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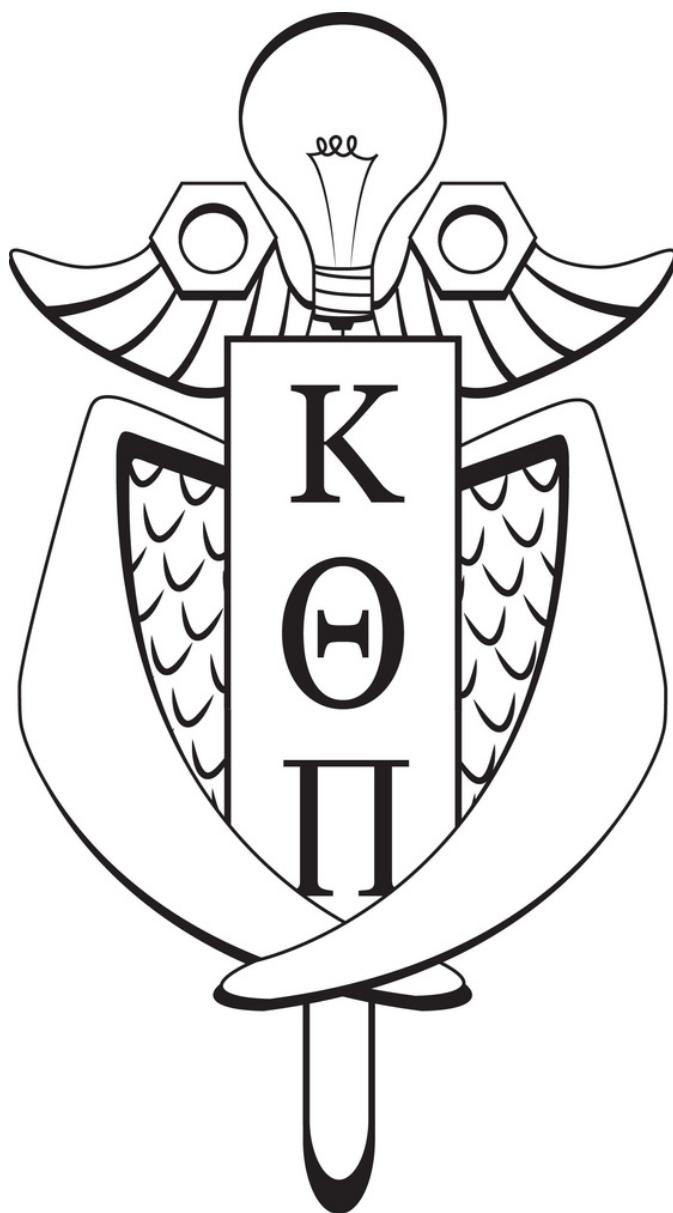


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Announcements

Join the UChicago KTP LinkedIn Group!

The Theta Chapter KTP LinkedIn group offers alumni and undergraduates an opportunity to connect with experienced professionals in their careers of interest. Here are some benefits for joining this group:

1. Discover and connect with fellow alumni for professional networking
2. Recruit undergraduates and fellow alumni for career opportunities
3. Serve as a possible mentor for undergraduates and early-career alumni
4. Learn about opportunities for your own professional growth

Scan this QR code to request membership!



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Here is also a [link](#) to join the group!

The Alumni Fund

We are reaching out to share exciting news about the theta chapter of KTP and our future directions as an organization. In lieu of these developments, we ask for your support of our alumni fund to help keep our progress going. Please consider giving whatever amount you can in support of the organization. We provide details below on options for payment and hope you will help us build our path towards a promising future.

Payable by Venmo to @uchicago-ktp

Again, we welcome any size contribution you can make and hope that you can help us keep KTP going at the University of Chicago. Thank you.

