



# THE SIGMA NEWS

Delta Tau Chapter • Excelling with Honor



Sigma Nu at Oregon State University • Spring 2017

## AN EXCITING TIME FOR SIGMA NU AT OREGON STATE RECOLONIZING EFFORTS LEAD TO GREAT SUCCESS

These are exciting days for Delta Tau. Last spring, the new Delta Tau brothers moved back into the chapter house at 143 NW 10th. We are proud to say that our Delta Tau Colony undergraduate efforts were nothing short of exceptional during the 2016-17 academic year. They have excelled at every undertaking: grades, maintaining quality members, meeting the National Fraternity's requirements for LEAD/risk reduction training, and participation in campus and philanthropic events to raise funds for worthwhile charities like the American Heart Association. These are truly outstanding men of character that epitomize the creed of the fraternity.

### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

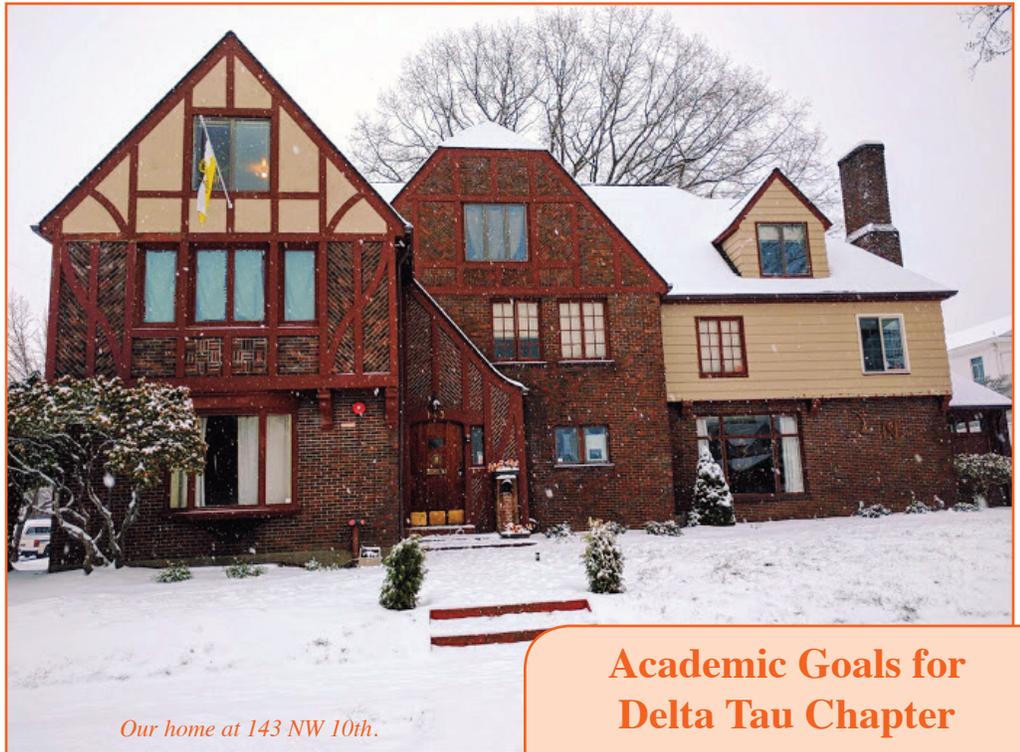
It's great to have our Sigma Nus back home at OSU, but unfortunately, the 91-year-old house is showing its age, and it's clear to alumni who have visited the house in the last year that it is time to talk about renovations and upgrades. Today's Delta Tau members deserve a safe, functioning, and comfortable house that members as well as alumni can be proud of well into the future. We want to keep Sigma Nu competitive with the other top fraternities at OSU.

### ALUMNI AND ACTIVES WORK TOGETHER

In July of 2016, about 15 alumni gathered with about 20 actives to work on repairing the house. It was a great opportunity for brotherhood building and storytelling. The hardwood floors on the main floor were refinished and a new kitchen floor covering was installed. The original front door and dining table were refurbished, and two rotating cooks and a house director were hired.

