



THETA DELTA DRAGON

Beta Theta Pi at The Ohio State University • Spring 2016



THETA DELTA ANNOUNCES
\$54MILLION CAMPAIGN

The Future of Theta Delta Is up to Us

What will Theta Delta be? It is up to us. The pain of watching Beta close four years ago is still fresh for many of us, but we've been given an opportunity to take the years of history of Theta Delta, the leadership, and the brotherhood that led so many of us to be proud Betas, and ensure those opportunities will be available to the next generation of young men at The Ohio State University.

The colony has been back for two years and is working hard to return Theta Delta to glory. They have 68 members, a 3.37 GPA, are involved all over campus and in intramural sports, and overall are headed back to what we remember Beta at Ohio State to be. They are young men worth supporting, already building lifelong friendships and developing essential social and leadership skills that will serve them well once they leave Ohio State.

We know our success will continue by recruiting quality young men and with the right support, oversight, and mentoring from alumni. This growth, though, will soon be hindered by not having a competitive, safe facility to call home. The alumni association has hired Lincoln Construction and Moody Nolan Architects for the project and we are excited to break ground soon. We're committed to their success and we hope you are too.

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Architects and designers have been at work to make Beta Theta Pi the premier living facility at Ohio State. Above is a potential interior design for the Chapter House.

THANK YOU, GENEROUS THETA DELTA BROTHERS

We sincerely thank the following brothers for their dedication *A Return to Principles: The Campaign for Theta Delta*. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Theta Delta Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our campaign goal and complete this major project.

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In honor of
the Class of '67
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Steve Jeney '85

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All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the Chapter House. All donors contributing a minimum of \$1,000 will be recognized in campaign publications. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Thank you!

Ronald Warwar '87
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Brotherhood Club
(\$1,000 to \$2,499)
Steven Cover '74
Todd Stefanini '05

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE
As of March 7, 2016

Goal
\$5 million

Total Commitments
\$2,042,250

Total Donors
40

Mailable Alumni
1,406

\$500,000
challenge gift
available.
*More information
soon!*

THETA DELTA ANNOUNCES \$5 MILLION CAMPAIGN *(Continued from page 1)*

As many of you know, Ohio State is fully implementing the requirement that all first- and second-year students live "on campus" this coming fall. Fraternity and sorority chapter houses will be included as on-campus housing if the facilities meet certain standards developed by the University. The new Theta Delta Chapter House will meet all the standards and become the premier facility in the Greek community at The Ohio State University. Additionally, Ohio State continues to build new, state-of-the-art residence halls. Theta Delta must be able to compete with the abundance of housing opportunities on campus.

Given these immediate needs, we are proud to announce *A Return to Principles: The Campaign for Theta Delta*. Early commitments from generous alumni and friends total more than \$2 million. We are proud of this incredible start to the next chapter in Theta Delta's history.

Whether you are a member of the class of 1948 or 2015, Theta Delta needs your help now. This is the time to remember your Beta experience. Remember what an impact Beta had on you, and think about how your life has been affected by your membership and your brothers. It is only through the lifelong bonds of Beta Theta Pi brotherhood that future generations may share the same experience.



In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information detailing the project, the campaign, and ways in which you can help. We will be honored to have you join our growing list of loyal supporters who are leaving their legacy and providing for future generations. Thank you for your loyalty, consideration, and support of Beta Theta Pi.

Yours in _kai_,
Dominic Bagnoli '85
Campaign Chairman

David Wright '67
Honorary Chairman

“No More Excuses” – Steve Jeney ’85 Pays It Forward

Steve Jeney ’85 believes that Beta has the best people. This sentiment has stuck with him since his days as an undergraduate at Ohio State, as have many of his Theta Delta brothers. It’s been more than 30 years, but Steve has maintained the strong bonds he made back then, which is why he feels so strongly about the Chapter and the capital campaign today.

“This campaign is important to Theta Delta’s future,” Steve said, “because I was one of those young college kids many years ago and appreciated (though maybe not at the time) those who made the Beta experience possible for me. In turn, it only seems fair that we provide current and future Betas the same great experience, particularly with the building of a new Chapter House. Unfortunately, however, there seems to be a divide on the subject, and regrettably, dollars are not being donated as a result.”

