



Delta Nu Alumni Association  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Brian Carroll, Chairman



Greetings Fraters –

Thank you to the entire DNAA Board as they have been working to find ways to engage the DN Alumni. We had a great turn out for the Golf Tournament in Maryville, we have had a great response to those that have been asked to join the DNAA, and we have started a Golf Tournament in KC in the Fall. The members of the Board give of their time for the betterment of DN.

We have seen more good things from the Delta Nu Active Chapter, bringing in new members this Fall and bringing in a great group of men to the brotherhood. Thank you to Dave Cox and John Moore for their continued support and leadership.

I'm sure that even with the various Covid updates and how that has continued to impact everyone has allowed us to reconnect with family and Fraters too. As we come to the "end" of this pandemic, continue to reach out to pledge brothers and fellow Fraters just to check in. During times like this we can continue to all keep those connections strong.

Yours In the Bond,

Brian Carroll

Alumni Association Board President (1354)

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# Delta Nu Housing Corporation Report

House finances are currently stable, with a focus on cost containment to manage through to forecast of incoming pledge class; the outlook is good for next year if maintained. Some house improvements included:

- Completed important maintenance (e.g., smoke/fire systems, A/C, furnace, etc.)
- Continued improvement in our business practices (e.g., zoom with entire chapter, written cleaning suggestions/guidelines, potential changes in online rent and donation payment process, etc.)
- Completed property maintenance (e.g., flagpole and bell refurbish, door locks, driveway bids to obtain schedule for completion, etc.)

There are some short-term challenges with tenant count at the house and the rising cost of utility bills are pressing a very tight budget potentially pushing for other financial containment considerations (to be determined).

Shout out to Frater Mike Clark for the great job he has done with managing the house and its upkeep and a thank you and nicely done to Eric Heidenesher for stepping up to the house manager role.

The 1986 pledge class brought back the bell back to its glory! Spring 1986 members: Doug Bushner (1004), 1005, Mike Clark (1005), Bill Fountain (1006), Brett Heckman (1007), Rich Hoffman (1008), Roger Ites (1009), and Phil Nielsen (1010). What a great way to set an example and challenge to all other pledge classes. Let's see what you can do. Thanks Spring '86 class!

YITB, Jeff Rice - Property Board President (833)



## 2021 Capital Improvements Campaign

We had 30 Fraters donate \$9,180 to Capital Improvements so far this year. In addition, we added in \$4,200 from the June golf outing to support the Memorial Wall (All part of Capital Improvements) for a total donation to CI of \$13,300 to date.

The Property Board has requested \$10,000 to rebuild the entryway drive after 20 years of wear and tear and this was approved by the Alumni Assn on October 20, 2021.

We have a balance of \$6,825 in long term and a remaining balance of \$24,256 in the short-term Capital Improvements balance after transferring the \$10,000 to the Property Account. Ongoing efforts to raise the reminder of the CI target are in progress.

### TKE House... Things we remember!

This November 16, 2021 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1996 fire that began on the south side of the third floor, destroyed that floor and rendered the entire structure a complete loss. The fire was declared accidental by the fire marshal and business continued on for the Delta Nu as Frater Larry Apple made a space behind his business available. Losses included personal belongings of eight members, some files and the computer that had just been donated to the chapter that held alumni files. Fortunately, no one was injured and the scroll, all ritual equipment, original woodwork of the house and seventeen composites were recovered. After serving Delta Nu for thirty-seven years the structure at 222 W. Cooper was razed on January 18, 1997. To commemorate the occasion, Frater Ed Propst built a replica of the 222 West Cooper house and it now resides in the Fraternity Trophy case, 555 West 9th, the site of the new Teke House!



YITB,

Keith Jorgensen

Capital Improvements and TEKE for Life Wall Chairman (438)



## Active Chapter Report – Fall 2021

I'm the new Prytanis, Landyn Cowger. I'm from Liberty Missouri and after high school, fellow frater Hunter Aikmus and I made our way to Maryville. With my roommate in TKE, it was only a matter of time before I joined in the Spring of 2021. Over the summer, several alumni asked me to become the new Hegemon of the chapter. As Hegemon, I used my involvement to help teach my fellow fraters the history and rituals of Delta Nu and TKE. This as you might imagine, kept me quite busy. I put a lot of time and effort into the fraternity, and I was elected to the position of Prytanis for the 2021-2022 school year. I am super excited to see where we and my fellow officers can take the chapter from here and I really appreciate all of the support the alumni give us!

