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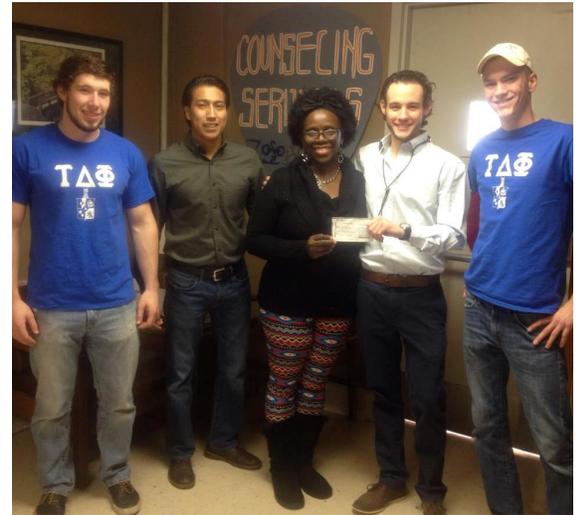
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Above: Delta Upsilon (Jacksonville State University, AL) presenting money collected for Active Minds to JSU Counseling Center, March 2015. See Page 12.

On the Cover: The Men of Delta Tau Chapter (Monmouth) on the steps of



Above: Delta Sigma (Rowan) raised money with a soccer tournament to fight Ebola in Africa, featuring Philadelphia Union player Michael Lahoud. See Page 16.



Above: Tau Epsilon (NJIT) held its first Alumni BBQ at the 269 MLK House on May 18 for TE and area alumni.



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# FROM THE GRAND CONSUL

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Fraters,

Since concluding our 2015 Grand Chapter Meeting at Monmouth University, I have been reflecting on the input of our alumni chapters and alumni fraters as to how we can enhance the alumni experience for

our membership. I believe the number one way to enhance your experience is to get involved. We currently have three chartered alumni chapters: Delta Iota Alumni Chapter, Tau Epsilon Alumni Chapter, and Virginia Alumni Chapter. We would like to add more alumni chapters to our pyramid, so please consider creating one or joining an existing one.

The most rewarding experiences I have had as a frater of Tau Delta Phi have been seeing colonies get chartered, fraters graduating, and groups of our members together for Grand Chapter Meetings or Conventions. Serving as a volunteer in either an official alumni advisor capacity or simply as a mentor will provide you with those rewarding experiences. Donating money so that undergraduates can attend conferences or travel to a Convention or Grand Chapter meeting will provide you with those rewarding experiences, in addition to the wonderful

experience you are providing for our undergraduate brothers. This fraternity does not thrive without the time and financial contributions from our alumni members.

As we continue to look to grow our fraternity, both within chapters and with new colonies, the young men who choose the path of Tau Delta Phi need education, resources, materials, and experiences that can only be provided through the support of our alumni. Every frater of Tau Delta Phi committed themselves to a lifetime of brotherhood. Every frater of Tau Delta Phi has received a benefit from joining this wonderful fraternity. It is time that we look to give back to Tau Delta Phi and provide those benefits to our newer fraters, and we cannot do it without your help. I ask each of you reading this to consider donating a bit of your time to mentoring undergraduates or young alumni, advising a chapter or colony, or working with the Executive Council on committees and various projects, or donate a bit of your money to grow our fraternity beyond where it currently stands. Our alumni are the foundation upon which Tau Delta Phi can continue to build our Pyramid.

It's great to be a Tau Delt!  
Michael Plagianakos, Delta Iota, Grand Consul

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The entirety of 2015 has been active for Tau Delta Phi Fraternity. I have traveled from Connecticut to Alabama, visited chapters in person and via video conferences, and worked with our newly-hired Chapter Consultant Derby Sale (Delta Nu) to establish myself as the appointed executive director for the Fraternity. It was a wonderful experience working with my esteemed colleague Shawn Dowiak, PGC, CK as the Director for Membership Development and I feel confident I can continue his work to establish Tau Delta Phi as a premier fraternal experience.

In my short time as the Executive Director, I have tried to get a sense of where we are both operationally and philosophically. My vision for the fraternity is to continue our professionalization of the National Office operations and develop infrastructure to handle our anticipated growth, both in number of active fraters and increased numbers of colonies and chapters. I believe within the next ten years, we could double the number of healthy, active chapters and quadruple the number of active fraters. But our philosophy for operations is at odds with our current intentions. The reality of the situation is that Tau Delta Phi has survived during the last forty years because of well-intentioned volunteers who hunkered down to maintain resources and support the Fraternity through real crises. But in our second century, we must emerge from this volunteer-led structure and change our vision from simple survival to a thriving, robust Fraternity. We will need to be honest about strategies for growth past ten chapters and colonies and continue our shift from our volunteer-led operation to paid part-time and full-time staff who can provide support and resources, similar to our peers within the NIC.

