#### Spring 2018

49 Years of Tradition and Excellence

# Red & Buff

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Charter Members of the Tri-State Delta Chi Chapter, your presence is requested in Angola the weekend of April 13, 2018 as we celebrate our 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

#### Delta Chi Alumni Weekend

This is the 49th year of chartering!
Alumni Weekend will be from April 1315. The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 for a couple. This includes Friday night festivities, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, and possibly favors. Payments can be mailed to the house (311 S Darling St, Angola, IN 46703) and addressed to the Delta Chi "D" (if paying by check) or paid for at the door when you check-in.

This will be a unique Alumni Weekend. As we are in the planning of the monumental 50th Alumni Weekend, all of you have the opportunity to give your voice in what you would like to see done.

We also are offering the fantastic opportunity to relive ritual! We will be performing initiation on a current Associate Member. We welcome all alumni to re-experience what we all hold common, the core ideals of this thing we call Delta Chi.

#### Schedule of Events

#### Friday:

Noon – Open House & Tours 6pm – Reception at House - Third Party Vendor (Cash Bar)

#### Saturday:

9:30am – Dash for a Cure 5K (See page 7 for details)

Noon – Lunch at the House

2pm – Annual Meeting for Actives and Alumni - Best Hall 229

3:30pm – 50th Planning Committee Meeting – Best Hall 229

4:30pm – Ritual Exemplification

6pm – Dinner at Mad Anthony's-4080 N 300 W, Angola IN

7pm – Food will be served

After Dinner – The House is OPEN

Sunday:

9am – House is open for further reminiscing by alumni

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Number of Members : 35

**House Stats** 

- Number of Associates :12
- Total Number of Initiates : 588
- Fall 2017 GPA: 3.089
- Fall All-IFC GPA: 2.966
- Cumulative Chapter GPA:
   3.180, 5th amongst Greeks,
   1st amongst fraternities

## **Upcoming Events**

I hope to see everyone there!

April 7, 2018:

**Spring Initiation** 

April 14, 2018:

Delta Chi Dash for a Cure 5K

April 13, 2018-April 15, 2018:

Alumni Weekend

April 21, 2018:

Dad's Day

February, 2019: Regional Leadership Conference

April 12, 2019 -April 14, 2019: 50th Anniversary Mortgage Burning!

## **Keeping In Touch**

If you have any news of brothers please relay the information to Rich Kruger or the Chapter "E" Taylor Breidenbach.

Members who have passed:

Delta Chi:

John Bell

**Terry Tracy** 

**Beta Phi Theta:** 

**Jesus Sandoval** 



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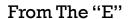
#### From The "A"

Hello, my name is Justin Stewart and I am the current "A" of the chapter. I am a junior Mechanical Engineering major. I have previously held the positions of Assistant "F" and "F". Currently, the chapter has 35 active brothers and an associate member class of 12. In the Fall of 2018, the chapter will have 42 active brothers. In mid-February, 20 representatives from the chapter attended RLC at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. News has come that we will be hosting the Region V Regional Leadership Conference in 2019 here at the Tri-State Chapter. This will be the first time we have held the conference in 15 years! The brotherhood is excited to

host the weekend conference in February 2019. For the first time in over a year we will have a full 28 brothers living in the house starting in August 2018. We continue striving to recruit men of character and those who live their lives in tandem with the four pillars of the Delta Chi Fraternity; Friendship, Character, Justice, and Education. I look forward to seeing many of you at Alumni Weekend to continue building relationships between the active brothers and the alumni of the chapter.

ITB,

Justin Stewart #574



Hello!

My name is Taylor Breidenbach, and I am the newly elected Tri-State "E". I am a senior Mechanical Engineer with a minor in Biomedical Engineering. I have held the positions of Social Chair, Recruitment Chair and most recently "B". In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with brothers on the front porch enjoying the weather and a cold beverage.

