

TEXAS DELTS

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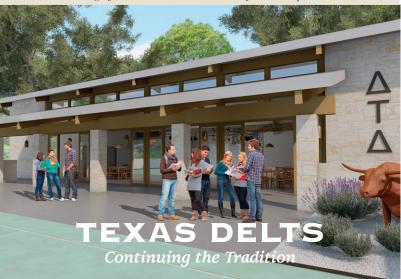
\$9.5 MILLION CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED TO EXPAND AND RESTORE 2801 SAN JACINTO

Over \$6.17 Million Raised in Early Commitments from Generous Brothers

n 1904, a group of young men created an organization unlike any other at the University of Texas. Today, 114 years later, Delta Tau Delta is committed to cultivating lasting friendships and creating a community of brotherhood within UT, and they continue to represent the standard of excellence within the Greek community. Our success on campus and as alumni proves that Gamma Iota has made—and still makes—a major difference in the lives of all brothers.

Today, we must focus our efforts to provide the same opportunities for future brothers. To remain competitive within the Greek community we must stay in the forefront. Today, students and their parents demand the space, privacy, and amenities of these upgraded student housing choices, and 2801 San Jacinto simply cannot compete with other fraternity chapter houses, apartment complexes, and student housing. It's time for us to provide a modern facility that will attract the best and brightest young men and continue the tradition of Texas Delts well into the 21st century.

A rendering of the entrance to the Shelter from the Sports Court.



The leadership of the Building Association began exploring different opportunities over the past several years and developed a solid strategy that will allow for the long-term viability of 2801 San Jacinto. We contemplated every option and remaining at this location, with the current facility, proved to be the best long-term decision when allowed to purchase the adjacent property. We want to ensure that the Texas Delt experience of young men of similar values, who push each other to be their best, continue to call this house, our Shelter, their home. To this end, we have developed a comprehensive plan to provide our chapter with first-class facilities. This plan will help ensure the legacy continues that each of us helped build.

Initial commitments from some very generous alumni now total \$6,179,750. This early support is indicative of the lifelong importance of our experiences as Delts, and it adds to the reasons we're excited to announce our capital campaign, *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition*. To reach our goal of \$9.5 million, generous and significant support of every living brother is needed.

In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information detailing the house project and the ways in which you can help. If you would like to make a gift today, a pledge form is enclosed, and if you have any questions regarding the campaign, please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 856-9517. We all benefited from the legacy of alumni who came before us, and now it is our turn to extend that legacy. For all who enjoyed the brotherhood and camaraderie of Delta Tau Delta, and for all of us whose family, social lives, and careers have benefited from our membership, it is time to continue our tradition of excellence and ensure the future remains bright for Gamma Iota.

Fraternally,
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Continuing the Tradition

Thank You, Generous Delts, for Leading the Way

\$6,179,750 to the *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition* campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Gamma Iota and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. All donors contributing a minimum of \$5,000 to the campaign,

over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 856-9517 so we may make a correction.

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 Richard F. Watkins '70 Gary S. Farmer '80 Ritchie Family Gift Henry G. Ritchie Jr. '52 Wesley G. Ritchie '80 In memory of Andrew M. Ritchie '89 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 Steven. H. Stodghill '83 Bill P. Frisbie '84 Mark E. Jennings '84 Mark A. R. Dempsey '90 Kyndel W. Bennett '92 Timothy P. Collins '92 Gregory D. Ethridge '00

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

Tex Gross '65
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John W. Shaddix '06
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Thomas L. Ryan '87
L. Scott Benkendorfer '90
Mark B. Hughes '91

Abbott Family Gift
M. Lance Abbott '91
M. Reeves Abbott '22
P. Matthew Boles '91
Homer D. Parkhill '93
Brent L. Korb '94
Wade P. Webster '94
Christopher L. Utz '98
W. Aaron Thielhorn '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 Steve 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 Francis Family Gift Dick Francis '84 Richard Francis '14 Cecil Family Gift Carl T. Cecil '86 J. Steve Cecil '90 Dillon S. Cecil '14 Steven R. Rigby '86 O. Jamil Alam '88 Charles H. Cotter '90 Jeffrey W. Gurney '90 Vance E. Detwiler '92 Robert S. Garner '92 Matthew J. Long '95 Christopher C. Clark '98 John B. Chenoweth '11 In memory of Jay D. Chenoweth '85

