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Chapter Members Doing Their Part to Return to Dominance

Have You Done Your Part?

Our reinvigorated Chapter at Purdue University is doing very well—of that I'm very proud. Our undergraduate brothers are a fine group of young men. They have stood tall and accomplished everything asked of them and they most certainly deserve to represent us all as Betas. They have done their part to continue recruiting fine groups of pledges that mirror our capital campaign initiative: return to dominance.

We have begun to honor one of our promises to them, and that is to provide them with a safe, modernized home. The Chapter House renovations we've done so far are incredible. I hope you enjoyed our most recent publication showing photos of some of the renovations. Our Chapter House will be a wonderful symbol of our strength and our goal to once again be the best Chapter on campus.

Now we are tasked with finishing this campaign in a strong manner, ensuring the Chapter is not burdened with too much debt. A successful finish will yield a manageable debt load and a stable financial situation for Beta Mu going forward. We have no alternative.

Our full renovation plans are predicated on us reaching our \$5 million fundraising goal. We have to keep our Chapter focused on the right things without having to worry too much about their finances.

See our growing list of donors inside and learn how you can join them by making a gift today.

Nearly 200 brothers have stepped up to support the project and together they've pledged more than \$3.8 million. They saw the importance of these renovations and immediately pledged dollars toward that need. But we are still short of our goal.

I ask you to join these brothers now! Please use the enclosed pledge form to make an appropriate pledge to the *Return to Dominance* campaign. Remember, you can now make your pledge or gift to the Beta Theta Pi Foundation for tax-deductible giving if you so choose. Also, be sure to utilize our pledge program to maximize the potential of your giving and spread your gift over five years.

Please do so now and be a part of this historic project. Thank you for your generous support!

Yours in _kai_,
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 Campaign Chairman
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CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of March 2, 2016

\$5 Million Goal

\$3,885,791 Total Commitments

192 Total Contributors

1,436 Mailable Alumni

Get to Know Beta Mu's House Director, Matt Davenport

Share a bit of your background.

I am originally from Cleveland, Ohio. I received my undergraduate degree in communications from John Carroll University and my master's in higher education administration from Washington State University. I've worked at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana; Washington State University in Pullman, Washington; New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Purdue University in West Lafayette.

What do you do professionally? What are some highlights of your career?

I am a residential life assistant director for Legacy Lane at Purdue University, creating a strategic vision for a neighborhood that consists of predominately 3,200 first-year students, 100 staff members, learning communities, a University residence support system, and the Honors College. I also recruit professional and paraprofessional staff members, as well as periodically travel with the office of admissions to recruit new students to Purdue.

Some highlights of my career have been winning numerous awards such as the Bill Berner Award for Outstanding Staff Achievement, the Residential Education Director of the Year Award, Staff of the Year Award, Community

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CONTRIBUTIONS TOP \$3.88 MILLION!

Join the Campaign Today—Your Gift Could Help Us Reach Our \$5 Million Goal

We are very grateful to the following brothers and friends for making a commitment to the *Return to Dominance* campaign. Their generosity demonstrates a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to reach our 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!

RETURN TO DOMINANCE CIRCLE

(\$1,000,000 and above)

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(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

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In memory of
Patrick Trainor and
Scott Notary

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Phil Kerber '54
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In memory of
James Tippet '50
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William Cline '45
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In memory of
Lee Harmon,
my Beta sweetheart
Robert B. Billman '52
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In honor of the
Purdue Class of
'15 Graduates

The *Return to Dominance* campaign committee is introducing a friendly competition between classes to showcase those who are leading the pack in participation percentage. We encourage you to reach out to brothers who have not donated to the campaign yet and increase your class' percentage. Below are the top 11 classes paving the way with participation percentage. Thank you for your generosity and dedication to Beta Mu. We couldn't do it without you.

1. 1956 – 43%
2. 1960 – 40%
3. 1965 – 39%
4. 1957 – 38%
1986 – 38%
6. 1963 – 35%
7. 1971 – 33%
8. 1952 – 29%
1953 – 29%
10. 1982 – 27%
1967 – 27%

Get to Know Beta Mu's House Director, Matt Davenport

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of the Year Award, Advisor of the Year Award, and Hall of the Year Award.

How did you become affiliated with Beta Theta Pi?

