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EPSILON MU CHAPTER

## \$1 MILLION GOAL FOR CONSTRUCTION LAUNCH

*Epsilon Mu Needs Your Support*



*This project can only become a reality with your support. Send in your gift today to help us raise the remaining \$181,606 by January 31, 2015!*

### IT'S TIME TO REFLECT

What does the fraternity mean to you? Something? Anything? Aren't you who you are today at least in part because of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity? Your career? Your spouse? Your memories? I believe in Delta Tau Delta, its traditions and ideals. That's why I'm writing you today. I'm asking you to honor your past and extend a helping hand to the future generations of Delt brothers.

### IT'S TIME TO COMMIT

We engaged in *Campaign 50* more than two years ago. As we continue with our plans for financing and construction, we are facing a very real need to increase our dollars raised so we can safely begin construction. Our goal is to raise \$1 million in signed pledges by January 31, 2015. If we do not reach this goal we will be forced to delay construction, perhaps indefinitely. It is essential that we have these resources in place and a strong level of commitment from the brotherhood for the project to continue as planned.

### JOIN US FOR TELEFORUM CALL DECEMBER 2

We will host a special, live teleforum event on December 2, at 6 p.m. EST, to give an update on our deadline and the project schedule, and we would like all alumni to join the call. You will have the opportunity to hear from me and the campaign board and will be able to ask live questions about the campaign. To dial-in on the night of the call, dial (877) 229-8493

and enter PIN 110378. We will send further information and an online registration form via e-mail later this month.

### IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE

We are also asking those of you who have yet to make a commitment to pull out that pen and send in your pledge form or visit <http://epsilon.mu.kintera.org/campaign50> to make a gift online today. We have more than \$800,000 pledged to the campaign, but more is needed! This project can only move forward if the necessary equity is secured. Now is the time. With your help we can surpass our goal of \$1,175,000! Your name will be permanently placed on the donor plaque with a minimum contribution of \$2,500; that's only \$42 per month over five years!

The high point of this project is set to start next year. This is truly a momentous time for our chapter. Be a part of it! It's time!

Fraternally,  
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*Mark your  
calendars for the  
December 2  
teleforum about  
Campaign 50.*

# CAMPAIGN

# 50

*Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.*

## Thank You, Generous Alumni, for Committing \$818,327

**W**e are deeply grateful to the brothers who have committed \$818,327 to *Campaign 50: Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.* This generosity demonstrates that these alumni and undergraduates recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Epsilon Mu. If an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator with corrections at (785) 843-1661.

**John W. Fisher Club**  
(*\$250,000 and up*)  
John W. Fisher,  
University of Tennessee '38

**Epsilon Mu Club**  
(*\$100,000 to \$249,999*)

**Founders Club**  
(*\$50,000 to \$99,999*)  
Hunsucker Family  
In memory of  
Terry L. Hunsucker '71  
Ted Christofolis '82  
Steven M. Schoenberg '90

**Leadership Club**  
(*\$30,000 to \$49,999*)  
Matthew K. Montgomery '83  
Bryan B. Keller '90  
Brian S. Hobbs '99

**Delta Shelter Club**  
(*\$20,000 to \$29,999*)  
Bryan S. Morrow '90  
Jeff Hern '92

**Crest Club**  
(*\$10,000 to \$19,999*)  
Anonymous  
Mark A. Burkhart '67  
Joseph O. Erne '68  
Edward B. Wagnon '68  
Dr. Robert E. Philbert '69  
Brian C. Moldt '84  
Guy R. Driggers '87  
R. Shane Faucett '87  
T.J. Smithey '88  
Jarred Bunch Consulting  
Eric DeRolf '99  
Scott Jarred '01

**Good Delt Club**  
(*\$5,000 to \$9,999*)  
Daniel W. Hockney '65  
Dennis W. Hockney '65  
Dan W. Guio '68  
In memory of  
Tom "Angie" Borshoff '69

Richard E. Goble '68  
Charles Dragoo '72  
Bill Howell '72  
In memory of  
Joseph Howell  
Chris Pelkin '74  
Thomas L. Andrews '77  
John R. Knox '78  
Matt J. Momper '83  
A. T. Kohout '93  
P. Chris Mickel '95  
Gary L. Watkins '96  
Michael C. Dart '97  
Benson Family Gift  
Sean A. Benson '95  
Brett R. Benson '98  
Michael Ely '13