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

Peyton L. Townsend Jr. '62

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Robert C. Hunter '63
Courtney M. Townsend Jr. '65
Louis S. Casey '67
Roy M. Spence Jr. '71
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

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of October 9, 2018

CAMPAIGN GOAL \$9.5 MILLION

TOTAL COMMITMENTS \$6,179,750

Total Contributors 104

Todd Marix '87 Chad W. Barrett '98 Brian E. Erlanson '98 Thomas M. Morton '98 Ellis B. Winstanley '03

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

Troy A. Utz '83 David S. Jones '84 In memory of Paul H. Jones '79 J. Robin Lindley '84 Keith M. Varni '87

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brothers on this
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gift today! Visit
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to make a pledge
online.

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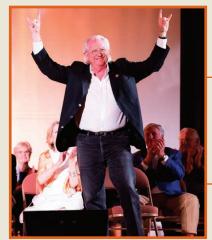


JOE BILL WATKINS '65

STEPS UP FOR THE FUTURE OF TEXAS DELTS

Joe Bill Watkins '65 has a lifetime of memories from Delta Tau Delta. When Joe Bill got to the Delt house during rush, he knew it was the place for him. The members, camaraderie, and emphasis the Delts put on academics made his decision to join an easy one. Additionally, he grew up playing sports in his hometown of Llano, Texas, so the importance the Delts placed on intramurals only aided in his choice. "My years at the Delt house were a blessing; wonderful friends, terrific memories, lessons learned, and confidence built."

During his tenure at Gamma Iota, Joe Bill served as Rush Captain, Intramural Chairman, and President. "These responsibilities probably taught me more important lessons than any of my classroom work," he said. "Many of the Delts from my years have been friends and mentors over the decades. I was also law partners with a few (thank you Richard Keeton '59 and John Murchison '63 for helping influence my professional decision to join Vinson & Elkins)."



Joe Bill being inducted into the first Hall of Honor at RecSports 100th anniversary celebration.

UT, I am convinced that they are facing an increasing disadvantage because so many of the other fraternities have dramatically upgraded their houses and amenities recently. That is why the *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition* campaign is so important."

"If you want to continue the great tradition of Delt success, and if you treasure the memories and friendships from your years at the Delt Shelter, then show your support and make a contribution. We benefited from the support and generosity of those who preceded us. Now is our time to step up."

Joe Bill and his wife, DeDe, live in Austin. Joe Bill chairs the Leadership Team at the UT Division of RecSports, and raised money for several annual scholarships for some of the part-time student employees. One is funded by Delts from the '60s. He also helped raise money for the renovation of Wright-Whitaker Fields, the intramural complex.

After nearly 40 years with that law firm, Joe Bill retired in 2008. His career included several years in Houston and the rest in Austin where he was head of the Public Policy Practice. He maintains his Delt ties by getting together with a group of alumni twice a year to play golf and tell stories, as well as taking part in a monthly lunch of Austin area Delts.

"I hope generations of Delts to come will have the great experience that my friends and I had. While the Delts remain one of the best chapters at

Last year marked the 100th year of RecSports. The first Hall of Honor included the Delts (the only fraternity recognized), and Joe Bill was one of the individuals inducted, proving once again the value of surrounding oneself with great Delt teammates. In addition, Joe Bill spends a lot of time with his five godkids, follows the Longhorns with great passion and interest, and tries to work out several times a week "to slow the steady decline." You can contact Joe Bill at jwatkins@velaw.com.

Lance Abbott '91 Remarks on Delt's Tradition of Brotherhood and Unity

What drew Lance Abbott '91 to Delta Tau Delta at UT was the diverse background of its members, especially in his pledge class. There were members from McKinney, Temple, and Paris, as well as Houston, San Antonio, and Austin. And despite the differences, the fact that everyone had the common goal of bettering themselves and the chapter was what made Gamma Iota Lance's home away from home.

