

Spring 2020

# The Alumni Report

Delta Tau|| Murray State University



Devin Chen will graduate and continue his education to become a Physician Assistant.

## **Senior Send-Off**



Beau Ayres will graduate, take the CPA exam, and begin work in the accounting field.

Jordan Smith will graduate and begin working in the Ag Systems field back home in Frankfort, KY.





Jack Walker will graduate and begin working as an Safety specialist with Rogers Group Inc. Dawson McIntosh
will graduate and
begin work as a
electrical contractor
in Evansville, IN.





Cole Barnett will graduate and begin working as a healthcare data analyst for Ernst and Young.



Keaton Faughn will graduate in the fall and will pursue work in the Journalism field.





Ryan Clancy will graduate in the fall and begin working in the safety field.



Ryan Schroeder will graduate and begin his career teaching business. Landon Wilhite will graduate.. He didn't state his plans so we will assume he will get a nice job, wife, house, and be happy.



## **Update from the Alumni Council**

By: Cole Reichert



Brothers,

It is amazing how the world and life has shifted since the last time we talked. Once again change seems the be the only constant! Foremost, I hope this time of uncertainty finds you and your loved ones in good health. I am certain you are seeking some news other than COVID-19. The Alumni Board has comprised a few stories that we are excited to share with you.

This time of self-quarantine has left us in a vat of emotions. However, the break from our daily routine provides an opportunity for some much-needed reflection. Isolation from neighbors, co-workers, clients, and loved ones has become necessary to combat this virus. When surrounded by the same people every day, how easy is it to get frustrated, upset, annoyed, or disrespectful. For me, this experience has been a humbling reminder of the significance of relationships in our lives are.

It did not take me long to think about the DT Chapter. The relationships fostered through this organization has been some of the strongest in my life. Through the chapter, we found brotherhood, professional networks, mentors, life-long friendship, business partners, or possibly a spouse. It does not seem all that long ago when you could talk down the hallway in Elizabeth or Hart college and round up a handful of guys that just wanted to hang out. How did we have the time to spend 2 hours in Winslow Dinning Hall just talking? We were fully invested in our relationships and the bonds were stronger than ever.

This self-quarantine has given me the time to ask myself a few difficult questions. When was the last time I talked to those who made an impact in my life? Who have I let slip through the cracks? Do they know how important they are to me and where I am today? Am I fully invested in my relationships?

I hope you all enjoy the content we have put together for you all in this newsletter. More importantly, I encourage you to pick up the phone and make an overdue call!

In Phi,

Cole Reichert #622

Alumni Association President



# **Undergraduate Update**

By: Kade Gambill

Brothers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well during this chaotic time. First, I want to start by recognizing all of you that are on the frontlines of this pandemic making sure that we are able to live our lives as close to normal as possible, and I speak for the whole chapter when I say THANK YOU! Times like these are uncharted territory for Delta Tau, Alpha Sig, and Greek life as a whole. However, Delta Tau hasn't become a premier chapter by shying away from challenges.



Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we have had to cancel Sig Bust, Semi-Formal, and the Grand Council has voted to cancel Grand Chapter in July. Even though these deviations may be unwanted, our chapter has taken the cards that we were dealt and making the most of it. Delta Tau is taking this time to improve as a chapter. This has allowed us to get an early start on Fall Rush, Parent's Weekend, and Homecoming. We will also be bringing back the "To Better the Man Scholarship" to recruit incoming freshmen in the Fall. This scholarship will allow us to interact with incoming students who may not see themselves as a fraternity man. It will give our chapter the chance to tell them our story and how we can be a beneficial resource for them throughout college and their life.

Times like these are what test the foundation of our brotherhood, but I know Delta Tau will be resilient and come back stronger than ever. If you would like to become more involved in our chapter in any manner please contact Cole or myself, we would be happy to introduce you to the undergraduate brothers.

Long Live Delta Tau,

Kade W. Gambill Delta Tau Chapter President (618) 339-2799



#### Brothers in the News



Brother Kyle Hennley was recently named FNB Trigg County Market President

https://www.murrayledger.c om/news/business/murraystate-alum-hensley-namedfnb-trigg-co-marketpresident/article\_85b10200-4496-11ea-a7a9-



Brother Walker Beck hit a hole-in-one while playing for the Murray State Golf team <a href="https://goracers.com/news/20">https://goracers.com/news/20</a> 20/4/30/mens-golf-racer-golf-freshman-walker-beck-makes-hole-in-one.aspx