**Brotherhood Club**  
(*\$2,500 to \$4,999*)  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Michael J. Rush '71  
David W. Amick '78  
John T. Savage '80  
Duane W. Wimer '84  
In memory of  
John Fisher  
Mark L. Barkley '86  
Richard T. Adams '87  
Todd S. Burgess '90  
Shawn C. Phillips '91  
Sean M. Bergman '12  
Logan T. Horn '13  
Sean M. Conley '14  
Trey C. DesJardin '14  
Derik Starling '14  
Jacob Wildauer '14  
Jonathan D. Wolfschlag '14

**Gold Club**  
(*\$1,000 to \$2,499*)  
Fredric A. Strantz '67  
Philip H. Rager '68  
Douglas S. Siebert '68  
James Sharp '68  
Clifford E. Cochran Jr. '69  
Dave Steigerwald '72  
Brent Tuttle '72

David F. Snively '76  
David K. Baute '76  
Kelly D. McCray '82  
Alan K. Selking '84  
Jon T. Rondot '85  
In honor of  
"DOT"  
Stephen Locke '86  
Mike Newkirk '89  
J. Aaron Morrow '93  
Akil A. Patel, DDS '94  
Scott Swant '94  
Wayne Feltman '95  
Doug Brown '97  
Brandon D. Clymer '12  
Clayton A. Barns '12  
Christopher D. Hatfield '13  
Aaron Berry '14  
Eric Levitt '14  
Kyle McEvoy '15  
Kaleb Barajas '15

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(*Up to \$999*)  
James H. Nelson '67  
Michael L. Cress '68  
Roy D. Connor '69  
In memory of  
Steve Alexander  
Walter D. Modlin '69  
Rick Whittington '69  
Thomas Golba '69  
Fred Hitz '69  
David W. Goodwin '70  
Gary E. Riggle '70  
John M. Scott '70  
In memory of  
Terrt L. Hunsucker  
John J. Joseph '72  
C. David Toth '71  
John D. Parish '78  
Janice and Alan Updike '80  
In memory of our son,  
Timothy Updike  
Nancy Hoyer Myers '83  
Michael Engledow '88  
Mo Bonnell '90  
Eric H. Ottinger '92  
William D. Lasater '93

### CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

AS OF OCTOBER 16, 2014

**GOAL**  
\$1.175 MILLION

**PLEDGES TO DATE**  
\$818,327

**NUMBER OF  
CONTRIBUTORS**  
107

**NUMBER OF  
ACTIVE ALUMNI**  
939

Gary L. Johnson '93  
Brian J. Haynes '96  
Ryun Guthrie '96  
Jeff K. Hirsch '99  
Graig G. Davis '04  
Evan R. Hardin '07  
Taylor Mohr '15  
Will Stephens '14  
Dylan Whitten '14  
Thomas Reese '15



# MAKING EPSILON MU'S FUTURE A PRIORITY

*Why Jeff Hern '92 Gave to the Campaign*

Since Delta Tau Delta has been at Ball State University, brothers from all generations have found a like-minded group of men who share an interest in academics and leadership. Alumni know that their membership in Epsilon Mu Chapter benefitted them tremendously by adding positive experiences to their college years, both academically and socially.

**Jeff Hern '92** was drawn to Epsilon Mu because his father had been a Delt at Bowling Green State University. "When I got to ΔΤΔ at Ball State I really liked the fact that they focused on academics and campus involvement, besides socials and athletics. My experience set me up for the success that I have in life today. Living in the chapter house taught me how to work with people from all walks of life and backgrounds, how to run a meeting, work in a community, and gave me great leadership skills."

His favorite memories can't be put into print, but Jeff recalls enjoying both the organized and unorganized social events. "I used to dread going

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to chapter at the time, but I now look back fondly on those memories. Being in Delt gave me lifelong friendships that have benefitted me personally and professionally."

The appreciation Jeff has for Epsilon Mu is what inspired him to give to the campaign. "It added to the success in my life and it's good to be able to give back to something that gave me so much to start my adult life. The chapter is the reason for who I am today and for the friendships I still have. The house needs to be competitive with campus facilities to attract top-tier students."

