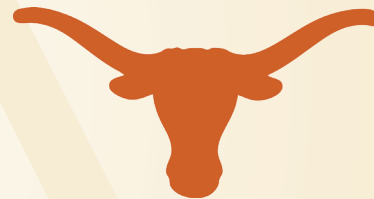




TEXAS DELTS

Continuing the Tradition



ADDITIONAL ALUMNI SUPPORT NEEDED TO REACH \$9.5 MILLION CAMPAIGN GOAL

Will You Help Us Write the Next Chapter of Gamma Iota?

As we endure a time of uncertainty, it's important now more than ever to come together as brothers to ensure Delta Tau Delta's future at the University of Texas. The Delt values that helped us transform from young men into today's leaders will continue to provide a solid foundation for Gamma Iota, and we owe it to future generations of brothers to secure that legacy. Ask yourself: where would you be without Delta Tau Delta?

TRUTH

Our challenge campaign displayed an extremely valiant effort made by an additional 239 brothers who helped us raise another \$1,120,332 over the last seven months. While this is a tremendous achievement, we have fallen short of reaching our challenge campaign's \$9 million mark. However, we must finish this campaign strong and raise the remaining \$1,075,041 to properly complete our Shelter so that it can serve our members for the next 60 years. This August, the adjacent property will be demolished. This is the next big step in Gamma Iota's future, and we need all hands on deck.

COURAGE

When you look back on your time at Gamma Iota Chapter, I hope you recall how your Delt brothers helped you build courage and succeed in college and beyond. Courage helped you grow into the best version of yourself and encouraged you to do what's best for the greater good of our brotherhood and our community. Embarking on this historic campaign has taken courage, and we are grateful for the 518 generous alumni and friends who

have already shown their gratitude through their support of the *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition* campaign. That brings us to our next value.

FAITH

I believe in this brotherhood, and I have faith that we can still reach our \$9.5 million campaign goal. This project is doable with the pledges we've received so far, and if we took out a loan then we could certainly close the gap. However, we would like to limit the amount of debt we incur to reduce the financial burden that will ultimately land on the shoulders of the brothers following in our footsteps. The more we do now, the better our organization will be in the future. We are all a part of Gamma Iota's history, and I am confident that we can all do our part to ensure its future.

POWER

Now, I am asking you to dig a little deeper if you can, or review the donor list in this newsletter and reach out to a brother who has yet to give and encourage him to support this worthy cause. From each of our individual Delt experiences, we know the power of the brotherhood, and we know when we come together as brothers, we can achieve more. We all have the power to make a difference for Gamma Iota, and I hope brothers who have yet to take the leap and support this campaign will donate today.

Fraternally,

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



Remembering Meredith Long '50

We're sad to share that **Meredith Long '50** entered Chapter Eternal on June 3, 2020, with his loving family by his side. Gamma Iota gave Meredith the skillset to have an incredibly successful career and personal life.

"Both the house and the Delts who lived there, many of them older than me, provided a warm place to work my way through the University,"

Meredith said in the spring 2017 edition of *Texas Delts*, which can be found at texasdeltalumni.com/meredith-long-50. "Gamma Iota provided a homing nest for many of the undergraduates during my time, and continues to do so today. I became a more confident, social, and successful person because of the men I was surrounded by in Delta Tau Delta."

In 1957, he founded Meredith Long & Co., which was one of the first art galleries in the U.S. to rejuvenate interest in 19th and early 20th century American art. Meredith and his wife, Cornelia, have contributed more than 100 significant works of art to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Along with being a devoted Delt, Meredith was a member of the National Intercollegiate Debate Team, Texas Cowboys, University of Texas Friar Society, and ROTC as an undergraduate at UT-Austin.

Meredith and Cornelia shared their love for the arts with their seven children. Philanthropy was also one of Meredith's greatest passions. He served as the chairman of the Alley Theatre Board of Directors and Texas Heart Institute. Meredith also served on the boards for the Archives of American Art, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the College of Fine Arts Advisory Council at UT-Austin.

BROTHERS AND FRIENDS PROPEL CAMPAIGN TO \$8.4 MILLION

Join the Campaign Today!

