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Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at LSU



The new Epsilon Zeta Chapter charter.

“And now, the rest of the story,” as American radio broadcaster, Paul Harvey, so eloquently said for more than 70 years. In 2007, ATΩ took its first steps forward to re-establish itself at LSU by formalizing the ATΩ Alumni Association. The board of directors, and others, worked tirelessly to bring ATΩ back to the LSU campus, and with the wonderful support of ATΩ National, we established a Colony in the spring 2017 semester.

We can proudly say that we are about to see “the rest of the story.” On March 24, the ATΩ Colony was chartered and became an official Chapter at LSU. On this day, we initiated 66 young men into the Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at LSU. We will be initiating 10 more men in May who were unable to attend the initiation ceremony in March due to schedule conflicts. What a wonderful sight it was to see

The Next Chapter

A CELEBRATION OF OUR RECHARTERING



Brothers after the chartering ceremony in March.

these young men, our founding fathers, begin writing “the rest of the story.”

These young men have worked tirelessly to uphold the values and merits of our beloved fraternity. Here are some of their accomplishments:

- Members: 66
- GPA: 3.279 (ranked fourth among all fraternities)
- Service to our community: 2,036 hours of service and over \$10,000 raised for local charities

These accomplishments did not come easy, but these young men stood steadfast and rose above all the adversity to re-establish our beloved Chapter at LSU. We, the alumni, owe them our support. Let *US* help them write the rest of the story.

Thank you, brothers, and welcome to our brotherhood!

Love & Respect,
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Thank You, Generous Alumni

We are extremely grateful for the loyal alumni who contributed to our annual campaign during the fall 2017. These seven alumni were able to raise \$1,300 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.

Please consider making a contribution 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.

George P. Shuler '63
Col. Marvin J. Brigman Jr. '64
Luther E. Clark '64
William R. Cooper '70
Douglas J. Daly '71
David V. Andrews '75
David K. Chauvin '81
James D. Lilly '83
Scott G. Smith '88



From Outsider to Leader

Jonathan Bennett '92 Shares His Epsilon Zeta Experience

When **Jonathan Bennett '92** graduated from high school, he had no interest in joining a fraternity. "I was pretty sure that I wasn't the Greek type," he said. However, not being one to sit on the sidelines and wonder what could have been, he responded to a flyer for an Alpha Tau Omega summer social. "It was there that I discovered a group of guys that made me feel like I didn't have to tackle college alone." The process of sharing similarities and embracing differences led Jonathan to lifelong friendships with the brothers of Epsilon Zeta.



sultant of Kono Analytics, a data analytics consulting practice. In an era where companies find themselves overwhelmed with the volume and growth rate of information, Jonathan's business helps them organize their data, automate business processes, and develop insights and action plans to define and achieve their strategic goals. "I've always seen the world through the lens of data, so it's surprising that I didn't end up doing this sooner," Jonathan said.

As an active brother in the Chapter House, he served as treasurer as well as the kitchen manager, which he notes was the hardest and most rewarding job despite not being an "executive" office. In addition to that experience, Jonathan received some of his first leadership training through ATΩ. "The national fraternity offers workshops and retreats, but I benefitted most by observing the actions of strong leaders within my own Chapter," he said. "ATΩ was a driving force during my formative collegiate years, and it's impossible for me to imagine the person I would have become without that experience."

Jonathan's wife, Julie, is a fellow LSU graduate and an alumna of Kappa Alpha Theta. They have three children and live in Houston, Texas. The distance from LSU makes it hard to participate in many gatherings, but Jonathan tries to attend one formal event per year, as well as smaller events such as football tailgates.

Jonathan graduated from LSU in 1997 with a bachelor of science in computer and electrical engineering. He is now the founder and principal con-

Jonathan enjoys kayak fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and coaching his children, but when the sun goes down, he is more likely to be coding in Python or networking to grow his business. "Every day, I try to be a little better than the day before and to give thanks for the gift of an amazing family." If you'd like to connect with Jonathan, you can reach him at jonathan@konoanalytics.com.

Welcome, New Members

Seth Adolph '18
Baton Rouge, La.

Varun Amin '18
Lake Charles, La.

Adam Bobbs '18
Lafayette, La.

Alec Champagne '18
Thibodaux, La.

Jack Coco '18
New Orleans, La.

Joseph "Will" Groves '18
Lake Charles, La.

Hunter Howell '18
Alexandria, La.

Jackson Tilley '18*
Alexandria, La.
(Father **Kevin Tilley, Rhodes College '88**)

Mason Young '18
Plaquemine, La.