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No more excuses.”*

“Forget about what things used to be like or how the kids today should live in the same conditions that we lived in decades ago. It’s a new era, and living conditions and arrangements are different. Any Theta Delta alumni with college kids or regent graduates concerned about the current state of Beta at Ohio State, rest assured all is well with 68 Chapter members who cumulatively carry a 3.37 GPA; all this without a Chapter House. OSU is the place where the phrase ‘pay it forward’ was created, so let’s get on with it. No more excuses.”

Steve and his wife, Andi, live in Columbus, Ohio, and have two sons. He is the co-owner of National Electric Coil, a company specializing in upgrading electric generators for all major utilities worldwide. In his spare time, Steve enjoys golfing, skiing, and working out. You can contact him at sjeney@msn.com.



THETA DELTA COLONY OF 68 MEN CONTINUES SUCCESS

The members of Theta Delta continue to strengthen their fraternal bond, excel in academics, and emerge as leaders.

Theta Deltas Quickly Becoming Campus Leaders

The Interfraternity Council now has three Theta Deltas holding executive positions. **Ian Kennedy ’18** was elected vice president of recruitment, **Scott McLaughlin ’18** was elected director of marketing, and **Jason Wang ’18** was elected the director of technology.

Betas Taking Charge

Service Chairman **Jonah von der Embse ’18** has led the colony to accumulate more than 500 service hours. He was recently recognized publicly by The General Fraternity for his leadership, all while achieving a 4.0 GPA in school. **Haryoon Jang ’17**, a junior finance major, founded the chapter of Moneythink at Ohio State. Moneythink is an organization that uses mentorships to fulfill the vision of a world where every student is financially literate and prepared to make smart financial decisions upon entering adulthood.



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Reounding Fathers Enjoy Campus Life

The refounding fathers of Theta Delta have been busy spreading the word of Beta’s return to campus. They have serenaded several sororities and are continuing Monday night dinners as a group.

Several Betas attended the Wooden Leadership Institute in Oxford, Ohio, last fall. “It made me realize how well our Ohio State colony is doing,” said attendee **Sam McTurner ’17**. “I constantly found myself giving advice to other Chapter leaders and having deep discussions. I also want to thank all of the donors who funded the Institute, as well as the countless leadership opportunities the Beta Leadership fund provides and pays for. Also, thank you so much to our alumni who aided in paying for the Institute at no cost to us. Believe me when I say I would not have been able to afford to go to Wooden without them, and I would have missed out on this incredible experience.”

Yours in _kai_,
Matt Brown ’05

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ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUE



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Theta Delta Spring Roundup

April 13, 2016

Location: Scioto Country Club

Cocktail Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and Program: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per person

Join us for the 2016 Spring Roundup at the Scioto Country Club. This will be a very special Roundup with **Tom Wheeler '68**, current chairman of the United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as our guest speaker. You'll have a chance to meet Tom along with the large group of new Theta Delta Betas. A Fraternal Fifties ceremony will be held, as well as the opportunity to reconnect with your brothers. Please make your reservations now.

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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.

Q&A with Alumni Relations Director Evan Gorney '18

What are your thoughts on the new OSU Beta house being constructed?

I'm extremely excited about it! In this past recruitment season, we started to feel the limitations of not having a house. This will finally give us something to call home and it is really important in the whole fraternal experience.

What will prevent the Chapter from going into a relapse?

I'm confident we will not relapse into a problematic Chapter again. We've set up a strict framework with policies on grades and behavior. Most importantly, we aren't afraid to take action to ensure those policies and rules are followed. We recognize what issues there were with the last Chapter and are constantly taking steps to make sure that doesn't happen again. We've logged over 500 community service hours, are ranked sixth academically in IFC, and our members are taking on more leadership positions within OSU.



How do you feel about the future of Theta Delta?

By the time I graduate, I know we will have the framework 100% complete for building an ideal Fraternity. We have a lot at stake since all of us have committed so much time and effort. As refounding fathers, we want to stay involved after graduation to ensure our Chapter's continued success. I've noticed that the other organizations are already starting to respect us a lot. Sororities always want to participate with us in events and study tables, and the other undergraduates see that. A new house will really allow us to strengthen our group and to recruit high-quality men. I'm extremely excited about the new house plans and I know we will really set the bar at Ohio State. This is the final piece of the puzzle that will allow us to grow into the best Fraternity at Ohio State.

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