



TEXAS DELTS

Gamma Iota Chapter | Delta Tau Delta Fraternity | The University of Texas at Austin | Fall 2019

STRONG FINANCIAL SUPPORT RECEIVED, BUT MORE NEEDED TO REACH OUR \$9.5 MILLION GOAL

MAKE A DONATION TODAY TO ENSURE PLANS FOR THE SHELTER STAY ON TRACK

We have officially topped \$7 million with an impressive \$7,178,735 committed to the *Texas Deltas: Continuing the Tradition* campaign. More than 290 alumni have chosen to support and invest in the future of Texas Delta, and I am extremely thankful and proud to be a part of this campaign.

Raising more than \$7 million is a huge milestone we needed to hit on our way to our goal. But it's just that—a milestone. **We must hit \$9.5 million.**

What Will \$9.5 Million Do?

- Ensure our project can move forward as envisioned.
- Bring Michal Hsu Office of Architecture's design to life, turning the Shelter into the preeminent fraternity house in Austin and across the country.
- Address mandatory life-safety issues with sprinklers, fire-rated doors, and full compliance with code specifications.
- Complete a full interior renovation, including expanding dining hall capacity to 130 men, redesigning bedrooms, and providing ample meeting and study space, among many other upgrades.
- Bring all this to life with minimal debt exposure for the chapter and House Corporation.

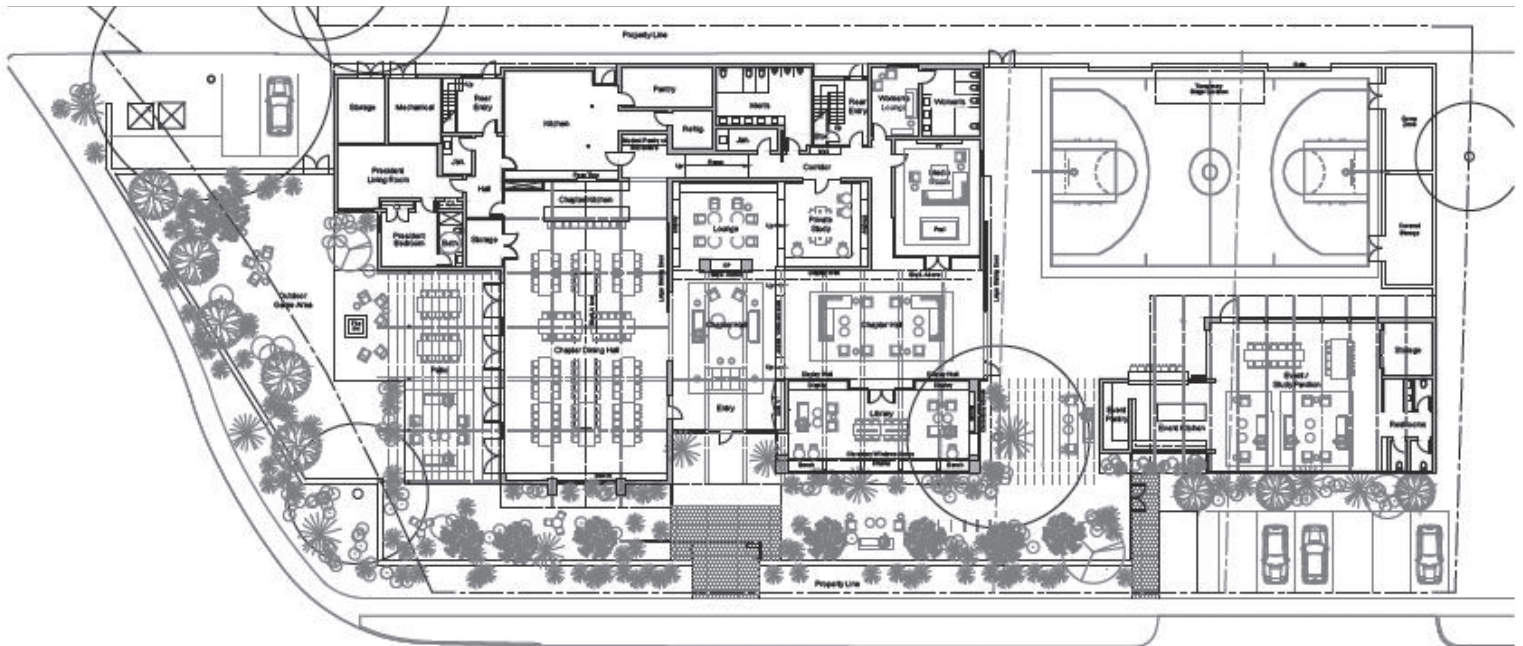
In addition to raising \$9.5 million, we need 1,000 Texas Delt donors and 40% participation. To date, we sit at 294 donors and 12% participation. We know we can reach our goal if more brothers pitch in. Our annual campaign had more than 460 donors—we should have that many, if not more, to this crucial campaign. With many other fraternities on campus doing major renovations, we will be left behind if we do not do this project now and do it right.

Act Now

Brothers, the writing is on the wall. We have less than a year to raise the remaining \$2.3 million. If we cannot meet our goal, our project plan will be drastically altered to meet our reduced budget. **That is surely not the Delt tradition.**

To make a new gift or extend your current pledge, please fill out the enclosed pledge form or visit www.texasdeltalumni.com and click the "Donate Now" button. **Every single gift** will make a difference. Thank you for supporting this important endeavor.

