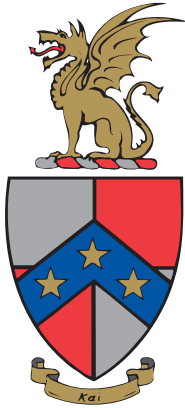




The Beta Diamond

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Editor's Note

"Brothers are brothers for life." As the current Alumni Chairman, I plan to kindle the connections and friendships with you and all of our alumni through updating and involving you in the life of the chapter. This newsletter aims to be part of this higher goal, along with the relaunch of the creighton.beta.org website, as well as various alumni events. While my own time as an active member of this chapter draws nearer to a close, please reach out to myself or any members of the Executive Board for suggestions to improve this newsletter and our alumni-related activities as a whole.

Yours in __kai__,
Jeff Downes #165
jmd10041@creighton.edu

CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2021 was another year of uncertainty for the world, but that didn't stop the Eta Iota chapter from its continued excellence both locally and nationally. Covid restrictions which carried over from 2020 led to a slow start with activities and involvement on campus. In the first few weeks, IFC hosted its first fully virtual recruitment cycle during which the chapter held a virtual alumni event with over 100 participants, utilized a unique new platform for connecting with PNMs, and ultimately recruited 11 new members. This pledge class would eventually grow to 15 after the completion of the first continuous open bidding (COB) cycle.

The semester's events slowly picked up as local and campus restrictions eased and allowed for safe gatherings. Beta was the first fraternity on campus to return to in person chapter and the only chapter to hold an in person formal. These highlights were also supplemented by the work of award-winning risk management and member education teams led by brothers **Chris Pritza '22** and **Jack Mumm '23**, respectively. Outstanding achievement in these areas was recognized at the 182nd General Convention in Oxford, OH. It was at this convention that the chapter also took home its second consecutive Knox award.

The fall semester saw another successful recruitment cycle

with 8 new members initiated in person at the Alpha Tau chapter house in Lincoln, NE. It was shortly after this initiation that the chapter hosted its first Beta Broomball philanthropy event at which over \$2500 was raised in honor of the mother of brother **Tagg Pershing '24**. These events, the return of brotherhood retreat off campus, social events, and more all highlighted the fall calendar.

There were also many noteworthy individual achievements in 2021. In addition to the national recognition of Chris Pritza and Jack Mumm, alumnus **Matt Straetker '21** began a position with the Administrative Office of the General Fraternity in Oxford, OH. Further, outgoing IFC president, brother **Giorgio Bacchin '22**, ushered in a new IFC team consisting of brothers **Atta Toosi '23**, **Evan Murphy '24**, and **Danny Akkad '24**. These positions of leadership for the coming year are evidence of Beta's campus-wide presence and influence as principled leaders.

Despite headwinds at many different levels, the Eta Iota chapter repeatedly rose to meet every challenge and upheld the strongest aspect of its union: brotherhood. As we prepare for 2022 and all that it may bring, I couldn't be prouder to be an Eta Iota Beta.

Yours in __kai__,
Davis Sunderland '22

Kai Report

The year of 2021 for Beta Theta Pi was an unprecedented year that focused on continuing to build our fraternity during a pandemic through brotherhood, leadership, and strengthening relationships.

As the VP of Kai my primary focus was to continue to promote brotherhood development the best way I could. That focus and success that I found with the fraternity would not be possible without the rest of the Kai committee: brothers **Atta Toosi '23**, **Abraham Joseph '22**, **Brody McCoy '22**, and our ritual chair **Jeff Downes '22**. Together we worked to continue to cultivate a chapter that would excel in our strong connections, passion for ritual, and living out our five core values in our daily lives.

