



THETA DELTA DRAGON

Beta Theta Pi at The Ohio State University • Spring 2020



BETA THRIVING AGAIN AT OHIO STATE

The new decade is already bright for Beta Theta Pi. We are excited to have a record number of 52 brothers living in the Chapter House. Having the best house on campus has immensely improved our recruitment efforts. Recruitment events have been crowded with brothers because everybody in the Chapter cares and dedicates their time so that Beta can recruit the next best wave of young men at The Ohio State University. We welcomed 33 new members this spring, bringing our total to 146 dedicated brothers.

Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future

Former President **Tommy Weber '20** is looking forward to being on the alumni association board upon graduation. "I am sad to leave the Chapter but also very proud at the same time. I am proud because the Theta Delta Chapter has had tremendous growth and success throughout my time here and I know it is going to stay that way," he said. Tommy knows Theta Delta will have sustained success because of the examples the senior members set every year. When he was a new member, he looked up to the seniors

in every way possible. Now that he is in their spot, Tommy and his brothers are doing their best to set great examples too. "I am excited to join my brothers who graduated before me in joining the alumni association. I know firsthand what the alumni contribute to the Chapter's success and I am excited to help and participate in a new role in the Theta Delta Chapter."

What to Look for in 2020

Current President **Trey Hommer '21** is also very excited and looking forward to this semester. With a strong executive board, Trey knows great things will get done. The brothers' participation in Buckeyethon, a campus-wide philanthropy event, helped raise over \$1.7 million for the Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus last year. Beta has broken numerous Greek records, including raising more than \$23,000 for Buckeyethon becoming the top fraternity fundraiser this year! "Beta once again has a strong campus reputation and we look forward to maintaining this for the future," Trey said.

"My experiences working with Beta Theta Pi at Ohio State University have been really positive. The Chapter and its leaders have been cooperative and friendly to work with. More than anything, the Chapter president's willingness to assist with our office's education and outreach for the sorority and fraternity community exemplifies true leadership and partnership."

— Aaron Reistad, Case Manager at the Office of Student Life Student Conduct

Save the Date

Roundup 2020

April 8

With Guest Speaker
Coach Ryan Day



See back page for details.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THETA DELTA
A Return to Principles

CAMPAIGN COMING TO A CLOSE!

Get your final gift in
before it's too late.
See inside for more details.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENTERS FINAL PHASE

- Opportunity to Support *A Return to Principles: The Campaign for Theta Delta* Ends June 30
- Help Us Get to \$4 Million Total Raised by June

In 2014, Theta Delta embarked on *A Return to Principles: The Campaign for Theta Delta* to build a new Chapter House and lead our new colony to a positive restart and guide our members to be successful at The Ohio State University once more. The house corporation came together and created a plan for structural, system, and design improvements to make our house attractive, safe, and modern. Thanks to more than 150 brothers and friends, we have raised \$3,734,797 for this historic campaign. A heartfelt thank-you goes to everyone who has contributed their time and money to make this campaign a success.

Although the campaign is entering its final stage, there is still a need for alumni participation, possibly more than ever. We have an opportunity to refinance the debt from our project, which will put us in a better position financially—but we need you to help us get there. **It is our charge to get to \$4 million by June 30.** By reaching this goal we set up a stable, successful future for Theta Delta. We know we can do this together. There is just \$265,000 left to get to \$4 million.

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of February 12, 2020

Goal
\$4 Million

Total Commitments
\$3,734,797

Total Donors
155

The time to reflect on your Beta experience and what you've pledged, or not yet pledged, to this campaign is now. We need to make one last push to raise additional funds to set us up for a strong financial future. If you have been waiting on the sidelines, please use the enclosed pledge form and make a difference for Beta today. Visit osubeta.org to give online. Every gift helps to get us closer to \$4 million. If you've already committed, consider adding an additional year to your pledge. As you'll see in this newsletter, a gift or pledge of \$2,500 or more secures your name on our donor plaque; make sure your name gets recognized. Don't wait for someone else to finish this campaign—we need you today.

Yours in _kai_,
Dominic Bagnoli '85
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Will Your Name Be on the Donor Plaque?

We are grateful to all our generous donors. Your commitment 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 campaign goals.

All supporters of the project pledging \$2,500 and above will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque in our new Chapter House. This is a mockup of what that plaque will look like. Is your name on the plaque? If not, please make a gift to secure your spot today.

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. If you would like to discuss moving your name to a higher level on our donor plaque, please contact **Dominic Bagnoli '85** at dbagnoli@usacs.com or (330) 284-9008. Join your brothers on this list by using the enclosed pledge form and envelope to make your pledge today, or visit osubeta.org to give online. Thank you for your support!

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THETA DELTA: A RETURN TO PRINCIPLES

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

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

Terry Taylor '62

Joseph A. Chinnici Jr. '64

Robert M. Taylor '64

John Dilley '67

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. Kovessy '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)

John O. Hopkins Sr. '57

Anthony M. Iacovetta '78

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

James C. Gorman '49

William H. Zimmer Jr. '52

Larry Biederman '59

In memory of

Bob Hartman '57

John D. Jacob, D.D.S. '60

In memory of

Don Hollenback '51 and

John Ramseyer '59

George R. Barry '61

John Stegmiller '68

Rick Schwieterman '72

Alan Veatch '79

Barry J. Duerk '80

Robert S. Leiter '85

Darrin L. Bushong '93

Monte E. Berg '99

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

Kenneth K. Feintheil '55

Carl F. Weiffenbach '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

Alan J. Vovk '70
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
Geoffrey Presson '73
Robert Wilkins '74
Michael P. Gaffney '75
Eric Zeiher '75
T. Andrew Janes '78
Bruce P. Kupper '78
Scott W. Saffell '78
Tom Jordan '81
In memory of
Daniel P. Jones '78
In honor of
Mike Riley '77
Steven W. Kastenhuber '81
Jay Attwood '84
In memory of
The Pits Breakfast
Joe "Beta" Bush '84
Robert F. Maggione '84
Gary Vawter '85
Robert Mahoney '88
Mark Jerman '90
Jeff Byle '95
Mark J. Skogstad '96
Chris Ingram '02
Christian Hertl '03
W. Hamilton Merritt '03
Todd Stefanini '05

2020 House Corporation Update



Members enjoying their new study space.