Fraternally,
Bill McMeans '80
Campaign Chairman
(512) 261-5734 / bmcmeans@austin.rr.com



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Continuing the Tradition

Thank You, Loyal Alumni, for Giving Back to Gamma Iota Contribute Today to the *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition* Campaign

We are very grateful to the following brothers and friends for making a commitment to the *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition* campaign. Their generosity demonstrates a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Broad participation is required to reach our campaign goal. We hope you will join the campaign with a gift or pledge today. **All donors contributing a minimum of \$5,000 to the**

campaign will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated Shelter.

If an error has been made in recording your gift or your name has been mistakenly omitted, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 to make any corrections. **Thank you for your support!**

1904 Founders Society (\$500,000 and above)

William V. McMeans '80
In memory of
Austin McMeans '17
W. Stirling Warren '92

2801 San Jacinto Society (\$250,000 to \$499,999)

Meredith J. Long '50
Ritchie Family Gift
Henry G. Ritchie Jr. '52
Wesley G. Ritchie '80
In memory of
Andrew M. Ritchie '89
Richard F. Watkins '70
In memory of
Scott B. Smith '71,
John H. Tull Jr. '71, and
Kenneth F. Karr Jr. '72
Gary S. Farmer '80
Russell Douglass '81

Texas Delts Society (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

H. Tevis Herd '64
Rusty Kelley '69
Scott S. Ingraham '76
Clark C. Smith '76
Steve H. Stodghill '83
Bill P. Frisbie '84
Mark E. Jennings '84
Mark A. R. Dempsey '90
Kyndel W. Bennett '92
Timothy P. Collins '92
Greg D. Ethridge '00

Alexander Earle Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

William "Tex" Gross '65
Joe Bill Watkins '65
Lipscomb Family Gift
Richard L. Lipscomb '68
Richard L. Lipscomb II '91
C. Clark Lipscomb '95
Kelly R. Lipscomb '01

Shaddix Family Gift
James Shaddix '68**
Jeff Shaddix '04*
John Shaddix '06
Casey Family Gift
Robert A. Casey Jr. '69
Michael T. Casey '71
Carrozza Family Gift
Robert "Bob" Carrozza '81
Vince H. Carrozza '18
Mark R. Lange '85
Todd K. Sale '86
Thomas L. Ryan '87
C. Wade Griffin '89
L. Scott Benkendorfer '90
Abbott Family Gift
M. Lance Abbott '91
M. Reeves Abbott '21
P. Matthew Boles '91
Mark B. Hughes '91
Homer D. Parkhill '93
Brent L. Korb '94
Wade P. Webster '94
W. Aaron Thielhorn '98
Christopher L. Utz '98
Ryan C. Harrington '99
Bryan J. Rush '04

Gamma Iota Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Dave H. Williams '56
G. Matt Berry Sr. '67
J. Coley Clark '67
Greg W. Thompson, M.D. '67
Steven Wimberly '69**
In memory of
Clayton Wells Wimberly
Robert C. Strait '77
Michael L. Nell '81
G.B. Bill Howard IV '82
Mark L. Johansen '83
H. Lee Matthews '83
Mark Allen '84
Francis Family Gift
Dick Francis '84
Richard Francis '14
Ross M. Rathgeber '84

JK Leonard '85
Cecil Family Gift
Carl T. Cecil '86
J. Steve Cecil '90
Dillon S. Cecil '14
Steve Rigby '86
R. Scott Brown '87
O. Jamil Alam '88
Andrew Priest '88
Charles H. Cotter '90
Jeffrey W. Gurney '90
David W. Richardson '90
Vance E. Detwiler '92
Robert S. Garner '92
Matthew J. Long '95
Christopher C. Clark '98
Paul R. Penny III '00
John B. Chenoweth '11
In memory of
Jay D. Chenoweth '85

Purple & Gold Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Ragland Family Gift
Alphonso Ragland Jr. '24
Alphonso Ragland III '53
Cruger S. Ragland '54
Frank H. Sherwood '48
Donald G. Dunbar Jr. '51
In memory of
R.G. Mueller Jr. '38,
Robert K. German '47,
Hon. Pat M. Baskin '48,
Silas B. Ragsdale Jr. '48, and
Fred C. Chandler Jr. '50
Finch Family Gift
In memory of
Howell Mallory Finch '56
In honor of
Howell Mallory Finch Jr. '82
Peyton L. Townsend Jr. '62
Lawrence S. Smith '65
Joseph A. Stanley III '68
Michael W. Perrin '68
Robert A. Chereck '70
Stacy G. Hunt '73

**CAMPAIGN
STATUS
AT-A-GLANCE**
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

**\$9.5 MILLION
CAMPAIGN GOAL**

**\$7,178,735
TOTAL COMMITMENTS**

**294
TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS**

**12%
PARTICIPATION RATE**

Braly Family Gift
Clifford Braly III '75
Locke A. Braly '78
Charles M. Nettles '76
Thomas Ewing '78
Russell J. Norment '80
Steven A. Wilson '80
John R. Mays '83
Kevin C. Roberts '83
In memory of
Curtis Bush Roberts '54
James F. Nelson III '84
In memory of
Christopher W. Abbott '84,
Steven J. Fox '84,
Stephen R. Mays '84, and
Tom A. Niblo '84
Brandon L. Bledsoe '85
Brandon L. Boehme '86
William R. Paape '86
Brent Dickey '90
In memory of
Scott Phillips '89
Stan Casey '91
Aaron R. Hoover '91
A. David McCollum '91
Tate K. Barber '93
Menton J. "Trey" Murray '94
C. Brent Truelove '94
Jay T. Corder II '94
Andy Scott '95
Kollen C. West '96
Landrum Family Gift
Brian B. Landrum '97
Brad T. Landrum, M.D. '11

