

BETA PHI CRIER

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Delts pass candy out to trick-or-treaters during Greek Shriek. Up next, a game of pin the nose on the pumpkin!

A TIME OF TRANSITION BETA PHI WELCOMES NEW LEADERSHIP

Just like that, the 2022-23 academic year is coming to an end. I remain inspired by the gentlemen of Beta Phi and all that they endured and overcame this year. They, and you, should be proud.

After three great years, we are saying farewell to Musbah Shaheen, the Shelter director. In light of his graduation, we are now interviewing to fill his role. We have had great success in years past utilizing graduate students in this capacity; most have Greek life experiences

of their own and many stay on for two or three years. We will keep you updated on our progress in this pursuit.

The board has two objectives: to act as a fiduciary body for the Shelter and a sounding board for the chapter members. With that in mind, I wish to expand membership on the board to include more recent alumni. I believe this will further the bond with the chapter and allow graduating seniors an opportunity to immediately give back to the fraternity. So, if

anyone is interested in volunteering, please do not hesitate to reach out. You do not need to be local. If COVID taught us one thing, it's that we can effectively operate virtually.

Fraternally,
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You Can Change Beta Phi's Future | *Make Your Pledge Today!*

We are excited to give you an update on the success of Delta Tau Delta's *Forging the Future* campaign. This is our National Fraternity's largest campaign to date; we have raised more than \$24 million of our \$25 million goal.

Through their significant contributions, the following Beta Phi alumni helped **Paul Falkenbach '80** start his endowment fund before he entered Chapter Eternal: **Bill McCloy '82**, **Chris Beem '87**, and **Buck Byrne '66**. This fund now totals more than \$325,000.

The campaign specifically supports the PresX and Catalyst programs, which fill educational leadership needs that will propel our fraternity forward into the future.

We know you want our fraternity to be successful in the coming years, and this is a way you can have a stake in these initiatives. Won't you join me with a gift to the Paul Falkenbach Endowment Fund?

If you have any questions about your pledge, please reach out for assistance. I can be reached at buck@buckbyrne.com or (614) 562-7355.

Fraternally,
Millard B. "Buck" Byrne '66

How to Donate

Online: forgingthefuturecampaign.org
Select Designation "Other" and note
Beta Phi: Paul Falkenbach Fund



By mail: Checks payable to Delta Tau Delta
Educational Foundation
10000 Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN 46038-2008
with Beta Phi: Paul Falkenbach Fund on the memo line

Inward Growth and Outward Service

Beta Phi Chapter Excels in New Ways

Beta Phi has experienced a lot of internal growth this year. Starting in the fall and continuing into the spring, the brothers of Beta Phi completed their time working with Plaid and their Ace program. Plaid is an organization that specializes in helping Greek organizations improve their leadership and professional development.

After three weekend sessions in the fall and a final wrap-up session this spring, we learned so much about not just chapter operations, but about ourselves as well. These sessions taught us how different people with unique traits can work together to grow and create an environment to succeed both inside Delta Tau Delta and in the world beyond.

We discovered where we were lacking and discussed all the strengths we can bring to the table. Overall, this created a mentality to internalize the great things we were taught and use them to keep advancing forward.

After a fall semester of no recruitment, our two recruitment chairmen, **Jake Collins '24** and **Nate Sidloski '24**, jumped back into action this spring to secure a phenomenal group of 59 new members. Due to the hard work and countless hours they put in at the beginning of the semester, Beta Phi gained one of the largest recruitment classes we have ever seen.

This new member class was initiated in early April, allowing us to grow our chapter size to 157 active members!

Beta Phi Chapter continues to keep all members involved; we were able to send 10 brothers to the final Northern Division Conference, which was hosted in our home city of Columbus, Ohio. Those who went were able to meet brothers from across the country and discuss new ideas on how to improve our chapter and theirs as well.

