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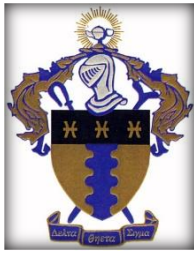
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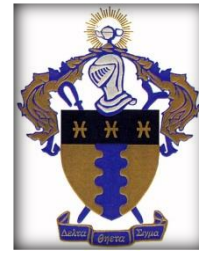
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## Presidential Address

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This year has had a lot of big changes that Nationals has been busy working on. I have been honored to work with the current board. Even though we are from different chapters from all across America, I am proud to call these men my brothers. Sometimes we have disagreed, but we have come to consensus on how to move forward. This has shown that not only do you build strong bonds of brotherhood in your local chapters, but you also create lasting bonds between chapters. With all of the extra late night and impromptu conference calls that sometimes took hours, I would like to thank my brothers for their dedication and time.

The most important issue we have been working on is with the formation of an official organization for the little sisters. After a lot of meetings and discussions, a group of active sisters and alumni started working together to get things moving. Their energy and dedication have been tremendous. In 2020, they agreed to meet for their annual Matrix meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup> in Wilmington, Ohio. There they will iron out the details on what their national board will consist of and decide upon a name. The DTS National Board would like to thank all of them for their hard work and look forward to working together with their new organization. It is up to us and our local chapters to maintain those strong bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood as they create their own national organization.

Another big endeavor was our expansion effort at Morehead State University. It was exciting to have the faculty on board with us starting a chapter. This was the first time for us on the national board trying to create a colony and a new chapter. Expectations were high and we got some leads for interested students. Our Eta chapter actives agreed to pitch in as they were the closest geographically. Unfortunately, we were not able to succeed as the students we had relied on a few of their leaders. When one of them could not join a fraternity due to the university's academic standards and another one's interest waned, we were not able to cobble together a coalition. To quote the great Nelson Mandela, "I never lose. I either win or I learn." I think the biggest lesson learned is to start with the students before the faculty. You can always have an unofficial fraternity while we work to get recognized on campus. National Board Vice President Dan Beisner spearheaded the effort and I would like to thank him for his efforts and all the extra hours he put in.

We are excited for more things to come in 2020. We are working on new member packets and new DTS coins if you haven't seen them yet. I would also like to give a shout out to Scott Sanderson for creating and designing our new website. It looks amazing and I encourage you to check it out at [www.dtsfraternity.com](http://www.dtsfraternity.com). It has been a pleasure working with my fellow brothers nationally, all of the sisters, and at my local chapter.

Fraternally,



David Castro - President - Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc.





## 2019 NATIONAL CONCLAVE

*By: Craig Miller – Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc.*

The 2019 Conclave was hosted by Beta Chapter at Penn State. Friday night began with the National Board presenting various topics from Risk Management to Social Media to The Crest. Afterwards, each chapter gave a presentation about their chapter and the activities that they had over the past year.

Saturday morning started with George DeMers giving a quick summary of PSU ag campus history. Following this was the seating of the delegates and the breakout sessions. After lunch, the group made the trek to the Nittany Lion for a group picture. Nominations for the National Board this year were Epsilon – Kyle Willfahrt, Eta – Dan Beisner, Theta – Brett Carlson, and At-Large Nomination- Evan Bates (Eta). There was continued discussion this year about the separation of the little sister organization from Delta Theta Sigma, and how it is progressing. The Chapters discussed setting up a central apparel store that would be run by Nationals, but it was decided that chapters would communicate to each other when making apparel in order to get better pricing. Eta Chapter will host conclave for 2020 in lieu of Delta Chapter since Delta is having some major renovations completed this year.

The banquet followed the business meeting with the following awards presented:



Publication/Website Award – Beta Chapter

Philanthropy Award – Delta Chapter

Outstanding Chapter Award – Beta Chapter

High 5 GPA Award – Alpha Chapter

Most improved GPA Award – Delta Chapter (+.13)

Rush and Recruitment Award – Delta Chapter

High GPA Award Order - Delta, Alpha, Eta, Theta, Beta, Epsilon,  
(Gamma not present)



## CONCLAVE 2020

*By: Dan Beisner – Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc.*

Eta Chapter is proud to be hosting the 2020 Conclave. A vote was taken at the 2019 Conclave after a proposal Front Delta Chapter to switch the host Chapter from Delta to the next proceeding Chapter, which was Eta. The proposal was to flip Eta and Delta in their respected order and Delta will be the projected host for the 2021 Conclave admits a vote at the 2020 Conclave meeting. Delta made this proposal due to current house renovations they are performing at this time. The motioned was passed to allow Eta Chapter to switch places with Delta.

### 2020 National Conclave

Eta Chapter – Wilmington, OH  
Mid September

Contact the Ethan Butcher from Eta Chapter  
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# UPDATED WEBSITE

By: Scott Sanderson, – Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc.

The National Board has recently changed our website to a new domain! We will be shutting down the old domain at [www.dtsfraternity.org](http://www.dtsfraternity.org) and changing over to [www.dtsfraternity.com](http://www.dtsfraternity.com)!

