

BETA PHI CRIER

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OUR DELTA TAU DELTA FAMILY

Happy Holidays from Beta Phi

There's the family you're born into and the family you choose. Each of us chose to join a brotherhood that is more than Greek letters; we chose to join a family.

Our Beta Phi brothers are just that, *brothers*. They are the men who build us up, push us forward, and remind us we are all capable of great things. As the holidays approach, we're reminded to live thankfully. **Each of us should be thankful for the brotherhood we found in Delta Tau Delta.**

I could not be more thankful that I found my way to Delt, and I'm sure you and nearly every other Beta Phi Chapter alumnus feels the same way. The fraternity has likely meant different things to each of us, but we can all be thankful that we have this common bond between us. We can look forward to future young men having the same meaningful experiences.

You may notice in this issue of the *Beta Phi Crier* we have not included information on our capital campaign. The House Corporation and undergraduate chapter are focused on brotherhood and the spirit of season. Please stay tuned for more information on what you can do to support Beta Phi in future issues of the newsletter.

As you sit around the table this holiday season recounting your blessings, don't forget all that Delt has given you. Each of us were drawn to this fraternity—to its members, the Shelter, and all it embodies. Let's choose Delta Tau Delta again this season and say thank you to the hundreds of alumni who made it what it is today. Reach out to a brother this holiday season and reconnect—you won't regret it.

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Faternally,
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Dedication to Brotherhood

Why Paul Falkenbach '80 Remains Involved with Beta Phi after Graduation

Paul Falkenbach '80 admits that he wasn't really interested in joining a fraternity. However, that all changed after attending a Beta Phi summer event hosted by **John Galbreath, Ohio University '20** at Darby Dan Farm. Paul was so impressed by the active members and the potential of bonding with them that he changed his tune on Greek life and joined Delta Tau Delta.



"Delt helped make my experience in college much tighter than being just a small fish in a big sea at the largest university in the country [at the time]," Paul said. "I lived in the Shelter for three full years and had a wonderful and enriched experience with all my brothers."

During his time as an active member, Paul served as social chairman, chief justice of the Interfraternity Judicial Council, and chapter president. Enjoying each day spent with his brothers so much, he decided to continue serving Beta Phi after graduation. Paul has since served as chapter advisor, ASC chairman, president of the Beta Phi Alumni Association, and is the current president of the House Corporation.

"Serving as president, I have witnessed a wonderful transformation over time," Paul said. "Many of the traditions are different, but the constant has always been that we continue to attract amazing talent to fill the chapter."

Outside of his support for Beta Phi, Paul is the vice president of sales for National Sign Systems/Cityscapes in central Ohio. He and his wife, Melissa, have two daughters. Erin is a fellow Buckeye, and Sarah Grace is a high school sophomore. Between the updated Shelter and visiting his daughter, Paul has much to be proud of at The Ohio State University. You can reach Paul at pfalkenbach@natsignsys.com.



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Committed to Excellence

Turner Adornetto '19 Makes the Most of Undergraduate Experience

As loyal Delta Tau Delta alumni, we strive to live out the fraternity's mission to be committed to lives of excellence. One of Beta Phi Chapter's newest alumni is not only dedicated to Delta Tau Delta's mission but is spreading excellence all around the world.

Turner Adornetto '19 took his many talents to Germany and Tanzania while studying abroad. During his 2017-18 stay in Tanzania, Turner quickly picked up the Swahili language and did two internships. His Denman Undergraduate Research Forum project, "Sociotechnical Imaginaries of Solar Energy in Tanzania," was centered on how Tanzanians viewed the future of their society and how it would be impacted by solar energy technologies.

The inspiration behind Turner's work in Tanzania came from the Modernity vs. Post-Modernity course he took with Professor

Phillip Armstrong. As a part of the class, Turner watched the documentary *Darwin's Nightmare*, which featured how European aid to Tanzania was actually anything but considering how much harm was done. Turner is making a documentary of his own that will highlight his experience in Tanzania.

"It really took Ohio State as a giant, expansive institution for all of this to be possible," Turner said in an interview with OSU's public relations department. "Each place I went, I found someone who was welcoming. Those conversations pushed me in the right direction."