Beta was returning to Purdue's campus and I had a meeting with Jack Jajewski to learn more about the Fraternity. Jack shared Beta's five core values and that they were men of principle. He sold me on the idea of Beta being different than other fraternities across the country. I love working with strong student leaders who truly want to make an impact and be change makers, so after hearing what Beta was about, I let Jack know that I was interested in joining the advising team. The experience has definitely been rewarding and has allowed me to grow personally as I work with a different group of student leaders. I started off advising the VP of recruitment. A few months into the role, our chapter counselor received a promotion and I took on the role. I'm honored to have been selected to work so closely with an amazing group of men, advisors, and housing board.

What goals do you have for the future of Beta Mu?

I had the privilege of being a part of Beta Mu with the new founding fathers experience. Individually, they are very talented and gifted men and my goal for them is to become a unified brotherhood; one with a shared vision, a true identity, and that is continuously making positive impacts on Purdue's campus. I hope I can help them do this by having conversations that require them to critically think and creatively act. I want to lead by example when it comes to building relationships, whether that's offering rides to new members because they live on campus and they don't have

cars; allowing a Beta to use my car to get his driver's license; or spending quality time listening to their thoughts and life experiences. I hope to show how powerful a relationship can be and how those bonds lead to lifelong friendships.

How would you encourage alumni who may not have made a contribution to the campaign yet to do so?

Co-Founder of Legacy Project, Susan Bosak, said it best: "Where do you think it's best to plant a young tree: a clearing in an old-growth forest or an open field? Ecologists tell us that a young tree grows better when it's planted in an area with older trees. The reason, it seems, is that the roots of the young tree are able to follow the pathways created by former trees and implant themselves more deeply. Over time, the roots of many trees may actually graft themselves to one another, creating an intricate, interdependent foundation hidden under the ground. In this way, stronger trees share resources with weaker ones so that the whole forest becomes healthier. That's legacy: an interconnection across time, with a need for those who have come before us and a responsibility to those who come after us."

Matt lives in West Lafayette and enjoys movies, singing (both writing and performing—his claim to fame is that he's sung the national anthem at all five institutions he's been associated with at multiple sporting events), long walks on the beach, moonlight dinners, going to the gym, traveling whenever he can, meeting new people, and spending time with friends and family. You can contact Matt at davenpom@purdue.edu.



Beta Mu has high hopes for this year's Grand Prix.



Beta Mu's indoor soccer team was undefeated in the fall.

BETA MU FINDS ITS FOOTING

Undergraduates Reestablish Beta among Purdue Greek Life

The Beta Mu colony of Beta Theta Pi is currently in the process of setting the groundwork for how the house will hopefully run for next 100 years of its existence. Our fall semester was spent trying to establish what we want to be about, and included some growing pains. Something that we excel in, but are also trying to grow in, is balance. We have realized maintaining a balance of scholastics, leadership opportunities, social life, intramurals, and Greek relations is not an easy process, but it is essential to our growth and morale.

Beta Seeks the Highest Quality Men

Through two successful rounds of recruitment, we are gaining more knowledge of what to look for in men who seek to be a part of the Beta

brotherhood. Many are attracted to the new identity we are creating through developing a different kind of fraternity man.

Executive Team Leads Beta's Return

Our 2016 executive team is in full force working to become more unified and efficient. We are continually increasing accountability through our kai committee and executive team's dedication to our success. Amid the busyness of setting the groundwork, we are learning what it means to be brothers and enjoy being together to establish that brotherhood we all came to Beta for. We also seek more of a presence in the Greek community and to get our name out there in all realms. We want every brother to be in the know and excited to move the Fraternity forward.

Looking Ahead

Ultimately, we want to be the best (in GPA, socially, philanthropically, and in intramurals) and know why we are doing so: to develop men of principle for a principled life. And, of course, we are so blessed to be doing it all in the most beautiful house on campus. Thank you, generous alumni, for making this happen!



Yours in _kai_,

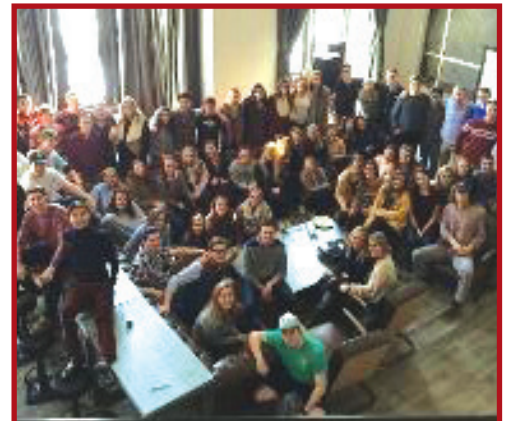
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Betas at a trampoline dodgeball brotherhood event.