On Friday October 15th we had an exciting night for Delta Nu! We initiated thirteen men into the bond. What is especially exciting is that we have our first Delta Nu legacy since restarting the chapter. Corbin McClintock (1741) is the son of Jason McClintock (1113). This group of men has a lot of energy and will help continue the great legacy of our beloved Delta Nu!

The new officer positions were filled on Monday October 25th. Our new Prytanis is Landyn Cowger – 1737 (Sophomore), Internal EpiPrytanis Joseph Etheridge – 1729 (Junior), External EpiPrytanis Noah Graham – 1723 (Junior), Crysophylos Brandon Wooten - 1745 (Freshman), Grammateus Peyton Thompson – 1742 (Freshman), Hegemon Jackson Faulkner - 1739 (Freshman), Hypophetes & House Manager Blake Leasure – 1730 (Sophomore), Pylortes Caleb Goodwin – 1740 (Freshman), Histor Sal Bonadonna – 1743 (Freshman), and Rush Chair Corben McClintock – 1741 (Sophomore).

I look forward to seeing you all on Homecoming on October 30, 2021 or at one of the tailgates at a Bearcats home game!

YITB, Landyn Cowger

Active Chapter Prytanis (1737)



# Undergrad & Alumni Calendar

## Homecoming October 30, 2021 "BEARCATS REMEMBER WHEN"

**Come back to the TKE house and celebrate an upcoming Bearcat Victory!** Homecoming at Northwest is a weeklong celebration each fall featuring athletic events, entertainment and plenty of opportunities for our community to show its Bearcat spirit. Come join and find your favorite spot in the "Ville" and on Campus to catch all the upcoming homecoming activities. Join in the fun as TKE actives and alumni take part in the activities!

**Banner** - Banner decorating is a Northwest Homecoming tradition. Stop by the Student Union the week of Homecoming to see the TKE banner.

**Donation Creation** (formerly Canned Art) - Donation Creation is both a feat of structural engineering and creativity. Stop by the Student Union (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) the week of Homecoming to see the Teke's entry.

**Variety Show - 10/29/29 7:00PM** (tickets are limited) Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building, Charles Johnson Theater. The Tekes and the Alphas will be performing their skit "The Legends of Northwest."

**Homecoming Parade - 10/30/21 9:00AM** The parade begins at the corner of N Ray Ave & College Ave (Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building) and proceeds east along College Ave/Fourth St and ends at Fourth St & Main St (town square). Cheer on the Tekes riding in the parade!

**TKE Alumni Open House - 10/30/21 immediately following parade** Please join us for donuts & coffee. The actives will also have carved pumpkins available for alumni to purchase at a suggested minimum \$20 donation with the proceed going to our local charity **Lettuce Dream**. Alumni are welcome to bring your own beer and begin tailgating if you wish. Per TKE International bylaws, there can be no hard alcohol on the premises.

**Note: If you are not able to join us for Homecoming but would still like to make a donation to Lettuce Dream, you may do so by going to [nwtke.com](http://nwtke.com), click on the "Alumni" tab, and select "Make a Payment Online." Enter the amount you wish to donate and indicate the payment if for Lettuce Dream donation.**

**Tailgate - 10/30/21 11:30AM** College Ave will reopen at 11:00AM allowing cars to access University parking lots as well as the "field" south of Hughes Fieldhouse. The active chapter will be gathering in the "field" (south of College Ave). Please feel free to join us and its BYOB. Look for the TKE cornhole boards. (Because alcohol will be present, we will not be flying the TKE flag.)