Jeff is a national account director for Johnsonville sausage and is in charge of the Kroger team. He was elected as the trustee for Fall Creek Township and enjoys working on other Republican campaigns. He lives in Fishers, Indiana, with his wife, Kathy, and their three sons: Austin, Max, and Jack Ryan. Jeff would love to hear from some of his brothers. Reach him at [jeffhern@aol.com](mailto:jeffhern@aol.com).

**Join Jeff and Brian in supporting Epsilon Mu by returning your gift today.**

## TRADITIONS IN EPSILON MU MUST CONTINUE

*Brian Moldt '84 Believes in Delta Tau Delta*

When reminiscing on our memberships in Epsilon Mu, it's easy to place all of the emphasis on our undergraduate years and living in the Shelter. It's not wrong to think this. The camaraderie developed while living in close quarters is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that bonds all Delt brothers. But what about after school? Delta Tau Delta is more than a four-year commitment; it's a lifetime experience that provides true friendship while men have an opportunity to grow up and figure out what they want to do in life. "Delts were leaders on campus when I was an undergraduate. Living in the dorms wouldn't have given me an opportunity to develop relationships with seniors when I was a freshman," said **Brian Moldt '84**.

When Brian was asked what his favorite memories from Epsilon Mu are, he said there were too many to mention but he remembers the brothers working on Watermelon Bust, Homecoming activities, and intramurals. He cherishes his undergraduate memories, but he still makes new memories with brothers every year. "I built two cabins with a fraternity brother in Canada; there are a couple of others who helped along the way. One brings his family every year. Our families vacation there a 3-4 times

a year. Many years back I started trying to get a group of us together every year, another brother took this idea and grew the event to more than 40 alumni in attendance. My best friends today are some of those brothers."

Epsilon Mu Chapter taught Brian how to be a leader and the importance of giving back. When he was an undergraduate, Brian borrowed money from the educational fund to help pay for school. He also served as pledge trainer and external vice president. "The chapter gave me a good group of experiences about how to run a business and allowed me to mature. If I hadn't been a Delt who knows where I would have wound up."

Giving to the capital campaign was an important decision for Brian because he wants to pay it forward. When Brian joined Epsilon Mu it was becoming a top chapter on campus like it is today. He wants to ensure that Delta Tau Delta at Ball State will remain competitive for years to come.

Brian lives in Indianapolis with his wife Sandy, and their two children, Allison and Bayron. Brian owns Moldt Financial LLC and many of his clients are brothers. Reconnect with him at [bmoldt@moldtfinancial.com](mailto:bmoldt@moldtfinancial.com).





*Delts support Chi Omega's philanthropy, Yippie-Chi-O.*



*Outdoor Intramural Soccer champions in 2014.*



*Paired with Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha, members volunteered by providing valet parking services for the Buley Center's 40th anniversary.*

## EPSILON MU IS MAKING MOVES

The men of Epsilon Mu are off to a great start this fall. We made significant changes in academics; the pledge process is improved; athletic teams are exceeding expectations; philanthropy and community service have seen significant increases; and the brotherhood is growing. We are experiencing tremendous improvements within the structure of our organization. We have many scheduled events that will prove to make for a busy and productive semester for the brothers.

### ACADEMICS

Because the spring semester did not meet academic expectations for Epsilon Mu, we have made positive academic performance and the inclusion of the recent academic teams program a priority. Brothers who fail to maintain the chapter's minimum GPA face strict guidelines to continue membership. With active enforcement and constant monitoring, members will be more motivated to succeed. Academics Chairman **Austin Prather '16** is leading the process, and I know he will successfully lead our chapter's academically focused challenge.

### PHILANTHROPY

At the end of the spring semester, the chapter raised \$2,300 for the Wounded Warrior Project. This fall we held our 42nd annual Watermelon Bust and raised more than \$20,000! Also, this fall we have been the main contact for valet parking throughout the Muncie community, raising nearly \$500 for JDRF. "Guys are working hard this semester. I found a lot of options for them to choose from to find time in their schedules to give back to the community. It's likely that we will rank first in service hours on campus this semester," Community Service Chairman **Dakota Bowser '17** shared.

### MEMBERSHIP

Led by Recruitment Chairman **Kevin Kelly '16**, we have recruited and

initiated 15 qualified men. **Conrad Jacobs '09** and **Scott Wise '96** in particular deserve a thank-you for their support during the process. I believe that the coordination between alumni and undergraduates has undoubtedly been a key factor in the fall's successful pledge campaign. **Joe Hejl '15** has made significant changes to the pledge process, one in particular that we believe will change the academic culture among new members. He has altered study table hours to the early morning. We believe that this will promote new members to get a good night's rest instead of staying up late and forming poor study habits.

