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Jeff Nygren '12 Hikes the Appalachian Trail *Travels more than 2,000 miles on foot over seven months*

After graduating from The Ohio State University, **Jeff Nygren '12** embarked on a seven-month journey to cover more than 2,000 miles on foot. "I heard about the Appalachian Trail for the first time in high school and really wanted to attempt a thru-hike or end-to-end hike," said Nygren. "At the time, attending college took precedence, so after graduation I set out to accomplish my goal."

Although Nygren began hiking the trail alone and not in an organized group, he was seldom actually alone. "There are always a lot of hikers beginning from the start and I met many people over time," commented Nygren. "I hiked with a lady named Heather for the majority of the trail, from Tennessee to Maine. I formed many great friendships along the way."

It took Nygren seven months to complete the trail. "I took plenty of time to stop and smell the roses," replied Nygren. "Emotionally, the most challenging part was the last few hundred miles. I was having the time of my life to be sure, however, I was more than ready to finish and put this accomplishment in the books! Physically, the most challenging part was from the Vermont/New Hampshire border to the summit of Mt. Katahdin in Maine (the northern terminus). The trail travels 100 miles through the thick of the infamous White Mountains and goes right over the summit of Mt. Washington, which is, quite factually, home to the worst weather in America."

Nygren finished the trail on October 10, 2013. His favorite memories revolve around the countless nights spent in the middle of the woods. "We sat around a small fire and enjoyed



each other's company and the solitude of the wilderness," remembered Nygren. "I also remember being meters away from finishing a seven month, 2,000+ mile, fourteen state and three season journey. I spent two and a half hours getting drunk with twenty other thru-hikers who finished their trip the same day. Of course, I hadn't considered the five mile, strenuous, downhill hike back to the bottom but it was one hell of a party. Those memories will stay close to my heart for the rest of my life."

Currently, Nygren lives in Upper Arlington, Ohio and is on staff at a Grandview area child care center.

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Meet Nayan Shah '15, Chapter President

Originally from Hudson, Ohio, **Nayan Shah '15** is a junior studying biomedical engineering. He is a huge Cleveland sports fan and enjoys scuba diving, riding motorcycles and playing tennis.

"I didn't intend to join a fraternity when I came to Ohio State," said Shah, "but during winter quarter of my freshman year a friend asked me to go to a recruitment event with him. As soon as I walked into the house, I could tell that the men in front of me had something special. I had never seen such a large group of people be so close."

"Delta Tau Delta has helped me grow in so many ways," continued Shah. "The fraternity has offered me academic support, leadership opportunities, an amazing social life and a great group of men who will always be there for me. The lessons I have learned will undoubtedly help me for the rest of my life."

The executive board of Beta Phi was recently restructured in order to streamline operations. There are now two vice presidents, instead of three, and two positions have been added, director of academics and guide. In addition, every administrative chairman will have a committee.

"My goal as chapter president is to ensure the new leadership structure is implemented correctly," said Shah. "The setup involves more brothers and allows the chapter to accomplish more."



Nayan Shah '15

Meet Nick Connor '15, Chapter VP of Brotherhood

Nick Conner '15 is a junior studying mechanical engineering. He is originally from Hilliard, Ohio. Conner enjoys playing hockey, making music and reading.

"I chose to join a fraternity to meet people," said Conner. "The university is close to my hometown so I needed an opportunity to meet people outside of my current circle of high school friends. I chose Delta Tau Delta for their brotherhood. I was amazed how so many people could be so close and I knew I wanted to be a part of it."

"Delta Tau Delta has taught me invaluable communication and networking skills and how to be an effective leader," continued Conner. "The fraternity represents something bigger than any of us. It represents a means for teaching you how to be the best version of yourself and it connects you with a group of young men who are looking to do the same thing."

"As vice president of brotherhood, I hope to help refine and revamp a few of the chapter's administrative positions," reported Conner. "I am the first vice president of brotherhood in its current form so I want to set a good example for those who will follow me."



Nick Connor '15

Meet Alex Clark '15, Chapter Guide

Alex Clark '15 is from Upper Arlington, Ohio. He is a junior studying biomedical engineering and computer science. Clark enjoys riding his bike, rock climbing and reading.

"I was introduced to Delta Tau Delta by my cousin **Jake Bishop '14**," said Clark. "He said it changed his entire college experience so I decided to check it out. I immediately felt at home with Delt."

"Delta Tau Delta has taught me so many things. I am more confident, I dress better, I treat people better, I know how to manage a committee and I know how to take care of myself," continued Clark. "Delt will continue to be part of my life after graduation."

"The office of chapter guide was recently reinstated," reported Clark. "The guide is responsible for the rituals and ceremonies of Delta Tau Delta, and serves as a constant educator and historian. My goal is to not only provide ritual education to the chapter but also teach the active brothers about our predecessors."



Alex Clark '15

Meet Andrew Mariotti '15, Chapter VP of Relations

Andrew Mariotti '15 is from Upper Arlington, Ohio and attended Virginia Tech for his freshman year of college. He transferred to The Ohio State University as a sophomore. Mariotti is currently a junior studying biology. He enjoys playing the guitar and participating in intramural flag football.

"I joined Delta Tau Delta to find my place on campus," said Mariotti. "The Ohio State University is very large and I needed to find a place where I could have fun, make an impact on the community and thrive as a person. I found a home at Delta Tau Delta."

"The fraternity has given me courage and taught me to be a leader," continued Mariotti. "Delta Tau Delta has helped me develop into the person I want to be."

"As vice president of relations, I will improve the chapter's philanthropies and work to create new ones," reported Mariotti. "The chapter will continue to give back to the community and remain leaders on campus."



