



DELTA SHELTER NEWS

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WITH YOU ON BOARD, WE WILL SUCCEED!

Join the Epsilon Nu Campaign Today

When we announced the *A Proud Past, A Promising Future* campaign last summer—a campaign to renovate our Shelter—we had high expectations of our alumni. **And so far, you’ve delivered.** We’ve already raised \$381,020 toward our \$750,000 goal thanks to 34 generous brothers (for perspective, we had about \$297,000 upon last year’s announcement). On behalf of Epsilon Nu, I am truly impressed and humbled by the support and loyalty you’ve shown to date.

Make no mistake: we Delts are just getting started. Recent years have shown us the importance of adapting and rising to meet new challenges, and this is no exception. Greek Organizations across Rolla are renovating their facilities to preserve and strengthen the Greek experience. We must do the same to continue the legacy of principle-driven leaders at Epsilon Nu.

The campaign board is hard at work as your pledges come in. We continue to polish our timeline and the scope of the project, confirm the roles and responsibilities of our board and volunteers, and drive stakeholder engagement. This internal phase will continue through July, followed by a design phase through December 2024, in which we are working with predetermined architect firms to select a final design for the updated Shelter.

The figures you read above put us at roughly 8% participation. Again, this is remarkable progress—but did you know the average participation rate of successful Greek capital campaigns is 20%? We already know Epsilon Nu is above average; this is our chance to prove it.

When Delts participate, Delts succeed.

This campaign is your time to think back on the memories and friends you made in the Shelter and wherever dispersed you’ve experienced or Brotherhood. Consider the importance of keeping our home up to date—not only so current members have a safe place to gather and study but also to ensure we keep recruiting quality men for generations to come. It’s also a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with fellow Delt alumni. You can encourage one another to match a brother’s pledge, or even come together and arrange a class gift!

This chapter’s future is bright, and I encourage all alumni to be active participants in that future. Our progress proves that the future is bright; thank you for doing your part to preserve our Delta Tau Delta legacy.

Fraternally,

Peter Moore ’14

President, Kappa Phi Building Corporation
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DELTA TAU DELTA

A PROUD PAST, A PROMISING FUTURE



**READ ABOUT JEFF SHEETS
AND WHY HE IS CONTRIBUTING TO
A PROUD PAST, A PROMISING FUTURE
ON PAGE 2!**

WHY I GAVE

Epsilon Nu continues to thrive thanks to generous donations from our esteemed alumni! We asked some of our donors to tell us why they chose to support the *A Proud Past, A Promising Future* campaign.

“After multiple decades of use, the house infrastructure is becoming dated beyond what patch jobs can address. It’s been around 30 years since the last remodel and it’s time to update and reinvigorate the Shelter”

“It’s my way of saying, ‘Thanks for putting up with my bad hair and poor decision making when I was a freshman!’”

“What I learned in my time at Epsilon Nu is worth more than I can ever give. I want to help improve the Shelter so future generations can continue the same journey.”

“The fraternity has played a positive role in me becoming who I am today. I would like to see that opportunity exist for my son when he goes to MS&T as well as for all future generations of my family.”

Do you share their passion for preserving Delta Tau Delta’s legacy at Missouri S&T?

SCAN ME!



Visit tinyurl.com/EpsilonNuGiving and make a gift today!

PAYING IT FORWARD

JEFF SHEETS '80 ON WHY HE IS CONTRIBUTING TO A PROUD PAST, A PROMISING FUTURE

Jeff Sheets '80 was drawn to Delta Tau Delta for the small house and family-like atmosphere. As an introvert, Epsilon Nu was a good place for him. It provided opportunities to get involved on campus and experiment with leadership; Jeff served as treasurer and chapter president and learned how to get along with and manage a group of people. The fraternity also helped him develop as a person.

"It's a good small-scale prep for things you're going to be doing later in your career," he said.

After graduating, Jeff went to work for Phillips Petroleum in Houston, which later became ConocoPhillips. Jeff spent 36 years between the two. He started as a process engineer before switching to marketing and selling natural gas. Jeff then attended night school at the University of Houston to get his MBA and transitioned from engineering to finance. He moved through the ranks and retired in 2016 as chief financial officer.

