

# The Gamma Eye

*Alumni Newsletter for the Gamma Iota Chapter of The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity*

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## What A Year for Our Undergraduate Brothers

Welcome back, esteemed Gamma Eye alumni of the 17th edition newsletter! It's time to rekindle the flames of brotherhood and dive into the latest news and updates from the Gamma Iota chapter of Delta Sigma Phi at the University of Idaho. Congratulation to all our brothers on completing

another successful school year, where we once again maintained a higher level of academic excellence than the average college population, achieving an impressive fraternity overall GPA of 3.10. Your dedication to scholarship continues to set the standard for our chapter and inspires future generations of Delta Sigma Phi members.

We are proud to recognize this year's nine brothers who made it onto the Fall 2024 Dean's List, showcasing their commitment to academic excellence and the values of our fraternity. Their hard work and perseverance exemplify the spirit of Delta Sigma Phi, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to each of them for this outstanding achievement.

As we embrace the warmth of the summer season and enjoy a well-deserved break, let us reflect on the memories we've created and the bonds we've strengthened throughout the past year. This time of relaxation and rejuvenation offers us the perfect opportunity to recharge our spirits, reconnect with loved ones, and prepare for the exciting adventures that lie ahead.

Looking forward, the summer break presents us with fantastic opportunities to kickstart our recruitment efforts for the upcoming school year. As we gear up for the fall semester and eagerly anticipate Rush Week, let us leverage this

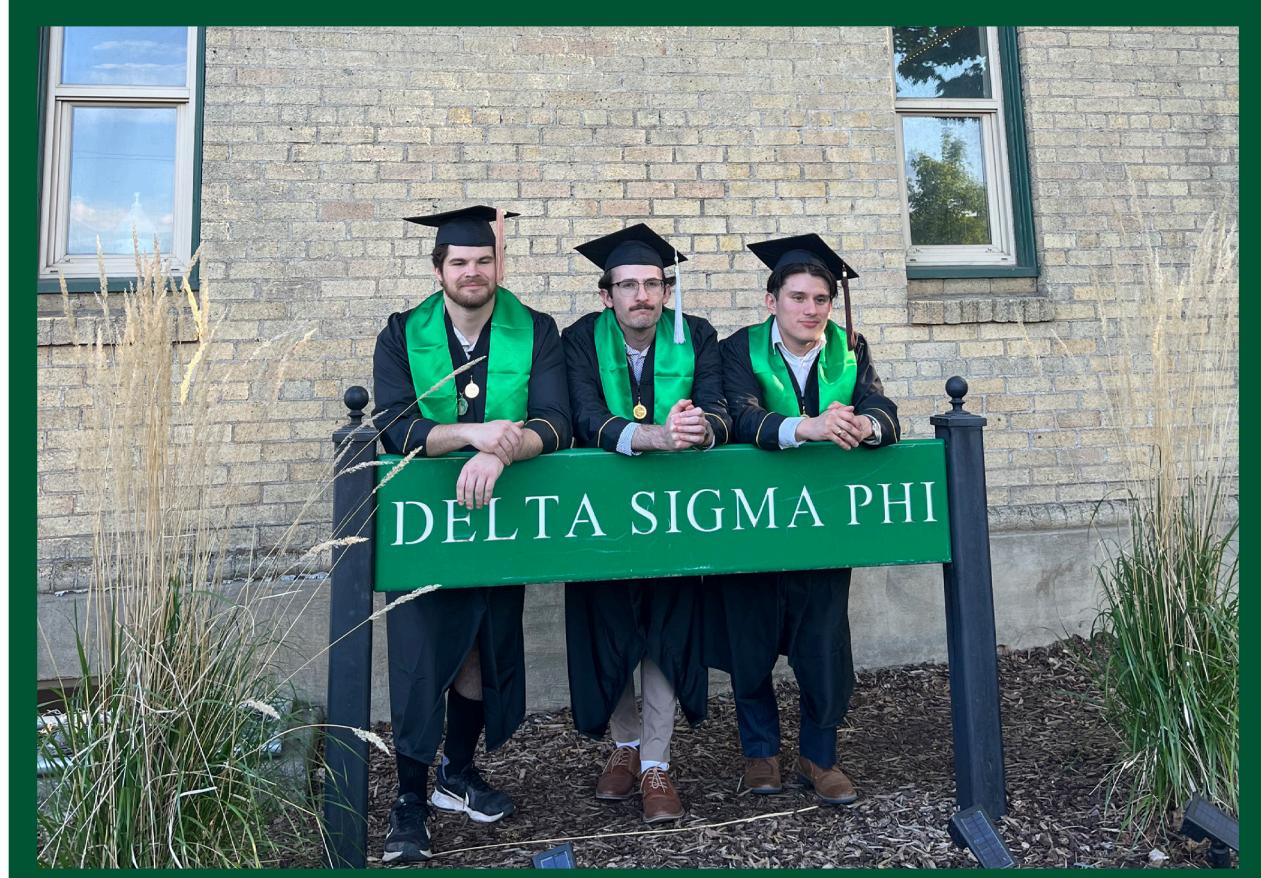
off-time to engage with potential new members, share our values and traditions, and attract individuals who embody the principles of Delta Sigma Phi. Together, we can continue to grow our brotherhood and foster a community of leadership, service, and brotherly love.

