



Beta Theta Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau

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MEET THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



President

Lukas Stone

My name is Lukas Stone, I'm currently a sophomore studying communication studies. I am the current President of the Phi Kappa Tau Beta Theta Chapter here at the University of Kansas. The reason I chose to join Phi Tau was because it gave me an opportunity to create something, rather than just being a number in a larger fraternity. What really drew me in was the fact that I would be able to work with others to build a fraternity I believe stands true to what fraternities are supposed to be about. All in all, I get the chance to build something up and watch it grow over time, and hopefully witness it continuously growing after I leave. And truthfully, I don't believe there is anything that can top that feeling."



Treasurer & New Member Educator

Zach Schubert

"My name is Zach Schubert and I'm a sophomore majoring in Engineering Physics. I'm currently the Treasurer and New Member Educator of the Beta Theta Chapter. Now why Phi Tau? The reason I joined Phi Kappa Tau was to be a part of helping a social organization grow!"



Vice President

Zachary Parr

"My name is Zachary Parr; I am the current Vice President of the Beta Theta Chapter. I am majoring in business, graduating class of 2026. I picked Phi Kappa Tau since I wanted to join a fraternity that was a small group of guys that would make me feel welcomed. I didn't feel like a number but viewed as a respected brother. Phi Tau additionally had leadership opportunities that would benefit towards my major and lifelong goals".



Recruitment Chair

Jordan Outler

"My name is Jordan Outler, I'm a current junior here at KU, studying digital marketing through the journalism school, with a minor in sports management. I'm also a part of the KU golf club. I'm the current head rush chair here at KU for the Beta Theta Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau. I joined last fall when Phi Tau came back onto campus for revitalization, and I am a part of the Alpha Alpha class. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time with Phi Tau so far and I am proud to be a part of something working towards long term goals and doing it the right way. I never knew if I would join Greek life, but I'm glad I did, and I found the perfect fit/home for me here at Phi Kappa Tau.

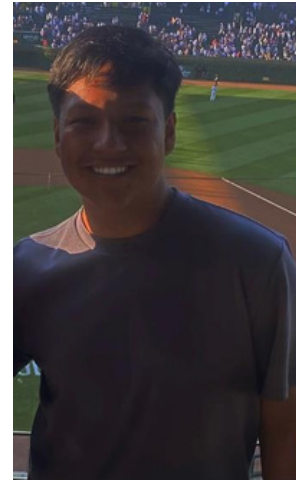
#hoorahphitau"



Philanthropy Chairman

Ryan Hills

"My name is Ryan, and I am a sophomore aerospace engineering major. When I first came to college, I remember telling my mom that rushing a fraternity was something I never saw myself doing. However, when I met the guys, I realized that Phi Kappa Tau was a good fit for me because the dynamic reminded me more of a group of good friends rather than a bunch of frat guys. I was also intrigued by the fact that Phi Tau was early in the rebuild process which meant I would be getting to be a part of something from the beginning and that I would find myself in an executive position. In my 9 months as a member of Phi Tau I have never looked back."



Vice President of Alumni Relation & Social Chair

Angel Diaz

"My name is Angel Diaz, currently a sophomore pursuing a major in Human biology with a concentration in Biology with aspirations in the Pre-Medicine field. I hold the positions of Vice President of Alumni Relation and Social Chair. My decision to join Phi Kappa Tau was to establish the brotherhood I never experienced."



Scholarship Chairman

Gus Brown

"I'm Gus Brown, a sophomore studying sports management. I chose Phi Kappa Tau because these guys are all about the action. This fraternity brings the kind of excitement that matches my interest in sports and management. Joining Phi Kappa Tau means being part of a group of friends who are always up for a good time, growing together, and making lifelong memories. I can't wait to jump into the fun and energy that Phi Tau brings!"



Risk Management

Jacob Hafele

"Hey there! My name is Jacob Hafele, I started my second-year majoring in Film and Media studies, I decided to rush Phi Tau because I wanted to give Greek life another chance. I had previously rushed a different fraternity, but it wasn't anything like what I had wanted so I had dropped it. I was then doing more research on other frats and was just coming up dry because not many frats are open about their goals and how they treat new members. When I was about to give up, Jordan Outler reached out to me to ask if I was curious about rushing. He and I had a brief meeting and then asked me to join him at Dempseys with the guys for one of their trivia nights. I agreed and when I was talking with everyone, it felt much more like I was joining a group of real friends than a fraternity, and that is still part of what makes us more unique."

