



THETA DELTA DRAGON

Beta Theta Pi at The Ohio State University • Spring 2018

More Than \$3.6 Million Contributed to Theta Delta's Campaign

To Reach Our \$5 Million Goal, We Need Your Gift Today!

We have about \$1.4 million remaining to reach our \$5 million goal and nearly 150 of our 1,300 Theta Delta alumni have made a commitment to *The Campaign for Theta Delta: A Return to Principles*. A list of our alumni and friends who recognize the importance and magnitude of this campaign is inside this issue. However, in order to reach our goal, we **must** increase our participation level—this year we'd like to double the number of donors we have to this campaign and we need your support to make it happen!

For every day that goes by that we have not reached our goal, we will continue to spend money on construction loan fees, campaign mailings, and follow-up. If you have placed your pledge card on the corner of your desk to deal with later, please dig it out of the pile, fill it out, and send it in today. *We need your pledge!*

WHAT WE NEED

So far, the average pledge has exceeded \$25,000 per contributor, but we realize that not everyone can contribute at that level. We would love it if you would consider a \$2,500 gift, or pledge of \$500 per year for five years, or a \$5,000 gift, a pledge of \$1,000 per year for five years. These levels will secure your name on our permanent donor plaque. However, we know this may be a big request and every pledge, no matter the size, is needed and very much appreciated. Regardless of what you are able to give, we want to add you to our growing list of donors.

WISE USE OF FUNDS

As we built our Chapter House we did the best to stretch our budget as far as we could to be good stewards of your generous donations. The pledges and gifts we continue to receive will help us to pay off our construction

loan and start a maintenance fund to ensure the Chapter House stays top-notch.

STRONG UNDERGRADUATES

Our undergraduates have done a splendid job of working together, holding each other accountable, lifting each other up to be better men, and doing what they can to keep their new home in great shape. I am thrilled to announce that they will receive the Charter back at an Installation Ceremony on April 7. A big thank-you goes to all alumni volunteers, advisors, donors, parents, and of course, our undergraduate brothers. We are excited to celebrate this momentous occasion with you.

JOIN US IN APRIL

We hope you will join us for the Installation Ceremony and our annual Roundup on April 7. This is a great opportunity to meet the members of our Chapter; our undergraduates are eager to meet you and give you a tour of the house. We're confident when you meet our brothers, you will be impressed with the caliber of men representing Beta Theta Pi at Ohio State.

JOIN US TODAY!

We ask you to join us and be a part of a significant era in Theta Delta's history. Join your brothers who have already given and help us double our participation today. This project is necessary to our success and Theta Delta is more than worthy of your investment.

Yours in _kai_,

Dominic Bagnoli '85

Campaign Chairman

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Theta Delta's executive board at the Beta Theta Pi Keystone Leadership Conference in Philadelphia.

THETA DELTA WELCOMES 28 NEW MEMBERS THIS SPRING

Theta Delta is off to a strong start this semester with accomplishments in recruiting, academics, and philanthropy.

This spring, we welcomed a class of 28 new members. Last semester our Chapter finished with a 3.39 cumulative GPA, which ranked in the top 15 of all fraternities at Ohio State. We hope to continue improving as the year progresses.

Beta Theta Pi's philanthropic partnership with OSU Star House continues to be a success. Members volunteer in their warehouse every Sunday.

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A RETURN TO PRINCIPLES: *The Campaign for Theta Delta*

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF THETA DELTA

Join Our Growing List of Supporters Today!

