



TEXAS DELTS

Gamma Iota Chapter | Delta Tau Delta Fraternity | The University of Texas at Austin | Spring 2021



The adjacent property site has been prepared for future construction. We look forward to a new house similar to these renderings. These are draft concepts; final plans are in development and may differ from what is presented here.

Capital Campaign Coming to a Close on June 30 Will You Help Gamma Iota Reach the Finish Line?

When I saw the news about the 30th Annual Austin Marathon being rescheduled for late April, it got me to thinking about how many strong-willed people will be coming to Austin from all over the country with a common goal in mind of reaching the finish line after a long race. Some of you might be running in it, while many others of you might be wondering how in the world this can relate to Delta Tau Delta at the University of Texas.

As you're all aware, Gamma Iota has been making big strides during a marathon of its own, thanks to the generous efforts of alumni who have contributed to the *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition* capital campaign. I am extremely thankful for those 586 brothers who are strong-willed in their own right due to the core values of truth, courage, faith, and power that have been instilled in them as Texas Delts. Their dedication to Gamma Iota has collectively raised more than \$9.3 million to make essential improvements to the Shelter.

While their efforts have led to Gamma Iota having one of the most successful campaigns in the country, we need all brothers chipping

in to reach our \$9.5 million goal before the campaign ends on June 30. I am confident we can reach the finish line with more brothers participating, as we continue to see increased support from both new donors AND donors who have increased their pledge. Reaching the \$9.5 million goal is critical to Gamma Iota's success for three specific reasons.

- We expect actual construction costs to exceed the original estimate produced back in 2017, so raising more money helps us deliver a better renovation. We also don't want to limit what we can do to the house.
- We'd like to have extra funds on hand to cover future property expenses and to fund general upkeep.
- We'd like to be the number one capital campaign at Texas so we can have bragging rights!

Whether it's been from the brothers who helped build the Shelter or those who have served on the House Corporation, we all benefited from the Delts who preceded us. This is our chance to give back to Gamma Iota and benefit our brotherhood for generations to come. All gifts,

no matter the size, are greatly appreciated as we close in on the finish line. We would also love to give you the special recognition of including your name on the Delt Donor Wall, which can be secured with a minimum gift or pledge of \$5,000.

Distance running and making financial contributions are both difficult when you're doing them alone. However, both objectives are easier when aiming to achieve a common goal with your best friends. I encourage you to give your brothers a call to reflect on your Delt experience. I think in doing so you'll realize that we owe it to Gamma Iota's collegians and future brothers to give them the same opportunities that we enjoyed from Delta Tau Delta. Together, we can get Gamma Iota to the campaign's finish line and celebrate Delta Tau Delta being the top fraternity at the University of Texas.

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



Giving Back to Gamma Iota

Sandy Watkins '70 Shares Why He Increased His Pledge to the Capital Campaign

As a freshman from a small town attending a large university like the University of Texas, **Sandy Watkins '70** didn't feel socially comfortable going through recruitment. Despite not joining a fraternity his first year at UT, he started spending a lot of time at the Gamma Iota Shelter and becoming good friends with Delts like **Bubby Lee '70**. Sandy elected to sign up for recruitment as a sophomore, but still didn't go through. It didn't take long for Bubby to give Sandy a call to let him know that the chapter voted to let him join. That marked the beginning of what Gamma Iota would give Sandy.

"Delta Tau Delta was the only fraternity for me," Sandy said. "The relationships have lasted a lifetime. I developed my self-confidence and the lifelong belief that all things are possible at Gamma Iota."

Interestingly enough, the men of Gamma Iota lived in the old Phi Mu house on Pearl while the Shelter was being remodeled during Sandy's sophomore year. Fast forward some 50 years later, and Sandy has paid it forward to Gamma Iota by not only making but increasing his pledge to the *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition* capital campaign to help fund essential updates to the Shelter. He's calling upon all the brothers who have yet to contribute to the campaign to show their appreciation for Gamma Iota by giving to the campaign today.

"I got a lot from Gamma Iota. It changed my life and I owed it to them," Sandy said. "There are several guys that got a huge benefit from the Delt experience who haven't supported this effort. That isn't right, so I felt obligated to help. It isn't a lot of money to give when it's spread over time. Giving back is the right thing to do."