As we develop the necessary operational structure, we must also look at the professional look and branding we have established for the Fraternity in its recent history. Were we to ask any of our current undergraduate members to describe the meaning of our tagline, *Exceptional Direction, Dynamic Purpose*, we would likely get as many different answers as people asked. If we were to also survey the identity of Tau Delta Phi at our campuses around the country, we would likely find a half-dozen different identities. We

must work to solidify an identity that characterizes our ritual, our history, and the type of man we believe Tau Delta Phi can create. We look forward to input from our engaged alumni to help us situate our brand as a fraternity of choice at our host institutions. Your experiences as a Tau Delt in the college setting will help us with our branding exercises and I invite your personal input into our identity conversations.

The future of the National Office is tied to the efforts of our Executive Council and the alumni. If we are to continue to grow the Fraternity throughout our current regions and further into the Southern states, we will need many different types of resources: alumni support at emerging colony events, alumni attendance at the chartered alumni associations and undergraduate chapter events, financial resources to purchase supplies and support expansion efforts, in-kind donations of supplies for our leadership programming. If you have resources you can commit to the Fraternity to the National Office, I would love to speak with you about our priorities and immediate needs. In many ways, we have been remiss in asking for direct help from our alumni but in order to continue delivering the fraternal message of Tau Delta Phi to new brothers we will need significant and continuing support from our alumni.

The National Office staff is open to suggestions on putting our vision into action. I shared at the 2014 Convention that my favorite quote is “Surround yourself by people who make you better.” And I cannot think of a better place to be, where I am surrounded by incredible people who make me better every day. We know that we would not be here without the continued support of our alumni and undergraduate members, and we are thankful of this opportunity to serve the Fraternity.

- Dr. Joseph Rios, Tau Epsilon

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The Pyramid



# From the Archives: Spring 1982

In Spring 1982, the Grand Editor/Historian Stephen Searle, Delta Eta '84, revived The Pyramid after the last regular issue was published in 1969 (with a one-time attempt in 1975). Below is an excerpt from his first Editorial in the Pyramid that reflects our situation in 2015.

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*The Pyramid can only be a success with the help of the undergraduate chapters and the alumni... Remember, the Pyramid is only as strong as its individual components--Tau Delta Phi is only what WE make it.*

*Stephen G. Searle  
Grand Editor/Historian*

The contemporary Pyramid Magazine will reproduce articles from our archived Pyramid newsmagazine so we can reflect on the enduring messages from our fellow fraters, enjoy the histories of chapters long since closed and, in the words of Frater PGC Pollack, CK, "cement the fraternal relationship between all fraters..."

Editorial

With the decline of fraternities in general during the sixties, the Pyramid ceased publication with the 1969 issue. Tau Delta Phi, in an effort to recover from the ill effects of this decline and to regain alumni support, resumed publication of the Pyramid in 1975. Only one issue was produced. Now, with tremendous undergraduate interest and determination, the Pyramid resumes regular publication again--this time for good!

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The Pyramid can only be a success with the help of the undergraduate chapters and the alumni. The Chapter Editors must seek out and send in all pertinent information about their chapter in their chapter report. They must send these reports in on time--by the indicated deadline. Alumni support in the form of articles, letters, news, etc. is also solicited and greatly appreciated. With cooperation, I hope that FUTURE we can publish the Pyramid quarterly.

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Stephen G. Searle  
Grand Editor/Historian

Put your advertisement or professional listing in the PYRAMID. For rates contact the Grand Editor/Historian.

THE TAU DELTA PHI CUP



Farmingdale, N.Y. - April 17, 1982

# Spotlight on the Executive Council



## WE NEED YOU!

### CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR?

The Executive Council can use alumni to attend local chapter events, serve on committees, or join the Board as a member of the board. Contact the Grand Consul if you want to give your time to Tau Delta Phi.

The Executive Council is comprised of 11 alumni brothers elected on an annual and bi-annual basis, depending on their role in the Fraternity. The Executive Director is also an ex-officio member of the board. The Grand Officers hold their positions for 2 years, while Members of the Board hold their position for a one-year term. In 2012, the position of Grand Consul-Elect replaced one of the 3 Members of the Board positions in the year prior to the bi-annual Convention. The slate is determined by the Fraternity's nominating committee, comprised of Executive Council members, Past Grand Consuls, and alumni representatives

To determine the slate, a call for nominations is placed in the Fraternity magazine *The Pyramid* and various social media outlets. The Nominating Committee is responsible for developing a pool of qualified candidates and nominations from that pool to serve in the capacities of Grand Consul-Elect, Grand Officers and Members of the Board in accordance with the Bylaws, the Board's Strategic Plan, diverse

representation and operational needs without regard to Chapters or other Tau Delta Phi affiliation. The Executive Council welcomes nominations to the elected positions, with recommendations from our alumni sent to [nominations@taudelt.net](mailto:nominations@taudelt.net). All nominated Fraters will be contacted to gauge interest in the position, and interviews will be held in the weeks prior to the Grand Chapter meetings.

