



TEXAS DELTS

Gamma Iota Chapter | Delta Tau Delta Fraternity | The University of Texas at Austin | Fall 2024

NEW STUDY PAVILLION AND SPORTS COURT COMPLETED!



The Study Pavillion and Sport Court are used for all kinds of chapter and alumni activities. It was a perfect setting for Parents Weekend this fall.

SHELTER REMODEL IN PROGRESS.

ALL CONSTRUCTION AND REMODEL WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY 2025.

As shared in the spring 2023 *Texas Delt* newsletter, all construction and remodel work is expected to be completed by spring/summer 2025. We are still expecting to meet this target date.

The purchase of the adjacent property, construction of the new study pavilion, and the new sports court has been completed—and it all looks great!

MORE DETAILS ON THE SHELTER REMODEL PROCESS ON PAGE 3!

CAMPAIGN FUNDING UPDATE

\$10,022,635.68 pledged/gifted, \$2,622,662.12 (26%) still outstanding

The Texas Delt Capital Campaign was a tremendous success. Many thanks to all who contributed. Per our fundraising partners at Pennington & Company, of the 500+ campaigns they've been involved with, ours was second in total dollars raised and 12th in total number of donors.

While we are thrilled with the pledged and gifted outcome, we still have over \$2.6 million (27%) outstanding!

152 folks still have a balance outstanding (34% of donors). And an additional 23 folks haven't paid a thing (0.04% of donors).

If you are unsure if you have an outstanding balance or you know you have an outstanding balance and want to get it paid, please email or call Caroline Hammond, our representative with Pennington & Company, at chammond@penningtonco.com or her direct line at (785) 550-0179.

THE DELT DONOR WALL:

All gifts, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated. Please note, however—A Delt Donor Wall will be displayed in the Shelter. Your name on that wall can be secured with a minimum gift of \$5,000.

DONOR DETAILS

- \$10,022,635.68 was pledged/gifted
 - \$7,399,973.56 (74%) received
 - \$2,622,662.12 (26%) outstanding
- 223 folks made one-time gifts (\$1,936,619.86)
 - These have been paid in full
- 427 pledges were made (\$8,086,015.82)
 - 251 paid in full (\$5,463,353.70)
 - 152 with remaining balance (\$657,662.12)
 - 23 pledges have \$0 paid (\$1,965,000.00)
- 618 donors (649 donations)
 - 42 donors made multiple pledges; 31 donors made multiple one-time gifts; 51 donors made pledges and gifts

EXCITING TIMES FOR TEXAS DELTS

Brothers Stay Engaged Across Campus



Texas Delts meet Gamma Iota brother and Governor Greg Abbott '80.



Texas Delts represent Gamma Iota Chapter at Karnea.



From left: Texas Cowboys Ben Spangler '25, Grant Stapleton '25, Luis Osorio '25, Will Florer '24, Phillip "Jack" VanHorn '25, and Luke Wacker '25.



Alumni gather for the Texas Delt Cowboys Reunion, organized by Joe Bill Watkins '65 and held at the Canopy Austin Downtown Hotel. More than 70 years of Cowboys alumni attended.

It's been an exceptional year for our chapter!

PHILANTHROPY REMAINS KEY

In fall 2023, we raised more than \$20,000 for the B+ Foundation, and we hope to raise even more. Additionally, we dedicated more than 1,000 hours to tutoring underprivileged children at Govalle Elementary in East Austin through the Neighborhood Longhorns Program.

We're also proud to announce the inaugural Save a Child's Heart philanthropy basketball tournament, a joint effort with the five largest fraternities on campus to raise money for children suffering from heart disease in countries without access to proper care.

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We've set the bar high, achieving a chapter GPA of 3.55. This is well-above both the IFC and university averages.

CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT

We were honored to win the Sorority and Fraternity Life Award for chapter programming, thanks largely to the efforts of former and current Alumni Relations Chairmen **Preston Ramsey '25** and **Aiden Tijerina '26**. They created the alumni mentorship program, pairing students with alumni to provide career guidance and connections.

Congratulations **Jake Frickenschmidt '25**, **Andrew Mathis '25**, **David Cox '26**, **Graham Gillespie '26**, **Cade O'harra '26**, and **Beck Wiltshire '26** on being inducted into the Silver Spurs fall 2023 and spring 2024 Rowel classes. Because of their induction, Delt now has more representation in Spurs than any other fraternity.