A sincere thank-you goes to the following brothers and friends for making a commitment to the *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition* campaign. Their generosity demonstrates a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Broad participation is required to reach our campaign goal. We hope you will join the campaign with a gift or pledge today. **All donors contributing a minimum of \$5,000 to the campaign will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated Shelter.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Peyton L. Townsend Jr. '62
William "Tex" Gross '65
Joe Bill Watkins '65
Lipscomb Family Gift
Richard L. Lipscomb '68
Richard L. Lipscomb II '91
C. Clark Lipscomb '95
Kelly R. Lipscomb '01

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

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

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Richard Keeton '59
Memorial Gift
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In memory of
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Robert C. Strait '77
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G.B. Bill Howard IV '82
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H. Lee Matthews '83
James E. Milligan '83
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Dick Francis '84
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Ross M. Rathgeber '84
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Carl T. Cecil '86
J. Steve Cecil '90
Dillon S. Cecil '14
R. Scott Brown '87
O. Jamil Alam '88
Andrew Priest '88
Jim Welch '88
In memory of
Ross Ehlinger '88
Charles H. Cotter '90
Jeffrey W. Gurney '90
David W. Richardson '90
Vance E. Detwiler '92
Robert S. Garner '92
Matthew J. Long '95
Curtis L. Hartman '95
Christopher C. Clark '98
Paul R. Penny III '00
John B. Chenoweth '11
In memory of
Jay D. Chenoweth '85

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

Anonymous
Ragland Family Gift
Alphonso Ragland Jr. '24
Alphonso Ragland III '53
Cruger S. Ragland '54
Frank H. Sherwood '48
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Finch Family Gift
In memory of
Howell Mallory Finch '56
In honor of
Howell Mallory Finch Jr. '82
John T. Stuart III '58
James D. Mayo '63
Michael R. Eledge '65
Lawrence S. Smith '65
Joe Hull '66
John L. Loftis III '66

Thomas Graves '67
Stanley Family Gift
Joseph A. Stanley III '68
Christopher M. Stanley '94
Joseph A. Stanley IV '01
M. Decker Stanley '04
Mike Perrin '69
Chereck Family Gift
Robert A. Chereck '70
R. Andrew Chereck '00
Adam Chereck '03
Stacy G. Hunt '73
Braly Family Gift
Clifford Braly III '75
Locke A. Braly '78
Charles M. Nettles '76
Thomas Ewing '78
Steven R. LeBlanc '80
Russell J. Norment '80
Steven A. Wilson '80
John R. Mays '83
Kevin C. Roberts '83
In memory of
Curtis Bush Roberts '54
James F. Nelson III '84
In memory of
Christopher W. Abbott '84,
Steven J. Fox '84,
Stephen R. Mays '84, and
Tom A. Niblo '84
Brandon L. Bledsoe '85
Baker Family Gift
Jeff C. Baker '86
Curtis Baker '20
Brandon L. Boehme '86
Steven G. Eargle '86
William R. Paape '86
Cort DeHart '90
Brent Dickey '90
In memory of
Scott Phillips '89
Chris Manning '90
In memory of
Scott Phillips '89
Stan Casey '91
Dare Family Gift
Brian C. Dare '91
Tyler Dare, *Arizona State* '19
Trevor Dare, *Oklahoma* '23

Aaron R. Hoover '91
A. David McCollum '91
Tate K. Barber '93
Jason Guest '93
Jim L. Stanislaus '93
Tate M. Jarvis '94
Menton J. "Trey" Murray '94
C. Brent Truelove '94
Jay T. Corder II '94
Andy Scott '95
Kollen C. West '96
Landrum Family Gift
Brian B. Landrum '97
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Matthew W. Krug '01
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Brandon L. White '06
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Andrew Paape '23

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Susan Keeton and
John Keeton***
Robert T. Herrin Jr. '55
Thomas M. Hatfield '57
In honor of
Dave E. Williams '56
Eugene B. Shepherd '57
Martha Lou Beaird
In memory of
Dan L. Beaird '59
Robert M. Dickson '60
Tom Mast '60
Rhodes Family Gift
Sonny Rhodes '60
Kyle R. Rhodes '07
Earl B. Boyanton, Jr. '62
Mike B. Cotten '62
W. Dean Hester '62

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

AS OF JUNE 24, 2020

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$9.5 MILLION
TOTAL COMMITMENTS: \$8,424,259
TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS: 518
PARTICIPATION RATE: 20%

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John D. Hughes '62***

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In honor of

Joe Bill Watkins '65

Courtney M. Townsend Jr. '65

Joe Bill Watkins '65***

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John L. Loftis III '66***

Jay Brim '67

In honor of

Mike Eledge '65

Louis S. Casey Jr. '67

Robert C. Ittner '67

In honor of

Joe Bill Watkins '65

Leland G. Smith '67

Al Staehely Jr. '67

Tingley Brothers

Wally G. Tingley '67

Terry W. Tingley '71

Richard L. Tingley '69

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Dick P. Williamson '68

In memory of

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Buzzy Woodworth '68

In memory of

Bill Whitby '68

Susan and William R.