We look forward to continuing our success and involvement at Ohio State and in the surrounding community. Whether it is pairing with sororities for a joint philanthropy event or continuing to volunteer at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank every week, we plan to stay involved and support those around us as we all strive to succeed.

Fraternally,

Andrew J. Volschow '25

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Brayden Makar '25, Griffin Callow '25, Devin Campbell '25, Graham Smith '25, Sean Levonitis '25, Luca Della Vella '24, Trey Jenkins '25, and Charlie Coolidge '24 spend the day at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.



The executive board and chapter advisors enjoy an educational and inspirational weekend at the final Northern Division Conference.

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A LEGACY OF FRIENDSHIP

What Forging the Future Means to Chris Beem '87

Many alumni can happily credit life's successes to the relationships and skills they developed as young Deltas. **Chris Beem '87** attributes his own strong career to his opportunities as a young Beta Phi brother as well as the guidance and mentorship of several Delt alumni—including the late **Paul Falkenbach '80**.

"Paul was a mentor and friend," Chris said. "He had a passion for giving back to the fraternity by guiding, coaching, mentoring, and teaching young men how to become successful in their chosen profession and in life. Paul helped so many, including me, and I wanted to ensure the great work he did continues into the future."

That's why Chris made a generous pledge to Paul's endowment within the *Forging the Future* campaign, which supports the continuing education of Delt youth and advisors—just like Paul supported his brothers for many years.



A NETWORK OF FRIENDS

Chris came to Ohio State from the Philadelphia area, not knowing anyone at the school. He chose Beta Phi for the chapter's focus and athletics and quickly bonded with members, like his pledge brother **Gary Marcinick '86** and his big brother, **Butch Harton '85**. Daily activities, sports, and other events helped foster a feeling of family; Chris is lucky to call **R. Brian Stump '86**, and several other Delt brothers, his closest friends to this day. He accepted many leadership roles, including recruitment chairman, Chief Justice of the OSU Greek system, and chapter president. "It was at times a challenge but also a very rewarding experience," he said.

After graduating, Chris began volunteering with the House Corporation Board on financial matters. He later became a full member of the board and has served there ever since. That involvement helped Chris keep in touch with alumni and work with undergraduate members on the chapter's needs. He's also been lucky to work with several brothers throughout his career as vendors, suppliers, or personal advisors.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

All this made Chris's campaign pledge an easy choice. "I gained so much from my years as a member of Beta Phi, and I wanted to give back and pay it forward so that other young men might also reap the benefits of active involvement in the chapter and from programs offered through this campaign." Chris encourages brothers to support within their means and stay connected to Delt however they can, such as attending tailgates, staying in touch with friends, and becoming alumni volunteers.

Chris lives in Powell, Ohio, and can be found at OSU football games in the fall. He also enjoys reading, biking, and spending time with his two kids and grandson.

To connect with Chris, email him at chris.beem@englefieldoil.com.

In Their Words...

"I made the right decision, and now I am making friends I'll have for the rest of my life."

Kannon Klusmeyer

"I was very nervous to join a fraternity at first, but when I understood the chapter's values and what they stand for, I knew this is where I wanted to be."

Blake Litherland

"I joined to meet a lot of new people, as I came from a very small high school. I now realize it is not just about meeting new people, but also being a part of something bigger than yourself."