Making films and videos was a hobby Turner thoroughly enjoyed when he was younger, and OSU gave him a newfound love for the arts. One of his favorite college courses was Moving Image Art with Assistant Professor Vera Brunner-Sung.

"Vera was the first person to show me there's a whole world outside of engineering at Ohio State and I could be a part of it," Turner said.

Two of Turner's documentaries were featured in film festivals. When Turner graduated in the spring, he had earned a degree in electrical and computer engineering with a minor in science and technology studies. His hard work was rewarded with various scholarships.

"I became a different person here at Ohio State," Turner said. "It was a transformation."

Turner's transformation was special in that it not only transformed him but changed many others. His commitment to excellence is a perfect example of the amazing impact Delt's mission can have on undergraduate members, alumni, and everyone who interacts with the men of Delta Tau Delta.

BLOWING US ALL AWAY

Nick Uhas '09 Talks Netflix, YouTube, and Delta Tau Delta

Nick Uhas '09 has led an interesting career path, to say the least. The son of two high school teachers, Nick always placed a high value on education, becoming a published chemist in his studies at OSU. While living in California before college, he became a professional stunt rollerblader, and filming stunts sparked his interest in content creation. After college, Nick would combine these passions into Nickipedia, a YouTube series of thrilling science videos; his channel has over 246,000 subscribers and more than 280 videos.

Nick's YouTube clout led to him competing on the reality shows *Big Brother* and *America's Got Talent*, and this experience along with his science proficiency led to his latest job: host of *Blown Away*, a glass-blowing reality competition series on Netflix.

But you might not know that Nick is a proud Beta Phi alumnus. He took some time to speak with us about his Delt and OSU experiences, his varied career, and the value of the fraternity experience.



Why did you decide to join Delta Tau Delta?

When I got to college, **Alex Bailey '08**, an elementary school friend, asked if I wanted to join a group of friends continuously bettering themselves through graduation. Who could say no to that?!

I didn't go through recruitment my first year because Greek life seemed to clash with the "counterculture" of skating.

When I did it the following year, I found that both had a similar community aspect—but this was arguably better thanks to the structure! I moved into the Shelter that same year, and brothers from my member class are still my friends.

Tell us about your favorite memories as a Delt.

Attending the Leadership Academy in Maine was great on so many levels. Another great one was my senior year Greek Week; I entered the Greek God competition as a skater and one of my stunts helped win Greek Week for us! Delt was also on fire academically that year, thanks largely to our advisor, **Jeff Pelletier '94**.

How do you think Delta Tau Delta helped you become who you are today?

It helped sculpt my personality, both professionally and socially. I learned to communicate with everyone by finding common threads, even if we were widely different. We were all upfront with any issues or problems and learned to resolve them quickly.

The producers of *Blown Away* discovered you via your YouTube channel. Why did you decide to join the show?

I knew very little about glass blowing but liked the idea of learning something new by observing others at work. They essentially hired me to be a liaison for the audience—I had the right science background but was still learning new things alongside the viewers.

What Nickipedia video would you recommend to first-time viewers?

"Liquid Sand Pool" is a great one. By pumping nitrogen through a sand bed that we lined with copper pipes, the sand acts as a liquid! Since we're talking about glass blowing, another good one is "Unbreakable Exploding Glass"

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ATΔ brothers and Pi Beta Phi sisters raised over \$38,000 at the 2019 Buckeyethon Dance Marathon.



ATΔ brothers won the intramural flag football championship in February 2019.

CHAPTER CELEBRATES ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE PUSHING TO IMPROVE

Beta Phi Chapter has been diligently working to better not only ourselves, but the whole Greek community the past year. While we realize there is still work to be done, we are proud of the accomplishments we have to date.

ABOVE-AVERAGE ACADEMICS

We have a cumulative chapter GPA of 3.51, ranking us fourth in the IFC. We are 0.09 points above the all-Greek average, 0.2 points above the all-Greek men average, and 0.22 points above the undergraduate average. Our academic chairman, **David Marsh '21**, has driven the chapter to keep improving. We are extremely proud of our academic accomplishments and are excited to see what we can achieve in the future.

