



# THE SOONER DELT

## OF THE DELTA ALPHA CHAPTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

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### Message from Our President



*Brothers,*

Another amazing semester has just concluded for the men of Delta Tau Delta. With the end of the spring semester, our summer break commences.

I am excited to announce that our exceptional rush chairs, **Caleb Bonadeo '20**, **Parker Hermanski '20**, and **Grant Davis '20**, will be traveling around Oklahoma and Texas to recruit new members. Their commitment to our organization is much appreciated and we are thrilled to have our membership grow. Our members will be visiting Dallas, Houston, Tulsa, and many more cities. Feel free to reach out to our rush chairs to see when they will be visiting a city near you!

With the new house growing before our eyes, so is Delta Alpha. This year we welcomed 21 new brothers this fall and three more in the spring. With the help of brothers **Cade Allie '20** and **Michael Carano '20**, these new members were guided throughout their eight-week membership program. Our new members have been an enormous help and continue to support our fraternity. In addition, one of the many bright new members is **Brennan Wade '21** who was recently elected as the new risk manager and has been a great addition to our executive team.

Unlike last year, we were able to participate in a variety of social events this year. The most exciting being our semi-formal and formal events. Again this year, we were able to watch our Sooners beat the University of Texas at the Red River Showdown in Dallas. After the amazing victory, we held our semi-formal downtown for all the members to enjoy. Due to feedback from past events, we decided to take a long trip to New Orleans for our formal this semester. The trip was one of our best formals yet! Thankfully, all of our brothers came home safe and sound. Our social team has done a phenomenal job this year and is excited to start the next semester.

Lastly, the members of Delta Alpha appreciate all the help and support we have received this year from our alumni. Our events and new house would not have been possible without your assistance. We are forever grateful.

Fraternally,

**Charlie Koscinski, PC'19**

*Delta Tau Delta, President*

### The Formal: New Orleans

Formal is one of our most anticipated events each year. After a lot of planning this year, we decided to make the long haul to New Orleans, Louisiana. While New Orleans is quite the hike from Norman, it is something we hadn't done before as a fraternity and thought that it would be a fun new experience for all those who haven't been before.

After the long trip down, our brothers and their dates explored the city and all that it holds. The weather was amazing the entire weekend, and the city was alive with the Zurich Classic and the first round of the NBA Playoffs taking place in New Orleans. We also happened to be in New Orleans during the French Quarter Festival, in which we got to



learn more about the history of the city and listen to some fantastic jazz music.

At the end of the day, we would gather and explore and participate in the nightlife on Bourbon Street. We ventured into all kinds of restaurants, bars, and stores that Bourbon Street had to offer, buying and trying all sorts of different foods, drinks, and even souvenirs. All in all, everyone had a safe and amazing time.

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## Alumni Spotlight: Delta Alpha Brothers

For this issue of the newsletter, our alumni spotlight will be on all Delta Alpha brothers who have already made a gift or pledge to the centennial campaign. As you all know, we are in the middle of a capital campaign to raise \$3.25 million towards the building of a new Delt Shelter at Oklahoma. At this time, we have currently surpassed the \$2.6 million mark in campaign contributions from just over 160 brothers and friends of Delta Alpha. What an incredible start to the campaign! We would not be where we are to this point without the dedication and commitment that so many of you have already shown to Delt at Oklahoma. That being said, there is still time for more of you to come alongside those that have already made their gift.

If you have not yet made your gift or pledge to the campaign, you will find that included with this newsletter is a pledge form and a response envelope that you can use to respond with your own pledge to the campaign to join your brothers who have already made their gift. If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please feel free

to reach out to our campaign account manager, Jared Anderson, at [janderson@elevateims.com](mailto:janderson@elevateims.com).

If you have already made your gift or pledge to the campaign, *thank you!* Your generosity is appreciated and will help us reach our fundraising goal as we head towards wrapping up the campaign. We are looking forward to having everyone back to campus soon when we will have the grand opening of the new Delt Shelter at Oklahoma.

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100 brothers who are willing to step up and make their gift to the campaign. As we head towards wrapping up the centennial campaign, please consider making a pledge so that we can meet and exceed our \$3.25 million goal.

## Philanthropy

As you know, our most important philanthropy event, JDRF, has been a huge priority for our chapter. This year, the members of Delta Tau Delta raised an estimated \$17,000 for JDRF. The Delta Alpha chapter was also the highest raising chapter in the country. Our philanthropy team did a tremendous job organizing fundraiser events throughout the year. We are fortunate that our new members have taken an active role to support our philanthropy events. As a result, many were our top donors. We are so thankful to have been able to make an impact on this incredible organization. The members of Delta Tau Delta are beyond proud of this achievement and are expecting to beat our previous year's goal.

In addition, this year our fraternity participated in the JDRF One Walk in Oklahoma City. This was the first time our chapter was able to attend the One Walk since 2018. This event is attended by all contributing members of JDRF. The members participated in a recognition banquet. Proudly, we accepted an award for being one of the top donor groups in the Oklahoma area. Thankfully, our members supported this amazing event and even participated in the walk around Scissortail Park. Every year we are grateful to help JDRF and hope we can continue to raise support for Type 1 diabetes.