**Football Game - 10/30/21 2:00PM:** Northwest vs Nebraska-Kearney

**DNAA Annual meeting** is Feb 5<sup>th</sup> in KC along with a community project at the Food Bank and then the TKE Active Scholarship Bowling tournament someplace in KC. For information concerning these events please reach out to Tony Dorrel [anthony.dorrel@fedex.com](mailto:anthony.dorrel@fedex.com) and Doug Schieber, [doug.a.schieber@t-mobile.com](mailto:doug.a.schieber@t-mobile.com)

YITB,

Bill Adams

DNAA Recording Secretary (905)



# Chapter Advisor Report

## Thirteen New Initiates

This fall saw our most successful recruitment to date. Thanks to TKE HQ, the chapter officers received Phiredup training which helped focus their efforts. Formal recruitment garnered us ten men. We added an additional three through informal recruitment. On Friday, October 15, 2021, we initiated all thirteen members! This group of men has a lot of energy and will help continue the great legacy of our beloved Delta Nu! We now have twenty-seven men in the chapter.

## Scholarships

Fraters living in the House that had at least a 3.00 GPA last semester earned a \$600 scholarship for the '21-'22 school year. The following fraters were awarded a total of \$3,000: Joseph Ethridge, Eric Heidenescher, Blake Leasure, Connor Thompson, and Drew Walker. Another exciting addition to scholarship opportunities this fall is the \$300 new-initiate scholarship. Any of our new initiates that have at least 3.00 GPA for the fall semester will be awarded this scholarship. We want to acknowledge the generous contributions from our alumni which allows us to award these annual scholarships.

## Covid Update

The good news is that the University's efforts to mitigate COVID has generally been successful. While Nodaway County saw similar upward trendlines that existed in the Midwest, college students were not identified as a "hotspot." This in itself is a huge celebration! Current data indicate that COVID cases in Nodaway County are back down to the mid-July levels (less than 30 active cases). We have not had to lockdown the TKE House once this fall. Keep your fingers crosses!

YITB,

Dave Cox

BOA Chairman and Chapter Advisor (960)



## Delta Nu AA Membership Report

As membership chairman, I'm occasionally asked, *"What does the Delta Nu Alumni Association do?"*

We host social events for alumni and undergrads, we raise money to support the Active Chapter with scholastic based scholarships and the Property Board and the TKE House with the Capital Improvements.

We maintain the web site to keep all informed, we update the master database of all Delta Nu Fraters to make communication and connection possible. We host and provide content for the Delta Nu Facebook page and the Constant Contact software used to send out fraternity-based information and we maintain the Teke Online Museum. If you have not done so, I strongly suggest you check out the Photo gallery at <https://dntke.smugmug.com/>

Our current membership roster stands at 186 Members including 18 Lifetime, 9 Deceased and 72 Expired Memberships making Delta-Nu one of the largest alumni associations in TKE. The DNAA is a group working together to foster the TKE spirit among alumni of many generations, offering multiple ways alumni can stay connected and engaged. This association is chartered as a chapter-based organization working to promote a positive image of our fraternity by providing general guidance to the active chapter through the mentoring of undergraduate members, by coordinating social and philanthropic events and awarding scholarships and other funds to collegiate members. Membership in TKE is a lifelong commitment which broadens and deepens our understanding of the meaning of Fraternal Brotherhood. I encourage you to find out more about the Alumni Associations Missions and Goals at <http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association>.

The Alumni Association sponsored the 25th Annual TKE Delta-Nu Memorial Scramble on June 3rd, 4th of this year at Mozingo's golf course in Maryville. Additionally, we sponsored the 1st Annual Fall TKE Golf Tournament on September 25th at Shoal Creek golf course near Liberty, MO. Both events were well attended and many old memories and stories were shared. You can expect these events to occur annually on or around the same dates ever year so mark your calendars today and start practicing your golf swing.

I've said this before and I'll say it again. Delta-Nu has been good to us and given us so many fond memories of our days long ago. If you're like me, then you know that even to this day, the friends I find myself the happiest with, the friends that I hang out with the most, attend sporting events with, celebrate birthdays, 4th of July, New Year's Eve and in some cases even vacation with are the same friends/fraters that I meet through my membership and involvement in TKE. I encourage everyone of you to consider what you can do to make a difference, to be a positive factor in the success of Delta-Nu on the campus of NWMSU.

