



THETA DELTA DRAGON

Beta Theta Pi at The Ohio State University • Fall 2019

Increased Alumni Support Vital to Reaching Campaign Goal

Let's Write Theta Delta's Next Chapter Together

Since Beta Theta Pi's *A Return to Principles: The Campaign for Theta Delta* began, brothers have received multiple mailings updating them on our fundraising efforts, the completion of our outstanding Chapter House, and the need to raise more



Aaron Grieshop '19 (right) graduated in the spring and is in Quantico, Va., training to become a rifle platoon commander in the operating forces. Also pictured is John Paul Sanchez.

funds to pay down the construction loan and secure Theta Delta Chapter's future at The Ohio State University.

Mutual Assistance Begets More

To date, 151 brothers have committed \$3,710,867 to the campaign. This represents just 11.5% of our members participating; the average rate of participation for a successful Greek capital campaign is twice as much. Imagine what we can accomplish if twice as many alumni pledge their support of Theta Delta Chapter. Our aim is to reach at least 20% participation of active alumni. When we come together as brothers, we can achieve more.

Many hands make light work, and with the support of additional Beta Theta Pi alumni, we are confident we will reach our goals. We would be honored to add your name to the enclosed list of donors helping us do so. We ask that you consider a commitment of \$2,500, payable over the next five years, to help us achieve our \$5 million goal and help put Theta Delta on solid financial ground. We must work together to relieve the burden of debt for our undergraduate brothers.

Breaking Down Your Donation

We truly understand a pledge of \$2,500 might take some sacrifice. However, broken into

monthly payments, this pledge costs only \$42 per month. **Can you spare \$42 a month for Beta Theta Pi?** We often spend this same amount on non-essential items without even noticing. By assigning this sum instead to Beta, you will enable today's collegiate men to have the same life-changing experiences you received. Your gift will go far in creating a brighter future for Theta Delta and enhancing the undergraduate experience for our brothers following in our footsteps.

Additionally, if you are 70 1/2 years or older, please see the IRA article regarding donation options to the Beta Theta Pi Foundation on page 2.

Pay It Forward

I urge you to please do your part today by returning the enclosed pledge card with a gift to commemorate the time you spent at Theta Delta and ensure Beta Theta Pi's legacy at The Ohio State University. The need is real and the opportunity is great for us to provide for the next generation. Don't wait for someone else to finish the job, we need your support today.

Yours in _kai_,
Dominic Bagnoli '85
Campaign Chairman
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Join Beta for Homecoming 2019!

All Theta Delta alumni and their guests are invited to Homecoming tailgate events on **Saturday, October 5**.

The Buckeyes kickoff against the Michigan State Spartans at 7:30 p.m. (ABC/ESPN), but all afternoon, two alumni tailgates will be in full swing. Catch up with brothers from your era...or any era. Join in!

ERA LEADERS AND TAILGATE LOCATIONS:

Dominic Bagnoli '85

West Stadium Parking Lot – near Gate 7

Joe Chinnici '64

East Stadium Parking Lot – near corner of Woody Hayes Drive and Jesse Owens Parkway

Theta Delta Receives Excellence in Risk Management Award



For the second consecutive year, Theta Delta received the Excellence in Risk Management award at the 180th General Convention. This award recognizes chapters with outstanding risk management programs that best reflect the mission, vision, and values of Beta Theta Pi. To receive the award for the second year in a row is a true celebration of Theta Delta's hard work and dedication to live by Beta Theta Pi's core values.

"We have every brother to thank for this recognition, as it takes the entire Chapter to act responsibly, weighing the consequences of their actions on themselves and those around them. Betas preserve their character by doing what is morally right and demanding the same from their brothers. These values of responsible conduct and integrity are strong through Theta Delta Chapter, as this award shows."

"The members of the Theta Delta Chapter are always looking to do what is right. Changing the stereotypes around Greek life is one of our goals and we strive to do that in ways other than just risk management," said Chapter President **Tommy Weber '20**.

Now more than ever, it is important to maintain a safe and honest environment for our brotherhood. It is inspiring to see these young men realize the importance of this and accomplish a risk management program that reflects our Beta values and holds every brother accountable. With continued support and dedicated men upholding our Beta Theta Pi values, there is no doubt Theta Delta can remain successful for generations to come.

