

Phi Delta Theta Parents Club Newsletter

Alpha Nebraska

My name is Tyler Puccio and I am the newly elected chapter President of the Nebraska Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta. Some of you may be familiar with me since I served as Vice President this previous calendar year. I am a current senior that will be graduating in May, but before I graduate, I am looking forward to working with your sons and helping them grow as men and as leaders.

As a recap to this previous semester, the men of Phi Delta Theta have achieved some great milestones. First and foremost, we have continued the long tradition of being the champions of Homecoming week. Even the Alabama Crimson Tide, Golden State Warriors, and New England Patriots wish they could have the same success that we have had with 4 straight championship years as the top fraternity. We could not have had this success if it was not for the help we received from Kappa Delta, Pi Kappa Phi, and Chi Phi. Once homecoming week concluded, our annual Waffle Bash Philanthropy was right around the corner. I am proud to announce that we achieved a total amount of fundraising of \$7252.50 that goes directly to impacting families that have been affected by ALS. I would like to thank those who helped support us and generate such a large group donation.

Looking forward to 2019, our first major milestone is the initiation of 25 Phikeia and having them join the long lines of great Phis in Nebraska Alpha history including members such as Jim Abel, CEO of Gallup, and the Abel Family, NEBCO. After initiation, we are proud to announce that 5 more men have decided to join our Phikeia program during the Spring 2019 semester. We are looking forward to having more people flowing through the house at 1545 R St because that is one of the greatest parts of being a member of Phi Delta Theta. Being constantly surrounded by the guys that are constantly pushing each other to be successful and will be the guys that they will stand next to during their future weddings.

With a chapter of nearly 120 members, we are excited for all of the fun events planned for this semester. In early February, we will be having our annual Crush formal with Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Delta Gamma. Along with that formal, we will also be traveling to the Lake of the Ozarks, MO for our 3rd annual spring travel formal. This event is always a huge success for the gentlemen of Phi Delta Theta. We will be traveling there the weekend before Easter. There are a few other formals may be planned, but nothing has been set in stone yet. Outside of our social lives, we will be having our Founders Day ceremony later this semester. This event provides all current members a great opportunity to network with Phis that have gone on to be successful in their respective industries. Finally, the most important event that I ask you all to put into your calendar is our annual Phi Delt Phillies philanthropy that benefits the Live Like Lou Foundation is currently set for March 7th. I would love to have all of you attend your event. The time of the event is subject to change, but please reach out to me or your son when the event gets closer, so we can give you the exact times!

All in all, I am extremely excited to serve this fraternity once again and see it become even greater than it currently is. If you have any questions during the semester, you can call me at (847)445-6506 or reach me by email at puccio1030@gmail.com

Best wishes,
Tyler Puccio
President
Nebraska "Alpha"

WE NEED YOU for Spring Dinners!

Ours sons appreciate a hot meal after a long week and are eager to have a hot meal on Sunday! **We need you to** co-host a Sunday dinner next semester.

Go to www.pdtunlparentsclub.com and sign up! Thanks to all who have hosted a **Sunday night dinner!**



Fisher Davis helps with HOCO decorating!



Homecoming 2018 proved successful for our homecoming scoreboard! We took home first place! A shout out to Kappa Delta, Pi Kappa Phi, Chi Phi for participating with us!



Alumni tailgate 2018 – Colorado Game!

Fall 2018 Recap...

Thanks to all who came to **Parent's Weekend!** It was nice meeting everyone including our son's brothers and families over food, fun and Husker football! Thanks to all who helped decorate the house!

The **PDT Parents Club** cannot exist without the great parents of Phi Delta Theta. Kristin and Debbie are stepping down from their leadership roles. Nebraska's Phi Delta Theta have always had a very strong parents club. Please help us continue this tradition!

We will need a president or 2 co-chairs to start this spring (we'll bring you up to speed). We also need volunteers in a few other roles – finance and meal coordinator. It's not a lot of work when many volunteer! Please contact Kristin (913-269-0911) or Debbie (402-599-3867) or email us to volunteer.

A Word From One of Our Own...

This past spring semester I was lucky enough to attend Swansea University in Wales. It was an experience that was incredibly valuable to me and helped me independently mature in an unfamiliar environment.

If it wasn't for the lessons I had learned through my Phikeia process and during my time as an active in Phi Delta Theta, I genuinely don't know if I would have been so prepared for the challenge. Being able to travel by myself, experience a completely new culture, and challenge myself academically, I now feel confident in myself for future. Studying abroad was also a great chance for me to truly see the benefits of brotherhood, moral rectitude, and academic support that Phi Delta Theta provides. I always had great resources in my brothers and alumni to reach out to at any time and was even able to meet up with a fellow brother and 8-man alum, Brook Baller.

I now try to use all the lessons I learned while abroad in my everyday life and help those who are interested in studying abroad achieve their goals. Damn proud to be a Phi!

-Sam Laughlin 2213



It was a sad day for the boys when the creator of Sponge Bob Square Pants, Stephen Hillenburg died on November 26th of Lou Gehrig's Disease. In tribute, our Phi Delts made a pineapple out of the lights on the staircase. RIP S.H.

Current Officers and Phi Delta Parent Committee

President: Tyler Puccio
 Vice President: Jack Butler
 Treasurer: Matthew Semin
 Secretary: Brandon Arkfeld
 Scholarship: Sam Kline
 Recruitment: Sam Laughlin, John Erwin and Jaden Schovanec
 Phikeya Educators: Clayton Augustyn, Ben Zerzan
 Social: Will Healey, Ashtyn Keezer and Jacob Kenney
 Alumni Secretary: Jacob Day
 Philanthropy: Aden Davis
 Risk Management: Haydn Muir
 Warden: Max Herman
 House Manager: Clayton Augustyn
 Chaplain: Jacob Day, Aaron Peterson and Dillon Hanson
 Historian: Drew Perry, Steven Ponzetti
 Brotherhood: Grayson Rogers, Ben Zerzan
 Athletic Director: Jacob Olsen
 Involvement: Spencer Salem
 Chorister: Will Healey, Steven Ponzetti



The weather didn't cooperate for the **2018 Pledge's Class camping trip**. That darn snow! A great big thank you to Tanner Skelton's family for hosting this pledge event!

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A Note From House Mom Geri...

Last semester ended with tree trimming, formal, goodie bags, lots of intense study and finishing up with finals.

There was a snack of late night biscuits and gravy, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Osaki during dead week that went over well.

Parents,
The guys always appreciate your Sunday dinners. We now have 10 weeks before spring break so those Sunday dinners are nice to look forward to.

If you ever have a question or comment please let me know.



Let us not forget, **9-11** and the number of men and women who lost their lives on that tragic day.