The Committee bases their decision on the materials presented: the skills and experiences the individual Brothers could bring to the Executive Council and the needs of the Fraternity. When the slate is determined it is communicated to the Grand Consul, and in turn is communicated to the Brotherhood prior to the National Convention. At the 2016 Convention, the Grand Chapter will vote to approve the slate and install our Fraters in their elected roles on the Executive Council.

Below are the new Fraters who were duly elected at the 2015 Grand Chapter Meeting held at Monmouth University. (Continued on Page 8)

## Spotlight on the Executive Council

We are proud of their work to improve our Fraternity and look forward to their continued service to Tau Delta Phi through the rest of their term in office.

### **Cambridge Dorman, Delta Nu, Grand Consul Elect**

Cambridge graduated from Christopher Newport University with a Bachelor of Science in Information Science. While an undergraduate member of the Delta Nu chapter, Cambridge served as Magister, Quaestor, Historian, and as Undergraduate Member of the Board. As an Alumni member of the Fraternity, Cambridge was reelected to the Executive Council as a Member of the Board. Cambridge currently works as a Business Analyst for a Government Contractor in Washington, D.C.

### **Christopher Millsap, Delta Nu, Grand Scribe**

"Christopher Millsap hails from Virginia's Delta Nu chapter at Christopher Newport University. After graduating there with a BSBA in Accounting, he recently obtained a Masters degree in Accounting from William and Mary. He begins work as an auditor with Grant Thornton, LLP in the fall. In his time as an undergraduate, he served the Delta Nu chapter in many roles including Consul, Custos, Quaestor, and others. Before being elected as Grand Scribe, he was a part of the group that worked to form the Virginia Alumni Chapter, which he also serves as its Quaestor."

### **Michael DeStasio, Delta Iota, Member of the Board**

Frater DeStasio was initiated Fall of 2012 in the Delta Iota Chapter. During his time as an undergraduate, he served as Quaestor, Consul, and Custos. Since graduation from Rampao College in 2015, he has pursued a career in insurance as an Account Executive at Travelers Insurance Company, as well as being a committee member in the New Jersey Young Insurance Professionals. He said, "I plan on bringing aboard my finance skills, business skills, and social skills in order to push Tau Delta Phi to become the best that it can be."

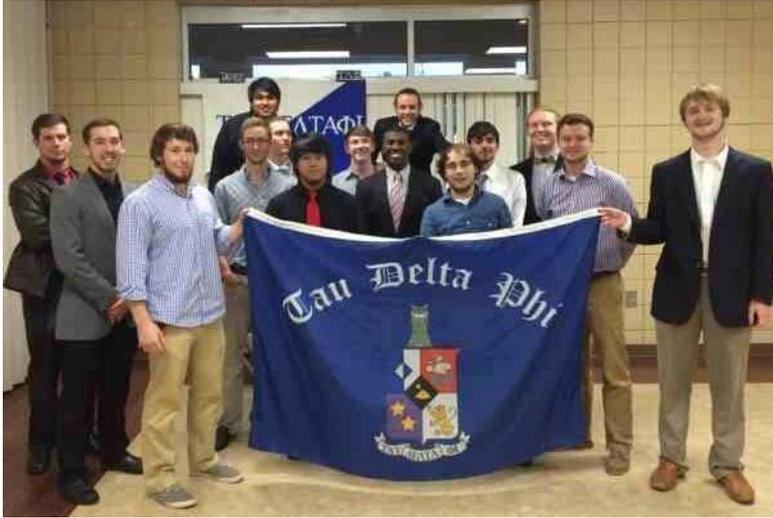
### **Christian Perez, Tau Iota, Member of the Board**

Frater Perez graduated from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey with a Dual Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and Spanish in Spring 2105. As an undergraduate he was a founding member of the re-charted Tau Iota chapter and held many positions, from magister to alumni relations chair to consul. Before becoming involved with the Executive Council, he has spent years working with youth development programs and is currently working as a Training and Development Sales Specialist in a successful east coast business group.