The upcoming months hold the promise of new beginnings, fresh challenges, and unforgettable experiences. Let us embrace this time of transition with enthusiasm and determination, knowing that the bonds we share as brothers of Delta Sigma Phi will guide us through every step of the journey. Stay tuned for more updates, events, and opportunities to stay involved as we pave the way for a bright future for the Gamma Iota chapter. Welcome back to the Gamma Eye 17th edition newsletter – where our legacy of excellence and camaraderie continues to shine bright.

Thomas Entwit  
Alumni Newsletter Editor  
PC '14

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Congratulations to our graduating brothers (L to R) Ryan Malone PC '20, Cameron Hancett PC '19, and Bernardo Bautista PC '19

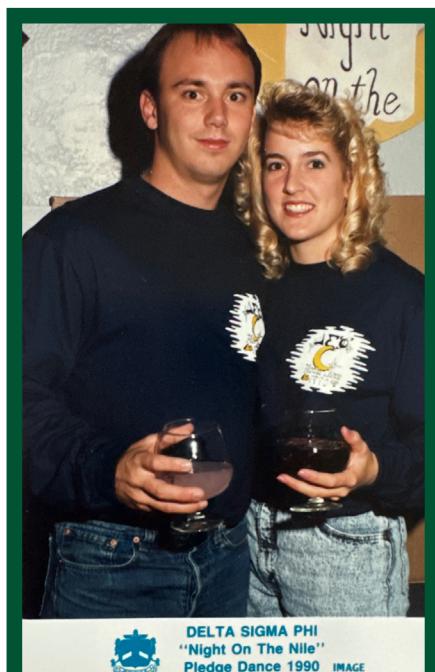
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Undergrad Publishers: Bernardo Bautista & Jonah Fuisting- Anderson

## SAILOR SPOTLIGHT

**I**t is difficult to sum up a man's life in a single page. Jeff "Dunby" Dunbar was born in New Mexico and moved to Idaho when he was 5 with his brother John and his folks Bob and Pam Dunbar. Attending Meridian High School, he was actively involved in football and track, where he left several records that remained on the books long after he graduated. In the fall of '88, he pledged Delta Sigma Phi. Talk to anyone who knew him, and he was just one of those men that had a lasting effect on people, and those that knew him, will never forget him.

Dunby was just the kind of person that you wanted to be around and was the epitome of a Delta Sig. His positive outlook on virtually everything was contagious. I always thought of him as "The Great Negotiator". Jeff had the uncanny ability to be objective in any situation, and everyone knew that what he was going to tell you was genuine, unbiased and on point. Throughout the house, Jeff was friends with everyone, but he and Mark Lynn hit it off early and would become lifelong friends. While serving as Rush Chairman with Ron Clark in 1989, they stayed with Mark at his folk's place in Spokane, where he met the love of his life,



Brother Dunbar with his future wife Lesley at the 1990 Pledge Dance.

Lesley Lynn. Lesley went to School at Eastern Washington University, which meant there were a fair number of road trips across state lines. The couple dated through college and Jeff proposed during Sailor's Ball in 1992 and they were married in August of 1993. The wedding was one of the most memorable ones I've attended, however I can guarantee that a greater part of the wedding party swore off red wine for life after the rehearsal dinner.

