



# THE BETA TAU BLASTER

DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN | SPRING 2016

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*Alumni and undergraduates gather at an after-work social on January 29 at Big Fred's in Omaha.*

## HOUSE CORPORATION ENHANCES ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

### Find out How You Can Help Beta Tau Continue to Succeed

**B**eta Tau has promising future leaders from many walks of life! We are fortunate to have such a fine group of young men who rise to service through leadership and accept the responsibilities as executives in the undergraduate chapter. They are an exciting group of young men developing as leaders for the fraternity today and for the state and country tomorrow.

Members of the House Corporation witnessed the continued progress throughout this year in growing the membership and sustaining and improving the Shelter. We've seen reinvigorated ways to get alumni involved, such as the after-work socials at Big Fred's in Omaha and at Rule G in Lincoln, and the tailgate before the Penn State basketball game where we cheered the Huskers to victory. Chapter social media presence continues to be a beneficial way to communicate with alumni and current members by enhancing the Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram experience. If you're not following the chapter social media accounts, see page 4 for a complete list.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Plan now to join us for the alumni golf tournament, a growing success each year. Please see the save the date section on page 4 for more information.

### THANK YOU, DEDICATED ALUMNI

A special thanks to our loyal alumni who continue supporting the chapter as you fulfill financial pledges to reduce the debt on our remodeled and updated Shelter and contribute to our educational and leadership scholarship funds. We greatly appreciate your support. More than 90 percent of our total commitment has been received, and more than 75 percent of the pledges have been fulfilled. Perhaps your circumstances have changed, but you can take steps to meet or fulfill the remaining amount of your pledge. I am encouraged by the support of Beta Tau leadership scholarships. This is an important step to support young Beta Tau Delts. Consider how you may honor one of the chapter's past or recent leaders. The gifts received to date are funding these scholarships and joining those already fully funded.

### THE POWER OF YOU

Alumni involvement is a continuing need for the chapter. While we do have a fine group of men providing advice to members and serving on the board, we could always use more help. There are routine day-to-day activities, meetings, as well as problem solving for the chapter budget and everyday tasks. Please consider joining us on the board and contributing your perspective during our board meetings. You will find that there are opportunities to contribute in significant ways.

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If you are one of the 400 Beta Tau alumni in the Lincoln-Omaha metropolitan area or from another chapter, please consider becoming involved. Call your brothers and encourage them to join you at an after-work social or alumni function. This is your opportunity to engage again in the fraternal experience with members of the board and young undergraduates. It has brought back great memories of my years on campus at Georgia Southern and helped me realize the importance of the fraternity. I am certain that you will find your involvement as enriching as you did as an undergraduate. If interested, please contact Chapter Advisors **Ryan Caldwell '98** at [ryancaldwell@hotmail.com](mailto:ryancaldwell@hotmail.com) or **Jim Emanuel '79** at [emanueljim60@gmail.com](mailto:emanueljim60@gmail.com) to see how you can get involved. Available positions include: recruitment advisor, membership education advisor, risk management advisor, and road advisor.

## THE FUTURE OF BETA TAU

Please consider volunteering to attend a Monday chapter dinner, joining

us for a House Corporation meeting, hosting/coordinating a luncheon, or pursuing a special interest or topic with the undergraduates as a guest speaker.

Please join me in celebrating the achievements of the chapter. Let's help them in their efforts in improving academics, sustaining an outstanding recruitment program, and promoting even greater prominence on campus.

If you ever find yourself in Lincoln, please consider stopping by the Shelter. The undergraduate brothers would love to welcome you back home. I know you will enjoy getting to know these men just as much as I have.

Fraternally,

**James Loach, Epsilon Omega '67**

House Corporation President

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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 2015 are listed by initiation year. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or improperly listed, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator with corrections at (785) 843-1661.

