



TEXAS DELTS

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GENEROUS ALUMNI SUPPORT TAKES GAMMA IOTA TO NEW HEIGHTS

What a fantastic start to the Longhorn's football season in September, with the home game win over Notre Dame! We haven't had a start to a season like this in years, and hopefully this test will prove valuable for the team and lead to a great season.

I wanted to take a moment and give you an update on Gamma Iota. Recall in our spring update that we appealed to alumni for funds to support Gamma Iota's summer recruitment. I'm proud to tell you that the Alumni Association contributed \$37,000 to the chapter to bolster their summer recruitment budget to a level competitive with other large chapters on campus. Thank you to everyone who contributed to recruitment and to the Alumni Association this past spring and early summer.

Additionally, thank you to the pledge class of 1980 for their contribution. The incremental recruitment funds yielded a fall pledge class of 43 members, with the added benefits of raising the profile of Gamma Iota's recruitment events on campus, a larger targeted recruitment candidate pool, expanding the length of Houston State, and signing six legacies. A special thanks to **Steve Stodgehill '83** for hosting events at his Dallas home during the weekend of the Dallas state party. It was good to see the chapter use the alumni investment effectively, and now the task will be to turn these pledges into good Delts who continue to support Gamma Iota for years to come!

I'm sure all of you know that our beloved housemother, Judy Abbott, who spent nearly 30 years of dedicated service to Gamma Iota, retired and moved out of the Shelter over the summer. We are still raising funds to show her how impactful she was on so many of our lives. Please make every effort to contribute to her retirement via check to the P.O. Box or the online giving site. We are very close to meeting the \$100,000 goal, but still have work to do. If you have given already, consider giving

*Mark your
calendars for
Gamma Iota's
Alumni Weekend
October 28-30!
Turn to page 8 for
more details.*



The chapter poses with Mom Abbott after the initiation of the Spring 2016 pledge class.

again, and if you haven't given, please take a moment to show your appreciation for all she has done for the hundreds of Delts she positively influenced over the years.

In the spring edition of this newsletter, we gave an update on Gamma Iota's competitive positioning on campus at UT. The chapter remains strong and healthy with great leadership, but the Shelter is aging.

We noted there have been several aggressive fraternity building campaigns on West Campus. At the last alumni/officer offsite in February, the alumni committed to making band-aid improvements to the existing Shelter and this has been done with funding from the House Corporation. I'm sure anyone who was in the Shelter during the Notre Dame game noticed the improvements, including a complete upgrade to the open courtyard, all new furnishings, tables and chairs, refreshed paint throughout the interior and

exterior of the Shelter, and cleaned and polished floors. Additionally, the Housing Corporation retained a consulting firm and architect to begin exploring renovation/expansion options for 2801 San Jacinto. This work has been ongoing since April/May, and hopefully we will have updates to share with the broader alumni group in the coming weeks and months.

Please join us for Alumni Weekend on October 28-30 and cheer on the Longhorns as they take on Baylor. Details are still in the works, but mark your calendars and stay posted for e-mail and online updates. Building on the prior year, there will be Friday golf and another Texas Sports Forum on Friday night with our typical tailgating Saturday and alumni meetings around the game time when it is announced.

As in past years, we intend to have our next alumni/officer offsite early next year at Falcon Point Ranch, hosted by **Russell Douglass '81**. This is a memorable weekend for alumni and officers alike. Last year, we had 15 alumni attend;

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Delts to be Inducted into the First UT RecSports Hall of Honor

Professor Wright and **Joe Bill Watkins '61** are two of the handful of individuals being inducted into the Hall of Honor. Joe Bill is on the Wall of Fame at Gregory Gym 14 times; he says the secret was great

Best Intramural Athlete. Several Delts received that award. You can read more about this era of Delt success in the division's 2013 spring/summer issue of Inside RecSports at www.bit.ly/ISRSSP013. After this era, the intramural sports program has continued its amazing growth and the division as a whole has become one of the most popular programs on campus. Delt success has also continued. Literally hundreds of Delts and scores of Delt teams are on the Wall of Fame in Gregory Gym. You can look at these pictures online by going to UT RecSports' Digital Wall of Fame at www.utrecsportsmedia.org.

All Delts are invited to attend this centennial celebration and reunion on Saturday, April 22, at 6 p.m. at the iconic Gregory Gym. To learn more about this milestone event and to purchase your tickets, please visit the centennial celebration and reunion website at www.utrecsportsccr.ezregister.com. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

UT RecSports started a century ago with the development of an intramural sports program. Over the years, the division's first-class programs and facilities have become an essential part of the Longhorn Delt experience. All Delts likely have great memories of playing or cheering on Delt teams, attending events at Gregory Gym, or using some of the great RecSports facilities.

