



Securing Our Legacy for Eta's Second Century

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ETA CHAPTER OF KAPPA DELTA RHO NEWSLETTER

ETA CHAPTER OF KAPPA DELTA RHO FRATERNITY AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE CORPORATION PRESIDENT



Brothers!

Your House Corporation board and other volunteers have been busy, and I want to thank each of them for their dedication of time and financial resources. Together we have the opportunity to reposition and restore Eta Chapter to a financially strong position.

In my message here I want to update you on various important activities. I also want to emphasize and stress that as we launch the campaign to restore Eta's financial position and plan for the future, **we need you to join us!**

Where are we at on the plan to add an expansion consultant on site? The short answer is we finalized the agreement with the KΔP Headquarters and they are still in the process of recruiting a consultant. While this is taking longer than initially hoped, we all recognize it's important to have the right consultant and not just a warm body. We've shared a national expansion update in the newsletter and, as you can see, KΔP is growing and restoring in a number of directions. Our decision to have a dedicated expansion consultant is the right one for us at Illinois. Stay tuned!

What's the lease status on the house? As I shared in earlier correspondence, we did finalize a one-semester lease with the men of Triangle Fraternity. Our relationship has gone well thus far. They anticipate completing renovation on their house and moving in for the spring semester. If supply chain and other potential disruptions persist, we do have the option to extend our current agreement. The board is mindful that recolonization may take a year or two. We are currently evaluating opportunities presented by other parties to lease the property following Triangle's term.

What happened with the boiler reserve tank fitting failure? Most of you may have heard, we had a significant failure of a fitting going into the boiler reserve tank. The result was a flooded boiler room overpowering the sump pump system and taking out the boiler.

Our property manager worked with the insurance company and, fortunately, we are covered, but it's been a significant project. From the board's perspective, this situation only highlights the reality that we will have significant systems repairs and replacements in the coming years and we are **on track** with the campaign to raise funds over the next few years to, in part, be in a position to replace and upgrade systems as necessary.

Obviously we've got a lot on the plate. We know it will take some time to get the chapter restored and things back on a more normal track. On behalf of the board and the Steering Committee volunteers, thank you for your friendship, brotherhood, and support.

Fraternally,

Mike Kolberg '03

Eta House Corporation President

ALUMNI BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBER



At the Homecoming meeting, those gathered elected Francesco Maranto '12 to fill the open position held by Jake Dyer '18.

All present extended their appreciation to Jake for his service over the last two years. All then welcomed and congratulated Francesco, who works as a wealth manager with Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Nashville.

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CLASS VOLUNTEERS

WILLIAM ARMBRUSTER '84

STEVE PELCZARSKI '18



"As I reflect back on why I'm making a gift to the campaign, I realize that when I first came to school, I thought I knew it all. It took about one week of classes to figure out that wasn't the case. Without the support of my fellow pledge brothers and actives, I would have been a sunk ship. To this day, I can still count on them if needed and they are they to support me and vice versa. The decision to join the house was absolutely one of the best decisions I ever made to this day. Those bonds and friendships made them help form me into the person I am today."

Dr. William Armbruster



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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We can all agree that having the chapter sputter is inconvenient. The COVID-19 pandemic just exacerbated an already inconvenient and frustrating situation. That said, regardless of the fraternity, chapters sputter and are recolonized every year.

The question for the leadership of KΔP was how to manage our resources and position KΔP to thrive in the future. The goal of the campaign is simple. Raise \$1.2 million over the next five years.

The funds raised will cover five important needs:

1. Three years of operating costs (\$250,000)
2. The cost of recolonization over two years (\$100,000)
3. Eliminate the current mortgage debt (\$550,000)
4. Aesthetic refurbishment of the house (\$100,000)
5. Future improvements (\$200,000)

HOW DO WE CHANGE THE OPERATING MODEL?

We are modeling for lower occupancy (25)—this will be comprised of 15 singles and five doubles. We will invariably invest more in operations, including management, maintenance, and cleaning. By removing the mortgage and creating reserves, we can lower our overhead to be more competitive. Finally, as resources permit, we will develop more scholarship endowments to financially help students live in the house.

