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BETA BONDS AND CAMPUS EXCELLENCE

The Latest at Beta Mu

Strong Brotherhood

Beta Mu maintains a strong presence on Purdue's campus in all aspects of college life. I could go on and on about their accomplishments, but it is more eloquently spoken through one of our members, **Andrew Kinder '26**. Andrew (whose uncle, **Mike Kinder '86**, serves on our house corporation board), is the recipient of the 2023 Tyler Trent Award for Courage and Resilience and speaks about his Beta brotherhood in a video filmed at the Beta house this summer. Please check it out at tinyurl.com/tylertrentaward. It makes you proud of Purdue and Beta Mu and speaks to the quality of the men at 150 Littleton.

Beta Eras Connect

This summer was memorable for many alumni as we held a successful golf outing in West Lafayette. We had brunch at the house, golfed on the Purdue Golf Course in the afternoon, then enjoyed dinner at Bruno's restaurant. Nearly 100 undergraduates and alumni from all eras were represented, and everyone had a great time. You'll have to trust me when I say we had 100 alumni and undergraduate members there for the outing. I was the photographer and captured a picture on the golf course of the entire group. Unfortunately, I had so much fun there that I lost my digital camera and the photo that was with it! We hope to grow it even larger in the future, so look for some information regarding next year's event and make plans to attend.

Maintaining the House

The house remains in great condition and is the gold standard on campus. There's one possible exception to that. As you all know, the house was built in 1927. The original slate roof is showing signs of wear and will need to be replaced. We are committed to maintaining the structure's quality and plan to replace the roof sometime soon with a similar material. Unfortunately, that's an expensive proposition.

That's where my normal fundraising pitch comes in. We continue to reduce our debt due to your generous donations and rental income. But this will set us back again, so I am asking all alumni to contribute to the annual campaign. Or, if you are so inclined, we could really use larger tax-deductible gifts as well, with the option of a multi-year pledge to spread out the payments. Visit our website purduebeta.com for more information.

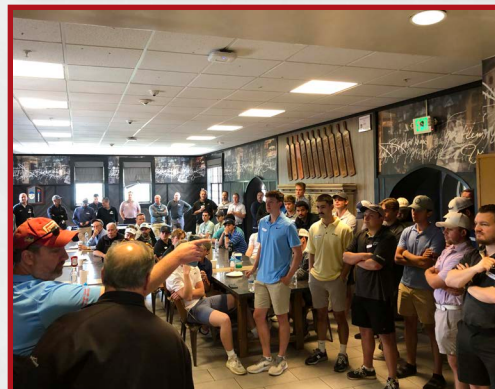
Yours in _kai_,

Tom Hoover '82

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From left: Mike Cridge '89, Rick Martin '90, Bill Irish '72, and Paul Stickler '91 at the Beta golf outing.



Brothers of all ages enjoy brunch at the house before the golf outing.

HOMEcoming TAILGATE



Sean Klinger '17, Ryan Yoo '21, Austin Wooten '21, and Seth Voegelé '19



Recent alumni mingling with current undergraduates at the tailgate



Mike Delgado, Rob Degan, Tony Weinewski, Pete Weaver, Matt Cridge, Kevin Mayer, Pat Hughes, Paige Hoover, and Lance Scheib

A Vision for Sound

TIM HATAYAMA '02 ON JAMMING WITH BETA

If you can name a popular band or music artist, there's a good chance that **Tim Hatayama '02** and his colleagues at RTMix have mixed some of their music. Artists Tim has worked with include Paramore, Snoop Dogg, Miley Cyrus, and Bruno Mars—who calls Tim the “Wizard of Oz” for his production skills.

“I’m the guy you typically think of who’s sitting behind a recording studio console,” Tim explained. He went from learning guitar at a young age to playing in bands, and when he tried producing records, that snowballed into a career. As a TV music mixer and Vice President of RTMix, Tim and his team work on the live performance music for shows like *American Idol* and *The Voice*; his work on these two shows has landed him seven Emmy nominations.

