

THETA DELTA NEWSLETTER

Making History: Largest Pledge Class Since Refounding



Having experienced one of the most successful Fall rush weeks in Theta Delta history, the chapter was able to maintain a 95% bid acceptance rate with a total of 46 young men accepting their bids. We broke records as the Monday of rush week had the most traffic ever, over 70 guys walked in through our front doors.

Ryan Walsh was appointed Rush

Chair in the middle of the Summer semester. His hard work and constant dedication during the Summer term recruiting freshmen proved to be a success. Walsh made changes to how rush works which proved to better our process. While keeping the 12 brothers elected as bid committee, he introduced an interview process which many other houses on campus have been doing.. This

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

10/15

*Homecoming Game vs.
Missouri*

10/25

*Chi Phactor Philanthropy at
University Auditorium*

11/12

*Alumni Weekend vs.
South Carolina*

added an additional step to receiving a bid but ensured that we were only giving them out to top notch, quality gentlemen.

With all of the changes made to the process, the chapter was still able to deliver and make its mark on Fraternity Row.

CHI CLASS - FALL 2016 PLEDGES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Rachlin - Coral Springs, FL • Alec Lawson - Boca Raton, FL • Alex Dela Rea - Fort Myers, FL • Austin Freedman - Boca Raton, FL • Austin Smith - Bradenton, FL • Brandon McConnell - Pembroke Pines, FL • Brantley Daniel - Melbourne, FL • Brian Macias - Miami, FL • Chad Grodi - Orlando, FL • Chase Maxwell - St. Petersburg, FL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Conley - Tampa, FL • Christian Mkhachen - Jacksonville, FL • Corey Piniero - Wesley Chapel, FL • Darian Bernstein - Miami, FL • Doug Kaplan - Jacksonville, FL • Jack Solis - Naples, FL • Jake Niergarth - Melbourne, FL • Jared Schuster - Boca Raton, FL • Josh McDougal - West Palm Beach, FL • Killian Thrush - Melbourne, FL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Coker - Tampa, FL • Maclane Bell - Tampa, FL • Marcello Duong - Vero Beach, FL • Michael Roberts - Navarre, FL • Michael Yang - West Palm Beach, FL • Nick Adams - DeLand, FL • Thomas Martin - Melbourne, FL • Vishal Ila - Orlando, FL • Zack Miller - Bethesda, MD • Zane Zudans - Vero Beach, FL |
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FALL 2016 RUSH



Brotherhood Basketball Tournament Deemed a Slam Dunk

Staying active with our brotherhood is something that we truly value here in the Theta Delta chapter. During recruitment we made sure to seek athletes and those who could help improve our intramural teams. Brotherhood Chair Will Thomas created a 3v3 Basketball Tournament in which 11 teams participated. Games ended at the 10 minute mark or when a team reached 11 points.

The final round was a Pledge vs. Brother match-off in which Brothers Jarrod Catlette, Ryan Kealy, and Joshua Lehr won the game 11-5.

Everyone had an awesome time at the event whether it was participating in the tournament or cheering on the brotherhood.