Sandy has shared many laughs with his brothers over the years, from

pranks he pulled with **Scott Smith '71** as an undergraduate to couples trips to Mexico as an alumnus. It's important to Sandy for the Gamma Iota undergraduates and future Delts to also develop self-confidence and lifelong friendships, and he's doing his part to make that possible by giving to the campaign.



The self-confidence Sandy gained from Gamma Iota has paid huge dividends throughout his career as an entrepreneur. He's been a part of founding 14 companies over the past 40 years. Sandy is the chairman of Open Lending, which he founded in 2000 in Austin. Open Lending specializes in loan analytics, risk-based pricing, risk modeling, and automated decision technology for automotive lenders throughout the United States.

"None of my Delt friends would have imagined that I would create and build a \$5 billion company. It has been a joy creating the culture of family with employees at Open Lending," Sandy said. "The life of an entrepreneur has been like a rollercoaster, but I wouldn't trade it. There is no feeling like taking an idea from conception to building a successful company. Perseverance and not being willing to fail are traits one learns. It has also been a blessing and great joy to mentor young people and see them develop."

Sandy and his wife, Helen, have also been proud to serve as mentors to their three children and soon-to-be five grandchildren and celebrate their many accomplishments. As his brothers do the same with their respective families, Sandy hopes that they'll reflect on the qualities that Gamma Iota instilled in them. He doesn't want you to miss out on this chance to thank Gamma Iota by giving to the campaign.

You can connect with Sandy at sandy@openlending.com.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction process continues with site permits and final plans. As many know, Austin can be a difficult place for construction projects. The Delt house project is no exception during these difficult times. We continue to work towards the goal of construction commencement and completion.

Our current plan is to start construction on the party pavilion and repositioning the sport court early in the fall semester. This should be complete by the start of the fall semester of 2022. The existing structure is still tied up with the city zoning, easements, and permitting. We should have greater clarity by the end of the summer on how to proceed. Our collegiate members are very excited about their new Shelter and the prospect of a new home greatly helps with recruitment efforts.

I want to formally acknowledge the Building Committee and thank them for their hard work to date, and their continued hard work to oversee this project. Our Building Committee consists of **Bill McMeans '80**, **Wes Ritchie '80**, **Steve Stodghill '83**, **Steve Rigby '86**, **Jamil Alam '88**, **Jason Nix '91**, **Kyndel Bennett '92**, and **Ellis Winstanley '03**.

I urge you to continue supporting the capital campaign—if we can meet and surpass our campaign goal of \$9.5 million raised, then we can ensure our new Shelter meets all our needs and expectations.

Fraternally,
Scott Benkendorfer '90, Building Committee Chairman
sbenk@captiveaudio.com

TEXAS DELTS

Continuing the Tradition

Generous Alumni and Friends

Help Gamma Iota Top \$9.3 Million Raised

Be Sure to Add Your Name to the List of Donors by June 30!

We sincerely thank the following brothers and friends for making a commitment to the *Texas Deltas: Continuing the Tradition* campaign. Their generosity demonstrates a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Broad participation is required to reach our \$9.5 million campaign goal. All donors contributing a minimum of \$5,000 to the campaign, over a four-year period, will be recognized on the Delt Donor Wall 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)

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In memory of
Scott B. Smith '71,
John H. Tull Jr. '71, and
Kenneth F. Karr Jr. '72
William V. McMeans '80
In memory of
Austin McMeans '17
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CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A- GLANCE

AS OF MARCH 12, 2021

**\$9.5 MILLION
FUNDRAISING
GOAL**

**\$9,393,177
TOTAL
COMMITMENTS**

**586 DONORS
TO DATE**

Use the enclosed
pledge form or make
a pledge online at
texasdeltalumni.com
and join your brothers
on this list today!