Meet the E-Board



Pratham Gandhi
President



Minjoo Song
Vice President



Gregorio Florentino
Director of Finance



Kyle Wong
Director of Membership



Rohan Deme
Director of Technology



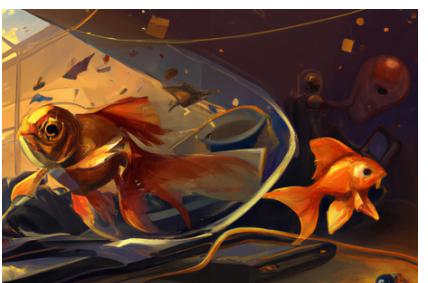
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Iris Hwang
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Welcoming our Deltas



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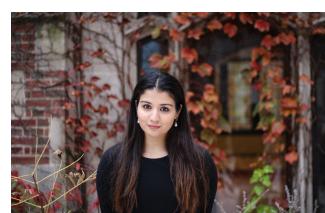
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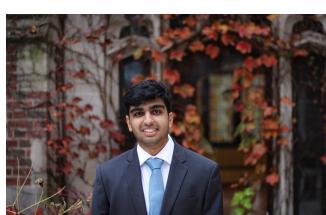
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State of the Fraternity

by: Pratham Gandhi

Over the last year, I've had the unique opportunity to engage with our chapter's rapid growth as Director of Membership. Now, as President, I am privileged to share with you the amazing progress that our fraternity has made through this year. Our exciting new events and initiatives included 200-person technical workshops, partnerships with Career Advancement and local nonprofits, three brand-new committees, Brotherhood bonding events, and a streamlined rush process. Moreover, the achievements our brothers have earned and the experiences we've had together this past year have been incredible. Our growth was driven by the increased size of our chapter as a result of an engaging, expansive, and selective rush process. Our Delta Class, which we're extremely excited to introduce, was selected through a process in which we saw over 200 people at our rush events and over 90 applicants. We began last winter with a total of 30 members and are now beginning the Epsilon Class rush process with 64 active members and 13 alumni. Beyond rush, the myriad of ...

opportunities for KTP brothers to bond has continued growing. We held chapter-wide spring backyard parties, movie nights, dinner outings, and elaborate big-little reveals, to name a few. Expanded professional resources and guidance among brothers have also led members to pursue more diverse career paths and be more prepared for the professional world. Looking ahead, we're excited to continue fostering a supportive and inclusive environment in which brothers can continue to grow together. Our largest immediate goal is to put on a fantastic Formal for brothers (and in-the-area alumni) in the spring. We are also developing our partnerships with community organizations such as Hyde Park Academy and Code Your Dreams further to ensure we're making a positive impact in our community. Alumni support of all kinds – financial, administrative, professional, and more – is key to our progress. I'm excited for KTP Theta brothers to share more perspectives on our chapter's growth in this newsletter (special thanks to Joshua Ahn for putting it together), and I'm excited to work with you to continue this progress.

State of Internal Affairs

by: *Minjoo Song*

Thanks to the 64 active brothers in the Theta chapter of KTP, code isn't the only thing being compiled and run in the rooms of Crerar, Harper, and Stuart. Here's a compilation of some of the chapter-wide efforts that we've been successfully running this year.

During Fall 2022 and Winter 2023, KTP saw record engagement during chapter meetings! On top of providing an opportunity for all active brothers to convene and catch up, chapter meetings involve...

1. **Member shoutouts (KTPraise):** as a tangible way to show community support, every brother submits an anonymous shoutout to another brother
2. **Policies:** to increase transparency and general brother involvement, policies that affect 75% of the member population are introduced and put to a vote during chapter
3. **Tech news:** to encourage tech literacy and stimulate interesting conversation, brothers are prompted to comment on recent news in tech
4. **Member announcements:** Every chapter closes with an opportunity for brothers to talk about any other personal updates!

In Winter 2023, we ran five committees hosting weekly meetings, resulting in 20+ total meeting hours and over 50% of the chapter in attendance to at least one—a record for the Theta chapter! Here's a brief overview of these committees:

1. **App Development:** teach members app dev skills as well as apply them to a KTP rush portal app for prospective members to interact with during the rush process
2. **Events/Service:** brainstorm and design logistics for KTP events, both chapter and campus-wide
3. **Membership:** oversee the rush and pledging processes, including planning activities and events for prospective members and pledges
4. **Professional Development:** gain skills needed for professional tech settings, offering professional advice, DEI events, panels, internship info sessions, etc.
5. **Tech Talks:** organize, plan, and host talks and seminars where brothers get an opportunity to present on topics they are interested about!

Looking forward into Spring 2023, we are excited to see how our community grows further!