Please be patient as we are beginning to move all necessary resources over the to the new site!



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Columbus, Ohio



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Penn State University  
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Madison, Wisconsin



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Crookston, Minnesota



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## CHAPTER NEWS

*Eta News By: Scott Sanderson – Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc*

Congratulations to nine members of Wilmington College's equestrian team who qualified for regional competition in Western showmanship. The group includes: Jason Stevens, Alisha Osborne, Paige Mayer, Kade Abney, Kayla Butler, Joe Schmidt, Miranda Roesel, Kylie Farquar and Mikal Porter.



Two of which are Delta Theta Sigma – Eta Chapter Members. Joe Schmidt and Mikal Portal.

**PICTURED: Mikal Porter (RIGHT) competes during WC's home Western show this past fall.**

*Alpha News By: Craig Miller, – Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc.*

### Alpha Continues Its Alumni Outreach

Over the past few years the Alumni and Active Boards at Ohio State have strived to re-engage its alumni base. They have gone about this multiple ways by changing up the format of the annual alumni meeting, inviting alumni back to be involved in new member/pledging activities, and having summer work days at the house. One other activity is having regional BBQ's in the state that is hosted at an alumni's house. These events have been great ways for alumni to have mini reunions and at the same time meet the new faces of DTS. We have had positive feed back from the parties and hope to continue this tradition in the future.

*Epsilon News By: Kyle Willfahrt – Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc*

Epsilon continues the “Debt free in 50” campaign totaling over 17,000 dollars since last year. A major project that is scheduled to start is the downstairs bathroom. A new exhaust fan, ceiling, vanity and tiling will be installed to improve the condition of the current bath and shower room. Epsilon did gain a new advisor, Dr. Justin Luther an Epsilon Alumni. Luther replaces Dr. David Trechter who retired last spring.



*Beta News By: Joshua Deering – Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc.*

Beta Chapter Alumni are in the midst of a Capital Fund Drive with a goal of \$250,000. We are halfway there, having contributions of \$125,000. As the capital campaign has been ongoing, with monies received, the alumni board has been able to renovate the second-floor bathroom during the summer of 2017 and has just recently completed a remodel of the kitchen.



Additional monies from the campaign have been used to set up two foundations. One is the Delta Theta Sigma Education Foundation. This fund has just about \$30,000. The goal of this foundation is to provide grant money for educational purposes. The second is through the Centre Foundation which accepts and manages the funds received for the Delta Theta Sigma Agricultural Sciences Education Fund and is a 501c3 donation. This provides scholarships to actives living in the house, who have at least a 2.5 GPA and are otherwise in good standing. This Fund has a little over \$25,000 that has been contributed so far. The next project being looked into is upgrading the House internet service.





*Gamma News By: David Castro – Delta Theta Sigma National, Inc.*

Greetings from the Badger State. One of the greatest changes that the local Alumni board has been working on is deciding on how to move forward with the house. Discussion are being had about whether to move locations. The biggest question is should we sell the house at 252 Langdon Street and move closer to Ag Campus? The house is getting older and the debate is being had whether the maintenance costs are worth it. A new house sounds exciting, but we must weigh the challenges, the financial ramifications, fund raising, etc. More discussions will be had in 2020.

I was very saddened to hear about the passing of one of our great ones. Dr. Robert R Spitzer passed away on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He was more than a brother at Delta Theta Sigma. He grew up on his family's farm in Waukesha County and then attended the University of Wisconsin Madison where he joined DTS. He later became President Emeritus the Milwaukee School of Engineering which is also called MSOE. He was a truly remarkable alumnus as he held positions such as President of the American Feed Manufacturer's Association, President of the Wisconsin's Manufacturer's Association, Coordinator of the U.S. State Department's Food for Peace Program, citizen advisor for the World Food Program in Rome, Founding Chairman of the Norman Vincent Peale Guideposts Advisor Cabinet, and four time recipient of the George Washington Freedom Foundation Award. That only lists a few of his accomplishments. We have been truly honored to have such a great man as a fellow DTSer. In his honor, Gamma Chapter gives out the Delta Theta Sigma Robert R. Spitzer Memorial Scholarship. Dr. Spitzer, you will truly be missed.



In 2021, the Delta Theta Sigma Education Foundation will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Russel Ballweg Scholarship and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dallas D. Borneman Brotherhood Award. I hope to reignite some past friendships. As the 2004 winner of the Borneman Award, I want to make a personal plea to all of the past winners. Having everyone there will make this a truly special event. The banquet will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. It is located about a 45-minute drive north of Madison, WI. Feel free to email me at [uwdave7@yahoo.com](mailto:uwdave7@yahoo.com) in order to get updates and to be on the mailing list.

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### Delta Theta Sigma Fraternity

Founded at The Ohio State University in the Spring of 1906. The fraternity has 7 chapters located across the Midwest and Eastern parts of the United States. "The Shield" is produced annually.