1yr, 3yr, 5yr, 10yr and Lifetime memberships are available and cost as little as \$3/month. We have simplified the process allowing for online payments at <http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association> or if you prefer, send your check to DNAA Treasurer Brad Shelton at 1805 Arabian Ave. Naperville IL 60565. Make your check payable to DNAA marked "DNAA dues".

Join today, and get involved, then enjoy the success of your efforts as a member of the DNAA.

YITB,

Steve Brightwell

DNAA Membership Chairman (775)

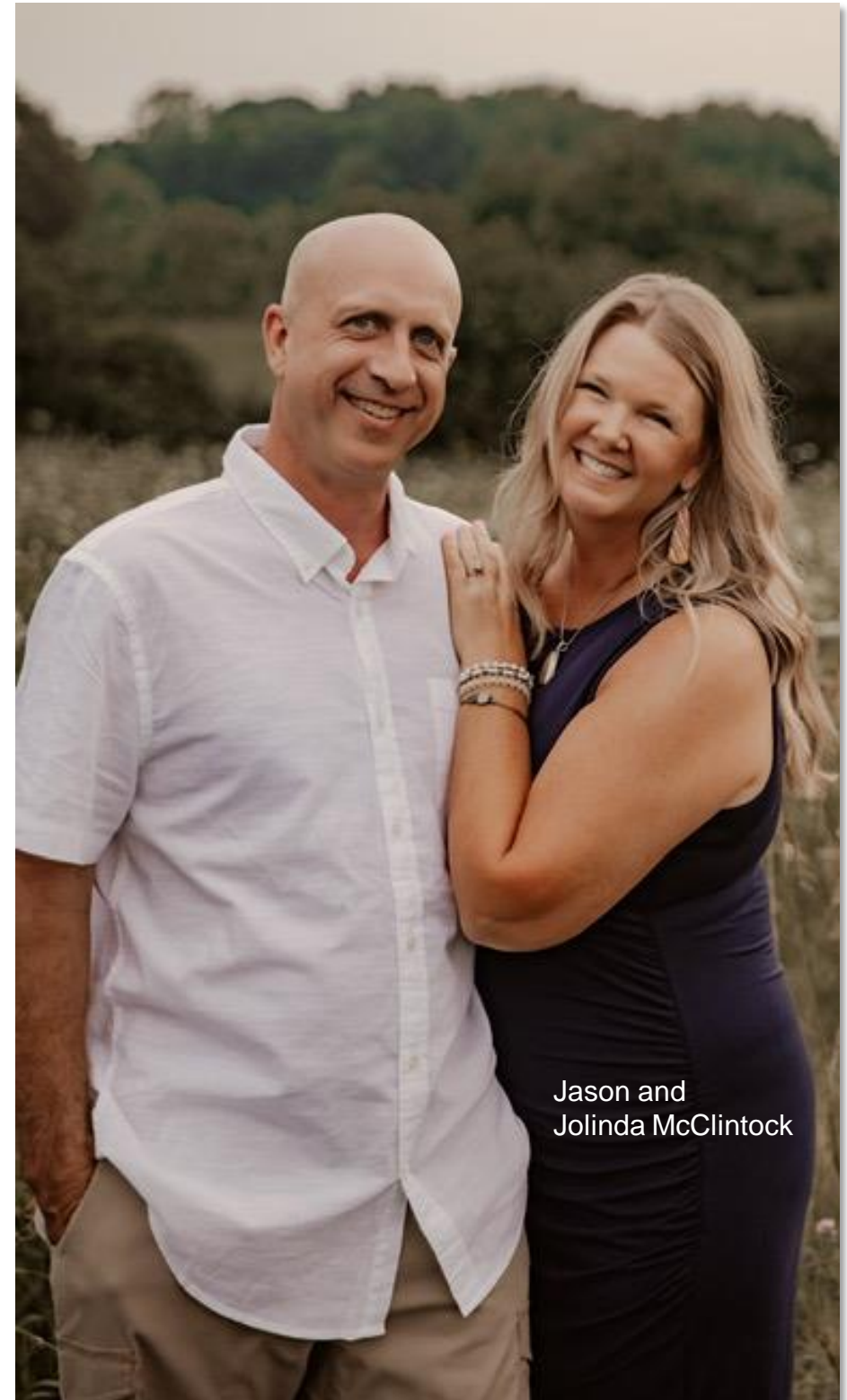


## Alumni Profile – Jason & Corben McClintock

My name is Jason McClintock, born on September 10, 1971 in Perry, Iowa. My father was a dentist in town and my mother was a nurse until my sister Dawn, brother Scott, and I came along. She stayed home to watch over us until I was probably in middle school and then went on to assist my dad until retirement. I lived in Perry until I graduated from Perry High School in spring of 1990. I was looking to go to college at either Iowa State, Northern Iowa or Northwest Missouri State University, which my sister was already attending. I visited Iowa State and Northern Iowa during what seemed like a couple of the coldest days of winter and NWMSU on one of the nicest spring days Mother Nature could possibly provide. The choice was made and I enrolled in school at Northwest the Fall of 1990.

I moved down to Maryville with my best friend from high school and fellow Frater, Scott Witmer (scroll 1134). I was familiar with Tau Kappa Epsilon through another friend from Perry, Scott Dorman 1067 (my Pop/Big) and my soon to be brother-in-law (now ex) so was interested in going through rush that first semester. The other houses had definite draws to them, but I really enjoyed TKE and the variety of members they had at the time. After a couple of week of “dry” rush, the choice was really pretty easy, I accepted my bid and never once regretted it. My pledge class was one of the larger classes Teke has probably ever taken on, 30 members. Thom Rossmanith 1092 was our hegemon, felt sorry for him herding us cats around, but he did a great job in teaching us the importance of holding a tune while singing, keeping a clean house, and the importance of TKE’s history and all of the traditions that comes along with it.