In the spring of 2021, we were able to host a brotherhood retreat on campus. To us, this was a gift because for many months during the year, no fraternities could have any official events. At this brotherhood retreat, we were able to have seniors speak on the importance of brotherhood and what brotherhood should look like without a pandemic, an opportunity to write letters of affirmation to fellow brothers, and a few small groups activities. Along with an on-campus brotherhood retreat, we were also able to have on-campus initiation rituals which allowed us to keep our main ritual components in-person and at the core of the Beta experience.

In the fall of 2021, Beta started to return to a more normal looking semester. In September Beta returned to Camp Rivercrest for our Brotherhood Retreat which was one of the highlights of my Beta career. In this retreat, our ritual chair, Jeff Downes, led a deep discussion on

what our obligations mean, a speech from myself on what brotherhood looks like outside of official Beta events, and a final speech from our brotherhood chair, **Nick Sande '22**, on the Bridge Builder Poem and its significance. After each speech 10 brothers were able to lead a small group discussion about a topic that related to a speech or a conversation with a central theme from retreat. Beyond some of these events on the schedule, we were also able to have a grill out, Beta Football League Game, and time to hike and walk with brothers. Returning to a normal looking semester also meant normal Pre-Initiation and Initiation rituals. The Alpha Tau chapter was happy to host us again for the first time in months, and we were grateful to return to Lincoln for the pinnacle of our ritual.

As I am leaving the Kai committee after serving proudly for two years for our fraternity, I feel in my heart that I am leaving the role and committee in the best hands possible. I am beyond excited to see how the future of Beta continues to promote brotherhood development in my final semester in this chapter and will always cherish my time on this committee.

Yours in __kai__,
Thomas Parker '22
Vice President of Kai

BROTHERHOOD REPORT REPORT

The last year as brotherhood exec was positive. It posed a unique challenge even from the previous exec group handling COVID. The position required less formal in-person planning in the first half of the semester, and then it required a transition into creating more formal gatherings.

In the last spring semester, we were masters of the word "alleged". We successfully worked around Creighton's restrictions, better than any other organization, by gathering at houses and finding places around Omaha to meet up. This past fall semester transitioned into doing events like the float trip, deBETables, going paint balling, and having a Beta Thanksgiving dinner.

Looking to the future, I hope the next brotherhood exec will continue the progress made in formal attendance and foster the appreciation for these dry events paid for by dues that build up our brotherhood.

A highlight through the last year was the excitement for Beta that continued during adversity while FSL community was struggling to find unity. This brings an opportunity for the next group of incoming execs and the incoming pledge class: supporting the community that we are a part of and being positive leaders within the wider Creighton community.

I'm proud to say our brotherhood is stronger than ever and we will continue to build upon our success to strengthen the chapter's brotherly bonds further.

Yours in __kai__,
Nick Sande '22
Brotherhood Exec



Pictured: Brothers eating Thanksgiving dinner around the table at the Sandecastle satellite house

BROTHERHOOD THANKSGIVING DINNER

Before brothers returned home for Thanksgiving, they decided to come together for a Thanksgiving meal of their own. Organized by Brotherhood Executive **Nick Sande '22**, the brothers cooked and prepared 5 turkeys as well as stuffing, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, pies, and many other Thanksgiving classics. The cooking duties were split between 3 houses of brothers, all conveniently situated within a block of each other, and the "Sandecastle" satellite house hosting the event itself. The event was a great success and further solidified the bond between our brothers. Huge shout out to Nick and the brotherhood team for organizing the events, and the boys of the 3 houses for preparing for and hosting this awesome new tradition!

Alumni Updates

Keep up with our brothers

(If you have Alumni News to share, please send information to jmd10041@creighton.edu.)

Editor's note: this list of alumni updates was gained accumulated through both emails from alumni as well as postings on LinkedIn.

Collin Brody '14 accepted a position with the Kansas City Royals baseball club as the director of business data architects in June this year. In this position, Collin is the strategic leader of the Royals' business analytics department. He is in charge of planning and architecting a Google Cloud data warehouse for all phases of the Royals' business lines.