It's always comforting to report good news! The Chapter keeps the new Theta Delta Chapter House in great shape. And that's *great* news because simple things like emptying waste baskets daily, cleaning the kitchen, washing dishes, and keeping the property picked up all go a long way toward maintaining the facility as alumni would expect.

RESPECTED LIVING

On a more interesting note, the Chapter has designated the living room as the "formal room," indicating the respect they have for it. The room is enjoyed all the time by members, but the nametag gives it special significance.

A FULL HOUSE

We're anticipating a full house of 48 for 2020-21. Theta Delta recruited 33 men this spring in addition to recruiting and initiating 15 members in fall 2019, now bolstering a total membership of 146. With deferred recruitment, the spring semester is the major recruiting period. This is good news for the undergraduates as they learn of the advantages of living in the Beta house and getting the most out of their college days.

VISIT SOON

Alumni are always welcome! If you find the opportunity to visit the new house, please stop by. The house is fully secure, fingerprint access only, so knock on the door and a member will welcome you. And if you let me know in advance, we'll make sure you get a full tour of the facility.

Yours in _kai_.

Joe Chinnici '64

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Twinsburg, Ohio

New Member Education
Andrew Park '21
Solon, Ohio

Programming
Noah Teeters '21
Dayton, Ohio

House Manager
Jacob Woerber '22
Springfield, Ohio



Best and Brightest Betas

Welcome, New Members

Mihir Adluri
Santa Clara, Calif.

Ryan Aigner
Louisville, Ky.

Gabe Campion
Dayton, Ohio

Ross Cotnam
Littleton, Mass.

James D'Ambrosi
Pound Ridge, N.Y.

Matt Duplain
Dayton, Ohio

John Erbaugh
Centerville, Ohio

Jack Erwin
Gurnee, Ill.

Anthony Gambino
Cherry Hill, N.J.

Lewis Gatch
Cincinnati, Ohio

Cameron Hagley
Brentwood, Tenn.

Parker Holt
Brookville, Ohio

Zach Klein
Chicago, Ill.

Jake Konicoff
Rockville, Md.

Joseph Looney
East Amherst, N.Y.

Nate Martinez
Sugar Grove, Ill.

Jake Matuscak
Newburgh, Ind.

John McDonald
Dublin, Ohio

Michael O'Hara
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Broadview Heights, Ohio

Noah Zacaroli
Bedford, N.H.

Michael Zhu
Solon, Ohio

Joey Zolnierrek
Lake Zurich, Ill.

ROUNDUP 2020 TO FEATURE COACH DAY AS SPEAKER

Roundup 2020
details have been set!

When: April 8

Where: Ohio Stadium Northwest Club Room

Cocktail hour will be from 6 p.m. to
7 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m.



We are excited to announce
this year's keynote speaker,
Head Coach Ryan Day.
Coach Day led our Buckeyes
to a 12-0 regular season
and Big Ten Championship.
Named Dave McClain Coach
of the Year, we are proud to

have him speak with us at Roundup.
Go Buckeyes!

To register, follow this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/betaroundup>

Memory and Our Mystic Shrine

Walter Waits, D.D.S. '65 entered Our Mystic Shrine on June 6, 2019. He received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from Ohio State University and served in the Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base. He practiced dentistry at McGuire from 1968 to 1970, then in Doylestown, Pa., from 1970 to 2007. Walter married Claudia Gidcomb Waits on December 19, 1964. They shared a loving life together for 54 years. Upon retirement, Walter and Claudia moved from Buckingham, Pa., to Lehigh, Pa. Walter enjoyed a healthy lifestyle of fishing, hiking, and participating in his grandchildren's active lives. He and Claudia also enjoyed traveling with his brother and sister-in-law. He was a gentle, loving, and artistic man who connected easily with many wonderful friends. Walter is survived by his wife, three children, and his five grandchildren.

William Bartolovich '95 entered Our Mystic Shrine on July 6, 2019.



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Outstanding Beta Spotlight

Jonathan Abele '20 Looks to Pursue a Career in Law



*Jonathan Abele '20 with Canada
Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.*

This spring, **Jonathan Abele '20** will graduate with a bachelor's degree in political science with minors in economics and English. Although he will be leaving the Beta house, Jonathan will stay close to home and begin his journey to practice law at OSU Moritz law school. "I am deciding to pursue both a law degree and an MBA since the two degrees will allow me to advance justice and promote accountability within corporations," Jonathan said.

As a successful student and member of Beta Theta Pi, Jonathan will never forget his impactful time in the Fraternity. "Beta Theta Pi's core values have meaningfully guided my decisions throughout my undergraduate career and made me a stronger person," Jonathan said. In addition, the Fraternity introduced him to lifelong friends and provided him with valuable resources for success in academics as well as his future career.

Jonathan has fond memories of his four years at Ohio State, but his fondest are with Beta and specifically the initiation ceremony. "I felt incredibly honored to join such a strong brotherhood of individuals who shared and represented my values," Jonathan said.

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