



# THE LINK

BETA DELTA CHAPTER, FOUNDED 1885

*A Bond as Strong as Right Itself, and as Lasting as Humanity*

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## COME SEE, COME CELEBRATE, COME RENEW

*Beta Delta Sets Date of Chapter House Unveiling  
All Alumni Needed to Meet \$2 Million Goal*

**O**ur new house construction is creating buzz and current and prospective members are excited to see the new house. Many of us have looked forward to this day for several years!

### COME SEE

We truly hope all of you will come see what your generous contribution dollars have accomplished. For those of you waiting to participate in this campaign, it is equally important for you to come see our new house. Please make it a priority to stop by the house during our dedica-

tion and the rest of the football Saturdays this fall. Introduce yourself to the actives and pledges and let them show you around. Tell them a couple of your fond memories; we're sure they will enjoy them.

### COME CELEBRATE

The fall highlight will be our dedication weekend, September 17-18. We hope you can celebrate with us that weekend. Bama welcomes North Texas that weekend and we hope to have a good Bama win, as well as a great dedication of our grand new chapter house.

### COME RENEW

We believe all of you will find the physical house to be terrific. It is bound to set the course for ATΩ on the Alabama campus for years to come. The many generous gifts we have received, and continue to receive, are very gratifying to us as your campaign chairmen. We thank all of you for giving us the opportunity to do this job and the chance to renew our connections with many brothers. We look forward to seeing you at the dedication as you come renew your connection to Beta Delta and your brothers. The weekend will be a lasting memory!

### MEET THE CAMPAIGN GOAL

Our campaign continues to make progress. We are currently at \$1,703,828 raised from 265 donors. Your pledges and support are very important in allowing us to cover our construction costs and reduce the amount of debt service incurred. All alumni support is needed. Please use the enclosed pledge form and return envelope to mail in your pledge today. It is imperative we meet our fundraising goal to give ATΩ the grounds it needs to succeed well into the next 100 years. If you have any questions about your pledge, please contact one of us.

Come see, come celebrate, and come renew with Beta Delta!

Fraternally,  
**Barrie H. Harmon III '66**  
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## CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

*As of June 20, 2011*

**\$2 Million Goal**

**265 Contributors**

**1,108 Mailable Alumni**

**\$1,703,828 Total Contributions**

**23% Participation**

## CONSTRUCTION NEARS FINAL STAGES

Construction on our new Beta Delta home has reached the final stages. We look forward to seeing you at the dedication ceremony on September 18 at 2 p.m.



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BUILDING ON TRADITION FOR THE FUTURE OF BETA DELTA

# THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING \$1.7 MILLION

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for committing \$1,703,828 to the *Building on Tradition for the Future of Beta Delta* campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Alpha Tau Omega and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal of \$2 million to complete construction.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$1,000 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the new chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to **Jim Kennemer '69**, P.O. Box 660722, Birmingham, AL 35266.

## Glazebrook Society

(\$100,000 and up)

Lee Jack Powell '58  
In memory of  
Robin C. Ussery '59  
Barrie H. Harmon III '66  
Susan and Tom Curtin '74

## Maltese Cross Society

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Taylor H. Henry Jr. '54  
W. Stancil Starnes '66

## 1885 Society

(\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Yetta G. Samford '42  
C. Lee Walls Sr. '53  
James B. Boone '55  
In honor of  
Amos Burns '49  
Joseph D. Jolly Jr. '56  
T. Wayne Davis Jr. '65  
John A. Lindley '68  
James C. Kennemer '69  
Ronald A. Cain '70  
Chris M. Lane '73  
Harry B. Brock III '74  
Charles "T.O." McDowell '78  
Scott F. Shew '79  
W. Davis Malone III '80  
Donald C. Curtin '81  
Burns Family Gift  
Amos O. Burns '49  
D. Keith Burns '79  
Barrett A. Burns '82  
W. Daniel Hughes Jr. '83

