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Community service with TedX. From left: Diego Cabrales '19, Grady Young '19, Joe Fierle '18, Andres Barrio '19, Nigel Wilson '19, Ryan Yoo '19, Alex Miller '18, and Ted Foussianes '19.

BETA MU'S RETURN TO DOMINANCE

Beta Theta Pi at Purdue is enjoying great success and proving they are a strong group of men ready to lead the next generation of Beta Mus. Here are a few of their recent accomplishments at-a-glance. Turn to page 2 to read more from the Chapter.

- Top cumulative GPA on campus
- Strong recruitment—34 bids, 34 accepted, 100% retention
- Second on campus in community service despite having fewer members than other fraternities
- Focused on meeting requirements to receive Charter at 2017 summer convention
- Positioned to receive *both* the Sisson & Knox awards at 2017 summer convention
- Recently featured in *Indy Star* article, see page 2 for more details.

GENEROUS ALUMNUS ISSUES \$250,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

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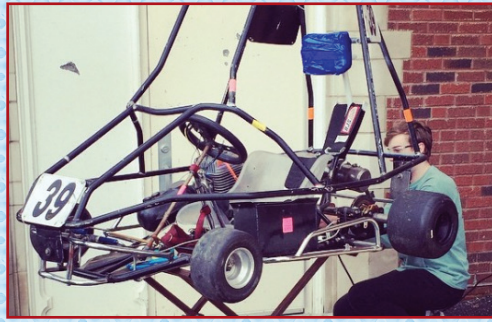
It's a good time to be a Beta at Purdue. The fall brings a new year and a fresh start for our undergraduate membership, and I'm excited to see what Beta Mu will accomplish this year.

To add to the excitement, a very generous brother has issued a \$250,000 matching gift challenge to his Beta Mu brothers to spark new and increased giving to the *Return to Dominance* campaign. He already made a pledge and is stepping forward once again for the good of the campaign. He will match every new dollar donated to the campaign up to \$250,000 between now and December 31, 2016. The campaign stands to gain \$500,000 (\$250,000 in new gifts matched by \$250,000 from this brother), which would bring us much closer to our \$5 million campaign goal.

Success Vital in Securing Future of Beta Mu

We are extremely grateful to the alumni who have gotten us to this point. Because of their generosity, we are over 75% to our goal, and the matching gift challenge will really help this campaign. However, it is only with equally generous gifts from the rest of our alumni that we can finish the campaign and ensure our Chapter House is funded and the remaining updates completed to be competitive for the future. We need broad participation to be successful. The average Greek fundraising campaign has 25% participation. We are currently at 14%. We need you to participate today.

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Left: Beta Mu's spring 2016 class. **Middle:** Grand Prix driver Steve Hannah '18 works on Beta Mu's cart. **Right:** Members of Beta Mu with their dates for the Prairie Rose Formal in Louisville. From left: Nathan Brehm '18, Brandon Howe '18, Grant Stohler '18, Alex Miller '18, Micah Dean '18, Aaron Bowers '18, and Grant Bullerdick '19.

Morale Boost Has Beta Mu Riding High

New Members and Aspirations Lead the March into a New Year

2016 PLEDGE CLASS AT-A-GLANCE

Our newest members are a very strong group of individuals. They prove that Beta is back and is strong at Purdue. Below are some statistics about our 2016 pledge class:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.69
- 10 recipients of Purdue academic scholarships
- 3 high school valedictorians
- Nearly all new members played varsity sports in high school

Beta Mu ended the spring semester on a high note, initiating the spring pledge class in Oxford, attending our Spring Formal in Louisville, hosting a trike race philanthropy with Chi Omega, finishing in the top five in grades for the semester, and second in community service hours among Purdue's fraternities.

Morale was at an all-time high after initiation in mid-April, which carried until the end of the semester. We have developed a new Moms' Club and are very grateful for all they have done—supplied finals week snacks, purchased a volleyball net, planned the move-in cookout, helped with Dads' Day, and much more.

Over the summer, we had multiple brothers attend both Wooden and Convention. At Wooden, brothers were able to strengthen their Beta experience to be truly values-based. At

Convention, we won a Leadership Development Award and were able to see what it will look like for us to obtain a charter. That is the big goal for the executive team and Chapter for the year, to finally turn this colony into a Chapter at next year's Convention.

As we have begun our second full school year, we are grasping what it looks like to run various aspects of the Chapter such as Kai, recruitment, and programming more smoothly. We are excited to have a full house and have hit the ground running, excelling in all areas of the fraternal experience, including bringing in more Men of Principle.