Dunby loved the outdoors. Hunting, fishing and rafting were his passions. During college, overnight trips to Moose Creek Reservoir, Spring Valley Reservoir, Moscow Mountain and Elk River were among some of the most anticipated trips of our college lives. We didn't have the best gear, but we always made do. Sitting around a fire in the middle of nowhere, sipping R&R, telling stories, and laughing till your sides hurt are some of my best memories in life.

After graduation, Jeff and Lesley settled into married life. They moved to Nampa, Idaho

where Jeff went to work for MPC computers and Lesley went to teaching school. Just coming out of college, no one had any money, but that didn't make any difference. There was always a reason to get together. The Dunbar Christmas Party, however, was legendary. Folks from work, brothers and friends from college and neighbors always looked forward to the annual get together. There was no shortage of food, fun, stories and maybe a couple of drinks. Ping pong tables set up in the garage, tables full of food, and lots of friends gathering to enjoy each other's company.

In February of 1998, the Dunbar's welcomed in a baby girl, Deidra. This little bundle was the highlight of their lives and Jeff couldn't have been more proud to be a dad and start writing a new chapter in life.

However, in November of 1999, the world took a bad turn. Jeff had been having some issues with numbness in his leg and after many appointments, he was diagnosed with a Glioblastoma brain tumor. The Dunbar's dug in and fought it with every ounce of passion and energy they could muster, but on April 5th of 2001, a blood clot sent him on his way to the Bond Eternal. 23 years have passed since Jeff left us, and I can honestly say that I think of him often and remember the good things he shared with me. He was a great influence in my life and being around him made us all want to be better men. Damn few individuals have such an impact on so many people, but in this life cut short, he left a lot of wonderful memories, unending respect, and a legacy to be proud of. I can't honestly think of a single person I've talked to that didn't feel the same way about Jeff.

There was no shortage of brothers from Jeff's era who wanted to contribute to this article when asked.

**Mike Anderson PC '86;** What I remember most about Jeff Dunbar? Every time I saw Jeff he would have a smile on his face. Jeff put a positive spin on everything, and I don't remember him ever saying a negative thing about anyone and we lived under one roof with 40 plus different personalities. He was one of those guys you wanted to be around. He was an exceptional person that everyone loved. The world missed out on so much when Jeff passed. I think about him often.

**Kendall Kaiser PC '88;** I was privileged to have Jeff Dunbar as a pledge brother. Jeff was a man of character. He remained calm when things got tough, and his level-headed advice saved me from many unwise decisions (although not all of them). I appreciated his sense of humor, his loyalty to his friends, and his leadership at Gamma Iota.

Jeff was taken away from us way too early, but his legacy is one of true friendship and humility. All these years later, I still miss him. I look forward to sharing a beer with him again on the other side.

**Ron Mowery PC '89;** Jeff became my best friend when we were about 15. He was the reason I went to U of I and became a Delta Sig.

We used to give him a hard time about being a communications major. I have so many good memories of Jeff that it is hard to pick one. During our sophomore year we ended up taking one of our core classes together. He got a better grade in that class than I did and he only went to class the first day and on test days. I went to every single class and took notes, he would read my notes and that was it. His life was cut short, but he will always be in my heart.

**Mike Bly PC '90;** Jeff (Dunby) Dunbar was an upperclassman when I pledged Gamma Iota. While there were many who influenced and guided us as we figured out life as a freshman in the house, it is nearly impossible to properly describe the leadership and guidance Jeff provided us. He exemplified all of the qualities of a Delta Sig. He was an amazing friend and a foster big brother to many of us. In the same day he could set you straight if you needed it and still find time to make you laugh. The crazy part was he never really had to say much. You just knew. Movie night in the Penthouse is something I still miss.