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# Our New Sweet Home Alabama



## Tau Delt Expands to Jacksonville State University, Alabama

The start of our new chapter at Jacksonville State University, Alabama (JSU) began with a phone call. From the Delta Upsilon Chapter History, "It all started on March 5, 2013. We were all hanging out together and the idea for us to start a colony came about. Tim Ronning, alumnus brother, was rushing a fraternity called Tau Delta Phi at Kutztown University before he came to our university and knew some people that could help us start a colony at

JSU." And so began our colony at Jacksonville State University on April 5, 2013 with the reading of our first initiation ritual and the bestowal of a charter at the 2015 Grand Chapter meeting on July 11, 2015.

The desire to create a new chapter in Jacksonville, AL coincided with the Fraternity's strategic plan to explore expansion opportunities in the South. With fraternity researchers sharing that within the next ten years, there will be an increase in college-aged

sire our fraternal values and leadership opportunities.

Since the start of their development, the men of the Delta Upsilon chapter have established themselves as a fraternity of choice on their campus. The colony has encourage participation in innovative programming and increased awareness of mental health issues that college students face and raised money for Active Minds, the national philanthropy.

The colony has also sent men to the Northeast Greek Leadership Association annual conference in Pittsburgh, PA and have begun to host leadership and career development workshops for their campus. In the second year of their colony development, the men have begun to reach out to their local community to support their philanthropy efforts and are creating co-sponsored events with the sororities and campus organizations in their community.

We invite any Southern fraters to visit Jacksonville State University and meet the men of our newest chapter, as they live our values and demonstrate the best of Fraternity life in Alabama.

### From Friends to Fraters: Starting New Tau Delta Phi Chapter

Our Pyramid grows brick by brick by the addition of new colonies and chapters. We currently offer information online on how to start a new chapter of Tau Delta Phi at any campus, through our "Friends to Fraters Expansion Program."

Our alumni give the best recommendations for expansion opportunities. If you have a son, brother, nephew, grandson or family friend who is at a college campus without a Tau Delt chapter, contact the National Office at [admin@taudelt.net](mailto:admin@taudelt.net) or invite him to visit our website and read through our Start a Chapter page. We will contact him and share how to start the interest group process. There are benefits for the legacy interest that we will also share with him upon contacting the National Office.

men in the South and Southwest, and a decrease in the Northeast in the same time period, there is renewed interest in allocating resources in developing sustainable chapters in the South. The Fraternity is excited about the potential to colonize further in the South, to meet the needs of increased college-aged men who de-

# Tau Delt Leadership Development Plans

## Developing Congruent Outcomes Across Our Brotherhood

By Dr. Joseph Rios, Tau Epsilon

**W**hat should all Tau Delta Phi men know about being a leader and a brother before he graduates? This question was posed to the attendees at the 2013 Pyramid Leadership Institute and has guided member education since the 2012 Convention. During the past two years, the Executive Council and National Office revisited this question in multiple fashions, so we could capture the essence and purpose of our membership development for fraters in all statuses.

As a Past Grand Magister and former Director of Membership Education, I was tasked with helping our emerging colonies and established chapters create membership development programs that produced meaningful new member experiences and taught initiated fraters how to lead their chapters and colonies. One of the challenges is that, short of the

shared values of the Fraternity, we do not have established outcomes that each frater should have experienced before he graduated, such as hold a leadership or

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committee position within the chapter or know his communication style and how it impacts the group. Creating congruent outcomes has allowed the Executive Officers and staff within the National Office to mentor and lead the chapters and colonies regardless of their membership development plan.

Current colonies and established chapters had a membership development plan included in the 2013 Chapter Evaluation that assessed the methods each colony and chapter created regarding membership development opportunities from the extension of a bid to graduation. The assessment allowed the Executive Council to create a set of outcomes all brothers should know before he graduates, regardless of the chapter or colony. Starting in 2015, each chapter and colony will now include developmental opportunities that fit the culture and climate of the college, and fit the needs of the group of men.

During the 2012 Convention, the Grand Chapter approved the Enlightened Gentlemen’s Program (EGP). Created as a developmental leadership program, the curriculum highlights skills that Tau Delt leaders should develop over the course of his time as an undergraduate member

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

and encouraged opportunities for continued development as an alumnus. Development is measured through challenges in each of the five phases, and members are encouraged to create a self-developed plan that allows each man to grow in his own time and within his own strengths. The established membership outcomes will then be integrated into the EGP program as developmental benchmarks. After three years of initial implementation, all EGP chapters

will discuss updates during a meeting in July 2015 that will make the program better fit the experiences of the men in each chapter.