Krug Family Gift
Adam A. Krug '99
Matthew W. Krug '01
S. Hans Montgomery '99
Chris G. Carter '01
Brandon L. White '06
Sam D. Sixt '14

Burnt Orange Society
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Robert T. Herrin Jr. '55
John T. Stuart III '58
Martha Lou Beaird
In memory of
Dan L. Beaird '59
Robert M. Dickson '60
Tom Mast '60
Rhodes Family Gift
Sonny Rhodes '60
Kyle R. Rhodes '07
Mike B. Cotten '62
W. Dean Hester '62
Robert C. Hunter '63
John J. Driscoll Jr. '64
Charlie D. Talbert '64
Lamar E. Lawson Jr. '65
Courtney M. Townsend Jr. '65
Joe Hull '66
John L. Loftis III '66
Louis S. Casey Jr. '67
Dick Obenhaus '68
James R. Woodworth '68
In memory of
Bill Whitby '68
Susan and William R.
Birdwell '69**
In memory of
Will Birdwell Jr. '96
Gregory D. Hooser '69
In honor of
James W. Shaddix '68 and
Jerry R. Grammer '69
Richard R. Lee Jr. '69
In memory of
Damon Smith '69
Jack Gourley Jr. '70
Don R. Kuykendall '71
Roy M. Spence Jr. '71
Bill Stallings '71
Weldon S. Copeland '73
In memory of
Glenn Wayne Mussman
Cleveland G. Clinton '75
Patrick J. Cook, M.D. '75
In memory of
Richard L. Capps '76
Stewart Keller '77
J. Scott Tindall '77
In memory of
Terry Grisham '78
Mark M. Langford '78
In memory of
Paul A. Langford 1915 and
Terry Grisham '78
Rick McBroom '79
James L. Hailey II '83
In memory of
David M. Hailey '85

Ted C. Norman '84
Robert Brann '85
W. Paul Dillard Jr. '85
Kidd Family Gift
A. Scott Kidd '85
Connor A. Kidd '20
Koen Family Gift
Karl W. Koen '85
Trent J. Koen '18
Jeffrey S. Pace '85
William C. Cox Jr. '86
M. Todd Marix '86
Jill and Mark Metcalfe '87
Michael E. Russell II '87
Sotelo Family Gift
Rudy Sotelo '89
Will Sotelo '22
Rob Berra '90
W. Darrell Armer '91
Todd W. Kurio '91
Rob Shearer '91
John J. Peet, M.D. '92
In memory of
Andy Ritchie '89
Craig M. Dickey '93
Chad W. Barrett '98
Brian E. Erlanson '98
Thomas M. Morton '98
Chad M. Touns '01
Jonathan C. Worthington '01
Chris Herndon '02
Brett Aycock '03 Memorial Gift
Ellis B. Winstanley '03
Jeffery L. Calzacorta '04
James Wallis '04
Michael A. Elizondo '12
Mike Daigle '13
Michael Martinez '13
Joel Quintanilla '13
Ryan Gentry '14
Erik T. Stevens '14
David E. Lutito '15
Jeffrey R. Phillips '15
Mitchel S. Suson '15
Jimmy Warren '15
Luke M. Anderson '16
Matthew G. Asvestas '16
Connor H. Darling '16
Connor Davis '16
Stefan J. Koch '16
Garrett B. Miller '16
Michael Thomas Schneider '16
Dirk L. Berry Jr. '18

Brotherhood Society
(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Charles Giesey Jr. '63
In memory of
Arthur W. Adams III '61
Phillip A. Leonard '64
John W. Odam '65
Ronald D. Bandy '67
Gareth W. Cook '67
Thomas Graves '67
Robert C. Ittner '67
In honor of
Joe Bill Watkins '65
Bo Sturdivant '67

Dr. John F. Irwin '68
Jim Ahern '69
In memory of
Jay Cox '72
Michael P. Carnes '69
Kenneth W. Cole '69
Peter C. Taaffe '69
James E. Biggs III '73
Val A. Aldred '75
J. Randolph Ewing '75
Greg O'Brien '75
Boxy Hornberger '77
Steve Biegel '78
In honor of
Terry Grisham '78
Troy A. Utz '83
Gregory T. Wysocki '83
David S. Jones '84
In memory of
Paul H. Jones '79
J. Robin Lindley '84
Thomas Yelich '84
Keith M. Varni '87
W. Trent Campbell '88
Will Durham '89
Wade C. Crawford '90
Kirby A. Green '92
B. Neal Meinzer '92
In memory of
Scott Phillips '89
James H. Clarke III '97
Brian R. White '99
S. Keith Cravens '02
John C. Warren '02
William B. Strange '07
Jorge Lopez '13
Taylor Yetter '13
Brett Buzbee '14
Hunter Dorsett '14
Thaddeus M. Kull '14
Jack Patton '14
Zach Rehmer '14
In honor of
The Fall 2010 Pledge Class
Britton Wehmeyer '14
Garrett T. Williams '15
Bryant McKenzie '16