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 In memory of
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 Terry Grisham '78
 David Wells '78
 In memory of
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 In honor of
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 Paul E. Pesek '79
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 Randall C. Ricks '82
 William H. Hornberger '83
 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
 Terrell Palmer
 In memory of
 Jay Chenoweth '85
 Kevin R. Kelly '85
 John Scott '85
 John M. Branch '87
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 Will Durham '89
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 In honor of
 James Shaddix '68
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 Richard L. Capps '76 and
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 John D. Hughes '62
 William F. Klug '62
 In memory of
 Curtis Ray Rivers '62



Memorials

Honor Our Late Brothers

We've set up several memorial gifts to honor some of our late brothers and ensure their names are on our donor wall—because we know they would have wholeheartedly donated to the capital campaign had they been alive to do so. This is a great way to get brothers of your era together to honor the memory of a great Delt. If you are interested in supporting one of these memorials or are interested in starting another memorial, please reach out to **Joe Bill Watkins '65** at joebillwatkins@icloud.com.

Richard Keeton '59 **Memorial Gift Donors** **(\$50,000)**

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James W. Shaddix '68
Charlie "Chuck" Shelton '68
William R. Birdwell, DDS '69
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Dr. Jerry R. Grammer '69
Richard R. Lee Jr. '69
Dan Nelson, *Kansas State* '69
Robert B. Coleman
Sara Smith

Ross Ehlinger '88 **Memorial Gift Donors** **(\$52,000)**

Joe Bill Watkins '65
Robert C. Ittner '67
Peter C. Taaffe '69
Steven H. Stodghill '83
Carl T. Cecil '86
Steve Rigby '86
Bill F. Kessler '87
Todd Marx '87
O. Jamil Alam '88
Donnie Munford '88
Andy Priest '88
Jim Welch '88
Christopher P. Tallas '90

Brett Aycock '03 **Memorial Gift Donors** **(\$9,100)**

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Brad Glover '01
David H. Fisk '02
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Matt Hagan '03
Todd Krumholz '03
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Stephanie and
Matthew West '12
Everett J. Jones '14
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Jake E. Celler '16
Jonathan D. Clanton '16
Thomas Gilman '16
James D. Benkendorfer '18
M. Brooks Benkendorfer '20
Garrett Forthuber '20
Alex Benkendorfer '23

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Arthur Feldman
David Hedges
Frank McCreary
Buck Chapoton '58
Herbert R. Jones '63
Melbern D. McGill '63
Ronald G. Jackson '64
In memory of
Larry York
John R. Bush '66
In honor of
Joe Bill Watkins '65
Thomas E. Smith '66
Steven Boss '68
Thomas B. Hancher, M.D. '68
Stephen A. Morris '68
Samuel R. Lee '70
In memory of
Jackie Crossen '72
Samuel J. Miller '70
James M. Baird '71
M. Frank Russell '71
Edward N. Gideon Jr. '72
James R. Brown '74
In memory of
Lyles Houston '72 and
Mike Hatch '74
Robert J. Reeb Jr. '76
Rick R. Ingraham '79

Robert J. Graham '82
David R. Taylor '84
Kruse Family Gift
Cameron R. Kruse '85
James H. McClure Jr. '85
M. Scott Haydon, M.D. '90
Patrick D. Howard '96
Zachary C. McCarroll '99
Joel A. East '02
Andrew W. Barnes '08
Hal W. Hogsett '09
Sasha Kakabadse '09
Ian Lancaster '12
Brett Maze '12
Chris Stevens '12
In honor of
Chef Dean
Aaron D. Alanis '14
Taylor Lopez '14
Jacob McDaniel '14
Alex Jenkins '15
Hunter M. Monk '15
Stanton Fehr '16
Austin Grizzle '16
Tyce A. Johnson '16
Tyler Potance '16
Jack Beadle '17
In memory of
Austin McMeans '17
Brian Branecky '17
Colin D. Mock '17
Nick M. Salinaro '17
Will Davenport '18
Ben Luzarraga '18
In honor of the
Pledge Class of 2014
Nicholas G. Staviski '19
In honor of the
Pledge Class of 2014
Cole L. Carrabba '23
In honor of his
Pledge Brothers
Cameron DeCort '23

Eyes of Texas Club **(Up to \$499)**

Gordon Appleman
Gregory and Deborah Blauser
Travis Brosche
John Carter
Jonathan Day
Carol Dinkins
Eric Geisler
Ronald D. Karchmer
Don Wukasch
Kenneth E. Sutton '50
William D. Bonham '54
Dr Sam B. Fason '60
Edward D. Mahon '61
Robert M. May '61
O. Pierce Treadwell '61
John W. Dietz '63
William B. Hudson '63
The Hon. Michael E.
Keasler '64
William C. St. Clair '64
Richard H. Sutton Jr. '64
Fielding Cochran '65
Charlie "Chuck" Shelton '68
Robert G. Wheeler '69
Ronald C. Woodson, M.D. '69
William F. Cherry II, DDS '70
James R. Barnett '71
N. Van Guleke '72
In memory of
Brad Westmoreland