I am always willing to hearing old stories about your times as a Delta Chi or Beta Phi Theta. The first chapter of the Delta Chi Cornerstone is titled "Delta Chi—The Brotherhood of a Lifetime" no matter the age difference we all are brothers and share the same ideals. Your constant dedication to the fraternity is always appreciated.

I hope that you find this Red & Buff both entertaining and informative. This is an important tool for reaching our alumni and getting out vital information they might not have otherwise known. If you have any ideas for future Red & Buffs, have a birth/death/marriage to report or want to nominate someone for Alumni Spotlight please feel free to contact me by email/phone at:

tdbreidenbach14@my.trine.edu (317) 709 6988

(311) 109 6 ITB,

Taylor Breidenbach #544

## Buying Your Brother a Beer

The past several years, the Alumni have got the weekend off to a fun start and help with house finances by covering the cost of the Friday night social gathering of Alumni Weekend. This social event includes a catered bar with beer and munchies. We are asking for donations of \$50 or any amount you are comfortable with. We will have a list of donors at "Sugar Bear's Bar" on Friday night.

Thanks and hope to see happy faces!

In The Bond,

Ray "Smiley Ray" Bevan email: <a href="mailto:bevanrv@frontier.com">bevanrv@frontier.com</a>

Please send checks to: Raymond Bevan 6523 Pennstone Circle Saline, Mi 48176



"One of my favorite memories is doing the 24 hour gaming session with Noah. We started out happy and ended upset and feeling disgusting. But what mattered is that we did it together and it was great."

-Riley Johns, '18



Christmas time bonding with Brothers

### **Philanthropy**

Hello,

I am Donté Mendez, the Philanthropy chair for spring and fall semesters of 2018. I am a sophomore, double-majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology.

We have had a successful blood drive and we are planning to host another this semester. As a chapter we were responsible for setting up the Trine University Career Fair and we have also assisted with the annual Trine University sponsored math competition. We will be hosting our annual 5K "Dash for a Cure", see page 7 for more information. We will also be helping the Headstart Center with various activities to improve their buildings in three different counties.

We are currently planning to go to Camp Arcadia this semester to help get their camp ready for the spring and summer. Over the summer we will be working at Lacrosse America events and possibly Cedar Point in order to raise donations towards the V Foundation. If any alumni are interested in attending, helping out, or desire more information on events, please e-mail me at dmmendez16@my.trine.edu.

ITB, Donté Mendez #583

## Delta Chi—Brotherhood of a Lifetime

#### **Brotherhood**

Brothers and Family,

My name is Spencer Graf and I am a Mechanical Engineering student here at Trine University. This semester I am honored to be the Brotherhood chair for the Tri-State Chapter of Delta Chi. The first big event was a Super Bowl mixer with our neighbors, Theta Phi Alpha. We recently just had an event where we went to Sturgis, MI and had a night full of bowling and bonding. We will be having a Dad's day for Brothers and Alumni April 21st which is the weekend after alumni weekend. The brothers here would love to see the alumni with their dads. As a chapter, we are working to strengthen the brotherhood spirit even more and hope that you all will be able to experience that with us.

ITB,

Spencer Graf #570

#### Recruitment

Brothers,

During this current semester, I've planned major recruitment events such as a Tin Caps game, a day to SkyZone, and a trip to Ultra Zone laser-tag in Ft. Wayne. Recently, we had a successful movie night and plan to look at other, smaller and more personal events to really get to know some of our potential new members. Lastly, I have also been looking into potential recruitment shirts to bring in the next semester. We're excited to see our chapter grow and can't wait for what's in store!

ITB,

Noah Pacheco #575

"Delta Chi has helped me develop and grow my core values through the lessons and memories of brothers past."

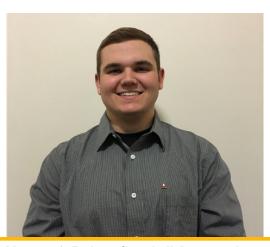
- Matt Stezowski, '18



Super Bowl mixer with Theta Phi Alpha

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### Spring 2018 AM Report



My name is Zachary Campbell. I am a sophomore from Bremen, Indiana. I am studying Mechanical Engineering and expected to graduate spring of 2020. I am also the Associate Member Houseman. My purpose for joining Delta Chi was to meet new people that would challenge me to better myself as a person.



