

The Beta Tau BLASTER

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Protimoi!

There is a Greek word adorned near the top of the Hugh Shields Flag Award for Chapter Excellence. In English it reads “Protimoi” (Pro-tuh-moy). It roughly translates to “First Among Equals” and also “Preferred”. I think this concept is a great example relating to the founding of our Fraternity and our secret motto. First Among Equals is an honorary title given to chapters, who though equal in status to other chapters, is given additional respect for its excellence in operations.



Beta Tau has been awarded their 21st Hugh Shields Flag. Awarded to the Top 10 Delt chapters, this award is based on the chapter’s annual submission of the Fraternity Awards and Accreditation Report (FAAR). The FAAR is a comprehensive list of all of a chapter’s programming, events, successes, and achievements for the past year. I have observed the chapter’s hard work and culture change in the recent past. It is clear these members are determined, goal oriented, and committed to a life of excellence. As an alumnus of Beta Tau, you should be proud of your chapter and cheer on the efforts of our young undergraduate members.

Congratulations, Brothers!

Faternally,

Ryan Caldwell



Optimistic, Persistent and Resilient

Beta Tau is demonstrating the character that has been shown time after time over the years as Beta Tau Alums and Delt Alums from other chapters are so proud to witness. This year has been exceptional as you will read about in this issue of the Blaster. I think it will remind the football fans of Peyton Manning's move to Denver. Following many successful years with the Colts, due to injury he had some difficult months. However, he came roaring back in Denver, leading the Broncos' to the Super Bowl and victory. He audibled, "Omaha Omaha" and called the plays that made the difference time after time. We have seen no less by our young Execs led by Josh Hoins, Chapter Advisor Ryan Caldwell, committed alumni, Chuck Allen, Jim Murphy and others who stepped forward to support and lead through these difficult months.

Special thanks to the members of the House Corporation for their continued efforts to ensure that we had a successful 125th Anniversary Celebration, the National Office, once again with strong support from Jack Kreman, Fraternity CEO and Steven Paquette, International President and the National Office as well as, Chancellor Greene who gave a keynote address about the value and contributions of fraternities and Greek letter organizations. Strong support!

There were remarkable accomplishments over the past few years: those who attended the celebration of 125 years of Delta Tau Delta Beta Tau in Lincoln at the University of Nebraska enjoyed an incredible banquet, a reunion of scores of alumni from classes over the past 40 years. The return of the University of Nebraska Kearney Delta Tau Delta Chapter. A strong pledge class stepping forward to lead Beta Tau. New Alumni joining the House Corporation. And most recently we enjoyed the awesome Western Plains Conference, Alumni mixer and banquet celebrating the presentation of another Hugh Shields Award to Beta Tau and individual awards to the Chapter recognizing Excellence and Service.

The opportunity we each have today will echo a successful record of achievement by the Fraternity and its alumni and ensure a future that is equally as successful in the accomplishments and contributions of our undergraduate members today as they go forward into their lives after graduation.

Josh Hoins, chapter President and a new executive team provide strong leadership to the committed group of Delts now in the Beta Tau Shelter. Recruitment promises new members and a resurgence of Delta Tau Delta prominence at the University of Nebraska.

We are optimistic, persistent and resilient! There are sunny days ahead!

Jim Loach
Epsilon Omega ('70)
House Corporation President

Longtime House Corporation Member given Fraternity's Highest Honor

Jim Loach (Georgia Southern University, 1970) has been a nearly twenty year member of the Beta Tau House Corporation. He has served as President of the House Corporation since 2013. At the 2022 Western Plains Division Conference in Omaha, Jim was awarded with the Distinguished Service Chapter (DSC). The DSC is the highest honor awarded to a member of the Fraternity. The criteria for the award is a Delt who has been actively loyal to the Fraternity for at least twenty years and has rendered some unusual service to

the Fraternity or chapters other than his own. Prior to serving Beta Tau, Jim served as a Resident Advisor to the Delta chapter at the University of Delaware.

Beta Tau recipients of the Distinguished Service Chapter are: William McKay (1898), John Kind (1899), Gordon Jones (1941), and Dan Lindstrom (1982).

Congratulations, Jim!



Chapter President awarded Outstanding Chapter President Award



Josh Hoins (Beta Tau, 2023) received the Outstanding Chapter President Award at the 2022 Western Plains Division Conference. Josh, who is currently serving his second term as Chapter President, was recognized for service during his first term. Josh was pivotal in weathering the storm of the pandemic as it devastated chapter morale and operations. Once health restrictions were lifted, Josh persisted in pursuing improvement in all aspects of chapter operations with the goal of a Hugh Shields Flag. Josh is a legacy from Bennington, Nebraska (his father is the late Timothy Hoins-Beta Tau, 1991) and is pursuing a career in education.

Congratulations, Josh!

Chapter Advisor receives special recognition for Alumni Service

Ryan Caldwell (University of Nebraska-Kearney, 2002) received special recognition at the 2022 Western Plains Division Conference for excellence in alumni service. Ryan has served as Beta Tau Chapter Advisor since 2006. Additionally he serves as Chairman of the Arch Chapter's Committee on Corporate Governance, is a member of the Arch Chapter Task Force on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, and provides Ritual Education to Theta Kappa Chapter. Ryan previously received this award in 2009 and received the Fraternity's William Fraering Award in 2014.

Congratulations, Ryan!



Beta Tau's Kitchen



For those Delts from the 80s, I'm glad to report that Ilene Fry's ghost still haunts our kitchen! But unfortunately, I must also report that the kitchen appliances and cold storage units that Ilene used also still haunt our kitchen. Some of our equipment dates back to the 1969 addition or to updates done in the early 80s. The kitchen was not part of the Shelter remodel done ten plus years ago, but House Corp is taking on the challenge of updating components of the Shelters kitchen. We need to provide a safe and functioning cooking environment for the current members.

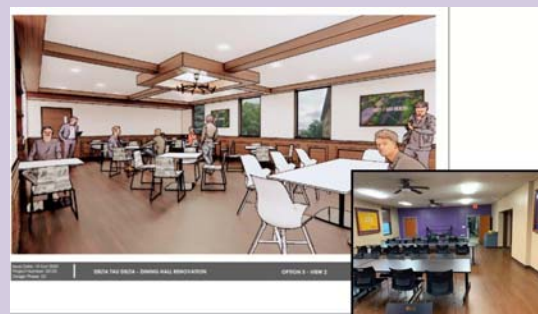
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Chuck Allen ('87)

Giving Back to Beta Tau

In order to preserve the continued success of Beta Tau, please consider making a contribution to the above projects and other campaigns throughout the year. Checks should be made out to “**House Corporation of Delta Tau Delta**” and mailed to:

**House Corporation of Delta Tau Delta
PO Box 5951
Lincoln, NE 68505**

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Upcoming Alumni Events

April 29, 2022 - Alumni FAC at the Chapter House (Email sent 3.2.22)
August 21, 2022 - Alumni/Undergraduate Golf Tournament
September 10, 2022 - Alumni Tailgate (vs. Georgia Southern)
October 22, 2022 - Celebration of 2,500th Beta Tau Initiate (tentative)

Stay connected to Beta Tau through our social media sites below!