**'Diamond' Dave Morasch PC '90;** Jeff Dunbar and Mark Lynn were instrumental in me becoming a Delta Sig. I spent quite a bit of time with them during rush and the 3 of us shared a common love of the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

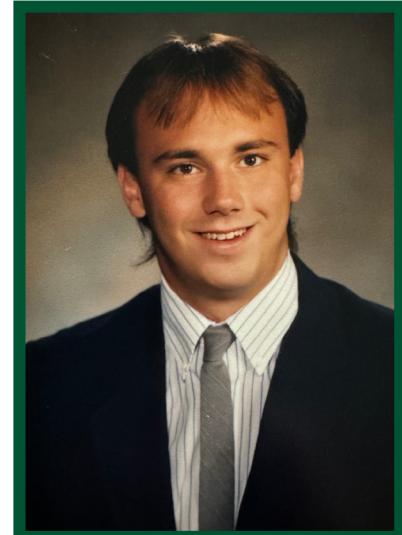
During the last day of rush, more and more guys were pledging, and the bell rang over and over as another person was pledged. I got nervous that I wasn't going to get a bid so I started to head for another house to see if I could get a bid there. As I reached the edge of the property Jeff Dunbar and Mark Lynn grabbed me and said, "Not So Fast Bud!!!!"

They pulled me back and sat me down with the rush chairmen and I was given a bid and I pledged. We all have so many moments in our lives, some big, some small, and then some moments though small at the time end up being pivotal in our journey in life. Jeff Dunbar and Mark Lynn grabbing me that day changed my life, changed my path, and introduced me to an organization and a brotherhood that I cherish to this very day at the ripe age of 52. I miss them both and am still thankful for what they saw in a farm kid from Eastern Washington.

Godspeed Brother.

YITBOS,

Scott "Bundy" Bunderson PC '90



Jeff Dunbar PC '88

# LEADERSHIP INSIGHTS

## UNDERGRAD LEADERSHIP

**A**s President of Delta Sigma Phi, I am thrilled to share the incredible strides we've made over the past semester and our exciting plans for the upcoming year.

**Leadership Endeavors:** This semester, our leadership team focused on fostering a stronger sense of community and communication within our fraternity and the campus. We have moved away from our traditional ways of membership attainment and moved towards a better practice. We introduced new mentorship programs pairing upperclassmen with freshmen, enhancing our support network and ensuring every brother feels connected and valued.

**Expectations for Rush and the Upcoming Year:** As this fall approaches, the Gamma Iota chapter is excitedly anticipating the next fall recruitment, taking this annual opportunity to introduce potential new members to the lifeline of brotherhood that Delta Sigma Phi provides. We are very hopeful for a large rush class as we utilize chapter input and resources from Delta Sig HQ to improve from years prior to show the incoming freshman what Delta Sigs do best.

**This Year's Successes:** Reflecting on our achievements, I am proud to highlight the numerous successes we've experienced this year. Our most notable accomplishment was the "Bike to Boise" philanthropy event, where we raised over \$5,200 for Hope House. This event not only showcased our dedication to community service but also brought our brothers together in a meaningful way, strengthening our bond and commitment to making a positive impact. We also hosted several successful brotherhood events, including a weekend retreat focused on leadership development and team-building activities. These events have not only strengthened our internal relationships but have also equipped our members with the skills and confidence needed to lead both within and outside the fraternity.

Moreover, we organized a series of academic workshops and study sessions, which have helped many of our brothers improve their grades and academic performance. These initiatives underscore our commitment to academic excellence and support the personal growth of our members. Overall, this semester has been marked by significant achievements and a strong sense of camaraderie among our brothers. I am confident that Delta Sigma Phi will continue to thrive and uphold our cherished values in the coming year.

**Celebrating our brothers:** I am excited to announce that a few of our brothers have secured prestigious internships for the summer. Brother Bernardo Bautista will be building the Vandal Healing Garden and memorial in honor of the 4 students we lost November 13 2022. Aidan Moyes will be assisting at the University of Idaho Child Center to further his career in childhood development studies. Lastly, I will be interning at Providence Alaska Medical Center, furthering my studies in medical sciences. These accomplishments exemplify the high standards and aspirations of our fraternity.

**To our Alumni:** A heartfelt thank you to our alumni for their unwavering support, especially those who attended this year's B2B Alumni Dinner. Your presence and encouragement are invaluable to our chapter's growth. The event was a tremendous success, fostering connections between past and present members and inspiring us with your achievements.

In closing, I am confident that Delta Sigma Phi will continue to thrive and uphold our cherished values. Together, we will make the upcoming year even more remarkable.