While Tau Delt chapters are each unique given their length of charter and fit on their campus, we are excited about identifying equally unique characteristics that make for successful brothers and leaders within our chapters that can be shared with all of our brothers. By creating a congruent set of developmental outcomes,

fraters will know they can confidently transfer to any campus with a Tau Delta Phi chapter and continue their growth as fraters and leaders. As we begin to answer the question *What should all Tau Delta Phi men know about being a leader and a brother before he graduates?*, we will learn the strengths of our Fraternity that will help it continue to grow and flourish on any new campus and on our current campuses.



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# CHANGING THE CONVERSATION

Working with Active Minds to End Stigma about Mental

Imagine having a severe and debilitating illness but never feeling the confidence to tell someone about it. Now add the stress of college classes, discovering your true self and learning necessary skills to start a career while dealing with your illness. The outcome of this combination should be something we should all care about. Mental health is a growing concern among college counseling

Our Fraternity believes in the Active Minds mission to speak openly about mental health in order to educate others and encourage help-seeking.

professionals. According to the National Institutes of Health, 75 percent of lifetime cases of mental health conditions begin by age 24. The NIH also reports that one in four young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 has a diagnosable mental illness and that more than 25 percent of college students have been diagnosed or treated by a professional for a mental health condition within the past year.

With these alarming statistics, the National Office and Executive

Council believed that increasing awareness about and funding for mental health issues was a worthy cause for our active fraters to learn about. Tau Delta Phi Fraternity celebrates and values partnership. Through creative partnerships our Fraternity has stood the test of time. We now mirror the same process and values that our original founders experienced through partnership with our National Philanthropy, Active Minds.

In 2013, Tau Delta Phi named Active Minds as its official philanthropy and service partner. Active Minds "empowers students to change the perception about mental health on college campuses." Our Fraternity believes in their mission to speak openly about mental health in order to edu-

cate others and encourage help-seeking. We encourage our chapters and colonies to co-sponsor events with the Active Minds chapters on their respective campuses, and on campuses without Active Minds we encourage Tau Delta Phi chapters to develop programming that tackles mental health issues on college campuses.

Active Minds is a campus based student organization working to change the conversation about mental health on college campuses. The organization develops and supports chapters of a student-run mental health awareness, education, and advocacy group on campuses, and works to increase stu-



*The Delta Kappa chapter and alumni raised over \$1000 for Active Minds at the 2015 Annual Golf Tournament.*

dents' awareness of mental health issues, provide information and resources regarding mental health and mental illness, encourage students to seek help as soon as it is needed, and serve as liaison between students and the mental health community.

Since announcing our partnership with Active Minds in 2013, our chapters and colonies have developed new programming to tackle mental health stigma on their respective campuses. In Spring 2015, the Delta Upsilon chapter developed a Mental Health Awareness campaign, soliciting donors from their region to sponsor a t-shirt available for sale. Proceeds from the campaign were donated to the University Counseling Center, and the colony has plans to continue the campaign for future semesters.

Other chapters have begun to involve their Greek communities in raising funds and awareness about college mental health issues. Delta Kappa added Active Minds as a recipient of its annual Golf Tournament fundraiser, collecting over \$1000 for the local Stockton University chapter. Nathan Smith, Delta Sigma Consul said, "The Delta Sigma chapter hosted its first Miss Tau Delta Phi pageant with the local sorority community to raise funds for Active Minds. Previously, we had done tables to raise awareness for the organization but we thought there was something better out there. We managed to pull off possibly the most successful event in the chapter's philanthropic history." In total, Tau Delta chapters collected and donated over \$2700 to Active Minds local chapters and the National organization.

In 2015, the Fraternity added three annual awards to recognize the outstanding work our brothers do for and with Active Minds on their cam-

pus. The awards will be presented at the 2016 Grand Chapter meeting. The Dedication to the Cause Awards will be awarded to the brother most dedicated to the cause of Active Minds, serving as role model for others, and exhibiting a commitment to Active Minds. The Philanthropy Award will recog-



*The Delta Sigma Chapter after the first Miss Tau Delta Phi Pageant, where they raised \$450 for Active Minds.*

nize the group that raises the most money for Active Minds, and the Chapter Programming Award will be given to the chapter or colony that participates in and sponsors the most Active Minds Programming during the school year.

## MENTAL HEALTH IS A GROWING CONCERN

- More than 11 percent of college students have been diagnosed or treated for anxiety in the past year and more than 10 percent reported being diagnosed or treated for depression.
- More than 40 percent of college students have felt more than an average amount of stress within the past 12 months.
- More than 80 percent of college students felt overwhelmed by all they had to do in the past year and 45 percent have felt things were hopeless.
- Almost 73 percent of students living with a mental health condition experienced a mental health crisis on campus. Yet, 34.2 percent reported that their college did not know about their crisis.
- Colleges across the country have reported large increases in enrollment. At the same time, college counseling centers have also observed an increase in the prevalence and severity of mental health issues experienced by students and an increase in the number of students taking psychotropic medications.