Christian Sanford '16 just started a new job on 1/24/2022 as a Consultant at Deloitte, focused on helping companies with their data strategies. While he may be located in Kansas City, he expects to be traveling quite a bit for work in the near future - he hopes to locations with a Beta presence!

Michael Visenio '14 is a physician and surgical resident at University of Nebraska currently pursuing a postdoctoral surgical research fellowship at Northwestern University. Back in August 2021, he married longtime girlfriend and Beta Sweetheart, Roselle Agdipa. Though they split their time between Omaha and Chicago, the Visenios are very much Nebraska residents and enjoy returning home to Creighton and Omaha.



Matthew Carlson '14 joined Omaha's office of Kutak Rock in the summer of 2020 and is continuing to work there as an affordable housing tax attorney. He also bought a house in 2021. Matt has continued to be our Chapter Counselor, and is excited to continue deepening his roots in Omaha.

Matthew Straetker '21 began a position at the Beta Theta Pi national fraternity as the Southwest region's chapter development consultant, working with chapters in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. **Page 8** of this newsletter contains a full article detailing his time working for Beta. Matt plans to apply to dental school after a year of working for Beta.

Perry Worden '21 began working full time at Bridgepoint Investment Banking in Omaha as an analyst after graduation. He was previously a Bridgepoint intern before being hired full time to this position.



SUMMER SERVICE TRIP

Over the summer, 14 of our brothers attended a service trip, traveling to Fargo, ND, Audubon, MN, and

Frazee, MN. The brothers assisted with the Food Bank of Fargo, a family in Audubon, and the remodeling of a youth center/painting a mural in Frazee respectively.

The trip began with a trip to lake country, where brothers **Davis Sunderland '22** and **Ian McKay '24** offered their family lake cabins as lodging for those participating in the trip. Davis's cabin is on Detroit Lake and Ian's at Big Toad. From there, the brothers would travel to the service sites. Service Executive **Garrett Coester '23** was in charge of the logistics of the trip, coordinating with the various service sites.

The trip to Frazee garnered the attention of the local media. The Frazee-Vergas Forum, a local newspaper, wrote a story and interviewed some of the brothers while they were on this trip. They had nothing but praise for our "frat boys from Omaha, Neb."

"I think we sold it," Davis told the Frazee-Vergas Forum. "Usually five-to-seven [brothers] go and this year was the biggest one yet. We had 14 total who came to volunteer. Some were able to stay for a few days, some the entire time."

The paper went on to detail the project of demolishing the CornerStone youth center for the renovation and remodel process. This project was the "most fun" according to Garrett.

"We pulled out the carpet, ripped down the ceiling, pulled off paneling off the wall, removed the island and [tackled] the bathroom" he reported. Ian told the paper "The projects where you can see a tangible difference with a little elbow grease are fun."

The brothers also were invited to paint a mural on the side of a building near Frazee city hall. They first sanded down the side of the building to prepare it for painting, and assisted in painting a mural that will look like a postcard displaying many of the city's amenities.



Ian McKay used a lift to reach the top of the building on Main Avenue with an electric sander. The surface needed to be sanded for the paint on the pending mural to grip to the surface of the canvas. McKay is one of several members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. that came to town for service projects.

Omaha-based fraternity lends a hand in Frazee

Remodeling project underway at CornerStone

By Harbin Paster

Frat boys from Omaha, Neb. did a world of good. With plenty of elbow grease, the young men from Beta Theta Pi tackled service projects for individuals and organizations. In Frazee, the CornerStone group was a beneficiary of their donated services. The young men also assisted a family in Audubon, Minn. and vol-

unteered at the food bank in Fargo, N.D.

The blessings to the area communities all started when Davis Sunderland and Ian McKay shared what lake life is like with their frat brothers at Creighton University.

Sunderland and the frat alone to provide week-long volunteer service in the areas from where the frat brothers call home. The two Fargo, N.D. re-



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Garrett Coester and Jack Maynard of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity members from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. were one of many that helped with the demolition process at the CornerStone youth center.