As it stands now, Lance believes that Texas Delt is in good hands. His son, Reeves '22, is a fall 18 pledge, with a large contingent of men from all over Texas and the country, including several legacies. Reeves grew up skiing and fishing in Colorado with Dax '18 and Brooks Benkendorfer '20, both recent and current Delts. "When Reeves decided to go through rush I did not push him one direction or another, or even toward participating in the Greek system,"

Lance said. "He rushed all the houses you would expect that are heavy in Dallas and Houston guys, but he kept coming back to Delt because of the quality of the men and their diverse upbringings. I am proud of the decision he made and it has been great to spend a little time at the house this fall. With that recent exposure, I know the future of 2801 San Jacinto is in good hands."

In addition to the solid membership holding down the fort, Delt's campaign is underway, which allows alumni the opportunity to get involved and help solidify Gamma Iota's place on campus. "I discussed the campaign with several of my Delt brothers who were active around the same time I was. I think the thing that really led me to get involved was that if I were pressed to name 10 people I could count on in a really tough



Lance and his son, Reeves, at Reeves' graduation party. UT's mascot, Bevo, was also in attendance.

situation, eight of them would be Delts. That is worth a lot to me, and I hope that legacy continues. I would pose that same question to other Delt alumni as they consider their possible contribution to the campaign."

"When we were undergraduates at UT, I remember Scott Gardner '88 sitting our fall '87 class down in front of the fireplace at the house and saying, 'Look around you right now. These are the men you will spend the rest of your life with. They will be there for you throughout your life as your best man in your wedding, your children's godparents, and in a hundred other situations.' He was right."

Lance is a founder and president of BevCap Management LLC, which acts as program manager for captive insurance companies domiciled in the

Cayman Islands, Hawaii, and Arizona. He was fortunate to work with his father prior to founding his own business. "I learned a great deal from my dad about maintaining a proper work/life balance. Founding my own company was obviously a life-changing decision. We got started in 2008 when the market wasn't conducive to a startup, but it made us tougher and we worked harder than our competition."

Lance and his wife, Sara, live in McKinney, Texas, and have three children: Katherine, Reeves, and Mary. In his free time, Lance enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, traveling with family and friends, and raising registered Texas Longhorn cattle. You can get in touch with Lance at abbott@bevcapmanagement.com.



Steve Stodghill '83 Leading the Way in His Field



The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is honoring Brother Steve Stodghill '83 with the Larry Schoenbrun Jurispreudence Award on November 15, 2018, in Dallas. The article about the award says, "This award is presented annually to an attorney with a long-standing record of contributions to the legal profession, and who epitomizes ADL's mission of securing justice and fair treatment for all." The ADL is an organization that fights bias and bigotry in the legal field, specifically aimed at stopping the defamation of the Jewish people. Way to go, Brother Stodghill!

MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR CHILDREN

▼ lint Sumrow '05 was just 5 years old when he received life-saving treatment for cancer. Today, he and his sisters share a commitment to philanthropy modeled by their parents in support of helping children. Each September the Sumrow family, in partnership with Children's Health, puts on the Red Balloon Children Helping Children Tennis Tournament to raise money for the Pauline Allen Gill Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's Health in Texas.



To read more about Clint and what he is doing in the fight against childhood cancer, please visit **www.delts.org/making-life-better-for-children**. We're proud to call you brother, Clint!

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Warren "Bud" Baker Jr. '50 entered Chapter Eternal last year at the age of 85, while living at St. Paul's Senior Community. Born in Texas, Warren attended both Texas A&M University and UT. He was a U.S. Air Force sergeant and worked on the first Police and Fire Commission of Fairview Heights. He thoroughly enjoyed playing golf. Warren's wife, Dorris, preceded him in death.

Edward R. Simmen '55 entered Chapter Eternal at the age of 80. He was a professor at Pan American College and Pan American University, and taught at the Universidad de las Américas Puebla in the city of Cholula, Puebla. Edward will be remembered as genial and courageous.

ALUMNI NEWS

Kenneth Sutton '50 retired from Sandia National Laboratory in the 1980s and became a real estate broker, followed by pastel artist. He sang and played guitar in a trio he formed, performing at nursing and assisted living homes. Now 89 years old, Ken likes to read, watch football and golf, and stay healthy by walking and doing pool aerobics. He is happy with Texas football and optimistic about the program's future.