## Beta Delta Society

(\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Anonymous  
In memory of  
Byron C. Mathews '75  
Kenneth E. Little '48  
Sam E. Christopher '49  
Billy Kitchens '51  
Sam P. Faucett III '53  
William A. Hughes '53  
James E. Harmon '54  
In memory of  
Knight H. Berman '54 and  
Allen M. Tart Jr. '56  
Long Family Gift  
Wiley P. Long Jr. '54  
Wiley P. Long III '82  
Arthur L. Brooke '55

James H. Alford Jr. '56  
Johnston Family Gift  
J. Larry Johnston '56  
James E. "Sam" Johnston '82  
Archie Norton '56  
I. Drayton Pruitt Jr. '56  
Haas Strother '56  
William A. Williamson Jr. '56  
Richard A. Ball Jr. '57  
J. Fredric Ingram '57  
Don B. McGinty '58  
H. Carlton Rushin '59  
Robert S. Clayton Jr. '59  
Robert B. Harwood Jr. '60  
Walter J. Hughes '60  
Horace C. Hunt Jr. '60  
Hubert J. Kessler '60  
William W. Crocker '61  
C. Delaine Mountain '62  
Walter H. Monroe III '63  
Young W. Stevenson '63  
Charles E. Ingalls '64  
William M. Sielsbee Jr. '65  
Joel F. Dubina '66  
Willis J. Meriwether III '66  
Joseph B. Bolen '67  
Michael G. Griffin '67  
Dr. Winston M. Ashurst '71  
Judge Alan L. King '71  
Bruce S. Reid Sr. '71  
Ted W. Giles '75  
Mark H. LeQuire '75  
Joseph Madden III '75  
George H. Wakefield III '79  
Edward V. Welch Jr. '81  
Brennan C. Ohme '86  
Daniel J. Justice '87  
Jeffrey P. Lisenby '87  
Louie M. Holmes II '88  
John T. Summerford '09

## Amos Burns Society

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Dr. William B. Crum '41  
David K. Gunby III '49  
McCreary Family Gift  
Robert J. McCreary III '51  
Robert J. McCreary IV '86  
In honor of  
Amos Burns '49  
Lee J. Styslinger Jr. '53  
Patrick L. Mills Sr., M.D. '56  
James P. Caldwell '58

Simmons Family Gift  
Grayson Simmons '58  
Michael G. Simmons '85  
Stephen W. Simmons '86  
Joseph R. Henry '59  
John L. Marty Jr. '59  
P. Jack Anderson Jr. '62  
John A. Screws '63  
Rusty Stewart '63  
J. Turner Hudson III '65  
Douglas Lindley '65  
Whit Armstrong '66  
Philip H. Butler '67  
E. Hoke Sullivan '67  
Henry C. Barnett Jr. '68  
Hamp Hogg '69  
Gary W. Archer, M.D. '70  
Dr. and Mrs. Larry G. Deep '70  
Alex W. Jones Jr. '70  
L.C. "Foots" Parnell III '70  
Charles H. Ellis '71  
Woodford W. Dinning Jr. '73  
James K. Owens III '75  
Preston L. Reynolds '77  
Roger W. Franklin '77  
Jeffrey L. Luther '79  
Stewart B. Moore '85  
C. Dennis Hughes '86  
R. Scott Allen '88  
Dr. G. Ashton Wells III '88  
C. Alan Ogles '89  
John M. Harbour Jr. '90  
J. Trent Green '91  
Jason P. Zarzaur '93  
Peter J. Hughes '99  
Joshua K. Payne '02

## Azure and Gold Society

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Margaret P. Garner  
In honor of  
Amos Burns '49  
On behalf of  
Benjamin P. Garner '03 and  
Thomas W. Garner '03  
Gray H. Hunter '51  
G. Clay Nettles '52  
John S. Megginson Jr. '56  
John C. Arant '57  
James F. Beall '57  
William I. Hill II '57  
A. Greer Megginson '57  
M. Lynn Reeves Jr. '57  
A. Fox deFuniak III '59  
Michael D. Knight '59

