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## From the Grand President

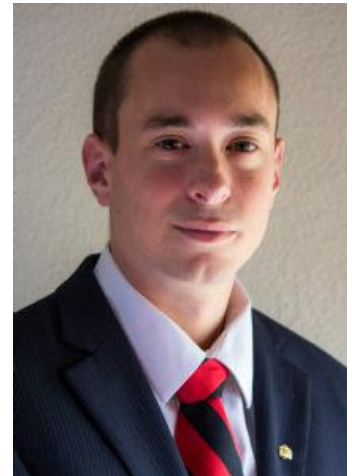
*Brothers of Sigma Phi Delta,*

"It has been quite some time since we've informed the membership with an issue of *The Castle*. It is with great pride and excitement, that I address the brotherhood with an update as to the State of the Fraternity. This marks my first letter to the Brothers after being elected Grand President at the 43rd General Convention in Philadelphia, PA. After six years as Grand Vice President, and two as Director of Expansion, I believed it was time for the next step in my service to the Fraternity. From 2012 to 2019, Sigma Phi Delta has seen an expansion boom. We doubled the size of the Fraternity by increasing to 25 Active Chapters and we added several more Alumni Chapters to assist the new undergraduate

chapters. In the process, Sigma Phi Delta set a membership milestone by surpassing 10,000 members!

I would like to take this time to also thank my predecessor, outgoing **Grand President, Alexandre R. Minden (KAPPA '01)** for his dedicated service to our great organization. Brother Minden will continue to assist the International Officers and Staff in whatever way he is able. Undoubtedly, he has played a key role in the Fraternity's success. He has seen us through difficult times and will be surely missed at the helm, as our leader for the past 18 years. Thank you, Brother.

2020 will bring with it a new direction in the International Officers and Staff's focus. After seeing the results of



Grand President Eric J. Pew  
(OMEGA '12)"

our expansion, our volunteers have worked tirelessly for the past 4 years to lay the groundwork for significant internal change. We have the membership, now the time has come to give them the tools for success. Below is a quick look into a couple of our projects we are working on for the next two years.

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### **Membership In-Service Training**

For years our Fraternity has stood by its Risk Management Policy and preached it to our undergraduate membership. However, the policy can no longer stand alone. It needs backing with annual training on the topics within. Our Chapter Development team is working to partner the Fraternity with EVERFI. EVERFI will provide online training for our members on topics such as sexual harassment, hazing, and alcohol abuse. Be on the lookout for updates on this in the very near future. Special thanks to **Brother Aaren Salido (BETA-DELTA '07)** for leading the charge on this project.

### **New Fraternity Website**

Sigma Phi Delta has had two websites for quite a few years. The older Castle website (used for forms and resources) and the “newer” website run by Affinity for public use. Over the past several years, the Supreme Council has seen a significant decline in the services that Affinity Connection provides. The cost is not matching the quality of the product we’ve received. In addition, Affinity’s transition of our website to Joomla saw the loss of several key components to the website. Specifically, our officers lost the ability to email all or part of our membership regularly. This led to a decrease in keeping our membership (and donors!) informed. We’ve spent the past two years

planning to get out from under the shadow Affinity has cast over us. As promised we have rolled out the brand-new Sigma Phi Delta website operated by ChapterSpot/Salesforce in early 2020.

### **Internal Operations Overhaul**

With the addition of a partnership with ChapterSpot for the Fraternity’s new website, it allows us to kill two birds with one stone (or save two birds with one net as my Fiancee likes to say). ChapterSpot will give our form collection system a whole new look. New member records will be significantly easier for chapters to report to the Council in stages from pledgship through initiation. The Council plans to make several changes in the way we operate to make things easier on the membership.

Those Brothers I’ve had the pleasure of meeting in person know that I have always had an open-door policy. This will not change as Grand President. I invite all of you to call, email, or text me. I can be reached anytime via cell (609) 784-5284. I would love to hear your ideas (or complaints!) and learn how we can make Sigma Phi Delta run even more efficiently.