Michael Welch '53 has stayed busy fly-fishing in New Zealand, Argentina, Chile, Russia, Montana, and Georgia. E-mail: jmw3333@aol.com

Samuel J. Dolan '58 lives in Rosebud, Texas, and owns an antique and collectibles store downtown.

George Spear '64 and his wife, Susan, live in Tucson, Ariz., for six months out of the year. They travel and participate in a Christian ministry as volunteers. In 2017, he helped with disaster relief in Houston, Texas. "Retirement is great!" George shares. E-mail: geospear@live.com

Todd G. Usnik '83 manages the Air Force Education Program around the world; they offer \$160 million in education grants each year. He also works in job placement for veterans outside the Civil Service and raises funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Todd lives in San Antonio, Texas. E-mail: todd.usnik@gmail.com

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Reeves Abbott '22*

McKinney, Texas
(Father, Lance Abbott '92)

Patrick Austin '21 Keller. Texas

Mason Betties '22 El Paso, Texas

Colby Buckhanan '21 Houston, Texas

Weston Clark '22 New Braunfels, Texas

Jacob Clayton '22*
Dallas, Texas
(Father, Jonathan Clayton '90)

Augie Clevenger '22*
Waco, Texas
(Brother, Felix Clevenger '19)

Curt Cockrum '22
Fort Worth, Texas

Keaton Cruzcosa '22 Austin, Texas

Peyton Dahlquist '22San Antonio, Texas

Chris Durbin '22 McKinney, Texas

Kevin Galvin '22 Coppell, Texas

Rhett Gambrell '22 McKinney, Texas

Lance Goss '22 Austin, Texas

Brooks Green '22Austin, Texas



Texas Delts Working toward a Strong Fall Semester

Undergraduates Already Seeing Positive Effects of Housing Project

ello, brothers, and thank you for your continued support over the past year toward our fraternity. Our recruitment, housing improvements, and other philanthropic efforts would not be possible without your help.

Since the last newsletter, two major events occurred: rush and Karnea. Our 2018 pledge class consists of 45 new members. Additionally, for the first time in five years, Gamma Iota sent three representatives to attend Karnea.

"Our rush team worked extremely hard this summer to keep up the momentum we have had from the past couple pledge classes. All of the work has paid off as we have signed 45 new members this summer to be Texas Delts. Thank you all for any recommendations or support that you gave, as we could not have done any of this without the generosity and help from so many of our alumni. We truly believe that we have brought in the cream of the crop when it comes young men on UT's campus and are excited for you all to come out this fall and meet the guys who will be the future of Delt." ~ Brooks Benkendorfer '20, Rush Coordinator

We were actively involved in Delt's largest national event with John Detamore serving on the Time and Place Committee and Stan Casey serving on the Advancement of the Fraternity Committee.

I had the opportunity to attend the Delta Tau Delta National Karnea with Mack Wageman '20 and our chapter advisor, Stan Casey '91. It was a great opportunity to meet and visit with Delts from all over the country. The experience made me grateful for the support we have from National Headquarters and I look forward to seeing what our Delt chapter can do in the future with their help.

~ John Detamore '20. Internal Vice President

This semester we look to continuously strengthen the fraternity by improving tailgates, community involvement, and alumni/active relations. One of the strongest assets of Delt is our prime real estate near the stadium for game days. We look to increase alumni and guest attendance with live music and catered food at most tailgates. In addition, we participated in a Habitat for Humanity home build on September 29 where actives had the opportunity to give back to the Austin community. Gamma Iota also partnered with B Positive by raising nearly \$10,000 to "adopt" a child recovering from luekemia. His name is Wyatt and he will be making appearances throughout the semester to the Delt house.

"This semester we will be continuing our philanthropic efforts with JDRF, the Lone Survivor Foundation, and B Positive. Additionally, we helped out the Austin community by partnering with Habitat for Humanity to help in the process of building homes for families in need. This semester has the potential to be one of our most impactful semesters ever as a fraternity."

~ Andrew Young '20, Philanthropy Chairman

Additionally, Evan Clary '20 and Connor Kidd '20 will be spearheading an alumni mentorship program this fall. Please reach out with questions or if you are interested in being a mentor for a younger Delt.