Al D. Kitchen '67  
Daniel M. Dunlop II '68  
James M. Shannon Jr. '68  
Gilbert C. Steindorff III '68  
James H. Farrow Jr. '69  
Gary R. Kessler '69  
C. Floyd Larkin '69  
Douglas D. James '70  
In honor of  
Vance J. James '79  
John R. Nix '71  
George R. Vogle '72  
W. Dean Azar '75  
Douglas S. Reynolds, M.D. '75  
Vaughn M. Stewart II '75  
Joseph F. Curtis Jr. '80  
Jeffrey P. Guyton '80  
David A. McDowell '82  
Edward S. Pearson '82  
Morris E. Capouya '83  
Daniel Staley '84  
Bryan K. Horsley '86  
Tim Stuart '87  
Ralph H. Yarbrough Jr. '87  
Joseph P. Bedingfield Jr. '88  
Jeffrey S. Muratori '91  
Damian Cook '93  
Gregory Brent Kelley '93  
Thomas J. House Jr. '02  
Mitch Relfe '04  
Alex Teel '05

## Brotherhood Society

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

In memory of  
Lt. Edwin King '36,  
KIA WWII  
In memory of  
Tom King '42  
Anonymous  
Charles E. Sharp '48  
Robert M. Blakely '51  
John R. Coleman '52  
Kenneth T. Woodsides '52  
Ronald M. Childree '54  
Emmett R. Cox '54  
William A. Schoel Jr. '54  
Milton C. Wilson '54  
In honor of  
Amos Burns '49  
John D. Yelverton Jr. '55  
W. Harold Albritton '56  
John W. Petrey '56  
Dayton Sadler '56  
Allen M. Tartt Jr. '56  
R. Frank Ussery '56  
Robert D. Watson '56  
Robert R. Jolly '57  
George B. Dibble Jr. '58  
Gary Nichols '58  
Henry P. Lisenby '62  
Robert R. Snellgrove '62  
Jerry L. Carnes '64  
Thomas T. Gallion III '64  
John F. Manning '65  
Lee A. McDavid Sr. '65  
Charles C. Partin '65  
Steven M. Sandlin '66  
Circuit Judge Tom King Jr. '68  
Buford H. "Grits" Morris '68  
Rusty Gregory '69  
H.O. "Buddy" Humphrey Jr. '69  
R. Kenan Boswell '70  
Rex V. Alexander '71  
William F. Davis '71  
J. Michael Monroe '71  
Dr. F. Hall Reynolds II '72  
Jeff Underwood '72  
John N. Balabanos '73  
Jeffery H. Long '74  
Howard R. Reed '74  
A. Lee Hardegree III '75  
Gregory R. Houston '75  
Mark D. Wilkerson '76  
James E. Pewitt, D.M.D. '76  
John Martignoni '77  
Robert W. Davis Jr., Psy. D. '78  
Carter O. Franklin '78  
David R. King '78  
Mark P. Williams '78  
Eric G. McGee Jr. '79  
Richard A. Hamm '80  
H. Miller Sproull III '80  
J. Dale McIntyre '81  
Patrick E. Hodges '82  
Chris Oswalt '82  
S. Warner Johnson '86  
Jeff Stabler '87  
Lane Wilson '87  
Gregory G. Taylor '88  
R. Kane Burnett '99  
Lance H. Poole '00  
W. Zachary Riddle '02  
Jack Alvey '03  
Adam T. Kornegay '03  
William O. Scroggins '03  
Christopher Jordan '06  
Samuel S. Lynd '06  
Andrew M. Tucker '06  
Graham Hixon '08

## John Lindley '68 Supports *Building on Tradition* Campaign for the Future of Beta Delta

With his brother **Doug Lindley '65** a member of Alpha Tau Omega, **John Lindley '68** had ties to Beta Delta before going through recruitment. It was the Christian values of the fraternity and morals of the brothers in the chapter that solidified John's decision to join.

"ATΩ is investing in men in a very positive way. I couldn't imagine a better thing to be a part of or invest in. They're not only getting an education, but they're learning interpersonal and communication skills that can carry into the workplace."