Fraternally,  
**Eric J. Pew (OMEGA '12)**  
Grand President

## **43rd General Convention-2019 Philadelphia**

**F**rom August 8th through August 10th, all 24 Active Chapters and various Alumni chapters converged in Philadelphia for the 43rd General Convention. The convention was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia Center City. Over 90 Brothers attended the General Convention coming from all over North America. Chapters sent Brothers numbering from one member up to ten plus. Local Alumni were able to attend and give crucial input throughout the convention. The convention started on Thursday at noon with roll call and introductions of chapters and Supreme Council members. The

Sigma Phi Delta interns were given the opportunity to introduce themselves formally and do a recap of their yearlong internship with the major highlights. **Brothers Eric J. Pew (OMEGA '12)**, **Tyler S. Condon (KAPPA '13)**, and **Jon W. Eastham (KAPPA '12)** went through an “SPD Basics” presentation that covered various aspects of fraternity life and operational requirements for the fraternity. Some of the topics covered how to submit various forms, high level problems/solutions, and communication topics. A brotherhood event was held Thursday evening at “SPIN” where Brothers were able to

network and interact with other Chapters, Alumni, and Supreme Council members. Brothers had the chance to play games and eat throughout the networking event.

On Friday, the presentations focused on learning and increasing our knowledge of varying fraternity/life topics. Holmes Murphy, Sigma Phi Delta insurance provider, gave an in-depth presentation on risk and insurance concerns first. Their presentation was very eye opening and explained the dangers of fraternity life risk and how to navigate those risks. The real-life examples helped put the presentation in perspective for all the

Brothers in attendance. Phired Up joined us again to give a presentation that lasted most of the day on recruiting. They engaged the group and had various interactive topics that helped Brothers learn to recruit and socialize with potential new members. The topics presented by Phired Up are available on their website and will be provided to the chapters. Phired Up was one of the most anticipated and best presentations for the entire convention.

Throughout the weekend, various competitions and engineering activities were held to have the Brothers engage with each other. Chapters had small groups sessions to discuss things going well or improvements that should be made, group activities to program robots, and flying drones through a course. The Supreme Council had time to meet with each chapter individually and review the chapter overall with input from both sides of the interaction. Inter-Chapter activities were one of the most memorable times for the Brothers. Executive Secretary, Brother **Rafi Mills (BETA-KAPPA '15)**, introduced our new website



Getting Ready to Start the Convention

provider/consultant, Chapter Spot, to the convention and was able to field questions. Chapter Spot was able to do a quick demo on the website and talk about how things will operate.

On Saturday afternoon, elections and motions were held. At times throughout Saturday, the convention had a lot of great conversation and interaction to move the fraternity forward as a whole. From changes to the statutory code to the formal ritual, every topic was beneficial. At the start of 2020, the Supreme Council officially transitioned to new leadership. Grand President **Alixandre R. Minden (KAPPA '01)** is officially stepping down and current Grand-

Vice President Eric J. Pew (OMEGA '12) was elected as the new Grand President. Beta-Omicron will see their first Supreme Council member, **Brother David Lindsay (BETA-OMICRON '17)**, taking over the role of Grand Vice President as GVP-elect. The Director of Chapter Development was a hard choice with multiple Brothers who would have been fitting for the role. Recent intern, **Brother Jack Panella (DELTA '19)**, won the election for the Director of Chapter Development role. **Seth Huy (BETA-XI '16)** was re-elected as the Director of Alumni Relations and will continue to grow that role and take those responsibilities to the next level. Elections for the Board of



Brothers breaking out into a group activity



Learning about Chapter Spot Website

Trustees and Foundation also occurred during the convention. All the election results, minutes, and stat code changes will be forthcoming.

The convention officially ended after the formal banquet on Saturday evening. The banquet provided a time for all the Brothers to get dressed in their best formal attire and enjoy a steak and chicken dinner provided by the hotel catering staff. During the banquet various awards and recognitions were handed out. Grand-Vice President Elect, David Lindsay (BETA-OMICRON '17), announced that Beta-Iota (University of Maryland) won the Efficiency Contest and the monetary prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Seth Huy (BETA-XI '16) and Jon W. Eastham (KAPPA '12) officially handed out the official Charters for our newest Alumni Chapters Beta-Mu (Milwaukee School of Engineering) and Beta-

Nu (California Polytechnic State University).

Overall, this was the second General Convention that I have planned and would help plan another one in the future. The turnout and location were great for the entire convention. Brothers were able to make lasting memories and learn

about the Supreme Council/ International Organization throughout the weekend. The next convention chairs will be Aaren Salido (BETA-DELTA '07) and Jack Panella (DELTA '19) and that will be in 2021. The future of conventions and locations will be changing overtime. There are exciting changes coming and a fresh group of Supreme Council members will be inserting fresh ideas into the fraternity operations. I would like to thank Intern and DCD Elect, Jack Panella (DELTA '19), for his role in helping plan the convention. I would also like to thank Director of Chapter Development Aaren Salido (BETA-DELTA '07) for his years on the Supreme Council and always making it lively. Lastly, I would like to personally thank Alixandre R. Minden (KAPPA '01) for his many years as Grand President and varying Supreme Council roles. At any time, if you have questions please reach out to your respective Province Director or a Supreme Council member.