"The Texas Delt Alumni Mentorship Program aims to connect young members of the fraternity with successful alumni in various industries. This program will grow connections across the generations of the fraternity and become a vital resource for new members and alumni alike. We're very excited to roll out this program this semester and are always looking for Delt alumni who are excited about an opportunity to help out the active Delts." ~ Evan Clary '20, evanclary@utexas.edu, (214) 616-9797

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Scott Griffin '22* Lake Highlands, Texas (Father, Wade Griffin '86; Uncle, Kurt Griffin '81)

Lucas Grossnickle '22*
Paris, Texas
(Brother, Dixon Grossnickle '21)

Tucker Harrell '22 Great Falls, Va.

Logan Henry '22 Southlake, Texas

Mateo Huerta '22 Austin, Texas

Joshua Joe '21 Sugar Land, Texas

Buzz Kofos '22San Antonio, Texas

Alex Kremer '22 The Woodlands, Texas

Blake Logan '22 Southlake, Texas

Pierce Losciale '22 Cypress, Texas

Hayden Lowrance '22 Coppell, Texas

Luke Morton '22 Cleburne, Texas

Trent Nevins '22 Cypress, Texas

Chris Orifici '22 Westchester, N.Y.

Samuel Park '21 Kingwood, Texas **Brandon Pover '21**San Antonio, Texas

Jordan Riewe '22 San Antonio, Texas

Spencer Ruzicka '21 Houston, Texas

Shane Sampson '22 Coppell, Texas

Will Schell '22
Austin, Texas

Mark Schulze '22 San Antonio, Texas

Will Sotelo '22*
San Antonio, Texas
(Father, Rudy Sotelo '89)

William Spencer '22 Highland Park, Texas

Jackson Stadler '22 Cypress, Texas

Grayson Story '22 *McKinney, Texas*

Trevor Trudeau '21 San Antonio, Texas

Mason Unantenne '22 Flower Mound, Texas

Grant Varni '21*
Sugar Land, Texas
(Uncle, Keith Varni '85;
Cousin, Kyle Varni '14)

Sam Yeboah '21 Pearland, Texas

Zane Zwanenburg '22 Flower Mound, Texas

*Legacy; relative in parentheses

JOIN US FOR ALUMNI WEEKEND

November 2-4, 2018 UT vs. West Virginia

We hope you will join us for our annual Alumni Weekend, November 2-4.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, November 2

Happy hour at the house for all alumni and the famous **Bill Frisbie '84** sports forums with athletes from UT's past, including Cotton Speyrer and Cory Redding.

Saturday, November 3

Tailgate at the house as the Drew Fish Band performs (featuring Delt alumnus **Drew Fish** '13), burgers and brisket prepared by Chef Chris, and then we will head over to DKR to take on West Virginia.

Sunday, November 4

Closeout with breakfast at the house.

As a chapter, we are very excited for the Alumni Weekend we have planned this year. If you want to set up a reunion or private event that weekend with your pledge class, please feel free to reach out to me so we can help you make that happen. Also, please know that you are invited to stop by the house whenever you are in Austin, whether it's for Tuesday lunch or a Saturday tailgate.

Fraternally,

Connor Kidd '20

Alumni Relations Chairman (281) 381-4331 kiddcon@gmail.com



Alumni, actives, and friends enjoyed the tailgate before the UT vs. USC game in September.

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With these upcoming projects and goals, the largest area of need is a new Shelter for Delt. In the past three years, FIJI, Kappa Sigma, and Phi Psi recently renovated or built a new house. In order to stay competitive with rush, it is important to show continuous improvement. I personally saw the benefits of our new housing plans this summer. Our rushees' eyes would light up as we showed them the new house plans. They saw our vision for the future, which looks extremely bright. This project is necessary as we have grown to be the largest chapter at UT with 220 active members.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every alumnus for their continued support toward the future of Delt through the housing campaign. With your commitment to paying it forward, we will continue to have one of the largest and strongest Delt chapters in the nation.

Fraternally, Nicholas G. Staviski '19 Chapter President (850) 255-6588 bbnick73@yahoo.com



Brother Matthew McConaughey '92 attended one of our alumni dinners recently.



We held an event at Dallas State and were happy to see the alumni who attended.