ALUMNI WEEKEND

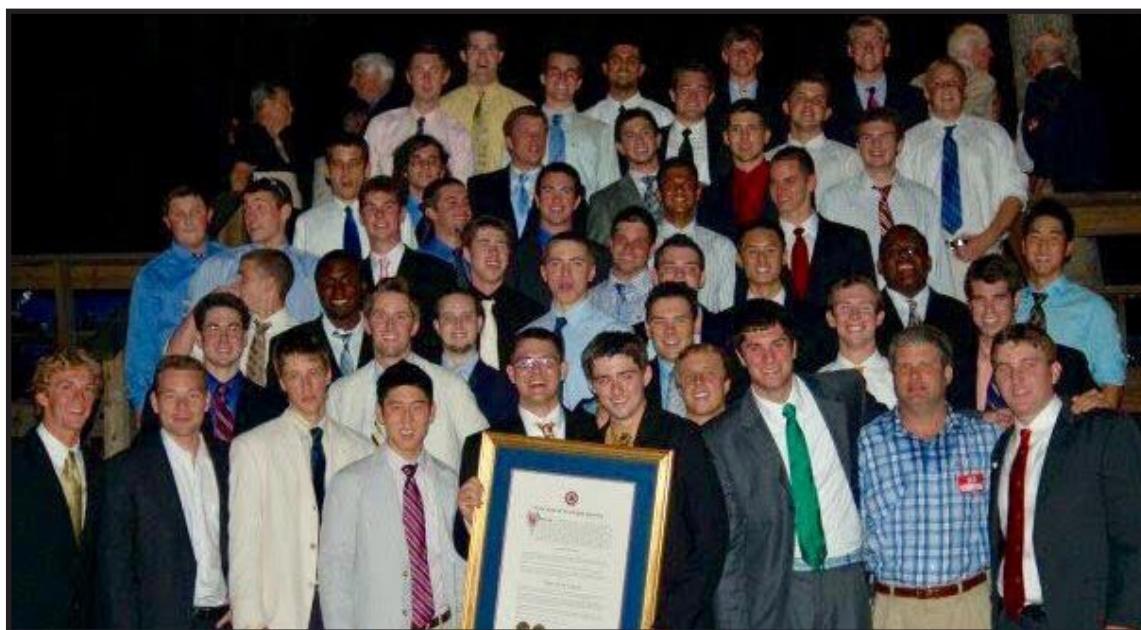
Due to Hurricane Matthew and the cancellation of the home game against LSU, Alumni Weekend has been postponed to the weekend of November 12 for the South Carolina game.

More information will be coming soon!

Luckily, our house was not damaged from the Hurricane.

10 Years and Counting

Written by Brother Kenneth Brighton, Th D '08



Ten years ago this past spring, the Theta Delta Chapter was re-founded. Similar to Chi Phi as an organization, Theta Delta's re-founding was very much the combining of two different groups, both with a similar goal and vision, and both unaware of the existence of the other. Call it fate, luck or coincidence, whatever it was, an organization grew from this union that has truly exceeded all expectations.

As the second Alpha after the re-founding, I have experienced every step of Theta Delta's journey. I have seen the chapter grow from 44 strangers to a brotherhood that consistently numbers more than double that. I have seen the chapter grow from a weekly meeting in the chemistry building to the reclaiming of a fraternity house that has been home to generations of brothers. And I have seen the chapter grow from a "new" fraternity on campus, a fraternity with no reputation, no relationships and no social standing into

a house that is respected throughout every facet of the university.

When our chapter was re-chartered, there was a central question – could a newly re-founded fraternity survive? Today, the answer to that question is a resounding yes. Thanks to the combined efforts of a committed alumni base, a progressive national office and, most importantly, more than a decade of active brothers who are committed to Chi Phi's core principles, Theta Delta has more than just survived. We have thrived.

The growth of our chapter over the past decade has been staggering—and, frankly, beyond the scope of what any of us could have predicted. As I look forward, I am confident that Theta Delta's potential on this campus is limitless. But as I look forward, I am also confident that for this potential to be realized, it will require the combined effort of generations of alumni and the active chapter. Without a solid part-

nership between alumni and actives, nothing we have would have been possible, and nothing we want will be achievable.

With that, I encourage every alumnus, especially recently graduated alumni, to join Theta Delta's Alumni Association. While the time commitment is small, the impact you make will be significant. If you are interested in getting involved in the Alumni Association, please email myself (kennybrighton@gmail.com) or Andrew "The Colonel" Claus (atclaus@gmail.com).

As a related note, no piece about our re-founding would be complete without a quick mention of Marc Pelletier. Marc was our first Alpha after the re-founding and the true architect of the process. While a number of actives played significant roles in our re-founding, none were more significant than that played by Marc. If you see him, buy him a beer...he's earned it.

VANDY ROAD TRIP

This Fall's away game road trip was to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. A group of 168 brothers, pledges, and ladies took the trip up to Music City from September 30-October 2. They stayed at the Gaylord Opryland Resort along with twelve other University of Florida fraternities.

On game day the group headed to BB Kings in Broadway for a bar



tab and enjoyed watching the game on the big screen. Some brothers decided to attend the game instead, and were surprised to see the stadium full of orange and blue as opposed to black and gold. After the game everyone celebrated the

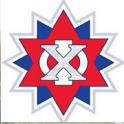
Gators win by bar crawling down Broadway.

Nashville is an awesome city and our brothers were so grateful to get experience everything it had to offer. One thing for sure won't be missed, and that's the \$18 doubles.





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