Birdwell '69

In memory of

Will Birdwell Jr. '96

Dr. Jerry R. Grammer '69

In honor of

Dale Gillette '68,

Edwin Sharpe '68,

James Shaddix '68,

Dickie Obenhaus '68, and

Buzzy Woodworth '68

Gregory D. Hooser '69

In honor of

James W. Shaddix '68 and

Jerry R. Grammer '69

Richard R. Lee Jr. '69

In memory of

Damon Smith '69

Christy and Parker Family Gift

Bob Christy '70

Bud Christy '73

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In honor of

Clark Smith '76

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Stewart Keller '77

J. Kelly McColm '77

J. Scott Tindall '77

In memory of

Terry Grisham '78

Mark M. Langford '78

In memory of

Paul A. Langford 1915 and

Terry Grisham '78

Pat Murphy '78

In memory of

Terry Grisham '78

David Wells '78

In memory of

Terry Grisham '78 and

George O'Brien '71

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Steven L. Baker '86

William C. Cox Jr. '86

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Dallas Addison '92

Robert F. Denyer '92

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In memory of

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Bryan C. Barksdale '93

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Kevin F. Bryant '93

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James Wallis '04

Scott B. Thelander '05

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Chris Parker '07

Philips Johnson '09

Trey Martin '11

Travis C. Crow '12

Michael A. Elizondo '12

Mike Daigle '13

Michael Martinez '13

Joel Quintanilla '13

Mathew F. Volz '13

Ryan Gentry '14

Eric B. Johnson '14

Erik T. Stevens '14

Michael Hanigan '15

David E. Lutito '15

Jeffrey R. Phillips '15

Mitchel S. Suson '15

Jimmy Warren '15

Luke M. Anderson '16

Matthew G. Asvestas '16

Connor H. Darling '16

Mitch Keller '16

Stefan J. Koch '16

Garrett B. Miller '16

Michael Thomas Schneider '16

Mitchell Johnson '17

In memory of

Austin McMeans '17

Dirk L. Berry Jr. '18

Michael A. Boodee '18

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

Anonymous

Charles Giesey Jr. '63

In memory of

Arthur W. Adams III '61

John L. Murchison Jr. '63***

Phillip A. Leonard '64

Ned Price Jr. '64***

James W. Hinds '66

In memory of

John A. Willoughby III '66

Roy Pfister '66

In memory of

R.E. Bunk Pfister

In honor of

Joe Bill Watkins '65

Ronald D. Bandy '67

Gareth W. Cook '67

Bo Sturdivant '67

D. D. Gillette '68

Dr. John F. Irwin '68

Jim Ahern '69

In memory of

Jay Cox '72

William Blood '69

Memorial Gift

Michael P. Carnes '69

Kenneth W. Cole '69

Peter C. Taaffe '69

Jerry E. Sneed '71

James E. Biggs III '73

Val A. Aldred '75

J. Randolph Ewing '75

Greg O'Brien '75

Brad Lee Carver '76

Boxy Hornberger '77

Steve Biegel '78

In honor of

Terry Grisham '78

Paul E. Pesek '79

Samuel R. Moser '80

Randall C. Ricks '82

Troy A. Utz '83

Gregory T. Wysocki '83

David S. Jones '84

In memory of

Paul H. Jones '79

J. Robin Lindley '84

Thomas Yelch '84

Terrell Palmer

In memory of

Jay Chenoweth '85

John Scott '85

Steve Rigby '86****

John M. Branch '87

Keith M. Varni '87

W. Trent Campbell '88

Mark B. Mattlage '88

Mark Strickland '88

Will Durham '89

Gregory L. Marwill '89

Rob Berra '90

Wade C. Crawford '90

Ronald W. Bass '91

Todd A. Trammell '91

In memory of

Andrew M. Ritchie '89

Kirby A. Green '92

Edward S. Leitch '92

B. Neal Meinzer '92

In memory of

Scott Phillips '89

James H. Clarke III '97

Brian R. White '99

Thomas P. Paterson '01

Stephen K. Cravens '02

John C. Warren '02

Matthew J. Dickson '04

Matthew G. Epple '05

William B. Strange '07

Garrett Greer '08

Jorge Lopez '13

Taylor Yetter '13

BROTHERS AND FRIENDS PROPEL CAMPAIGN TO

\$8.4 MILLION

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Shelter Society

(\$1,500 to \$2,499)

