



# THE BETA TAU BLASTER

DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN | SPRING 2015

## ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT SERVES AS CHAPTER'S FOUNDATION

*Your Support Is Needed to Strengthen the Beta Tau Brotherhood*

Show Your Commitment to Delta Tau Delta! Join the House Corporation or the Alumni Advisory Team today by e-mailing [hcpres@nebraskadeltsgmail.com](mailto:hcpres@nebraskadeltsgmail.com).

We continue to grow the ranks of alumni volunteers for Beta Tau. Our third social event at Longwell's Bar & Grill in Lincoln on March 8 was a great success, with 75 attendees. It was the last scheduled men's basketball game of the season and Chapter Leadership Consultant **Sam Mallick, Vanderbilt University '14**, was visiting Beta Tau. We had an opportunity to join as alumni with the young Delts from the undergraduate chapter. There were alumni from Lincoln, Omaha, other areas of the state, and from as far away as Denver. A special thanks to the undergraduate men of the Beta Tau Chapter and to **Brent Sallee '92** for helping organize the event, as well as **Eric Marsh '88**, owner of Longwell's, for his hospitality.

Those of you who attended previous after-work socials realize what a special opportunity it is to join with your brothers, and many of you who attended the reunion and open house enjoyed the company of alumni back to 1966. We reconnected with more alumni who may join us as part of the Alumni Advisory Team and some who are now working with board member **Dean Jenkins '55** and **Blake Woodruff '13** to host the Alumni Golf Tournament and after-golf social on Saturday, June 6, at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha. We'll have a four-person scramble with a maximum of 15 teams. **Plan now and save the date.**

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Alumni involvement ensures continued leadership for the Beta Tau Chapter. There are day-to-day activities and meetings and decisions to be made about current and future financial commitments and obligations, resolving everything from simple questions about how things work to complex financial obligations competing for limited funds. House Corporation communications include telephone calls or meetings with vendors, contractors, local officials, the chapter consultant, and the international office. In my years on the board, I have observed our young board members marry and start families, and as they advance in their careers with more demands for time they have less available time for the fraternity. It takes time to get in the rhythm of the board and the activities that each of us is involved in or managing. **Join us on the board and contribute time to see what may interest you now and in the coming years.**

We have 400 Beta Tau alumni in the Lincoln-Omaha metropolitan areas. Join us and help increase alumni involvement to 5% in these two metropolitan areas and add 20 men, nearly doubling the current actively participating alumni. Join us at the next after-work social and consider joining the Alumni Advisory Team, volunteer to assist with a project, or meet with the House Corporation or chapter advisors and see how your interests and shared values can contribute as an active volunteer.

The Alumni Advisory Team presents an opportunity for more involvement and your personal engagement. Some of the continued needs are mentors for the chapter officers and members. Positions available are recruitment advisor, membership education advisor, risk management advisor, and road advisor.

This is your opportunity to engage again in the fraternal experience with members of the board and with the young undergraduates. It has brought back great memories of my years on campus and the realization of how important the fraternity is today as it was then. I know that you will find involvement with the fraternity an exciting and rewarding experience. To see how your interests can lead to involvement, contact **Ryan Caldwell '98** at [caldwelldelt@gmail.com](mailto:caldwelldelt@gmail.com) or **Jim Emanuel '79** at [jmanuel@robseeco.com](mailto:jmanuel@robseeco.com).

**Byron Stigge '64**, a member of House Corporation and the Alumni Advisory Team, engaged with the undergraduate chapter finance committee and is working to help improve business practices and understanding amongst members of the committee. The result of his regular meetings is

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*House Corporation members and chapter officers gather for a meeting on February 8.*

## Help Those Affected by Type 1 Diabetes

*Support the Juvenile Diabetes  
Research Foundation*

**D**id you read “Living with Diabetes” by **Evan Meindl**, *John Carroll University '16*, in *The Rainbow*? In honor of National Diabetes Awareness Month, Evan told about his life with type 1 diabetes and the importance of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Delta’s philanthropy partner. The JDRF and Delta Tau Delta’s effort to raise money for research helps improve the life of all of those affected by type 1 diabetes. Please consider the JDRF fundraisers and join in this effort to fund research and find a cure for juvenile diabetes. As Evan points out, “This is a disease in which a cure is in its foreseeable future.” Delta Tau Delta “can be the reason that type 1 diabetes no longer exists one day.” Let’s plan to participate and walk with the chapter in the BT JDRF Walk. If you can’t be there, then commit to support them or form an alumni team and walk in your hometown!



