



Spring 2022

GAMMA THETA UPDATE

GAMMA THETA CHAPTER OF BETA THETA PI AT WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY



Our Chapter E-Board, Chapter Advisors, and Gamma Delta Building Association Board plan the year, focusing on the Centennial Celebration, campaign goal, and Chapter goals for a successful 2022.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION “RE-IGNITED”

JOIN US THIS FALL FOR THE CELEBRATION OF A LIFETIME!

Beta alumni, this is your formal invitation to join us during **our Centennial Celebration!** It will take place the weekend of August 12-13, 2022, and we want to fill Pullman with Betas and celebrate together 100 years at WSU, so we hope to see you there!

Itinerary

Friday, August 12

1-5 p.m.

Golf Scramble at the Palouse Ridge Course
Green fees to be paid at pro shop.

6-9 p.m.

Reunion Meet-and-Greet at the WSU Alumni Center
Heavy hors d'oeuvres / no-host bar available.

Saturday, August 13

10 a.m.

Formal Beta Initiation at Courtyard Conference Center
Initiated Betas / ties required.

12-2 p.m.

Post-Ceremony Luncheon Buffet at the Courtyard
Heavy hors d'oeuvres
Wives and sweethearts welcome

2-4 p.m.

Campus and House Tours—Take this time to grab an ice-cream cone at Ferdinand's, pick up Cougar gear at the WSU bookstore, or take a stroll around the ever-expanding campus.
Shuttle buses available from the Marriott properties.

5-9 p.m.

Centennial Celebration Banquet at CUB Ballroom
Business casual attire / no-host bar.

Chapter Historical Materials Needed

If you have any Chapter history (photos, posters, letters, mugs, stories, old Chapter newsletters, memorabilia, etc.), please consider donating them to the Chapter as we collect history for our Centennial Celebration. Historical documents and photos in electronic form can be emailed to jmpappas@me.com. Hardcopy and other materials can be mailed to:

Chapter Historian, Beta Theta Pi
820 NE Linden St.
Pullman, WA 99163

Register for Centennial Celebration at: wsubetaregistration.eventbrite.com

\$300 for Alumni | \$95 for Sweethearts | \$50 for Actives

Registering after June 15
will result in a late
registration fee of \$50.
25% cancellation fee if
made before July 12.
No refunds after July 12.

Green fees to be paid at
pro shop: \$75 for Alumni,
\$45 for Actives

Dress attire:
Summer casual except at
the initiation ceremony.

Campaign Status at a Glance

As of March 1, 2022

Campaign Goal
\$2.5 million

Total Amount Raised
\$1,628,710

Number of Contributors
191

To view the list of our loyal donors, visit: tinyurl.com/CentennialDonorsMarch2022



BUILDING THE LEGACY

ACTIVE BROTHERS ARE READY FOR ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR



Awards presented to our Chapter from IFC. Jayden Patterson '23 was awarded IFC Chapter Officer of the Year, Bailey Erickson '20 was awarded IFC Chapter Advisor of the Year, and Daniel Chamberlain '22 accepted the award for Best New Member Development.

Although life has been hectic in recent years, the men of the Gamma Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi have begun to enjoy life within the beautifully renovated Chapter House. This is very exciting, as it allows for the strengthening of brotherly bonds and the development of new memories that we will all cherish forever. The development of good character, academic success, and social bonds is made possible not only through the experiences we make with each other, but also the beautiful environment that we are privileged enough to call home.

This is only made possible through the generous donations and hard work put in by alumni. The men of Beta Theta Pi are forever grateful for these sacrifices, as it provides a space for the brothers of this Fraternity to truly excel in their academic studies and all other endeavors.

It is within the newly renovated Chapter House that we can find peace and quiet and catch up on academics in the new study rooms throughout the house. These rooms, coupled with the removal of the sleeping porch and beds, have drastically improved the quality of the time spent within the Chapter House. These new renovations have attracted older members to live-in longer; as for the younger members—they could not be more pleased. The current house capacity is 45, and we have filled the house with 43 bright young men.

Extracurriculars

Many brothers participate in intramural sports, the most popular being football, basketball, softball, and soccer. This year, **Marshall Starbuck '22**, **Nick Preston '22**, **Grant Ball '22**, **Logan Miller '22**, **Nolan Meyer '24**, **Cole Kushin '24**, **Patrick O'Neill '22**, **Robbie Schroeder '22**, and **Trent Martindale '23** all participated in flag football and were able to beat SigEp in the championship game.

Along with our successes in football and other intramurals, **Zach Johnson '24** won the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital bowling tournament with a score of 278 (strike on every frame up until the last!). All proceeds went to St. Jude, and we were once again able to show off to others what it means to be a Beta.

Academics

The men of Beta Theta Pi achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.04. Although this is relatively good, this does not quite live up to the high standards that we pride ourselves in. There is room for improvement if we plan on being the pinnacle of success on this campus, and this gives us a clear goal to shoot for. With the implementation of the new study rooms, this goal will surely be met.

Recruitment

Despite not having access to the Chapter House during recruitment week, we were still able to recruit and initiate 26 new members during fall 2021. We have been on the search for more bright young men during spring recruitment and have already gained three new pledges for spring 2022.

Fraternally,
Ryan Bean '23
President

2022 GRADUATING SENIORS

Grant Ball plans to go to graduate school for counseling, then obtain a Ph.D. in prevention science and potentially become a professor.

Connor Cowles plans on becoming a mechanical engineer. His goal is to be involved in defense/aerospace applications.

Chandler Dosa is graduating with an entrepreneurship degree and plans to work in the pharmaceutical industry.

