



First Edition

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We Are at It Again!

Greetings brothers! It has been a long time since the last alumni newsletter was sent out so we decided the time was now. We recognize that our alumni are, and always have been, one of the most important components of our fraternity. From this point on we will increasingly focus on reconnecting with our Graduated Brothers. This year, we've placed emphasis on improving the eternal bond between the Brothers of our Delta Sigma Phi chapter by strengthening brotherhood among our active brothers, as well as our Alumni. We have also been working to create opportunities for ourselves so that we may recruit, men of superior status in the upcoming Fall 2016 semester. We have been actively working to improve the quality of brotherhood through diverse avenues, including: reestablishing the committee system, refurbishing the cosmetic condition of the house, delegating responsibilities and maintaining accountability, and finally reestablishing connections with all of our alumni. Examples of things you'll see in this Newsletter are: An update from our current Chapter President, an update from our ACB President, an article dedicated to an exceptional brother, our newly elected Executive Board, and some general updates on what we've been up to this year.

An update from:

Current Chapter President

Gamma Iota is having an excellent spring semester. Our new executive board has taken over right after spring break. As this Executive Board begins its journey we have made an effort to look beyond our terms as Executives of the Chapter. It is important to set up short-term goals for the fraternity, but we also must look at the big picture. We have established a 2020 Vision Plan—goals that can't be achieved in a single presidency, but that the fraternity must work to establish and maintain over 4 years in order to create an ideal chapter. The longevity of our chapter is paramount to all of us, and so we look to the future.

We have recently started a campus wide tie dying philanthropy and are currently working on conducting Bike To Boise. We are pleased to recognize our brother Ty Urquhart, who has received the Theodore Prichard Delta Sigma Phi Scholarship for his academic excellence. Our Dream Girl, Delaney Fulton, with the help of several alumni, has purchased new steel letters that look wonderful on the house. This last semester our house was above all Greek men's average academically, while maintaining a good standing with the university.

Last semester our biggest problem was recruitment. With a new recruitment system in place by the University, our physical house condition devastated our recruitment numbers. Potential new members were required to visit each and every house, and then sign a bid electronically on the last day. In the previous years we were allowed to meet kids and give them bids that day. Since our chapter house has gone so long without substantial renovation, we were at a huge disadvantage against other fraternities. For these reasons, we have taken immediate actions to renovate the house and develop better recruitment plans. We spend an entire week prior to rush fixing and cleaning the house and plan on doing monthly house projects to help renovate the house. As a former recruitment chairman, I observed the previous recruitment chairs strategy during the summer and recruitment week. I noticed that summer recruitment did not make as much of an impact compared to recruitment week. The new recruitment chairs have now developed a new plan to make our focal point during recruitment week. I believe this will increase our chances of receiving more new members.

Gamma Iota's future is bright, with our members eager to strive for success. Hopes are high looking forward into Fall 2016. We believe that we can bring our chapter back to its rightful place as the best on campus. We dedicate ourselves to the ideal of being Better Men and hope that others will follow. We are working to make the Fraternity grow and prosper with honor to itself and that the world may ever be convinced of the sincerity of our purpose.

Jack Wu
President
DSP - Gamma Iota
Pledge Class of 2013

An update from our:

A.C.B. President

Dear Gamma Iota Alums,

Over the years, we have seen ebbs & flows in the level of collaboration and communication between the Chapter & Alumni. This relationship is a two way street, effected by the amount of time Alumni have to contribute, as well as the Chapter's current perception of the role of ACB. I'm excited to see recent developments, as it's been a long time since we've seen this level of passion & effort coming from the eBoard. The rejuvenation of the Alumni Newsletter is just the beginning of what should be some great things to come.

Summer Rush: Summer is right around the corner and it's never too soon to start planning for Rush. A successful summer Rush is almost entirely up to the current members, but Alumni can contribute through attending/hosting events, donating supplies, disseminating information and sharing knowledge of graduating seniors. If you know of any graduating seniors (men or women) that are headed to Moscow, please share their contact information.

Alumni Reunion & Work Weekend: For the past couple years, we've scheduled a summer weekend to come together with other alums, make new memories, and work on a house project or two. Would one of you like to help "repay the debt" and start coordinating this summer's event?

Bike to Boise Dinner: The B2B Alumni Dinner is scheduled for this Saturday, April 9th, 6:30pm at Smokey Mountain Pizza. This is a great chance to put a face with some of these names that are helping rejuvenate Gamma Iota!

It's going to be a great year for Gamma Iota and we hope you all can be a part of it!

YITBOS,

Beau Brazier
ACB President

An update from our:

National Representative

To talk about change is one thing, but to design and execute it is another altogether. I am wholly convinced after my most recent trip to Gamma Iota on 3/23 and 3/24 that the undergraduate leadership, headed by the newly elected executive board, is all but content with the status quo of the chapter. The men have committed themselves to aligning their own expectations with those of both the alumni (ACB) and National parties to strengthen the chapter moving forward. The undergraduate leadership is undertaking the first part of this process by developing a 4-year strategic plan and executing the initial metrics that they have developed. By redefining membership standards, strengthening recruiting efforts, securing facility renovations and developing a stronger academic culture within the chapter, Gamma Iota can return to their rightful place as a premier chapter on campus and at the National level. The next step for the undergraduates will be to establish consistent communication between the alumni and National parties, and to ensure all parties are in agreement with the chapter's priorities moving forward.

