



A-TAU OBSERVER

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GAMMA THETA EARNS SECOND TRUE MERIT AWARD

If there were any lingering doubts about whether Gamma Theta was back, this should settle it. The chapter has earned its second consecutive True Merit Award. Perhaps even stronger evidence is that the former worthy master, **Joe Dougherty '09**, was in the running for the Thomas Arkle Clark Award, our fraternity's highest individual honor. The last Tau to win the award was **Blake Anderson '00** in 2003, and before that, **Brett West '92** in 1995. Joe was instrumental in getting the chapter back on solid footing and leading Gamma Theta to True Merit in 2012. His influence, along with the other executive board members, will be long-lasting and is much appreciated by the board.

Chapter Recruits Quality New Members

This year's new member class consists of quality guys from Kearney, Beatrice, Blair, Lincoln, Omaha, Papillion, Elkhorn, and Columbus, as well as South Dakota, Minnesota, and California. The class also includes five legacy members. Thank you to all the alumni who referred potential brothers and helped with recruitment.

Help Us Remain Competitive

Those of you who have been on UNL's campus lately have probably noticed several things:

- A lot of construction
- A handful of new buildings
- The most updated 100-year-old football stadium in the land

Many of these new structures are fraternity houses and UNL dorm rooms. ATΩ must remain competitive in order to stay at the top of its game. To get the quality guys we want in our chapter, we need to keep up with updates happening on campus. The board continues to explore options to update the chapter house and keep Gamma Theta at the forefront of fraternity life at UNL.



Undergraduates and alumni prepare to cheer on the Huskers.



Bob O'Neal '71 enjoys an afternoon tailgating with his wife and friends at the September 7 Nebraska vs. Wyoming football game.

Get Involved with Gamma Theta

On September 7, ATΩ held its annual alumni tailgate event prior to the Nebraska vs. Wyoming football game. Alumni from six decades walked through the doors of the Old Stone Fortress to meet the current chapter members, hear about the plans for the future, and enjoy some good, old-fashioned tailgate fare.

We encourage you to take an active role in the future of the chapter. If you have a desire to

get involved as a board member or in planning alumni events, please contact us via e-mail at atonebraska@gmail.com. If you live in an area with a high concentration of ATΩ alumni and would like to plan a local get-together, we can help with the logistics. We look forward to seeing you.

Love and Respect,
Jon Sevenker '95
ATΩ Board of Trustees

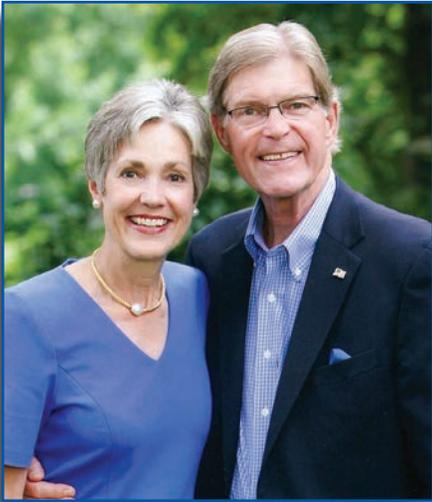
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ALUMNUS CONTINUES LEGACY OF SUCCESS

ROBERT MILLIGAN '64 TAKES ADVANTAGE OF GAMMA THETA OPPORTUNITY



“I learned leadership development training and rubbed shoulders with people from various walks of life and backgrounds.”

Robert Milligan '64 is from a small, rural farming community. There were 42 people in his high school graduating class and he didn't know many people outside of his hometown. When Robert enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the brothers of Gamma Theta made him feel comfortable during his transition to college life. After meeting some of the active brothers through his older brother, Robert knew he wanted to continue the legacy of ATΩ in his family.

After joining, Robert quickly took on leadership roles in the chapter, including worthy master. “The brothers made it easy to come from a small farm to a University. I learned leadership development training and rubbed shoulders with people from various walks of life and backgrounds.”

Robert earned a bachelor's degree in vocational agriculture and agricultural economics and used the skills he learned in Gamma Theta throughout his career. After serving in the military, Robert attended George Washington University to study law. He has served in numerous government positions and founded MI Industries, a food processing company that makes fresh dog and cat diet food. “Being a member of a good fraternity and chapter helped me develop leadership skills, understand people from different backgrounds, and take advantage of campus opportunities to build my résumé.”

Robert and his wife, Cynthia, live in Lincoln. They have five children, including **David '93**, who was the 12th member of their family to join ATΩ. Robert also has six grandsons and hopes they will continue the ATΩ legacy. Robert can be contacted at rmilligan@miindustries.com.

JUSTIN HARRIS '96 THANKFUL FOR GAMMA THETA EXPERIENCE

Justin Harris '96 joined Alpha Tau Omega because he was looking for a way to get involved on campus during his college years. “I wanted to make new friends with similar-minded people who were interested in academics, athletics, and gaining social experiences.” When Justin met the brothers of Gamma Theta, he found the group he was looking for. “I am fortunate to have a very good pledge class. There were a lot of guys with high aspirations for academic and athletic success who took a well-balanced approach to college. We pushed each other to do well.”

While in Gamma Theta Chapter, Justin held many leadership positions, including pledge class president. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology and went on to become an orthopedic surgeon in Lincoln. Justin credits Gamma Theta for teaching him the leadership skills that he applies in his profession. “Leadership experiences in the

chapter helped me grow as a young man. Being surrounded by highly motivated guys taught me time management and a multitude of other skills. It fostered a good work ethic and helped me later in life during my residency.”

Justin is thankful for the connections he made in Gamma Theta and encourages brothers to maintain their fraternal connections. “It was understood that everyone would do something bigger and better. I've experienced a great deal of professional success that I attribute to my time in ATΩ. It's important to maintain those connections and is always nice to relive the glory years.”