Before the late '70s, a point system encouraged participation and intense competition. The Delts were often near or at the top of the point list, and the fun and success of Delt intramurals were big selling points in recruitment. The individual each year earning the most points was named

Joe Bill says, "I hope every Delt will consider attending this great celebration. It is a chance to see old friends, celebrate our shared winning tradition, and experience Gregory Gym in a new way; if you haven't seen it since the big changes, you are in for a treat. As the first fraternity to be honored in this inaugural Hall of Honor, let's set the bar high for the next fraternity. We do not want to be followed by the Fijis, Kappa Sigs, DUs, Lambda Chis, or any other fraternity in the next Hall of Honor class, and have them show up in bigger numbers and with more enthusiasm than us Delts. In front of Gregory Gym there is now a paver that says 'Delta Tau Delta, a Dominant Force in Intramurals—Teammates Briefly: Friends for Life.' My Delt teammates and brothers who supported us have been friends for life. Let's show up and celebrate. Contact your teammates! Let's build a team of Delts from every decade to spread the word about this great event. If you want to help, contact me at jwatkins@velaw.com."



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seeing these alumni come back and share their experience and ideas made an immeasurable impact on the chapter officers. For those of you who may have lost touch and/or want to get more involved and understand how the chapter is fairing on campus, please plan to attend the weekend of January 28. E-mail me if you have interest or want further details on the weekend.

I am very pleased to report from **Joe Bill Watkins '65** that Gamma Iota is being honored at the 100th anniversary of the founding of UT RecSports, formerly known to many Delts as Men's Intramurals. The Delts are the *only* fraternity in the inaugural RecSports Hall of Honor class, joining only three other organizations, including The Legal Eagles, where several Delts also excelled while in law school playing for the legendary coach and professor, Charles Alan Wright. All Delts are invited to attend this centennial celebration and reunion on Saturday, April 22, at 6 p.m. at the iconic Gregory Gym, which is now air conditioned! To learn more about this milestone

event and to purchase your tickets, please visit the centennial celebration and reunion website at www.utrecsportsccr.ezregister.com.

Please take a moment to review the background of several undergraduate members who were awarded \$10,000 in H.T. Parlin Educational Foundation scholarships for exemplary academics and leadership. These awards were presented during the 1st annual Dad's Weekend that the chapter hosts each spring.

We have three alumni to highlight, two spotlighted in this newsletter and one who spoke to the chapter in May. The alumni spotlights are **Lee Matthews '83** and **Chris Carter '02**. Both have successful careers in the oil and gas sector and I'd like to thank them for their years of service to Gamma Iota as leaders, both during their undergraduate years and in their professional fields. I also want to thank **Bob Beauchamp '82** for dining with the chapter and sharing both his Delt and life experiences on May 2. Bob is chairman, president, and CEO

of BMC Software and lives in Houston, Texas, and the chapter was honored to host him for the evening. I know the chapter is excited to host several other successful alumni executives in the coming months.

I look forward to seeing you all around the Shelter on the weekend of October 29, and hope that when you return you recall the great memories that you had at the Delt house as an undergraduate!

Hook 'em,
Greg Ethridge '00
2016 Chairman
Texas Delts Alumni Association
greg_ethridge@yahoo.com

P.S. Please also take a moment to join the LinkedIn and Facebook groups that have been set up to assist us in organizing events online. **Jason Guest '93** is assisting us in our online communications. Thank you.



Gamma Iota Provides a Lifetime of Memories and Friendship for Lee Matthews '83

Members of the executive committee spoke with Bob Beauchamp '82 during his visit to the Shelter in May.

CHAPTER LAUNCHES LEADERS AND LEGENDS SPEAKER SERIES

On May 2, **Bob Beauchamp '82** visited the Delt Shelter for dinner and a talk with the active chapter. Bob is chairman, president, and CEO of BMC Software and lives in Houston, Texas. He shared a number of stories with the chapter, describing his time at the Delt Shelter and his life since graduation, including selling Houston Rockets tickets early in his career for a salary of 100% commission. Bob also shared several pieces of valuable advice, both personal and professional, before giving the chapter the opportunity to ask questions about his experiences.

Visits from Bob and other distinguished alumni such as Texas Governor **Greg Abbott '80**, who visited the Shelter in 2013, provide a source of inspiration for current Delts. Meeting a successful alumnus who once lived in the same Shelter and enjoyed the same traditions as the undergraduate chapter is a very motivating experience. We see bringing our chapter alumni back to Austin as a special and unique opportunity, and we plan to build on this concept with the Texas Delts Leaders and Legends Speaker Series.

To kick off the series, **Tom Ryan '87**, chairman and CEO of Service Corporation International, will be visiting the Delt Shelter this fall. Additional events are in the works. A special thanks is due to Tom and those who have visited in the past. We hope this program will help us to continue our chapter's legacy of excellence for years to come.

Fraternally,
Mitchell Johnson '17
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Before he even attended the University of Texas, **Lee Matthews '83** was exposed to fraternal traditions and values early on by his father, who was a member of the Greek community at UT and encouraged him to go through recruitment. When Lee joined Delta Tau Delta, there was no doubt that he had found his home away from home. "I became part of an outstanding group of aspirational men who shared a mission for success, as individual members and as a chapter," he says. "What a great time I had in the chapter, full of memories that I will always hold dear. I will never forget the first Delt summer recruitment event in Fort Worth that completely changed my perspective on fraternities and even the city of Fort Worth, which I now call home!"

