Delta Tau Delta -The Iota Psi Chapter

The Iota Psi Chapter of Delta Tau Delta at Northeastern University was founded in the Spring of 2013 by a group of men aiming to improve, not only themselves, but also the communities they were apart of. To accomplish this, they would have to put others before themselves, checking their egos at the door. With the help of a diverse group of brothers, Delta Tau Delta has been able to achieve this goal: leaving an undoubtedly positive mark on the communities around it. Each brother, no matter if his interests lie in sports, music, service, or academics, has been an integral part of this success. But now, Delta Tau Delta has one more lofty goal left to achieve: to redefine the meaning of the word “fraternity” in our culture’s lexicon. Seeing all that the chapter has already accomplished, it seems that this goal is within reach.

To understand Iota Psi, one must first understand the National Organization that is Delta Tau Delta. Delt was formed in 1858 at Bethany College in West Virginia. A group of principled young men decided they had enough of the subversive, corrupt tactics of the well-respected Neotrophian Literary Society and they decided to reject those ways and run their own society free from such distasteful actions. These 8 men slowly grew their community of strong-willed, driven students until they began to be further recognized on campus as Delta Tau Delta. Today, Delt has grown from that humble beginning to an organization with chapters at over 200 college campuses of all kinds.

On January 29th 2013, Andrew Sullivan and Dylan Pine came to Northeastern campus looking to create a stronger Delt presence in Boston. This was the day that the Iota Psi chapter begun. Andrew Sullivan and Dylan Pine were representatives from Nationals. Mr. Pine used the Sororities on campus in order to recruit members to the new chapter, while Mr. Sullivan became the Chapter Consultant. They were looking for men that represented the values of Delt, and they did a very good job of recruiting members. However, there were some challenges in the beginning. There were 50 founding fathers, each with there own visions and aspirations for the chapter. The first chapter meeting was held in the late winter of 2013. The Founding Fathers were able to come together to create a centralized goal of what they envisioned the chapter to become. One of the most important events was bowling at Jillian’s. The Founding Fathers also had to meet with each other one-on-one and had to go on a retreat, forming the idea of Interviews and a retreat for new members.

Because of other commitments, 28 of the Founding Fathers were left by the end of the semester. However, this was a blessing, not a curse. The remaining men were committed to the Fraternity. The future of the Chapter was in the hands on these men. The leader of this group was Evan Hershy. He became the first president and many of his decisions were instrumental in keeping the chapter going and growing. Time was limited, so energy and urgency was necessary in keeping the Fraternity alive. Delt was unable to participate in Greek Sing that year, however, they did compete in Greek God. Brandon Entwistle stepped up to the plate, and caught grapes in his mouth. This was important because it got the Fraternity's face on campus. The first social Delt held was not successful, but it was influential in forming the idea that Delts are gentleman and anything that could hurt that reputation would not be tolerated. Also, A-board and E-board members became more open to opinions from members that weren’t directly on the boards.

The Fall semester of 2013 proved to be a challenge for the Founding Fathers. It was the first proper recruitment for the Fraternity. They also had to deal with a serious injury that almost cost one of the brothers an eye. Recruitment was very disorganized and the Founding Fathers relied heavily on Sorority connections. The sororities helped send people that they believed would be a good fit for Delt. However, there were still obstacles that the brothers had to face. Some brothers dropped and others weren’t fully committed, yet, through the leadership and organization skills of the President, they were able to get through it. Alpha class was taught by New Member Educator, Joe Babinski, who did an outstanding job given the situation. The semester was the first year the Delt worked with FAAR guidelines. Delt was also able to hold a Halloween social, a camping trip, as well as a Semi-formal at the end of the semester.

The Spring semester of 2014 proved to be a big turning point for Delta Tau Delta at Northeastern. They held their first chapter elections which were a major success. Evan Hershy became the President again and much was done under his reign. This new e-board and a-board prided itself on putting in endless hours to make the Fraternity great.  Also, this was the semester that Delt officially got its Charter. Alongside the BU chapter of Delta Tau Delta, the Fraternity was honored at the Walter Brown Arena and was given it’s Charter. Delt also became very prominent on campus. Socials were becoming more and more common, and they were being held at venues all over Boston. Brothers could be found all over campus representing Delt in a variety of ways. The relationships between the sorority’s started to grow because many of the Brother’s started to attend Sorority events. Lastly, Big-little families started to form. The Beta class was given their bigs during mid-March which started the Greek families that we see today in the Chapter.

