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RAISING THE ROOF

BETA MU PRESERVES TRADITIONS



Reunion in Florida for brothers initiated in 1991. From left: Baco Benton '94, Chris Mitchell '94, Ron Gabrisko '94, Mike Assaad '94, Dan Breier '94, Ryan Kratz '95, Jim Willard '95, TJ Greene '95, Greg Ogle '94, John Tyrpin '94, Greg Jeppesen '94, and Brad Siok '94.

Hope all alumni are enjoying a beautiful spring season! Your house corporation remains busy with Chapter oversight, facility and financial management, and alumni relations.

We are proceeding with the plan to replace our roof this summer. We have decided to replace it with the same slate material used before; colors are selected to best match the existing pattern. It became important to us to maintain the current architecture for historical purposes. Scaffolding will go up in late April, and the roofing is planned to be

complete by early August, before the students return for the fall semester.

The annual golf outing has become a can't-miss summer event. This year's event is scheduled for **May 31**. It has gotten bigger and better every year, and this year will be no exception. Sign-up is open; see recent emails from **John Laurie '86** or visit bit.ly/BetaMuGolf2025. Plan to attend and encourage your brothers to join you.

As always, we continue to look for energetic volunteers to give back of their time to the Fraternity. Specifically, we are looking for someone with Treasurer skills to eventually be trained to take that position. If you would like to join our board or be an advisor, please contact me.

Yours in _kai_,
Tom Hoover '82

Beta Mu House Corporation President
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Brothers Jerry Sichtung '79, Bob Woods '79, Tim Nelson '79, and Charles Miller '78, from the 1975 pledge class, gather in Bonita Springs, Florida.

Beta Mu Is Thriving in 2025

Thank You, Generous Donors

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 April 8, 2025.

Financial support from alumni like you allows us to keep growing our proud brotherhood at Purdue. Add your name to this list, or add to your existing 2025 contribution, by visiting purduebeta.com or scanning the QR code.

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A Slam-Dunk School Year

BETA MU EXCELS ON THE COURT AND BEYOND

PHILANTHROPY

This fall, Beta Mu hosted our fifth annual Buzz-A-Beta event, where brothers shaved their heads and raised money in support of the Tyler Trent Cancer Research Endowment. Our efforts raised over \$68,000, making Beta Mu the top philanthropic Fraternity and second philanthropic organization overall among Greek and cooperative life! We used this momentum to host several other fundraisers, including a Huck-A-Puck event, and we look forward to more events this spring.

ACADEMICS

Beta Mu strengthened its academic presence on campus with a cumulative house GPA of 3.27. This landed us a top five placement among fraternities with over 100 members (and top 10 in fraternities overall). Academics continue to be a focal point for the chapter, exemplified by each brother's devotion to their scholastic and professional development.

ATHLETICS

Beta Mu blew the competition away! For the first time in Purdue's history, a single organization won both the Greek Basketball Association Championship in the fall *and* the Intramural Basketball Championship in the spring! Featuring highlight performances from **Grant Johnson '25** and **Max Wilson '25**, the spring season's finale at Mackey Arena ended with a dominant Beta Mu victory of 54-41.

Along with our basketball triumphs, Beta Mu clinched the Fall Intramural Football Championship. Led by **Owen Schafer '25** and **Josh Stone '25**, our seniors truly left a lasting mark on our Chapter's athletic legacy. We anticipate even more victories to come, with a promising group of rising Betas ready to take the reins!

BROTHERHOOD AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

These remain a prominent aspect of life at Beta Mu. Fueled by Chapter-wide highway and river cleanups, winterization projects, blood drives, and more, the Chapter amassed an impressive 316 community service hours. Brotherhood events, headed by **Hunter Austel '27**, included Back-to-Beta cookouts, Secret Santa in the winter, and an in-house 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament.

LOOKING AHEAD

Whether it's dedicating hours to community efforts, growing academically and athletically, or developing our sense of camaraderie as a Chapter, Beta Mu members truly embody the Fraternity experience and exhibit our core values in everything we do! We readily await further opportunities to develop and succeed as a chapter.