Thank you, 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)**

Anonymous

Theta Delta

Undergraduate Chapter

David R. Rudy, M.D., M.P.H. '56

Terry Taylor '62

Joseph A. Chinnici Jr. '64

Robert M. Taylor '64

Roger L. Albrecht '68

In memory of

James W. "Wally" Phillips '44

John D. Beam '68

In memory of

James A. Beam '30

Larry R. Plum '68

Daniel R. Pickett '80

Dan Irwin III '85

Arthur Z. Kovesdy '85

Nonelle Family Gift

Richard Nonelle Jr. '85

Michael Nonelle '89

Gregory J. Andrews '86

The Niermeyer Family

Ronald Warwar '87

In memory of

Daniel Brower

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

James B. Findley '54

John O. Hopkins Sr. '57

John Dilley '67

Anthony M. Iacovetta '78

Wreath of Gold Society **(\$10,000 to \$14,999)**

James C. Gorman '49

William H. Zimmer Jr. '52

Dr. John D. Jacob '60

In memory of

Don Hollenback '51 and

John Ramseyer '59

George R. Barry '61

Rick Schwieterman '72

Alan Veatch '79

Robert S. Leiter '84

Darrin L. Bushong '93

Monte E. Berg '99

Beta Spirit Club **(\$5,000 to \$9,999)**

John D. Poffenberger '57

Carl F. Weiffenbach '57

Larry Biederman '59

In memory of

Bob Hartman '57

Rick von Haam '61

In memory of

Mike Fitzgerald '61

Richard Foster '65

William P. "Phil" White '65

William Buckham '67

Jon Bennett '69

Robert F. Dilley '71

Ralph Antolino Jr. '77

James S. Flower '79

Roderick I. Gregory '79

Daniel S. Wigton '79

John L. Rindler '85

Bruce E. Borden '86

Jared Friesner '02

Matt Brown '05

Diamond Club **(\$2,500 to \$4,999)**

Anonymous

In memory of

John Kerzman '88

John H. Scofield '54

John Y. Taggart '54

Richard L. Morgan '55

Richard E. Meredith '56

Charles F. Wright '62

In memory of

George T. Wright '32

W. Richard Walton '63

Fritz Milligan '64

David A. Hammond '65

Curtis L. High '66

Donn G. Ellerbrock '70

David K. Grumbach '70

John C. Nisbet '71

William Goepfert '72

Kim A. Cappel '73

Robert Wilkins '74

Michael P. Gaffney '75

T. Andrew Janes '78

Bruce P. Kupper '78

Scott W. Saffell '78

Steven W. Kastenhuber '81

Jay Attwood '84

In memory of

The Pits Breakfast

Joe "Beta" Bush '84

Robert F. Maggiore '84

Gary Vawter '85

Robert Mahoney '88

Mark Jerman '90

Mark J. Skogstad '96

Chris Ingram '02

Christian Hertl '03

W. Hamilton Merritt '03

Todd Stefanini '05

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

Joann Grimes

In memory of

Robert L. Grimes '53

David Packo

In honor of

Grant Packo '20

Richard C. Pickett '48

In memory of

John Hughes '47

James C. Brown '52

Kenneth K. Feintheil '55

Ronald Bell '56

James T. Krejci, M.D. '56

William J. Kennelly '58

In memory of

Robert R. Hartman '57

Charles H. McKelvey '59

Theodore W. Rudy '59

Thomas F. Wall Jr. '60

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of March 5, 2018

Goal
\$5 million

Total Commitments
\$3,629,704

Total Donors
144

Robert W. Butler '62

In honor of

W. Bruce Butler '66

Richard A. Isaly '64

Michael T. Carroll '65

W. Bruce Butler '66

Richard L. Springer, D.V.M. '66

Ronald J. Vojir '68

Geoffrey Presson '73

Steven Cover '74

In honor of

Robert A. Cover

Philip T. Kallile '74

Thomas McKinnell '77

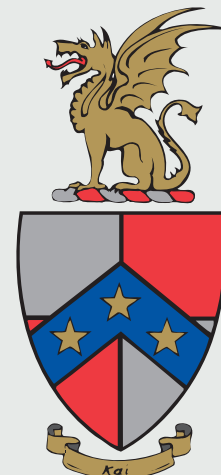
Michael S. Matthews '82

David Grieshop '85

Christopher S. Jeney '89

Jeff Byle '95

Brian Cook '97



Ralph Talmage '71 Invests in the Future of Theta Delta

When **Ralph Talmage '71** first arrived at Ohio State as an undergraduate, he intended to follow in his brother's footsteps as a member of Phi Delta Theta. During recruitment, however, he realized that it wasn't the right fit for him. He consulted his brother about what other houses he might be better suited for, which eventually led him to Beta Theta Pi. His experience there was completely different than those he had prior. The members were welcoming and he felt right at home.



Beta taught Ralph many things about business management. As Theta Delta's treasurer, Ralph learned a lot about entrepreneurship, which broadened his horizons after college. During his undergraduate years, he and some friends purchased apartments, which inspired him to go into the real estate business post-grad. Today, Ralph is a real estate developer as well as an oil and gas developer in Columbus, Ohio.

"I took away many things from my Beta experience," Ralph said, "but a sense of responsibility and allowing me to meet men I wouldn't have otherwise met are the big ones. It was an opportunity for me to grow and learn about myself, and I'm glad that more young men were and are able to experience that, too."

"We as alumni have an opportunity now to preserve the Beta experience at Ohio State for future generations. **The capital campaign is in full swing and I hope everyone takes a long look at their own experiences at Theta Delta and considers supporting the cause.** I serve on Theta Delta's alumni board and having met the young men involved with the new colonization. I can honestly say we have a lot to be proud of. The leadership exhibited is strong and I have high hopes that they will achieve great things moving forward."

Ralph and his wife, Joan, live in Columbus, and have two sons. He and Joan are firm believers in "time, talent, treasure," which is evident in the many charitable organizations they are involved with. If you would like to get in touch with Ralph, you can reach him at rtalmage@northwoodenergy.com.

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Alpha Xi Delta joined Beta Theta Pi for a service event putting together care packages for Marine Raiders overseas.



Actives and potential new members made blankets for homeless youth in Columbus as part of recruitment week.

As we move along in the semester, we look forward to our philanthropic event this April, and many in the future.

the amenities the house has to offer; our brotherhood has never been stronger.

We can't thank our alumni enough for the beautiful Chapter House that they built for us. Brothers are constantly utilizing all

Fraternally,
Sam Harrison '19
Chapter President
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Welcome, New Members



**Jonathan Abele
Tyler Balon
Zach Beder
Josh Bernadel
Tucker Cannon
Ryan Cercelle
Jason Denrich
Shaden Elwanzi
Derek Erdem**

**Matthew Fazio
Sammy Field
Evan Fitzmaurice
Trey Hommer
Trey McKenna
Brent Morris
William Mullen
Andrew Park
Zach Preston
Luke Rees**

**Eric Reuter
Will Roberts
Evan Ross
Luke Schneider
Brandon Starkman
Yared Tadesse
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Bryan Waters
Jake Williams**



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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending The Ohio State University, he will receive a copy. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

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The newly elected executive board at the Rocky statue outside of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.