During his time at ConocoPhillips, Jeff had the opportunity to work in different locations, including Texas, Oklahoma, Germany, and Norway. He shares that he had a good

career overall. "I was constantly challenged, constantly doing something new, and constantly feeling like we were moving forward."

After retiring, Jeff began serving part-time on the corporate boards of three companies: one oil and gas, one chemical, and one oilfield service company. He also later became involved with the Missouri S&T Board of Trustees.

"You were the past beneficiary of some of the work that others have done before; it's time to think about paying it forward."

Through his involvement with the university, Jeff has come to realize that the school and its organizations depend on contributions to move forward. Now that he's at a stage of his life where he is thinking about organizations he wants to support, it feels natural for him to



Jeff and Pat on a recent trip to Japan.

give back to those with which he is affiliated, including Epsilon Nu and *A Proud Past, A Promising Future*.

Jeff encourages other alumni to get involved, noting that alumni support can make a difference in being able to do anything out of the ordinary. "You were the past beneficiary of some of the work that others have done before; it's time to think about paying it forward," he said. "This is not something these organizations can do on their own without any outside help."

Jeff's wife, Pat, is also a Missouri S&T graduate and a chemical engineer. They have two sons and two grandchildren, with whom they enjoy spending time. Since he retired, Jeff and Pat have traveled a lot, taking two or three big trips a year. Jeff has also picked up golf, which he plays several days a week.

YOU CAN CONNECT WITH JEFF AT JWSHEETS@ATT.NET.

THANK YOU LOYAL DONORS!



DELTA TAU DELTA

**A PROUD PAST,
A PROMISING FUTURE**

By the Numbers

**GOAL | \$750,000
RAISED | \$381,020
TOTAL ALUMNI | 415
TOTAL DONORS | 34
ALUMNI PARTICIPATION | 8%**

The generous support of the alumni listed below is bringing Epsilon Nu's vision for the future to life! We appreciate every dollar given, as it helps us preserve our legacy and provide for the next generation of Delts at Missouri S&T. If an error has been made in our record of your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please send an email to scampfield@penningtonco.com.

Legacy Society
(\$100,000 and above)
Jeffrey Sheets '80

Founders Society
(\$75,000 to \$99,999)
Your name could be here!

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(\$50,000 to \$74,999)
Or here!

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David Hammon '02
James Matthews '09
Peter Moore '14

Bethany Society
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Matthew Vogel '14

April Society
(\$10,000 to \$14,999)
Richard Campen '70
David Sleboda '71
Brian Verman '94
Christopher Kelly '03
Timothy Bateman '14

Street Painter Society
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)
Walter Dietrich '69
Kenneth Kifer '72
Tobey Yadon '76
Scott Muskopf '84
Brian Booth '97
Adam Parker '08
Gregory Eike '10
Winston Carston '10
Adam Rice '21

Purple and Gold Society
(\$2,500 to \$4,999)
Peter Dunkailo '69
David Beardsley '70
Leslie Benoy '71
Sean McKessy '92
Preston Kramer '00
Sean Apple '18

Rolla Society
(\$1,000 to \$2,499)
James C. Cowles '68
Eric Aschinger '70
Zachary Nelson '08
Andrew Hedlund '18

If you have not made a contribution, we encourage you to stand alongside your brothers and join our effort today. All gifts of \$1,000 or more will be included in our publications, and a gift of \$2,500 will secure a place for your name on the new chapter house plaque. Gifts can be spread out over five years—\$2,500 comes out to just \$42 a month!

A BEACON OF BROTHERHOOD

Undergraduates Continue to Shine Brightly

As we approach the end of another academic year, we're reflecting on our achievements and the progress we've made. In fall 2023, we welcomed nine outstanding individuals as part of the Gamma Eta pledge class. We are excited to witness their continued involvement and leadership.

This year's haunted maze philanthropy event was a great success, raising an impressive \$3,570 for JDRF! The support from our community demonstrates our commitment to making a positive impact beyond our brotherhood. Four of our members also had the privilege of attending the second annual Compass Leadership Development Program in New Braunfels, Texas. They learned to use their strengths and developed their leadership skills while working through challenges with brothers from across the country.

We are proud to share that nine members have secured summer internships. These not only offer valuable professional experience but also serve as a testament to the caliber of individuals within our fraternity.