Left: The Shelter on February 16, 2021, after receiving 6" of snow. Middle: Members of the fall '20 class at the end of pledgship in February. Right: Members of the fall '20 pledge class volunteering at the Texas Food Bank, where they spent time cleaning packages, sorting food, and organizing food packages for the homeless.

ADAPTING AND RISING ABOVE GAMMA IOTA BROTHERS STAY FOCUSED ON ACADEMICS AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AT UT

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to this 2021 year. The young men of Gamma Iota have been adapting to a new spring semester—another one heavily impacted by the pandemic. Looking at day-to-day life at the Shelter, I can tell you that most of the guys are back in town working hard in their schoolwork and outside the classroom.

All brothers have remained diligent in keeping COVID-19 protocols mandated to ensure the safety of the chapter and the safety of our chefs, Chris and Lourdes. Some measures we have taken include adapting how meals are served, our social calendars, and our brotherhoods. Our executive council has been working hard to find solutions to a dynamic semester full of new challenges as we move forward as a chapter through these times.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Our chapter has worked hard to not let the pandemic hold members back from achieving success around campus. I am honored to congratulate **Lance Goss '22** and **Reeves Abbott '22** for their induction into the Silver Spurs fall 2020 rowel class. Outside of Gamma Iota, **Tommy Wehmann**

'22 represents the spring 2019 pledge class as the captain of the UT hockey team.

Likewise, many of our leaders are involved with their faith life on campus and in the community through organizations such as YoungLife and STUMO. Finally, Gamma Iota has stayed focused in the classroom this past year, achieving a GPA of 3.56. Gamma Iota has remained committed to achieving higher than the standard of excellence inside and outside of the chapter.

MOVING FORWARD

Gamma Iota brothers are eager for the housing project! This spring we will continue to adapt and rise above the circumstances by achieving our goals academically, professionally, and socially.

Fraternally,
William Sotelo '22
Chapter President
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Gamma Iota Brotherhood Gains Strength in Numbers, Looks Forward to Fall Recruitment

As recruitment for the spring 2021 class ended, we were proud and excited to sign nearly 25 outstanding men to Gamma Iota. Recruitment for fall 2021 is on the horizon, and we are eager to tackle the many obstacles that come with recruitment.

Having learned from our past experiences, we plan on providing the best experience we can for our prospective new members and remain conscious of COVID-19 guidelines and state ordinances. This will take the form of backyard BBQs, golf outings, late night basketball games,

and many more creative ways to show these young men a good time around the state of Texas.

We need all the help we can get to reach as many men as possible, so if you know of anyone who will be attending UT, contact me directly.

Fraternally,
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JOIN THE JOURNEY SCHOLARSHIP



Undergraduate Leadership Spotlight: William Barksdale '23

William Barksdale '23 is the newly appointed internal vice president of Gamma Iota, where he is an integral part of operating its day-to-day workings. William's father, **Bryan Barksdale '93**, was also a Texas Delt, leading William to follow in his shoes. William was recently accepted as a part of this semester's Rowel class in the Silver Spurs, which will continue Delt's presence in the organization.

Born and raised in Austin, Texas, William graduated from Westlake High School and is now pursuing a degree in advertising from The Moody College of Communications. He is an avid philanthropist, which is exemplified through his actions while working as a campus ambassador for the Movember charity. Movember raises funds for research and awareness for prostate cancer, men's mental health, and testicular cancer. Personally, William has spearheaded funding for Movember through organizing events and programs such as basketball tournaments, raffles, and donations, raising more than \$6,000 within the chapter.

William's passion for marketing has led him to intern for Sellers Shield, an Austin-based company that works with real estate. He is working hard to further develop his marketing skills so he can continue to find success in the future.

Awesome work, William!

This year, the Join the Journey scholarship awarded ten \$1,000 scholarships to academically driven members of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. These brothers demonstrated a passion for financial planning, mental fortitude, and spiritual reverence.