Congratulations **Will Florer '24**, **Luis Osorio '25**, **Grant Stapleton '25**, **Ben Spangler '25**, **Zach Tesch '25**, **Jack VanHorn '25**, and **Luke Wacker '25** on their induction into the fall 2023 and spring 2024 Texas Cowboys' Newman classes, making Delt the most represented fraternity in the newly returned Texas Cowboys. Lastly, congratulations to **Harrison Hensley '26** on being elected to the University Co-op Board of Directors and **Bradley Klinck '26** for election

to the IFC executive board as director of health and wellness.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thanks to our new pavilion and hard work by our social team, we set record attendance for tailgates and parties while hosting several successful date events. We are excited to welcome bands like The Steeldrivers, The Stews, and The Spazzmatics this fall.

We also celebrated out-of-town formals at the Red River Rivalry in Dallas and Fiesta on the San Antonio Riverwalk.

Fall Parents Weekend was a huge success, as members and their parents enjoyed a night at Central Machine Works followed by a tailgate before the Wyoming game.

SHELTER LIFE

We're excited to announce that Phase 2.1 of our remodel, which involved redoing the kitchen, dining area, entryway, and trophy room, is complete. This renovation has fostered a much better sense of community, as members are spending more time at the Shelter together. We look forward to starting Phase 2.2, which involves remodeling upstairs rooms with plans to reopen the Shelter for members to live in by next fall.

I'd like to extend my sincerest thanks to alumni who have generously given their time, resources, and support to make this project possible. Your contributions help ensure our Shelter remains a place where members can thrive socially and academically.

Hook 'em,
Brady Wilkin '25, Outgoing Chapter President



Murphy Watner '28 and Jack Kirby '28 hold Alumni Weekend party favors courtesy of Buff City Soaps.

Alumni News

Jefferson K. Brim III '67 shares, “Brother **Tom Graves '67** and I still play golf together as often as possible.” Jefferson lives in Austin, Texas.
Email: jay@teacher.legal

Glen G. Halsell '70 recently retired from the law practice after 49 years. “I enjoy working out, visiting my country home in Ft. Davis, Texas, and reading about my Delt brothers (especially the men in my class).” He lives in Odessa.
Email: glen.halsell@gmail.com

Kevin R. Brands '75 and his wife, Beckie, moved from Dallas to their lake house on Lake Cypress Springs in East Texas. He retired from the commercial real estate business after selling his company in 2007. Kevin and Beckie enjoy their four children and nine grandchildren. Email: krbrands@yahoo.com

R. Cash Manning '17 works at a commercial real estate investment firm and is currently looking to get hired at a real estate private equity firm in Dallas (where he lives) or Austin. “In my free time, I am a volunteer firefighter for two fire departments in DFW. I’m also a board member of the non-profit Box 4 Fire Buffs Association. Box 4’s two rehab apparatuses (896 and 897) are integrated as an extension of the Dallas Fire Department and provide rehab services during major incidents such as structure fires and SWAT calls.”
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Nicholas “Jack” Doyle '21 passed the Texas bar in October 2023 and is now a construction lawyer in Plano, Texas.
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RENOVATIONS IN THE HOUSE MOVING FORWARD

(Continued from page 1)



The first chapter meeting held in the newly renovated main room at the Delt Shelter.

The renovation of the Shelter is in progress. After much delay due to the Shelter now being in a 500-year flood plain, the City of Austin finally gave the building committee three options to proceed related to the remodel:

- Remodel with no structural changes; the footprint of the house allowed to stay the same (can’t move/remove/build any walls).
- Remodel and move walls—but must remove a portion of the house currently in the flood plain (housemother space, portion of dining room and kitchen, corresponding second floor).
- Level the house and rebuild outside the flood plain.

The city also stipulated that if we elected to remodel, we are only allowed to spend up to 50% of the value of the house. As of publication, the house’s value is being confirmed, but it is estimated the remodel budget, excluding furnishings, to be well under \$2 million.

The building committee decided that the best path forward is to remodel with no structural changes.

The remodel will be conducted in stages in order to accommodate City of Austin requirements and chapter needs. The goal is to complete the remodel by fall 2025.

With the completion of the remodel, the Delt complex at 2801 San Jacinto will be one of the largest footprints on campus and will be a great place for our fraternity to call home—for many years to come.

Building Committee

Scott Benkendorfer is leading this committee. Others on the team include **Bill McMeans '80**, **Wes Ritchie '80**, **Steve Stodghill '83**, **Steve Rigby '86**, **Jamil Alam '88**, **Jason Nix '91**, **Kyndel Bennett '92**, **Lee Matthews '83**, and **Ellis Winstanley '03**. Scott can be reached at sbenk@captiveaudio.com.