Anonymous
Herman F. Waters Jr. '59
Preston Gary Craig '63
In memory of
Billy Warren Scott '61
Thomas V. Rushing '63
K. Wayne Bates '65
Thomas W. Brown '65
J. Andy Watson '70
Thomas R. Cox '73
Stephen A. Caldwell '74
In memory of
Richard L. Capps '76 and
Donald C. Babel '73
Guy J. Bobbora '91
David Smith '94
Michael Lucas '95
Ross Mizell '11
Joseph C. Cook '16
Coleman Latham '16
Brad R. Rister '16

Longhorn Club

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

Anonymous
J. David Heaney***
Stan Kimbell
Anne Lents***
Jacks Nickens***
J. Thomas Eubank '54
James P. Woodson '58
T. Richard Anderson '62
Mike B. Cotten '62***
Dean Hester '62***
Howard A. Allen '66
Mike McCollum '66
William B. Barron '67
In honor of
James Shaddix '68
Chris Marchbanks '80
Russell Douglass '81***
Robert E. Beauchamp '82
Howell M. Finch '82
Mark A. McClain '82
Charles M. Bartlett '83
Michael R. Scott '84
Carl T. Cecil '86***
William S. Mason III '87
Randon L. Kelly '88
Brad Glover '01
Craig Gleaton '03*
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Stephanie and Matthew West '12
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Thomas Gilman '16
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(\$500 to \$999)

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Melbern D. McGill '63
John R. Bush '66
In honor of
Joe Bill Watkins '65
Thomas E. Smith '66
Robert C. Ittner '67***
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Thomas B. Hancher, M.D. '68
Stephen A. Morris '68
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J. Winston Chapman Jr. '69
Gerald R. Zwernemann '69**
Samuel R. Lee '70
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Samuel J. Miller '70**
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M. Scott Haydon, M.D. '90
Zachary C. McCarrall '99
Jeff Shaddix '04*
Andrew W. Barnes '08
Hal W. Hogsett '09
Ian Lancaster '12
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
Nick M. Salinaro '17
Will Davenport '18

How Do We Compare?

Below you'll find some statistics on our fundraising efforts. We're doing great, keep up the good work! Please note these numbers are as of June 24, 2020.

Gamma Iota Decade Participation Chart (by graduation year):

1940s – 1 donor – 35 mailable alumni – 3% participation – \$10,000
1950s – 15 donors – 85 mailable alumni – 18% participation – \$394,850
1960s – 92 donors – 240 mailable alumni – **38% participation** – \$897,200
1970s – 51 donors – 272 mailable alumni – 19% participation – \$710,011
1980s – 91 donors – 396 mailable alumni – 23% participation – **\$3,800,629**
1990s – 80 donors – 400 mailable alumni – 20% participation – \$1,991,642
2000s – 62 donors – 464 mailable alumni – 13% participation – \$326,485
2010s – **100 donors** – 497 mailable alumni – 20% participation – \$222,630
2020s – 7 donors – \$13,000
Friends – 19 donors – \$57,812

UT rank based on total dollars raised:

Group	Total Given	# Donors	Complete
1. Phi Psi	\$10,000,319	321	2017
2. Delts	\$8,424,259	518	Ongoing
3. FIJI	\$5,717,325	798	2012
4. Pike	\$4,305,381	239	Ongoing
5. Kappa Sig 1	\$3,930,747	456	2008
6. SigEp	\$3,581,473	289	2008
7. Sigma Chi	\$2,427,250	148	Ongoing
8. SAE	\$2,272,972	457	2001
9. KA	\$2,250,436	231	Ongoing
10. Beta	\$2,108,952	145	Ongoing
11. Kappa Sig 2	\$1,786,557	136	2010
12. ATO	\$1,105,358	40	2015

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Group	# Donors	Total Given	Complete
1. FIJI	798	\$5,717,325	2012
2. Delts	518	\$8,424,259	Ongoing
3. SAE	457	\$2,272,972	2001
4. Kappa Sig 1	456	\$3,930,747	2008
5. Phi Psi	321	\$10,000,319	2017
6. SigEp	289	\$3,581,473	2008
7. Pike	239	\$4,305,381	Ongoing
8. KA	231	\$2,250,436	Ongoing
9. Sigma Chi	148	\$2,427,250	Ongoing
10. Beta	145	\$2,108,952	Ongoing
11. Kappa Sig 2	136	\$1,786,557	2010
12. ATO	40	\$1,105,358	2015