We thank **Mark Warner '02**, **Chris Carter '02**, **Greg Ethridge '00**, **Joe Dowdle '05**, and **Fields Jackson '04** for their generous donations to this fund. Each year, this scholarship is accompanied by a presentation by Mark Warner. In his presentation, Brother Warner illustrated the importance of financial responsibility and spiritual development, and he provided important tips for personal and professional development.



Mark Warner '02 and Conrad Vilven '23 after Conrad received the Join the Journey Scholarship.

This scholarship serves an essential financial boost to the active members of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Gamma Iota brothers are grateful for the continued financial support and spiritual guidance that the Join the Journey scholarship provides. Please go to jointhejourney.com for more information.

"I'm beyond blessed to have been selected for the scholarship. Through the application process I learned financial and spiritual lessons that will stick with me my whole life," shared recipient **Conrad Vilven '23**.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW ALUMNI RELATIONS CHAIRMAN

I hope you are having a great 2021 amidst all the uncertainty of COVID-19. I would like to introduce myself as the new alumni relations chairman here at the Shelter. More importantly, I would like to thank my predecessor, **Keaton Cruzcosa '22**, for his work furthering the chapter.

I am here to create a connection between you and the active chapter. I have the responsibility to answer any questions you might have about recruitment, upcoming events, and connecting you with your brothers from the good ol' days. If you have any questions about the chapter or want to know what's going on at the house, please reach out to me.

I recommend that you join the Delt LinkedIn and Facebook groups where you can stay connected with the active chapter. These social media groups are listed on the back page of this newsletter. As of now, we do not have any alumni events planned for the spring, but I am hopeful that will change this fall.

A little bit about me: I attended McAllen Memorial High School in McAllen, Texas, and I am studying mechanical engineering. I am stoked to see what this year has in store and meeting as many of you as I can. Hook 'em!

Faternally,
Quaid Murray '23, Alumni Relations Chairman
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A tribute to the Delts on the brick wall at the entrance to Gregory Gym.



1965-66
Basketball - Class "A"
Winner - Delta Tau Delta

Back Row: Joseph C. Sparks, Patrick O. Higgins, Michael Thompson, Charles Michael Lucas
Front Row: William C. St. Clair, Leon E. Ferrell, Joe Atkins

Delts were the 1965-66 Class "A" intramural basketball champions.



TOUCH FOOTBALL
Class A Champion: Delta Tau Delta
1972-73

L-R

Row 1: Terry L. Hankins, Robert L. Tompkins, Anthony A. Macaluso, Jr., James M. Alsop, Stacy G. Hunt, Charles C. Hull, Jefferson G. DeWeese
Row 2: Phillip G. Dyer, Henry S. Barton, Albert M. Tomforde, III, Bill H. Berryhill, Joe M. Forbes, James W. Chapman, Jr., Daniel O. Chapman

Class "A" touch football champion in the 1972-73 intramural season.

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ΔΤΔ: A DOMINANT FORCE IN INTRAMURALS TEAMMATES BRIEFLY, FRIENDS FOR LIFE

This timeless statement is on a brick at the entrance of Gregory Gym. The Delts have always been a dominant force in intramurals. The Wall of Fame inside Gregory featuring pictures of each year's champions contains literally hundreds of Delt teams and individuals from every era of Delta Tau Delta at the University of Texas. You can find these pictures at www.utrecsportsmedia.org.

At the 100th Year of RecSports Celebration a few years ago, Delta Tau Delta was the only fraternity inducted into the inaugural Hall of Honor. Several Delts were members of another group inducted, The Legal Eagles, the celebrated football team from UT law school.

And I was one of the individuals inducted (as Chairman of the Leadership Team, they had

to let me in). Also, I am on the Wall of Fame several times, mainly because I learned an important lesson early at the Shelter: surround yourself with people more talented than yourself and good things happen.

Some of the many notable Delts on the Wall of Fame are **Matthew McConaughey '92**, **Roy Spence Jr. '71**, and Federal Judge **Sam Sparks '61**.

Into the second century of UT intramurals, we can proudly proclaim: Delts and intramural success—the tradition continues! And the many Delts who have been “teammates briefly” will remain friends and brothers for life.

Fraternally,
Joe Bill Watkins '65



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