

# BETA PHI CRIER

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ■ SPRING 2021

## BETA PHI UNDERGRADUATES AND ALUMNI LEADERSHIP WORK TOGETHER TO MAINTAIN QUALITY CHAPTER

I am sure you have heard it everywhere you turn, but this past school year has been a rewarding challenge for both the undergraduate chapter and the House Corp. The men came back in the fall to a completely new setting with all of the protocols set in place by Ohio State University. Mask mandates, social distancing, testing, gatherings of more than 10 people being prohibited, and online classes became the new norm. Regular weekly testing was added to the routine when the men returned from the holiday break.

### Brothers Bounce Back from Hardship

The active chapter has endured somewhat of a rough road through all of this. In addition to COVID-19, for most of the last few months they have defended a university investigation that resulted in a positive outcome. Chapter leadership, led by past President **JD Foltz '22** and current President **Ethan Garee '23**, also oversaw the difficult expulsion of members who refused to pay parlor fees and who were mostly seniors. Chapter leadership is working hard to reverse this trend in the coming year. Our House Corp. collectively is proud of everything our undergraduates have achieved and, as always, their great grades. We have the makings of a Hugh Shields type of chapter and a solid advisor in **Howard Harcha '12** to lead us there.

### Beta Phi Property Management Transition

The state of the House Corp. is strong. We have taken some financial hits over the past year, but with the steady leadership of Treasurer **Kyle Huff '07**, we will get through this difficult time. Our Delt house is currently, and will continue to be, at or near capacity. One big upcoming change is that Ohio State University has decided to end their offered service of fraternity/sorority property management, and Delt was one of five remaining houses managed by the university. The House and Grounds committee, led by **Evan Webb '15**, is working on a plan to have a seamless transition to new property management come June. There were real benefits that OSU provided that will be hard to replace. I am thankful that our undergraduates were able to be included in the university management of quarantine and isolation procedures this past year.

### Hope on the Horizon

As we wind down this school year, members of the House Corp. will be involved in transitioning to the 2021-22 school year. We will keep following university and health department guidelines as we reopen in August. Like you, we are hopeful of a clear return to normalcy.

Who knows? Maybe we'll see each other in the 'Shoe this fall.

Faternally,

**Paul M. Falkenbach '80**

President, Beta Phi House Association

## ADVENTURE AWAITS

Dr. Danny Nygren '12 Shares Rewards and Challenges as Traveling Psychiatrist



As an undergraduate, **Danny Nygren '12** knew he wanted a career in medicine. After starting out as a biology major and getting all his credits in order, he took a psychology course that changed his pre-med path. He switched to psychology and, after graduating from The Ohio State, attended the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and landed on psychiatry as his focus during his third year. It was then that he saw a branch of medicine that served patients who were often overlooked by the rest of medicine and society, and he knew he could make a difference.

"I wanted to be involved in caring for those patients," Danny shared. "Psychiatry is also a field that I think will have a lot of innovation in the next few years as we learn more about the brain and what causes mental health disorders."

After medical school, Danny completed his residency in psychiatry at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. He knew he could take a stable job anywhere in the country since psychiatrists are in high demand. However, he wasn't ready to settle down and still wanted adventure. As a resident, he learned about a short-term, temporary option for physicians called a locum tenens doctor, which allows for travel and not a long-term commitment.

"This allows me to gain experience in different parts of the country and in different types of hospitals and systems," he stated. "So far, I've worked in Montana and Oregon, and I will be in Alaska this summer."

What Danny loves most about being a psychiatrist is being a provider of mental health for people who are often ignored by others.

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# FROM BARCELONA TO BETA PHI

## *Joe Ziegler '23 Cherishes Leadership Opportunities with Delta Tau Delta and Vocalize Columbus*

Despite being born in Columbus, the journey that led **Joe Ziegler '23** to Ohio State was far different from that of most other students in his hometown. Joe grew up in Barcelona and attended American School of Barcelona. When Joe decided to return stateside to attend OSU, he knew no one other than his sister on campus. Fortunately for Joe, his sister knew of a small, diverse community that he could thrive in at OSU, just as he did at the American School of Barcelona.

"From the moment she got to OSU, when I was a 10th grader with no clue about where I'd be going to college, she was in my ear all the time, saying 'you'd love Delt,' 'you'd fit in so well with the guys,'" Joe said. "She went on and on for the next two years until I ended up not just at Ohio State with her, but just as she predicted, at Delta Tau Delta."

When Joe first visited the Shelter for recruitment, he was blown away that the men of Beta Phi genuinely wanted to get to know him, even though he didn't go to their high school or know them previously. Joe came to OSU with high aspirations as a biology major and Spanish minor and is thankful that his brothers are also committed to lives of excellence.

"The memory that stands out the most to me was when I was desperately sending a message into one of our group chats, begging for a calculator since mine had died minutes before I had to take a calc 2 test," Joe said. "No exaggeration—within 30 seconds, eight guys had texted me saying that they were already on their way to the lecture hall where the test was taking place. That feeling of knowing that 150 guys had your back for anything was incredible."

Joe's commitment to excellence doesn't just stop at academics. Delta Tau Delta has given Joe an even better understanding of the importance



of leading by example and serving others. Joe has made a tremendous impact within the Columbus community as the president of Vocalize Columbus, which is a nonprofit that trains volunteers to become certified medical interpreters and connects them free of charge to free clinics in the area and eventually around the country.