My name is Casey Hardin. I am a junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering, and I plan to graduate in the spring of 2019 or 2020. I am from the village of Sherwood, Michigan. I am the C of my Associate Member class. I want to get a close group of friends out of this process as well as become a member of Delta Chi.



My name is Jacob Hamblen. I am originally from Shelbyville, Indiana, but I came to Trine University to study Elementary Education. I am currently a sophomore, and plan on graduating by May of 2020. I've always had an interest in Greek life, so I thought I'd check it out. I decided to join Delta Chi because of the first impression the brothers made. When I first visited the house, I was amazed. The house itself was immaculate, but the brothers are who really convinced me to join. They are some of the most fun and friendly people I've met. Now that I'm a part of the Associate Member process, I expect to heighten my overall college experience, and make some lifelong friends in the fraternity. Currently, I am assigned to the Scholastics Chair of my Associate Member group, and am honored to be, especially as a future educator. I am excited for what lies ahead in my Associate Member process, and look forward to becoming a brother in Delta Chi.



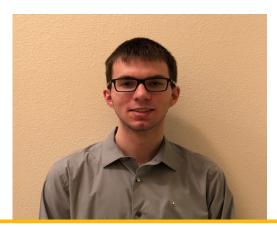
My name is Taylor Gregory. I am the A for our Associate Member class. I'm from Lawrenceburg, Indiana. I'm a Civil Engineering Major here at Trine University, expecting to graduate in spring of 2021. Delta Chi has a lot to offer in terms of friendship and brotherhood. I hope to become a better-rounded individual through the Associate Member process.



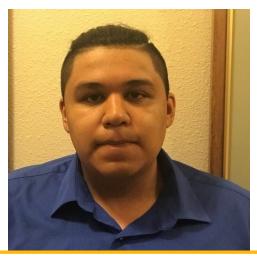
My name is Adam McHenry, Associate Member F, from Zionsville Indiana. I am studying Biomedical Engineering with a concentration in electrical studies and should graduate May of 2021. From Delta Chi, I want to have a college experience that neither of my parents had and to get a group friends I can rely on and I can be there for. I joined because the brothers aren't like most other fraternities. They studied, they had the highest GPA average on campus, and they were respectful and kind to me. I am excited for the journey ahead and can't wait for what's next.



My name is Alex Guzman I am from South Bend, Indiana and I am studying Mechanical Engineering. I expect to graduate spring of 2021. My house position is Entertainment for our Associate Member class. My reason for joining Delta Chi is so that I can become part of something that is bigger than myself, something that will give me structure and make me into the best man I can be.



My name is Riley Burton. I am a freshman in Mechanical Engineering, and I plan to graduate in the spring of 2021. I am from Avon, Indiana. I am the Brotherhood Chair of the Associate Member class. I joined Delta Chi because I am amazed by what Delta Chi is all about. They are very big on helping the community as well as putting on philanthropy event to help donate towards Cancer Research.



My name is Juan Ruben Rodriguez
Fernandez. I'm the Philanthropy Chair for our
Associate Member class. I'm from Elkhart,
Indiana. I'm a Communications major with a
minor in Marketing and have my associates
in Education. I expect to graduate in spring
2019. I wanted to join Delta Chi because
these guys truly care about one another and
give a new definition to what brotherhood is.

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## Spring 2018 AM Report (continued)



My name is David Pinc. I'm the D for our Associate Member class. I'm from Pioneer, Ohio. I'm an Informatics major with a business minor here at Trine University expecting to graduate in spring 2021. Delta Chi has so much to offer in building friendships and developing myself as a person. I am very excited to continue the process and even more excited to become initiated.