Theta Delta's second consecutive Excellence in Risk Management award, proudly displayed in the Chapter House.

Another Way to Donate to the Beta Theta Pi Foundation

Make a Tax-Deductible Contribution Through Your IRA!

As a result of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015, donors who are age 70 1/2 and older may make a direct transfer of all or a portion (subject to limitations) of their required minimum distribution (RMD) from an individual retirement account (IRA) to certain charitable organizations, including the Beta Theta Pi Foundation (BTPF). A direct transfer from an IRA to BTPF not only provides the Chapter with much-needed funding to help support its charitable efforts, it also allows the donor to exclude the gift from taxable income.

As an IRA donor, here are your benefits:

- The donation amount is a tax-exempt distribution from the IRA.
- The donation can be used to pay a pledge.
- The donation amount can be used to meet all or a portion of the RMD for the year.
- The gift is not subject to charitable gift limitations.
- The gift is excluded from adjusted gross income.
- The gift is eligible for reduced taxes if you do not itemize deductions.

To qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be age 70 1/2 or older at the time the gift was made.
- The transfer must be made directly from your IRA custodian to BTPF.
- The limitation on charitable IRA transfers is \$100,000 annually.
- The gift must be an outright gift to BTPF.

Before you send your gift, please contact Laura Lednik at the Beta Theta Pi Foundation for further instruction on how to designate your contribution.

Laura Lednik: (800) 800-2382, laura.lednik@beta.org

Have your custodian mail your check to: Beta Theta Pi Foundation, Theta Delta DEA, 5134 Bonham Road, P.O. Box 6277, Oxford, OH 45056.

The information provided above does not constitute tax or legal advice. Please consult your tax advisor.

Thank You, Brothers and Friends, for Donating and Believing in the Future of Theta Delta

We sincerely thank all our generous donors. Your commitment to *A Return to Principles: The Campaign for Theta Delta* is making a difference. Your generosity demonstrates a sense of gratitude for your personal experience. We still need commitments from the rest of our alumni to reach our \$5 million goal.

All supporters of the project pledging \$2,500 and above will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque in our new Chapter House. We sincerely apologize if there's an error in recording your gift or your name. We're working hard to record this vital information, so please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 to make any corrections. Join your brothers on this list by using the enclosed pledge form and envelope to make your pledge today. Thank you for your support!

New Founder Circle (\$1,000,000 and above)

David L. Brennan '53

Three Stars Circle (\$500,000 to \$999,999)

Anonymous
Anonymous

165 Circle (\$250,000 to \$499,999)

Ralph W. Talmage '71

Wooglin Circle (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

David W. Wright '67
In honor of the
Class of '67
Larry Abbott '70
Dominic Bagnoli '85
Steve Jeney '85

kai Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Nelson French '47

Dragon Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

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Undergraduate Chapter
James B. Findley '54
David R. Rudy '56
John D. Poffenberger '57

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James A. Beam '30
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In memory of
Daniel Brower

Inglenook Society (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

John O. Hopkins Sr. '57
Anthony M. Iacovetta '78

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Don Hollenback '51 and
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Rick Schwieterman '72
Alan Veatch '79
Barry J. Duerk '80
Robert S. Leiter '85

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In memory of
Bob Hartman '57

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Matt Brown '05
Anonymous

Theta Delta Brotherhood Club (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

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In memory of
Robert L. Grimes '53
David Packo
In honor of
Grant Packo '20

CAMPAIGN STATUS

AT-A-GLANCE

As of August 26, 2019

Goal
\$5 Million

Total Commitments
\$3,710,867

Total Donors
151

Richard C. Pickett '48
In memory of
John Hughes '47
James C. Brown '52
Ronald Bell '56
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William J. Kennelly '58
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Robert A. Cover
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Thomas McKinnell '77
Michael S. Matthews '82
Mark Chupka '84
David Grieshop '85
Christopher S. Jeney '89
Brian Cook '97



Danny Matejczyk '20 (right) in Omaha, Neb., where Ohio State baseball won the Big Ten Championship. Danny is the head manager for the team.



Zack Keith '20 catches some waves wakeboarding over the summer.



Evan Fitzmaurice '21 (far right) spent a month backpacking in California this summer.