Fraternity mixers, pledge serenades, scavenger hunts, road and float trips, chili cook-offs, the spring float, Push Ball, and Fight Night events at Gamma Iota provided an unforgettable college experience for Lee. "There is no way I can adequately describe my days on the 40 Acres and life at 2801 San Jacinto," Lee says. "Gamma Iota provided me with some of my best and most transformative years of my life, and helped me find the woman who I am proud to call my wife."

Lee's leadership in Gamma Iota did not go unnoticed, as he was elected chapter president in 1982. He says, "I gained invaluable knowledge and skills as chapter president, but I learned that one of the greatest blessings in life is the relationships we build, which are the only thing we carry forward when our life is complete. The investment we make in our fraternal relationships at Gamma Iota yields a return that cannot be measured in earthly terms, and will be one of your most cherished treasures."

Over the years, Lee has watched Gamma Iota grow, both in numbers and stature, and



takes great pride in the fraternity's many accomplishments not only on campus but throughout the community. For this reason, Lee generously supports Gamma Iota to ensure the chapter maintains its polished, competitive standing at the University, and it is his hope that alumni will play an active role in the future of the fraternity. **"I have been blessed by the experiences and relationships that were forged in Gamma Iota, and, as an alumnus, it has become second-nature to support this great organization to continue building, training, and preparing the leaders of the future. The investments we make to keep Gamma Iota strong are not an obligation but a privilege; any contribution, whether it is time, talent, or treasure, will ensure the next generation will be provided with the resources necessary to be successful."**

As a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas, Lee has run his own engineering consulting firm, Cornerstone NG Engineering, for 12 years, after 19 years of experience in major oil companies and large independent oil and gas producers. In 2014, Lee formed Cornerstone Petroleum Resources, a private equity backed oil and gas operator, with projects in Texas and Oklahoma, where he serves as president and CEO.

When he is not hard at work, Lee takes pleasure in spending time at the lake and in the mountains with his wife of nearly 30 years, Jacquin, who is a Zeta Tau Alpha alumna at UT, and two sons, Luke (21) and Jacob (18); connecting with Delt brothers in the fall for annual dove hunts, golf trips, and football-watching weekends; being an active member of Travis Avenue Baptist Church and Bible Study Fellowship; and enjoying occasional race weekends at COTA, Road Atlanta, Barber, or Laguna Seca. You can contact Lee at lmattews@stonepr.com.





CHRIS CARTER '02 REFLECTS ON THE VALUE OF HIS GAMMA IOTA MEMBERSHIP

The members of Delta Tau Delta have a long-standing tradition of distinguishing themselves as leaders in their communities. They dedicate themselves to serving others and demonstrate the values of our fraternity in their daily lives. For **Chris Carter '02**, this could not ring more true. "There are so many memories I look back on and realize that they made a profound impact on who I am today. My pledgeship experience provided important lessons in overcoming adversity that have served me well throughout my career, and helped me create bonds with my pledge brothers that have led to some of my closest friendships to this day. I am thankful that **Chad Touns '00** recruited me into the fraternity my freshman year."

Chris wasted no time getting involved in Gamma Iota, serving as assistant treasurer and treasurer for the chapter. "These positions provided leadership training and a practical education in helping to manage a small business, and served as an important foundation for my professional life," he says.

The rewarding memories and connections Chris gained in Gamma Iota inspired him to pay it

forward, particularly for Mom Abbott. "I was honored to make a recent donation toward Mom Abbott's retirement. She gave so much of her time, heart, and soul to Gamma Iota," he says. "Her presence and continuity at the Delt house always made it easier to drop by and stay connected. Mom Abbott will be missed greatly, and it was heartening to see fellow Delts rallying to show collective support and thanks."

Chris runs into fellow Delts on a regular basis and maintains close friendships with several of his pledge brothers. Chris has enjoyed attending the Sea Breeze Invitational, hosted by **Cody Daniel '02**, where Delts have the opportunity to golf, share laughs, and reminisce about their days in Gamma Iota. Chris cherishes his Gamma Iota experience and the bonds he has with brothers, and is confident that with strong alumni support, future generations will be provided these same unique opportunities.

Chris has spent most of his professional career with Natural Gas Partners (NGP), which is an energy-focused private equity firm. The firm makes equity investments, primarily in startup oil and gas, midstream, and oilfield services



companies in North America. "It was actually a connection from my years in Gamma Iota that helped get my resume on the desk of a managing partner at NGP back in 2003, which led to my initial interview," Chris says.

In his spare time, you'll likely find Chris attending Longhorn football games, golfing, exercising, or spending time with his wife of 13 years, Abbey, who he met at UT orientation in Austin, and their four children. Chris lives in Dallas, Texas, and can be contacted at chrisgcarter8@gmail.com.