My name is Tommy Miner and I'm from Indianapolis, Indiana. I'm the Recruitment Chair for our Associate Member class. I'm a Mechanical Engineer here at Trine University expecting to graduate in spring 2020. Delta Chi has a lot of outstanding brothers and I am so excited to be working towards being a part of it!



My name is Ian Fahrenkrog. I'm a sophomore Chemical Engineering student from Elkhart, Indiana. I plan to graduate spring of 2020. My main reasons for joining Delta Chi are for the bond of brotherhood, and to help further my leadership skills. I am the "B" of the Associate Member class.



My name is Devin Harris. I am the E for our Associate Member class. I'm from Vevay, Indiana. I'm a Computer Engineer here at Trine University, expecting to graduate spring of 2021. Delta Chi has a lot to offer in terms of brotherhood and leadership. Through the Associate Member process, I hope to become a better person as well as build personal attributes.

## Delta Chi's 8th Annual "Dash for a Cure" 5K for the Jimmy V Foundation





The "Dash For A Cure" is considered one of the larger philanthropic events that the Tri-State Chapter puts on each year. It has been successful since its inception in 2007 by brother, Craig Wiley. A few things have changed over the past couple of years that have allowed for added involvement from the community and growth overall. We now independently fund the race and work with the town of Angola to host this event. The 5K is run through the local Commons Park (299 S John St, Angola, IN 46703), which is not far from Trine University.

The reason why we host this race every year is to donate money to the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. 'The V Foundation' is our sole philanthropic organization that we donate to, as appointed by International Delta Chi. The foundation is named for Jim Valvano, who started it himself in 1993. As a whole, Delta Chi Fraternity has raised over \$1 million dollars for this cause over the past 10 years, and we currently have a set goal of \$500,000 to donate to the 'The V Foundation' for the 2017 and 2018 school years. As a chapter, though, our goal this year is to raise \$6,600 for 'The V Foundation'. We think this is a reachable amount if everyone helps to raise money. We currently have 8 sponsors and are constantly looking for more. Closing on more sponsorships will allow a good portion of the donation money to come directly from companies, and the rest will be brought in by runners of the race.

The race will be run on Alumni Weekend, April 14, 2018 at 9:30 am, so we encourage everyone to attend and support the cause if you plan on coming to Alumni Weekend. It is a run/walk event, so if you do not wish to run, then the 1-mile walk is a great alternative. We hope to see everyone there to help end this horrendous disease. We are also striving to increase fraternal bonding between past and present actives in this brotherhood of a lifetime. Lastly, donations of any size are graciously accepted. Therefore, if you do not plan on attending Alumni Weekend 2018, you can show your support by donating toward the cure for cancer.

ITB,

Logan Brinker #569

5K Chairman

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## 2019 Preview

### **50th Anniversary**

In April of 2019 we, the brothers of the Delta Chi Fraternity, will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary of chartering. We are the 47th Chapter to reach such a milestone that is still an active chapter. This is a outstanding milestone for us to be celebrating.

Starting from the 411 Gang and evolving to the Lambda Phi Epsilon chapter progressing into the Beta Phi Theta era of professional men. After great debate the members, and sole chapter, of Beta Phi Theta agreed to transition into the men of the Delta Chi Fraternity. On May 24, 1969 we were officially chartered as a Chapter in the great fraternity we are today.

In 2010, we opened a brand new house of Delta Chi at 311 S Darling. Since then, we have been chipping away at the mortgage. The goal is to completely have payed off the house mortgage by the 50th anniversary. With this in mind, we are planning on

having a monumental mortgage burning Friday night.

We have been proactively planning for this fantastic accomplishment. There is a group of alumni and active members working together to make this an incredible experience for all. We are planning to have festivities Friday to Sunday in a large fashion, including a live band!

There is a unique opportunity for all alumni and actives to play a role in this milestone. This alumni weekend we will be holding another 50th committee meeting where we are inviting all members to participate. If you are interested in more details contact Rich, Taylor Breidenbach or Bob Edds (Redds@woh.rr.com).