Thanks,  
Fraternally,

Brother Jon Eastham (KAPPA '12)  
Central Province Director  
43rd General Convention Chair



Sigma Phi Delta International Officers

# Ski Retreat Reconnecting Actives with Alumni

Beta-Xi (West Virginia University) is continuing their push to reconnect and establish good relations with their young Alumni base. Last year, the Beta-Xi Chapter hosted two large Alumni events, an Active & Alumni Ski Retreat and an on-campus Alumni Conference. Due to exceptionally positive feedback surrounding both events, we've decided to make them annual events.

Planning for the second annual Active & Alumni Ski Retreat began in mid September 2019, which allowed Alumni to confirm travel arrangements & take the necessary time off work. This year, meals was prepared beforehand, which eliminated the need for Brothers to venture into town for food. This led to many great family style feasts & a general camaraderie over a sharing meal. The planning committee made sure that no one went hungry the entire trip. One Brother commented "Everything was sick! Great idea to have the buffet."

The Ski Retreat took place in late January 2020 and saw an 65%



increase in attendance of both Active Brothers & Alumni from twenty-seven to forty-five Brothers. Throughout the Ski Retreat, brothers relaxed in the hot tubs, hit the slopes & played many games of Smash Brothers Brawl. The Brothers at Beta-Xi look forward to many more Ski

Retreats and continuing to build relationships with their Alumni.

**Benjamin W. Hawkins**  
(Beta-Xi '21)  
Assistant to the Eastern Province  
Director



(Left) Beta-Xi Active and Alumni Group Photo

## Delta Chapter's Annual Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the most important holiday in my family; it's a time when all my grandparents' siblings and their families come together to share what's new with one another and celebrate each other's company. There is a plethora of food, a lot of trash-talking towards the Dallas Cowboys (we're from Houston, of course we trash on Dallas), and overall a sense of gratitude that we can all spend this day together. Recently it has become an important holiday for the Delta Chapter (University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana).

Our social chairmen regularly organizes brotherhood events throughout the semester which are meant to foster closer bonds between Brothers. It's a chance to hang out with Brothers who you may not see on a regular basis through classes or otherwise. These range paintball outings to LAN parties at the chapter house. As a senior who doesn't live in the chapter house, I find these events valuable in that it gives me a chance to catch up with younger Brothers, share stories, and generally create a bond that will last after I graduate. I want to be able to come back for Homecoming as an alumnus and immediately be able to jump back into a conversation with an active. Even though Thanksgiving never started out as an organized brotherhood event, it has quickly become one of the most important brotherhood events of the year. It is usually held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and the chapter house kitchen is rife with activity in the morning as Brothers rush to cook their dishes



Delta Chapter Group Picture

in time. People walk in from their apartments carrying platters and containers, and everyone places their food on a long table set up in the dining room. After a moment for grace, everyone lines up, fills their plates with food, and sits down to enjoy a meal together. **Brother Andrew Christensen (DELTA '21)** says that this "is a time where we can cook for each other and then eat together. It's a wonderful feeling to cook for someone and enjoy a meal with them." I completely agree with Andy (DELTA '21). Food has always been a medium through which people connect and bond; knowing that a Brother took the time to prepare and share a meal with you shows a lot about his character and what you mean to him.

Since we hold Thanksgiving the first Saturday of Fall break, almost the entirety of the rest of campus has gone back home. There is a calm and quiet aura that descends upon the twin cities of Urbana and Champaign in which the University of Illinois resides. There are quite a few Brothers in Delta that are not from Illinois, including myself, and while most of us plan our flights back home months in advance, we always

make sure to fly after Saturday so that we can be with the rest of our Brothers one more weekend. There is a unique sense of camaraderie we feel knowing that we are still on campus when no one else is. **Brother Matthew Weberski (DELTA '20)** puts it perfectly, saying that "simply being with each other when everyone else on campus has gone home for break truly showcases how thankful we all are for each other." When I arrived at the University of Illinois as a freshman, I didn't know a single person here, and Sigma Phi Delta quickly became my second home. If I have the chance to spend more time with my Brothers, I'm going to take it. I am so grateful to find a group of men who I'm able to connect with and create bonds within college that will last a lifetime.

The Delta chapter house will be going through a renovation that will last the entirety of the 2020-2021 school year. It's been our home for decades, and I hope that the traditions that have been created over the years, like the annual Thanksgiving dinner, live on in the new house.