* Legacy; relative in parentheses



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Left: Brothers at the Camp Avondale Boy Scout Camp in Clinton, La. This two-day trip included preparation and painting of two new service buildings located on the campgrounds. Members camped overnight at the site and participated in a potluck dinner prepared by camp rangers.

Middle: Brothers at the Kannonballs for Kayne event supporting Kayne Finley, who sadly passed away last semester.

Right: Members before the start of a flag football game against Sigma Nu fraternity.

ONWARD AND UPWARD

CHAPTER FOCUSES ON CONTINUING TRADITION OF SUCCESS

During the last few months of our Chapter's journey, we have started an exciting new verse for Alpha Tau Omega. Our most recent executive board is the first group to go through our formal voting process with the utmost focus and passion for our brotherhood. We have officially been granted approval to recharter as the Epsilon Zeta Chapter of ATΩ.

INCREASING OUR RANKS

Unfortunately, our goal of reaching 100 members by May was interrupted by LSU IFC's policy to ban bidding for a portion of the spring semester, but now that Epsilon Zeta Chapter has been given the opportunity to offer bids to potential new members, we've set our goal of the campus average Chapter size of 86 members. Thankfully, we've stayed strong at 66 members with 10 more to be initiated in May, which keeps our retention rate at 100%. Members of the Chapter executive team have already started strategizing for the fall semester to further the expansion of our newly reinstated Chapter.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IS KEY

Our GPA exceeds the all-men's average, of which we have all intentions of continuing to raise our standards. We've implemented new



Members with Notre Dame's right fielder after working the tarp crew for an LSU baseball game.

academic-based programs to further improve to ensure our members are keeping academic excellence at the forefront of their minds.

CHAPTER RAISES FUNDS FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The ATΩ Grand Prix was held on Sunday, April 15, which benefited Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network. We raised a total of \$2,306 to further contribute to the \$7,000 we raised last semester. Our members have already contributed more than 1,266 hours of service, including the service retreat where we coordinated with **Jerry Daly '71** to improve a Boy Scout camp in Clinton, Louisiana.

INVOLVEMENT ON CAMPUS

Three of our members are currently running for senate positions in one of LSU's most successful student government campaigns, Together We Can. Two of our members are training to become walk-ons for the LSU football team, amongst the other athletes we already support in our brotherhood. Our recruitment and alumni chairmen, **Ian Fogarty '18** and **Chalon Fogarty '18**, are working to coordinate a Parent's Club to add another vital support system for the Chapter.



Ian Fogarty '18 with two future LSU Tigers during the Polar Plunge benefitting the Special Olympics.

KEEPING STRONG

LSU Greek life has gone through a number of changes in recent months. I'm proud to say that the President's Task Force and Dr. F. King Alexander's adopted regulations all fall within the parameters of our bylaws. We, as Epsilon Zeta Chapter of ATΩ, will not be forced to deal with much change due to the incredible education program and rules of our national organization. With that being said, there will always be challenges, but it is nothing that our brothers cannot handle. We thank our loyal alumni for attending our initiation ceremony and to all who continue to support our brotherhood.

Love & Respect,
Joshua Vrettos '18

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Congratulations, Graduating Seniors!

CLAYTON GULLORY '18

Construction management, minors in technical sales and business administration
Planning to work as a virtual construction designer or project manager

CHRIS VIDRINE '18

Mass communications with a concentration in public relations
Planning to work in sales for a year and then attend a law school with a dual degree program to get his Juris Doctor and master's degree in mass communications

Did You Know?

Before Epsilon Zeta Chapter came to be at BLSU, it was formerly a Chapter of a local fraternity, Theta Kappa Beta. Theta Kappa Beta was a 20-year-old Chapter known for its members having impressive grades and holding many leadership positions on campus. On February 10, 1940, the local Chapter initiated 18 undergraduates and 18 alumni members in a ceremony at St. James Episcopal Church. The celebration banquet took place on the rooftop of Hotel Heidelberg, which has been converted into the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center.

The officers elected and installed at that time were:

Worthy Master Worthy Scribe
Elmer G. West '40 **Gordon Broussard '40**

Worthy Chaplain Worthy Usher
Herm Farmer '40 **Harry Goldman '40**

Worthy Keeper of Worthy Sentinel
Exchequer **Robert Hunter '40**
E.K. Crosby '40

Work Keeper of
Annals
A.L. Gremillion '40



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Join Us!

Monthly Alumni Lunch

When: Third Friday of each month | **Time:** 11:30 a.m. | **Where:** TJ Ribs on Acadian Thruway
All alumni are welcome. *We hope to see you there!*


A Night of Celebration



Alumni and undergraduate members during ATΩ Night held Friday, March 2, at the WWII Museum in New Orleans. This event was hosted by ATΩ National in preparation for their annual board of governors conference.

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