We hope to see everyone back for this once in a lifetime celebration! "Going to an alumnus' place to build an entertainment center for an AM house project. It was cool building the entertainment center from ground up while bonding with fellow AMs and alumnus."

-Chris Leary, '18



## Regional Leadership Conference

Delta Chi's Regional Leadership Conferences are designed to develop leadership skills, to help attendees realize that Delta Chi is more than their own chapter/colony, and to provide Delta Chi men within the Region the opportunity to share ideas, achievements and experiences with other Delta Chi chapters, officers, Regents, alumni, advisors and headquarters staff.

At the 2018 Regional Leadership Conference, held at Northern Illinois University, we bid to host the Conference at Trine University in 2019. We were



Accepting the award for Most Outstanding Alumni Relations at the 2018 Regional Leadership Conference voted on by the Chapters and Colonies in Region V and granted the ability to host. The event will be held in February of 2019, date still to be announced.

We are very excited to be able to showcase our great history as a chapter. 2019 will be a fantastic year to host the Regional Leadership Conference for Region V. With it being our 50th Anniversary as well, we have the opportunity to celebrate not only locally with all of our chapter alumni, but on an international platform with actives, alumni and headquarters staff!

## Alumni Spotlight-Jason Blume, '04

Jason Blume, '04, is the Executive Director of Innovation One at Trine University. He is also a beloved Alumnus of the Tri-State chapter of Delta Chi. I had the opportunity to interview him, in person, to see how he has advanced in his life since leaving Tri-State in 2004.

Brother Blume was recently named to the Class of 2018 for Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly's Forty under 40 Awards. This Award honors 40 individuals 39 years of age and younger who go above and beyond at work and in the community to make a difference.

As the Executive Director of Innovation One, he leads an incubator by developing relationships with industry and entrepreneurs. He managed the transition of concept to commercialization of Swim Reaction Lights. This device aids in the acceleration of accessible athletics. It has also been in USA Today for aiding a deaf swimmer! Along with that, he has aided in over 300 projects with industrial partners.

He stated that the development he gained from Delta Chi has helped him become the man he is today. He related that when he would state the Delta Chi Preamble before each meeting it ingrained in his mind and it was followed by action. Without even realizing it, he was constantly promoting friendship, developing character, advancing justice and assisting in the acquisition of a sound education.

Blume held multiple positions while an active brother including Vice President "B" and Risk Management "F". In 2004, he was a large role in directing the Regional Leadership Conference hosted at Tri-State. Since his undergraduate days, Brother Blume was on the Alumni Board of Trustees and House Corp.

Jason has since stepped down from these position to focus on his career and family. He has a wife and children that he tries to spend quality time with. He stated that however his personal life has become a larger focus than the fraternity. It is cyclical in how he can give back to Delta Chi. He has not forgotten how he has got to this point in his life, and Delta Chi was a large part in aiding his character.

From this time spent with Jason, I believe that it is never too late to give back in any way possible, whether it be professionally, financially or just reminiscing with alumni and actives of your times as a Delta Chi. We promote everyone to come back and visit to see your pledge brothers, speak with Rich and meet the current active brothers.

If you have any suggestions on an alumni that you believe should be featured in the Alumni Spotlight please send names to myself, Taylor Breidenbach "E", via email or phone call. My contact information is on the back page, or you may contact Rich to relay the information. I would love to have the chance to interview another alum.

-Taylor Breidenbach #544



"I would say the overall brotherhood in general was the best thing I received. A lot of the friends I've made here will be my friends forever, and that's pretty special."

- Kyler Bolen, '18

Delta Chi Fraternity 311 South Darling St. Angola, IN 46703

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# Interested in coming to visit the new Delta Chi House? Alumni Weekend is April 13-15, 2018.

For more information, email Taylor Breidenbach at tdbreidenbach14@my.trine.edu or call at (317) 709-6988.

Registration is available at:

http://tristatedeltachi.org/alumni-weekend/

Feel free to visit anytime. Or Contact Rich or one of the brothers listed on the website at:

www.tristatedeltachi.org