



# Delta Sigma Phi

Alpha Iota Chapter | Spring 2016 Alumni Newsletter

## Undergraduate News

Brothers,

As always within the fraternity, the year is off to a great start for the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi! Recruitment Committee hit the ball out of the park, welcoming 20 excellent men to share in our brotherhood. VP of Recruitment Connor Greenwood says, "Our committee worked tirelessly to ensure these first and second year men were the right fit for Delta Sig." Connor has already begun the planning process for the autumn recruitment cycle and is working to further improve the means by which we go about recruiting new men.

In other exciting news, 24 active brothers were a part of the Delta Sigma Phi BuckeyeThon Dance Team. Each year, BuckeyeThon hosts a 24-hour dance marathon, which raised a total of \$1,228,872.37 this year! Although only 24 brothers danced, "A team of 40 brothers came together and were able to exceed their goal, raising a total of \$10,768.68,"



A few members of the Delta Sigma Phi Buckeyethon Team.

says Team Captain Ben Hodges. "Without the support and enthusiasm from this chapter, none of this would have been possible," he adds.

As we are nearing the end of the academic semester, we are gearing up for Greek Week activities, including the Variety Show. All of the guys are excited and can't wait to take home the gold for the second year in a row. In addition, a few members of the Executive board and Former Chapter President Chris Wrobel recently interviewed for Ohio State Chapter of the Year. "The interview went well and now our fingers are crossed until the awards ceremony," says Wrobel.

This is a very exciting time to be a part of the Alpha Iota Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. Alumni support is an invaluable resource and we are always looking to strengthen the bond between active brothers and alumni like yourselves. If you would like to make a contribution or get involved with the chapter, please contact myself or any other active brother at any time. I look forward to working with all of you!

YITBOS,

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## Letter from the President

Brothers,

My name is Isaac Caverly and I am the current Chapter President of Delta Sigma Phi-Alpha Iota at The Ohio State University. While I am incredibly honored to serve as President for the undergraduate chapter, I also serve on the Alumni Corporation Board. I believe it is a part of my job to also ensure that the chapter is living up to what the alumni believe it should be. Therefore, I am more than willing to talk to all of you, should you choose to do so. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Alpha Iota is thriving right now at 88 members with about 14 brothers set to graduate at the end of the semester. We believe the 70-100 member range is our niche here on campus. We believe this range provides us with the resources we need, while also being able to preserve the bond of our brotherhood. Our Vice President for Member Development has begun organizing a chapter retreat for the end of the semester. We look forward to ending our semester with a reflective look on the past semester. Yet, we also hope the retreat serves as a great last memory for the year and, for some, their undergraduate experience.

Soon, our seniors will be joining your ranks as alumni of this chapter. I hope to see many of you on April 15<sup>th</sup> for our alumni weekend. This provides a great opportunity for both you and our seniors to get to know each other. A strong chapter must have a strong alumni base and I believe ours is only growing. Within this newsletter, you will find instructions on how to update your information with the chapter. I respectfully ask that all of you please take the time to do this. We are looking to a brighter and stronger relationship with

our alumni. Having your information allows us to facilitate more frequent and more direct communication with all of you.

There are many ways for you to get involved. First of all, Delta Sig is always looking for more volunteers. A new program launched by nationals is a mentorship program. This program matches undergraduates with alumni across the country in similar fields. If this sounds of interest contact our national fraternity for more ways to volunteer. Our chapter would also appreciate any insight you have. I personally have benefited greatly from having John Zeek, colonizing president in the 80s, as a resource. His election to President of the ACB marked the turning point in us truly being and Alpha Iota led chapter. Scott Wiley has benefited this chapter immensely as well and I would be remised if I didn't thank him for his service.

If any of you are ever in Columbus, please reach out to me. I would be more than happy to join you and some brothers for dinner or a drink. I speak on behalf of the entire chapter when I say I look forward to meeting you all later this spring.

