

# THE BETA TAU BLASTER

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## A Word from the Beta Tau President

Brothers,

The fall of 2021 has been an exciting time for the men of Beta Tau! We have welcomed a class of 18 freshmen. They are well on track to completing new member education and becoming full members of the fraternity. With Covid-19 restrictions loosening, we have been fortunate enough to host several events throughout this semester. A few of these events include parent's weekend, alumni weekend, various brotherhood events, two philanthropy events benefiting JDRF, member development programming, and several social events with other members of the Greek community.

We recently received a visit from a representative of our Central Office who came to provide recruitment support and advice to the members of our chapter. He attended a chapter meeting, presented to us about the differences between recruitment and "rush", and spent time meeting with members of our Executive and Administrative teams. I truly believe his advice and insight will have a lasting and positive impact on how our chapter recruits.

This coming summer we are looking to potentially complete several projects within the Shelter. Areas of greatest concern for us include: replacing flooring throughout the house, repairing rooms that are not currently occupied, and a complete renovation of the kitchen. We have already received a promising amount of support for these efforts, but any support or donations are welcomed and encouraged!

During my time in the fraternity, involvement and vigor have never been as high as they are now! The men of Beta Tau are very proud to have persevered through our recent hardships, and we very much look forward to a bright future ahead of us. Support from alumni is a crucial cornerstone to the future of success and growth we are trying to build for Beta Tau.

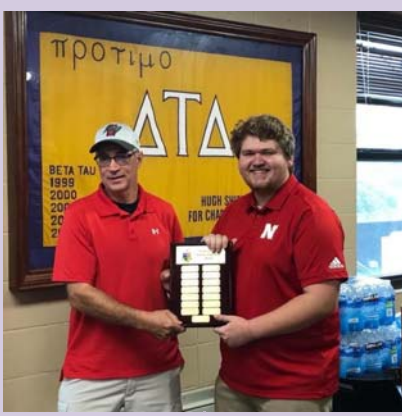
Fraternally,

**Josh Hoins ('23)**  
**Beta Tau Chapter President**



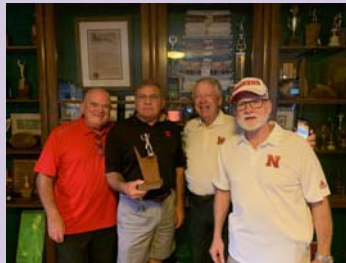
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## Alumni Weekend 2021



If the festivities of Homecoming Week were not enough, the chapter decided to add more to its plate by hosting our alumni for an Alumni Weekend Celebration. This was the first alumni event since the Covid-19 pandemic started. On October 1st, the chapter hosted alumni to a fancy steak dinner at the Shelter. On October 2nd, the chapter held an alumni tailgate at the Shelter prior to the Homecoming football game. In addition to the food, drinks, and camaraderie, the chapter was proud to award the Thomas E. Wolf ('67') Alumnus of the Year Award to James E. Murphy, Jr. ('82'). Jim has provided an alumni presence for the last several years and has shown his dedication and labor to bettering the chapter and the Shelter.

**Congratulations Jim!**



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## Chapter Advisor's Report

Can you imagine your fraternity experience without the chapter meetings, community service events, socials, dinners as a group, late-night discussions, and mingling with sorority women? It doesn't sound like a very fun environment or what I would consider a true fraternal experience. And yet that is exactly what the undergraduate members of Beta Tau have been going through the past year and a half. Constantly changing local health restrictions due to Covid-19 forced chapter leadership to become imaginative in order to make the most out of what they've been allowed to do. Virtual chapter meetings, limited participation events held outdoors, and online fundraising efforts became the norm.

As you can likely conceptualize, the lack of "fraternity" had a demoralizing effect on our undergraduate brothers. Despite the dark cloud hovering over the Delt House this past few years, our brothers have persevered and have continually sought the light toward the future. The light of aspiration. As we learn in the Rite of Iris, the true man is unconquerable. He always sees beyond what-is into what-is-to-be. Our undergraduate brothers have been living in a restricted Covid world of "what-is", but their undying urge for better things had them constantly planning for a normal world of "what-is-to-be".

That time is finally here and our undergraduate brothers are taking full advantage of the end of major local health restrictions. The formerly blank chapter calendar is now overflowing with brotherhood, social, and community service events. It contains member development programming as well as extensive Ritual Education. Dinner is now served as a group. The academic program is again being utilized and improved upon. Chapter meetings, as well as all committee meetings, are again in-person. The once quiet Shelter is now brimming with activity.



**To sum it up: Beta Tau is a fraternity again!**

**Ryan Caldwell**  
**Theta Kappa ('02)**  
**Beta Tau Chapter Advisor**

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# New Members for the Fall of 2021

Please welcome our Fall 2021 New Member Class:

Jesse Adkins-Littleton, CO  
Tommy Brandt-Bennington, NE  
Luke Engebretson-Geneva, IL  
Jacob George-Moscow, PA  
Caleb Glynn-Austin, TX  
Ethan Hunt-Lincoln, NE  
Drew Johnson-Geneva, NE  
Sam Johnson-Lincoln, NE \*  
Eric Lee-St. Charles, IL

Layne Luedtke-Grand Island, NE  
Chase Meadows-Gretna, NE  
Xander Murphy-Omaha, NE  
Braden Robinson-Grand Island, NE  
Luke Saranecki-Downers Grove, IL  
Dorian Shala-Grand Island, NE  
Brayden Wardyn-Gretna, NE  
Kyle Wells-St. Charles, IL

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