Yours in _kai_,
Griffin Hoover '18
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The Indianapolis Star recently published a story about the positive effects of fraternities. The reporter reached out to Brandon Cutler, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Fraternity, Sorority and Cooperative Life at Purdue. He has a positive view of the current events at Beta Mu and directed the reporter to the Chapter. Visit the link below to read the full article, which includes quotes from Chapter President **Griffin Hoover '18**.

www.indystar.com/story/news/education/2016/09/09/purdue-iu-greek-life-moves-past-troubled-history/89553588/



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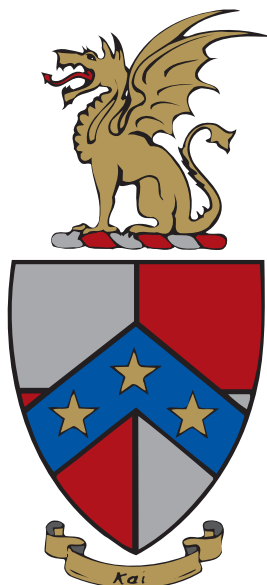
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Alumni Update

Memory and Our Mystic Shrine

Robert K. Abbett '46 entered Our Mystic Shrine on June 20, 2015, at home in Bridgewater, Conn. One of his greatest joys was that his painting enabled him and his wife, Marilyn, to travel together while researching subjects and photographing clients. Bob's paintings are in private collections throughout the U.S. and the U.K., as well as in permanent collections at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, AKC Museum of the Dog, Genesee Country Museum, and the National Bird Dog Museum. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Robert; daughter, Linda; granddaughter, Amelia; and a great-grandson, two nephews, and four nieces.

Raymond Kammer '50 entered Our Mystic Shrine on March 10. After retirement, Ray "refocused" his energies on photography and became an award-winning nature photographer. He traveled to all seven continents in a quest to capture nature at its very best. His beautiful captured images ranged from butterflies to pandas, Orcas to polar bears, snow monkeys to even penguins in Antarctica at the age of 80. He also photographed nearly every national park in the U.S., plus many state parks. His last trip was in August 2015 to photograph the Spirit Bears (white grizzlies) in British Columbia. Ray and his wife, Pat, were also founding parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Ray is survived by his wife, five children, and seven grandchildren.

James Crump '53 entered Our Mystic Shrine on October 12, 2015. He was a resident of Mission Viejo, Calif., at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife, Ellen.

George "GR" Thomas '59 entered Our Mystic Shrine on May 4, 2015. GR was a long-standing businessman in the Chicago community and former real estate agent in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan; daughters, Cindy and Sandra; grandchildren, Nicole, Jenna, and Chase; and countless more family and friends.

Alumni News

William George '52 reports that he had dinner with **Dave Bojrab '62** and **Adam Cristo '61** in Naples, Fla. "We hadn't seen each other for more than 50 years. We had a great time and talked a lot about our college years and years at Beta Mu." E-mail: bill40911@yahoo.com

Phillip G. Finney, D.V.M. '56 has a grandson, Trevor Miller, who is a junior in high school. "I think he will knock on the house door in a few years." Phillip is 81 years old and hopes he

can be with Trevor to introduce him to Beta Mu. He and his wife, Karen, live in Springfield, Ill. E-mail: kgf11@msn.com

William J. Thompson '58 and his wife, Elizabeth, finally joined their kids in Colorado. "It's beautiful: there's great hiking, camping, biking, motorcycling, and fly fishing. I've battled cancer for a decade, but I'm okay at the moment." Bill and Elizabeth live in Loveland, Colo., and have two children, John and Ann. E-mail: fazert@gmail.com

John F. Knopf '64 and his wife, Bobbi, live in Marina Del Rey, Calif., and have fallen in love with Australia, having made 15 trips since 2002. E-mail: whaler6at@aol.com

Steven M. Dillon '67 lives in Plano, Texas, with his wife, Mardi. They have two daughters, Kelly and Holly. Steve enjoys retirement, but misses flying (he was a pilot for Southwest Airlines) and seeing America. "Life is good." E-mail: smdillon67@reagan.com

Geoffrey J. Hibner '71 is building a home on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina and will move there at the end of 2016. Geoff and his wife, Betty, have two children, Brian and Kristin. E-mail: ghibner@mba1977.hbs.edu

Thomas M. Popcheff '73 was named Association Professional of the Year in 2014 by the Indiana Society of Association Executives. Thomas and his wife, Karen, live in Speedway, Ind., and have three daughters: Nikki, Alexa, and Kristin. E-mail: tpopcheff@aol.com

Mark M. Owen '74 reports that he's practically retired and enjoys it very much. He and his wife, Betsy, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary this summer. They live very close to their grandchildren and enjoy visiting their daughter who lives in Munich, Germany, and seeing the beautiful city. E-mail: markowensales@gmail.com