Justin and his wife, Kirsten, have three young children: Jake, Lucy, and Kate. Because of Justin's fraternity experience, he hopes to steer them toward joining a fraternity or sorority in the future. He can be reached at jdharris44@gmail.com.

Save the Date

Join us on November 3 as we initiate our newest group of ATΩ men. A parent's event will take place at Hillcrest Country Club prior to initiation.



Gamma Theta Increases GPA

Brothers Thankful for Support

We are excited to announce that we have earned the True Merit Award for the second year in a row. We also earned awards for recruitment, scholarship, and excellence, as well as the Upper Alpha Award. Gamma Theta is working hard to receive Top Chapter status. We have set objectives to achieve this goal, including increasing philanthropy hours and dollars raised.



Brothers accept Gamma Theta's second consecutive True Merit Award at the National Awards Banquet.

Visit Gamma Theta

I would also like to thank all of our amazing alumni who have motivated us to succeed. With your help, we will continue to contend for the True Merit Award on a yearly basis. Please feel free to stop by the Old Stone Fortress anytime.

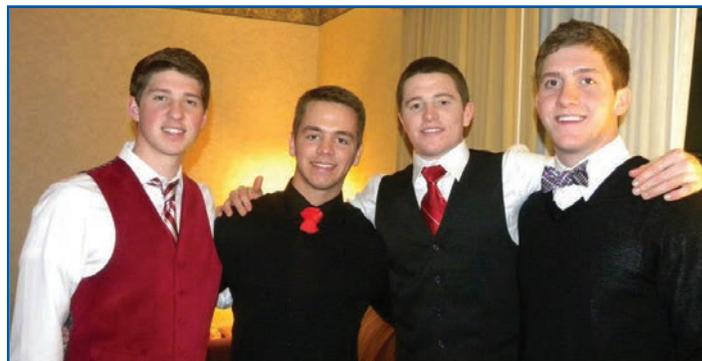
Love and Respect,
Jed Paulsen '11, Chapter President
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Chapter Welcomes 28 New Members

We signed 28 new members in a successful summer recruitment. If you have any recommendations for fall recruitment, please send your referrals to me, the recruitment chairmen listed on page 4, or any member of the Board of Trustees.

Thanks for Your Support

Our GPA has steadily increased each semester, and we are on our way to being in the top five in academics. We are very active on and off campus and volunteer often. None of our success would be possible without the tremendous hard work and dedication of the Board of Trustees and Parents' Club. We are truly appreciative of all that you have done to make us better.



Brandon Keech '11, Rob Sherrill '11, Chase Bassett '11, and John Lainson '11 get ready for the formal.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Ross Anderson
Omaha, Neb.

Kendrick Dalia
Papillion, Neb.

Adam Jorgensen
Waverly, Neb.

Jason Paul
Lincoln, Neb.

Richie Stromberg
Lincoln, Neb.

Tanner Bailey
Elkhorn, Neb.

Justin Falck
Omaha, Neb.

Malcom Lancaster
Lincoln, Neb.

Jake Pothoff*
Lincoln, Neb.
(Brother **Tony Pothoff '07**)

Johnny Swift
Omaha, Neb.

Brady Basset
Lincoln, Neb.

Marc Fluery
Omaha, Neb.

Jay Landholm*
Elkhorn, Neb.
(Brother **Craig A. Landholm '06**)

Will Sailors
Lincoln, Neb.

Brandon Wallman
Lincoln, Neb.

Nick Buckley*
Dakota Dunes, S.D.
(Grandfather **Winton W. Buckley '44** and Father **Mark L. Buckley '74**)

Reid Hammit*
Omaha, Neb.
(Brother **Kyle Hammitt '11**)

Dalton Martier
Papillion, Neb.

Skyler Sailors
Lincoln, Neb.

Trevor Wulf*
Blair, Neb.
(Brother **Donnie Wulf '05**)

Gabe Charlton
Elkhorn, Neb.

Jake Havranek
Kearney, Neb.

Tom Meier
Omaha, Neb.

Matt Smutny
Omaha, Neb.

**Legacy; relative in parentheses*

Rogelio Coronado
Beatrice, Neb.

Nolan Johnson
Cottage Grove, Minn.

Willy Morris
Elkhorn, Neb.

TJ Steffes
Elkhorn, Neb.

Alumnus Remembered for Wit and Humor

Daniel D. Jewell '41 entered Chapter Eternal on May 24. He was an avid outdoorsman and adventurer who loved to share his passion with his friends and family. He was never afraid to express his opinion, accompanied by his quick wit and unique sense of humor. He left a lasting impression on all who knew him. David will truly be missed.



Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your input in membership selection. Please send your recruitment recommendations to atonebraska@gmail.com or:

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Brandon Keech '11

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Josh Mitten '11

(402) 201-7338 • jmitten1@gmail.com

THANK YOU, ALUMNI, FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are truly grateful to the following brothers who contributed more than \$5,435 to Gamma Theta this spring. Thank you—we truly appreciate this act of generosity!

Alumni are listed by initiation year under their appropriate giving levels. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 with any corrections.

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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

Founders Circle

(\$1,000 and above)
Brad L. Tolstedt '77

Heraldic Cross Club

(\$500 to \$999)
Robert Dudley '79

Azure & Old Gold Club

(\$250 to \$499)
Daniel Anderson '70
Thomas Schueth '83

1865 Society

(\$186.50 to \$249)
Reed L. Anderson '98

White Tea Rose Society

(\$100 to \$186.49)
Lauren D. Lampert '37
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William A. Wells '58
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