“The easiest analogy is like a chef in a restaurant,” he said. “The singers and band on stage with different instruments: that’s your basic produce and ingredients. The song style is the recipe. Someone has to put it all together and then cook and prepare it. That’s me.”

Music has always been part of Tim’s life; it even introduced him to his Beta Theta Pi brothers.

Finding Our Bandmates

Growing up in Asia, Tim didn’t know many people at Purdue. He lived in Cary Quad as a freshman, where he met **Dan Griffin '02**. They played in a band together, and Dan introduced

Tim to Beta Mu, where he found more brothers who shared his passion for music. “I got rushed by a few other houses, but between music and friends, Beta was an easy choice.”

Tim met friends in the dorm and his classes too, but the bonds developed with fellow Betas were crucial to his college years. Mentors like **Jason Brown '01** helped him survive school and prepare for the future, and there was always fun to be had with his brothers. Tim and another Beta Mu, **Jason Marcus '03**, started another band that played at house parties around campus. “Being on stage, watching brothers and friends in the audience singing your songs, was special.” He also started a weekly open-mic night on campus called “Amateuration,” sponsored by the Purdue Student Union Board.

After graduating from Purdue with a psychology degree, Tim went to Berklee College of Music in Boston; he earned a degree in professional music with an emphasis in synthesis and entrepreneurship. Prior to moving to Los Angeles and working at RTMix, Tim lent his skills to major music releases, commercials, and documentaries in Asia. His latest Emmy nomination (Outstanding Sound Mixing for a Reality Program – b2023), comes from his work on *The Voice*.

Facing the Music

Through the nominations and major artists he’s worked with, Tim is most grateful to

Tim Hatayama '02 and his wife at the 70th Primetime Emmy Awards.



“Between music and friends, Beta was an easy choice.”

work in a field he’s passionate for with a talented, hardworking team. “There are still some productions/artists we’d love to be part of, but we’re pretty content with what we’ve accomplished in a decade and a half,” he said. “We’re just fortunate that others believe in our work. Too blessed to be stressed.”

His advice to fellow Betas: “Get out of the state, the country, the continent; go see the world. Traveling and meeting people of different cultures always restores faith in humanity. We have so many stories to tell.”

“Also,” he said of the Chapter House, “I miss the pool room.”

▶ You can find more of Tim’s credits on IMDb and RTMix.com.

MEMORY AND OUR MYSTIC SHRINE

John D. McDougle '60 entered Our Mystic Shrine on April 9, 2023. John served in the United States Navy as a commander for over 32 years. He was a banker and vice president of finance at the Comerica Bank in Muskegon, Mich., for over 30 years. He was also a member of the West Michigan Honorary Financial Society. John was an Eagle Scout and the Boy Scouts regional leader. He was a charter member of the John Purdue Club and was a lifetime member of Ducks Unlimited in Muskegon and the Browning Collectors Society.

ALUMNI NEWS

Dave A. Thompson '64 received the District Chief of the Year Award at this year’s annual Convention. Beta utilizes 28 district chiefs supporting 142 chapters in North America. Dave, who lives in Greensboro, N.C., has served as an advisor to Beta’s chapters at High Point University and Elon University for the past 12 and 10 years, respectively, and helped them get chartered. He was appointed district chief for all North Carolina chapters in February 2021. Responsibility includes general oversight and advisor recruitment and training. Congrats, Brother Thompson!



Dave Thompson '64 receives the District Chief of the Year Award.

F. William Rahe '64 entered Our Mystic Shrine on October 22, 2022. William served as a captain in the U.S. Army before beginning a 35-year career in pharmaceutical engineering at Eli Lilly. He then worked as a consultant for Quantic Group until his passing. He and his wife of 58 years, Stephanie, have been active volunteers in their community on Sanibel Island, Fla. He was a member and served as president of the Sanibel Captive Rotary Club and was president of the Sanibel Historic Village board. He was an avid cyclist, and in 2005, he initiated and completed a fundraising cross-country ride, Ride Across America for PKU, in honor of his granddaughter.