Yours in _kai_,
TJ Allan '27
Chapter President



Owen Munkholm '26 (left) gives his brother, Max Munkholm '28, a new look at our annual Buzz-a-Beta event! These two brothers (both by family and Fraternity) cherished the chance to raise money for our cause.



Brothers participating in the fall Purdue Half Marathon. Henry Balagtas '26 (second from left) came in sixth place among 2,254 competitors, with a staggering finish time of 1:18:02!



In Mackey Arena and backed by the chants of motivating Chapter members, Beta Mu athletes won the Spring Intramural Basketball Championship (their victory was all but assured with that support!).

Memory and Our Mystic Shrine

John Hoyt '57 entered Our Mystic Shrine on September 20, 2024.

Alexander Illsen '58 entered Our Mystic Shrine on August 4, 2024.

Chapter Officers



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TJ Allan '27



VP of Education
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CONGRATS, GRADUATING SENIORS!



HELP US RECRUIT!

If you'd like to make recruitment referrals, reach out to **Andrew Coots '27** at (317) 995-1318 or **acoots9@gmail.com**! Please include the referral's name, your relationship to him, and his phone number.

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Ron Gabrisko '94 on Beta's Life Lessons



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GROWING UP TOGETHER

Working in sales, **Ron Gabrisko '94** attributes the fundamental career skills to his time in Beta Theta Pi. "Learning to be more social and work with different types of people are important lessons you learn in a Fraternity," he explained. "Some of my best friends came out of Beta—these guys stood up in my wedding and we still get together at least once a year. I knew no one when I came to Purdue, and they became my second family."

Ron learned about Beta Mu through a freshman dormmate, **Baco Benton '94**, and as a Purdue baseball player, he was drawn to the Chapter's strong athletic presence. He clicked with the brothers instantly and went on to serve as social chairman, planning parties and events such as midnight surfing. "Monday nights were also super fun, and you always had 100 brothers you could go out with."

A VARIED CAREER

Ron thrived as an Academic All-American baseball player and dreamed of joining the major leagues—a dream he recently honored by throwing the first pitch for the Texas Rangers!

He studied mechanical engineering at Purdue, and an MBA at Stanford eventually led him to Silicon Valley. Currently, Ron is the CRO of Databricks, the third VC-backed company he's worked with. Ron helped the founders grow the Data & AI firm from less than \$1 million in revenue to over \$3 billion, and he's proud to say that Databricks is the fastest-growing software company of all time; they recently raised over \$10 billion at a valuation of \$62 billion.

As chief revenue officer, Ron runs all global sales, partnerships, and business development ("basically anything that touches a customer"). He believes AI is a generational shift in technology and is excited for Databricks to lead that innovation, predicting it will become a trillion-dollar company in his career.

In an earlier role, Ron collaborated with LL Cool J on the company BoomDizzle Studio: a virtual platform where people from across the world can record a song in real time without meeting in person. The two became friends, and Ron was able to accompany the rapper to two Grammys ceremonies.

LEANING ON CONNECTIONS

Ron likes to discuss his varied jobs to remind students that their first job out of school doesn't necessarily define their whole career. "Try to pick something you're passionate about, but focus on what you'll learn, the people you'll meet, and the network you can build." He also stresses reaching out to alumni connections within that network. "When I hear from a fellow Beta, Boilermaker, or Stanford alum, I'll always see how I can help them."

One way Ron stays in touch with Beta is an annual charity golf tournament in memory of his pledge brother **Cory Sanderson '94**. His friend Baco leads era reunions once a year, and when Purdue made the Final Four in Arizona, Ron and roommate **Brad Siok '94** eagerly hosted about 30 brothers at his home in Scottsdale—some of whom he hadn't seen in decades.

"Beta gave me some of my best memories, and I always encourage brothers to stick together and reach out." You can connect with Ron at rgabrisko@yahoo.com.