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# ALUMNI NOTES

## Chapter Updates

The 2015 Grand Chapter recognized the newly chartered Virginia Area Alumni Association. Any Tau Delt living in the Virginia and Maryland area should contact **Derby Sale** at [sdsale@taudelt.net](mailto:sdsale@taudelt.net).

The Delta Rho alumni just began the Alumni Chapter development process. Delta Kappa alumni are also working on an Alumni Chapter. Fraters from either chapter interested in working on the alumni chapter charters should contact Member of the Board **Bobby Swanton** at [rswanton@taudelt.net](mailto:rswanton@taudelt.net).

## Frater Updates

**Dr Charles "Chaz" Austin** (Alpha) was the Keynote Speaker at the Global Conference on Education on May 1, 2015 in Hawthorne,

California. The topic of his paper was, "Critical Thinking and ACTION... The Foundation of Student Empowerment."

**Gerard Zarra** (Gamma) began a new job at Showtime Networks in New York, NY in February 2015.

**Tim Cairns** (Delta Iota) completed the Ocean City Police Academy in May 2015, as part of Class 36. He will continue to work for the Beach Haven Police Department.

**Abdalla "Dolla" Mohammed** (Delta Xi) graduated with his MD from St. George's University in Granada and is working in New Jersey.

**Glenn Schiffman** (Delta Pi) started a new job in Phoenix, AZ as an

account executive for College Boxes at U-Haul International.

## New Additions

**Michael Lucia** (Tau Epsilon) and his wife, Tau Delt Sweetheart, Diana just celebrated his first son's first birthday in January 2015. We can't wait to welcome him to our Pyramid in 2032!

**Michael Bernardo** (Tau Epsilon) and his wife Megan welcomed a daughter in February 2015.

**Ryan Stevens** (Delta Iota) and his wife Jenna welcomed a son in April 2015. We can't wait to meet our newest legacy in 2033!

## Weddings, Announcements and Commitment Ceremonies

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## ATTENTION FRATERS IN MICHIGAN

### Nu Chapter Reunion

September 11-13, 2015

Hello Nu Chapter Alumni! There will be a first-time ever multi-year reunion for all U of Michigan Tau Delt, September 11-13, 2015 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

There will be social events on Friday and Saturday nights, plus tickets to the football game Saturday. Tours of the old fraternity house, the Hoover Mansion at 2015 Washentaw, now a bank, will be available for alumni and family.

For more information, email Lynn & Mark Gendleman (Nu) at [lgendleman@hotmail.com](mailto:lgendleman@hotmail.com). Details will be posted on the Tau Delta Phi website.



Visit the TauDelt website and drop us a note about what's going on in your life—new jobs, marriages and commitment ceremonies, new kids, anything you want your brothers to know about you life after graduation.

We will post the notes in upcoming Pyramid Magazines, and feature notes too!

[www.taudelt.net](http://www.taudelt.net)

# Alumni Connection

The research that culminated in the recent publication of the Tau Delta Phi Directory uncovered many 'missing' alumni, and we are very happy to welcome them back into the fold. It is unfortunate that numerous older alumni (myself included) once thought that Tau Delt had ceased to exist, but I truly enjoy the emails expressing joy at the discovery that we are still here.

Of course, it would be wonderful to find ALL of our alumni (we have only about 15,500 brothers in our current database), and the greatest resource in accomplishing that is YOU. If you know of other brothers who do not appear in the directory, please let me know, and I will do my best to track them down; you can email me at [smoulton@taudelt.net](mailto:smoulton@taudelt.net). If you did not purchase the directory and would like a copy, there is still a limited supply available from the National Headquarters. You can contact the National Office at [admin@taudelt.net](mailto:admin@taudelt.net).

In addition to remaining connected with our brothers from undergrad days, our alumni connection is relevant in other ways. Regardless of our chapters or eras, we are all Tau Delts, and our values and feelings will always reflect this commonality. The traditions of Tau Delta Phi remain meaningful in our everyday lives, and our principles and standards

are still strong and essentially the same as when we were founded in 1910. If you would like an update on where we have gone over the last 100+ years, consider purchasing a copy of the Polaris,

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available from Amazon. It is a combination of the old pledge book that many of us remember and the administrative guide. It contains a lot of valuable and interesting information about our fraternity, and it's a great read!