Josh Rardon PC'21

John Schisel PC '04

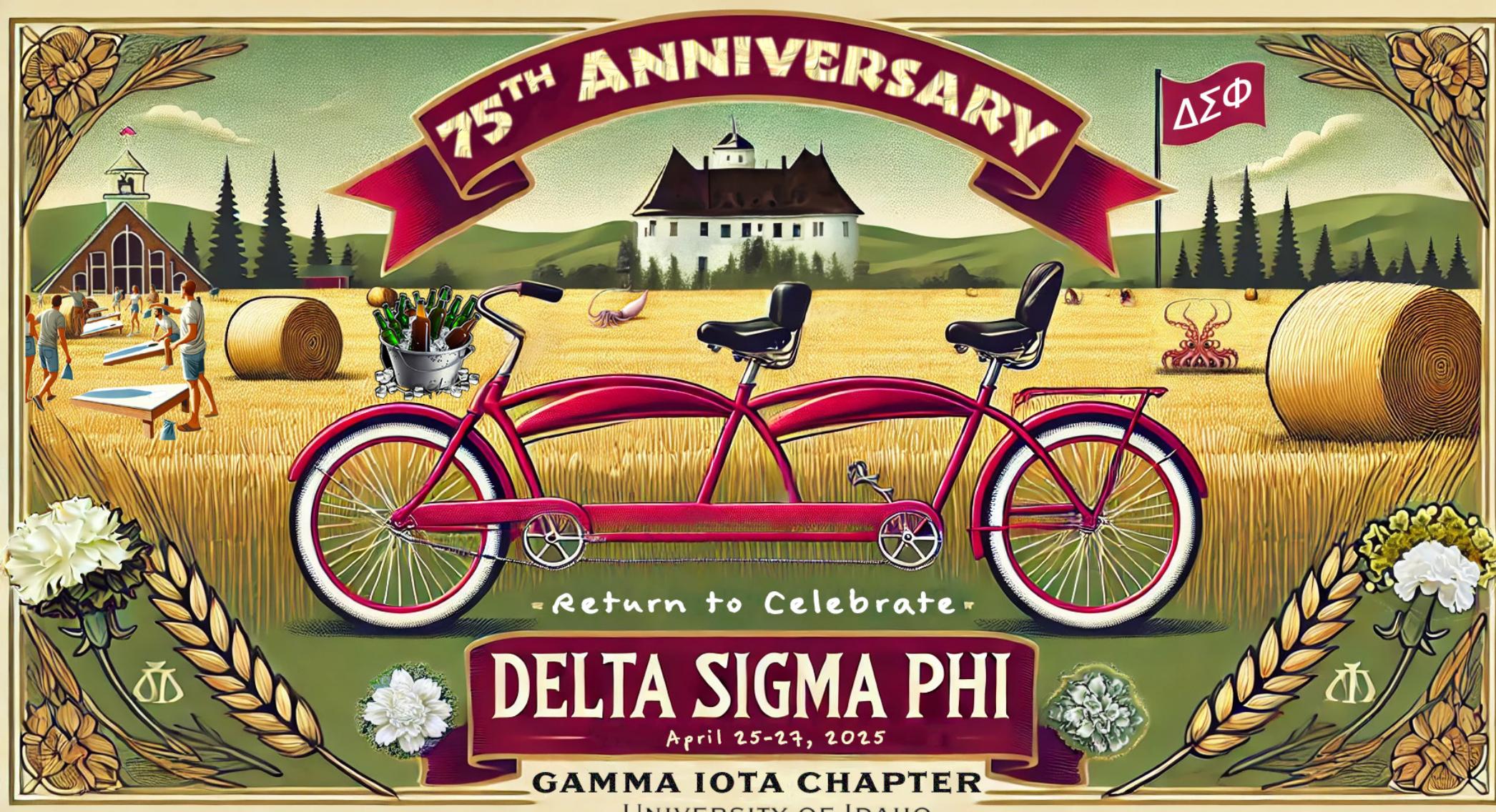


Undergraduate Brothers after the "Pie a DSig" community event to raise money for Bike to Boise

## UAB UPDATE

**H**appy springtime brothers. The UAB or CCAB has continued to strengthen our bonds with the undergraduates in the house. Recently John Schisel visited the house to assess struggles with academics. He had a meaningful conversation with the brothers in attendance and gathered feedback about how to get our academics back on track and stand out in the Greek community.