### UPCOMING UPDATES

With work still to be done, bids have been collected to help support our most immediate needs for an electrical power upgrade, a functioning fire alarm system, new thermostats to the boiler, and fixing leaks in the basement. Despite these updates, there are additional major renovations that will need to be made in the upcoming years. A renovation committee has been formed to continue prioritizing projects and explore options to keep our chapter house



*Our home at 143 NW 10th.*

safe and secure for the years to come. We will have an alumni and active member work party at the chapter house July 7-9. We would love to see many of you there, giving back to the chapter.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We also want to invite and encourage you to attend the Delta Tau Colony rechartering ceremony on May 20 to celebrate the hard work of the colony, which coincides with Delta Tau's 100th anniversary, so there is much to celebrate! Finally, we want to thank alumni who have given either their time or financial resources to help the chapter get back on its feet after all these years. Let's all work together to continue the excellence Delta Tau has started once again!



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### Academic Goals for Delta Tau Chapter

- Establish a sustainable alumni/active member program.
- Maintain a 3.00 chapter GPA or higher for competition in campus fraternity honors.
- Maintain current academic incentives and introduce new incentives that promote academic excellence.
- Minimize number of active members on academic probation and encourage active members to maintain a 2.85 GPA or higher.
- Provide best chapter study environment with communication and computer resources for enhanced learning.
- Design ways to recognize high academics in the house, on campus, and through Sigma Nu National.



Brothers chaperone a successful middle school dance with the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis.



Members of Sigma Nu and Chi Omega after cleaning up Avery Park on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in February.



Delta Tau hosts a karaoke event in the living room of the chapter house to raise money for Sigma Nu's philanthropy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## Success Abounds This Spring

### Undergraduate Brothers Motivated to Establish Strong Presence at OSU

On February 22, **Alex Taylor**, *Nu Beta '08*, the expansion and recruitment consultant for Sigma Nu, informed us that our petition to charter was approved by the high council. I am pleased to announce that the Delta Tau Colony of Sigma Nu at Oregon State has been rechartered. The undergraduates of our group could not be more excited to represent your college fraternity as full members of Delta Tau.

#### Establishing a Strong Chapter

Outside of this outstanding accomplishment, we scored third in GPA across all fraternities at OSU, had our first formal dance, and recruited 13 new candidate members. Delta Tau has set an example for Sigma Nu chapters across the nation by establishing the West Coast Commanders Collective, a conglomeration of West Coast chapter leadership. In the words of the chapter's regional leadership consultant, **Robbie Arostigue**, *Lambda Upsilon '13*, "This is one of the strongest Sigma Nu chapters on the West Coast."

#### Future Looking Bright

Looking forward to next term, we will focus on continual growth and progress for Delta Tau. We have potential new members interested in recruitment, which will push our total recruitment for the year to approximately 20 candidates. Delta Tau has many major events planned, including our brotherhood retreat at Mt. Hood, All-University Sing, and a ceremony to celebrate rechartering and our centennial. On top of this, we will host LEAD sessions open to the entire university and submit our first PEP assessment in pursuit of Rock Chapter status. While next term will be busy and will likely have its difficulties, we have much to be proud of and even more to be excited about going forward.

Yours in Brotherhood,

**Jonathan Parsons**

Eminent Commander

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Brothers attend a LEAD session on sexual assault and domestic violence led by Sigma Nu Regional Leadership Consultant **Robbie Arostigue**, *Lambda Upsilon '08*.



Brothers at the regional Sigma Nu Institute in Pullman, Wash.



Active members **Christian Schuster** and **Matt Starpoli** and alumni **Steve Langenberg '57** (*ΔΤ 664*) and **Coy Scroggins '67** (*ΔΤ 799*) presenting an award for excellence.



Eminent Commander

**Jonathan Parsons**  
Portland, Ore.

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Lake Oswego, Ore.

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Corvallis, Ore.