Sahil Morrow (DELTA '20)  
Sigma Phi Delta Intern

# International Roster

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Alumni generosity has helped us grow exponentially. The fraternity has grown enormously in the past few years, currently we have twenty-five active chapters on campuses across North America – thanks to support from Alumni like you!

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## Chapter Name Grad Year

### Supervising Members (\$500 or More)

Alpha	Brian Yamaguchi	1984
Alpha	Cecil Fraser	1963
Alpha	Nick Friesen	1956
Alpha	Peter J Bekey	1957
Alpha	Richard J. Sidor	1983
Alpha	Scott C. Mitchell	1991
Delta	Delta Alumni	
Epsilon	Shane D. Bartus PhD	2001
Iota	Larry L. Mellinger	1968
Rho	Lew J. Leibowitz	1973

### Building Member (\$365 - \$499)

Alpha	David D. Dressler	1979
Epsilon	Richard W. Satter	1965
Omega	Michael J. Piemontesi	2004
Rho	Dale A. Hachtel	1968

### Sustaining Member (\$100 - \$364)

Alpha	Eric E. Lemke	1950
Alpha	Arthur O. Galyean Jr.	1956
Alpha	Charles W. Crowl	1956
Alpha	Robert A. Reidel	1958
Alpha	Bill E. Zehrbach	1969
Alpha	Stanley R. Woods	1979
Alpha	Joseph P. Mattis	1980
Alpha	Joseph J. Andre IV	1987
Alpha	Roger Fischer	1989
Delta	Raymond K. Reusch	1952
Delta	Raymond F. Siewert	1954
Delta	David Chemelewski	1962
Delta	Robert D. Malinowski	1964
Delta	Ronald D. Davis	1969
Delta	Mark B. Snyder Ph.D	1979
Delta	Ronald B. Carmichael	1985
Delta	Timothy A. Staber	1987
Delta	Scott A. Steele	1990
Delta	Daniel J. Brian	1999
Epsilon	Gordon R. Maier	1952
Epsilon	Dewey M. Albers	1953
Epsilon	Richard L. Hansen	1954
Epsilon	Jack A. Lavold	1956
Epsilon	Eugene L. Gross	1957
Epsilon	John M. Ruland	1957
Epsilon	Eugene A Hansen	1959
Epsilon	Rixon J Rafter	1960
Epsilon	Ronald R. Neuman	1964
Epsilon	Alvin Franson	1965
Epsilon	Bruce E. Hanson	1973
Epsilon	Gregory D. Rise Sr.	1973
Epsilon	Steven D. Campbell	1973
Epsilon	John M. Shide	1976
Epsilon	David J. Hemberger	1977
Epsilon	Thomas W. Huber	1979
Epsilon	Michael H. Gunsch	1981
Epsilon	Richard A. Skordahl	1994
Epsilon	Matthew C. Peris	1997
Epsilon	Matthew D. Robinson	2002
Eta	John Thomas Walker	1955
Eta	Robert P. Kennedy	1955

Eta	Michael J. Sullivan	1958
Eta	Robert Hornick	1960
Eta	William H Roche	1961
Eta	Austin G. Mackey	1962
Eta	Philip J. Walsh	1962
Eta	William M. Bass	1962
Eta	James J. Glass Jr.	1963
Eta	John E. Neirinckx	1964
Eta	Robert F. Sapita	1964
Eta	William H. Conley Jr.	1965
Eta	Leon P. Janik	1966
Eta	Lee J Bordenave	1967
Eta	Eric C. Blom	1969
Eta	James M. Mann	1969
Eta	Paul M. Neylon	1969
Eta	Ronald S. Lesniak	1970
Eta	Thomas A. Mazza	1970
Eta	Rhaoul A. Guillaume	1971
Eta	Thomas E. McHugh	1972
Eta	Michael A. Zignego	1974
Eta	Paul A. Konrath	1978
Eta	Randall R. Holterman	1978
Eta	Clark A. Wantoch	1979
Eta	Anthony M. Balistereri	1985
Eta	Marty Van Der Burgt	1992
Eta	Joshua J. Babiasz	1996
Eta	Rodney A. Bjerke II	1998
Eta	Christopher M. Prosperi	2000
Eta	John Robert Landrum	2004
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Kappa	William Laraway	1954
Kappa	Joseph S. Lushnia	1956
Kappa	Frank D. Moore	1961
Kappa	Jerome A. Lagod	1962
Kappa	Daniel W. Dobson	1963
Kappa	Kent Grose	1988
Kappa	David S. Daugherty	1991
Kappa	Michael L. Votaw	1991
Lambda	Kenneth J. Lauffer	1959
Lambda	Ronald W. Hicks	1959
Lambda	Stanley J. Puskarz	1959
Lambda	Robert R. Featheringham	1960
Lambda	Hugh R. McSweyn	1962
Lambda	Larry T Oglesby	1962
Lambda	Merlen Teal	1962
Lambda	Larry L. Cherry	1964
Lambda	Leslie J. Tekamp	1982
Mu	Ivan Bekey	1954
Mu	Leonard Goodman	1955
Nu	William J. Devore	1970
Phi	Thomas W. Spisak PE	2002
Phi	Michael J. Solheim	2004
Phi	Chad Allen Meirose	2006
Pi	Gary M. Kurtz	1983
Pi	Mike T. Lange	1983
Psi	Peter G. Garnevicus	1978
Rho	Robert V. Marchetti	1970
Rho	Roger H. Reckers	1971
Rho	Clifton A. Warren	1972
Rho	Larry L. Decker	1973
Rho	David M. Terrinoni	1981