During my time with TKE, I held a couple of positions on office, enjoyed time with all of the guys, and sadly graduated in the Spring of 1995. I was studying Pre-Professional Zoology and had planned on going on to vet school after graduation. As I got closer to graduation, it was made aware to me that the schools at the time were accepting 80% female applicants and those in the 20th percentile was looking at large animal studies. I had worked for a year up at the sale barn north of town for the local large animal vets and that had convinced me that large animals were not my forte. My chemistry minor advisor Mr. Landis asked me what I planned on doing after school, I told him I was likely going to on graduate school. He asked me if I would be interested in working at Midwest Research Institute (MRI) in Kansas City and I said sure. My career at MRI started out as a chemist working in contract research, which was interesting because from one year to the next was never the same. I worked at MRI for 22 years travelled quite a bit outside of the country my last 10 years there. My last contract at MRI was setting up mobile labs in Guinea to help diagnose Ebola and stop the spread of it through contact tracing (cont’d next page)



Jason and  
Jolinda McClintock



## Alumni Profile – Jason & Corben McClintock

After ten years of travelling around, I got tired of it and made a career change to PBI-Gordon labs, located in the West Bottom district of Kansas City. Another important event I should probably include was meeting and eventually marrying my wife of 24 years, Jolinda Spreitzer. The summer of 1994 work weekend, we were for some reason at the Sig Tau house enjoying a few beverages and I saw her coming down the stairs. Her friend was there that I knew and asked about her, nothing really came up for that inquiry, but I was definitely interested in meeting up with her sometime (I had a date with me that night so couldn't really talk to her then). A couple of months later Frater Bob Covell 1135 and I were at one of the GDI houses and ran into her. We got to talking and as they say, the rest is history. We were married in the fall of 1997 and our first daughter, Grace, was born in 1999. Then along comes the next three; Corben in 2001, Cooper (named after the old house) in 2004 and Gigi in 2008.

When Corben was first going off to college, I talked to him about fraternity life and how important I felt it was to have the experience and future support of a fraternity while at college and beyond. I told him to be open minded when going through rush and visit all of the fraternities that interested him. I would love him to be a TKE like me but I also knew that he would make a choice that made sense to him. I talked to him a couple of times throughout rush and he told me some of the pluses and minuses of the other houses but sounded like he was leaning towards TKE, because of the current actives and those who were potentially rushing TKE also. I couldn't have been prouder than when he sent me an image of his accepted bid to Tau Kappa Epsilon. I now can't wait to hear and see all that he gains from this choice he has made.