Shelter Society
(\$1,500 to \$2,499)
Thomas W. Brown '65
William Blood '69 Memorial Gift
J. Andy Watson '70
Samuel R. Moser '80
Joseph C. Cook '16
Brad R. Rister '16

Longhorn Club
(\$1,000 to \$1,499)
J. Thomas Eubank '54
John D. Hughes '62
Robert E. Beauchamp '82
Howell M. Finch '82
Michael R. Scott '84
Brad Glover '01
Craig Gleaton '03*
Matt Hagan '03*
Todd Krumholz '03*

Brian Dillavou '04*
Shakil V. Patel '15
James D. Benkendorfer '18

Hook 'Em Club
(\$500 to \$999)

Stephen A. Morris '68
J. Winston Chapman Jr. '69
Samuel J. Miller '70**
James M. Baird '71
Edward N. Gideon Jr. '72**
Cameron R. Kruse '85
Ian Lancaster '12
Aaron D. Alanis '14
Austin Grizzle '16

Eyes of Texas Club
(Up to \$499)

Gregory and Deborah Blauser
William D. Bonham '54
Robert M. May '61
O. Pierce Treadwell '61
William C. St. Clair '64
Richard H. Sutton, Jr. '64
Michael S. Driscoll '69**
Dr. Jerry R. Grammer '69**
Robert G. Wheeler '69**
Ronald C. Woodson, M.D. '69**
Samuel R. Lee '70**
Jerry Zwernemann '70**
Cindy Henneberger Babel
In memory of
Donald Craig Babel '73
James B. Goates, D.D.S. '73
In memory of
Kenny Carr
Matt Balch '76
Corey F. Bankhead '83
Ryan Cowgill '03*
Sterling Hillman '03*
Kullen Kifer '03*
John Martin '03*
Josh Newman '03*
Justin Tonick '03*
James McDermott '04*
Scout Skillman '04*
Gregory Guarino Jr. '09
Dylan K. Richey '09
William D. Brooks '11
In memory of
Jack Roloson '11
Mike Daigle '13
Dylan M. Alexander '15
Cameron Mena '15
Garrett M. Schick '15
Thomas E. Adams '16
Andrew C. Scott '16

*Brett Aycock '03 Memorial Gift
Donor
**William Blood '69 Memorial Gift
Donor

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www.texasdeltaalumni.com
and clicking the
"Donate Now" button.



Delt Runs in the Family

Bob '81 and Vince Carrozza '18 on Lifelong Brotherhood

While unfamiliar with Delta Tau Delta before college, **Bob Carrozza '81** found the brothers he met during recruitment to be a breath of fresh air. "The small-town Delts I met were so different from the big-city kids I grew up with," he reminisced. "Their positive attitudes, country ways, and one-liners had an authenticity that captivated me!"

When his son, **Vince Carrozza '18**, enrolled at UT, Bob deliberately avoided pushing the Texas Delts on him to let him make his own decision. Nonetheless, the family tradition persisted, and Vince even took the reigns as president of his member class.

"It was a great way to connect with the campus around me and an easy introduction to college life," Vince said. "The brothers seemed like they would always have my back in life. Having my father as a Delt made parent's weekends an absolute blast too!"

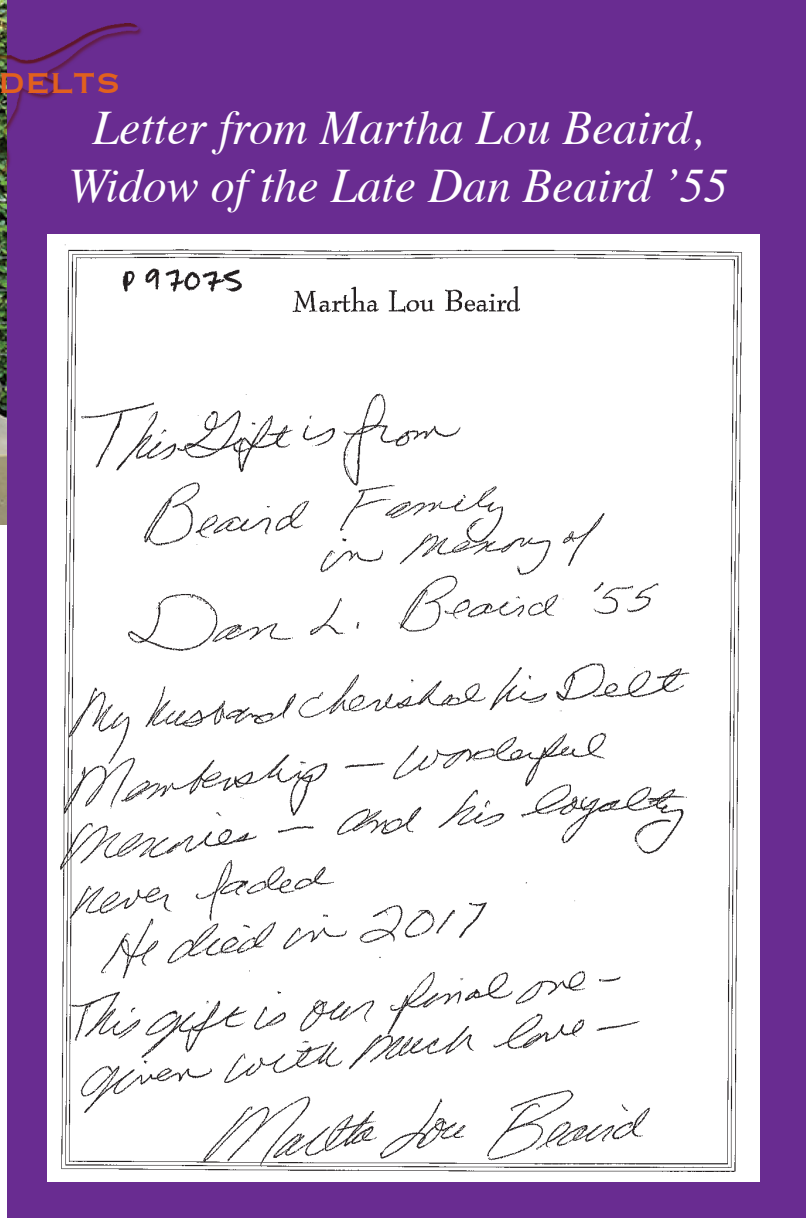
Bob began a career in real estate after graduating, eventually becoming president of Center City Inc., where he has served for 30 years. He describes it as a "small family office, maintaining an active but highly diversified portfolio." Vince took a similar career path, thanks largely to Delt influence; fraternity connections helped him land his first finance job as well as his first full-time job at Swearingen Realty Group.