So, what can the alumni do to help Tau Delta Phi thrive in future generations? Bear in mind that we are not a club for college men, but rather a corporation, and our alumni can provide insight and business experience in the administration of our fraternity. Consider volunteering for a position on the Executive Council so your knowledge can provide input to our management process. Another option is to join or form a chartered alumni chapter. This provides not only new opportunities to socialize with other brothers, but it also

gives you a vote at the National Convention so you can have some say in the future direction of our fraternity.

Whether or not you intend to actively participate in guiding Tau Delta Phi's future, I want to ask two things of you. First, please keep me informed of any changes in your status or the status of any other brothers with whom you are familiar. This means, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and sadly, the passing of our brothers. Second, most colleges publish alumni directories that are available only to alumni of that particular school. If you can provide me with a copy of this directory for your college, it would help me greatly. Additionally, if there is a charge involved, the Grand Consul has agreed to reimburse you for the cost of the directory, BUT please contact me first to make sure that I do not already have a copy of your school's directory!

Finally, if you are an 'old-timer,' welcome back! If you are a recent graduate, welcome! And if you are still an undergrad, remember that we are Tau Delts for life, and the fraternity experience does not end with graduation.

It's great to be a Tau Delt!

- Steve Moulton, Psi '71  
Director of Alumni Relations

# CHAPTER UPDATES

## Tau Epsilon

This past year has been one full of new challenges for the Tau Epsilon chapter. It was one where we analyzed and adjusted our new member process to ensure our continued growth and success as a chapter. Changes, however, were not made without conflict and compromise among our members. Thankfully the process strengthened our respect and relationships among one another.

For the first time in numerous years our home at 269 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Newark was the residence of less than 10% of our active members. This situation was the result of numerous factors and we were faced with potentially losing the house our chapter has considered home for decades now at NJIT. Through serious dedication and generosity from alumni we have succeeded in generating the funding needed to keep our home. Furthermore many undergraduates have committed to moving in our house this coming semester rather than on campus. This additional rent will allow our housing corporation to reestablish its savings and ensure we will continue to keep calling 269 MLK home.

The past two years we have seen the graduation of a large portion of our active members. This has prompted us to reevaluate our recruitment process and learn new ways of seeking our men of character. We have been successful this past year in acquiring ten new members who truly possess the traits of a Tau Delt. Looking to the future we are confident we have the determination and knowledge to achieve our goals and prove what it means to be a Tau Delt.

## Delta Iota

We are excited to report that, after a large amount of work and dedication to our fraternity, we initiated 7 new Tau Delt for Spring 2015. They reflect the ideals of Tau Delta Phi and are so excited to be part of this organization. Delta Iota got back into the swing of things with our college Relay for Life on March 5 2015. We taped Frater Mike Knef to the wall for the first part of the night (see picture to the right). After he had endured this event enough, a very excited Frater Robbie Cuevas stepped up to be taped next. We raised a lot of money charging a dollar to tape our brothers to the wall.

It was a very exciting evening of raising money as we spent the entire night enjoying our brothers and recognizing the survivors and fighters of cancer.



We are we planned is for this coming September. We are planning a Carnival for September 2015 with the help and support of school and the First Responders Club at Ramapo College. It is going to be extravagant, with blow up mazes, carnival food, anything you can imagine coming to the parking lot of

# ALUMNI NOTES

Congrats to Tau Epsilon alumni **Anthony Cangialosi** for his upcoming wedding to Lauren Burdy, **Ian Miller** and his fiancé Chrissy Brindisi for their wedding announcement, **Matthew Manchester** for his upcoming wedding to Karla Verduga, and **Chris Cocco** and his fiancé Jennifer Mulligan for their wedding announcement.

Delta Nu alumnus **Nathen Illidge** announced his engagement to Cameron Tyler Welch.

**Anthony Lambiase** (Tau Epsilon) married Sylvia DeMartinis in June 2015.

**Joseph Rios** (Tau Epsilon) married Xiaorui 'Ray' Xiong in May 2015

**Cambridge Dorman** (Delta Nu) married Erin Dorman in April 2015.

**William Paulus** (Delta Nu) married Karen Paulus in April 2015.

## Chapter Eternal

From Frater Steve Moulton (Psi) It is my unhappy duty to inform you that we have lost our eldest brother, **Leonard X. Farbman**, Psi '32, our last surviving chapter founder. He passed away on January 26, 2013 at the age of 102. I had the honor of meeting Leonard once at his

apartment in New York City, but we spoke on the phone often. He was always interested in what Tau Delta Phi was doing, and he was ever curious about the activities of today's active brothers as compared to those of earlier generations. Leonard really wanted to attend out 100th Anniversary Convention in 2010, but his limited mobility would not permit it. We stopped conversing when his health seriously deteriorated, but I just learned of his passing yesterday (June 2015).

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Ramapo College. The school is funding it, and Delta Iota is spearheading the event that is going to make the news.