## A Message from the Centennial Campaign Steering Committee

It is with great honor that I let you know that everything is on schedule for the new Delt Shelter at Oklahoma to open this fall for undergraduates to move in and for the Delta Alpha Chapter to once again have a place to call home on the University of Oklahoma campus. While the last couple of years have been incredibly trying and have required lots of hard work and many hours of dedication from numerous alumni volunteers, we are incredibly excited to be where we are right now.

Even as I write this newsletter article, there is around-the-clock work happening at 1320 College to make sure everything is ready for move-in this fall. If you haven't been able to make a trip to Norman recently, I would encourage you to stop by sometime this summer if you're in the area. You will certainly be impressed with the size and scope of the new Delt Shelter and will leave knowing that the future of Delta Alpha is bright. Many of you were able to be on campus back in April for the Red vs. White game when we hosted a great number of alumni, family, and friends and conducted numerous tours of the updated construction of the Shelter. It was a great day and I believe everyone left with a renewed excitement about the future of the chapter.

If you were not able to join us on campus back in April for the Red vs. White Game, I would encourage you to take advantage of stopping by the house this summer if your travels bring you to Norman. If you visit our chapter website at [soonerdelts.org](http://soonerdelts.org) you can click on the "Tour The Shelter" button to sign up for a tour. We will work to try to accommodate everyone who is interested in a tour of the updated shelter. We are confident that you will leave the tour impressed with the new facility and energized to join us in supporting the campaign for the new Shelter if you haven't already done so.

And speaking of supporting the campaign: *thank you* to the almost 170 brothers who have already supported the Centennial Campaign with a gift or pledge. It is because of the generosity of all of you that we are currently over the \$2.5 million mark in fundraising toward the campaign and still making great progress toward our \$3.25 million goal. Included in this newsletter you will see a donor honor roll that provides the names of all the current donors to the campaign. Take a look at this page and you will no doubt see the names of brothers you remember from your undergraduate days. There is still time for you to make your gift as we head toward

the finish line. If you have not already contributed to the campaign, you will find a pledge form and a response envelope included with the newsletter. You can fill out the form and mail it in, or if you would rather, you can visit our campaign website at [soonerdelts.org/centennial-campaign](http://soonerdelts.org/centennial-campaign) to make your gift online.

Finally, pay attention to the "Save the Date" information (on page 4). On September 10, we are preparing a centennial celebration and house dedication for the new Delta Tau Delta Shelter at Oklahoma. Make plans to join us on campus as we celebrate 100 years of Delta Tau Delta at Oklahoma and also officially open the brand-new Delta Alpha Shelter. It will be an incredible weekend that you won't want to miss out on. I hope you will be able to join us for this monumental occasion.

Thank you all for your support of the centennial campaign. If you have any questions about the campaign or how to make your gift, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,



Mike Johnston '88



## Undergraduate Spotlight: Barron Jackson, PC'21



Barron Jackson, PC'21

**Barron Jackson, PC'21** is a rising sophomore from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Barron has an infectious positive attitude and always lights up any room he enters. However, he has a lot more to be grateful for than the average person. One day during soccer practice, Barron suddenly collapsed and was rushed to the ER. After a series of tests over the course of several days, Barron was informed that there was an aneurysm that had ruptured in the front right part of his brain. Since he was only 15 years old at the time, many doctors were hesitant to perform the procedure on him, saying that the risk of death was too high. Thankfully, one brave doctor decided to operate on Barron. After 10 grueling hours, a clip was placed on the aneurysm and the surgery was complete.

Barron spent the next two weeks in the hospital recovering. However, Barron still lives with some of the repercussions of this procedure. He is now prone to seizures, having experienced six total since the surgery, but remains two years seizure-free as of May 2022. He remains very thankful for his family, friends, nurses, and doctors that got him through this traumatic experience. Barron remains a constant reminder to live every day to the fullest. Aside from being a role model Delt to his entire pledge class, Barron is a member of the rush team and oversees the recruitment of potential new members from Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma. Along with being a part of rush team, Barron is PC 21's representative on the FAAR Committee.





# Alumni News

## Have Alumni News?

We would love to hear from you. Please send an e-mail with your news, updates, and photos to **Jared Anderson**, Campaign Account Manager, at [jjanderson@elevateims.com](mailto:jjanderson@elevateims.com).

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## Save the Date



# Centennial Celebration and House Dedication

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## *New Delta Tau Delta Shelter*

**September 10th**  
in Norman, OK

*Make plans to join us on campus as we celebrate 100 years of Delta Tau Delta at Oklahoma and officially open the brand-new Delta Alpha Shelter.*

\*\*\* More details to come. Keep an eye on [SOONERDELTA.ORG](http://SOONERDELTA.ORG) for **RSVP** details \*\*\*



## Leave A Legacy

Consider a lasting gift that will support Delta Tau Delta – Delta Alpha long after you are gone.

By including Delta Alpha in your estate plans, you ensure the long-term health and success of our fraternity. Here's what you and/or your adviser might need to know.

The most common ways to include Delta Alpha are through your will or life insurance.

### Sample Language:

“I leave the sum of (\$xxxxxx.xx or xx% of my estate) to Delta Alpha of Delta Tau Delta House Corporation for their general purposes.”

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