Daryl Fields '69 lives in Pershing, Ind., and welds/fabricates for his friends’ and farmers’ gardens. He also collects antique machinery, coins, and guns.

Steven Keipper '71 shares that all is well in Traverse City, Mich. He still represents McKesson for Southern Michigan’s equipment and supplies for over 26 counties. He and Patsy visit their son’s family in Hawaii for two months each year. They also spend 4-6 weeks in Cozumel at their residence at Coral Princess. They have four grandchildren now.

John C. Kestler '85 keeps in touch with his pledge class after 35 years; they text almost every day. “Friends for life at Beta!” He resides in Columbus, Ind. Email: lakecook59@gmail.com

Brian Cappucci '01 recently had twins. “Four kids in six years is enough.” His family has been fortunate and loves living in Fort Meyers, Fla. Email: b.cappucci@hotmail.com

Making Beta Mu the Best It Can Be

We're excited to share the remarkable achievements and milestones of our Fraternity over the past few months. As we reflect on our accomplishments in academics, philanthropy, campus involvement, and social events, it is clear that our brotherhood is as strong as ever.

In the realm of athletics, our Chapter's competitive spirit shone brightly as we emerged victorious in the Fraternity softball championship this spring. Our dedication to teamwork and sportsmanship was evident throughout the tournament, and we couldn't be prouder of our brothers' achievements on the field.

One of our most significant achievements was the establishment of the Greek Basketball Association at Purdue University. This association will bring together the champions of Purdue and IU for a matchup at Assembly Hall. Beta is one of the premier athletic houses on campus, so it comes as no surprise to see our brothers taking charge and fostering competition between the Greek houses.

In academics, we are proud to report that our Chapter achieved the second-highest GPA among all fraternities with over 100 members.

This accomplishment underscores our commitment to academic excellence and the well-rounded development of our members.

We are looking forward to our annual Buzz-a-Beta philanthropy event for the Purdue Center for Cancer Research. Last year, we raised over \$57,000, and we're excited to see how much we raise this year.

Finally, we were honored to receive the prestigious Sisson Award at this year's General Convention. This recognition is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our brothers, both individually and collectively, in upholding the values and traditions of our Fraternity.

As we look ahead, we are excited to continue building on these achievements and pushing the boundaries of excellence in all areas of Fraternity life. Your continued support and guidance are invaluable as we strive to make our Fraternity the best it can be.

Thank you for being a part of our journey and for your unwavering support.

Yours in _kai_,
Tom Maurer '25
Chapter President



Brothers enjoying time with their dates at Beta's annual Barn Dance. From left: Brock Reding '26, Isaac In '26, and Bennett Viertel '26.



Brothers spending time with their families at the world-famous Harry's Chocolate Shop as part of our Dad's Day festivities.

Welcome, New Members

Hear why some of our new brothers joined Beta Mu

TJ Allen | Cincinnati, Ohio
Hunter Austel | Fishers, Ind.
Henry Balagtas | West Lafayette, Ind.
Nate Balko | Aspen, Colo.
Sam Bishop | Westfield, Ind.
Stephen Blaas | Edina, Minn.
Will Borowski | Indianapolis, Ind.
Wyatt Boyett | Lebanon, Ind.
David Brunner | Dayton, Ohio
Kyle Collett | Cincinnati, Ohio

"I decided to join Beta because of the athletic dominance of the house in intramural sports."

Gavin Connolly | Elmhurst, Ill.
Andrew Coots | Westfield, Ind.
Ryan Creager | Westfield, Ind.
Hayden Ferguson | Noblesville, Ind.
Carter Heltsley | Plainfield, Ind.
JC Hernandez | Marion, Ind.