"I like social-heavy work and getting out of the office, so this was the perfect path for me." Bob, too, is thankful to the chapter for helping him build the confidence and social skills instrumental to his success.

The lessons and advantages gained through Delta Tau Delta inspired both father and son to contribute a family gift to the Texas Delt campaign. The Carrozzas each recognize the need to update the Shelter to remain competitive for recruitment. "Potential new members pay close attention to house location and amenities," Vince noted. "All the other fraternities are upgrading, and Delt needs to do the same to stay relevant."

Bob encourages everyone to think of their own experiences, as well as those of the generation to come, and give at whatever level they are comfortable with. "Think of the brothers whom you might encourage to give as well," Bob said.

Bob is continuously impressed with the active chapter. "They are perhaps even better at preparing themselves for the future, and from what I can



tell they still know how to enjoy themselves." Bob and Vince both love visiting the Shelter and tailgates when they can. "Delt has always had the best tailgates," Vince said. "We are closest to the stadium and we smoke an incredible brisket. If I'm ever in Austin for a game, I'm going to the tailgate."

For father and son, some of the best Delt memories involve simply shooting the breeze and spending time with their brothers. Vince shared a vivid memory in particular: "We were all eating dinner, and suddenly **Matthew McConaughey '92** struts in, sits down at the table, and starts telling stories. It wasn't a celebrity moment and wasn't treated as such; it was just Delt brothers casually swapping stories. It was an awesome moment and an inspiration to know some very successful people have started from the same spot we are."

Bob lives in Dallas and enjoys catching up with brothers in the area. "Visiting a brother I haven't seen in years feels like stepping back in time...a time never forgotten and always appreciated!" Vince added, "I work with them. I go on trips with them. I go to football games with them. Delt is very much still in my life." Both like hunting, fishing, and outdoors in general, and most weekends Bob and his wife leave the big city to relax at his ranch. "Of course, one of my Longhorns is named Bevo!"

You can connect with Bob at rcarrozza@ccdallas.com and Vince at vince_carrozza@yahoo.com.



Brothers come together for Gamma Iota's first Day of Service, cleaning up Austin's Bartholomew Park.



Texas Delt Silver Spurs: Cameron Ellis '20, Patrick Doyle '20, Jack Hickman '20, and Brooks Benkendorfer '20



Delts enjoy the co-ed intramural baseball season.



GOOD GRADES ALL AROUND AT GAMMA IOTA

DEDICATED DELTS MAKE IMPACT THROUGHOUT AUSTIN

We are looking forward to another fun and successful semester here on the 40 Acres. With the help of our recruitment team and tremendous alumni support, Gamma Iota capitalized on recruiting another strong incoming class of freshmen. Thanks to **Steve Stodghill '83**, we were able to host another great recruitment event at his home in Dallas, which propelled the new member class to take 12 legacies. The active members have connected and networked with alumni at numerous events during the 2019 year, and we hope to continue this tradition with the incoming class.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The spring 2019 class boasts the highest GPA of any new member class on campus with a GPA of 3.55. Meanwhile, Gamma Iota as a whole ranks seventh out of 24 fraternities with a GPA of 3.35, while maintaining status as the second largest fraternity on campus. Gamma Iota's cumulative GPA has increased over the past two years and it is imperative to push for the highest GPA campus-wide.

ACTIVE IN THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY

Gamma Iota Chapter has recently moved to a more hands-on approach in our philanthropic efforts. For the past two years, active members have volunteered their time at the East Austin YMCA in a program called Dream Outside the Box, in which we mentor and tutor underprivileged students in the Austin community. The chapter actively participates in Habitat for Humanity, helping provide homes to people who cannot afford them.