Delta Tau Delta Bids Farewell to Longtime Housemother

Please Help Us Contribute Toward Mom Abbott's Retirement

Mrs. Judith Sullivan Abbott became the housemother for Delta Tau Delta at the University of Texas in the fall of 1988. She was a breath of fresh air to the chapter at that time. Mom was the chief officer of purchasing, menus, house maintenance, police/fire relations, basketball analysis, poker, bridge, proper etiquette, dating, breakups, integrity, family matters, dog training, alumni relations, and anything else related to life. Mrs. Abbott was also a very charitable person during her years in the Shelter. She supported numerous groups through the years such as the Wounded Warrior Project and the Humane Society.

After 28 years of living in the Delt Shelter and dealing with smelly young men and loud music,

it is time for Mom Abbott to retire and enjoy life with her family and friends. She will be missed and her shoes will never be filled.

The purpose of this fundraiser is to send Mom Abbott off with a parting gift that can only be a small token of thanks for all the tireless hours she has spent with the men of Delta Tau Delta. These funds will assist her with retirement in the years to come. We hope you can find it in your hearts to give generously to this cause. Our goal is \$100,000 and we hope to surpass that number with ease. So please reach out to your brothers — talk to your parents if they know Mom Abbott and would consider giving. This truly is a special woman who has touched each and every one of us who has walked through the doors of Delta

Tau Delta. Now is the time to give back.

There are two ways to give. One is through this crowd funding vehicle at www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/delta-tau-delta-mom-abbott-retirement-account. All proceeds will go straight to Mrs. Abbott's account. **Make sure you don't give the default gift to the website. Hit edit and change to \$0.** The other way is to write a check payable to Mrs. Abbott and send it to Delta Tau Delta, P.O. Box 162731, Austin, Texas 78716. Russell Douglass will deposit your check into an account at Frost Bank care of Judith Abbott.

Please reach out to your brothers and raise some funds for a great cause and a great woman.

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GENEROUS ALUMNI DONATE \$37,314 TO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN SPRING 2016

Alumni Association Thankful for Repeat Donors

Gamma Iota continues our quest to be among the top fraternities in recruitment, scholarship, and housing. Alumni involvement is a critical component of these goals. Your ongoing and loyal support directly impacts the future of Gamma Iota. We thank the 137 donors who made gifts of \$37,314 for our spring 2016 giving cycle.

Gift levels reflect giving by year. If an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to Delta Tau Delta, Gamma Iota Chapter, P.O. Box 162731, Austin, TX 78701 or mlisher@penningtonco.com. Thank you, again, for your loyal support—it is making a difference.

Bevo Club

(\$5,000 and up)

Pledge Class of 1980
Mark A. R. Dempsey '90
Greg D. Ethridge '00

Big Bertha Club

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

James W. Shaddix '68

Longhorn Club

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

William V. McMeans '80
Wesley G. Ritchie '80
Billie S. Murski III '83
Ryan L. Lawrence '97

Hook 'Em Club

(\$500 to \$999)

Peyton L. Townsend Jr. '62
Clark C. Smith '76
Robert C. Strait '77
John P. McBroom '79
F. Russell Douglass '81
Griffin B. Howard IV '82
H. Lee Matthews '83
Brandon L. Boehme '86
Robert S. Smith '87
W. Stirling Warren '92
Michael V. Seger, M.D. '94

John W. Shaddix '06

Eyes of Texas Club

(\$250 to \$499)

Robert T. Herrin Jr. '55
James N. Haltom '60
John F. Walker, M.D. '61
Robert C. Hunter '63
Michael W. Perrin '69
George W. Stallings '71
James A. Watson '71
James E. Biggs III '73
Mark B. Buckner, M.D. '83
H. Lee Matthews '83
Ross M. Rathgeber '84
Thomas A. Aubrey '85
Robert W. Brann '85
Scott Kids '85
Carl T. Cecil '86
John M. Branch '87
Wade C. Crawford '90
Kyndel W. Bennett '92
Matthew L. Bray '92
Roberto J. Espinosa '92
Dr. Johnny J. Peet '92
Mark R. Lindsey '94
Chad M. Touns '00
Ryan J. Terrell '03
Thaddeus M. Kull '14

Burnt Orange Club

(\$100 to \$249)

Judy Abbott
Bob K. German '47
Dan Kraussw '47
William D. Gaston '48
Clement C. Gibbs '49
Dr. David B. Raine '49
Kleber C. Miller Jr. '51
Dewey J. Gonsoulin '54
Dave H. Williams '56
Dan L. Beaird '59
Arthur W. Adams, III '61
William F. Klug '62
John W. Dietz '63
William C. St Clair '64
Lamar E. Lawson Jr. '65
G. Matt Berry '67
J. Coley Clark '67
Thomas A. Graves '67
Robert C. Sturdivant '67
James R. Woodworth '68
William C. Wyman Jr. '68
William R. Birdwell, D.D.S. '69
Gerald R. Zwernemann '69
Roy M. Spence Jr. '71
George W. Stallings '71
James M. Alsup '72
Weldon S. Copeland '73