Rho	George J. Flanders	1982
Rho	Alvin L. Swearingen Jr.	1983
Theta	Gregory Strebel	1981
Omega	Joseph M. Fede	2014
Beta-Pi	Adam R. Venn	2015

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Delta	Fred D. MacMurdo	1968
Delta	Jason G. Souden	1991
Delta	Justin D. Durfee	1998
Delta	Brendan P. Joyce	2013
Epsilon	William A. Hanson	1951
Epsilon	Gordon R. Maier	1952
Epsilon	Harold A. Lafleur Jr	1958
Epsilon	Frank W. Joyce	1959
Epsilon	James R. Engbrecht	1959
Epsilon	James P. Hilligan	1965
Epsilon	Dale A. Wandersee	1967
Epsilon	Bruce A. Freitag	1975
Epsilon	Gregory P. Clark	2001
Epsilon	Mark E. Vizecky	2002
Epsilon	Sean Murphy	2012
Eta	John E. Breen	1953
Eta	Ronald E. Wernitznig	1960
Eta	David L. Heim	1963
Eta	James G. Shaw	1963

Eta	Charles J. Nemmers	1964
Eta	Christopher R. Wolf	1975
Eta	Henry M. Strzelecki	1978
Eta	Brian E. Bauer	1980
Eta	Mark S. Johnson	1985
Eta	William D. Breunig	1990
Eta	Michael J. Stelzner	1998
Iota	Donald L. Fruehe	1961
Iota	David L. Docsa P.E.	1965
Iota	Engin V. Tilev	1965
Kappa	Donald W. Ellison	1948
Kappa	George A. Englesson	1957
Kappa	Douglas A. Miller	1962
Kappa	Michael E Miller	1962
Kappa	Jerome J. Troha	1967
Kappa	Charles W. Erb	1985
Lambda	Raymond T Hoffman	1959
Lambda	Merlin Teal	1962
Lambda	Billy E. Young	1965
Lambda	Dean W. Hagerty	1968
Lambda	Ronald W. Malanowski	1969
Lambda	Joseph A. Knecht II	1978
Lambda	Michael A. Christison	1982
Omega	Jonathan C. Nycz	2012
Pi	Raymond D. Tamburro	1975
Pi	Mark E. Holmes	1983
Pi	Mike T. Lange	1983
Psi	Evan Marshall	
	Heath Ferguson	2016
Rho	Gary L. Erickson	1969
Rho	James F. Thompson	1971
Sigma	Robert T. Lee	1971

Tau	Philip G. Robinson	1973
Beta-Gamma	Francisco Retiz Jr	2014
Beta-Gamma	John Robert Michael	2014
Beta-Zeta	Daniel J. Klosterman	2019

**Supporting Member (\$1 - \$49)**

Alpha	Steven V. Hull	1977
Epsilon	Lyle D. Nelson	1958
Epsilon	James T. Addicott	1959
Epsilon	R Duane Nelson	1964
Epsilon	Gary Artz	1966
Epsilon	Sean Murphy	2012
Eta	Walter R. Gutzwiller	1953
Eta	G. B. Quaid	1956
Eta	John R. Tumpak	1963
Eta	Mark A. Bork	1978
Eta	Scott K. Mann	1985
Eta	Mark R. Henschel	1989
Eta	Stanley J. Benes	1993
Iota	Robert G. Simon	1956
Iota	Robert L. Tyjoran	1969
Iota	Frank C. Weaver	
Kappa	Arthur Lee Davis	1952
Lambda	Thomas Paragian	1960
Pi	Harold A. Kosola	1963
Pi	Thomas G. Re	1965
Pi	Daniel T. Massaro	1973
Rho	Dennis E. Kroll	1970
Rho	Donald R. Nelson	1973
Rho	Todd A. Landon	1996

**What are you up to?**

Many of our alumni are doing some interesting things since graduation. Being a part of SPD, the lessons learned and the core values taken with us have carried over into the rest of our lives. We want to know what our alumni are up to! Whether it's family news, personal achievements, or event announcements you'd like other Brothers to know—let us know what YOU have been up to!