BUCKEYETHON AND ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

We are heavily involved in two main programs throughout the year, Buckeyethon and Adopt-a-School. In the spring, Buckeyethon team captain **Logan Good '20** recruited more than 70 active members to participate in the 24-hour dance marathon. Along with our partner Pi Beta Phi, we raised \$38,645 for cancer research, the highest amount raised by any fraternity/sorority pairing!

For Adopt-a-School, brothers go to a local elementary school and act as academic mentors for an hour at a time. We had more than 25

members participate in this program, meaning there was a ΔTΔ brother in the classroom every day of the week. It is truly remarkable seeing the impact our members have on these children's lives through our brothers' mentorship.

SUCCESSFUL FIRST DELTIVAL

In August we held our first Deltival. Philanthropy Chairman **David Carlton '21** put together the event along with help from the philanthropy committee. There was tie-dying, a dunk tank, sno-cones, popcorn, and more. We raised over \$3,300 to donate toward JDRF.

FOUNDERS' DAY

Last spring, we had our most successful Founders' Day dinner to date. **Tom Calhoon '70** put together a wonderful event for undergraduates and alumni alike, with more than 50 undergraduate members attending and 25 alumni visiting from all over the state and country. It was an event that positively impacted everyone there.

Beta Phi has been moving in the right direction year after year and our accomplishments have shown it. However, we realize there is room for improvement in everything we do, and we will continue to better ourselves day in and day out.

Fraternally,

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Hunter Noble '22 and Aidan McCormack '21 won the Spikeball tournament at the first-ever Deltival.



Chapter Advisor Howard Harcha, Internal VP Noah Bressler '21, President Andrew Hauer '21, Connor Kanally '21, and Stephen Walcko '21 at the 2019 Northern Division Conference in Muncie, Indiana.

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Spring 2019 New Members

Recruitment Chairmen **Jake Mruzek '20** and **Evan Conley '20** did a wonderful job recruiting men who exemplify what it means to be a Delt day in and day out. This is our largest new member class of all time with 43 new members.

Joe Belinske
Toledo, Ohio

Derick Campell Jr.
Sandusky, Ohio

Dan Carver
Princeton, N.J.

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Buffalo, N.Y.

Jake Stein
Nanuet, N.Y.

Luke Stiles
Loveland, Ohio

Kolbe Stout
Pittsburgh, Pa.

David Tochtermann
Sycamore, Ohio

Trent Trees
Columbus, Ohio

Trevor White
Cleveland, Ohio

*Legacy

NEW MEMBER FAST FACTS



43 Men



5 Legacies



29 from Ohio

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

John Herrington '56 passed on to Chapter Eternal on January 14, 2018. He will be missed by his friends, family, and Beta Phi brothers.

John C. Leifer '58 entered Chapter Eternal on May 11, 2019, at the age of 84. He met his wife, Pat, while attending The Ohio State University. John and Pat had a son, Tom, and daughter, Kelly Ann, and four granddaughters. The beginning of John's career featured stops at U.S. Steel in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Abbott Laboratories in Chicago, Ill.; and Samsonite in Boulder, Colo. John decided to go back to college and get his master's in geology in his late 40s. His final job was with Rocky Flats. John designed and partially built his home in Nederland, Colo. His hobbies included skiing, golf, sailing, and horseback riding.

ALUMNI NEWS

D. Stuart Wilson '49 retired to Virginia Beach to be with his children and grandchildren. He was a lawyer after serving with the Air Force in the Korean War.

George Carlisle '55 enjoys traveling and retirement. His home base in Harleysville, Pa. Email: gacthree@verizon.net

James F. Oshust '58 was discharged from the Army after a two and a half-year stint, having been federalized in September 1951 as part of the ONG 37th Div. Jim was fortunate to rent a room in a house where several Beta Phi members lived, and they introduced him to the

fraternity. "The next four years were the most enjoyable due to the friendships and support I received, as I had to work 38 hours a week to maintain my tuition and living costs," he shared. "I will never regret joining." E-mail: banjfl@aol.com

James Johnson '59 made a visit to ΔΤΔ when two of his best friends joined. "I was sold!" he shared. The next eight years (1951-1960) he spent most of his school time in the Shelter. Jim worked in the kitchen and dining room. "Wonderful brothers! I still have friends from ΔΤΔ that I keep in touch with."