### INTRAMURALS

Continuing from the spring semester, Delts are dominating intramural sports. This fall, with the implementation of a new bill pay system, we have the funds to participate in almost everything the recreation department has to offer. We are undefeated in all major sports including softball, soccer, and flag football. We have also won championships in ping pong and 4-versus-4 sand volleyball. Led by Sport Chairman **Daniel Ullrich '16**, we are on track to be number one in athletics this year.

I would like to thank all of the alumni and parents who have made my time as president of Epsilon Mu Chapter enjoyable. I would like to extend a special thank-you to **David Frye '04**, **John Knox '78**, **Jeff Hern '92**, **Dan Hockney '65**, and all of the alumni advising team who work diligently to push our chapter to become the number one organization on campus. It's a great time to be a Delt!

Fraternally,  
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## ALUMNI NEWS

**Philip H. Rager '68** keeps busy with seven grandkids and the local historical society. He and Susan have been married for 38 years and live in Portland, Ind.

**Ted Christofolis '82** is a CPA, CFP for Valeo Financial in Indianapolis, where he and his wife, Judith, reside. E-mail: tchristofolis@valeofinancial.com

**Phillip J. Kowalski '85** shares that his daughter completed her freshman year of high school. Her passion is softball and he has been her coach for

ten years, including little league, all-stars travel, and grade school. Phil is now transitioning into umpiring softball for little league, IHSAA, and NSA in South Bend, Ind. E-mail: eaglepjk@gmail.com

**Kyle A. Risser '03** and his wife, Breana, have one daughter, Adelae. They live in Carmel, Ind. Kyle works as a hospice care consultant for Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care in Indianapolis. E-mail: karisser19@gmail.com

## WELCOME, NEW INITIATES

On October 29, Epsilon Mu Chapter initiated 15 new members including **Phil Boltz '14**, an honorary member as approved for membership by both the local chapter and the Arch Chapter. Phil is a volunteer chapter academic advisor, an administrator at BSU, and faculty member at BSU. At the initiation, the chapter was honored to have **Tom Calhoun, Ohio State University '70**, president of the northern division of ΔΤΔ participate in the initiation. In addition to Phil, 14 other members were initiated:

**Kyle Boyd '18**  
Muncie, Ind.

**Conner Haupt '17**  
Portage, Ind.

**Nick Page '18**  
Crawfordsville, Ind.

**Gonzalo Ruiz '18**  
Indianapolis, Ind.

**Josh Busenbark '17**  
Warsaw, Ind.

**Logan Hurst '18**  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

**Jake Pearson '18**  
Clarksdale, Miss.

**Michael Wail '18**  
Dyer, Ind.

**Patrick Georgescu '18**  
Carmel, Ind.

**Nick Morrison '18**  
Indianapolis, Ind.

**Ross Petruska '18**  
Noblesville, Ind.

**Josh Wilkinson '17**  
St. John, Ind.

**Matt Greenwell '17**  
Indianapolis, Ind.

**Sam Ray '17**  
Fishers, Ind.

## Recruitment Recommendation

Do you know of a quality young man for membership within Delta Tau Delta?

Send us his information by contacting **Kevin Kelly '16** at (317)-502-6453 or via e-mail at kevinrkelly02@gmail.com.

Prospect's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Does prospect have a ΔΤΔ relative? \_\_\_\_\_

### Your Infomation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Ball State University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.



## 50-Year Reunion for Pi Delta Gamma

### *The History Behind Epsilon Mu Founding Fathers*

In 1964 a group of men became loosely organized at Ball State and officially recognized on campus as local fraternity Pi Delta Gamma. Members from this group met last September for a 50-year reunion in Indianapolis, Ind. at the home of **Thomas E. Cripe '68**. In 1966 Pi Delta Gamma became the Epsilon Mu Chapter of Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity. In 2016, Epsilon Mu will celebrate its 50-year anniversary.

Back row, from left: **Fred Woodruff '66**, **Doug Laslie '69**, **Tom Murray '68**, **Harley Wood**, **Tom Seffrin '66**. Front row: **Tom Cripe '68**, **Dennis Hockney '65**, **Louie Russell '67**, **Dan Hockney '65**, **Dan Guio '68**.