DELTA TAUKS

SUMMER 2013

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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 off 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 pledgeship 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 Drai 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 Richmond, VA 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 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.

Pig Dinner 2013

Pig Dinner 2013 was one of the more successful Pig Dinners in recent memory not only because of the great event at the Hotel Palomar on April 18, but because of the great turnout from graduate brothers with 51 in attendance. The total attendance with undergraduate brothers was 131 and was a nice increase from past years.

During dinner, alumni shared stories and reminisced about their days in the chapter and also shared remarks for the good of the chapter as well. After some alumni stories, Jeremy Moran (2013) announced the John Peyton Mossy Brothers-for-Brothers Scholarship and talked about plans to expand the scholarship to support more brothers.

Chapter Historian Will Marston (2014) then announced the following award winners:

- Golden Goose (most contribution by an undergraduate): John Sabo (2013)
- Grey Goose (most contribution by a graduate): **Jeff Samford** (1960)
- 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 Reves (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 gwjohnson.dt@gmail.com. There are reward levels for certain donation levels reached so please look at those.

Inaugural Delta Tau Scholarship Dinner

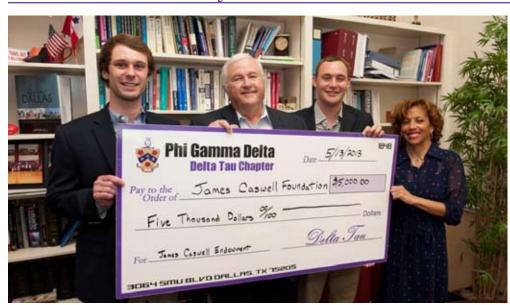
A newfound tradition that Eric Sabandal (2013) brought to Delta Tau is the once-a-semester scholarship dinner to reward brothers with a 3.5 GPA or higher from the previous semester. This Spring, the first scholarship dinner was held at Perry's Steakhouse in Dallas, where brothers dined and enjoyed a great meal, but it also motivated many brothers to achieve a 3.5 for the coming semester.

Chris DeVilder
Bryan Dewey
Blain Kern
Gavin Krogius
James Mangum
Jeremy Moran
Jacob O'Dell
John O'Shea

Jordan Pierson

John Potts Matthew Reyes Stephen Rokus Eric Sabandal August Scherer John Smelter Brandon Warman Trev Wilgus

Delta Tau Donates to James Caswell Endowment



On May 13, 2013, Chapter President Billy Embody, Chapter Treasurer Mark Pruett and BCA Chairman Jeff Samford presented SMU Vice-President of Student Affairs Dr. Lori White with the second \$5,000 contribution out of a commitment of \$25,000 to the James Caswell Leadership Fellowship Endowment. Brother Caswell graduated from SMU, spent his career with SMU, rising to the position of Vice President of Student Affairs, before his passing. Brother Caswell was also a past Archon President with the Phi Gamma Delta International fraternity. SMU created the endowment in the name of Brother Caswell, which, upon completron, will provide 5 scholarships a year to deserving students at SMU.

2013~14 Delta Tau Cabinet

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