Log into our website and read more about what other Brothers are doing via the Search Castle Updates link. You can also submit your own update via the Submit a Castle Update link also on our website. These updates will be printed in the next *CASTLE*.

Finally, start a conversation on our Message Boards. You never know who might be out there!

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## Chapter Reports

### DELTA University of Illinois Champaign Urbana

This past semester at Sigma Phi Delta was one that all our rush chairs and bothers can look back on and be proud of. To start, we spoke with about 100 engineers on Quad Day just prior to the new semester's start. That semester's recruitment was extremely important to Delta chapter as next year our house will be undergoing a sizeable renovation that will render the chapter house unusable for an entire year. This brought forth many worries of our recruitment numbers being low in the future but despite not having an official chapter house for next year, we still got a great class of 13 engineers well deserving of being a part of our brotherhood.

"Our motto was quality over quantity, and I believe we really delivered with recruiting an extremely involved and diverse pledge class this semester" - **Brett Lofendo (DELTA '22)**

Next year will be quite different for the Delta chapter, but the Brothers have already made necessary changes in order to prepare. For starters, the Delta chapter moved to year-long executive positions in order to increase the spread of information between executive members and to ensure a steady transition from having a house to not having a house. Many Brothers have also secured housing together which will be vital in ensuring the Delta chapter remains as strong as it is.

Sincerely,

**Michael McGinnis (DELTA '22)**

Delta Chief Engineer

### ETA Marquette University

With the passing of our chapter's 100-Year Anniversary on October 5th, the doors of Marquette's Sigma Phi Delta house welcomed both active members and returning Alumni for a celebration of the rich history and fond memories inherited through their time with the fraternity. Active members hosted house tours while Alumni met with old friends and recalled memorable stories. After a catered dinner, celebration continued into the night with famous fraternity traditions, including songs revered by both Alumni and active Brothers.

Over the weekend of September 27th, Eta chapter hosted several active members from Sigma Phi Delta's Beta-Xi chapter of West Virginia



Eta Chapter - Beta-Xi visit



Eta initiates

University. Members of both chapters participated in fraternity traditions and learned about the different stories and customs each chapter had to offer. The weekend was a success for both chapters involved, and we are eager for another opportunity to improve our inter-chapter relations.

We are proud to announce a successful semester of new member recruitment at the Eta chapter of Sigma Phi Delta. Over the fall 2019 semester, we initiated six new active Brothers into our fraternity. Increased focus in new member recruitment efforts, led by Recruitment Chairs **John Knox (ETA '21)**

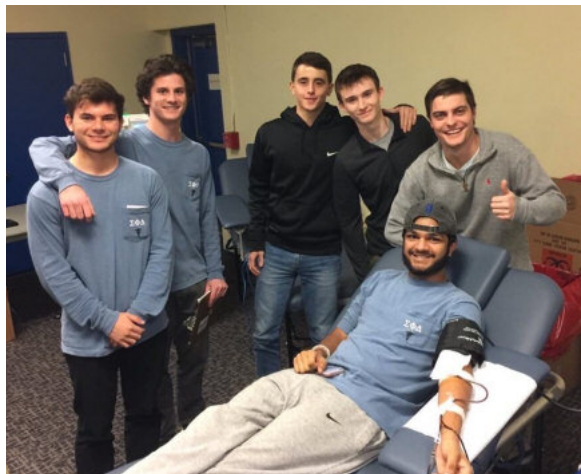
and **Justin Ethithara (ETA '21)**, brought in a sizably larger class of potential new members than we'd typically expect for a fall semester. The initiation process, led by Vice Chief of New Members **JJ Wilder (ETA '20)** and Chief Engineer **James Wolf (ETA '21)**, was highly successful in the education of potential new members on the values, tradition, and history, of both our Eta chapter and the Sigma Phi Delta fraternity as a whole.

