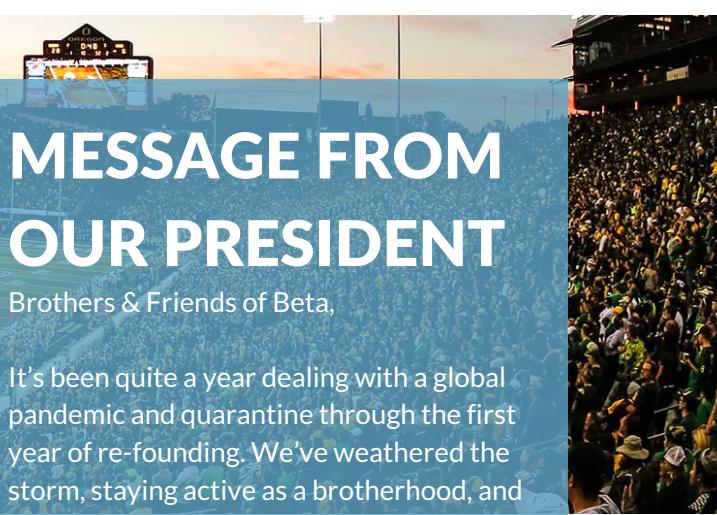


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THE BETA RHOSE NEWSLETTER



Our Covid-19 Response

Our house is taking coronavirus as seriously as we can. Keeping the members of our chapter safe is our number one priority, we strictly follow all State and University safety policy recommendations. We enforce a mask policy, limit group sizes, have distancing set up in our dining room, get guys tested regularly, and as of now are working on getting everyone vaccinated. I am proud to say that we have had only one case of coronavirus all year and were able to respond quickly enough that there was no spread. As more people get vaccinated and State regulations change we will reevaluate our protocols in order to maintain the safety of our chapter.

Through the year we've attended service events, held chapter dinners, basketball tournaments at the Hall, brought in guest speakers on subjects ranging from responsible drinking to mental health awareness, went on ski trips with Jan, held two virtual philanthropies, put on academic workshops, bought apparel for the guys, and more.

I look forwards to hosting events in person this fall and utilizing Holden Hall in its proper manner. Consider this an open invite to come visit Holden Hall, meets the brothers, have one of Jan's meals (hopefully chicken), and re-immerse yourselves in the spirit of Beta Rho.

It's an honor to lead this chapter and to build off the foundation of knowledge and experience built by all alum that have come before us.

Recruitment

With fraternity interest at an all time low among men at the University, Beta Rho has come up with a lot of creative ways to maintain steady recruitment despite COVID-19. With hard work from the brothers and the recruitment committee we have been able to turn virtual rush into an engaging and fun time with the brothers and potential new members. Some ways in which we accomplished this was by having our brothers run individual casino rooms with games such as roulette, black jack, and a Kentucky derby board where the brothers and potential new members could engage with each other and have fun betting.

Additionally, prior to rush,

we had been inviting potential new members over to Holden Hall to play basketball, spikeball, soccer, and other activities with the brothers. Through utilizing referrals and posting on social media, we have been able to maintain a solid stream of high quality men of principle - all of this despite the pandemic.



Carson's Charity Run

Philanthropy is an incredibly valued aspect of our brotherhood, and even in the face of this year's undeniable difficulty, we have found a way to get out there and do some good for those who need it. Brother Carson Hugill spent a chilly afternoon running laps around the Beta house to raise money for the Polar Plunge charity. In total, he was able to raise \$792, all going directly to Polar Plunge. Thank you to Carson, and a special thank you to Brother Neal Bryan for counting Carson's laps!



Service and Philanthropy

Our philanthropic efforts this year have yielded fantastic results. Our first philanthropy event of the year was through a live stream event called extra live, where we expected to raise \$1,000, but we ended up doubling that amount and raising \$2,020. All the money raised through extra lives went to our local children's hospital. Our second philanthropy event was through an extra live event again in the spring where we expected to raise \$1,500 and we doubled that amount once again and raised \$3,013. Across all philanthropy endeavours this year we've managed to raise nearly \$6,000. A few service events our brothers have been participating in this year include the Holden Center earth day event, local community gardens, tree planting, feeding the homeless, and other activities put on by the city of Eugene.



The brothers and House Mom Jan Franklin pictured above, at Hoodoo Mountain Resort.

Scholarship

Winter term was a very productive term for the Beta Rho scholarship team. We assembled a study space in the house where brothers can collaborate and have a quiet space to get work done. We also worked to curate personal study and academic plans for brothers in need of additional assistance. Our first academic success workshop was also held, helping brothers build useful lifetime skills such as time management, knowing your resources, and goal setting. These practices turned out to be a success as we placed third overall in grades winter term.

Brotherhood

Winter term is notoriously a stressful time, one where the importance of brotherhood becomes all the more important. The Beta Rho brothers have taken advantage of Oregon's natural beauty, bringing their brotherhood to the mountain. Throughout winter term the brothers have organized weekly ski trips, each one more fun than the last. Beta ski days have become an incredible asset to the chapter in terms of both bonding and stress relief.

Activities

In the first of two gaming tournaments, the brothers paired up for head-to-head battles in Super Smash Bros. Brothers Neal Bryan and Joey Ryan took home first place. Mario Kart Following the massive success of the Smash tournament, we decided to host another bracketed battle, this time in Mario Kart. Brother Luis Tort won this one with an impressive showing. We've also been holding a multitude of activities for the guys to participate in like weekly basketball games, cornhole tournaments, weekly movie nights, bubble soccer, hikes, and more.



Supporting UO Dance Marathon fundraiser at MOD Pizza

Connect With Us

Please feel free to connect with us on social media @betauo on Instagram, and at www.betauo.com

Housing Needs

If you have the ability or resources to help in any way, please contact Caden Patterson our housing manager.

- New chairs for our dining room
- Basketball court repairs
- New printer and compatible ink
- Banners or tarps to hang on fencing

Message of Appreciation

The brothers are so grateful to have Holden Hall back in Beta Rho's possession. It's done so much to bring the brotherhood together, keeping us active and engaged. We've got couches and a TV in the basement and converted the old tv room into a study hall for the brothers. Right now we've got a couple tables and chairs, a printer, and, in the spirit of mutual assistance, a bookcase where brothers have donated old textbooks. In that same spirit, we are looking to supplement the room with more professional appliances to further aid us in our commitment to intellectual growth.

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