Fall 2014 was a time of change for the Iota Psi Chapter. Before this semester started, Nationals held a Karnea in New Orleans. The delegates for Iota Psi were Brandon Entwistle and Pat Ward. They were accompanied by Pat Mardula and Alex Cohen. Gamma class consisted of 12 men, showing how the Fraternity was growing and beginning to get some traction. However, this year marked the end of Evan Hershy’s time as president. Ryan Baker was the interim president for 2 weeks, then, Brandon Entwistle was ultimately elected president. The goal of the Fraternity then became to continue to get the Fraternity’s name out on campus and to start to program more events. A-board spent the majority of their time setting up fundraisers which proved to be a success based on the turnout at the Relay for Life event. The event Dunk-A-Delt was created during this semester and became the annual Fall fundraiser for JDRF. The Gamma Class was tasked with creating something that would help the Fraternity by their New Member Educator Ryan Baker. They decided that they would make large wooden Greek letters for the Fraternity. These letters are still being used today.

During the Spring of 2015, Delta Tau Delta was growing at a rate that could not have been expected for such a new Fraternity. Delt was creating relationships between themselves and the Sororities and Fraternities on Campus. The brothers truly believed that they were becoming a force on the Northeastern Campus. This was when the image that Delt has today was formed. Brothers of the Chapter visited the Eastern Division Conference in February.  This year, Delt won the Chapter of the Year on Northeastern Campus for 2015. This was a huge accomplishment and showed how much work the Fraternity was doing.  Delt also attended Karnea, which helped them create relationships outside the Campus. Formal was help on a boat which had mixed reviews. Lastly, Pat Ward won Big Man on Campus.

Fall 2015 started with recruitment of Epsilon class. The new member educator was Tony Digregorio and the pledge class created a table as their project. Pumpkinfest was also created during the Fall of 2015. Elections were held and Dave Roglieri became the new President of Iota Psi. Alex Lambiotte took over as new member educator. He understood that he had to make sure the new members were truly ready to join the Fraternity. This was also the semester where the annual Deltona 500 was started. This became the annual fundraiser during the Fall semester for JDRF.

The next semester, Iota Psi won the Hugh Shield award for the first time. This was a big accomplishment and was one of the goals when the Chapter was founded. Delt finished third in the Greek Sing competition as well as winning Greek God thanks to Rolando. The annual fundraiser for JDRF, Dunk-a-Delt was postponed because of on campus rules. The event ended up being cancelled because of how expensive it would have been. Formal was moved to the Cape, where it is now.

Fall 2016 brought in the largest pledge class that Delt had seen. It consisted of 20 new members, each bringing their own unique characteristics. They created a cooler as their project. New elections were held and for the first time, none of the positions were held by Founding Fathers. This was a challenge, however, Delt continued to grow and flourish. Elections were held during the Semester. Alex Lambiotte was elected as President. Joe Liddy had a lasting effect as DRM. He believed in open communication as well as brothers holding themselves accountable. Mat Jacowleff also made a very lasting impact as the Community Service Chair. He started the highly popular Pick Up In the Fens, as well as starting the blood drive and improving Delt’s relationship with Boston Children’s Hospital. Sir Richard John Roberts came to campus and talked to Delts and others about GMOs. They were able to use the Curry Ballroom for this presentation because of the popularity of the event. Adam Bennani won Big Man on Campus. Also, Iota Psi was able to raise $8200 for the annual JDRF walk.

The Spring 2017 semester began with the recruitment of Theta class and the realization that all of the Founding Fathers would be graduating this semester. To commemorate this Coming of Age Moment, Theta Class created a chest to hold all of the past relics of Iota Psi. No elections were held, however, there was a change on the e-board. Alec Hill took over as New Member Educator after Mike Fox accepted a co-op in Connecticut. James Vassalo competed in the annual Greek God competition and finished in second place. Chris Herren came to campus to talk about his experience with substance abuse, which left a lasting impact on all those in the crowd. Delt also did an amazing job by raising $17,000 during Relay for Life, as well as, coming in second place at Greek Sing.