**Dylan Orsi (ETA '21)**  
ETA Historian

### PSI University of Delaware

In the Fall of 2019, the Psi chapter of Sigma Phi Delta continued its mission to give back to the community and strive for greatness professionally. We started off the semester with a community cleanup where our chapter cleaned the streets of Newark. The chapter also held a blood drive that was very great success. In this event our chapter was able to obtain over 250 donors surpassing our goal of 200. This was such a great event for our chapter and have already started planning for another blood drive for this semester. In November, our Alumni came down and held a professional event for us in which they presented on topics that would be beneficial to our careers. Our recruitment process throughout the semester went smoothly as well, gaining 12 new members. In the spring semester we hope to continue raising money for our main cause, Udance, where all the money raised goes to children with childhood cancer. It should be an exciting spring semester filled with growth and philanthropy. I hope all other chapters are safe and have a successful spring semester.

**Dennis Priestner (PSI '22)**  
PSI Chief Engineer



Psi Chapter blood drive



Psi Chapter blood drive

### BETA-DELTA Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

The Beta-Delta Chapter hit the ground running during the first semester of the new school year. In December, we welcomed 17 outstanding men into our Brotherhood, bringing our active membership to a record 84 Brothers. Although our Chapter is bigger than ever, we have been tireless in our efforts to strengthen our ties to one another. Events like skeet shooting, Ranch Weekend, and Brotherhood Dinners are a chance for all of us to set aside our obligations as engineers and spend time together. In addition, our annual Parents' Banquet was a night to connect with each other's families and honor our parents for helping us become the men we are today.

This semester also marked the launch of our new philanthropy, "Cookout for the Community." We raised over \$1700 for a local non-profit that helps impoverished families in communities around Virginia Tech. In addition, we participated in the philanthropies of two other great organizations. It



Beta Delta Philanthropy Group Picture

## Chapter Reports (continued)



### Beta-Delta Ranch Weekend

was a great way to support other worthy causes and grow our ties with other groups on campus.

We are looking forward to the new semester and what the future holds for our Chapter.

**Will Hom (BETA-DELTA '21)**

Beta-Delta Secretary

### BETA-ZETA Wright State University

Salutations from the scenic Midwest! Despite recruitment being in full swing, to replace a large graduating class, Beta-Zeta still places a large emphasis on brotherhood and brotherhood events. Last semester, in addition to all the usual weekly events we have, we had a camping trip for the Brothers. In this, they spent intimate time together

bonding in the wilderness. We also held a big cookout at a local park to celebrate Castle Day and unwind as finals were approaching.

We have been working to achieve tier 5 on campus, which requires a large amount of community service hours. One of the things our Brothers have been doing to achieve this is volunteering with a FIRST robotics team, teaching them programming principles. We've also been collaborating with the local IEEE chapter to help run events.

As we settle into the new year, we are continuing to strive to better ourselves and our chapter. We currently have the highest GPA in chapter history and are looking forward to a year of excellence for Beta-Zeta.

**Samuel Paul Gier**

(Beta-Zeta '22)



Beta-Zeta Chapter



Beta-Zeta Chapter



Beta Zeta Chapter

### BETA-KAPPA Lehigh University

The growth that Beta-Kappa has enjoyed over the last several semesters continued in Fall 2019. We welcomed the seven members of Xi Class to our brotherhood for a total of nearly 60 active members. Highlights from the fall included a visit to Beta-Iota at University of Maryland, the annual Lehigh-Lafayette tailgate and football game, the Parents Weekend barbeque, and the long-awaited completion of our chapter's first composite. Per tradition, we wrapped up the semester with our brotherhood feast, which included dishes from each family and a predictably chaotic Secret Santa reveal.

In addition to social and brotherhood events, Fall 2019 also included plenty of professional and philanthropic work. Several Brothers began or continued their involvement with Lehigh's Global Citizen Program, Baker Institute, and Global Social Impact Fellowship, and two members were induct-



Beta-Kappa Apple Picking

ed into Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. As a chapter, we raised nearly \$5,000 for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia during Hawkathon, Lehigh's twenty-four-hour dance marathon. We are proud to have been the highest

Beta-Kappa Chapter Group Photo



## Chapter Reports (continued)

fundraising Greek chapter at Lehigh. And as the fall came to an end, many Brothers locked down internships for this coming summer.

As Spring 2020 gets underway, Beta-Kappa is looking forward to a successful recruitment period and a greater presence on campus. We are excited to begin planning our first annual chapter retreat, and we are stoked to hit new highs as a brotherhood.