*Dave Rowe '87, Eric Marsh '88, Jim Loach, Epsilon Omega '67, and Michael Siffring '87 enjoy the tailgate on March 8.*

## ALUMNI AND UNDERGRADUATES GATHER FOR TAILGATE

**T**he third alumni social and tailgate held at Longwell’s Bar & Grill in Lincoln on March 8 was another great success, followed by an exciting Husker basketball game. Alumni and undergraduates took advantage of the opportunity to meet brothers spanning five decades, socialize with one another and the undergraduates, and share recent activities and fun memories of days on campus and in the Shelter. We also enjoyed the Husker enthusiasm and energy at the basketball game. Around 50 alumni and their family members, and another 25 actives came from the Shelter for the event. We heard suggestions that another event be held in Omaha or Lincoln again. We are planning the next event, so check the Beta Tau Facebook page, [www.nebraskadelts.com](http://www.nebraskadelts.com), or the *Blaster* for upcoming details. Please join us at the next event for a visit with old and new friends, a snack, and a drink! A special thanks to **Brent Sallee '92** and **Tom Ruff '91**, as well as **Eric Marsh '88**, for another great event!

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improving all aspects of chapter finance and budgeting, planning activities for next year and preparing members of the committee to serve as treasurer or assistant treasurer.

### COMMITTING TO BETA TAU’S EXCELLENCE

I thank each and every one of you who contribute and support the chapter as you fulfill financial pledges to reduce the debt on our remodeled and updated Shelter. We sincerely appreciate your support, which ensures the chapter’s future success. We hear many compliments from the parents and alumni about the features and improvements that we have made at the Shelter, most recently, new chairs for the chapter room, the completion of the landscaping project, the replacement of the front door—all of which today’s Delts are enjoying. We invite you to stop by the Shelter to see the improvements and meet the 2015 executive team. They are an exciting group of young men developing as leaders today for tomorrow.

### LET’S SUPPORT OUR UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS

I’m very proud of the achievements of the chapter: improving academics, an outstanding recruitment program, and greater prominence on campus. Let’s celebrate these accomplishments while working toward even greater success!

Please think about volunteering to attend a dinner, join us for a House Corporation meeting, coordinate a luncheon, or pursue a special interest or topic with the undergraduates as a guest speaker. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,  
**James Loach**, *Epsilon Omega '67*  
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## THANK YOU, DEDICATED ALUMNI

Your commitment to Beta Tau helps maintain our Shelter and provides a premier facility for our undergraduate brothers. Thank you—your assistance is vital to our success!

Alumni who gave during 2014 are listed by initiation year. (Note: this list does not reflect donations to *A Commitment to Beta Tau Excellence: Honoring Our Past ~ Securing Our Future* capital campaign.) If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator with corrections at (785) 843-1661.

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## LEANING ON OUR CORE VALUES

### Alumnus Carries Beta Tau Lessons

Among the many decisions **David Maloley, A.D.S. '94** has made in his life, he considers joining Delta Tau Delta to be one of the best.

"I gained so many lifelong friendships, life lessons, and experiences," David said. "The Delt experience taught me the value of service. I still lean on the core values of truth, courage, faith, and power to this day."

The fraternity served as his first exposure to being a leader and making difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions. That experience served David well throughout dental school, as an Army officer, and an entrepreneur. He encourages undergraduates to utilize opportunities and challenges alumni to recognize the importance of their role in the fraternity. As a former chapter advisor and IFC graduate assistant, David understands the powerful influence of strong alumni leadership.