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Community Service Chairman

**Chase Charbonneau**  
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Philanthropy Chairman

**Josh Grober**  
Chicago, Ill.

Athletics Director

**Brayden Hirt**  
Oregon City, Ore.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR ALUMNI MENTORSHIPS WITH ACTIVE MEMBERS AVAILABLE

The house is active again after five years with 25 brothers living in the chapter house and 31 brothers living out. We have had significant refurbishing of the interior and exterior, along with new landscaping. While living independently, the undergraduate brothers' GPA was 3.22 in spring 2016, which was No. 2 on campus among Greek fraternities. There is a strong group of brothers who are determined to make Sigma Nu the best fraternity on campus.

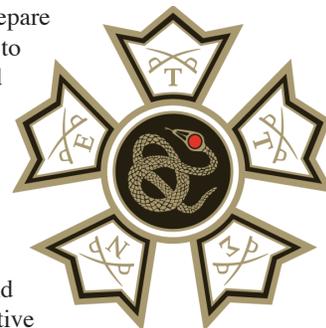
Amazing alumni assistance over the past 12 months has helped prepare us for the undergraduate brothers' move back to campus. We want to reach out now to those who have lost contact with Delta Tau and share a program that we think will be great for the active members and also help bring our alumni back to the brotherhood. This alumni mentorship program will attempt to align alumni with specific professional work experience with active members who are engaged in studying that particular field.

Interested alumni may give us their contact information and professional work experience area, and we would identify an active member with similar aspirations. Once a pairing is made, the relationship can start off with shared information and experience by e-mail. We think this relationship will be really meaningful in a case where an active member may have academic difficulties or may be considering changing their major or course of study. At that point, we would set up a conference call between the active member, alumni mentor, and the scholastic committee to go over options and establish a plan of action. We believe there are a lot of lessons learned that can be shared and helpful. Please help us form a strong alumni and active relationship, help bring back some great memories of your college days, and build a sustaining program that will benefit Sigma Nu for years to come. If you are interested, please contact me on my mobile or via the e-mail listed below.

Love, honor, truth,

**Steve Langenberg '57 (ΔΤ 664)**

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## WELCOME, NEW CANDIDATES

**Raes Anwar**

Leicester, England

**Stephan Ikeler**

Fort Collins, Colo.

**Christain Ransmier**

Beaverton, Ore.

**Andrew Campbell**

West Linn, Ore.

**Colin Joseph**

Gold Hill, Ore.

**Ian Sargent**

Corvallis, Ore.

**Chase Charbonneau**

Irvine, Calif.

**Robbie Knewitz**

Gladstone, Ore.

**Andreas Sandino**

Portland, Ore.

**Nicholas Davis**

Lake Oswego, Ore.

**Nate Kобрine**

Irvine, Calif.

**Robert Schock**

Anchorage, Alaska

**Nikita Dranovsky**

San Diego, Calif.

**Parker Styers**

Santa Clarita, Calif.

**Brayden Hirt**

Oregon City, Ore.

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**Jonah Watkins**

Bend, Ore.

# SAVE THE DATE

**May 19-20**

House rechartering and centennial event in Corvallis, Ore.

**July 7-9**

Actives and alumni work party at the chapter house.

**September 9**

Alumni barbecue at the home of **Coy Scroggins '67 (ΔT 799)** in Corvallis. Please contact Coy at coykathy@msn.com or at (541) 752-7276 for more details.

## Connect with Us Online



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## ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

*Brotherhood Bonds Beyond College*



Alumni Craig Eaton '71 (ΔT 875) and Doug Eaton '69 (ΔT 853) with the newly refurbished front door completed at the work day last summer.



*Delta Tau brothers gather for a golf outing in Surprise, Ariz., this spring.*



Mark Rees '74 (ΔT 994), Bob Berwick '74 (ΔT 945), Ross Peabody '74 (ΔT 939), and Sterling Allen '73 (ΔT 920) at Pendleton Round-Up in Pendleton, Ore., last fall.



*Delta Tau alumni enjoy bonding in the beautiful Arizona weather.*



*Undergraduate brothers and their fathers with alumni at the summer 2016 work party.*