YITBOS,

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## Alumni Spotlight: Greg Gifford (1963)



Initiated into the Alpha Iota Chapter in the fall of 1963, Greg Gifford has been highly involved in Delta Sigma Phi throughout the majority of his life. During his undergraduate years at Ohio State, he served the chapter as Sergeant-at-Arms and Social Chairman, the latter of which was a challenge because of the difference between women to men at Ohio State at that time (15,000 and 40,000 respectively). He graduated with a B.S. in Education, majoring in social studies with a focus on 20th Century history.

His career began as a special education teacher in Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Soon after, he spent five years with the Gulf Oil Corporation. After those five years, he began working in the property and casualty insurance industry, where he spent most of his career. In 1986, Greg received the Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter designation, which took five years of study and ten examinations, all of which were essay. The last ten years of his insurance career were focused on interstate trucking accounts, underwriting for Great West Casualty Company and Northland Insurance Company. He spent time as a Managing General Agent (MGA) for Northland in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri, becoming an expert in Federal

Highway Administration and U.S. Department of Transportation rules and regulations.

Upon retiring, Greg decided to turn to work of his own interest, volunteering for Dallas Safari Club, Safari Club International, Washington County Literacy Committee and Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He says he has found his involvement with the fraternity to be a source of reward, pleasure and occasional headache. In the 1990s, he served nationals as Risk Management Commissioner and, a few years later, worked on the Second Century Campaign in Texas. He spent time in the early 2000s working to charter a chapter at Oklahoma State University, however, the lack of an alumni base, the colony never became a chapter.

Most recently, Greg was the president of the Alpha Iota ACB when the chapter was rechartered a few years ago. In 2015, he was appointed Deputy Commissioner for Southeast Ohio, advising ACBs at Beta Iota (Wittenberg) and Iota Zeta (Miami of Ohio), in addition to Alpha Iota. Along with being highly involved with Delta Sig, he and his wife like to hunt and just recently traveled to Austria for wild boar and red stag, as well as planned a future trip to Sweden for moose and boar. Combining the two interests, Greg has conducted several basic marksmanship and firearms safety seminars for Alpha Iota Men at his getaway cabin in Scioto County, Ohio.

From all of us at Ohio State, thank you Greg for all you do and all you have done for Delta Sigma Phi!

*If you or someone you know deserves to be recognized in the new Alumni Spotlight Section, please send a short biography and picture to Ben Haller at [haller.113@osu.edu](mailto:haller.113@osu.edu).*

## You're Invited! Come See Us Soon!

Take a look at the upcoming chances to meet the chapter!

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> - Spring Alumni Weekend:** Come see the house and enjoy a cookout before the Ohio State Football Spring Game! Learn about the chapter's recent and upcoming events, meet the new member class and executive board, and hear more from the Alumni Corporation Board.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – Alumni Transition Ceremony:** Join us at chapter to witness one of the most important ritual ceremonies and welcome 14 undergraduate brothers into the next stage of their Delta Sigma Phi careers.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Spaghetti Dinner:** Join some recent alumni and actives for a spaghetti dinner before finals week!

**Sept 30 – Oct 2 – Homecoming Weekend:** Save the date for the premiere alumni weekend! Come see old friends and reconnect and witness the Ohio State Buckeyes and all the homecoming week festivities. Invitations to follow.

*To RSVP or find out more information please contact Ben Haller at [haller.113@osu.edu](mailto:haller.113@osu.edu) or 740-804-7069*

### We need your help!

As a recently recolonized chapter, many of our records are out-of-date, incomplete, or incorrect. If you have recently moved, have an email address you check more frequently, or know of someone who has not been receiving communications from us please let us know by completing the short survey at the link below. It is also available on our website at [www.deltasigosu.org](http://www.deltasigosu.org) under the "Alumni" tab.

<http://goo.gl/forms/7yFOHr7pwo>

If you would like any contact information of any past brother we would love to be of assistance.

### Announcements

- ✚ On April 19<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Delta Sigma Phi Dog Days benefitting the American Red Cross. To find out more about our philanthropic efforts or contribute visit our website.
- ✚ Congratulations to brothers Nick Nitta, Ryan Moore, Michael Branum, Noah Bidna, and Zach Kauffman for their election victories to the Undergraduate Student Government Senate.
- ✚ Be on the lookout for more updates on Chapter of the Year and other awards from the university and nationals!