Campaign and Project Timeline

- 2015** – Discussion around need for capital campaign to remodel house
- 2016** – Pennington & Company secured to help with campaign
- 2017** – Silent Capital Campaign launched
- 2018** – Public Capital Campaign launched
- 2019** – New architectural drawings completed
- 2020** – Permits received to demolish Shelter on adjacent lot
- 2022** – End of capital campaign
- 2023** – New study annex and sports court completed
- 2024** – Remodel of Shelter in progress



CONSTRUCTION AND REMODEL

The following is a review of the Shelter Complex construction and remodel budget as of June 2024. A lot has happened since we started this project:

- A successful capital campaign was completed—with over \$10 million in pledges secured.
- The property on the east side of the house was purchased.
- The study annex building was built.
- The sports court was moved/rebuilt.
- The Shelter remodel is in progress.

COSTS	Budget as of 5/1/2020		Revised Budget as of 11/3/2023		
	Study Pavilion & Sports Court	House Remodel	Study Pavilion & Sports Court	House Remodel	Total
SOFT COSTS					
Professional services: project management, A/E Services, Civil Engineering, Environmental services, legal, abatement, other	\$1,247,462		\$1,019,576	\$870,547	\$1,890,123
Regulatory and Permitting	\$135,000		\$170,942	\$107,500	\$278,442
Soft Cost Subtotal	\$1,382,462		\$1,190,518	\$978,047	\$2,168,565
HARD COSTS					
Furniture, technology, security, signage	\$395,000		\$12,739	\$470,000	\$482,739
Construction	\$6,538,450		\$2,598,679	\$5,870,000	\$8,468,679
Hard Cost Subtotal	\$6,933,450		\$2,611,418	\$6,340,000	\$8,951,418
OWNER CONTINGENCIES					
Owner Soft Cost Contingency	\$69,123		\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000
Owner Construction Change Order Contingency	\$346,672		\$85,285	\$247,193	\$332,478
Owner Program Contingency	\$218,293		\$148,484	\$274,055	\$422,539
Owner Contingencies Subtotal	\$634,088		\$233,769	\$596,248	\$830,017
LAND PURCHASE					
608 Park Place Land Purchase	\$1,550,000		\$1,550,000	\$0	\$1,550,000
Land Purchase Subtotal	\$1,550,000		\$1,550,000	\$0	\$1,550,000
FUNDRAISING/CAPITAL CONSULTING (PENNINGTON)					
Fundraising/Capital Campaign Consulting (Pennington)	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Fundraising/Capital Consulting Subtotal	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
PROJECT TOTAL	\$11,000,000		\$6,085,705	\$7,914,295	\$14,000,000



BUDGET AND COST OVERVIEW

We have moved forward through some pretty tough issues:

- COVID caused supply chain issues, creating delays, and adding costs.
- Inflation has increased costs.
- Informed Shelter is in a 500-year flood plain.
- Seeing delays securing permits and approvals from the City of Austin.

The original estimate to complete the construction and remodel project, developed prior to 2017, was \$9 million. The post-COVID estimate to complete the project, as originally planned, was \$14 million—a 36% increase. Due to city restrictions on the scope of the house remodel, the current estimated final cost to complete the project is under \$10 million.

COSTS	Estimated Final Cost as of 10/21/2024		
	Study Pavilion & Sports Court	House Remodel	Total
SOFT COSTS			
Professional services: project management, A/E Services, Civil Engineering, Environmental services, legal, abatement, other	\$991,744	\$912,465	\$1,904,209
Regulatory and Permitting	\$94,439	\$107,500	\$201,939
Soft Cost Subtotal	\$1,086,183	\$1,019,965	\$2,106,148
HARD COSTS			
Furniture, technology, security, signage	\$12,739	\$470,000	\$482,739
Construction	\$2,598,679	\$1,258,461	\$3,857,140
Hard Cost Subtotal	\$2,611,418	\$1,728,461	\$4,339,879
OWNER CONTINGENCIES			
Owner Soft Cost Contingency	\$0	\$72,688	\$72,688
Owner Construction Change Order Contingency	\$9,654	\$247,192	\$256,846
Owner Program Contingency	\$0	\$237,236	\$237,236
Owner Contingencies Subtotal	\$9,654	\$557,116	\$566,770
LAND PURCHASE			
608 Park Place Land Purchase	\$1,550,000	\$0	\$1,550,000
Land Purchase Subtotal	\$1,550,000	\$0	\$1,550,000
FUNDRAISING/CAPITAL CONSULTING (PENNINGTON)			
Fundraising/Capital Campaign Consulting (Pennington)	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Fundraising/Capital Consulting Subtotal	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
PROJECT TOTAL	\$5,757,255	\$3,305,542	\$9,062,797