To demonstrate his initiative to make the Beta Delta campaign a success, John wrote a letter to the president of the University boasting Beta Delta's academic standing and accomplishments in hopes of gaining the rights to the lot. "**Alan King '71** really took the initiative and got us the lot, and **Barrie Harmon '66**, **Tom Curtin '74**, and **Stan Starnes '66** have all worked hard on the capital campaign."

Impressed with Beta Delta's accomplishments, John was happy to sign up and support the campaign. "They have a lot of fine young men and I'm impressed with the quality of people they're recruiting. When you look at what the undergraduates have accomplished, we need to get behind them and show our support. I hope the active brothers and future brothers will see that we stepped up to the plate during a tough economic time and gave to ensure the future of the chapter."

After earning a bachelor of arts in economics, John began his first job in Memphis at Union Planners National Bank, now Regions Bank,

then moved back to his hometown of Montgomery, Alabama, to work for **Grits Morris '68** managing publications for Air Force officers. In 1974 John broke into the dairy industry in Tuscaloosa and began working for **Amos Burns '49** as an assistant manager at Dixie Dairy Products Association. After 11 years John really learned the dairy industry and became interested in purchasing commodities.



To further his experience in the industry, John began working for Tedford/Tellico Inc. as a dairy commodity trader and continued for the next two years until he and his associate, John Tedford, bought the company. Today John is CEO and owner of Tedford/Tellico Inc. and has sold nearly 150 million pounds of dried ingredients to companies including McCormick, Nesley, and Bluebell Ice Cream.

John was able to revisit Beta Delta for the Jefferson Avenue Grand Finale celebration in April. "It was a great time. My wife and I had a wonderful time dancing and visiting with the alumni. Everyone looked so nice." Among the many things he gained from Beta Delta, John is thankful to have met his best friend, **Bob Montgomery '69**, at ATΩ. "We've been friends for 42 years. We vacation together, hunt together, and fish together. If it wasn't for ATΩ, I would have never met him."

In his spare time John enjoys deep sea fishing in Gulf Shores, walking every day, reading, and going dancing with his wife, Candy. John and Candy have two adopted children, John (20) and Margaret (22), and reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

## Bill Meriwether '66 Contributes to the Campaign to Ensure Prosperity of ATΩ Legacy

For **Bill Meriwether '66**, joining Alpha Tau Omega was a very special experience that created enduring friendships and opportunities to grow. During his tenure at Beta Delta, Bill served as historian and was named Outstanding Active in 1969, an award voted on by the senior class. "I treasure memories from Beta Delta and maintain relationships with many of my brothers, all whom I would not have met if it wasn't for Alpha Tau Omega."

"ATΩ is a wonderful experience. And it started by forward-thinking brothers many years ago, and countless thousands have enjoyed their legacy. Supporting ATΩ is, in a small way, contributing to that legacy and hoping to create for future generations a similar experience to what I have enjoyed."

Furthering his allegiance to ATΩ, Bill was happy to represent his pledge brothers as a class leader in the *Building on Tradition* campaign. This role allowed Bill the opportunity to talk with pledge

brothers he hadn't seen for 40 years, including **John Moore '66**, **Sandy Holliday '66**, **Whit Armstrong '66**, **Jimmy Cooper '66**, and **Alan Hargrove '66**. Showing his dedication to the success of the campaign, Bill says, "We've all been given very much and 'to whom much is given, much is required.' One of my pleasures is to give back and this is something that is much bigger than any of us. The alumni chapter owes a huge debt of gratitude to those alumni who serve(d) on the house corporation board for many years with little recognition or thanks, specifically the campaign leadership."



After graduating with a degree in history, Bill spent two years in the Army as an artillery officer, including a year in Vietnam. It is interesting to Bill that so much of the leadership required in situations like that, he learned in college and fraternity life. "In life and in the military, you find yourself thrown in with people you don't always know. You may

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## Bill Meriwether '66

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have different values and backgrounds, but you're still required to create consensus where possible and move forward no matter what. That's true in business and everyday life. A lot of that was developed at ATΩ. The fraternity was a key part of my experience growing up."