"It's important that young men have solid mentors that will advise them on how to be a success and how to overcome challenges," David said.

As an undergraduate, David's mentors and brothers were the source of many great memories, but most of all the brotherhood was a group of men he could always count on. David maintained those bonds throughout his career in North Carolina, South Carolina, Germany, Italy, and, most recently, Colorado. He started his Colorado dental practice in 2009 and enjoys the balance between being a health care professional and being a businessman and entrepreneur.

David, his wife, Karah, and 4-year-old son, Bennett, reside in Avon, Colorado. The family enjoys traveling and spending time in the mountains with their boxer, Brux. David can be reached at david@vailvalleydentist.com.



## Welcome, New Members

**Reece Barnes** • Grand Island, Neb.

**Jared Cottrell** • Burke, Va.

**Rob Dohn** • Highlands Ranch, Colo.

**Colton Hogy** • Lone Tree, Colo.

**Trent Jacobi** • Elkhorn, Neb.

**Andy Lax** • Keller, Texas

**Carson Ohm** • Omaha, Neb.

**Thomas Wapelhorst** • Scribner, Neb.

**Alec Weichel** • Valencia, Calif.

**Blake Williams** • Omaha, Neb.

**Ryan Williams** • Concord, Calif.

## BETA TAU UNDERGRADUATES LIVE FRATERNITY VALUES

### Members Serve as Campus and Community Leaders

In 2015, the Beta Tau Chapter of Delta Tau Delta plans to continue down the path of excellence through a focus on academics, recruitment, and philanthropy. One of our primary goals is to become a more recognized leader on campus, in the community, and throughout the international fraternity. We are striving to build upon the rich history of Beta Tau and bring a Hugh Shields back to our chapter.

### Academics

We made significant strides in academic achievement over the past few semesters. In the fall, Beta Tau finished with a GPA ranked fifth out of all 23 IFC fraternities on campus with a 3.33 GPA. In the spring 2014 semester, our chapter earned a 3.216, so we have seen noteworthy improvement. We are searching



Ryan Caldwell '98, Blake Woodruff '13, and Jim Emmanuel '79 at the 2015 Western Plains Division Conference.

for a faculty academic advisor to further aid us in holding ourselves academically accountable, as well as implementing in-house tutors to aid brothers in their schoolwork.

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# SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Golf Tournament  
Saturday, June 6  
Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha

We'll have a four-person scramble with a maximum of 15 teams. Tee times will start at 9 a.m. and go every seven minutes. Cost is \$55 per undergraduate player and \$75 per alumni player (includes green fees, cart, and lunch). There will be a lunch buffet, social hour, and presentation of prizes immediately following the golf tournament at the Tiburon club house. RSVP to **Blake Woodruff '13** at [blakewoodruff@huskers.unl.edu](mailto:blakewoodruff@huskers.unl.edu).



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Alumni, we value your input in membership selection. Please send your recommendations to our recruitment chairmen listed below.

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## CONNECT WITH BETA TAU



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National Website  
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*Brothers participated in a bone marrow drive to support acute myeloid leukemia research.*



*Michael Wenzl '12, Ryan Caldwell, Theta Kappa '98, Cody Thorson '13, and Adam Froendt '13 at the 2014 KARNEA in New Orleans.*

### Recruitment

The brothers of Beta Tau stay focused on recruiting men who will continue the traditions and success of our chapter. We have 11 new members from all around the country, making up one of the largest spring pledge classes we have had in the past few years. Looking forward, we plan to focus on values-based recruiting and ensuring all new members are aligned with the values of Delta Tau Delta. We are also continuing to place an emphasis on recruiting year-around and are constantly in search for new members.

### Philanthropy

Service and philanthropy are essential to becoming a chapter that is focused on bettering the community. Along with our current successful

philanthropies, such as MASH, we plan to work directly with JDRF to help host a JDRF Walk. We also are working to give more of our time to the community in the form of service and volunteering.

The undergraduate brothers of Beta Tau are excited for the year and look to accomplish great things. With the support of alumni, the international fraternity, and the community, we will achieve these goals.



Fraternally,  
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