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NEWLY APPOINTED POSITIONS:

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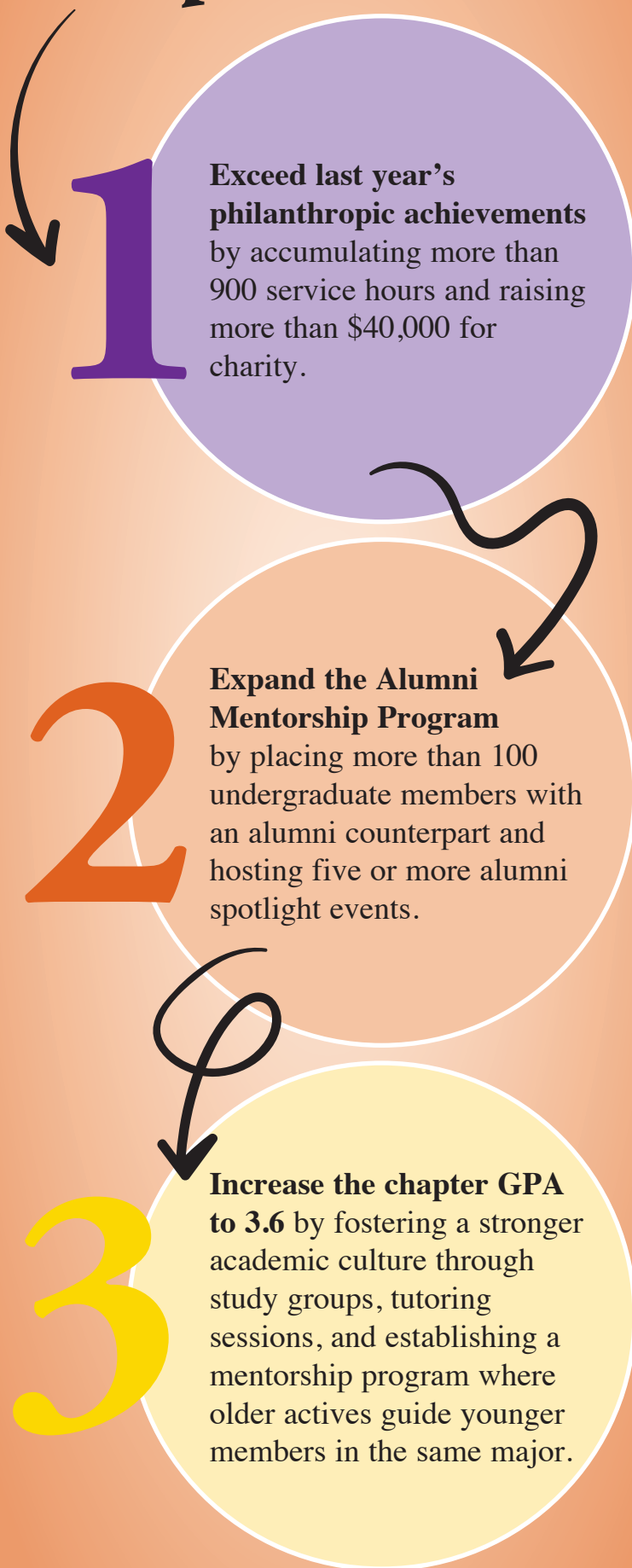
Exec at Large (Risk Management)
Jack Layman '26

Exec at Large (Operations)
Will McNamara '27

Exec at Large (Logistics)
Jackson Knowlton '26

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Chapter Goals



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Hub Bechtol '27 | *Austin, Texas*
Hyde Park HS

