



ETA SURVEY

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A Letter from the **Alumni President**



Brothers:

It's been a busy time for KΔP at Illinois since our last Eta Survey newsletter. Of primary importance to most brothers is: "how are we coming with the rebuild of the chapter"? In early January we finalized arrangements with headquarters to have an expansion consultant on campus to work on rebuilding the chapter. You can read about Abe here in the newsletter. The "goal" for spring was to develop a core group of four or five men as the nucleus around which to build an organized growth effort in the fall. I'm happy to share that on Saturday, April 30, Abe and the officers from the Epsilon Chapter at Franklin College initiated the first two of an initial core group of six to eight of their friends.

Our intention is to have the active chapter back living in the Eta chapter house in fall 2023.

I want to thank all the brothers (to date) who have supported the campaign to secure our position at Illinois. Your support is vital to our future. I want to assure all of you that the board has diligently explored options, including leasing the house for the coming year. We had discussions with a few groups but have not yet found a tenant. A tenant would have been nice from a financial perspective, but it's not all bad. Our consultants will live in and work from the house. The new core group of brothers will build their expansion plans around the house in a controlled environment.

It's going to be a busy summer and early fall. I look forward to seeing many of you at Homecoming in October.

HSO,

Mike Kolberg '03

President

Eta Building Association of Kappa Delta Rho

Alumni Spotlight:

Samuel R. Gooding '15



Sam and the Golden Boot.

How did you end up at Illinois and in KΔP?

The reason I ended up at Illinois is simple: it was my dream school. It was an academically elite, flagship state school under an hour from where I grew up, in Decatur, Illinois. When my brother went there, it only solidified in my mind that this is where I want to be. My brother, Zach, was also in KΔP, and today remains very active and sits on the national board of directors. My first time setting foot in the Eta house was when I was 11 years old. From then on, becoming a brother in KΔP became a goal of mine as well as attending U of I. When I got on campus, it was one of the first places I went, and later that fall I accepted my bid on the spot.

What was your favorite memory in the chapter?

I don't have one specific favorite memory in the chapter, because my favorite memories were the seemingly mundane things, just hanging out. That's something that you don't realize you will miss in post-college life. I still have downtime, but the difference is that I'm no longer surrounded by my closest friends during this downtime. Just being around those guys all the time was the best.

What has your career been since leaving Illinois?

Since graduating, I have built a career as a college football coach. I have coached at the Division III, Division II, Division I, and NAIA levels, as

well as spent some time as a high school coach and teacher in Texas. Right now, I am the assistant offensive line coach at the University of Wyoming. This career has taken me to a lot of different places, and while it is extremely taxing, it is also

extremely rewarding. This year we earned the first bowl game victory of my career in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl against Kent State and rushed for over 400 yards in the game. Two of our offensive linemen were named all-conference performers, and we averaged over 200 yards rushing per game. It has taken quite a bit of work to get to this point, but it has all been worth it. Hopefully, my career continues to advance and take some unexpected turns because they have been good to me so far.



Zach and Sam on campus at Sams graduation.

Have you kept in touch with guys from your era?

I do keep in touch with a handful of KΔP brothers from my era, though not as many and not as much as I would like. The nature of my job makes it difficult to be able to make my way back to Illinois to see guys. I am really looking forward to the first fall where I am not coaching (hopefully not because I was fired) because I would love to come back for Homecoming. My brother's active participation and connection to KΔP, though, keeps me connected to some guys from both his era and mine, which overlap slightly.



Sam with the Wyoming Team.



Meet Abe Hinterlach, ZB'21, Educational Leadership Consultant



My KΔP story began in the fall of 2017 at the Zeta Beta Chapter at Tarleton State University. I went through the recruitment process my first semester of college with little prior knowledge of Greek life and what it could bring me. Once I witnessed the amount of service, comradery, and leadership involved, I immediately knew I had to join. Luckily, a friend, who was an older member at the time, helped get me out of my shell to meet people!

I was fortunate to become known among students of all ages which lead to greater involvement on campus than I could have imagined. I held several positions in KΔP including risk manager, vice president, and president. With the help of a supportive chapter, we were able to double our chapter size from 30 to 60, all during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Along with my involvement in KΔP, I was very involved on campus as well. I was in several organizations including the Tarleton Transition Mentors (student leaders who lead freshman camps and orientations for new students). I was the president of the Tarleton Ambassadors (a prestigious

organization that deals directly with the president of the university as well as prominent leaders in Texas), I was also on the strategic planning committee for Tarleton's 2020–2030 plan. I have won awards and been placed in challenging positions during my time at Tarleton and am eager to leverage my experiences and knowledge on the Illinois campus. My goal is to build a self-sufficient Eta chapter that is once again among the very best within KΔP and on campus.

I appreciate the support of and look forward to working with the Eta alumni. I am very excited to meet each of you! My experience with KΔP since I started college has been nothing but positive, and I hope that future students are able to come across the same opportunities as me. If it were not for KΔP and her heritage, I have little idea of who I would be today.

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MEET THE NEW CORE GROUP

Dave: "My name is Dave Sun, and I am from New York City. Currently, I am a freshman majoring in aerospace engineering at UIUC. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, working out, and participating in music-related activities."