CHAPTER UPDATE

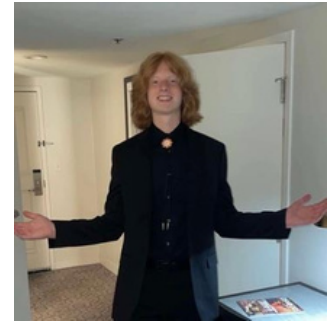


During August 28th to September 1st, the Beta Theta Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau conducted our Fall Recruitment with great enthusiasm. We're thrilled to share that we've welcomed 11 new members into our fraternity. The commitment and energy have already made a positive impact, we're looking forward to the fantastic experiences and memories we'll share together as we continue to strengthen our fraternity bonds.

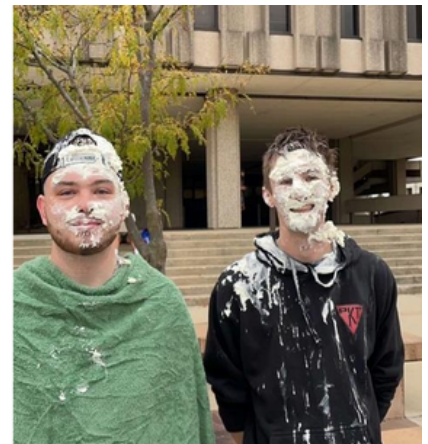
PIE KAPPA TAU

During the fall semester, Phi Kappa Tau proudly hosted a philanthropic event titled "Pie Kappa Tau." This engaging event offered an opportunity for participants to indulge in a playful act of goodwill. For the cost of a five-dollar whipped cream pie, attendees could partake in the act of throwing it at an associate member of the Beta Theta chapter. The event buzzed with excitement as laughter filled the air while pies soared. The playful pie-throwing spectacle was not only a fun-filled event but also served a greater purpose. Every pie thrown represented a contribution to a noble cause, as all proceeds from the event were donated to *SeriousFun Children's Network*.

LAS VEGAS CONVENTION



"Getting to go to Las Vegas to attend the National Convention was an amazing experience and I am blessed to have had the opportunity to go. I was still a fairly new member at the time, having only been a part of the fraternity for about 7 months, so I got to learn a lot more about the history of Phi Tau and how things work on the business side of a fraternity. I also met so many amazing brothers, ranging from those who have been in the fraternity for less time than me, to those who have been in it for decades. Of course, I can't forget to mention how much fun it was to be in Vegas with all my new friends. The National Convention gave me friends, memories, and experiences that I will hold onto for the rest of my life, and I cannot wait to go to another one." - Ryan Hills



FAMILY WEEKEND

This year, we had the pleasure of hosting a memorable Family Weekend at the “House”. Phi Kappa Tau extended a warm invitation to the families of our brothers to join us for Toppers Pizza preceding the game.

Top Left – Lukas Stone and family
Top Right- Gus Brown and Father
Bottom Left- Angel Diaz and family
Bottom Right- Jordon Outler



HOMECOMING GOLF

In a recent Phi Kappa Tau gathering, both current brothers and alumni convened for a day of golf and fraternity bonding at Eagle Bend Golf Course. Following the game, the fraternity and alumni gathered at Jefferson's West, a nearby establishment, to unwind and share a meal. Amidst the welcoming ambiance, stories intertwine the history of Phi Kappa Tau's past and present. It was a cherished opportunity for Phi Kappa Tau members, old and new, to connect, reinforce bonds, and honor the enduring spirit of brotherhood that defines Phi Kappa Tau!



HOMECOMING DAY

As discussions unfolded around the strategic 5-year growth plan, a vision of the future aligned seamlessly with our fraternity's core values began to take shape. Transitioning to the much-anticipated tailgate, the energy remained high. The vibrant tent adorned the landscape, welcoming members, both past and present to an afternoon of memories. With sub sandwiches as the main course, everyone was able to indulge in a sumptuous feast. Alongside delicious sides, refreshing drinks, and delightful snacks, the gathering embodied the essence of brotherhood.

The Graduate Council Meeting was a heartfelt affair, marked by the welcoming of recent graduates into the esteemed Graduate Council. A remarkable moment unfolded as 25- and 50-year pins were presented to alumni symbolizing their enduring commitment and dedication to our beloved fraternity throughout time. Each pin they received a tangible representation of the enduring brotherhood they had cultivated over the years. The meeting surpassed a typical gathering; it evolved into a canvas where the fraternity articulated its dreams and aspirations. The chapter's progress report resonated with a collective sense of pride, showcasing the challenges surmounted and victories cherished.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 21: First day of classes

August 28 – September 1: Formal Recruitment

October 14 - 17: Fall break

October 27 – 28: Homecoming weekend

November 22 – 26: Thanksgiving break

December 7: Last day of classes

Board of Governors:

Tom Gooden, Tom Wilson, Drew Marting, Andy Denekas, and Alex Ostrem

Graduate Council:

President: Tom Gooden

Treasurer: Chris Hazlett

Secretary: Dave Dedy

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to all who help with volunteering and/or donating to the chapter! We can't do it without you!