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Beta-Theta Connection



Spring 2019

A New Year for Your Fraternity



Good Morning Fraters

I hope 2019 has treated you well thus far! My name is Thomas Geisinger and I am the Histor this year for the Beta-Theta Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. I am looking forward to getting to share with you all of our accomplishments in the coming year and getting to interact and communicate with you throughout 2019. In order to develop a strong relationship with you and all our alumni, I would like to share a few things about myself. I am a senior studying accounting and economics and will graduate will my Masters in May of 2020. In 2017, I was the Crysophylos and continue to be involved in Housing both at 1211 University and, now, at 601 E Rollins.

This academic year marks the beginning of a new era for our Fraternity. Not only did we celebrate the ten year anniversary of our recharter at the University of Missouri, but we moved into an incredible new house in Greektown, a move that will enable us to grow our numbers, improve our standing on campus, and better fulfill our motto *Better Men for a Better World*.

The beginning of this new age for our chapter proved incredibly successful! In the fall of 2018, we initiated 28 new members, placed 2nd in Homecoming, recorded chapter and new member GPAs above the all male and all fraternity averages, showed the most support on campus for Alpha Chi Omega's Philanthropy *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* to raise awareness for domestic violence, and had one of our own members elected President of the Inter-Fraternal Council. We have high hopes for 2019 as well. Our pairing for Greek Week looks promising and we inducted a bright group of potential new members last month.

For those of you who visited during homecoming in the fall, thank you for sharing your time and experiences with our members. It is always a pleasure to hear about the lives of our esteemed alumni. For those of you who did not return to Columbia for Homecoming, I am sorry you couldn't make it but I look forward to seeing you this year! I would encourage you all to mark your calendars for **October 12th** to watch the Tigers take on the Ole Miss Rebels as we will host our annual Homecoming tailgate at the house. And of course, be sure to come visit your fraternity brothers everytime you are in town!

As we look forward to another great year, I am also looking back and hoping to reconnect with you and all our brothers from the past 70 years with two initiatives. First, I invite you to send me an email with pictures and stories from college and with your fraternity brothers. My hope is to share these stories with our brothers and spotlight the wonderful experience it is to be a Teke. Second, please take a moment and update your information for our records by filling out this form, I hope to reconnect with all our Fraters in the bond and first need proper contact information. Finally, if you know of any Fraters of your Beta-Theta chapter who have forgotten about our brotherhood, I encourage you to forward this message on to them so they can see the great things happening in Columbia and so that we may maintain our lifelong relationships with one another.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the form and share your stories with me with your brothers. Your time and talents make being a Teke an honor.

Yours in the Bond

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