Additionally, Gamma Iota actively engages with the B+ Foundation. This will be our third year financially supporting the organization in its fight against childhood cancer, and we continue to sponsor our own B+ Hero, Wyatt.

LEADING THE WAY ON CAMPUS

Gamma Iota is proud to produce leaders across campus. We would like to congratulate **Will Huber '21** and **Josh Collman '21** on their initiation into the Silver Spurs, **Brooks Benkendorfer '20** for his selection as a Bevo handler, and **Patrick Doyle '20** for his appointment to this year's Cannon Crew for Smokey the Cannon. **Aris Sevastianos '19** represents Gamma Iota as vice president of philanthropy in the Interfraternity Council. **Evan Clary '20** has grown his campus organization, Texas Securities Council, which focuses on understanding the financial market place. **Riley O'Hara '20** and **Abhinav Pal '21** serve on the co-op board of directors, deciding on important matters for the University establishment.

Gamma Iota also has numerous leaders in both the Student Mobilization and Young Life campus ministries. We are proud of the roles our members are taking as leaders on campus.

We look forward to connecting throughout the fall semester and continuing the proud tradition of service and excellence that makes us all proud Delts.

Fraternally,
John Detamore '20
Chapter President
jcdetamore@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations, Brothers!

Spring 2019 Parlin Scholarship Award Winners

The Parlin Scholarship winners were announced at mom's weekend in March for their scholastic achievement, financial need, and participation within Gamma Iota. Congratulations to this year's winners, and thank you to the Parlin Scholarship Selection Committee!

Will Beaty '20
Logan Caldwell '19
Rob Churchill '21
Evan Clary '20
Keaton Cruzcosa '22

Grant Gillespie '21
Jack Hickman '20
Will Huber '21
Jack Jennings '20
Kyle Moseley '19

Rees Saathoff '20
Mitch Tomazin '19
Caleb Tuff '20
Mack Wageman '20
Andrew Young '20

Join the Journey Scholarship Winners

These winners were selected for their dedication to financial independence and reading a book to better understand how to deal with personal and professional conflict. Thank you to the scholarship donors, **Mark Warner '02**, **Chris Carter '01**, and **Greg Ethridge '00**!

Drew Barnett '19
Will Beaty '20
Dane Bender '20

Evan Clary '20
Dan Edelen '19
Grant Gillespie '19

Aris Sevastianos '19

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Craig C. Hill '47 entered Chapter Eternal on May 6, 2019, at the age of 91 after a battle with multiple systems atrophy. He was thankful for the support he received from his caregivers. Craig and his wife of 62 years, Heather, enjoyed traveling with different friend groups. Craig had a wide range of talents as an architect, editor, inventor, poet, and translator of *The Complete Works of La Fontaine*.

Henry B. Mobley '50 entered Chapter Eternal on December 19, 2018. During Henry's childhood and young adult years, he became an accomplished pianist and especially enjoyed playing music from the Big Band Swing Era. Playing the piano was strongly therapeutic in helping him recover from residual left arm weakness due to polio. In 1961, Henry opened a private practice in downtown Dallas where he worked for the next 20 years. He then worked as a consultant for the office of Workers' Compensation Programs for 23 years before retiring at the age of 85.

Henry read voraciously and was educated in subjects as diverse as world history, culture, anthropology, physics, chemistry, geology, biology, mathematics, and astronomy. He was an active member of Holy Trinity Parish since 1963. Henry and his wife, Vivian, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in October of 2018.

H. Gorman Ritchie Jr. '52 entered Chapter Eternal at the age of 87 on January 18, 2019. Gorman and his wife, Marietta, shared 57 years of marriage and had three children. He proudly served in the 32nd Tank Battalion of the 3rd Armored Division (Patton's Armored Division). Following his honorable discharge in 1957, Gorman practiced law and helped with the family's businesses.

Gorman wore many hats as a farmer, rancher, attorney, airplane pilot, cotton ginner (Taft Gin and Seed Company), inventor, peanut grower,

Rotarian, bank director (First National Bank of Taft), fish farm operator, senior league baseball coach, city councilman, mayor, and lifetime Longhorn. Above all, Gorman was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and Christian, serving for decades as one of the elders at the Church of Christ in Portland, Texas.

Richard Keeton '59 entered Chapter Eternal at the age of 81 on April 20, 2019, in Houston, Texas. Richard was an extremely talented and competitive tennis player. At the University of Texas, he was a member of the 1957 conference championship tennis team and was the number one player on the 1959 team. Unofficially, he won many ping-pong competitions at the Delt Shelter where he went equally unmatched. Richard relished his career as an attorney for well over five decades. In 1968, Richard took a sabbatical from Vinson and Elkins to work for the Robert F. Kennedy campaign, where he was responsible for organizing the clergy. Any time spent with friends over a game of gin rummy or around the dinner table was a special one for him.

For over 50 years he was married to the love of his life and best friend, Susan Booth Keeton. Richard was a member of the Tejas Breakfast Club, The Coronado Club, Allegro, and The Houston Racquet Club. Richard and Susan were both devoted to the civic life of Houston and have been long-time supporters of several local non-profits, including Hermann Park Conservancy and Buffalo Bayou Partnership.