Stacy G. Hunt '73

Richard L. Capps '76
Richard R. Ingraham '78
Mark M. Jones '78
Curtis C. Downs '79
John H. Picton '81
James L. Hailey II '83
Richard E. Francis Jr. '84
Mark H. Metcalfe '87
Keith M. Varni '87
Rudy C. Sotelo Jr. '89
Charles H. Cotter '90
Trey Murray '94
Jason W. Toothman '94
J. Thomas Oshelski '95
Jason B. Jayroe, M.D. '97
Michael L. Sands '98
John C. Warren '02
Casey J. Martin '03
James W. Wallis '04
Garrett B. Greer '08
Eric C. Pearson '09
Bryan D. Mackay '10
Jorge Lopez '13
Sam Sixt '13
Richard Francis '14
Joshua Gatlin '14
Ryan Gentry '14
Nicholas Isbell '14
Erik T. Stevens '15

University Club

(Up to \$99)

Dr. John A. Craig '42
Frank H. Sherwood '48
Fred C. Chandler Jr. '50
Kenneth E. Sutton '50
Donald G. Dunbar Jr. '51
Alphonso Ragland III '53
William D. Bonham '54
Richard G. Nemmer '54
Sonny Rhodes Jr. '59
Milam S. Johnson Jr. '61
John J. Driscoll Jr. '64
J. Coley Clark '67
Patrick D. Howard '96
Brett Buzbee '13
Aaron D. Alanis '14
Dylan M. Alexander '14
Andrew Gilman '14
Taylor C. Lopez '14
Shakil V. Patel '14
Zachary Rehmer '14
Austin M. Curley '15
Brady J. Kreitman '15
Garrett M. Schick '15
Charles J. Seral '15
Garrett T. Williams '15

Your Gift Counts Anytime!

If you would like to make a gift at any time to our annual campaign, you can do so online or by sending a check with the following gift form to our P.O. Box. Your support of the Alumni Association is greatly appreciated!

Online giving:

TexasDeltAlumni.Kintera.org/Donate

Mail your gift (using this form) to:

Texas Delts Annual Campaign, P.O. Box 162731, Austin, TX 78716

Make check payable to Texas Delts Alumni Association (non-tax deductible). Will be used for alumni communication, recruitment, and Shelter improvements.

Yes! I would like to support the annual campaign!

☐ The following address is my preferred address for all gift acknowledgments and correspondence.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Graduation Year: _____

E-mail: _____

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other \$ _____





Left: Alex Alfonso '16 and Ryan King '18 perform at Sahara Lounge in September. **Middle:** Ryan Parker '16, Mike Schneider '16, Thomas Gilman '16, Thomas Adams '16, and Mitch Keller '16 bond at commencement for the Cockrell School of Engineering. **Right:** Donovan Trudeau '19, Corin Wakefield '19, Drew Barnett '19, and Logan Caldwell '19 attend their spring pledge line.

UNDERGRADUATES SET THE BAR HIGH IN LEADERSHIP AND ACADEMICS

If you have not yet heard, summer recruitment was outstanding. The fall 2016 pledge class is 43 members strong and one for the books. As we move quickly through the new semester, I want to take a moment to thank all alumni for their continued support throughout our summer recruitment process. I want to give a special thanks to **Steven Stodghill '83** for hosting our Dallas State summer recruitment event. He opened up his home in Dallas and showed tremendous hospitality toward our active chapter and the prospective new members in attendance. The event boasted an in-house gourmet burger chef, house tours, and a big slip-n-slide. Needless to say, we signed quite a few guys that weekend.

CHAPTER SECURES COMPETITIVE GPA

After a successful summer recruitment, our members wasted no time getting back to their studies. The chapter GPA as a whole has increased over the past four semesters and we have now advanced to number 10 of 29 on the SFL rankings. We will continue to push our members to excel in their studies with the new pledge class. Over the past four years, the new member GPA has steadily increased.

MEMBERS DEMONSTRATE REMARKABLE LEADERSHIP ON CAMPUS

Our members continue to remain active in a plethora of organizations across campus. The Silver Spurs welcomed two new Delts to their organization in the spring, Vice President **Dax Benkendorfer '18** and Recruitment Captain **Calvin Witt '18**. The Texas Cowboys also voted **Cody Cox '17** to the executive committee as horse wrangler this fall. Across campus, Delts continue to hold positions of influence. Vice President **Clark Higganbotham '17** is president

of Beta Beta Beta this year, and received both Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Beta Phi honors for being in the top 7.5% and 10% of his class, respectively. Alumni Relations Chairman **Mitchell Johnson '17** founded an official undergraduate advisory board for the Mechanical Engineering Department, working with faculty and staff to improve the ME student experience. In addition, IFC Chairman **Nick Salinaro '17** serves as the corporate relations chairman for the Undergraduate Investor's Association. House Manager **Jeremy Martens '18** is vice president of judicial affairs for IFC and a Society of American Engineers scholarship recipient. **Aris Sevastianos '19** is the IFC director of public relations and current CIO of Top Tier Learning, a start-up company featured in *Forbes* and *The Chicago Tribune*.

DEDICATION TO INTRAMURALS REVEALS PROMISING OUTCOME

The Texas Delts continue to be competitive on the field as well as on the court. After deep playoff runs in basketball, football, and soccer last year, the teams look to go over the hump and take home the championships this semester. With the addition of some new members to the teams, the outlook is promising.