Working with 20 undergraduate chapters of Delta Sigma Phi affords me the opportunity to work with scores of groups in totally unique circumstances. While talk of improvement is rather standard among these groups, rarely do I see as unified and motivated a push to change a chapter culture as I have seen within Gamma Iota over the past several months. Through officer

training, collaborative goal setting and alumni/National support, I am confident the chapter will grow in order that we may accomplish our goal of producing better men. I have seen the vision needed for the group to survive, but more importantly, the courage, action and excellence necessary for the chapter to thrive. I believe that we are on the cusp of a new era in the chapter's history, and I look forward to working with all of you to usher in new waves of success and accomplishment at Gamma Iota.

YITBOS,
Tyler Davoren
Chapter Support Specialist
Theta Mu Chapter (Kentucky) '12



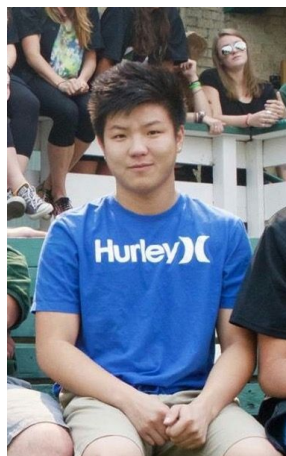
A Letter of Appreciation

Former President, Destin Brown has been selected as this quarter's, "*Highlighted Brother*" due to his performance as an executive, as well as his performance since the conclusion of the term. Destin is a member of the 2013 pledge class and a Business Finance major. He has shown commitment to our brotherhood since the day he signed his bid card, with no signs of slowing down. As an Executive, he facilitated all operations within the chapter and established internal structure which helped push Gamma Iota toward success. Destin received the honor of the, "Pledge of the Year Award" following the 2013 academic year, he then moved on to hold the Secretary position on Executive Board in 2014, and transitioned into his Presidency in 2015. He served as the Recruitment Chairmen during the Fall 2015 recruitment season, meeting personally with nearly 70 High School Graduates over the summer. Destin is consistently looked to when challenging situations arise and is a trusted voice during Chapter meetings. His dedication to Delta Sigma Phi is ever prevalent, and he is steadfast in his commitment to adequately represent the men who came before for him.



-Devin Lathem
Active Brother
DSP - Gamma Iota
Pledge Class 2014

Executive Board (Spring/Fall 2016)



President

-Jack Wu
Fishery Resources Major



Vice President
- Devin Leatham
Sociology Major



Treasurer

-Thomas Entwit
Mechanical Engineering Major



Sargent in Arms

-Brad Olson
Civil Engineering Major



House Manager

-Moises Montenegro
Architecture Major



Head Hasher

-Roman Carlson
Business & French Major



Secretary
-Trevor Van Dissel
Mechanical Engineering
Major

Risk Manager
-Tucker Bronken
Business Major



What's already happened this year?

BID DAY:

Full House



Pledge Class 2015 (FRESHMAN)



Pledge Class 2014 (SOPHOMORES)



Pledge Class 2013 (JUNIORS)



Pledge Class 2012 (SENIORS)



Pledge Class 2011 (Victory Lap)



Jack and Jason's 10 Year Memorial



The weekend of 9/16/2015 we honored our fallen brothers Jack Shannon and Jason Yearout. May they always be remembered. YITBOS

We started a new Fall Philanthropy

“*Tie Dying for fun,*” is a new philanthropy we started where we invite everybody and anybody to come out to tie dye shirts, socks, sheets, or anything else you imagine.



Left: Everyone loved the new philanthropy, here shows one Happy Camper!



Right: Brother, Moises Montenegro Helping out the supporters.

Community Service Project



Above: Here we went and helped the Sojourners Alliance, doing some winter yard clean up. As a Delta Sig we look for every opportunity to make our community a better, cleaner place. Brotherhood is a bond as strong as the Gordian Knot, and we try to show that whenever we get the opportunity, by supporting others around us with.

Serenading our Dream Girl

Below: you will find us just after we had serenaded our Dream Girl, Delaney Fulton of Pi Beta Phi. Delaney is an accomplished and driven individual with an intense passion for our organization. There is no other woman on campus whom we would rather welcome into our home. During the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters we had the chance to witness the generosity and kindness that Delaney possessed. In no time at all, she had stolen the heart of every Delta Sig on campus, and made it clear that she was more than deservant of the title she currently holds. This year, she has been very busy working with our house, as well as with the alumni. Her efforts resulted in a set of custom-made letters crafted just for us. Her incredible gift will be seen for years to come as they are now mounted on our turret, letting any passerby know who's house this is. We could never thank her enough for her kindness towards our chapter, but we will never stop trying. This year we threw her birthday celebration, serenaded her at the Pi Beta Phi Chapter House, and we are currently planning a surprise for her that will be revealed soon.



Current and Upcoming Events

We still have a few things on our calendar for this conclusion to the 2015-2016 school year!

April 2016

1st - 3rd: UIdaho Bound

7th - 9th: Bike to Boise

15th - 16th: Mom's Weekend

22nd - 24th: UIdaho Bound

24th: Regional Leadership Academy (BSU)

May 2016

2nd - 6th: Dead Week

9th - 13th: Finals Week

13th: Last day of Spring 2016 Semester

14th: Watching our PC 12 Brothers Graduate!

29th: Sailors Ball