Jack Folden is an advertising major with a minor in economics looking to work for an advertising firm.

Sean Gilbert hopes to one day design Formula One race cars for Ferrari. Before that, he plans to work his way in the thermo-fluids field, optimizing aerodynamic and cooling systems for road vehicles.

Patrick O'Neill plans to look for a financial analyst position and eventually move to

commercial real estate, where he wants to own his own real estate firm.

Jacob Marciniak is graduating with a degree in strategic communications and a minor in criminal justice. He will be going into law enforcement.

Robbie Schroeder is a kinesiology major with a minor in strength and conditioning. He plans on going to physical therapy school and has the goal of opening his own gym.

Reagan Stubb would like to work in industry as a mechanical engineer for a couple of years before returning to school to complete an MBA and transition into an engineering management role.

Alex Yano plans to look for a position as a graduate assistant on a Division I staff in hopes to become president of basketball operations for a Division I program.

WELCOME,
NEW
MEMBERS!

Blake Galaviz '23
Bonney Lake, Wash.

Bryce Joanis '24
White Center, Wash.

Samuel James '25
Vancouver, Wash.



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CONTINUING EXCELLENCE

How Undergraduates and Alumni Are Doing Their Part

It is my pleasure to report on Chapter operations on behalf of the advisor team. The brotherhood is reignited with our men living in the partly renovated Chapter House and attending classes on campus. The rhythm of life is returning to normal, pre-COVID times with academics, social events, Chapter meetings, ritual, sports, and other events. For many of our men, this is the first time they have experienced student life at WSU as we all have known it.

Brotherhood Events and Chapter Meals

The brotherhood continues to be resilient. The house is nearly full of Beta men excited to live in their new rooms and enjoy the brotherhood of living together. Mealtime—which is so important for a young man—has been eagerly awaited with our new kitchen contractor. Our current cook, Chelsea, has been making great meals for our men (with many compliments to the chef!). Social events flourish again, and there are plans to bring back the Spring Formal, also known as Daff, after several years.

Constitutional Changes

Self-governance (with advisory assistance) continues to be the hallmark of our Chapter operations. After considering the latest trends in organization, the Chapter approved changes to the constitution that reorganized our Executive Committee and sub-committees. This new plan encourages every man to participate in committee work, increasing organization and results. It has been enthusiastically embraced by the Chapter and is contributing to the feeling of a reignited brotherhood.

Join the Advisor Team!

Finally, the advisor team is full of men who are rewarded by working with and knowing the outstanding Beta undergraduates. There is always room for more advisors on the team, and I encourage you to consider volunteering on the advisor team to help guide our Beta men to their maximum potential in our reignited brotherhood.

Yours in ____kai____,

Jim Pappas '85
Chapter Counselor



Our brothers score a win at the St. Jude Bowling Tournament: Jack Smith, Jack Maggio '24, Zach Johnson '24, and Sebastian Toglia '23.



Football Champs: Marshall Starbuck '22, Nick Preston, Grant Ball '22, Logan Miller, Cole Kushin, Nolan Meyer, Patrick O'Neill '22, Robbie Schroeder '22, and Trent Martindale '23



What's a better way to bond than a camping trip?

BOOK YOUR ROOMS NOW!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE CENTENNIAL

The Marriott Hotels, just east of Martin Stadium by the Recreation Center, have rooms reserved in Pullman for August 12-13. Call TODAY and book a room for those two nights before the rush of move-in weekend begins. The room block will be lifted on July 12, 2022, so reservations need to be made by that date.

Additionally, if you're coming from out of town to play golf with your brothers, sweethearts, and current undergraduates on August 12, you're able to book a Marriott room for Thursday, August 11, at the same rate.

Choose either Marriott property offering your special Beta Theta Pi group rates:

Courtyard Pullman (breakfast available for purchase)

- \$179 (king bed)
- \$189 (two queen beds)

(509) 332-1500, Reservation Code: BTC

Residence Inn Pullman (breakfast included)

- \$209 (king bed)
- \$219 (two queen beds)

(509) 332-4400, Reservation Code: BTC

Note: There is a \$12/day charge for parking at either property.

Please call the Pullman phone numbers above to make reservations and *not* the Marriott toll free national number since the staff at the national reservation number may not be aware of the BTC reservation code for the event.

Rooms can be canceled up to 48 hours ahead of Aug 12, 2022, so there's nothing to lose. Book your room today!

Yours in ____kai____,

Roger Aldrich '70

Centennial Celebration Committee

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FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Now that phases 1, 2, and 3 are mostly complete, we are focused on PHASE FOUR. Our short-term goal for this summer is to make improvements to the basement study and sleeping rooms and major repairs to our leaking foundation. Our long-term goal, depending on funding, is to move the main kitchen to the first floor.

However, none of this can really start until the remaining balance of \$900,000 is in the bank. Your support will complete a tremendous alumni effort to ensure the next 100 years of Beta Theta Pi flourish at WSU.

Visit this link for a house tour:
tinyurl.com/wsubetahousetour

We need your participation to reach our capital campaign goal of \$2.5 million. All 840 brothers who have yet to donate are being encouraged by 35 class leaders to make their financial pledges now; **your donation today will allow us to finish phase four of the remodel** and complete the entire Chapter House, ensuring Gamma Theta's next 100 years.

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Do You Know Who Your Class/Era Leader Is?

If you have any questions about the campaign or how to make a contribution, we encourage you to reach out to one of our class/era leaders. To find out who best to contact, please visit this link:

tinyurl.com/GammaThetaEraLeaders

Leaders are in order of graduation year along with their email addresses and phone numbers.