

Texas Alumni Chapter Showcase



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Meet the Officers!



Mark Haymon
President



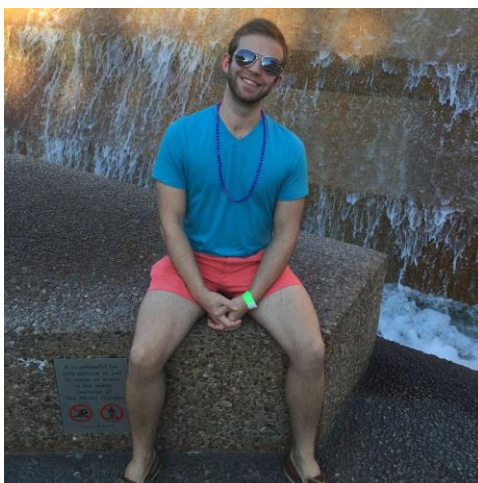
Tiffany Johnson
Vice President



Kevin Ferrall
Treasurer



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Secretary



Bill Warburton
Correspondent



Erica Wilson
Past President

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Grand Council

TAC had a strong showing this year with 13 brothers attending, Katy Larsson Armstrong was our Delegate. Shout out to Kevin Kratz for running a very successful fundraising booth!

TAC awards collegiate Brothers scholarship funds to assist in their travel to Grand Council. This last year we awarded a total of \$1425 split between the following Brothers: Brenton Hall – Delta Beta, Melissa Kang – Lambda, Velva Hinojosa – Gamma Epsilon, Mary Margaret Thannisch – Beta Eta, Ashley Cubley - Lambda



There's classy, and then there is Texas classy



Only the finest DC cuisine is acceptable for our TAC Brothers

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Each year the Texas Alumni Chapter hosts their chief event for collegiate and alumni Brothers, Founder's Day Weekend. Last year was no different with a strong showing of over 150 Brothers to the event. This year we developed the event by adding seminars for Financial Planning and Leadership Development thanks to the hard work and dedication of Jerry Fu. We continued our very special tradition of honoring our founding Brothers with our Candlelight Ceremony in which we actively encourage candidate participation. With another successful Founder's Day in the books we're looking forward to what our 2018 event has to offer!

Founder's Day 2017

In addition to our usual fun this Founder's Day was particularly special. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Katy Larsson Armstrong we hosted special guests at the banquet. The Hazelwood family shared their story of Kaelyn's cancer, the care of St. Jude, and how she overcame her cancer thanks to the efforts of St. Jude. It was a heartwarming story that reinforced our dedication to serving others and partnering with St. Jude.



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Founder's Day Field Day



TAC Brothers check out sweet raffle prizes at the Banquet

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What Else Have We Done?

Last summer Kevin Ferrall, Scott Volosen, and other Brothers organized a GE alumni-meet up in Houston, Texas and expanded it to other Brothers in the area. Activities included laser tag, bowling, and billiards. With a renewed focus on increased alumni events, this was a positive development that TAC will use as a template for future events.

In addition to these larger meetings our officers have been all over the state and beyond lately. Mark Haymon attended Delta Beta's Initiation, his home chapter, more chapters than we can count, and a whopping seven Regional Conferences to develop outreach between TAC and Brothers from other regions. Tiffany Johnson visited her home chapter for both their Initiation and their Annual Crawfish Boil, and stopped by Lambda to teach them about leadership with Brother Jerry Fu. Kevin Ferrall racked up miles himself visiting Gamma Nu, Beta Rho, Lambda, and Gamma Epsilon for Initiations, St. Jude Fundraisers, and Graduation Banquets.



**Gamma Epsilon Alumni
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Mark Haymon on one of his many visits



Representin' at Southcentral Regional Conference 2018



We still have Poker, Checkmate EC

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Individual Accomplishments

Past President Erica Wilson added a new member to her family on July 3rd 2017! Congratulations to Adam and Erica and best wishes to your future years with Allie!



Katy and Grant Armstrong were awarded Alumni of the Year at Lambda's Spring Banquet! Congrats to Katy and Grant and thank you for showing us how to give our best efforts to our Brothers!

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Individual Accomplishments

TAC Brother, Chapter Advisor, and RDCA Caitlin Gibson was awarded the M.E.T. Award honoring outstanding junior faculty achievement. Congratulations Caitlin!



Fun Fact: Caitlin loves dogs, a lot. She has New Year's Resolutions to increase the number of dogs she pets each year. She's probably petting a dog right now as you read this.



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New Developments!

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Bridging the gap between collegiate and alumni is a difficult process. While TAC has visited several chapters to develop relationships with current collegiate Brothers, we intend to improve this further. We are currently developing a presentation that we can use during chapter visits to showcase what TAC and PDC as a whole has to offer alumni. We'll have more to share with the fraternity in the next year but we are excited that Bill undertaking this task.

Alumni Getaway 2017

When he took office one of Mark's chief goals was to develop a Spring/Summer event to bring brothers together. His goal was realized and this year the TAC hosted its first Annual Alumni Getaway this year in San Antonio, Texas.

"The 1st Annual Alumni Getaway weekend is in the books and it was a success! We even had a P4 Elissa Meyer of Gamma Epsilon attend the dinner. Mark Haymon, Kevin Ferrall, Grant and Katy Larsson Armstrong, Joe and Marissa Escalante Chapa, Pamela Bosse, Jason and Jodi Zucha, Wendy Hayter Snyder, Ernesto Gonzalez, and Scott Volosen attended the weekend's activities. We could not have asked for better weather this weekend. We are already planning next year's event and will post everything soon. Thank you to everyone who helped kick off the event this year!" —Mark

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Remarks for the Good and Welfare

"I have made friends that I probably would not have made if I didn't join. I lean more towards being an introvert. Pharmacy is a small world and PDC has helped me make connections throughout our small world." – Mark Haymon

"Resolve to be involved. Don't lose sight of all the hard work from previous Brothers that helped the fraternity get to where it is today, and in gratitude do your part to keep Phi Delta Chi relevant and thriving – Jerry Phu

"A leader not only one who succeeds on their own. Rather a leader is someone who is capable of fostering the success of others. Phi Delta Chi's emphasis on the extinction of self for the good of others is the central mainstay of servant leadership." – Bill Warburton