From Fall 2017 to the present, Delt has continued its influence around the University and Greek Life. During Fall of 2017, they continued their traditions of Dunk-A-Delt and the JDRF walk. Elections were held during the Fall of 2017 and the new President, Mike Fox, was elected. Iota class was initiated as well. Spring 2018 was filled with awards that Delt had been working towards for a longtime. Iota Psi won Greek Sing for the first time in its history. More significantly, Iota Psi won Chapter of the year at Nationals. This showed all the hard work that the Chapter had put in. One of the most impactful things that Iota Psi has done in its history was help Chris Wiley. Chris Wiley is a teacher and leader in the Greater Boston Area and was Chapter Advisor for Delta Tau Delta. He had to go into emergency surgery, and was paralyzed during the procedure. When Delt heard of this, they started a GoFundMe. This fund got onto National News and they were able to raise over $26,000 to help with medical expenses and other costs.  Also, Kappa class was initiated. During the Fall of 2018, Delt raised over $16,000 for JDRF, as well as attending and raising money for the BARCC gala. Delt has continued to work with BARCC. JD Martinez came to speak about Mental Health. Also, the Lambda class was initiated. A big change that occurred was that Dunk-A-Delt was replaced by Deltapalooza.

Looking back at the History of Delt, it’s truly amazing how far we’ve come in such a short time. Things continue to change and get better as the time goes by. Most recently, the members of the Mu class were given their bids and have been intitiaed with Mat Jacowleff as their New Member Educator. This is Mat’s third semester as New Member Educator, educating the Kappa and Lambda classes beforehand. Iota Psi also won best Delt Chapter in the country for the second year in a row, as well as Chapter of the year two years in a row. They are learning and doing things that were put into place by Founding Fathers only 5 years ago. There are many people and events that have helped shape this fraternity over these short 5 years, all of them leaving a lasting impact. The groundwork has been laid for success. It is up to the future of the Iota Psi to make sure the path of success is taken.