Pictured: Ian McKay '24, Jack Maynard '24, and Garrett Coester '23 featured on the front cover of The Frazee-Vergas Forum performing service.

The Eta Iota men of course laid out time for leisure after the long days of work. The brothers enjoyed the lake cabins on Detroit Lake and Big Toad and the daily life of Fargo, ND.

Thank you to Garrett for organizing the service sites, Davis and Ian for offering their family lake cabins, and all of the brothers who put in a lot of hard work to serve the communities of Fargo, Audubon, and Frazee.

As a chapter, we remain committed to service and are looking forward to the next service trip for brothers to lend a helping hand to those in need.

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Top row, from left: JP Oftedahl '23, Ian McKay '24, Sam Muirhead '24, Cole DeVos '24, Jack Mumm '23, Jack Maynard '24, Jack O'Malley '24, Nick Lovick '24, and Kevin Grinstead '24. Bottom: Ryan Smith '24

SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY REPORT

I personally had a blast as the Service and Philanthropy Executive for Beta Theta Pi this past year. It was great seeing all the guys have so much fun doing service even amid Covid. We started off with a great virtual event for our Day of Service for the spring 2021 recruitment cycle. We had all the PNMs write letters to our weekly service partners, Completely Kids. This was a cool event where we could begin our relationships with the kids for the upcoming semester and get to know the PNMs as well. Weekly service turned out well as we were able to complete service on a week-to-week basis as compared to other chapters on campus. The time we spent with each other helping the kids was a really great time for brotherhood and it was a time that I will always cherish.

Our Philanthropy event for the fall semester went very well as we raised \$3,000 for autoimmune diseases. We replaced the .1k with a new philanthropy event called Beta Broomball where we had pizza and games of Broomball being played. This event was centered around one of brothers, Tagg Pershing, who recently lost his mom due to an auto-immune disease. I'm happy with the way the philanthropy turned out and how the whole fraternity could show their support to Tagg and his family.

One of the most fun things we did was the Beta Service Trip up to Fargo, ND over the summer. Brothers' Davis Sunderland and Ian MacKay were kind enough to host us with their families for the trip. We completed a week's worth of service completing activities such as: splitting logs, food pantry, and demolition! We became local heroes as we made a cameo in the local newspaper for the service we completed. We had a little extra time, so we went to go see a local baseball game and spend time on the lake wake surfing! The trip was an all-around success!

After such a great time as the Beta Service and Philanthropy Executive, I can say it was one of the best choices of my life. This position taught me and the rest of the fraternity so much and I hope to help continue the trend of service as Covid clears out. This was a blast and I am so glad I was able to be a part of such a great fraternity, and I could not have asked for better brothers to do service with.

Yours in __kai__,
Garrett Coester '23
Service & Philanthropy Exec

RECRUITMENT REPORT

Editor's note: The first semester of the 2021-22 school year saw the initiation of 7 new members into our chapter. The recruitment team in 2020 faced obstacles never before experienced. "Traditional" recruitment was replaced with virtual recruitment and the fall recruitment was canceled due to COVID. This impacted both the amount of PNM's going out for recruitment, as well as the number of pledges gained during this time. We were able to get 11 pledges in Spring of 2020, and add on 5 pledges with continuous open bidding. At the time of writing this, Spring 2022 recruitment is complete, and we have initiated a pledge class of 22 members, tied for the largest in chapter history, bringing our chapter size up to 87 members. This will be detailed more in the Spring 2022 edition of The Beta Diamond.