Jack O'Shaughnessy

Welcome, NEW Members

Colin Appell | New Albany, Ohio
Marcelo Arguello | Miami, Fla.
Wiley Barnett | Wolcott, Vt.
Matthew Beke | Westfield, N.J.
Joey Bohman | Perrysburg, Ohio
Jake Carifa | Greenwich, Conn.
Joe Conley | Perrysburg, Ohio
Gus Cramer | Pittsburgh, Pa.
John Cuoco | Syosset, N.Y.
Antonio D'Aloisio | Clarence Center, N.Y.
Alex DeSalvo | Warren, Ohio
Benjamin Elenin | Gates Mills, Ohio
Zachary Eyssen | Brunswick, Ohio
Tyler Favre | Madison, Conn.
Anthony Finuoli | Northport, N.Y.
Jason Fiorello | East Islip, N.Y.
Brady Foy | Cincinnati, Ohio
Quinn Gannon | Morristown, N.J.
Shane Garcia | Whitehouse, Ohio
Michael Gold | Williamsville, N.Y.
Joey Grazia | Kirtland, Ohio
Alec Gresh | Huron, Ohio
John Hollon | Beaver, Pa.
Jacob Keitlen | Broadview Heights, Ohio
Joe Kessler | Columbus, Ohio
Kannon Klusmeyer | Perrysburg, Ohio
Andrew Kortan | North Royalton, Ohio
Jett Krueger | Danville, Calif.
Alec Lehman | North Canton, Ohio
Joe Lekse | Pittsburgh, Pa.
Benjamin Ligan | Hudson, Ohio
Michael Lipowski | Strongsville, Ohio
Blake Litherland | Mason, Ohio
Peter Nostrant | Buffalo, N.Y.
Jack O'Shaughnessy | Warren, Ohio
Nathan Ost | Copley, Ohio
Owen Pender | New York City, N.Y.
Tyler Perrin | Hartville, Ohio
Michael Piazza | North Royalton, Ohio
Tyler Pollock | Solon, Ohio
Jack Pott | Plano, Texas
Mike Quinn | Franklin, Mass.
Luke Riley | Voorhees, N.J.
Noah Russo | Rumson, N.J.
Harry Santen | Morristown, N.J.
Andrew Schell | New Albany, Ohio
Zachary Sheaffer | Harpster, Ohio
Anders Sorensen | Shaker Heights, Ohio
Nate Summerfield | Avon Lake, Ohio
Brandon Uzl | Broadview Heights, Ohio
Jonathan Withrow | Waite Hill, Ohio
Aidan Young | Cincinnati, Ohio

Don't Miss Out! Save the Date for These Upcoming Events



29th Annual Peter R. Peirce/John W. Galbreath Memorial Scholarship Golf Classic and Dinner
September 15
Golf Club of Dublin



Annual Christmas Luncheon
December 8
Scioto Country Club

ALUMNI NEWS

Jack W. Kindler '55 turned 90 last year and is still enjoying being a Beta Phi Delt! He lives in Dayton, Ohio. Email: jkin1111@aol.com

Phil B. Hammond '59 is retired from his career as an attorney and resides in Phoenix, Ariz. Email: p_hammond@yahoo.com

John M. Keener '66 retired in 2022. He resides in Eureka, Mo. Email: jkeener44@icloud.com.

Dr. Mark E. Phillips '66 retired from his dental practice in 2017. He is still active on the golf course and loves OSU sports, especially football and basketball. He resides on Crooked Lake in Angola, Ind. Email: markphil27@yahoo.com

James A. Schneider '67 retired from 3M in 2008. He was a regional sales manager in the medical/surgical division. He lives in Royse City, Texas. Email: schneiderjas@yahoo.com

Craig Phillips '72 retired from teaching children who are visually impaired and doing volunteer work with KidSight, an organization that evaluates preschool children for visual anomalies that interfere with their education. He lives in Lake Saint Louis, Mo. Email: 1700cleep@gmail.com

Gerald "Gary" B. Devol '82 recently retired after working as an elementary/middle school principal for 30 years. He now lives in his summer home in Suttons Bay, Mich. Email: gdevol06@gmail.com

Paul "Butch" J. Harton '85 shares, "Our daughter, Samantha, became a Buckeye alumna in May 2022 when she graduated from the OSU Moritz College of Law. She passed the bar last summer and now works at Romanucci and Blandin in Chicago." Butch resides in Acworth, Ga. Email: gabuckeye@comcast.net



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Beta Phi brothers celebrate a first-place win in Kappa Delta's philanthropy flag football tournament.

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