YITB

Jason "Spin" McClintock, 1113

My name is Corben McClintock, and I was born October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001. I was born in Kansas City, Missouri and have lived there my whole life. I went to Liberty High School and graduated from there in 2020. My first year of college was a little chaotic. I went to the University of Arkansas my first semester but did not like it for what we were paying so I used my next semester to take out some general education classes at Metropolitan Community College- Maple Woods. I finally decided on Northwest Missouri State University and have had a blast the last two months.

Beginning college, I was a mathematics major but after realizing most of my job outlook was in the computer science field, I decided to change my major to computer science. I have been loving programming and it is going well. I decided to rush before I got to Northwest and with my dad being a Teke at the same school it made it pretty easy to make my decision. I was not 100% TKE going into formal rush but once I had met all the guys and went to some of their rush events I was sold. Everybody was so welcoming, and you had the sense of belonging in TKE.

I have been enjoying my time during New Member Education and our brotherhood events. Learning about the history of TKE and the culture that we want to portray was one of the greatest experiences with my rush class. Initiation night was one I will remember for a long time. It was a long process but was still a great experience with all the guys. I was elected as rush chair for the next spring and fall semester and I plan on doing everything I can to get more guys into TKE.

YITB

Corben McClintock, 1741



## Peter J. Greve Scholarship Fund

We Can't Even Give Money Away!

We're speaking of the Peter J. Greve Memorial TKE Alumni Scholarship, and we're just not receiving enough applications. Prior to his passing frater Pete Greve (580) created this scholarship, his vision: assist high school seniors to experience college life and get a great education at the same University that gave all of us our start. And, it be totally ours: funded by Delta Nu, run by Delta Nu, awarded by Delta Nu!

Open to young men and women, what a unique way to promote our fraternity and create goodwill in Northwest Missouri. Since 2008, the PJG TKE Alumni Scholarship has been awarded to a pledge brother's daughter, also sons, nieces, grandsons, and granddaughters of Delta Nu alumni. The first scholarship going to Lauren McCulley, niece of frater Dennis Cox (659). Other recipients include Allison Reed, granddaughter of frater E.L. Reed (96), Edward Oster, Jr, son of frater Edward Oster (986); one of 2020's recipients: Breanna Chappell, granddaughter of frater Richard (Rocky) Riggs (627); and many others.

Breanna's world was turned upside down when COVID-19 hit, high school was shut down, and no one knew what our future would bring. Her father had been deployed, her grandfather, Rocky, wrote: "...any good news you can give her will help." Bre has stayed in touch, writing that our scholarship helped her achieve her lifelong goal to attend NWMSU; though a mostly shutdown campus was eerie she also achieved her goal of becoming a Bearcat Stepper and by January 2021 our university had nominated her for a national leadership award.

Pete would've been so proud of who his scholarship has helped. Today, due to your generosity the fund balance is perpetually funded, so please consider the Peter J. Greve Memorial TKE Alumni Scholarship as you plan your year-end donations. AND, if you know of a qualifying high school senior, go to [www.nwtke.com](http://www.nwtke.com) for guidelines and application. It's YOUR scholarship, so please use it because...WE WANT TO GIVE THIS MONEY AWAY!

YITB,

Dick Westbrook

Pete Greve Fund Asst Chairman (675)



## 2021 Triangle Awards Update

This year saw us honoring two outstanding Triangle Award Classes: 2020 and 2021. Due to the Covid Pandemic we were not able to get together in 2020. We made up for it this year by inducting seven Fraters into the Hall of Honor from the Class of 2020 and 2021. The Induction Ceremony was very well attended and skillfully MC'ed by Frater Mark Witthar.