My name is **Duncan Kyhl '22**, and I'm a senior from Des Moines, Iowa studying Business Analytics and Accounting. I'll graduate in May of 2022, after which you can find me making balloon animals on the corner of 24th and Dodge in Omaha – kidding, I'll be in on the corner of Wacker and Monroe in Chicago (which happens to be the location of a Deloitte technology consulting office). For all the adventures that will bring, I know I have been made more ready for my next journey by the rewarding challenges this leadership position has brought me. It was a great opportunity to serve the Eta Iota chapter as the VP of

Recruitment in 2021, and I'm excited to share a few of its highlights with you:

The Spring 2021 recruitment cycle held new challenges from lingering COVID-19 restrictions. Recruitment was scheduled to occur entirely virtually the week prior to returning to campus in January.

With the relaxation of some of these guidelines, we were able to have recruitment in person with masks in the Fall. As the result of a well-connected brotherhood, our fraternity transitioned well back to in-person events by smoothly reestablishing distinctly BETA traditions in our recruitment events, like a day of service, brotherhood events like "deBETables" (a "think and drink" hosted at a Beta house featuring 3 presentations and a living room full of Betas, hosted without drinks for recruitment of course), and an alumni event which showed that the friendships formed in Beta don't end at graduation. This recruitment cycle brought in 7 new members, bringing our total member count before spring recruitment up to 65.

Our Men of Principle Scholarship (which awarded four, \$250 scholarships to non-Greek campus as Men of Principle) was made a higher priority within the chapter this year and resulted in interviews with 9 separate candidates, 6 of whom joined Beta in the Spring.

With the relaunching of our website, creighton.beta.org, we also launched a form for Alumni to recommend PNM's to look out for during the recruitment process, as well as for the PNM's to reach out to us if interested. It can be found under the "Join Beta" tab of the website. There is also a form included at the bottom of this newsletter. We encourage all alumni to send in their recommendations as early as possible and no later than August 15 so we have enough time to be connected with potential new members. While we cannot guarantee a bid, we will guarantee all new members recommended by alumni will be considered by the recruitment team.

Thank you, Alumni! You have made our recruitment easy by establishing a great culture of great men! While it continues to form, active member are up to 87, our highest role number is 258, and we are proud to have celebrated the 10th anniversary of our founding last Spring! With the quality of guys we have, I feel comfortable knowing we are leaving the chapter in good hands. Hope y'all get to meet them.

Yours in ___kai___,
Duncan Kyhl '22
Recruitment Exec

Communications Report

This semester for my role as the Communications Executive was good. During my time, I was able to revitalize our social media presence, primarily our Instagram. I was also able to connect the greater Creighton audience and begin the improvement of our presence on campus through this revitalization.

The incoming Communications Executive, **Ian McKay '24**, and the incoming Social Media Chair, **Evan Murphy '24**, plan to build upon this to improve our campus presence. Instagram has become one of the best ways to keep up with what we are doing/ what our brothers are up to. If you are active on Instagram, follow our Instagram @beta_creighton if you do not already.

This past semester also saw greater efforts to involve our sweethearts in the chapter. The spring of 2021 saw the induction of 4 new sweethearts: **Emma Kitteringham '22**, **Julia Turner '23**,

Megan Dalicandro '23, **Annie Elming '23**, and **Anna Kotula '23**.

In an effort to increase engagement and relationships with our sweethearts, we have added them to a few of our GroupMe chats, further encouraged them to attend our chapter meetings when ritual or voting is not being performed or discussed, and continued to allow them to attend formal and informal social events such as date parties.

I was happy that I was able to hold this position and am proud of the work that is being done by the current members, not only in com, but on exec as a whole. I'm looking forward to what the next communications team has in store for us starting next semester.

Yours in ___kai___,
Obi Okoye '23
Communications Exec

Member Education Report

The Eta Iota chapter of Beta Theta Pi had a great fall recruitment cycle. We recently added 8 new active members to the roll, bringing the total number including alumni to 236 men strong.

New member education was a fun process in which the new members learned about the fraternity in depth and bonded with each other, creating strong relationships not only with their class, but other classes as well. They are now getting involved in the chapter while balancing all of their other responsibilities at school. We look forward to the continuation of fraternal bonds and are excited to see what these new members will accomplish within our fraternity. Initiation week was tremendous, as we finally got to return to Alpha Tau at Nebraska to complete the ritual.

