



Brothers participate in a community service project at Camp Adventure.

EPSILON MU HOUSE CORPORATION DEBT-FREE HCB Making Good on Chapter House Improvements

Brothers, Epsilon Mu of Delta Tau Delta achieved a huge feat early this year, with the house corporation board paying off all of its debt! We are slowly but surely making headway on some of the chapter house projects we conceptualized long ago. All of these chapter house projects are funded from the approximately \$50,000 per year the HCB now has as a result of being debt free.

We have recently completed a new roof on the 1991 wing, which was over 25 years old, and had new windows installed. The board hopes to have light fixtures updated and the house driveway expanded. We are pleased that though these improvements are long overdue, they will be completed.

Despite coming in short of our fundraising goal for the capital campaign, we are not giving up! The "heated" state of the construction market has our \$1.3 million project quote from five years ago now costing \$2.5-2.9 million. While some of this cannot be attributed to the market, we are still paying a premium price at this point

in the market. The board is intent on staying the course in terms of expansion plans for the chapter house. We will not significantly downsize or alter the original design, as doing so will incur considerable additional soft cost expenses and deviate from what several lead donors committed their funds to. The board will continue to solicit the remaining needed funds while putting away money when we can from being debt free and continuing to be fiscally responsible.

Though Epsilon Mu has faced its share of obstacles in recent years, we are committed to the wellbeing of the active chapter now more than ever before. We will continue to do what we can to keep the property competitive in the campus market until we complete the *Campaign 50* expansion funding. Thank you, brothers, for your ongoing support of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at Ball State University.

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Active Chapter First in Fraternity Fundraising at BSU New Academic and Recruitment Plans Implemented

The Epsilon Mu Chapter has accomplished a great deal and remained a leader on campus and in our community. We are growing collectively as a chapter and individually as men. Our brothers intend to continue our philanthropic efforts, community engagement, and growth throughout the year.

FIRST AMONGST BSU FRATERNITIES IN PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISING

Epsilon Mu hosted our eighth annual Army Games in the front yard of our chapter house in April. The Army Games committee worked tirelessly, reaching out to sponsors and vendors to create an impressive event. Our goal was to raise at least \$10,000 for the Fisher House Foundation, an organization that provides

military families housing near their loved ones during hospitalization for illness, disease, or injury. In the fall, we were ranked first amongst fraternities and second amongst all Greek life for philanthropic dollars raised, including the \$18,000 we raised from our annual Watermelon Bust on September 15.

SIX SPRING PLEDGES, NEW RECRUITMENT PLAN

We are pleased to have six admirable men in our spring pledge class this year, and are implementing a 365-day recruitment plan to expand our chapter in coming semesters.

ACADEMIC PLAN FEATURES SUCCESS STRATEGIES AND GREEK STUDY APP

Epsilon Mu's new academic plan and academic committee are dedicated to molding our chapter into the leading fraternity in the Greek community at Ball State University. Some of the provisions in the new plan include tailored success strategies for members, organized and proctored study tables with our new Greek study app, and improved utilization of campus resources. We are confident these changes will propel us into the top tier of fraternities in the near future. This past semester we ended with a GPA of 2.82, placing us 10th out of the 13 fraternities on campus.

AIMING FOR AN INTRAMURAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Our brothers are committed to winning an intramural championship in 2018. Last fall, both our football and basketball teams fell to the opposing teams in the final, but our men are looking to capitalize on the new season ahead.

THANK YOU, ALUMNI, FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

We would like to thank alumni **John Knox '78** and **David Frye '04** for all the wisdom and guidance they provide our chapter, as well as our consultant, Jacob Contu, for providing us with insightful information. Our chapter is also thankful for **Matthew Jones**, who helped facilitate our executive board retreat, brainstorm goals with us, and critique our strategies for this term.

Our chapter is very excited about the opportunities that await and looks forward to sharing all our achievements and successes with you.



Our executive board dines with Epsilon Mu consultant, Jacob Contu.



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