

DELTA TAU

SUMMER 2013

Delta Tau Chapter at Southern Methodist University

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STATE OF THE CHAPTER



By: Billy Embody (2014), Chapter President

The 2012-2013 school year was one to be proud of for Delta Tau because of the wide-range of accomplishments the chapter achieved as well as the excellence our brothers showed this year in various aspects of campus life.

In January, 28 fine, young gentlemen pledged and had an extremely rewarding and successful pledgship under the watchful eye of Blake Rankin (2013) and Will Marston (2014). The class participated in numerous community service opportunities with the Boys and Girls Club, Relay for Life, and sorority philanthropy events all while learning the values, customs, and traditions of Phi Gamma Delta.

The new pledge class pushed our membership to 103 members, among the largest on campus. Our spring membership numbers were extremely strong, but unfortunately we lose a class of 27 seniors who have been instrumental in this chapter's growth and success.

2013 Delta Tau Pledge Class

Keller Raygand Adams
Andrew John Bradway
Steven James Campbell
Dylan Gunn Connelly
Javiar Manuel Gutierrez Cordova
Bryan Wayne Dewey
Dustin George Draï
Sam Stuart Dreyer
Cameron Michael Dube Jr.
Jack Alexander Griffith
Grant Chandler Harbour

Celina Texas
Phoenix, Arizona
San Diego, CA
Westport, Connecticut
Monterrey, Mexico
Tustin, California
Los Angeles, CA
Los Angeles, CA
Laguna Niguel, CA
Greenwich, Connecticut
Dallas, Texas

Dominick Hidalgo
Andrew Parks Hornung
Louis Michael Jacobs Jr.
Chase Daniel Leinberger
Cole Andrew Michalek
John McNally Neaylon
William Edward Nollmann
Curt Bartlett Petrini
Connor Matthew Purcell
Theodore Samuel Richardson
Robert MacLeod Woods Robertson
Alex Michael Ruiz
Jett Alexander Saponaro
Brian Philpott Schoelzel
Nicholas Clarke Sotta
William Lance Wicker
Andrew John Wright
Coral Gables, Florida
Mission Hills, Kansas
East Aurora, New York
Minnetonka, Minnesota
Chicago, IL
Winnetka, IL
New York, NY
Boston, MA
Dallas, TX
Boston, MA
Richmond, VA
Jacksonville, Florida
Chicago, IL
Denver, Colorado
Lake Oswego, Oregon
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
St Louis, Missouri

Eric Sabandal (2013) was selected as Homecoming King this Fall with the entire chapter watching from the stands at the Homecoming game against Memphis. Eric served on the SMU Board of Trustees' Investments Committee, was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and was the BBA Senior of the Year. Graduating with a 3.8 GPA, Eric will be working for JP Morgan Investment Bank in Dallas.

For the first time in quite some time, the chapter held a formal chapter in April and then followed that by the Senior Valedictory Service to honor our senior brothers one last time for all of their achievements and contributions to the chapter. This return of the ritual to our chapter could not have been done without former Delta Tau President Ryan Bauerle (2008) and we look forward to keeping formal chapter as a regular practice now that it has returned to Delta Tau.

The chapter had some improvements to kitchen equipment [courtesy of donations by Graduate Brothers], and had its food and beverage service upgraded with the hiring of Campus Cooks. As a result the food has improved tremendously. The choices have more variety and more brothers have been coming to the house for meals.

The chapter is poised to take even more steps to excellence this upcoming year with plans to improve our scholarship performance, community outreach and alumni relations.

Our cumulative GPA for the chapter for the year is 3.10498. Please feel free to reach out to me with any ideas, events, and questions about anything really!

Intramurals 2012-13

Basketball: First Place
Soccer: Second Place
Indoor Volleyball: First Place
Football: Second Place

Overall: Third Place

After our fifth consecutive Intramural basketball championship, we look to get back to work to win an overall championship in the 2013-14 year.

- Walter Ditzler (most contribution by a graduating Sr. not on the cabinet): **Collin Quigley (2013)**
- Best GPA for a Senior: **Trev Wilgus (2013)**
- Best GPA for an underclassmen: **Matt Reyes (2014)**
- Most Improved GPA: **Will Marston (2014)** MVP of Intramural Sports: **Gerald Fawcett (2013)**

Pig Dinner 2014 will be held on SMU's centennial weekend, Friday, April 11th at the Dallas Country Club. Brothers will be asked to bring dates if they would like and cigar rollers and a band are also in the plans for the after-dinner festivities.



John Peyton Mossy Brothers-for-Brothers Scholarship Expanding

In the Fall of 2012, Scholarship chairmen Sam Welles (2013) and Jeremy Moran (2013) started the Mossy Brothers-for-Brothers Scholarship to honor John Peyton Mossy of Rancho Sante Fe, Calif., a Delta Tau brother who passed away on December 11, 2011 at the age of twenty-two. The scholarship is designed to reflect on and represent the importance of helping our fraternity brothers, no matter what the circumstances.

The scholarship is currently awarded each semester to one recipient, who has his semester dues paid in full by the rest of the fraternity. The ideal applicant is one who needs the financial assistance to pay their fraternal dues, yet must be an active member within the fraternity who exemplifies the Five Values of Phi Gamma Delta: Friendship, Knowledge, Service, Morality, and Excellence. The Spring 2013 recipient was Collin Quigley (2013) and the Fall 2013 recipient is Turner Massey (2014).

Jeremy spoke at Pig Dinner about expanding the scholarship to help more than one brother a semester and set goals of \$10,000 each year until 2015 and then \$20,000 each year thereafter. The goal is to ultimately create a scholarship endowment for the Mossy Scholarship so it can self-sustain.

Even the smallest of donations can help and if you would like to make a donation, please go to gofundme.com/mossyscholarship or contact the new Scholarship chair, Grant Johnson at gwjohanson.dt@gmail.com. There are reward levels for certain donation levels reached so please look at those.