Theta Delta Springs Forward

Looking Forward to Another Successful Year

The Theta Delta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi followed up a strong fall semester with an even better spring. Double the fall pledge class of 14 members, the 28-strong spring class consists of mostly freshmen from Ohio, with members hailing from as far as the Bay Area.

Alumni Support

We continue to be so amazed with the Theta Delta alumni. Many of you are connected as volunteers and mentors, and numerous of you have given generously to the capital campaign. Your generosity with your time and resources does not go unnoticed. We are deeply appreciative, thank you!

Having a Blast with Hoops

Last semester we had the blessing of hosting Chris Holtman, head coach of The Ohio State basketball team, at our annual alumni roundup. Theta Delta also had a blast participating in an in-chapter, 16-team 3-on-3 basketball league. We are excited to continue this new tradition in the fall.

GPA and Notable Accomplishments

We continue to boast one of the highest GPAs on campus with a 3.37 last spring. Fifty-four members made the dean's list and an additional nine finished the semester with a perfect 4.0. We would also like to congratulate brother **Aaron Grieshop '19** for completing his ROTC training and joining the military as an officer.

This fall, nearly 50 brothers are psyched to move into the Chapter House as Theta Delta gets back on track with its philanthropy and general campus involvement. By the time you read this, we hope to have begun a strong fall semester as we continue down the path of principled men.

Yours in _kai_,
Tommy Weber '20
Chapter President
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Fall 2019

House

Corporation

Update

We are beginning our third year in the new Theta Delta Chapter House. Feeling the thrill of a new house and a new school year, members moved in August 15-17 with great enthusiasm. Each year brings new excitement as members get to know each other better by living, dining, and socializing together.

Dining in Style

Campus Cooks is our food provider, complete with Chef Stephanie Ryan, who has been a big hit with the membership during her first two years with Theta Delta. Members can request “favorite” entrees, order late plates, and rate the meals on their Campus Cooks app. We increased the dinner portion size at the beginning of 2019 at the Chapter’s request.

Thankful for Old and New Staff

Antonio Duran completed his two years as house director for Theta Delta, earned his Ph.D. this past semester from The Ohio State University, and is now an assistant professor at Auburn University where he will be a tenure-track assistant professor in their Administration of Higher Education. We thank Antonio for his service to Theta Delta and wish him nothing but the best in his new position.

Our new live-in house director is Kenton Reason. Kenton graduated from Ohio State with a bachelor’s degree in public affairs, magna cum laude in May 2017, and is now working toward a dual master’s degree in health administration and public health. As an undergraduate, Kenton was a resident manager, supervising 30 direct reports and 1,100 students for Stradley-Park Hall, and a house manager for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Visit Us Anytime!

We continue to add enhancements to the Chapter House for the benefit of our active brothers. The house is fully secure, but if you are visiting Columbus you are welcome to stop by, see the facility, and meet the undergraduates. Just knock on the front door! Or let me know in advance and I will make sure you get the full experience.

Yours in _kai_,

Joe Chinnici '64

House Corporation Board President
jac2211@aol.com

ALUMNI UPDATE

Frederic L. Carpenter '66 lives mostly in Ciudad Colón de Mora, San Jose, Costa Rica. He would be happy to help with itineraries for any visitors to Central America. “¡Pura vida!” Email: rcarp@sprynet.com

Kenneth Frick '66 was a 1989 member of the U.S. team on Mt. Everest and the only member to make it to the summit. From 2005 to 2014 he lived on a sailboat in the Caribbean with his wife; he now lives in Graysonville, Md. Email: mkfrick@gmail.com

Roger S. Vincent '69 enjoys retirement on the beach on Pawleys Island, S.C. Email: roger@vincents.net

David K. Grumbach '70 is using his art degree from OSU to paint as a hobby. He even donated a picture to the new Chapter House. David lives in Westlake, Ohio. Email: seagrum@ameritech.net

Alan J. Vovk '70 retired from the VA as certified orthotist (not orthodontist as previously printed). He is actively involved in running and cycling and volunteers at church in a few programs. Alan periodically sees **Denis DeVlaming '69** as his law office is close by and watches Buckeye football at a designated alumni sports bar. He lives in Clearwater, Fla. Email: ajv1437@yahoo.com