Robert Watson '60 turned 81 on November 11, 2019, and lives in a great facility in Fort Worth, Texas. "Love my Delts and love my Ohio State!" Email: rcwatson28@msn.com

Mark Phillips '66 retired on December 1, 2017. He still lives on Crooked Lake in Angola, Ind. His wife, Nancy, passed away in November 21, 2018. Email: markphil27@yahoo.com

James Ervin '67 reports that all is well in D.C., and he was sorry to miss the golf and dinner. Email: jim.ervin@ervinhillstrategy.com

Jerold D. Abrams '69 has 15 children, seven of whom have graduated college and four of whom are in college. He is considering a partial retirement in the next couple of years. Jerry doesn't hear from brothers often since he is on the west coast, living in Kennewick, Wash. Email: jerryabrams@charter.net

Thomas Morrison '70 does a lot of fishing in Florida and Cape Cod, in addition to hunting and shooting. He lives in Marco Island, Fla. Email: ibtm@aol.com

Mark E. Russell '71 played on the freshman basketball team, and three members of the varsity were Delts, "**John Halley '69**, **Dennis Meadors '69**, and **Steve Howell '69**. They took me to the Shelter and I joined that night in spring '68." They remain in touch and have Christmas dinner every year. Steve is Mark's Beta Phi big brother. E-mail: mrussell@fuse.net

Rand Luckner '71 is fully retired and has been married to his wife, Laura, since 2004. Rand has five stepchildren and four grandchildren. Email: radds54@aol.com

George Kun '72 is in his 36th year in the travel business and still travels the world himself. He has been married for over 46 years and has a daughter, Nicholle, who lives in Manhattan selling media and producing comedy shows. George lives in Upper Arlington, Ohio. Email: gkun@georgekuntravel.com

Paul J. Harton '85 is excited to have another Buckeye in the family, as his youngest daughter, Samantha, started law school at The Ohio State University this fall. He enjoys life in Cartersville, Ga. Email: gabuckeye@comcast.net

Memorial Scholarship Golf Classic



Thank you to all our 2019 donors and golfers who joined us for the 25th annual Peter R. Peirce/John W. Galbreath Memorial Scholarship Golf Classic. Save the date to join us on September 18! More details to come.



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Egg,” which we filmed at the Corning Museum of Glass (which collaborated on *Blown Away*).

What advice would you offer to undergraduate brothers?

It's cliché but be involved as much as possible. Practical experience outside of the classroom helps you think about what you want to do for a living. Being an entrepreneur doesn't come up much in college, so Delt led me to several ideas I didn't even know existed! I began as a pre-med student, and even though I didn't go into medicine, my studies and knowledge ended up being perfect for content creation.

Studying is important, but your relationships with your fraternity brothers really matter as well— they'll be in your life a super long time.

Have you visited campus or the Shelter lately?

While home in Columbus for Christmas a couple years ago, I knocked on the door and asked to see the new Shelter. The guys were

very welcoming and enjoyed talking about their studies, and I was impressed by how many were in the study room. The chapter looked even better than I left it!

What are your impressions on the need for fraternities today?

I wish more people understood that Greek life isn't like you see in movies; it sets people up for success in life. You gain an important sense of structure while you're young, and it helps you with lots of things you might not be prepared for. It really does have a positive impact.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Like I said, I was apprehensive of fraternities in the beginning, but I took a leap of faith because I thought it might be helpful. If anyone is in a similar phase, I would advise them, “Just do it!”

Season 1 of Blown Away is available on Netflix and you can check out Nick's Nickipedia series at [youtube.com/user/NickUhas](https://www.youtube.com/user/NickUhas). Connect with Nick at nickuhas@gmail.com.