Andrew Mariotti '15

Beta Phi Continues to Give Back to the Community

Brothers concoct deep fried treats and play flag football to raise money for charity

Beta Phi brothers concocted deep fried treats on November 12-13, 2013, for the annual Delt Deep Fry fundraising event. "This year's event was a huge success," stated **Taylor Panning '14**, previous philanthropy chairman. "**Josh Ferencik '15** and I worked together to create a great menu, and everyone enjoyed the fried treats. More than \$1,200 was raised for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation."

The chapter also hosted its 3rd Annual Tackle Heart Disease flag football tournament on Sunday, April 14, 2013, at Fred Beekman Park. The tournament raised more than \$2,100 for the American Heart Association. "The flag football tournament is always a huge hit," said Panning. "We had 12 teams compete and everyone had a great time."



(L to R): Seth Mansfield '16 and Josiah Charlemagne '16 grill hotdogs and hamburgers during the 3rd Annual Tackle Heart Disease flag football tournament.

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Brotherhood Events Unite the Chapter

Over the last year, many brotherhood events have been held to strengthen the bonds of Beta Phi. Two events stood out among the rest.

On October 20, 2013, more than 50 members participated in a paintball brotherhood bonding event held at Splatter Park in Mount Gilead, Ohio. "Playing paintball was a great way to get away from campus and focus on what is really important for Deltas – building a brotherhood we can all be proud of," said **Zach Parfitt '15**, former fraternal events chairman. "The event was fun and everyone enjoyed spending time with each other."

At the end of the school year, Beta Phi brothers met at the Shelter to roast each other. "Everyone did their best to invoke Frost, Whitman and Dr. Seuss," continued Parfitt. "It was a night that will be remembered fondly and everyone had a great time."



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Alumni Spotlights

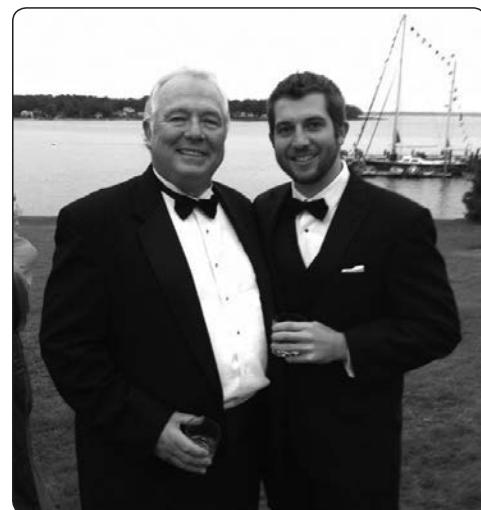
Jim Nein '67

Private practice attorney for more than 40 years

After attending law school in Lexington, Kentucky for three years, **Jim Nein '67** moved back to Columbus, Ohio to start his career and family. Nein has been a private practice attorney for the last 42 years. He and his wife, Rhonda, have four children and 5 grandchildren.

"My favorite memories from Delt are from living in the house," said Nein. "I had great roommates in **Marv Gregory '66** and **Rickey Copp '67**. I remember trying to wrestle **Steve Howell '69** in the living room but I was no match for his strength. He got me in a hold where I couldn't move and everyone laughed so hard. However, I got revenge on the Delt parking lot hoop! I developed great relationships in Delta Tau Delta, many of which still exist today."

Jim Nein '67 has been a private practice attorney for more than 40 years. He and his wife, Rhonda, live in Columbus, Ohio. Pictured (L to R): Jim Nein '67 and son, Jeff Nein '09.



Cole Richter '08

Private practice attorney

Cole Richter '08 lives in Chicago, Illinois and graduated from law school in December 2013. He currently works at an intellectual property law firm as an associate attorney. He and his fiancé, Lauren, are planning a June 28, 2014 wedding.

"My favorite memory from Delt was when the chapter conducted the bid and pledge ceremony in Orton Hall," said Richter. "The Orton Hall bells played Carmen Ohio, repeatedly, as the potential new members walked from the Shelter to Orton Hall. It felt as if the entire campus was dedicated to the Deltas that night."

"I live with no regrets," continued Richter. "I encourage everyone to take chances and not to postpone things you want to do. Life moves too fast to procrastinate, so say hello to the cute girl in economics or take a road trip with buddies to see an away game. You won't regret it!"

Cole Richter '08 graduated from law school in December 2013.



Beta Phi Wins Court of Honor Award

Named one of the top 20 chapters nationally

Ten Beta Phi brothers and their advisors traveled to Merrillville, Indiana on January 31, 2014, to attend the Northern Division Leadership Conference.

Beta Phi was honored to receive the *Court of Honor* award during the conference. The *Court of Honor* award was established by Delta Tau Delta Fraternity in 1965. It is presented to the top 20 chapters each year as reviewed through the Fraternity Accreditation and Awards Report (FAAR). Chapters are graded on excellence in chapter finance, recruitment, membership education, academics,

alumni relations and community service. Beta Phi Chapter has received the award seven times since its founding in 1894.

Beta Phi also received the *Outstanding Road Program* and *Outstanding Chapter Growth* awards.

John Hardesty '14 was named *Outstanding Chapter President* for the Northern Division. "Hardesty's passion for Delta Tau Delta is unrivaled," commented **John Kohler, '16**. "He definitely deserved this award and the chapter is very proud of him."



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Saturday, May 3

Founders' Day

(Social Hour 5:45 p.m.; Dinner 7:30 p.m.)

Cartoon Room, 3rd floor of the Ohio Union

Friday, September 26

The Peirce/Galbreath Scholarship Golf Event

The Country Club at Muirfield Village

Friday, December 12

Annual Holiday Luncheon

(Scioto Country Club)