Bill went on to attend graduate school at Alabama for two years, completing the prerequisites to attend dental school. After four years at the School of Dentistry in Birmingham, Bill returned to Tuscaloosa and opened his private practice in 1977.

Offering advice to undergraduates, Bill says, "Treasure this experience and realize that it is not just a four-year framework of your life, but you will carry it forward in your relationships and career. Your experiences will lead you to give back as an alumnus by mentoring and offering leadership and financial support."

With his office right on the edge of the University campus, Bill's drive to work allows him to pass the new house. "I see progress and change every day. The undergraduate brothers deserve this house. It will help us to maintain our position as campus leaders for years to come."

Bill and his wife of 37 years, Mary, have three grown sons: **Will, Beta Pi '97**, Tom (Phi Delta Theta at Ole Miss), and Robert (Kappa Alpha at Alabama). In his spare time, Bill enjoys farming, hunting, fishing, and riding his big tractor on the family farm. To contact Bill, e-mail him at [wjmeri@gmail.com](mailto:wjmeri@gmail.com).

## W. Daniel Hughes Jr. '83 Hopes to Provide Positive Experience for Future Members through Campaign

**W**. Daniel Hughes Jr. '83 knew that joining Alpha Tau Omega was the right path for him. "Alpha Tau Omega had a great reputation and I knew it would be a wonderful organization to be a part of as a student at Alabama."

As pledge class president and pledge trainer, Daniel enjoyed being a leader in Beta Delta. Learning to embrace responsibility from budgeting to household maintenance, Daniel gained valuable experience. "The times before, during, and after football and basketball games are great memories, but simply being an active member of Beta Delta was an honor and a favorite memory of mine."

Offering advice to undergraduates, Daniel says, "College is a great experience and being in a fraternity can be a wonderful part of that experience if you manage your time well. Enjoy the friendships; they will last you for years to come. Most importantly, learn to grow as an individual and make good decisions for yourself."

After graduating in 1986 with a bachelor of arts in history, Daniel went on to become the CEO of Summit Housing Partners, an established owner/operator of affordable and workplace housing with approximately 14,000 apartment units in operation across 85 apartment communities in nine states.

With an abundance of leadership experience, Daniel says, "Leadership is critical in anything.

Every day we see the result of poor leadership in companies that are vulnerable and organizations that fail to come close to their mission. The impact of poor leadership is felt by a great many people. Behind every thriving company or community there is solid leadership. It is essential."



Daniel supported the *Building on Tradition* campaign to capitalize on the opportunity of a newly constructed fraternity house. "The campaign will prove beneficial to the chapter now and for years to come. It has also provided an opportunity for the chapter to illustrate their accomplishments in recent years. The reports I've received in the newsletter are very impressive and I suspect other alumni have gotten that message as well."

To alumni skeptical about donating to the campaign, Daniel says, "Get to know more about the chapter members and what their activities and priorities are. Find out about the vision of the campaign and why your support would be appreciated and merited."

A resident of Montgomery, Alabama, Daniel enjoys quail hunting, fishing for speckle trout, playing tennis, reading, writing, and being around family and friends. He and his wife of 22 years, Michelle, have two sons, William and Denton. To contact Daniel, e-mail him at [dhughes@summithousingpartners.com](mailto:dhughes@summithousingpartners.com).

## GULF SHORES ALUMNI WEEKEND— A MEMORABLE EVENT FOR ALL

**F**or the second time in three years, more than 60 alumni and spouses/dates from the 1950s and 1960s met in Gulf Shores at the beautiful Halekai III resort ([www.halekai.net](http://www.halekai.net)), run by Sally and **Jim Caldwell '58**, for a weekend of fun and fellowship November 5-7, 2010.