Our chapter plans to develop the sweetheart process further so that expectations are clear as more women apply to be sweethearts in the future. We also want to emphasize the continued education of all members, not just new members. Member education provides a foundation for our fraternity and ensures that the chapter continues to develop men of principle for a principled life.

It was a privilege to serve as the New Member Education Executive, and I am excited for another exceptional group of men to join us in the spring of 2022.

Yours in ___kai___,
Jack Mumm '23
Member Education Exec

SOCIAL REPORT

I believe that this past semester has been one of my favorite semesters thus far in Beta. We were able to put on a lot of different social events. Overall, we had a mixer with Kappa Kappa Gamma at the Parliament Pub in the Old Market, an unofficial date party at the Sandcastle satellite house, and got to go out of town for semi-formal for the first time in our young chapter's history to Kansas City.

The move to Kansas City for semi-formal this year came as a result of not having one date party/not being able to travel for formal due to COVID from March 2020 to April 2021. The Kansas City formal consisted of staying at the Sheraton at Crown Center, right across from Arrowhead Stadium and the Power and Lights District, which was a short ride on the light-rail to get to.

All in all, serving as the social exec was an absolute blast. It was a time where we really came together as a chapter and decided what direction we wanted to move in. It was an experience that taught me a lot about myself. I was able to reflect on not only how I handled adversity, but also on the impact that I wanted to have on the chapter.

In short, it profoundly changed my Beta experience and is a big reason as to why Beta is as important to me as it is now.

Yours in ___kai___,
Brad Young '23
Social Exec

Scholarship Report

It was a great semester. Beta Theta Pi finished the semester with a 3.53 cumulative GPA, and a 3.52 semester GPA, ranking us 2nd of 7 chapters in both categories. No members failed to live up to our academic standards, and no members placed on academic probation failed to achieve high GPAs. If a member gets below a 2.6 in a semester or below a 3.0 for two consecutive semesters, he is placed on an academic assistance program to give needed structure to members who fail to make grades. It consists of meeting with the scholarship chair regularly throughout the semester. If they fail to make grades after these accommodations, a trial by chapter will be held, in which members vote whether or not to allow the person to remain as a member.

Regular study hours were held biweekly on campus for all members, with those on academic probation required to attend. Participation was great for study hours, and our study habits certainly led to our strong academic semester.

Last semester was a success, and I look forward to the great strides we will make next semester in boosting our GPA. Spring semester, study hours will be held biweekly as before to maintain our commitment to education. Our members will continue to work hard and live up to the high standard we have set.

John Rodgers '23
Scholarship Chairman

New Ritual

This fall, the Kai committee implemented a new Eta Iota-specific ritual. The ritual caters to the diverse and tight-knit nature of the chapter. This new ritual will help distinguish our chapter further from other chapters in Beta Theta Pi, and will improve our commitment and understanding of ritual as a whole.

The new ritual has been many years in the making. Starting in 2018, multiple Kai committees worked on this project throughout the years. Notably, **Matt Matternas '20, Kevin Armbruster '21, Matt Straetker '21, Jeff Downes '22, and Atta Toosi '23** among other brothers created and perfected the ritual until it was finally implemented this fall.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this project a possibility. If you are an alumni, you are invited to attend this ritual whenever we conduct it. More details about a date will be shared with you all.

Yours in ___kai___,
Jeff Downes '22
Ritual Chairman



WORKING FOR BETA NATIONALS

*Editor's note: (Pictured Left) **Matthew Straetker '21** (left) and **Ethan Farner '20** (right) holding our chapter's Knox awards, the highest award given to Beta chapters, for 2020 and 2021 at the 182nd General Convention of Beta Theta Pi in Oxford, Ohio. (Pictured Right) Matthew Straetker (front left) with other staff members of the general fraternity.*

Beta is a national organization, with its headquarters located in Oxford, Ohio near Miami University, where the first chapter, the Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, was founded in 1839. Beta's national organization employs many people, both Betas and non-Betas alike, and many of whom are recent college graduates.