BROTHERS SET GOALS FOR CONTINUED PHILANTHROPIC SUCCESS

Our annual Bump It High event was on September 24. Gamma Iota and the women of Alpha Chi Omega paired together to raise money for both Wounded Warrior and Suicide Prevention. We reserved the waterpark on Lake Travis, Volente Beach, for the venue, which hosted a volleyball tournament, DJ, and buffet. We raised \$17,985 and had 650 people attend this year. If you would like to make a donation to The Wounded Warrior

Project, please contact **Nicholas Staviski '18** at nicholasstaviski@utexas.edu.

BROTHERS HOST STELLAR PARENT'S WEEKEND, PLAN FOR ALUMNI WEEKEND

Delt Parent's Weekend this fall was October 14-16, the weekend of the Iowa State game. There was a father-son golf tournament, as well as a casino night and auction. Alumni Weekend this year will take place the weekend of October 28-30, as the Horns take on the Baylor Bears. We hope to see as many alumni as possible at the festivities to repeat the success of last fall's event. As always, alumni are welcome to drop by the Shelter at any time, but if you would like to address the chapter, please do not hesitate to give me a call. We are making an effort this year to host our alumni and hear the stories of past pledge classes.

THANK YOU, ALUMNI, FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT

Once again, I want to thank all the alumni who have remained actively involved with Gamma Iota. A special thanks is due to House Corporation President Mr. Benkendorfer for the significant time and effort he has spent improving the Delt Shelter. Major improvements to the Shelter have been made over this semester, including new paint, room remodels, and new equipment for Shelter maintenance. Jeremy and Scott have done a phenomenal job reinstating processes and schedules for room and common area maintenance. If you stop by in the coming months, please ask to take a look at some of the improvements—you will truly be impressed.



Fraternally,
Cody Cox '17
Chapter President
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Welcome, New Members

Kevin Aujla
San Antonio, Texas

Curt Baker*
Cypress, Texas
(Father **Jeff Baker '87**)

Drew Barnett
San Antonio, Texas

Brett Bemis
Sycamore, Ill.

Dane Bender
Dallas, Texas

Brooks Benkendorfer*
Austin, Texas
(Father **Scott Benkendorfer '92**, Brother **Dax Benkendorfer '18**)

Bennet Blevins
San Antonio, Texas

Matt Block
The Woodlands, Texas

Bryson Buckner*
Sherman, Texas
(Father **Mark Buckner '82**)

Zack Butler
Virginia Beach, Va.

Evan Clary
Southlake, Texas

Felix Clevenger
Waco, Texas

Pablo Coello
The Woodlands, Texas

John Detamore
Austin, Texas

Conner Dimoush
Flower Mound, Texas

Patrick Doyle
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Corpus Christi, Texas

Garrett Forthuber
McAllen, Texas

Garrett Freund
San Antonio, Texas

Carson Geyer
Austin, Texas

Jack Hammett
The Woodlands, Texas

Dylan Harris
Mill Valley, Calif.

Jake Hedgpeth
San Antonio, Texas

Jack Hickman
San Jose, Calif.

Jack Jennings
Atlanta, Ga.

Connor Kidd*
The Woodlands, Texas
(Father **Scott Kidd '86**)

Jake Lavan
Cypress, Texas

Alex Luzarraga*
Dallas, Texas
(Brother **Ben Luzarraga '18**)

Daniel Paltiyevich
San Antonio, Texas

Ben Pfeffer
Highland Park, Texas

Rees Saathoff
Hondo, Texas

Jack Scroggin
McAllen, Texas

Graham Smith
Dallas, Texas

Jackson Trcka
San Antonio, Texas

Caleb Tuff
Houston, Texas

Giancarlo Vega
Houston, Texas

Colton Voorhis
Georgetown, Texas

Mack Wageman*
Plano, Texas
(Brother **Nick Wageman '17**)

David Wright
Dickinson, Texas

Vince Zagorski
Austin, Texas

* Legacy; relative in parentheses

2016 H.T. Parlin Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following Gamma Iota members for their phenomenal achievements, which earned them \$10,000 in combined scholarships:

Dax Benkendorfer '18
Chandler Brockman '19
Zachary Cerra '18
Andrew Drury '17
Reagan Francis '19
Madison Gehler '19
Alec Hutcherson '17
Mitchell Johnson '17
Nicholas Staviski '18
Corin Wakefield '19

Mitchell Johnson '17 is a senior mechanical engineering major serving as Gamma Iota's alumni relations chairman. He was the scholastic chairman in 2015 and has completed two internships with ExxonMobil in Houston. "Delt has impacted my college experience more than anything else I've done at the University of Texas at Austin.

I'm incredibly thankful for the social skills and leadership experience I've gained during my time in the chapter, and this scholarship is a huge help toward my goal of paying my own living expenses through college."