Anderson Howell | Los Angeles, Calif.
Kota Jameson | Naperville, Ill.
Charlie Janak | Westfield, Ind.
Austin Knott | Westfield, Ind.
Tyler Marcinko | Fishers, Ind.
Cole Mauch | Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Alex Mithoefer | Lafayette, Ind.
Jackson Montgomery | Noblesville, Ind.
Beck Moreau | Lombard, Ill.
Cannon Morton | Lebanon, Ind.
Jack Murrell* | Warsaw, Ind.
(Marcus Murrell)
Tommy Neil | Hinsdale, Ill.

"Buzz-a-Beta philanthropy really stood out to me because it showed how much the guys in the house care about giving back, which is really important to me."

Charlie Orris | Fishers, Ind.
Liam Phillips | Columbus, Ind.

JP Polackin | Indianapolis, Ind.
Ty Sanders | Fishers, Ind.
Parker Slane | Carmel, Ind.
Will Solmos* | Chicago, Ill.
(Michael Solmos '25)

"The brothers were genuine guys with good character at recruitment. That stood out to me and convinced me to join."

Matthew Soyka | Carmel, Ind.
Keegan Steager | Carmel, Ind.
Dan Tryder | Westwoods, Mass.
Daniel VenGraitis | Allendale, N.J.
Reece Weyer | Westfield, Ind.
Brayden Wilson | Westfield, Ind.
Ethan Wittmann | Madison, Wis.
Tate Zamarin* | Tulsa, Okla.
(Chad Zamarin)

*Legacy; relation in parentheses

Do We Have Your Current Email?

We love sending you physical mailings to stay connected throughout the year, but what about the news that can't wait that long? That's when it's crucial to connect with alumni online!

From event reminders and save-the-dates to breaking news, Beta Mu wants to keep all our alumni in the loop through (limited) email updates. And you can enjoy the newsletter virtually as well!

If you aren't getting chapter emails or can't remember if we have your preferred address, please email us at updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com with "Beta Theta Pi Purdue Email Update" in the subject line and tell us which email you'd like to use. (Or check your spam folders—you never know!)

Thank you for helping us stay connected!

Don't worry—your email is safe with us! We do not share your info outside of our organization.



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Betas after completing the annual Zeta 5K to support the sorority's Big Man on Campus philanthropy event.
From left: Sam Levitt '26, Mitchell Rose '24, Aidan McGoogan '25, Wyatt Boyett '27, and Josh Stone '25.



President Tom Maurer '25 with the Sisson Award at the 183rd General Convention.

Thank You, Generous Alumni Your Support Makes Our Brotherhood Stronger

We appreciate every donor on this list who has prioritized Beta Mu Chapter. The names below represent donations since our last newsletter and as of September 29, 2023. Your financial support allows us to keep growing our proud brotherhood at Purdue.

Add your name to this list by visiting purduebeta.com or **scanning the QR code** to join your brothers.



John Wooden Club
(**\$5,000 and up**)
John A. Laurie '86

John Riley Knox Club
(**\$1,000 to \$4,999**)
John E. Young '56
Kevin Comer '71
Geoffrey J. Hibner '71
Craig Whelden '73
Thomas H. Lupfer '79
Jeffrey J. Lacy '91
Raymond Benton '94

Beta Mu Founders Club
(**\$500 to \$999**)
Howard Harman '51
Patrick Shanahan '82
Kevin McCarter '79
Mike Assaad '94

Kai Club
(**\$200 to \$499**)
James E. Corliss '61
Brendan O'Brien '63
R. Scott Hayes '68
David McKinley '69
Robert P. Woods '79
William D. Moss '81
Brion Patt '85
John C. Tyrpin '94
Ryan Illingworth '00

Wooglin Club
(**\$100 to \$199**)
Phil Kuebbeler '60
Richard H. Price '62
David E. Cox '63
Walter Bender '69
Michael S. McCoy '73
Claude Plumlee '80

John C. Kestler '85
Thomas Brazina '86
Kent Whitaker '86
Darren Lueking '93
Sean M. Klinger '17

Beta Dragon Club
(**Up to \$99**)
George A. Raub '63
John R. De Vries '65
Richard G. Stevens '66
Randall Boris '68
David P. Todd '82
Michael Fouts '16