### Class of 2020

**John Moore:** Pledge Class 1975 Spring; Scroll # 697:

**Dr. David Cox:** Pledge Class 1984 Spring; Scroll # 960

**Steve Searcy:** Pledge Class 1974 Spring; Scroll # 673 (Chapter Eternal)

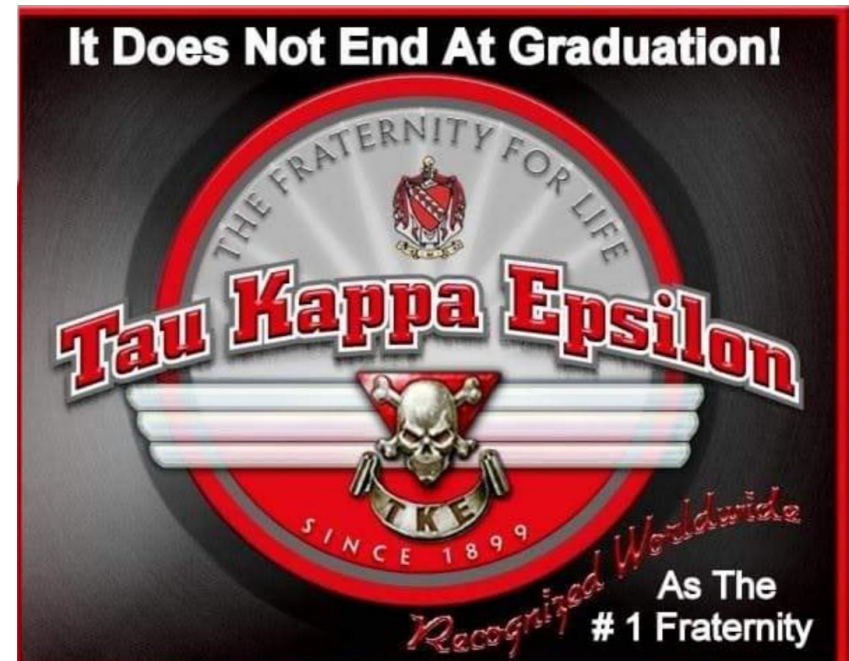
### Class of 2021

Ron Woolsey: Pledge Class 1973 Spring; Scroll # 633

Jon Cundiff: Pledge Class 1979 Spring; Scroll # 805

Joe Saubers: Pledge Class 1983; Scroll # 930

Ed Phillips: Pledge Class 1967; Scroll # 459 (Chapter Eternal)



Congratulations to all of these outstanding Delta Nu TEKES and thank you for all that you do and have done for your community, your country, your occupations and especially to TKE and Delta Nu.

Preparations are now underway for the selection of the Hall of Honor Triangle Awards Class of 2022. A call for nominations will be going out in November, so be thinking about any Frater that you wish to nominate.

Criteria for the award will be based on, but is not limited to:

- \* The Frater's accomplishments and awards within their specified profession.
- \* Accomplishment within their community, civic group(s) or service to others.
- \* The Frater's history of service to his country.
- \* Continued service to the Delta Nu Chapter, the Delta Nu Alumni, other chapters within TKE or to the TKE International Fraternity.
- \* Service or support to Northwest Missouri State while proudly representing TKE.

**All nominations will be due by the first week of January 2022.** That list will then be forwarded to the Triangle Award Selection Committee. By the end of January, the Committee's selections will be shared with the DNAA officers and they will then announce that to all alumni. The Induction Ceremony will most likely take place in conjunction with the TKE Annual Golf outing in the Spring. More details to follow.

Ed Propst

Triangle Award Chairman (276)



## TKE Fall Scholarship Open

The first annual TKE Fall Scholarship Open was a huge success! We had 48 golfers register and play at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Kansas City on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Delta Nu Alumni Association was able to raise **\$1400 dollars for the TKE scholarship** for next year! A special thanks goes out to all the Delta Nu Alumni members who played and a VERY special thanks to Metro Pure Water for their sponsorship of the event. Congrats to (left to right) Caine Birkenholz, Nick Birkenholz, Reid Steiner, and Keenan Morrow for taking home the inaugural Champions Cup. Look out for a date in 2022 when the tournament returns!

As fall approaches, the Delta Nu Alumni Association and the active chapter invite everyone to join us in Maryville for homecoming on October 30<sup>th</sup>! A open house and meet greet will follow the homecoming parade at the TKE house; 555 west 9<sup>th</sup> street. We invite all members and their families to join us for donuts and coffee prior to the football game. Please bring your drink of choice.