State of the Treasury

by: Gregorio Florentino

My name is Gregorio Florentino and I'm the current Director of Finance for the UChicago chapter. As a member of the beta class, over the past couple of years, I've had the pleasure of seeing the organization grow and expand its community of talented, tech oriented students, drawing from the college's vast and diverse population to become the supportive and amazing community that it is today. I previously held the role of Director of Finance (known then as Treasurer) and look forward to continue advancing the organization's growth and development.

Going forward into my second term, our new Executive Board has gotten right to work planning a myriad of professional and social activities. Mainly, we've been looking to strengthen the bond among our members by hosting a variety of events to bring the community together, already seeing great success with a Valentine's Day Movie Viewing and Ice Skating on the Midway.

Our biggest project is an upcoming KTP Formal, which will be an amazing opportunity to establish ourselves as an official RSO and the premier tech fraternity on campus, demonstrating our commitment to provide our members with exceptional programming and traditions that define their time as KTP members. Furthermore, it will test our mettle as an organization, requiring the largest mobilization of resources from the entire club to guarantee the formal's success, further solidifying our sense of community. Due to the high costs, we turn to you, our amazing alumni, welcoming any donations so that we may continue providing our members an exceptional experience.



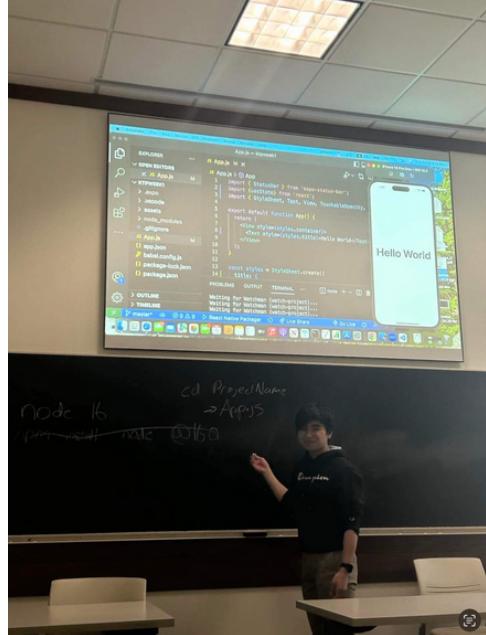
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A KTP party!



Nicholas Lee giving a presentation
on using Node.js at App Dev!



KTP members at the Harvard Women
Engineers Code Conference!



Abby Barnes giving a presentation
on her time at Microsoft as a
product management intern!



KTP members using hands to draw
symbols they learned in Discrete
Mathematics!

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KTP members at another party!



KTP members posing at the
Snowball Formal!



KTP members going out for food!



Our Professional Development
committee posing after a meeting!



Eric Liu catching some rays at the
Promontory Point!

Rush: A Year in Review

by: Kyle Wong

In Fall 2022, we as a chapter had our largest and most successful Rush process yet, with over 200 individuals filling out our interest form with 90 ultimately submitting an application. Of those 90 applicants, 50 made it to our Closed Rush process and, after several rounds of deliberations, 18 were initiated into our Delta Pledge Class.



For Rush, active brothers represented KTP at the annual RSO fair during Orientation week, showing off our new table. Additionally, we introduced new rush events, such as a Charity Event for Color a Smile and a board game social night as an opportunity for rushees to further familiarize themselves with brothers.

New prerequisites that required applicants attend at least one info season and one social event were also enforced. In addition to these expansions of the open rush process, we've updated All Hands on Tech (AHOT) and our interviews by introducing new events and increasing the rigor of the interview process. AHOT now consists of multiple events along with the Product scenario, and interviews also include unique technical questions. With Spring Quarter approaching, we are looking forward to yet another successful rush cycle, with our Epsilon class! Our goals are to use lessons from previous rush/pledge cycles to revamp the membership points system and improve KTP's initiation process.



Social Events News

by: Iris Hwang

It is our pleasure to share with you some of the exciting social events KTP has hosted over the past year. We have been thrilled to see so many of our members come together to enjoy each other's company and engage in meaningful activities.