**Brenden Huegel (BETA-KAPPA '21)**

Beta-Kappa Chief Engineer

### **BETA-LAMBDA San Diego State University**

Fall 2019 has been a fantastic semester for the Beta-Lambda Chapter. We were lucky enough to be gifted with a large group of new brothers, as we initiated 17 exceptional young men in the month of November. This pledge class follows Beta-Lambda Chapter's previous class of 25, and it goes without saying that each and every brother is thrilled to see this level of growth continue, especially as we move forward into the new decade. In addition, the Beta-Lambda Chapter partnered with other professional organizations at San Diego State University in order to gain some valuable experience and develop stronger connections on campus.

One event, the resume roast is a joint professional event between the business fraternity (Alpha Kappa Psi), our engineering sister sorority

(Alpha Omega Epsilon), and our brothers of the Beta-Lambda Chapter. We were able to host the event on campus thanks to the folks at ZIP Launchpad, the on-campus startup incubator. It was a successful gathering of constructive criticism amongst peers, and we plan to host more events like this in the future!

Finally, the Brothers of Beta-Lambda Chapter gathered to honor the memory of Carlos Flores, in an annual tradition where active brothers and alumni alike skate from top to bottom of the parking structure where he passed away. We then shared his stories, and how he impacted every brother in both life and in death. Even for those who had never had the pleasure of knowing Carlos, it was truly a surreal and amazing experience which brought our Fraternity closer together and, hopefully, honor to his name.

Rest in peace Brother Carlos.

**Evan Czajkowski (BETA-LAMBDA '21)**

Beta-Lambda Guide

### **BETA-MU Milwaukee School of Engineering**

Hello from Milwaukee! As student's approach finals season and are hard at work studying in the library and campus center, Beta-Mu Chapter carried out some bigger events on campus throughout the fall and winter quarter alongside a successful rush season. For incoming and returning students





Beta-Mu Color Fight

in the fall, we planned and ran our annual color fight with a local sorority on campus, Kappa Sigma Mu. We had tons of fun putting it on as well as participating in it. In addition to promoting Sigma Phi Delta on campus it also helped promote the school as it was a major part of the Welcome Week promotional video for the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Of course, during baseball season Brewer's games are tons of fun to go to so we continued to go as one of our most popular rush events. Then throughout the semester, we had some visits from our friends at Kappa chapter as well as got together with Eta and some guys visiting all the way from Beta-Xi! We are all looking forward to the future and all the great things in store for us!

**Jonathan Stowe (BETA-MU '21)**

Beta-Mu Chief Engineer



Beta-Mu at a Brewer's Game

### **BETA-NU California Polytechnic State University**

The Fall 2019 quarter was very successful for our chapter. We were proud to welcome our largest pledge class yet! Pledges took part in many activities, such as the "Brotherhood Games," a day during which pledges and their bigs participate in a series of games in a friendly competition; and the "Tri-Tip Challenge," where pledges hiked up to three local summits and treated themselves to tri-tip sandwiches afterwards.

Our chapter put on a variety of events this quarter. Brothers enjoyed a successful Alumni Weekend, during which many of our Alumni returned to visit the chapter, meet old friends, and connect with new members. We also arranged a



Beta-Nu Group Photo

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Beta-Nu Group Photo

Halloween Social in conjunction with our university's chapter of Alpha Omega Epsilon, with activities such as pumpkin carving and a costume contest.

In addition, we participated in Build an Engineer Day; Brothers volunteered to guide local elementary school students through introductory hands-on workshops, designed to give the kids exposure to science and engineering. Lastly, we participated in a fundraising carnival arranged by sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma - Brothers had a blast playing games like the three-legged race. We had an amazing quarter with both our brotherhood activities as well as our community involvement, and we and look forward to a great winter quarter!

**Sujit Madiraju (BETA-NU '20)**

Beta-Nu Historian

### **BETA-SIGMA Howard University**

The 2019 fall semester of the Beta-Sigma chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity was interesting because of the complex situation that the chapter was in. This was the first semester that some of the charter members had graduated. This meant that they wouldn't always be readily available. However, many of the Brothers made a meaningful presence; either at rush week, during meetings or hanging out with prospective candidates.

Chapter funds continued to be an issue during



Beta-Nu Group Photo



Beta-Nu Chapter

the fall, but the Brothers discussed effective fundraising, viable sources of donations, and how to best handle the payment of chapter dues from then on.

With the semester ending, a small and private ceremony was held where three new Brothers were inducted into the Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity. Despite facing various roadblocks along the way, the semester was successful in welcoming a strong Beta Class, and in creating a plan to bring the chapter to the next level for the spring.

**Ali Alhumud (BETA-SIGMA '20)**

Beta-Sigma Chief Engineer