On Friday night there was a reception at Halekai III, followed by dinner at Lulu's. In keeping with grand ATΩ tradition, it was reported that the large contingent of ATΩs made their presence known to the delight of all with

an ATΩ songfest. Saturday morning was spent at the beach, and a cocktail party in late afternoon was a prelude for a smorgasbord of seafood. The Saturday night program included remarks by **Walter Hughes '60**, **Amos Burns '49** and **Jim Caldwell '58**, and 50-year ATΩ (gold) certificates were given to **Nick Hauser '60**, **Walter Hughes '60**, **Hubert Kessler '60**, **Ben McLaughlin '60** and **Bobby Spencer '60**. The weekend concluded on Sunday morning with a wonderful brunch. As ATΩ National President Walter Hughes said, "It was more fun than one is entitled to." There are already plans to continue this outstanding tradition.



## Beta Delta Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your referrals. Our recruitment committee is actively seeking potential new members for the fall pledge class. If you know of quality young men headed to the University of Alabama, please contact Recruitment Chairmen **Bryan Whisenant '10** at [bswhisenant@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:bswhisenant@crimson.ua.edu) or (205) 454-2085 or **Jimmy Shannon '10** at [jimshannon91@gmail.com](mailto:jimshannon91@gmail.com).

## CONGRATULATIONS, 2011 GRADUATES!

**B**eta Delta will graduate another outstanding group of men this year. During their four years in the chapter, they have earned many individual honors and have enhanced the respect of Alpha Tau Omega on the University of Alabama campus. Since 2007, when most of these men were pledges, ATΩ Beta Delta has been named the Order of Omega Fraternity of the Year (2008 and 2011); has received the President's Award for the Top Fraternity at UA (2009); has received the highest award that ATΩ National can bestow, Top Chapter in the

Nation (2010); has received three True Merit Awards from ATΩ National (2008, 2009, and 2010, given to the top 15 percent of ATΩ chapters each year); and has received the Witt Award (formerly the President's Award) as the Top Fraternity at Alabama (2010).

If your company or business has an opening or if you know of an opportunity that may be available, please remember these graduates and their exemplary accomplishments.

### Taylor Arabian '08

Montgomery, Ala.

**Major:** Finance and Spanish

**Career Plan:** Law school or something law related

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Management

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### Marshall Houston '08

Birmingham, Ala.

**Major:** Economics and English

**Career Plan:** To teach mathematics for two years in Colorado with Teach for America, then attend graduate school before moving into the educational sector or non-profit industry

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### Jameson Hughston '08

Muscle Shoals, Ala.

**Major:** Political Science

**Career Plan:** Law school at Alabama

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### Mason Morris '08

Birmingham, Ala.

**Major:** Advertising/Management

**Career Plan:** Medical sales, or business to business sales

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### Ross Mullins '08

Melbourne, Fla.

**Major:** Marketing with a specialization in Professional Sales

**Career Plan:** Business to business sales/work on an MBA

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### John Michael Murray '08

Birmingham, Ala.

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**Career Plan:** Law school

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### Michael Niezgodza Jr. '09

Homewood, Ala.

**Major:** Political Science

**Minor:** Broadcasting

**Career Plan:** Supply chain management

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**Career Plan:** Air Force officer/State Department

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### Rich Richards '08

Charlotte, N.C.

**Major:** Public Relations

**Career Plan:** Following a two-year commitment to Teach for America in Nashville, attend graduate school in public policy

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### Tyler Rudman '08

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**Major:** Finance and Accounting double major

**Career Plan:** J.P. Morgan Chase analyst in private bank,

Dallas, Texas

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### Dillon Sims '08

Spanish Fort, Ala.

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**Career Plan:** Business management

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### Drew Smalley '08

Decatur, Ala.

**Major:** History

**Career Plan:** Emergency medicine physician

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### Gordon Williams '08

Birmingham, Ala.

**Major:** Accounting

**Career Plan:** One year of graduate school, then sit for the CPA exam and hopefully earn a position at one of the Big Four accounting firms

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### Michael Wynn '08

Marianna, Fla.