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

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(Up to \$499)

Gordon Appleman***
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Jonathan Day***
Don Wukasch***
Gregory and Deborah Blauser

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Ronald D. Karchmer
Kenneth E. Sutton '50
William D. Bonham '54
Edward D. Mahon '61
Robert M. May '61
O. Pierce Treadwell '61
John W. Dietz '63
William B. Hudson '63
Hon. Michael E. Keasler '64
William C. St. Clair '64
Richard H. Sutton Jr. '64
Fielding Cochran '65
Bill Birdwell '69**
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Dr. Jerry R. Grammer '69**
Robert G. Wheeler '69**
Steven Wimberly '69**

Ronald C. Woodson,
M.D. '69**
Samuel R. Lee '70**
James R. Barnett '71
N. Van Guleke '72
In memory of
Brad Westmoreland
Cindy Henneberger Babel
In memory of
Donald Craig Babel '73
James B. Goates, D.D.S. '73
In memory of
Kenny Carr
Thomas F. Mastin '74
Matt Balch '76
Mark Bronson '81
Corey F. Bankhead '83
R. Christopher Gamel '83

LIVE LIKE ROSS

CONTINUE THE TRADITION WITH A GIFT IN MEMORY OF ROSS EHLINGER '88

Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger has done a lot to make his late father, **Ross Ehlinger '88**, proud, and it hasn't just been with his accomplishments on the football field. Sam has already started 33 games heading into his senior season and has led the Longhorns to three straight bowl game victories. While concerns surrounding COVID-19 kept Sam and the Longhorns off the gridiron for spring ball, he was still determined to engineer another game-winning drive by raising more than \$100,000 towards coronavirus relief efforts.

Sam presumably learned much of his work ethic and generosity from his father. **Ross Ehlinger '88** loved his years as a University of Texas Delt where he made lifelong friends and met the love of his life, Jena. Ross and Jena settled in Austin where they started their family and his law practice. Ross and Jena were blessed with three children: Sam, Jake, and Morgen. Longhorn football games and the kids' sporting events (with Ross as coach, of course!) were a big part of their family experience. Unfortunately, his family and friends lost Ross on March 3, 2013, when he died tragically while competing in a triathlon in San Francisco.

There is a sign in the Ehlinger backyard that reads "Live Like Ross." He loved his family and the Longhorns and lived his life with integrity and passion. Today, Jena and the kids are doing well.

Jena is a key employee at the Austin law offices of Vinson & Elkins. **Joe Bill Watkins '65** says, "While I knew Ross and watched the kids grow up, Jena is a special person, and is my main connection to the Ehlinger family where we worked together at Vinson & Elkins for more than two decades. I also know that she and Ross raised three terrific young people."



Ross Ehlinger '88 with his wife, Jena, and children, Sam, Jake, and Morgen, at the 2012 Alamo Bowl. Courtesy photo from Sam Ehlinger's Twitter account.

Sam has begun his final year as the Longhorns starting quarterback and will graduate from McCombs School of Business next year. Jake is a preferred walk-on linebacker, also for the Longhorns and, like his older brother Sam, is a McCombs School of Business student. Morgen is a four-year varsity cheerleader at West Lake High School in Austin and was on a National Champion Cheer Squad (perhaps her brothers could join her as National Champions this year!?). Morgen was also nominated recently as a Student of the Year candidate through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Sam, Jake, and Morgen are all great students and outstanding young people, and they each strive to "Live Like Ross" and honor his memory every day.

Andy Priest '88, a fellow San Antonio native and close friend, reflected, "Ross had very special and memorable impact on everyone that has been a part of his life. Ross was such a loyal and committed person to his family, friends and co-workers. He has truly left an amazing legacy and it is so apparent with his immediate family. I am proud that I was one of his close friends and he is missed dearly."



Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger, son of Ross Ehlinger '88, lifts up the 2019 Alamo Bowl trophy after the Longhorns' 38-10 win over Utah. Courtesy photo from Sam Ehlinger's Twitter account.