Zac Cerra '18 is an Austin native and a chemical engineering/pre-med major. He serves as a recruitment captain and served as an assistant recruitment captain in 2015-16. "It was truly humbling to receive such an honor from an organization that has been so integral to my experience at UT so far. Delt continues to provide me with opportunities to grow as an individual and has provided me with lifelong friends."

Chandler Brockman '19 is from Houston, Texas, and is pursuing a degree in chemical engineering. "I am very thankful to have received this scholarship. It is an honor to be awarded from an organization that has had such a positive impact on life. This scholarship will give me the opportunity to work in a research lab this summer, developing self-

healing materials for use in medicine."

Corin Wakefield '19 is a freshman studying advertising in the Moody School of Communication. He is also pursuing the Business Foundations Certificate. "My short time with Delt has been incredibly rewarding. I have met lifelong friends and have gained many leadership qualities. Becoming a part of the Delt brotherhood has been an honor and I hope the next three years will be as rewarding as this first semester."

Alec Hutcherson '17 is majoring in finance in the McCombs School of Business and is from Chicago. He is serving as an executive at-large and served as intramural chairman prior to that. Alec interned last summer with Bank of America Merrill Lynch as an analyst in their energy and power group. "I am truly honored to have been awarded the Parlin Scholarship. In the future, I hope this scholarship only continues to grow so academic and professional merit is maintained chapter-wide."



Don't Miss Out!

Alumni Weekend October 28-30

Join Gamma Iota for our annual Alumni Weekend from Friday, October 28, through Sunday, October 30! **Alumni, their families, and any other guests are welcome at all events.** Look out for more details to come, but in the meantime, reach out to your pledge class and plan a reunion. We hope to see you all for a weekend of brotherhood and fun. Contact Alumni Relations Chairman **Mitchell Johnson '17** at johnson.mitchelld@gmail.com or **Greg Ethridge '00** with any questions. The schedule will be regularly updated on www.texasdeltalumni.com.

Please note that the following is a tentative schedule.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

**10th Annual Sea Breeze Golf Invitational
benefitting The Wounded Warrior Project
and Young Texans Against Cancer**

Host: **Cody Daniel '02**

Time: 12 p.m. shotgun start

Where: Austin, TX (Falconhead PGA Golf Course)

Early Bird Entry Fee: \$500 for a foursome (covers golf, beer, vodka sea breezes, lunch, dinner, awards ceremony, and a gift bag)
\$600 foursome post October 7 deadline

Format: Four-man scramble (awards for low gross and net and many more! [I like to party, best dressed, best team theme, etc.]

Online Registration: <https://www.atxgive.org/seabreeze>

Delt Alumni Reception and Texas Football Forum

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: Delt Shelter

Reception Hosts: **Mitchell Johnson '17** and **Cody Cox '17**, active chapter president

Beverages and appetizers will be provided.

Note: The Football Forum will end around 8 p.m., but please feel free to stick around afterward for the alumni reception.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

*All events and times are tentative until kickoff time is confirmed.
Activities listed assume a 2 p.m. kickoff.*

Pregame Tailgate

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Location: Delt Shelter

Host: **Mitchell Johnson '17** and the active chapter
Beverages and food will be provided.

Texas vs. Baylor

Kickoff: TBA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Breakfast Tacos at the Shelter

Time: 9-11 a.m.

Host: **Mitchell Johnson '17**

Breakfast tacos, coffee, and juice to be provided.



ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Dr. Jim Douglas Jr. '46 entered Chapter Eternal on April 27. Born in Austin, Texas, in 1927, he was awarded undergraduate and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Texas in 1946 and 1947, respectively. He was awarded a Ph.D. in mathematics from Rice University in 1952. Jim had a tremendous influence on young people, both as an advisor to graduate students and as someone who helped shape many professional mathematicians early in their career.

Dr. Robert L. Wynne '64, age 74, beloved husband of Diana Jones Wynne and noted Houston dentist for over 40 years, entered Chapter Eternal on December 18, 2015. After attending the University of Texas, he received his D.D.S. degree in 1967. He served as a captain in the United States Army and then opened his private dental practice in 1969. He soon became the dentist of choice for many patients, all of whom he loved and served with excellence. Bob served as president of both the Houston and Texas Academies of General Dentistry, was a fellow in the American College of Dentistry, was nominated by the Houston Academy for Dentist of the Year in Texas, and was voted "Super Dentist" for four years by his peers. As a churchman, Bob served for several years on the Missions Committee of Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church, of which he and Diana were founding members, and participated in multiple foreign mission trips to India, Kazakhstan, and Guatemala, where he both shared his faith and provided his dental services to indigent patients.

Michael T. Hatch '74 entered Chapter Eternal on January 23 surrounded by the infinite love of God and his family. On May 10, 1975, Mike married his high school sweetheart, Marti Leigh McClain Hatch, and they began building a loving home and family in Austin. They brought three beautiful sons into the world: Timothy, Martin, and James. Mike and Marti loved each other and their children deeply until the time of her passing from breast cancer in 2001.