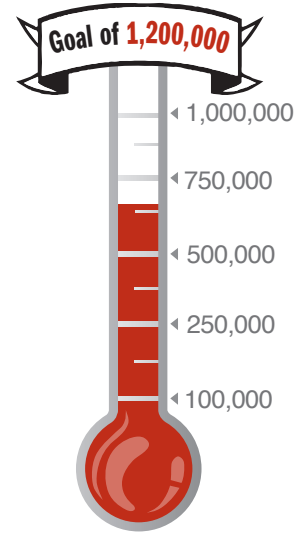
WHERE WE ARE

CAMPAIGN GOAL:

\$1,200,000

AS OF NOVEMBER 18:

\$647,000 (54% of goal)



“While on campus, almost all of my best memories are with my KΔP brothers, and most of those memories took place at the house. I know that the house only existed when I was there because those who came before me were generous in their gifts to provide my class with a home away from home. I donated to the last renovation and to this campaign because I want the house to be there for my future fraternity brothers and potentially my own sons as legacy KΔPs.”

Thomas Kennedy '11

EXPANSION

As you might imagine the COVID-19 pandemic over the past 18 months has significantly impacted our fraternity. Some chapters did well transitioning to virtual recruitment while others threw in the towel. That said we can all be proud that KΔP is coming back strong!

KAPPA CHAPTER
Ohio State University

GAMMA BETA CHAPTER
Virginia Tech

CHI BETA CHAPTER
The University of Charleston

KAPPA GAMMA CHAPTER
Arizona State University

NU GAMMA CHAPTER
The College of New Jersey



Kappa Chapter at Ohio State chartering.



Virginia Tech Gamma Beta recolonization begins.



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HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

HOW YOU CAN GIVE BACK.

It is critical that all alumni consider making a five-year pledge. Although all gifts are appreciated, we will not reach our goal with one-time gifts. We understand that everyone has a limited giving capacity, but the chart below shows how you can magnify your impact by making a five-year pledge to the campaign. Below are examples of how a pledge breaks down over a five-year period.

PLEDGE SAMPLES

Non-deductible pledges will be paid to Delta Sigma Phi of UVA. Below are some examples of how a non-deductible pledge breaks down over a five-year period.

5-Year Pledge Amount	Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annually	Annually
\$1,000	\$16.67	\$50	\$100	\$200
\$2,500	\$41.67	\$125	\$250	\$500
\$5,000	\$83.33	\$250	\$500	\$1,000
\$10,000	\$166.66	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$25,000	\$416.66	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$50,000	\$833.33	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000



“Being a KΔP is absolutely the most memorable and impactful part of my time at the U of I. The brotherhood and friendships forged during my undergrad years have persisted well into adulthood and my best friends to this day are KΔPs. There is no greater gift I can give then to give another generation of young men the opportunity to have the same experience and forge those same lifetime bonds.”

W. Scott Burns '98

MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY

Unlike annual requests for donations to support our chapter, a capital campaign is something different: we have an opportunity to reposition KΔP to be one of the most securely-funded houses at the U of I.

Because of the magnitude of our goal, we have structured a five-year pledge commitment for The Campaign for The Eta Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho. To make it possible for brothers to increase their level of support, pledges may be paid over five years.

HOW TO GIVE: Checks/recurring credit card payments/gifts of appreciated stock

GETTING INVOLVED: We are still in the process of recruiting volunteers to help contact alumni. The more help we have, the better. Please contact a member of the campaign committee or Dorothy Wysocki at the campaign administrative office (607-533-9200 ext. 224) if you would be interested in volunteering.

The campaign for Eta Chapter is our chance to contribute to the future of the Eta Chapter and to maintain Eta's traditions of brotherhood while supporting new opportunities for generations of brothers yet to come. Please consider participating in this campaign.

QUESTIONS? You can contact our campaign administrative office by calling 607-533-9200 ext. 224, by email at dwysocki@elevateims.com, and by mail at P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851-0876

GIVING SOCIETIES

To pay fitting tribute to contributors who support the campaign, the campaign committee has designated several giving societies.

