**Spring 2021 Alumni Newsletter**

To all Iota Delta Alumni,

I hope you all are well in this difficult time. COVID has been hard on everyone this past year and I know we are all hoping to get back to our normal lives soon.

We had a difficult year coping with COVID-19 and changing our chapter operations to meet guidelines, but we were still able to initiate a bunch of new members. This was a new experience for all of us, conducting chapter meetings on zoom and finding ways to strengthen our brotherhood even in the absence of large gatherings.

Despite extremely poor turnout for IFC recruitment this year, we were able to initiate two classes of new brothers. In the fall of 2020, we initiated Liam Jensen, Xavier Ljubicich, Ben Stannard, and Connor Bickel as Delta Class. The newly initiated brothers are all freshmen and are studying Animal Behavior, Finance, Accounting, and Marketing respectively. Our chapter is blessed to get the opportunity to help build these guys into better men. In the spring of this year, we initiated Jimmy Diskin, Alex Goldberg, Griffin Wall, and Easan Venkat as Epsilon Class. These brothers are studying Audio Engineering, Finance, Informatics, and Business respectively. We are very excited to have these men join the ranks of our brotherhood and know they will soon rise to be an incredible addition to chapter leadership. The quality of these men is a testament to the hard work of our recruitment chairs and chapter leadership in general, in that we were able to select the right men to hold up the values of our brotherhood.

This year we were lucky to be able to have brotherhood events with the current members a few times throughout each semester. We had a very fun poker night to connect with potential new members on February 24th where Brother Boyer and Brother Berendes both had a good payday in the end. Later in the year we had a camping trip into Hoosier National Forest on April 10th with the newly initiated guys and had a great time, despite running into some rough weather.

Despite COVID-19 regulations, our chapter was still able to find ways to support the Greek community and Bloomington as a whole. Brother James Romano offered to shave his long beard as an incentive to donate to the IFC sponsored food drive. This incentive was more than enough motivation to donate more than any other unhoused chapter on campus and make a large contribution to the community. Additionally, we are now wrapping up a school supplies drive in support of the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington. We have received contributions from chapters both in the IFC as well as across other Greek councils here at IU, which has been a great way to network within the university community as well as support Chi Phi’s national philanthropic partnership with the Boys and Girls Club.

This summer our chapter will be sending delegates to Chi Phi National Congress in Las Vegas at the end of July. Here brothers will be making a presentation to the Grand Council to earn our charter. This is a process that has been coming for several years now, and we are all excited for the opportunity to be known as the Iota Delta Chapter, rather than the Iota Delta Colony. Of course, this would not be possible without the support of our alumni. If you have any interest in contributing to this effort or have valuable ideas for this petition to charter, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our members.

Even though the school year is now over, we still have a lot of work to do for chartering this summer and planning for events in the fall.

In the future, we hope to try and schedule more alumni events so that each of you to know more of the new members and connect with our chapter. Brothers have talked about interest in the golf outing on July 31st in Indy so plan on seeing some new faces this summer. In the fall, we hope to get together for an Indiana football game and tailgate. As soon as we get more insight from the university on policies for the fall semester, we will reach out with more information.

Special thanks to Brother Walker, Brother Kiefer, Brother Scherschel, Brother Bowden, and Brother Montgomery for helping with the Alumni installation Ceremony to move Cody Wourms, Adam Russell, Andrew Boyer, Anthony Fucarino, Justin Locke, Nick Cahill, Mason Crockett, Robert Lucas, Zach Rowe, and Ron Tacandong into the ranks of our alumni brotherhood. It is always a great time when we have to ability to get together as Iota Delta with current members and current alumni. We appreciate all the things you all do for our chapter!

Fraternally,

Brother Tyler BonDurant

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