**Appendix**

**E-Board 2014**

President - Evan Hershy

Vice President - Pat Ward

Treasurer -Victor Hernandez

Secretary - Dallas Cantlin

DRM - Nick Sciaratta

Recruitment Chair - Stefan Oloffson

Director of Academic Affairs - Dave Roglieri

Sergeant-at-Arms - Dom Catalano

New Member Educator - Ryan Baker

Guide - Pat Mardula

**A-Board 2014**

Social Chairman - Bennett Courrier-Oaster

Road Chairman - Victor Hernandes

Philanthropy - Tim Benson

Community Service Chairman - David Roglieri

Brotherhood Chairman - Gulinello

Alumni and Parent Relations - Richard Saffire

Administrative Treasurer - Michael Karolewski

**E-Board 2015**

President - Brandon Entwistle

Vice President - David Roglieri

Treasurer -Dallas Cantlin

Secretary - Christopher LoBosco

DRM - Nicholas Sciarratta

Recruitment Chair - Ryan Baker

Director of Academic Affairs -Aaron Gershman

Sergeant-at-Arms - James Ferrara

New Member Educator - Tony Digregorio

Guide - Timothy Benson

**A-Board 2015**

Social Chairman - Alex Lambiotte

Road Chairman - James Condulus

Philanthropy - Matthew Dean

Community Service Chairman - Alex Scherb

Brotherhood Chairman - Matthew Ferreira

Alumni and Parent Relations - Ben Thompson

**E-Board 2016**

President - Dave Roglieri

Vice President - Christopher LoBosco

Treasurer - Matthew Ferreira

Secretary - Tyler Paskowski

DRM - Matthew Dean

Recruitment Chair - Pat Culliton

Director of Academic Affairs- James Condulis

Sergeant-at-Arms - Nick Sciarratta

New Member Educator - Alex Lambiotte

Guide - Carlos Fuentes

**A-Board 2016**

Road Chairman - Michael Flaherty

Philanthropy - Kevin Jimenez

Community Service Chairman - Bennett Lovejoy

Brotherhood Chairman - Darragh O’ Gorman

Alumni and Parent Relations- Jeff O’Conner

Public Relations: Anthony Francis

Administrative Secretary- Alec Hill

Administrative Treasurer- Mike Zingone

**E-Board 2017**

President - Alex Lambiotte

Vice President - Mike Flaherty

Treasurer - Mike Zingone

Secretary - Parth Shah

DRM - Joe Liddy

Recruitment Chair - Darragh O’Gorman

Director of Academic Affairs- Rob Hartman

Sergeant-at-Arms - Colin Duff

New Member Educator - Mike Fox

Guide - Nick Chaves

**A-Board 2017**

Social Chairman - Jack Braun

Public Relations - Greg Williamson

FSL - Eric Gift

Road Chairman - Anthony Francis

Philanthropy - Ben Bowers

Community Service Chairman - Mat Jacowleff

Brotherhood Chairman - Eric Gillett

Administrative Secretary - Kieran Talty

Alumni and Parent Relations - Christian Panebianco

Administrative Treasurer- JJ Devine

**E-Board 2018**

President- Mike Fox

Vice President- Eric Gift

Treasurer- Luke Mistretta

Secretary- Will Robinson

DRM- Eric Gillet

Recruitment Chair- Jack Braun

Director of Academic Affairs- Kieran Talty

Sergeant-at-Arms- Joe Liddy

New Member Educator- Mat Jacowleff

Guide- Gabe Blankemeyer

**A-Board 2018**

Social Chairman - Colby Choi

Public Relations - Darin Hunt

FSL - Taraz Mahoney

Road Chairman - Evan Armstrong

Philanthropy - Jack Hughes

Community Service Chairman - Michael Doulin

Brotherhood Chairman - Ben Mendelson

Administrative Secretary - Satwik Kamarthi

Alumni and Parent Relations - Lucas Walsh

Administrative Treasurer- Sam Santosuosso

**E-Board 2019**

President - Kieran Talty

Vice President - Satwik Kamarthi

Treasurer - Pat Kennedy

Secretary - Tom Keating

DRM - Jared Jacobson

Recruitment Chair - Tommy Clark

Director of Academic Affairs - Mike Parrish

Sergeant-at-Arms - Nate McCrone

New Member Educator - Mat Jacowleff

Guide - Matt Ognibene

**A-Board 2019**

Social Chairman - Brandon Stevens

Public Relations - Darren Lee

FSL - Casey Leffers

Road Chairman - Mike Doulin

Philanthropy - Cory Calderone

Community Service Chairman - Glen Enneper

Brotherhood Chairman - Julian Neema

Administrative Secretary - Matt Tong

Alumni and Parent Relations - Chris Masko

Administrative Treasurer - Chase Levi

**E-Board 2020**

President - Satwik Kamarthi

Vice President - Michael Doulin

Treasurer - John D’Alotto

Secretary - Matt Tong

DRM - Matt Coscarella

Recruitment Chair - Niklas Jansen

Director of Academic Affairs - Canon Sawrey

Sergeant-at-Arms - Gabe Burchett

New Member Educator - Cory Calderone

Guide - Gabe Bringas

Member Development- Matt Urrea

**A-Board 2020**

Social Chairman - Tony Perniciaro

Public Relations - Fons Cervera

FSL - Matt Ognibene

Philanthropy - Kieran Mullen

Community Service Chairman - Thomas Minutella

Brotherhood Chairman - John Campbell/Carl Beskrone

Administrative Secretary - Billy Garcia

Alumni and Parent Relations - Jay Anderson

Administrative Treasurer - Suman Morrissette

**E-Board 2021**

President - Danny Schultz

Vice President - Anthony Perniciaro

Treasurer - Ethan Eckardt

Secretary - Cory Gill

DRM - Joe Mirza

Recruitment Chair - Aaryan Raval

Director of Academic Affairs - Adrian Ramon

Sergeant-at-Arms - Sam Braun

New Member Educator - Mitch Bonaguro/Kieran Mullen

Guide - Carl Beskrone

Member Development- Thomas Gallagher/Boyd Schultz

**A-Board 2021**

Social Chairman - Sasha Burnett

Public Relations - Ethan Pidgeon

FSL - John D’Alotto/Josh Labkoff

Philanthropy - John Curanaj

Community Service Chairman - Cam Young/Billy Garcia

Brotherhood Chairman - Suman Morrissette

Administrative Secretary - Gabe Peralta

Alumni and Parent Relations - Rob Brower

Administrative Treasurer - Norman Sianne

Diversity and Inclusion Chairman- Dara Zayanderoudi