In 2006, Mike found love again with his second wife, Sharon, who brought with her two more sons, Vincent and Christian, into his loving and guiding arms. Mike truly loved life and cherished every minute of it. Even as his health declined, Mike stayed true to his message of love, gratitude, and grace. In the final week of

his life, Mike danced, he sang, he smiled, he told his family how much he and God loved them, and he attended meetings to share his experience, strength, and hope with others in recovery. He lived his truth, unwavering, until his final breath.

Rob Mitchell '00 entered Chapter Eternal on May 3. Rob was truly one of a kind. He was never in a room where he was unknown or unheard, or where he did not make a fast friend. He graduated from the University of Texas in 2000, then earned a juris doctorate, graduating with honors from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. Rob practiced law in Dallas, Texas, undertook civic and philanthropic work, and served his church as an usher and Sunday school teacher. In 2010, he found his true calling as a father, at which he excelled. He was a barbecue connoisseur, boot collector, proud ambassador of Texas in London, and a walking catalogue of good music and trivia. Rob was cherished and admired by friends and family for his humility, empathy, and compassion, all of which led him to never fail a friend and to always say a helpful thing when it most counted.

Nathan T. Ahlert '15 entered Chapter Eternal on July 7. Throughout his years in Catholic schools, he played every sport and was a naturally gifted athlete, achieving a Black Belt in Taekwondo at age 10. Nathan graduated in 2010 from Central Catholic High School, where he played for the Buttons football team. He graduated with honors and was a member of the National Honor Society. Nathan attended UTSA his freshman and sophomore years and was a member of the inaugural football team. He transferred to the University of Texas for his junior and senior years, majoring in economics and science with a minor in business administration. Most who knew Nathan would consider him an adventurous spirit. He bought his first motorcycle during his senior year of high school and quickly became an avid rider. Nathan loved cars, music, poetry, animals, and literature.

ALUMNI NEWS

Frank Sherwood '48 was awarded Honorary Membership in the American Institute of Architects and was also honored by the Texas Society of Architects for his service to the profession and influential role in the creation of Fort Worth's most significant buildings.

James M. "Michael" Welch '53 takes pleasure in fly fishing in Montana, Georgia, New Mexico, Russia, Argentina, Chile, New Zealand, Alaska, and Canada. He and his wife, Lisaly, have two children, Pia and Stanley, and live in Oceanside, Calif. E-mail: jmw3333@aol.com

Jay Stanley III '68 shares that all three of his sons came through Gamma Iota. **Christopher Stanley '94**, **Andrew Stanley '01**, and **Decker Stanley '04** all had great experiences and have stayed connected with their Delt brothers in the working world as they married, had children, and pursued their respective careers. E-mail: jastanleyiii@gmail.com

Roy Spence '71 is co-founder and chairman of GSD&M, a leading marketing communications and advertising company. He is also co-founder and CEO of The Purpose Institute, a consulting firm that helps people and organizations discover and live their purpose. Roy co-authored the *Wall Street Journal* bestselling book, *It's Not What You Sell, It's What You Stand For: Why Every Extraordinary Business Is Driven by Purpose*, and *The 10 Essential Hugs of Life*, which is a collection of heartwarming reminders about the need for gratitude, love, and goodness. He received a lifetime achievement award from the Austin Advertising Federation and was named Adman of the Century by *Texas Monthly* magazine. Roy was inducted into the McCombs School of Business Hall of Fame in 2012 and the American Advertising Federation's 67th Annual Advertising Hall of Fame. E-mail: karen.greer@gsdm.com

J. K. Leonard '85 is serving for the second time as chairman of the board of ALFA International, a global legal network of independent law firms headquartered in Chicago (www.alfainternational.com). E-mail: jkleonard210@gmail.com

David H. Wong '03 shares that his company, BDO USA, is looking to hire in Los Angeles! If any accounting majors are looking for a career in consulting and would like to move to Los Angeles or San Francisco, please reach out to him at dwong@bdo.com.

Decker Stanley '04 shares that after an amazing eight years of living and working in Dubai, he just returned home to the great state and settled back in Austin. He recently joined a start-up called Student Loan Genius, heading up sales

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for Texas and the Western U.S. SLG created a benefit offered by employers to help their employees pay back their student loans. SLG provides an advisor platform to help employees optimize and consolidate their loans, as well automated payments directly from their paycheck. The benefit also allows employers to make a direct match toward an employee's student loan debt, similar to the way an employer matches a 401k. He is thrilled to be back in Austin, and looks forward to reconnecting with his Gamma Iota brothers, tailgating and football games, live music, and finally some decent Mexican food! E-mail: deckerstanley@gmail.com

Ian Lancaster '12 graduated from the UT School of Law in May 2015 and works for the Texas Attorney General's Office in Austin.

Please send Chapter Eternal and Alumni News Updates to mlisher@penningtonco.com.

See page 8 for details
on Alumni Weekend,
October 28-30!

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Contact **Jason Guest '93**
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with any questions.



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Matt Asvestas '16 and Bryant
McKenzie '16 at graduation in May.



Members of the spring 2016
pledge class in August.



Madison Gehler '19 and Mitch Steinsberger '18
dress to impress at Gamma Iota's formal.

