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Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at LSU

Make a Difference with \$10 a Month *Alumni, Epsilon Zeta Needs Your Support*

A number of years ago, the athletic department at the University of Clemson created a support organization called IPTAY, which stands for "I Pay Ten a Year." It was founded on a simple philosophy that asked alumni and supporters to donate \$10 per year to keep up with the demands and challenges of running an athletic department. The premise grew into today's athletic department fundraising arms (like LSU's TAF) that are integral to the success of all major universities in America.

The alumni association of LSU's recently chartered Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity has a similar need. My friends, it takes money to run a Chapter and to run a Chapter alumni association. You may not realize it but now, more than ever, alumni are a critical cog in the wheel for Greek life. LSU now requires that almost every event held by the Chapter include alumni presence, and we're looking to build a sizeable group of alumni to help us meet these demands. Of course the Chapter needs our guidance, direction, and money as well, but the need to communicate with our alumni and to support the Chapter as it grows is paramount to the new Chapter's success.



The alumni association needs funding to cover operating expenses, printing, mailing, etc., and the board asks you to join us in making this happen. We need roughly \$1,000 per month to support our new Chapter and are counting on our EZ alumni. We'd like to propose the IPTAM approach: "I Pay Ten a Month." A simple monthly draft of \$10 to \$30 per month is an easy way to make a much-needed donation and to help give our new brothers the fighting chance they need to prosper. Our goal is for them to grow into a vibrant, active Chapter and to return ATΩ to its place of prominence in the Greek system. But these young men can't do it alone.

Please visit <http://mp.gg/hiioz> to make your donation. And when you're in town, please make plans to visit with the new Chapter members or attend some of our alumni events. I'm confident you'll be impressed with the maturity, leadership, and philanthropic spirit of these gentlemen and proud to call them your brothers.

Love & Respect,
Cliff Mount '92
President, ATΩ Alumni Association

THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNI

We are extremely grateful to the loyal alumni who contributed to our annual campaign since the fall 2017 appeal. These 16 alumni were able to raise \$2,670 to support the undergraduate Chapter at LSU. These funds will go a long way to aiding our budding Chapter, especially in an effort to fund our communications initiative. Alumni involvement is a critical component of Epsilon Zeta's success. Your ongoing and loyal support directly impacts the future of Epsilon Zeta and its undergraduate members.

If you would like to contribute to the Chapter's efforts, please make your check payable to the ATΩ Alumni Association and send to P.O. Box 571, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0571. Gifts are not tax deductible. A receipt will be provided.

Philip J. Pizzo '51	Richard S Ensminger '69
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George T. McKnight '54	Douglas J. Daly '71
William H. Murray '54	David V. Andrews '75
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George P. Shuler '63	David Chauvin '81
Marvin Brigman '64	James D. Lilly '83
Luther E. Clark '64	Scott G. Smith '88



Love & Respect

Otey White III '80 Shares Words of Wisdom with Epsilon Zeta Undergraduates

As Otey White III '80 and his wife, Susan, have raised their three children, they have reflected on the important lessons that they learned from their respective Greek life experiences at LSU. The core values of love and respect were special to Otey when he lived in the Alpha Tau Omega-Epsilon Zeta Chapter House, and they have become that much more important to him as a father and a husband.

With being such a tight-knit family, the past couple of years have been challenging for Otey and Susan after sending their sons, Ben and William, off to college and preparing to do the same for their daughter, Emily. Otey has found comfort in Ben thriving as the president of Kappa Sigma at TCU and William joining Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Georgia, but the hazing-related death of an LSU freshman fraternity member last fall has him thinking often of his sons and the active members of Epsilon Zeta.

"I sent two kids away to college and there is such a hollow, empty feeling when they're gone. My second child was the same age as the student that died so the news hit very close to home," Otey said. "The first few weeks are extremely tough for the parents and you have to put so much trust in the system. I just can't imagine the agonizing pain the parents of the deceased student must have felt when the system failed them."

While there has been a cloud over the LSU fraternity scene over the past year, there have been exciting



Otey White III '80, right, with his wife, Susan, and son, Ben, at a TCU football game.

times at Epsilon Zeta. Otey felt that it was a fitting time to address his two core values to the men of ATΩ on March 4, which was two weeks before the Chapter was reinstated at LSU.

"I just wanted to make it clear to our new brothers that love and respect are the central focus of everything in life," Otey said. "I made them promise me they would treat their brothers with love and respect on the spot."

It is Otey's hope that the active members of Epsilon Zeta will develop the same leadership skills that he did. He is now the president of Otey White & Associates Advertising Agency.

"Accountability is a word I use in my business and when raising my kids," Otey said. "At some point in your life you just have to take charge and be accountable."

Along with building some relationships with the undergraduates at Epsilon Zeta, Otey has remained close with several of his pledge brothers. He would love for them to gather sometime soon at a Chapter event.