James: "My name is James Mahon, and I am from Redding, Pennsylvania. I came to U of I for industrial engineering and the Big Ten social life that comes with it. Coming from out of state forced me to be social and I am excited to network throughout our large campus, creating a strong foundation for our fraternity."



Photo of Dave (left) and James (right).



The Ritual team from the Epsilon Chapter with alumni advisor Deron Molen, E'16, along with Dave and James.

MICHAEL MUELLER '95 ESTABLISHES A NEW SCHOLARSHIP

2021 was both the 25th year since Renee and I finished college and the year we took our oldest daughter to college, which prompted lots of extraordinary conversations, from how I met Renee on our first day at the University of Illinois in ROTC to when I missed a date with her the night that Bill Paris Eta '87 took a few of us on a tour of the house as it was returned to KΔP. [I remember] the many evenings with my KΔP brothers talking about our futures, the spring break road trip, away football game caravans, going to so many KΔP weddings with each playing "American Pie," which still to this day transports me back to my days as an undergraduate.

I've attended countless board meetings as ETA building association treasurer for 15 years and then as a KΔP foundation trustee for 15 years, including several years as president. I continue to serve as scholarship chair and have done so for almost a decade.

My involvement over the years has been my attempt to say "thank you" for what I was provided by KΔP. I appreciate not only the friendship and support of my KΔP brothers but also the development of business skills the KΔP experience provided me. When Renee and I discussed our next opportunity to "give back" we quickly settled on the idea of endowing a

scholarship to benefit a member of the Eta Chapter. We are both grateful for our experiences and involvement with KΔP. We are also particularly pleased to know we will help another KΔP to build themselves and the fraternity each year going forward. Honor Super Omnia.

If you and your family would like to consider endowing a scholarship to benefit Eta Chapter you can contact Kappa Delta Rho Foundation President, Hall Jones, halljones13@gmail.com or by text or phone at: 617-680-9543.



Michael Mueller '95 and his wife Renee.



Michael Mueller '95 with his wife Renee and their daughters.

RESTORATION OF ETA CHAPTER GETS UNDERWAY

The Eta house corporation coordinated with the KΔP National Office and arranged to have our own dedicated recruitment specialist to work on restoring the Eta Chapter. Our consultant Abe Hinterlach is profiled elsewhere in the newsletter.

Abe arrived on campus in early March. He immediately got to work. As you might imagine, beginning in the middle of the spring semester is not without its challenges. That said, hats off to Abe for developing a core group to begin the process.

According to Abe, "there is a common misconception when we start a chapter that you walk in and there are suddenly 30 or 40 guys all wanting

to join. The reality is we come into the process with a selective and deliberate intention to identify and recruit a core group of three to five key men to begin the building process. I'm really pleased with Eta; we were able to meet with and recruit two key leaders who we have already initiated into the brotherhood. They have a group of eight or so friends who are very interested, but not ready to commit with only two weeks left in the semester."

So, like a watched pot, the restoration has begun. Work will continue over the summer to prepare for a strong effort in the fall.

RECRUITMENT REFERRAL

Do you have a son, grandson, nephew, or another relative who would make a great KΔP?

Have a neighbor or other friends who would be good contacts? Send any referrals to our recruitment consultant, Abe Hinterlach at ahinterlach@KAP.com or by cell or text: 830-456-0798.

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 (\$xxxxxx.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.*

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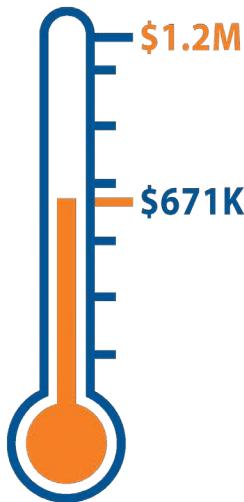


WE NEED YOU

ETA is building a new alumni advisory board. If you have time and interest to support the chapter by participating on a new advisory board or want to learn more, please let our consultant know. You can contact him at: ahinterlach@KAP.com or by cell: 830-456-0798

CAMPAIGN UPDATE REPORT

GOAL \$1.2M – GIFTS TO DATE \$671,213 (56% OF GOAL)



The Campaign to Secure Our Legacy for Eta's Second Century continues to make important progress. We launched the campaign for three reasons: (1) cover the operating costs for 3 years; (2) cover the cost of recolonization; (3) reduce or eliminate the debt on the house.

By achieving the goals, we successfully rebuild the chapter and have them return to occupancy in an operating model that fits today's student life. By that, we mean our house occupancy is realistically 25 brothers. Without debt, servicing our operating model under this dynamic is very secure.

This is where we NEED YOUR HELP! Many brothers have said they would be supportive once they saw the chapter returning. Well, staff is on the ground, a core group is under consideration, and the two organizers are initiated and preparing to come into the fall to continue building. In the interim, the bills must be paid!

I hope we can count on each of you to use the enclosed pledge form and make the best stretch pledge you're comfortable with over a five-year period.



BJ Jacobson '09 and Paul Torres '09 and their wives visiting Ireland.



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

Donald W. Ourada '51
December 16, 2021

George C. Payne '51
December 8, 2020

Anthony R. Pasquinelli '56
April 17, 2022

Paul B. Kory '82
June 14, 2014

Brian S. Faulkner '96
January 12, 2022

Matthew A. Miller '12
April 2, 2022

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