Carie Allen	Byron J. Stigge '64	James M. Emanuel '79
Harold H. Hatch Jr. '48	James A. Loach,	Robin K. Knowlton '79
Robert J. Berghel '52	<i>Epsilon Omega '67</i>	Peter C. Hove '80
George W. Regan '52	Steven H. Nootz '67	Richard Sula Jr. '84
Richard L. Grant '53	William E. Kramer '68	Patrick T. Maline '86
Charles K. Tomsen '53	Dean G. Winchell '69	Ted C. Plugge '88
Dean R. Jenkins '55	Mark D. Goodrich, D.V.M. '75	Alexander J. Wolf '00
Guy Lynn Schottler '57	Brian L. Stubbs '77	Mitchell S. Anderson '02
Dave C. Wohlfarth '60	David C. Bunkers '78	Daniel S. Schwarzlander '03
Thomas E. Wolf '63	Robert S. Woodruff '78	Drew Barnhart '11

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**Nick Hutt**

*Easton, Pa.*

**Gavin Gleason**

*Loveland, Co.*

**Ben Lapke**

*Papillion, Neb.*

**Tony Palomo**

*Saint Paul, Minn.*

## Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni involvement is key to a successful recruitment, and we value your input. Please send your recommendations to our recruitment chairmen listed below. You can also fill out a recruitment recommendation form on our website, [www.nebraskadelts.com](http://www.nebraskadelts.com), under the "recommendation form" page on the "recruitment" tab.

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Members of the 2013 pledge class enjoy a trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, with members of Pi Beta Phi.



Brothers traveled to the Western Plains Division Conference in Springfield, Missouri.



Austin Graves '14, Tristan Kretsch '14, Austin Stark '14, Blake Woodruff '13, and their dates before formal on February 5 in Omaha.



The first-floor study room was recently renovated and dedicated in memory of Keaton Kline '11.

## BETA TAU BUILDS ON LAST SEMESTER'S SUCCESS

### Undergraduates Raise More than \$6,000 for JDRF, Rank 13th out of All Delt Chapters

It has been amazing to see the growth of Beta Tau. Currently, 120 undergraduates bear the title of a Delt at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, nearly 40 men higher than the average fraternity size on campus. This can be attributed to our newly renovated Shelter and leadership from both undergraduates and alumni.

The semester began with a strategic planning retreat to determine our top priorities. It included facilitation from **Alex Wolf '00**, Chapter Advisors **Ryan Caldwell '98** and **Jim Emanuel '79**, and Chapter Consultant **Alex Kosmas, Gamma Beta '10**. All discussions were geared toward building upon the successes of 2015, when the chapter earned a national rank of 13th amongst all Delt chapters. Notably, we developed a plan to increase philanthropic volunteer hours and donations. Beta Tau made a commendable donation last fall of more than \$6,000 to the

international fraternity's philanthropic partner, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This is much in thanks to our outstanding philanthropy committee, which was headed by **Peter Vankat '13** and now by **Michael Vazquez '14**.

Beta Tau works hard to implement safer practices and risk management procedures, focusing on instilling a revamped social structure, which includes third-party functions and an emphasis on sober presence. Efforts from Director of Risk Management **Aaron Goodman '13**, External Vice President **Henry Dobson '14**, Social Chairman **Justin Clark '15**, and many others set Beta Tau at the forefront of positive social change on campus.

All of these great accomplishments placed the chapter in a position to offer a pathway to excellence for men during their college years

and beyond. Beta Tau understandably still has difficulties it must work to overcome. During the last few years, the greatest challenges have undoubtedly been the loss of current and recently graduated brothers **Keaton Klein '11**, **Jack Hurt '12**, and **Colin Hayes '10**. While it is difficult to move past these tragedies, we learned that strong brotherhood and support from undergraduates and alumni are the best ways to handle any issues that present themselves.

I am excited for the year to come and hope that we can all work to make Beta Tau greater than it has ever been.



Fraternally,  
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## SAVE THE DATE

Please join us on Saturday, June 11 for the alumni golf tournament at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha. We will have a four-person scramble with tee times starting at 9 a.m. The cost is \$75, which will include golf, cart, and a barbecue sandwich buffet. Flag prizes will be awarded. Teams of four need to RSVP by June 1 to Jack Otting-Crandall '15 at [jottingcrandall@gmail.com](mailto:jottingcrandall@gmail.com) or (308) 455-7355.

## Chapter Eternal

**Gene E. Lightner '51** entered Chapter Eternal on January 6 at the age of 86. He served in the U.S. Army and received his first patent for what is now called FoamCore in 1964. Gene received his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Idaho in 1965. He continued his research throughout his career and held more than 40 U.S. and foreign patents. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, the Instrument Society of America, Sigma Xi, and American Men of Science. He is survived by his wife, Jan; son, Rob; and daughter, Jill.

**Jack Hurt '12** entered Chapter Eternal on January 3 at the age of 21. He was a biochemistry and pre-med major and was a brilliant, beautiful, sweet, and caring person who loved his friends and family. He was a member of NU Meds. Jack enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, and football and loved playing catch with his father.