John W. Bush '75 retired from Cummins Inc. in 2015 after 40 years of corporate America engineering. He now farms part time and works on his antique farm tractor collection, in addition to spending time with his grandchildren. John and his wife, Marlene, live in Shelbyville, Ind. E-mail: jwbush53@hotmail.com

Rick Bond '79 and his wife, Marylynn, live in Landenberg, Pa., and have three children: Ryan, Taylor, and Kasey. Rick is retired and enjoys traveling and spending the summer at the Jersey Shore. E-mail: bondcoop1@comcast.net

SEND YOUR GIFT TODAY TO SUPPORT BETA MU

Add Your Name to Our Growing List of Donors

We sincerely thank the following brothers for their dedication to the *Return to Dominance* campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Beta Mu Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our campaign goal and complete this major project.

All supporters of the project pledging \$5,000 and above will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque in the renovated Chapter House. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift or your name has been omitted, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 if any edits need to be made. Join your brothers on this list by using the enclosed pledge form and envelope and make your pledge today. Thank you for your support!

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(\$1,000,000 and above)

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As of October 10, 2016

\$5 Million Goal

\$3,882,591 Total Commitments

198 Total Contributors

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Mike Wells '75 on Returning Beta to Dominance

Mike Wells '75 took a year to himself at Purdue before committing to Greek life. It wasn't until his sophomore year that he joined Beta Theta Pi. The year before, he met a few Betas on campus and was very impressed with them and the house whenever he visited. When he moved in, the house was in fantastic shape and Mike began to form lifelong friendships.



Over the years, Mike's relationships grew. He still keeps in touch with many alumni almost daily. **Bruce White '75** and **Steve Poe '77** are his significant business partners and he serves on the Purdue Research Foundation with another Beta Mu alumnus, **Bill Elmore '75**. "The friendships I made during my Beta years have helped me in building my career and the success that I've enjoyed."

As Mike's relationships strengthened, the house where they started began to fall into disrepair. So when the opportunity to bring it back to life came about, Mike and several other dedicated alumni stepped up to do their part. "Knowing other alumni contributed to make the house great for me as an undergraduate, I wanted to do the same for those who follow me. Times have changed and the house needs to continue changing and improving as well.

"I had no idea at the time what a significant impact those years would have on me. Joining Beta Theta Pi was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. I'm certain Beta Mu gave much to other alumni as it did me, and we have a responsibility to continue those rich traditions at the Beta house. I am extremely impressed with the caliber of brothers in the Chapter today, and will do whatever I can to contribute to their success."

Mike and his wife, Annie, live in Indianapolis and have three children (all of whom live in Indy as well) and six grandchildren. He owns REI Real Estate Services, LLC, and has been involved in the development of many significant projects, including the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, JW Marriott Indianapolis, Emmis Corporate Headquarters, Anthem Operations Center, and other hotels in Austin, Louisville, Bloomington, Denver, and Salt Lake City. In his spare time, Mike enjoys hiking, golfing, and spending time at his vacation home in Winter Park, Colorado. You can contact Mike at mwells@reirealestate.com.

\$250,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

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Beta Mu Needs You to Make a Pledge

In order to secure the full \$250,000 match, that same amount of new donations **MUST** be pledged before the December 31 cutoff date. For those of you who have already contributed, please consider increasing or extending your five-year pledge by adding a sixth year to your commitment. If you have not given, we need you to now. There is no better time to make a pledge than when your dollars go twice as far! You can also make your new pledge fully tax-deductible by using the Beta Theta Pi Foundation side of the enclosed pledge form. Beta Mu is fortunate to have this wonderful opportunity, and broad participation is essential to the success of the challenge. We are indebted to our brother for his generous gift and offer. It is imperative that we join him to raise another \$250,000 together.

This campaign represents the opportunity to preserve for future generations the incredible legacy we were given more than 100 years ago. We need everyone to pitch in. It is time to join together; our goal is achievable and within sight. I ask that all 1,400 Purdue Betas make a pledge today.

Yours in _kai_,

Cary Wood '89

Campaign Chairman

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This newsletter is intended for Beta Theta Pi alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Purdue University, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

CHAPTER UPDATE INSIDE!

Our Beta Mu undergraduates are doing excellent! Inside we have detailed their successes and we have an update from the Chapter president. We also have an exciting opportunity for the *Return to Dominance* campaign. You don't want to miss out!

Have News You Want to Share?

We would love to hear from you and share your news with your brothers. It's easy to submit your alumni news. Visit purduebeta.com/alumni/alumni-news/ or send your news to our P.O. Box at Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, Purdue University, P.O. Box 442100, Lawrence, KS 66044-2100. We look forward to hearing from you!



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