Beta brunch with the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Welcome, New Members

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Hyderabad, India

Nathan Brehm
Indianapolis, Ind.

Grant Bullerdick
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Darien, Conn.

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Avon Lake, Ohio

James Weber
Middlebury, Ind.

Nigel Wilson
Anderson, Ind.

Grant Wood
Carmel, Ind.

Grady Young
Westfield, Ind.

Chapter Officers

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Griffin Hoover '18
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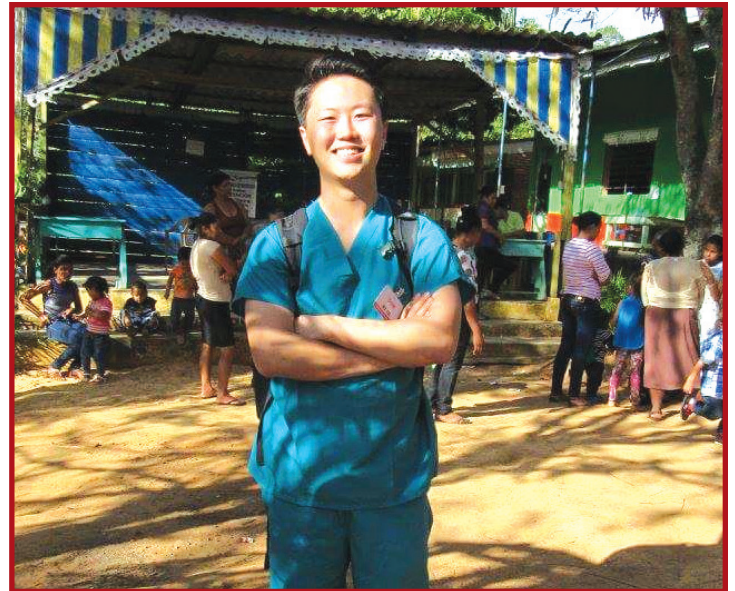
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BETA ABROAD: ONE BROTHER'S EXPERIENCE VOLUNTEERING IN HONDURAS



Before my trip to Honduras, I did not know what to expect. Everyone I spoke with who went on this trip previously highlighted how it was life-changing and how rewarding the medical experience they gained from either helping with patients or shadowing various doctors was. I've volunteered in a food pantry and helped out elders with yard work in the past, but never traveled to the third-most impoverished country in the world to contribute time and money to help people in critical conditions.

When I arrived, I was surprised by how absolutely beautiful, warm, and sunny it was. The scenery caught everyone's attention, as we all gasped at the gorgeous views of the mountainside. The area where we set up the medical station was a school that seemed abandoned, when in reality it was simply how the schools were—a strip of building with six rooms. The different stations that we rotated to throughout the week were triage, medical, dental, pharmacy, OB/GYN, and data informatics. Each station had a doctor who specialized in their field, a few of whom worked in Honduras. I was able to participate in every station (except OB/GYN), and gained valuable experience and information as each doctor carefully described every step they took during their operations.

In addition to the beautiful scenery and the wonderful Honduran culture, what shocked me the most were the patients. They were the most patient and appreciative people I have ever met. No one ever complained, and they expressed nothing but worry about their family and their appreciation toward us and the doctors. In triage, I spoke Spanish to the patients and asked for medical information about them. Even though I couldn't speak Spanish well, and butchered a little bit of it, the patients stuck through, chuckled at my mistakes, and happily gave the information I tried asking for. Hondurans have strong pride in their country and held true to their values of teamwork and helping each other. This trip helped me understand what I'm meant to be part of, and gave me experiences I would never be able to achieve in the states.

In _kai_,
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Beta Mu Calendar of Events

Spring Formal
April 1-2

Stag Event
April 9

Brotherhood Retreat/Initiation in Oxford
April 15-16

Wheels for Wishes Philanthropy with Chi Omega
April 17

Grand Prix Race
April 23



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