Brother Andy Gibson was featured for his appearance at the Grand Ole Opry <a href="https://www.paducahsun.com/news/local/gilbertsville-guitarist-makes-opry-stage-debut/article\_91888896-5113-5fd7-b137-e8d497e09954.html">https://www.paducahsun.com/news/local/gilbertsville-guitarist-makes-opry-stage-debut/article\_91888896-5113-5fd7-b137-e8d497e09954.html</a>



Brother Jameson Reddin was honored for being a frontline worker during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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#### 2020 OVC Tournament - Evansville

Although basketball season ended in "March Sadness", the OVC Tournament was another one for the books. For the third consecutive year, Evansville has hosted this tournament and it has been a blessing for the Racers. Another year with a 2 round bye put the Racers against rival Austin Peay in a semi-final matchup. After a well fought 12-point victory the Racers found themselves in the championship game against Belmont for the third year in a row. Saturday night was anybody's game, but Belmont pulled ahead by 1 point in the final seconds. Murray was unable to make a comeback and had to forfeit their back to back title to Belmont.

Evansville has grown to be a special place for the OVC tournament. Due to strong support by the Racer Alumni, student body, and fans, the OVC tournament has become a Spring Homecoming. A weekend full of basketball and bar hopping has created a great atmosphere for reminiscing on old times and catching up with some good friends. We hope to see you there next year!





# SPRING PHILANTHROPY: GREEKS GOT TALENT

By: George Bittel

While Alpha Sigma Phi and the Delta Tau chapter have evolved over the years one thing that has stayed the same is that planning and executing a philanthropic event each semester is one of the most rewarding and stressful tasks for active brothers. When talking with brothers and



the Prudential Board, the Vice President of Service and Philanthropy, Gage Moore (Beta Delta, Fall '18), envisioned an event that was inclusive and unique. He wanted to lay the groundwork for an event that could one day become a university tradition that is anticipated by all on campus as well as families and friends.

For the past several years, Delta Tau's spring philanthropy event was an online event in which friends could challenge each other to do pranks, dances, jokes, etc. all around campus in exchange for a donation to a philanthropic partner. However with a variety of different social media platforms the "Facebook Challenge" had issues with organization and participation. In order to combat these challenges, Moore and the brotherhood wanted a physical event that allowed all members of the MSU community to experience and appreciate the talents of the Greek community.

The Inaugural 'Greeks Got Talent' event took the first step forward to bringing everyone to the table. All Panhellenic, IFC, and NPHC were invited to participate. Each organization could have two acts of up to three people compete in the talent show. Participants included all sororities and one fraternity and over 300 tickets were sold. The night of the show, Lovett was buzzing and the event was a huge success. Over \$1200 was raised for one of Alpha Sigma Phi's new philanthropic partners - Active Minds. Planning a brand new event had its challenges but Moore said "the week was actually stress free because the

whole brotherhood supported me."

As for the future, Moore anticipates the event will continue to grow and become a signature event of Greek Unity. Moore said "Greek Unity is often talked about when organizations want to have social events together, but the best way to come together is to support a cause and contribute to bettering our community." President Kade Gambill (Beta Delta, Fall '18) said the event was a huge success and that" Gage's determination will pay off for many Alpha Sigs that come after him." Both Gambill and Moore said they would love to have alumni support. If you have experience in marketing, videography, audio, theatre, or lighting and would like to help the active brothers please email kgambill@murraystate.edu



## **Endowment Update**

By: Cole Reichert

The endowment drive that was kicked off at homecoming is well underway. We have had a dedicated number of alumni sign up for a giving plan. Today, our balance stands at \$6,710.

I believe it is important for the Alumni Association to understand the long-term plan for the endowment. The board is committed to growing our Temporary Endowment. This endowment is serviced by our National HQ and is tax deductible.

The temporary fund can be maxed out at \$10,000. This account is completely liquid and can be used by the chapter for scholarships, leadership programs, and other educational experiences with the approval of the Alumni Association.

Our goal as an association is to reach \$10,000 by April 15 2021. This account will need continual maintenance because it will subsidize the chapter's educational overhead. Once the endowment is at its capacity, the chapter will receive a check equivalent to the donations collected annually.

It is great to see this endowment continue to grow and we are very grateful for the 13 individuals who are giving on a monthly basis. Please reach out to me if you would like to further discuss this opportunity to give back to the chapter!

Cole Reichert

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### **Recruitment List**

Brothers,

If you know of anyone in your local area or a family friend who may be attending Murray State in the fall and want to rush please contact our Recruitment Director, Drew Stanley. Drew is putting together a list of "potentials" that we want to try and recruit this fall. Even if they are attending Murray and have no interest in rushing you can pass along their information. How many of you didn't want to rush and ending up joining? Thanks for all of your hard work and I hope everyone is safe and well.

Drew Stanley- 270-804-9555

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