## Delta Kappa

For the Fall and Spring Semester, the Delta Kappa Chapter of Tau Delta Phi Fraternity experienced significant changes. For one, we initiated 12 new brothers into our brotherhood, while only graduating 3. Those are definitely numbers to be proud of. We also had multiple brotherhood development days which included going to a 76ers game, going paintballing, and we held the inaugural Delta Kappa Day, where we had alumni meet our actives. It was a great opportunity for actives to meet our alumni.

We also had multiple charity events, which included our annual golf tournament and Powder Puff football tournament. Besides our annual fundraisers, in the Spring semester, we sold cookie dough to our families and friends at Stockton and ended up raising over \$1,000. All together we raised over \$5,000.

Besides fundraising, we had many brothers get involved in community service. Every brother had at least 7 and most of the brothers exceeded it tremendously and had near 20 hours of community service. We plan to increase the amount of hours for community service to 7 to at least 10. Also, we want to increase the amount we raise for our philanthropy. We could easily raise near \$10,000 in a year if we set our minds to it. Our philanthropies mean a lot to us as a chapter and if we can raise more money towards them we will.

## Delta Rho

Delta Rho hosted Hayden Craddolph of Hayden Films to give a presentation on how to act in an interview along with presentation, where we had 25-35 students attend the presentation. He returned to Kutztown to talk to the students about his project; Hayden films.

We learned key aspects to film making and using social media to improve our desirability to employers. We had a total of 33 people attend our presentation. I would say the presentation was very successful. Delta Rho along with fellow students learned a lot, especially about marketing ourselves to future employees.

We also worked with charity event. We held a can drive/donations, with all proceeds going towards the Greater Berks Food Bank. We held the event on Kutztown University with all of Greek Life donating cans of food and monetary donations during our Greek Week. All in all our chapter raised over \$200 and over 800 cans of food.

## Delta Sigma

We put a lot of focus into brotherhood, having brotherhood dinners and watching football games. By the end of the semester, we created our first composite as well. Fall Semester provided a lot of insight towards the focus of promoting the good values that we have. At the same time, we try and influence others with these values to promote the good things we do as Tau Deltas.

Throughout the Spring semester, we were successful through many fundraisers to help provide for our chapter needs. Thanks to Frater Brandon Laysner, we were able to have a successful rush week and brought in 12 new men. This is the biggest class of new members in the history of the chapter. We participated in many events through both Greek Life and school organizations.

Greek Week began the week of April 6. We were able to place 2<sup>nd</sup> in the end. We created our first traditional event called Miss TDP. Frater Ryan Miller was able to successfully run this event and raise hundreds of dollars for us.

## Delta Tau

Fall 2015 was a busy time for the Delta

Tau chapter. We held a Mental Health Fair, which was a major success! The Fair raised awareness for Active Minds, as well as, allowed our fraternity to work and interact with a variety of organizations, as well as, students at Monmouth University. In October, the chapter participated in Monmouth University's largest community service event "The Big Event". On November 8, the chapter was also involved with the "Butterfly Circle of Friends 5K" to honor fallen veterans and Specialist Mike Gonzalez (see picture below).



In the beginning of the 2015 Spring Semester, we hosted a two-day event with Monmouth University's Career Services and with LinkedIn. Both of these events drew a large amount of students, giving our fraternity the opportunity to express our personal connections to the staff of Career Services and how Career Services and LinkedIn can help college students during and after their time at Monmouth University. From February 9<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>, Tau Delta Phi also had a Yankee Candle Fundraiser, in which we raised around \$600 for Active Minds! On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, brothers volunteered at the NJ Marathon at Pier Village in West Long Branch.

We also co-hosted a clothing drive to the people of Nepal with Monmouth University's First Year Service Project, in which we all collected over 2000 clothing donations, which are going to a variety of people in Nepal, as well as, other countries that Monmouth University students are traveling to.

# TAU DELTA PHI FOUNDATION UPDATES

## Apply for Frank X. Lutz, Alpha '69 Scholarship

*With the generous support of family and friends of our late Frater Frank X. Lutz (Alpha Chapter, 1969), the Tau Delta Phi Foundation is pleased to offer the Frank X. Lutz Scholarship at this time. The scholarship is open to all undergraduate fraternity members of Tau Delta Phi who are currently active within their chapter or colony of the Fraternity.*



*Frater Frank X. Lutz, Alpha '69*

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**HOW AWARDED:** Direct Payment to the School's Bursars Office.

**APPLICATIONS DUE:** See the Tau Delta Phi Foundation website for 2016 application dates.

Apply online at  
[www.taudeltfoundation.org](http://www.taudeltfoundation.org)

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