Steve Rigby '86 adds, "I first met Ross and his buddies from San Antonio at a summer rush event in Austin and knew right away that he would make a great Delt! From a close Big Brother/Little Brother connection to a Groomsman in my wedding, I was blessed to have Ross in my life. As others have noted, seeing his family continue to thrive, even while we all miss Ross every day, is a true reflection of his charisma, fortitude, and character and we are humbled to have an opportunity to recognize his contributions to our University family through the Ehlinger Memorial Fund."

Joe Bill continued, "I am proud to contribute to this effort to honor the memory of Ross Ehlinger by making sure that his name will be on the Donor Wall at the new Delt House and at a prominent place."

Let's honor Ross and his family by making a gift in his memory to the *Texas Delts: Continue the Tradition* campaign. As we cheer for the Longhorns this season, remember Ross when you watch his son Sam lead the Longhorns in his last season:

"The last Texas football game I got to go to with my dad was the Alamo Bowl in 2012," Sam wrote on Twitter following the Longhorns' 38-10 win over Utah. "I know he was there again with me last night. God is great."

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Following the Entrepreneurial Spirit

Mark Jennings '84 Shares How His Time with Gamma Iota Impacted His Career in Finance

As a freshman, Mark Jennings '84 had a couple of friends who were a year older than him, and they happened to be members of Gamma Iota Chapter. One day they invited Mark over for a meet-and-greet with the rest of the Delt brothers in the chapter house. "Right then I knew it was an easy decision," Mark said. "The guys were the best. They were funny, both humble and over-confident, gregarious, and always welcoming." The friendships he made during his time as an active member become more meaningful with each passing year. Mark is sure that all Delts feel the same way.

As an active member, Mark made many memories that will last a lifetime, though he says some of his favorites are confidential. "I may choose to share them someday," Mark joked. He served for one year as a social co-chairman and was a Texas Cowboy during college. "It was an honor to represent the Delts in that organization," Mark said. He also fondly remembers many Groundhog Days that he wishes he could go back to and repeat.

Mark has always considered himself to be an entrepreneur as he grew up mowing lawns and working as a busboy, waiter, cook, valet parker, construction worker, and house painter. In college, he started a house painting company and hired several Gamma Iota brothers to make sure they had fun working together. He loved working with his brothers and says it helped develop his wit. Mark and his brothers were constantly telling tall tales and laughing together, no matter the situation. "Ultimately in business, those skills can make the difference in being selected for almost everything that matters," Mark said, "so I would say being around my brothers made a huge impact on my career."

After graduating from the University of Texas with a degree in mechanical engineering, Mark went on to attend Harvard Business School and then headed to Wall Street to work for Goldman Sachs. After a couple years in investment banking,



his entrepreneurial instincts kicked in and Mark moved to the principal side. He helped create Lazard Freres' first buyout fund, where he learned how to acquire businesses and was fortunate enough to work alongside CEOs who gave him a master class in strategy, operations, marketing, sales, IT, and finance.

Mark spent a decade with Lazard Freres honing his skills, but he decided it was time for him to start his own firm. Twenty-five years ago, Mark founded Generation Partners, where he serves as managing partner, with one of his best friends from business school. "We shared a vision to create a firm that marries good business with good purpose," Mark said, "so we have a strong undercurrent in our strategy to build businesses that have a positive impact on society in addition to generating returns for our shareholders." Over the years, the firm has worked with over 50 companies while creating a lot of jobs and making many friends along the way. "Generation is a special firm that is now 25 years strong and I feel privileged to be a part of it," Mark said.

Though life has a tendency to take off with people spreading out and starting their own families, Mark has remained close to quite a few of his Delt brothers. "Sometimes it's hard to see everyone as often as we would like," Mark said. "However, we do our best and I treasure the relationships I have with everyone." He hopes to get back to in-person trips with his brothers soon, but for now he is happy to connect over Zoom or on the phone.

In addition to staying connected with his brothers, Mark has given his financial support to the *Texas Delts: Continuing the Tradition* campaign for a new chapter house. "I'm just trying to pay it forward where I can and show gratitude for all the lucky things that happened to me along the way," Mark said. He encourages his brothers to consider doing what they can to support the campaign. "Someone funded that house before we all got there," Mark said. "We obviously stand on the shoulders of the men who came before us and have benefited greatly from their generosity years ago. It's fitting to do our part now to the extent we can."

Mark lives in Austin with his wife, Lisa, and their four children, Kalie, Coleman, Woodrow, and Jennibee. You can reach mark at jennings@generation.com.

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