In the fall, we started off the school year with an exciting rush process to select our new pledge class. After hosting several info sessions, running rush events, reading applications, and conducting interviews, we celebrated our new Delta class at a (unfortunately rainy, but still fun) Bid Night Party. Between exams and projects, members got to know each other and made memories over coffee chats and brunches. We wrapped up our welcome of the Delta class brothers at the end of the quarter, with the Big/Little reveal and crossover!

This quarter, we hosted a number of social events for brothers to take a break from their studies/leetcoding to get together to relax and have some fun! We ice skated on the Midway in January, and watched a cheesy rom-com for a KTPalentine's Celebration in February. For the upcoming spring quarter, in line with rush, we're planning on hosting a Bid Night Party, Crossover Event, as well as KTP's very first Spring Formal so that everyone has the opportunity to get together and socialize!



This school year has already been filled with many memorable events that have brought our KTP community closer together. We look forward to hosting more engaging and meaningful events for our brothers in the future, to foster growth, connection, and fun!

Promotional Schedule

by: Zelia Mauro

With our Delta class officially settled in, we've had a much more peaceful Winter quarter. Our new Director of Marketing kicked off our new year's instagram with our 2023 E-Board introductory posts, and we have been keeping our social media active with member-nominated spotlights and plenty of KTPics. However, with our Epsilon class rush cycle approaching, KTP has a lot of marketing updates to look forward to! To keep things tech-related as always, but still lighthearted, we have chosen New Horizons as our Spring 2023 rush theme. Based off of Nintendo's Animal Crossing, we felt this theme perfectly encapsulated KTP's fun spirit while also allowing for creativity on the marketing end. We hope to inspire an adventurous new class of Epsilons for the up and coming quarter.

In line with the themes for our new rush cycle, we are collaborating with Ex Libris Cafe for the first time in our history to release a limited edition KTP drink! Sticking with the animal crossing theme, our KTPeach Matcha will be a peach flavored matcha with pastel pink and orange peach cold foam.

Kicking off the first week of warmer season with this colorful drink, we hope this fun collaboration will gain exposure for KTP amongst a broader set of communities. Throughout the week, we will also be working together with Ex Libris's communications manager to promote the drink through their end: the cafe will be decked with special posters, and their instagram will consistently promote the matcha throughout the week. Finally, most exciting yet (and our tech touch), each drink will have a QR coded New Horizons sticker where drink-buyers can scan to learn more about KTP and our upcoming rush cycle. While we have many different strategies to spread awareness about this collaboration, we know the colorful drinks and stickers will effortlessly self-promote themselves all around the reg and campus more broadly!



A Crash Course on the Prof. Dev. Committee

by: Katie Sun and Rohan Deme

This year, our chapter began placing more emphasis on its committees, as we now have five active committees. By far, our biggest and most active one is the Professional Development Committee, which has introduced a plethora of initiatives to boost the professional growth of the brothers in our chapter. One of our biggest accomplishments is forming a partnership with the Yale Entrepreneurship Society (YES), a student organization at Yale that connects students to paid internships at emerging tech startups for positions from business development to software engineering. With our partnership, YES has agreed to prioritize applications from our brothers as they help decide which students shall move on to the next stages of interviews with these companies. In our committee meetings, we also began holding lightning talks, where our upperclassmen brothers present on relevant topics in technology and computer science. So far, we have had lightning talks on fields such as Database Systems and Computer Networks.

These presentations have given brothers a solid introduction to valuable topics which may appear in technical interviews. During our most recent committee meeting, we also had our largest event of the quarter: "Explore Tech". Six brothers presented their experiences from past internships. Their experiences varied in both role, industry, and company size, from product management to software engineering and from startups to big-tech companies. This event, which many of our newly initiated brothers attended, gave members of our chapter who are new to technology a strong insight into different potential career paths in the tech industry. Finally, outside of our committee meetings, we have also been holding mock technical and behavioral interviews for brothers in our chapter who are currently recruiting or are preparing to recruit in the future. Overall, we are pleased by the success and impact that our professional development committee has seen, and we look forward to continuing to expand our committee's initiatives and events in the future.

A Salute to Graduating Seniors in Winter '23



A bittersweet goodbye to
Ellen Chen and James Soh



We will miss you! But we are so proud of you and know that you will go on to do amazing things! Congratulations :)

Thank you again for being a part of the KTP family