It is not uncommon for new grads to work for the national fraternity. One of these men is our very own **Matthew Straetker '21**, who is working for the national fraternity before he heads to dental school.

"Since graduating I have taken on the full-time role of the Southwest Chapter Development Consultant for the General Fraternity. For my role I work directly with all chapters in the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California."

Matt, or "Striker" as he is referred to in the chapter, recounted some of the great experiences he has had working with the general fraternity, as well as some of the connections with staff and active members of other chapters across the Southwest.

"Throughout the fall and this ongoing spring, I get to travel across the country throughout these states to each chapter getting to operationally

support each of them and build strong meaningful connections. I also get to interact with General Fraternity Officers and Volunteers to support them in their roles!"

Of course, working for the general fraternity isn't all work. In the same way that the Eta Iota's mantra is "work hard, play hard," Matt has found some time between his role supporting other chapters to keep up that tradition.

"Throughout my travels I have visited the Grand Canyon, Santa Monica Pier, Alcatraz, an Oklahoma football game, and I look forward to even more adventures this spring!"

Matt is not the only alumni who has recently worked for the general fraternity. **Ethan Farner '20** helped to reestablish the Beta Lambda chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The new colony is in its first year at Vandy and is 14 members strong!

The general fraternity provides other staff positions to current and former college undergraduates including internships for their special programs like Wooden. If you want to see what is offered, visit <https://beta.org/about/careers/>.

Whether traveling around to support multiple established chapters or supporting volunteers and general fraternity officers, Matt still calls the Eta Iota chapter home.

"While I've enjoyed meeting other Beta chapters across the country, one thing has become apparent. Every Eta Iota Chapter member should be extremely proud and honored to wear the letters Beta Theta Pi. We have an amazing chapter that even though has its faults, still has a passionate and impactful brotherhood that truly represents what a Beta chapter should be. I want to personally thank each of you for helping build this bridge for not only myself, but future Eta Iota Beta's!"

Of his experience working for the national fraternity, Matt said "This experience has enriched my life and Beta experience more than I could have imagined."

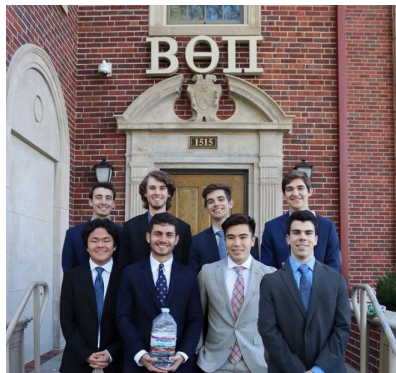
If you ever want to learn more about what the General Fraternity is up to or how to get reengaged with Beta in some way Matt offered up his contact.

Matt can be reached at matt.straetker@beta.org

CONGRATS TO OUR NEW INITIATES!



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Top row: Jack Hilton, Jack Pereira, Alec Brown, Noah Ralofsky. Bottom row: Brandon Finn-Jackson, Danny Akkad, Nick "Hibby" Hibino, Arthur Deseck.



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RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS NEEDED!

Alumni, we value your input on membership selection. If you know someone who would be an asset to the chapter, please send this information to Recruitment Executive **Kevin Grinstead '23** at kevingrinstead@creighton.edu or fill out the form on our website under the Join Beta tab. **Recommendations should be submitted as soon as possible, preferably before August 15 if a rising sophomore and January 1 if a rising freshman.**

Prospect's name: _____

Prospect's cell phone, if available: _____

Prospect's email: _____

Home address: _____

High school attended: _____

Intended major: _____

Activities: _____

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Is prospect a Beta legacy? If yes, provide full details: _____

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