ALUMNI NEWS

Donald G. Dunbar Jr. '51 retired and moved to Tomball, Texas, to live with his son, David, and his family. Email: dgd2@dunbaroilandgas.com

Michael Welch '53 is still fly fishing and has traveled to Kamchatka, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, New Zealand, Georgia, Montana, and Italy to do so. He and his wife, Lisaly, live in Oceanside, Calif., and they have two children, Pia and Stanley. Email: jmw3333@aol.com

Lamar Lawson '65 shares that the early 1960 pledge classes will be playing for the 27th year at our annual golf event—most have been in Austin but also San Antonio, Mission (Rio Grande Valley) and Tyler, with the first being on Lake Palestine in 1992 hosted by **Jim Hardy '64**. **Tom Graves '67** is the current coordinator

and can provide additional information. Email: lamar@lamarlawson.com

Michael Perrin '69 reports he is back in Houston. Michael writes, "Thanks for all your incredible support when I served UT as the men's athletic director. Hook 'em!" Email: michaelwperrin@gmail.com

Bill Tamminga '71 lives in Austin and is the principal architect at William Tamminga Architecture. He designs beautiful residences and resorts, schools, office buildings, housing communities, and retail experiences. See his LinkedIn profile for more information. Email: btamminga@austin.rr.com

Robert Graham '81 is retired and spends his time traveling. Email: rgraham2001@yahoo.com

Stephen Todd McMillan '87 celebrated 25 years of marriage to his wife, Sandra, in February. This fall, all three of their kids will be in college, putting a dent in his travel to Austin, but if anybody is in the Colorado Springs area, be sure to look him up. Email: tmcmillan88@hotmail.com

Jason D. Dill '88 joined Marsh and McLellan Agency in 2017. He and his wife, Kim, live in Fort Worth, Texas, and have three children, Madeline, Caroline, and Grant. Email: jd1204@att.net

Ernest Blansfield '92 works in business development for Valero Energy. He focuses on terminal and pipeline construction projects or acquisitions to facilitate the movement of crude oil to our refineries or petroleum products to domestic or international markets. Email: eblansfi@yahoo.com

Joel East '02 is a senior hardware design engineer at Roku. Email: eeeast@gmail.com

Andrew N. Judge '10 graduated from Harvard Business School in May 2019. He got married this summer and moved to Houston to work at Quantum Energy Partners. Email: andrew.n.judge@gmail.com

Trey Martin '11 graduated from the UNC Kenan Flagler Business School in May and started a full-time role with EPIC Pipeline in San Antonio.

WELCOME TO THE BROTHERHOOD!

FALL 2019 NEW MEMBERS

Ben Altizer '23 | McKinney, Texas

William Barksdale '23* | Austin, Texas
(**Bryan Barksdale '93**)

Alex Benkendorfer '23* | Austin, Texas
(**Scott Benkendorfer '90**)

Noah Bermu '23 | The Woodlands, Texas

Kaiden Camazine '23 | Henderson, Texas

Vinny Cantu '23 | San Antonio, Texas

Cole Carrabba '23 | Houston, Texas

Jack Chavarria '23 | Austin, Texas

Nicholas Conde '23 | Austin, Texas

Jason Crawford '23 | Houston, Texas

Cameron DeCort '23 | Magnolia, Texas

Griffin DeFreitas '23 | Flower Mound, Texas

Jay Dempsey '23* | Coppell, Texas

(**Mark Dempsey '90**, **Dick Francis '84**,

Richard Francis Jr. '14)

Brant Dureau '23 | Lake Highlands, Texas

Mason Flood '23 | Austin, Texas

Ford Foster '22* | College Station, Texas

(**Quint Foster '95**)

Joseph Hauck '23* | Austin, Texas

(**Jim Hauck '21**)

Jadon Haynes '23 | Austin, Texas

Griffin Kent '22 | San Angelo, Texas

Bradley Koen '23* | Plano, Texas

(**Karl Koen '88**)

Josh Kim '23 | McKinney, Texas

Corey Levinson '23 | Austin, Texas



Texas Governor Greg Abbott '80 presents Matthew McConaughey '92
with the Texas Medal of Arts for film in February 2019.
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Livin' a Delt-Driven Life

MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY '92 APPOINTED AS PROFESSOR AT MOODY COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION



Whether you've seen him starring in a movie or on the sidelines cheering on the Longhorns, it's evident that **Matthew McConaughey '92** has maintained the "You just gotta keep livin', man, L-I-V-I-N," philosophy he coined in *Dazed and Confused*. While Matthew made his cinema breakthrough in his role as David Wooderson, his Delt brothers got a four-year sneak preview of his easy-going personality and saw he was set for stardom.

"What happened was I naturally became friends with guys that were Delts or were wanting to join the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, so it became a natural fit for the kind of young men I was hanging around with anyway," Matthew said. "As for why I stayed involved, that's been easy—the friendships I was making."

Matthew's Delt and Texas roots are just as strong as Bevo's horns. Along with being a familiar face at Longhorn sporting events, Matthew is continuing his Longhorn legacy this fall as a professor of practice at the Moody College of Communication.

"It's the class I wish I would have had when I was in film school. Working in the classroom with these students gives me a chance to prepare them," Matthew said in an interview with *UT News*. "Making movies, turning words on paper into film, is both a science and art—no matter the time or generation. The elements of truth and genuine joy for the process are timeless. That will always be our classroom focus."