**Major:** Political Communication

**Minor:** Advertising

**Career Plan:** Law school

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### Zack Coppens '08

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**Major:** Mechanical Engineering

**Career Plan:** Engineering

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### Craig Earley '08

Hazel Green, Ala.

**Major:** Healthcare Management

**Career Plan:** UAB graduate school in healthcare administration

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### Chris Green '08

Germantown, Tenn.

**Major:** Restaurant and Hospitality Management

**Career Plan:** To eventually own a restaurant

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### Duncan Harmon '08

Birmingham, Ala.

**Major:** Bio-Chemistry

**Career Plan:** Physician

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### Drew Herring '08

Birmingham, Ala.

**Major:** Marketing

**Career Plan:** Sports Marketing/

# SAVE THE DATE

Chapter House Dedication  
September 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Construction of the new house is almost complete and the active chapter will move into the house to start the academic year in August. All alumni, friends, and family are invited to attend the new house dedication on September 18 at 2:00 p.m. Additionally, everyone is welcome to stop by the house on football weekends beginning with the start of the season. We look forward to seeing you there!



# THE LINK

*Happy Independence Day!*

ALPHA TAU OMEGA  
BETA DELTA CHAPTER  
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## Montgomery Alumni Welcome Brothers to Join Holiday Reunion

For more than 15 years Beta Delta alumni in Montgomery have gathered the week prior to Christmas to celebrate the holidays. The alumni group met last December at Sinclair's East Restaurant, owned by Brother **Johnny Sullivan '70**. Alumni in attendance have generally been from the '50-'70s eras, but we hope alumni from every decade will join in the festive evening from now on. More information to follow. The Montgomery alumni encourage the Birmingham, Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, Anniston, Mobile, and Atlanta alumni to follow their tradition of an annual Christmas gathering in each city.

**Attention:** *This newsletter is intended for Alpha Tau Omega alumni and parents. If your son is still attending The University of Alabama, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

## BETA DELTA RECEIVES NORTH AMERICAN INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE 2011 AWARD OF DISTINCTION

*Chapter Garners 37 New Members to Carry on ATΩ Legacy*

Beta Delta is the proud recipient of the North American Interfraternity Conference 2011 Award of Distinction. Our chapter is one of four winners among all fraternities nationwide. You should be very proud of our active chapter for scaling the highest heights among fraternities nationwide.

### **Beta Delta Boasts 3.24 G.P.A.**

The Beta Delta Chapter had another successful fall semester at the University of Alabama. After receiving the ATΩ Top Chapter Award in August, the chapter pledged 47 young men. These pledges became involved in a plethora of campus activities and earned a 3.13 pledge class G.P.A. Our active chapter collectively earned an impressive 3.24 G.P.A.

### **ATΩ Honored with Witt Award for Second Consecutive Year**

The active brothers continued their involvement

in such organizations as the Blackburn Institute, Student Government Association, Capstone Men and Women, and several honor societies. The chapter had a full schedule of swaps and parties, including the traditional Pumpkin Party. Beta Delta received the Witt Award, given to the top Interfraternity Council chapter, for the second consecutive year.

### **37 Members Initiated into the Brotherhood**

Initiation was held in January at Calvary Baptist Church followed by a reception for 37 initiates and their parents. **Amos Burns '49** and Judge **Alan King '71** addressed the new members and welcomed them into our fraternal brotherhood. The annual White Tea Rose formal was held in February aboard the Creole Queen riverboat in New Orleans. Brothers and their dates enjoyed the music of a Motown band as the Creole Queen made its way down the Mississippi River.

### **Chapter Partners with Student Alumni Association to Sponsor Golf Tournament**

Beta Delta partnered with the student alumni association to sponsor the Rise and Shine Golf Tournament to benefit the Rise Center on April 15 at Tuscaloosa Country Club.

### **Brothers Reconnect with Alumni at Grand Finale**

I want to thank all the alumni who attended the Grand Finale party. The brothers and pledges were excited to meet alumni at the event, as well as the alumni that frequented the house on football game weekends. Thank you for your unprecedented support of our chapter.



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