A few of the early action items are; goal setting, individually and as a house, visible schedules in the form of an accessible spreadsheet, and reserving rooms regularly for our brothers to gather in. By fall semester there will be a shareable product for potential new members and alumni. Mil has recently taken a position with the University of Idaho Alumni Association and plans on doing a lot more traveling to Moscow. He plans to visit the house regularly to build relationships with the undergrads. Mil's primary area of focus will be recruitment and social efforts.



# PROSPERITY & BROTHERHOOD

## RECRUITMENT

**R**ecruitment is one of the cornerstones of success for any fraternity and being able to consistently welcome new brothers into the brotherhood is something we strive for every year.

With the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters coming to an end, we have seen many new faces and personalities join the Gamma Iota chapter of Delta Sigma Phi and it is with them that we aim to do even better in the semesters to come.

I am confident that with the collaboration of all Delta Sig undergraduates and a few key alumni member support, in combination with the new ideas being put into place from the culmination of knowledge gained by previous successful rush classes, that we can recruit a substantial rush class. Over the summer, we plan to consistently reach out to all possible incoming freshmen and potential new members, and invite them to at least one Summer rush event is something that hasn't been utilized in previous Summer rushes. I am also meeting with Gamma Iota alumni through our UAB that can provide key information and advice on how to make this Summer as successful as possible leading into the Fall recruitment.

I have met with our chapter and gathered many ideas on how to improve our Fall recruitment as much as possible. Everybody seems to hate the same few things about rush every year, the heat, forgetting your water, and the same questions being asked at every house. I believe that by providing a refuge from those problems and keeping as many people in the castle as we can, we can properly introduce our true colors to these potential new members in a way that is better than every other house, and sway people to join that we may have never thought would be interested. I aim to make sure we aren't the #2 house in the back of their minds on bid day and instead be the easiest first choice they could ever think of.

YITBOS,

Cole Barrett  
PC' 21  
Executive Recruitment Director



*That a symmetrical culture, a fraternal communion among the colleges of this country, and a brotherhood of men, whose ideals and beliefs are those of modern civilization, are essential to the welfare of our college men.*



- Preamble

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FAISANT



Founding member Rob Faisant '50 turned 93 on March 5, 2024. The chapter sent him a dozen white carnations on his birthday.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**T**he bills had largely stayed within the budget for this last semester. Due to that, our reserves are increasing. The year didn't come without its problems however, which would include some unexpected expenses due to maintenance and replacement. These expenses though were results from the normal wear and tear of the house. Overall, however, the chapter remains in good solid health in terms of finances.

The budget for the next academic year is pretty similar to the one for this academic year that has just finished. Within this next academic year, the spending on the undergraduate side will remain fairly similar to this last academic year.

The chapter is also looking forward to using all the pledges and donations from the B2B Alumni Dinner to finish the repairs on the basement. Thank you to all who have pledged or donated to the cause. The ACB and the undergraduate chapter is working closely in order to finalize the plan so we can share it with you. Donations are always appreciated and will go towards keeping our beloved chapter in good shape, ensuring its longevity.

The ACB is currently making good progress in re-establishing the chapter's nonprofit status. They have also been making good headway in catching up the chapter on taxes.

YITBOS

Seth Rahe PC '22  
Treasurer

# GENEROSITY IN ACTION



Brother Bernardo Bautista featured on KREM 2 News after reaching construction milestone on the Vandal Healing Garden & Memorial in Honor of the greek members we lost in November of 2022

## PHILANTHROPY REPORT

**W**alking outside, the sun shines over the house, still not touching the ground. The air is warm this year, unlike the last. I look to see some of the early risers chatting outside on the lawn. This of course is opposite to the group on the other side of the lawn, upset they had to wake up before nine. Looking back though, the best part of the ride for me is not in the morning but cheering on my brothers who ride seemingly endless hours on the bike. This was what brotherhood is all about and although I love biking, encouraging the riders is my favorite; whether it be through jokes to make them laugh, music to make them move, or even taunts to give them a common enemy.

The brotherhood aspect of Bike to Boise is something to remember, however it is also important to be reminded why we do it. Bike to Boise give us an amazing opportunity to give back to the community that supports us. This year we raised over \$5,200 for the Hope House. A nonprofit with the mission of helping children in the foster system who do not get support in gaining the education and experiences needed in adulthood. In the past, the money we have given has gone to building a computer lab and a playground. These are things that go so far to make these kids feel better.

