Delta Tau Delta logo. Below the t-shirt is a white long-sleeved button-down shirt with a Delta Tau Delta logo. In the center is a purple sash with "ATA" and "2018" in yellow. To the right of the sash is a grey t-shirt with "DELTS" in purple. Below the sash is a purple duffel bag with "DELTS" in yellow. To the right of the duffel bag is a white disc golf disc with "ATA DELTA TAU DELTA" and a purple golf ball with "ATA". To the right of the golf ball is a red Callaway Soft Flight golf club headcover. To the right of the club headcover is a yellow and black Delta Tau Delta water bottle. To the right of the water bottle is a black rolling cooler with "ATA DELTA TAU DELTA" and a black backpack with a Delta Tau Delta logo.

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