"There are a number of friends I haven't seen in a number of years, and I would love to get them together at a Chapter event sometime soon," Otey said.

You can reach Otey at oteyw@oteywhite.com.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Mason Candies '18
Luling, La.

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Pineville, La.

Rishi Raina '18
Slidell, La.

Dominic Robert '18
Lake Charles, La.

Ty Theriot '18
St. Martinville, La.

Spencer Zaheri '18
New Orleans, La.



Left: Otey White III '80, far right, attends a game at AT&T Stadium with his family. From left: Otey's daughter, Emily, his son, Ben, and his wife, Susan. Right: Otey White III '80 with his son, William, and wife Susan, in front of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Georgia.



Left: Matthew Torres '18, Brayden Blanchard '18, Brandon Hernandez '18, and Seth Hymel '18 in costumes for the LSU Botanical Garden's corn maze.
Middle: Brothers Brayden Blanchard '18, Grant Stevens '18, Josh Vrettos '18, and Brandon Hernandez '18 at the ATΩ National Congress.
Right: Matthew Torres '18, Brayden Blanchard '18, and Chuck Kurtz '18 prepare for the Chapter's signature event, the Restaurant Showcase.

BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER

EPSILON ZETA THRIVES IN FIRST SEMESTER OF REINSTATEMENT

Welcome to the first official semester of the reinstated Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega! As we dwell in the midst of the emotions of our newly chartered brotherhood, we can't thank you enough for your incredible alumni and parent support. Through countless efforts of providing guidance, advice, and counseling from all of you, we were able to accomplish bringing the best brotherhood LSU has ever seen back to Death Valley.

Finally reaching our goal of chartering has done nothing but boost what we do here on LSU's campus. The Chapter GPA of 3.16 is higher than the all-men's and all-Greek averages. Epsilon Zeta also holds the title for best new member GPA. Over the past year, **our brothers have averaged an incredible 34.8 community service hours and \$188.29 toward our philanthropy**—both of which are the best in the LSU Interfraternity Council community.

Unfortunately, our goal of 100 members by May 2018 was unreachable due to a bidding freeze put on Greek life by LSU's IFC in the spring of 2018. Now with that lifted, we have a strong Alpha class of 18 new members and counting. We're continuously adding new members to our brotherhood every week, so if you or any of your family know of any proud and respectful men on LSU's campus that would be a good fit for our Brotherhood, please send their contact information to me or Recruitment Chairman **Ian Fogarty '18**.

During the summer, a few of us had an incredible opportunity to attend the 83rd Alpha Tau Omega Congress Ceremony. We received different recognitions and awards, and opportunities to vote on new national bylaws. We also received something very new to us—a list of all brothers that have passed since the 82nd Congress in 2016. Within that list contained names of brothers from Louisiana Tech, Southeastern Louisiana University, Tulane, and LSU. Being the flagship school and the only chapter of Alpha Tau Omega in Louisiana, we dedicated a meeting to those fallen brothers and any alumni were welcome to attend. We paid our respects at the formal mourning on October 14.

As I prepare for graduation in May and my term as president comes to an end, I'd like to personally thank all of you and your families from the bottom of my heart. The opportunities and friendships that Alpha Tau Omega has given me will be those that last a lifetime, and I'm eager to see what our brotherhood can offer me in the years to come. Please don't be a stranger, and if there's ever a question you'd like answered or event you'd like to come to or host, don't hesitate to reach out to me or another brother. I look forward to meeting all of you in the months to come.

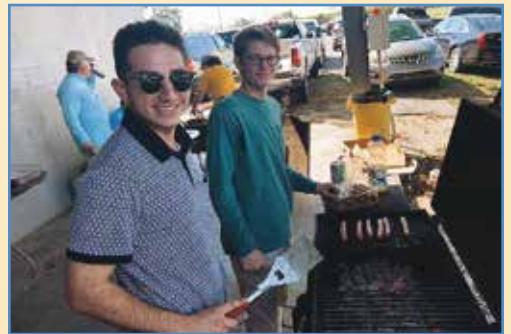
Love and Respect,
Josh Vrettos '18
 Worthy Master



A group of our brothers stayed up until midnight to help the women of Kappa Alpha Theta finish setting up their Homecoming pomp boards.



Brothers compete in Delta Zeta's Homeruns for Hearing, benefiting the Starkey Hearing Foundation, in which our team placed third.



Seth Latiolais '18 and Justin Buoch '18 grill hot dogs for the annual Kannonballs for Kayne event.

Alumni News

James Heaslip '60 is in the late stages of Alzheimer's disease and is a resident in a group home in Mandeville. He retired in 1998 after a 32-year career with Dow Chemical in Plaquemine, La., as a mechanical engineer. Email: mmheaslip@gmail.com

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