Looking ahead, the chapter is diligently working on recruiting our next class. As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, we are reinvigorating our member education program. With a focus on well-being, professional development, and academic skills, we strive to empower our members to thrive in all aspects of their lives. By providing comprehensive support and resources, we aim to cultivate a culture of lifelong learning and success.

In conclusion, we are immensely grateful for your continued support and investment in our fraternity. Your generosity enables us to uphold our legacy of excellence and create meaningful opportunities for our members to grow, thrive, and make a difference in the world. As we embark on an exciting journey of renovation and renewal, we invite you to join us in shaping the future of Gamma Eta and ensuring that our chapter remains a beacon of leadership, service, and brotherhood for generations to come.

Fraternally,
Weston Schlemeyer '25
Chapter President



Weston Schlemeyer '24, Braeden Drag '24, Caleb Williamson '25, and Rui Fang '00 show off the Hugh Shields flag.



Brian Booth '97 and Weston Schlemeyer '24 celebrate a memorable St. Pat's.

CELEBRATING 116 YEARS OF TRADITION



No St. Pat's is complete without a flag selfie! Pictured: Brian Booth '97 and Ryan Masters '03.



Matt Wolken '03 and Dan Maddex '05 paint the streets before the parade in downtown Rolla.

WHAT DOES DELTA TAU DELTA MEAN TO YOU?

"Delta Tau Delta is more than just a fraternity to me. It's like having a continuously growing family of brothers that will last a lifetime."

—Evan Nickels '24

"My time in Delts has given me a lot of opportunities to grow as a person. I joined as a timid kid and now I'm an outgoing and competent adult." —Colby Rhine '24

"I joined Delts during the second half of my college career, and it was one of the best decisions I made. I joined a lifelong brotherhood and feel connected to campus in a way I couldn't imagine before joining." —Ryan Stika '24

FAREWELL, GRADUATING SENIORS
Their dedication and contributions have been invaluable, and we wish them the utmost success.

Colby
Rhine

Evan
Nickels

Anthony
Perez

Owen
Miller-Fast

Ryan
Stika

NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE!

JOIN THE DELTA DONOR TEAM

Alumni have answered our call to support the next generation of Epsilon Nu brothers, but the work is far from finished! In this issue of *Delta Shelter News*, we're sharing detailed campaign updates, quotes from our donors, an interview with our top giver, and much more! Get all the details inside, and scan the QR code to visit tinyurl.com/EpsilonNuGiving to give today.

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“Epsilon Nu was a crucial part of my young adulthood. I don’t know where I would be without it, so I am donating to make sure it’s there for future men to experience and improve!”



Alumni and undergraduates take a trip down to The Creek.



Brian Booth '97 gathers the Shamrock Sweethearts for a group photo.
Pictured: Sarah, Tabatha, Booth, Jessica, and Sonya.

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ST. PAT'S AT EPSILON NU

This March, the Shelter celebrated our 116th Best Ever St. Pat's. Over 25 alumni joined the undergraduates for a weekend of tradition and camaraderie. The event kicked off with Gonzo Games on Thursday followed by a bonfire. **Brian Booth '97** hosted Drivers & Donuts on Friday, which brought everyone together in anticipation of the colorful activities planned for Saturday.

The Street Painting event, with alumni painting the parade route in vibrant green, was a highlight. This led to a well-attended event with strong Delt representation at the Beer Garden and the parade, followed by a day spent at the Shelter where alumni and undergraduates exchanged stories and built bonds of brotherhood. Discussions about the fraternity's enduring legacy filled the Shelter, as this St. Pat's celebration not only honored our history but also highlighted the Shelter as the central hub for chapter activities.

The Shelter, last renovated in 1999 with the addition of a new wing, is showing signs of wear. As our central gathering point during events like St. Pat's, the Shelter calls our members back to rekindle the bonds of brotherhood. It is a home to every member, past and present, and a symbol of our shared history.

The capital campaign for its renovation has been underway for several months. This effort is redesigning the layout to better serve our undergraduates and creating inviting common areas for socializing during future events. Your support through donations will help preserve the Shelter as a cornerstone of our chapter, ensuring it remains a place where all members look forward to gathering for many more Best Ever St. Pat's!

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