Yours in the Bond,

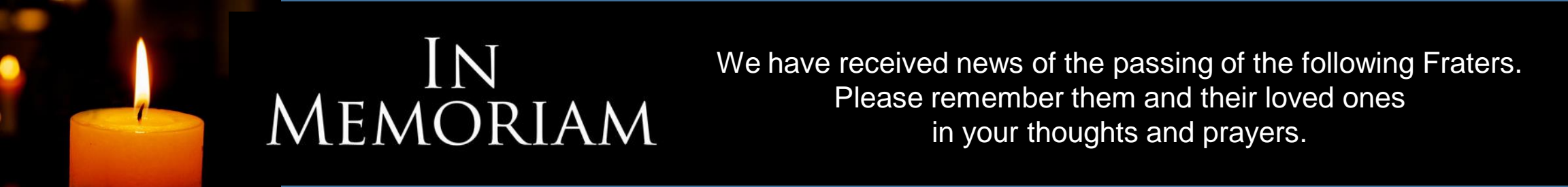
Nate Beaver (1552)



Tournament champs enjoy refreshments at Shoal Creek Fall Scholarship Open



# Chapter Eternal



## IN MEMORIAM

We have received news of the passing of the following Fraters.  
Please remember them and their loved ones  
in your thoughts and prayers.

**Chapter Eternal since  
10/1/2022**

Scroll	Full Name	Deceased Date	Death Notification	Pledge Class
11	Allen Berkley Carr	8/22/2021	8/6/2021	1954 Spring
453	Mitchel Hanna Jr.	6/20/2021	7/31/2021	1967 Spring
867	Daniel B. Marin	10/13/2019	5/27/2021	1980 Fall
343	Allan C. Julius	4/3/2021	4/16/2021	1964 Spring
664	Gregory K. Gude	3/24/2021	3/25/2021	1974 Spring



## Final Thought

Alumni relations are important to the future of our chapter and an infusion of volunteers into our association provides enthusiasm and motivation. It can make the difference in a chapter's ability to survive. We all have a million events going on in our busy lives but we should all take time to connect with our alumni members more often. While prospective new members are often referred to as the lifeblood of the Fraternity, alumni are undoubtedly the backbone. The experience of alumni, and their willingness to get involved, provides the continuity that is so important to our chapters' well-being. Now...reflecting on a Fraternity Life at Sixty-Five!

My brotherhood now is a cluster of grandchildren, and my wife is my lifelong sweetheart. How did I reach this age that when I was in college, was the age of mentors and coaches and teachers? How can I possibly have reached a 4th quarter of the typical American male life? Of those 65 years, 6% of them were spent as an undergraduate member of the TKE Delta-Nu. For a lot of the men who joined when I did, that 6% is what they will consider their fraternity years. Not for me. My fraternity years started in the Fall of 1974 and are still going. I took to heart the lifelong commitments and obligations. Teke for Life! Time has taught me a few things about the fraternity. I now look upon that experience much differently than when I was an undergraduate member and I've determined the 3 inalienable truths of the fraternity experience ...

1: Initiation into a fraternity is the starting gate, and not the finish line. When we see it as the opposite, then we limit the true lifelong nature of this experience. Don't tell me that when pledging was over, I reached my destination, I'm still going.

2: Brotherhood is much greater than friendship, built upon shared values. Brotherhood is defined as the bonding of men of various backgrounds, beliefs, places, and eras around a singular set of life-directing commitments. I have many friends in this world, but very few true brothers.

3: Initiating didn't instantly make my chapter-mates and I lifelong friends. Fraternity created brotherhood, which created the opportunity for lifelong friendship to thrive. But the real honest work of relationship-building was needed and still is to this day. I am a fraternity man because, at age 65, I still believe in it, practice it, fight for it and adhere to its teachings. And you can too, no matter how many gray hairs you have. I can't wait to learn more.

Contact me to learn how you can get involved with the Alumni Association and learn more too.

Yours in the Bond,

Brad Shelton (651)



Fraters  
in 1977



Fraters  
in 2019