It is for these reasons, brotherhood and philanthropy, that I feel so honored to go on this grand adventure through the heart of Idaho. This is of course compounded by the fact that I get to meet so many alumni. This year 86 brothers were in attendance. It was so enjoyable to see not only their life-long bonds, but to also be a part of them. These dinners prove that the Gordian Knot of Friendship is indeed unbreakable.

All in all, Bike to Boise reminds me of why I love being a member of Delta Sigma Phi. In my time I have only gone twice. However, each time I leave more inspired and hope filled than from the one before. To see what fraternity is all about in one journey is truly priceless. From the journey itself, to why we do it, to sharing a meal with a group of men committed to the same purpose as ourselves. Bike to Boise helps us live out our motto: Better Men, Better Lives."

YITBOS,

Andrew Wood  
PC '22



Brothers rallying together at the end of Bike to Boise on the capital steps

Cheers to the following alumni for sponsoring all of the undergraduate members to attend the 2024 Bike to Boise Alumni Dinner this April. It is truly appreciated.  
YITBOS

John Beckwith PC '57  
Merlyn Clark PC '57  
Steve Arnt PC '60  
Mike Rowles PC '64  
Ole Bergset PC '65  
Stroud Kunkle PC '66 (x3)  
Larry Decker PC '68 (x2)  
Edwin Lettenker PC '70  
Vaughn Wasem PC '70 (x2)  
Ted Argyle PC '74 (x2)  
John Argyle PC '76 (x2)  
Eric Pickett C '78 (x2)  
Matt Douglas PC '79 (x2)  
Ron Mowery PC '89  
Scott Bunderson PC '90  
Aaron Williamson PC '90  
John Carpenter PC '93  
Nate McLean PC '94  
Sean Foster PC '07  
Robert Tunison PC '07  
Preston Marispini PC '19



Brother Wood (Orange Prison Jumpsuit) and Brother Tinno (Not in the Orange Prison Jumpsuit) Riding in this years Bike to Boise

## ACB PRESIDENT LETTER

I am excited to share some significant updates regarding the restructuring of our Alumni Corporation Board (ACB) and the upcoming 75th Anniversary celebration of our chapter's founding.

Firstly, I want to emphasize our collaborative effort with Headquarters staff to streamline the ACB structure. Our aim is to eliminate unnecessary responsibilities and transition to a simpler, more efficient model for the board. Under this new structure, the ACB will focus solely on legal ownership of the house and oversee select financial decisions. The Collegiate Chapter Advisory Board (CCAB) will assume full responsibility for advising the undergraduates, while the Alumni Chapter (AC) will be revitalized with Headquarters support to manage events such as the Bike to Boise (B2B) Alumni Dinner and anniversary celebrations.

The primary goal behind these changes is to establish a sustainable model for our volunteers. Historically, we have grappled with volunteer burnout due to outdated systems and heavy responsibility loads. By implementing this new model, we hope to alleviate some of the challenges faced by ACBs nationwide.

We look to have this new model established before the end of the current ACB term, which is slated for turnover on August 1st. At which point, I will transition to an auxiliary support role to provide guidance with the new board and assist in a to-be-announced capacity.

Additionally, I am thrilled to announce that plans are underway for our chapter's 75th Anniversary celebration, scheduled to take place in Moscow next year. Our dedicated committee is hard at work organizing the event, and we have every confidence that it will be a resounding success, bringing together brothers from near and far to commemorate this milestone in our fraternity's history.

As we move forward with these initiatives, I invite your continued support and participation. Together, we can ensure the longevity and prosperity of our beloved fraternity.

YITBOS,

Michael Bivens PC '15  
ACB President



Brother/Friar Sean Raftis PC 84 gives the opening prayer at the US House of Representatives on March 8, 2024 as the Guest Chaplin. He serves at the



Brother Anthony Reyes on the University of Idaho's marching band played in place of Yale's marching band during their game against the Auburn Tigers during March Madness (5th over on the bottom row)



Photo of Pledge Class '23 that was featured on the front page of our national HQ's '**DELTA SIG INSIDER**' June Edition