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Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Louisiana State University

CHAPTER TO RECOLONIZE IN 2017

Now Is the Time to Connect with ATΩ Brothers

We understand that upon graduating from Louisiana State University, we quickly find that new interests—careers, families, and civic activities—can make it difficult to keep our fraternal bonds intact. The day-to-day activities of life take over and, before long, we fall out of touch and begin to wonder what happened to

our brothers. Without a solid alumni relations program in place, our members lack the means for staying connected to Epsilon Zeta.

EPSILON ZETA LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM

With this in mind, we are happy to announce the launch of our new alumni relations program. Our alumni relations program is designed to help members stay in touch and to cultivate awareness and involvement in the future of the Epsilon Zeta Chapter. There are several elements that are key to the program's success.

We will mail two newsletters each year containing alumni news, information on upcoming events, and news regarding ATΩ's plans to return to campus. Once a year, we will send out a biographical information form that allows alumni to update the information we have on record. These updates also provide the information what we believe will be for one of the most popular features in the newsletters, the "Alumni News" section. This is a vital tool in maintaining our records and our ties with one another. Please review the biographical updated included in this newsletter and send it back in to us as soon as possible. If you have contact information for some of the lost brothers listed, please send us their information so we can include them in future mailings.

RECOLONIZATION PLANS ANNOUNCED

Alumni have worked diligently on a comprehensive recolonization plan. A successful recolonization requires an engaged and supportive alumni base, so we'll utilize our alumni relations program to regularly communicate our progress and ask for your help. Without you, we cannot realize our dream of returning the Epsilon Zeta Chapter to Louisiana State University.

The expansion model—a program that has been effective at Alpha Tau Omega chapters across the country—provides a comprehensive partnership between alumni leadership on a local level and the national fraternity, under the guidance of Director of Growth **RJ Taylor**, *Austin Peay State University 'YR*. We are already working closely with RJ as we lead up to our official recolonization efforts, which will take place in January 2017.

We hope that through the Epsilon Zeta annual alumni relations program your fraternal bonds are renewed and strengthened. As we look to the future of ATΩ at LSU, we welcome your suggestions, alumni news, ideas for articles, or plans for reunions. Please submit them to P.O. Box 571, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. We look forward to hearing from you!



ATΩ brothers **RJ Taylor**, *Austin Peay State University 'XX*, **Todd Campbell**, *University of Missouri '91*, and **Cliff Mount** '92 at the Homecoming tailgate.

A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Greek Excellence Award Winner David Laxton '68 Shares His Journey with ATΩ

Recent Greek Excellence Award winner **David Laxton '68** came to LSU in 1967 knowing he wanted to be involved in a national fraternity. The question left was which one. During recruitment, David particularly enjoyed his visits with the Chapter and felt he would fit in well. When his invitation came from ATΩ, David gladly accepted.

There were a few who made a significant impact on David's ATΩ experience. Both faculty advisor **T. Harry Williams '55** and ATΩ alumnus **Horace Wilkinson IV** positively influenced his involvement with ATΩ. Some of David's favorite memories from living in the chapter house included Friday afternoons on the back porch, after football game parties, and nightly bull sessions.

David stayed involved with the chapter after graduating, serving as Province Chief, alumni advisor, and currently as a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Foundation's Chairman's Club and the alumni association working to return the chapter back to LSU. His service was awarded recently at this year's Louisiana State University Greek Excellence Banquet when he was presented the Greek Excellence Award. This annual award is presented to an alumnus of each fraternity and sorority at LSU. The award honors alumni who have exhibited Greek ideals of service and contributions to the community. "I was honored to receive this award," David said.

Living in Baton Rouge allows David to stay in touch with many of his ATΩ brothers at monthly alumni board meetings and happy hour get-togethers. He encourages others who may have lost touch with the chapter to do the same. "Reconnect, you will be surprised at what many of your brothers are

doing and how many different ways they are impacting, or have impacted, their communities," David said. He has enjoyed the lifelong friends ATΩ brought him, "Several of my brothers became lifelong friends to whom I often turned for advice or just to rant. Helped keep me sane!"



ATΩ brothers impacted David's career path by always being a listening ear and offering advice along the way. He retired two years ago as the executive vice president and CFO of the Edgen Group Inc., a company publically traded on the New York Stock Exchange. David was one of the founders of the company in 1996 after he had a full career in public accounting, management consulting, and investment banking.

The ATΩ brotherhood has shaped the lives of many of those across the country who have been a part of it. The same is true today for David. "The Fraternity emphasized living by a code to help you be a better man," he said. "I also learned management skills as a chapter officer that helped me in both my personal life and business career. I learned the invaluable skill of how to deal with others who had opinions or habits quite different from mine."

David and his wife, Betty, who was an ATΩ little sister and member of Chi Omega at LSU, have two sons, David IV and Drew. David is also an ATΩ who was initiated at Texas A&M University and is a mental health counselor. Drew is an LSU graduate and received a master's degree from Rice University. In addition to traveling with his wife, David enjoys running and recently qualified for the 2017 U.S. Senior Games. You can reach him at davidliii@yahoo.com

JOIN US!

Join us for our monthly alumni gatherings in Baton Rouge.

Monthly happy hour

When: First Thursday of each month
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Where: The Pelican House on Corporate Blvd.

Monthly alumni lunch

When: Third Friday of each month
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Where: TJ Ribs on Acadian Thruway

Tigers Home Basketball Schedule

Come on out to the Maravich Center at LSU this basketball season to cheer on the Tigers with your brothers.

November 29: Houston
December 13: North Carolina Central
December 17: Texas Southern
December 19: Charleston
December 29: Vanderbilt
January 7: Mississippi St.
January 14: Alabama
January 25: Florida
February 01: South Carolina
February 04: Texas A&M
February 11: Arkansas
February 21: Auburn
March 1: Tennessee

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BROTHER CONRAD APPEL '70 SERVES AS LOUISIANA STATE SENATOR FOR DISTRICT 9

Brother **Conrad Appel '70** has served as Louisiana state senator for district 9 since 2008. Father, businessman, and ATΩ brother, the New Orleans native graduated from LSU in 1973 with a B.S. in electrical engineering. Conrad has spent his years in the construction business, where he is the president of three businesses: Construction Management Services Inc., Trinity Company - Real Estate, and ConstructionSouth Inc.



Within the Senate he serves on the education, commerce, finance, and environmental quality committees, as well as numerous select committees, task forces, and other national organizations.

Conrad has been named as an Outstanding Legislator by the Louisiana Family Forum, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, GNO Inc., and many other civic and business groups. Conrad has also appeared as a speaker at several national education events.

Conrad and his wife, Carol Ann, have two children, Conrad Appel IV, a student at Southern Methodist University, and Whitney Caroline Appel, a student at American University.

Where in the World Are the Epsilon Zetas?

The Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega has alumni living all over the country.