Major gifts are essential to our success, so please consider giving as generously as you can. We recognize that different people have different financial circumstances, and gift of all sizes are much needed and greatly appreciated.

1921 FOUNDER'S SOCIETY

\$100,000–\$249,999

LOY JOHN BLAKELY SOCIETY

\$50,000–\$99,999

DR. HAROLD OSBORN SOCIETY

\$25,000–\$49,999

RED ROSE SOCIETY

\$10,000–\$24,999

VON DANIEN SOCIETY

\$5,000–\$9,999

PATHFINDER SOCIETY

\$2,500–\$4,999

1110 SOUTH SECOND SOCIETY

\$1,000–\$2,499

BROTHERHOOD SOCIETY

Less than \$1,000

LEAVE A LEGACY

Consider a lasting gift that will support Kappa Delta Rho long after you are gone. By including Eta in your estate plans, you ensure the long-term health and success of our fraternity. Here's what you and/or your advisor might need to know: Most common ways to include Eta are through your will or life insurance.

Sample language: I leave the sum of (\$xxxxx.xx or xx% of my estate) to: Eta Building Association of Kappa Delta Rho tax id # (37-6048873) c/o the National fraternity of Kappa Delta Rho, P.O. Box 777, Latrobe, PA 15650, for their general purposes.*

**This information is not presented as legal or tax advice. Always consult your advisors for questions you may have.*



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HOMEcomings 2021



Pictured left to right: Pete Roberts '96, Mike Kolberg '03, Steve Pelczarsky '18. In the zoom background (left to right from the upper left corner): Francesco Maranto '12, the room, Don Russell '68, Steve Maske '84, Art Hallstrom '69, Vince Thompson '82, Dave Schumacher (campaign consultant).

It was a beautiful fall day in Champaign for the Illini match-up against Wisconsin. Sadly, the score didn't rival the merriment of those in attendance!

With the house leased to Triangle this fall the board arranged a room at the I-Hotel and Conference center, which turned out to be a great space and a very convenient location. It also has great technology, so we were able to have board and steering committee participants by Zoom.

Following the meeting, all in attendance enjoyed a delicious lunch buffet.

All agreed that as long as we remain out of the house I-Hotel is a great alternative and is also a convenient walking distance to the stadium!



Pictured left to right: Pete Roberts '96, Mike Kolberg '03, Steve Pelczarsky '18, Bill Paris '87, Doug Jackson '78, Dale Schaffnacker '78, Ken Krynicki '74, Sean Martin '11, Bob McCormick '79, Andy Hibel '90, Not Pictured: Zach Gooding '09, Dave Mosborg '78, Anthony Ruiz '20.

"The exciting four years at KDP set me up for a wild ride through life that is still going on. I started as a rather shy kid from the Chicago suburbs, joining KDP mainly so I would have some social life. Due to KDP I learned quite a bit about practical leadership becoming a technical director of Broadway musicals put on by the students. I did manage to graduate with a physics degree, but due to the time, chose to join the Air Force. The lessons learned at KDP moved my career from an enlisted electronics specialist in Turkey through becoming a missile officer then getting an MSEE. From there I worked on very advanced radar and EW programs, became a program manager of the stealth test aircraft Tacit Blue (now in the AF Museum in Dayton, OH). After retiring as a lieutenant colonel, I started working in the high tech research and development of remote sensing projects. I am now happily twice retired and acting as a mentor to the church youth group in Saline, MI. My wife, three boys, three daughters in law, and seven grandchildren keep life wild and very interesting."

Martin Biancalana '69

ALUMNI NEWS

Don Russell writes: Brothers **Panice, Maloney,** and **Tunkel** met up with my pledge brother, Bob Bordeaux, during the current visit to California.



KAP's in California at Laguna Beach.

Chapter Eternal

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the following Eta brothers:

Arthur R. Gottschalk '49

Allen R. Franck '67

STAY IN TOUCH!

UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL We want you to be in the loop! Please confirm we have a good email for you. We periodically send updates, reminders, and good wishes at the holidays electronically. To check your information, go to www.kdrillinois.org, log in, and you can view and update your contact information.

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