Roderick J. Dean '72 and his wife, whom he met in Canada after transferring in 1970, have been spending their winters in a gated community in Spring Hill, Fla., called Timber Pines. They play a lot of golf since there are three golf courses in their community of approximately 6,800 people. They still have their home in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and a condo on Lake Erie in Port Clinton, Ohio. The couple is very active and thoroughly enjoying retirement. Email: rod.evie@gmail.com

William P. McKinnell III '73 has been working with his own defense communications contracting business with COS Office in Australia and with a small horse ranch in Germany’s Black Forest. His youngest child recently began at the U.S. Air Force Academy; he has a son who is a pilot for the USAF; and two daughters: one with a Ph.D. and one with a master’s in physiotherapy and business. William

travels internationally quite often for work, and he looks forward to visiting Ohio soon. “Blessed for sure.” E-mail: bmckinnell@comcast.net

Frederick J. Regner '74 is the founder and president of EEI Recycling, which works to recycle plastics worldwide; their website is www.eeirecycling.com. He lives in Saint Petersburg, Fla. Email: fregner@tampabay.rr.com

Thomas S. Weckesser '74 valet parks at a hospital, officiates football, and teaches at the University of Akron while being a father and grandfather and loving life! Email: tjweck@gmail.com

Christopher L. Collins '04 keeps the urban dream alive in downtown Chicago despite having two little ones and a dog. There is a myriad of Theta Deltas in the windy city, and they all continue to be close friends. He reports it’s surreal to now have “play dates” with their kids rather than go bar hopping. Christopher runs the sales organization for a series B tech startup in Chicago called UrbanBound. Their software helps employers relocate their employees for work anywhere in the world. Christopher continues to paint canvas and flex that creative side of his brain, but the hours available for hobbies are limited. “If anyone is moving to Chicago and needs help finding a job, I am more than happy to be a resource.” Email: collins497@gmail.com

Blaise R. Kimmel '17 reports that his research at Northwestern is focused in the field of synthetic biology under the discipline of chemical engineering. Utilizing the tools of synthetic biology, he is constructing a molecular machine that selectively targets cancer cells and provides antibody-directed enzyme prodrug therapy. This work aims to eliminate conventional chemotherapy by injecting patients with a non-toxic drug that can be converted to a standard chemotherapeutic drug at the site of the cancer cell by use of the machine. His other project is in the production of biofuels. Blaise seeks to optimize biosynthetic pathways in anaerobic bacteria to optimize biofuel production from carbon-rich pollution sources, such as coal-fired power plants. Email: blaisekimmel2022@u.northwestern.edu

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Beta for
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**See details
on page 1!**

**If you want to spotlight
your Beta story, please
contact Joe Chinnici '64
at jac2211@aol.com.**

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The Bond of Beta Theta Pi

How Theta Delta Chapter Shaped Matthew Padak '03



Matthew with his
family dressed up for
Halloween.

“**T**heta Delta is an elevation,” **Matthew Padak '03** said, noting he joined Beta Theta Pi to be a part of something bigger than himself. While Matt recognizes Beta Theta Pi has merit, it was his specific Chapter at The Ohio State University that he owes his true lessons to. As an undergraduate, Matt’s time in Theta Delta gave him a foundation to become the man he is today. “Theta Delta taught me to endure, it taught me discipline, and it taught me what true brotherhood really is,” Matt said.

Beyond the memories he gained through his experience, the most important takeaway he received is the lifelong brotherly bond. For Matt, this bond is different from any other friendship; it is much stronger because of the opportunity to properly get to know his brothers. “Everyone has a common bond, and everyone has many more lifelong friendships than they would otherwise,” Matt said.

Matt stays in touch with a multitude of his Theta Delta brothers. It was even a Beta brother that led Matt into his current career field by setting him up for an interview for a part-time position at Abercrombie & Fitch. However, after an unexpected Wunderlic test, which assesses the aptitude of prospective employees, Matt accepted a higher position of assistant merchant. Since then, he has had a successful career in the marketing and manufacturing industry.

Matt lives in Southern California with his wife and children and is the co-founder of Kaizen, a strategic planning company. You can reach out to Matt at padak@kaizen.industries.