Carson Berger '27 | *The Woodlands, Texas*
Cooper HS

Hayden Ives '27 | *Rockwall, Texas*
Rockwall HS

Gabriel Morgan '27 | *Round Rock, Texas*
Cedar Ridge HS

Matthew Perugini '27* | *The Woodlands, Texas*
The John Cooper School

Mauricio Ramirez '27 | *The Woodlands, Texas*
Tomball HS

Henry Villareal '27 | *Austin, Texas*
Westlake HS

Jake Williford '27 | *Austin, Texas*
Anderson HS

Patrick Bailey '28 | *Argyle, Texas*
Argyle HS

Tyler Berra '28* | *Katy, Texas*
Seven Lakes HS

Evan Black '28 | *Keller, Texas*
Keller HS

Jake Blaustein '28 | *Westfield, N.J.*
Westfield HS

Clayton Bristol '28* | *Plano, Texas*
Plano West Senior HS

Jack Capalupo '28 | *Austin, Texas*
Westlake HS

Liam Cooper '28 | *Deerfield, Ill.*
Deerfield HS

Alec Eddy '28 | *Charlotte, N.C.*
Hough HS

James French '28* | *Houston, Texas*
Memorial HS

Charlie Galatzan '28 | *Austin, Texas*
Westlake HS

Jack Garrett '28* | *Cedar Park, Texas*
Cedar Park HS

Eric Garza '28 | *Southlake, Texas*
Carroll HS

Nate Gravelle '28 | *Austin, Texas*
Westlake HS

Bennett Hale '28 | *The Woodlands, Texas*
Grand Oaks HS

Parker Harris '28 | *Fort Worth, Texas*
Paschal HS

Chase Hartman '28 | *Pittsburgh, Pa.*
Shady Side Academy

Luke Hurt '28 | *Coppell, Texas*
Coppell HS

Caden Jackson '28 | *Southlake, Texas*
Carroll HS

Chase Johnson '28 | *Port Neches, Texas*
Port Neches-Groves HS

William Johnson '28 | *Austin, Texas*
Regents School of Austin

Joshua Jolly '28 | *Southlake, Texas*
Carroll HS

Chris Kienstra '28* | *Austin, Texas*
Westlake HS

Michael King '28 | *Austin, Texas*
Westlake HS

Jack Kirby '28 | *The Woodlands, Texas*
The Woodlands College Park HS

Kameron Knowlton '28 | *Coppell, Texas*
Coppell HS

Isaac Konuma '28 | *Houston, Texas*
Second Baptist School

Austin Krischer '28 | *Los Angeles, Calif.*
Notre Dame HS

Nick Latawiec '28 | *Houston, Texas*
Cy Creek HS

Ty Marko '28 | *Wimberley, Texas*
Wimberley HS

Sam Marsh '28 | *Austin, Texas*
St. Andrew's Episcopal School

Christian Moreno '28* | *San Antonio, Texas*
Alamo Heights HS

Jack Montgomery '28 | *Nashville, Tenn.*
Montgomery Bell Academy

Landon Munro '28 | *Austin, Texas*
Westlake HS

Luke Ogburn '28 | *The Woodlands, Texas*
The Woodlands HS

Owen Oneal '28 | *Austin, Texas*
Wimberley HS

Grey Phillips '28 | *Dallas, Texas*
Lake Highlands HS

Adrian Popps '28 | *Austin, Texas*
Anderson HS

Jack Ramsey '28* | *Houston, Texas*
Memorial HS

Samuel Salcedo '28 | *The Woodlands, Texas*
Tomball HS

Blake Short '28 | *Coppell, Texas*
Coppell HS

Tommy Simpson '28 | *Dallas, Texas*
Highland Park HS

Luke Sotelo '28* | *San Antonio, Texas*
Antonian HS

Nathaniel Sullivan '28* | *Coppell, Texas*
Coppell HS

Luke Thompson '28 | *Taylor, Texas*
Taylor HS

James Ulm '28* | *Houston, Texas*
St. Thomas HS

Nicolai Valenta '28 | *Dallas, Texas*
Jesuit Dallas

Charles VanHorn '28* | *Falls Church, Va.*
Meridian HS

Murphy Watner '28 | *Greenwich, Conn.*
Greenwich Country Day HS

Kaden Williford '28 | *Austin, Texas*
Anderson HS

Austin Wood '28 | *Allen, Texas*
Allen HS

Max Wright '28 | *Houston, Texas*
Classical Conversations

*Legacy

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI WEEKEND IN THE BOOKS

*Actives and alumni
gathered in Austin
November 8-9 for food,
fun, and a Longhorns win!*



Beck Wiltshire '26, Jack Stoker '26, Landon Fisher '26 and Penn Andrews '26 at the annual Texas Delt Alumni Golf Tournament.



Lee Matthews '83 hosted the Delt Mentorship Program Dinner and Social, enjoying some Franklin's BBQ. Actives and alumni heard Bob Beauchamp '82, Steve Rigby '86, Jake Stylsinger '18, and unplanned but exciting guest Steve Stodghill '83 share their career bios and answer questions from actives.

*Stay tuned for
information about
Alumni Weekend
2025—don't miss
out on the fun!*

"From the first recruitment event I went to, it felt nothing like the other fraternities; I immediately felt welcomed and valued by all the guys."

—Josh Jolly '28

"The members felt genuine and wanted to help me succeed."

—Mauricio Ramirez '27

"Because of its emphasis on academics and success and its commitment to helping out the community."

—Kaden Williford '28

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WHY THEY JOINED



Our fall 2024 pledge class.