"I did a lot of work in high school with training and organizing interpreters for medical missions to South America and I wanted to continue that work in Columbus," Joe said. "Franklin County has around 50,000-100,000 people with limited English capabilities who rely on free clinics for their medical care, and these free clinics have to shell out tens of thousands of dollars a year to pay for medical interpreters. Starting Vocalize and working with clinics and community partners has really taught me a lot about the depth of the issue at hand and helped me learn more about how to manage a business and work with an executive team to execute a vision."

As Joe concludes his sophomore year, he already knows he wants to go to medical school and work with Vocalize Columbus post-graduation. With whatever the future holds for Joe, he also is confident that Delta Tau Delta will play a large role in all his success.

"We firmly believe in 'positive peer pressure.' It's evident in the dedication to doing well academically, staying in shape, and being an active member of the community that everyone in the chapter believes that," Joe said. "We all hold each other accountable to those values. Being a Delt has helped me grow not just as a student and future professional, but as a person."

You can connect with Joe at [ziegler.245@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:ziegler.245@buckeyemail.osu.edu).

## ADVENTURE AWAITS

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"People having a mental health crisis often feel helpless or embarrassed because they may not know how to navigate the system of mental health," he explained. "I enjoy being able to help them navigate their illness and, ultimately, get them back to their normal life."

There has been an uptick in public mental health awareness, which Danny fully supports, but he recognizes that the funding for resources still lags. The most difficult part of his job is when a person needs mental health resources that are not available where they live. Other rewarding aspects of being a locum tenens doctor is that the companies who hire Danny also pay for his travel and housing. His ultimate goal as a locum tenens doctor is to spend a year in New Zealand.

"After I get all my travel and adventure out in the next few years, my plan is to return to the Midwest, so expect to see me back in a few years!" he mused.

Although medical school, his residency, and his professional path have hindered his ability to come back to Columbus for official Delt alumni events prior to the pandemic, he's enjoyed staying connected to his Delt

brothers via Zoom, through playing video games together, and through a Fantasy Football league.

You can contact Danny at [nygren.12@gmail.com](mailto:nygren.12@gmail.com).

### HOW DID YOUR BETA PHI CHAPTER EXPERIENCE SHAPE YOU AS A PERSON AND PREPARE YOU FOR LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?

"I was able to further define the person I wanted to be during my time in school, and being surrounded by men of good character shaped my own character. I have to say that the Continuing Member Education events I attended were very influential in preparing me for life after school.

"Learning how to pick a suit and match your socks to your pants from **Matt McDonough '11**, and 'The Art of Manliness' from **Howard Harcha '12**, and many more, [my brothers] all turned out to be really helpful."

# Truth, Courage, Faith, and Power Remain Guideposts for Beta Phi Amid Adversity

*Actives Focused on Fostering Positive Brotherhood with Philanthropy at the Forefront*

This past year has certainly been a challenging one for all, and this was no exception for Greek life nationwide. With these difficult times, not only were certain individuals called upon to step up, but large buy in and activity was needed from the entirety of the chapter to make this past year a valuable experience. The Delt brotherhood at The Ohio State University initially struggled but turned to our values to fulfill our commitment to lives of excellence.

## Strengthening the Beta Phi Brotherhood

The chapter is incredibly proud of our 45-person new member class this spring, all of whom we have the faith in quickly making an impact internally and the community. Although it was a new challenge recruiting in an online environment, our recruitment chairmen, **Carl Conley '23** and **Hudson Davis '23**, more than excelled in preparing for the task. The challenge of online member development has continued with our guide, **Ben Nagy '23**, taking the lead. He has brought an engaging experience, while prioritizing our values in a difficult environment.

## Getting Back in the Groove of Giving Back

After a dormant period last semester due to

COVID-19 guidelines causing a transitional period within the community, philanthropy and community service have been reestablished as a strong point here at Beta Phi. Our philanthropy chairmen, **Pete Cogan '23** and **Andrew Conover '23**, have put in a tremendous amount of work raising money and spending hours to better the community, as well as raise donations for our national partner, JDRF. Their work extends to the active members within the chapter who donate their time every week, visiting and helping at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

## Recounting Successes and Looking Ahead

The recent success of the chapter's visions and goals for the future can largely be attributed to the hard work of the executive board, our chapter advisors, and the House Corp. However, the strides that have been made in recent weeks could not be traced to a single group, and the entirety of the chapter should be proud of what is accomplished every day. Everyone's continued support within Beta Phi is a testament to the great culture built at 67 East 15th that consistently makes strides when the right mindset is carried by all.

Fraternally,  
**Ethan Garee '23**  
Chapter President

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## WELCOME TO THE BOTHERHOOD!

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**Friday, September 17**

The 27th Annual Delta Tau Delta  
Peter R. Peirce and  
John W. Galbreath Memorial  
Scholarship Golf Classic and Dinner

**Friday, December 10**

Christmas Luncheon at  
Scioto Country Club

Details to follow. Stay tuned!

## CHAPTER ETERNAL



**Bob Hayes '82** entered Chapter Eternal on January 23 after a battle with COVID-19. Bob spent six years in the Navy and then attended Ohio State following an honorable discharge. After college, Bob enjoyed a successful career in sales, using his gift of gab to make friends everywhere he went. For the last 20 years he had been a loving partner, stepfather, grandfather, and all-around awesome human being. In his younger years, Bob enjoyed playing football and rugby recreationally, which inspired a lifelong love of sports. His hobbies included passionately following Ohio State and Broncos football, spending time with his friends and grandkids, and espousing sports trivia of every kind. His passion for sports was matched only by his enthusiasm for life and family.

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