Matthew has been involved with the Department of Radio-Television-Film at the Moody College of Communication since 2015. Starting as a visiting instructor for the Script to Screen film production class, he will continue teaching the class this fall. Matthew's advice to his students and active members of the Gamma Iota Chapter isn't that much different than David Wooderson's.

"Get your aim right and follow it. At the same time, you may find something else within your vocation that you naturally become better at and love to



do. If that happens, don't be afraid to pivot," Matthew said. "Also, take risks. Don't leave this life regretting not trying something you know you want and need. Fail more often than you may be comfortable with. It's not really a risk unless you can lose the fight."

Another prominent Gamma Iota Chapter brother took time to recognize Matthew's success earlier this year. In February, Texas Governor **Greg Abbott '80** presented Matthew with the Texas Medal of Arts Award for film. The award is presented biennially to Texas leaders and luminaries who have achieved unparalleled success with their creative skills and provided the opportunity for Texans to thrive in the arts.

As a Golden Globe and an Oscar winner for his performance in *Dallas Buyers Club*, Matthew has proven that anything is possible if you just keep livin'. Through all of his success, he's thankful for the support of his Delt brothers.

"I remain friends with so many Delt brothers and continue to do business with so many of them," Matthew said. "My family spends time with so many of their families."

In addition to his professional success, Matthew remains passionate about giving back to others. He returns to the Shelter and spends time with the actives when he can, and he's got a successful foundation, the just keep livin' Foundation—a fitting name. His foundation's mission "is dedicated to empowering high school students by providing them with the tools to lead active lives and make healthy choices for a better future."

Ethan Looney '23 | Fort Worth, Texas
Collin McCabe '23 | Fort Worth, Texas
Wes Mizell '23 | Austin, Texas
Landry Moore '23 | San Marcos, Texas
Quaid Murray '23* | McAllen, Texas
(Trey Murray '94)
Ryan Orr '23 | Austin, Texas
Chris Osterhus '23 | Kingwood, Texas
Andrew Paape '23* | Austin, Texas
(Bill Paape '86)
Alexander Platt '23 | Plano, Texas

Rick Rao '23 | St. Louis, Mo.
Austin Rath '22 | Coppell, Texas
Will Richey '23* | Vail, Colo.
(Dylan Richey '09)
Tuscan Savarino '23 | Houston, Texas
Austin Schraub '23* | Fort Worth, Texas
(Justin Schraub '95)
Brady Schroeder '23 | McKinney, Texas
Pedro Silva '22 | Cypress, Texas
J.T. Sparks '23 | Austin, Texas

Jake Tesch '23* | Cypress, Texas
(Taylor Tesch '19)
Ashton Thiemer '23 | Austin, Texas
Joseph Torelli '23 | Austin, Texas
Jim Weeks '22 | Austin, Texas
John Withers '23 | Keller, Texas
Callum Wright '23 | The Woodlands, Texas
Mason Unantenne '22 | Flower Mound, Texas
Conrad Vilven '23 | Allen, Texas

*Legacy; relative in parentheses

A Delt Making a Difference

Kyle Friedrichs '21 Propels Gamma Iota's Philanthropic Efforts

On November 5, 2017, a tragedy struck the small town of Sutherland Springs, Texas. A mass shooting at the town's First Baptist Church devastated the nation and left many around the country feeling hopeless.

For one new member of Gamma Iota, this tragedy struck close to home. **Kyle Friedrichs '21** grew up in La Vernia, just seven miles northeast of Sutherland Springs. While only in his first semester as a Delt, Kyle asked anyone he could to help support his grieving community. Delt answered the call.



Under Kyle's direction with the partnership of **Ben Pfeffer '20**, Gamma Iota raised \$15,000 for the families of the Sutherland Springs victims. Kyle was so moved by what his fraternity could do for a community that he ran for and was later elected to serve as the chapter's philanthropy chairman.

Under his leadership, Delt has taken a hands-on approach in giving back to the community. Kyle has been successful in organizing Habitat for Humanity projects that provide homes to those who could not normally afford them. He has also organized Gamma Iota's first Day of Service to Austin's city parks, helping to clean and restore them for the community to enjoy.

Kyle has been instrumental in growing chapter involvement in Dream Outside the Box, an after-school program held at the East Austin YMCA that tutors underprivileged kids. The program emphasizes the importance of pursuing higher education, introducing them to a new occupation each week. Kyle has also played a key role in our involvement with the B+ Foundation, which fights childhood cancer. He helped raise \$10,000 for B+ the past two years and is excited to continue the fraternity's support of their mission this year. We appreciate Kyle's commitment to service through Gamma Iota!

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Join Us for Parents and Alumni Weekend NOVEMBER 8-9

Join us for Parents and Alumni Weekend beginning with a bar tab hosted at Posse East from 5-7 p.m., followed by a very special guest joining us at the Shelter from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The following day, our tailgate for the Longhorn game against Kansas State will begin approximately three hours before kickoff.

We are enjoying a great fall semester here on the 40 Acres. The fraternity is thriving with

a strong new pledge class and your continued support. Thank you for your support and guidance. We are proud the Delt tradition is strong across all generations. We hope to see you around the house for a tailgate soon!

Fraternally,
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Members of the spring 2019 new member class enjoy their first day as active members in Gamma Iota.

Visit texasdeltalumni.com to see a complete list of new members.



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