



March, 2016

## A letter from the Prytanis

Esteemed Alumni of Rho-Beta,

It is with great pleasure that we can send out the first newsletter from the newly re-founded colony of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Michigan State University. It has been an exciting and rewarding journey thus far. Last spring Fraters Kyle Erdman, Danny Klopfenstein, Nate Lehman and Mike Peck visited Michigan State with the intent of helping us re-found TKE here. Over three weeks the five men at the first meeting went out and recruited twenty other men interested in our endeavor. On April 19th 2015 we were initiated into the organization. Between then and the summer we got the organization up and running, raised \$1000 dollars in a week for Relay for Life and spent 150 cumulative hours doing service in the community for that school year. This year we hit the ground running by having a strong rush, participation with campus philanthropy events, social outings and much more. It is astounding the closeness we have between the active members and how far we have come in such a short time. I am proud to say that my Fraters have helped me grow as a person in a whole number of skills I my peers and I look forward to setting the foundation for Rho Beta to thrive for many years.

We came back for the 2015/2016 school year determined to have a great time, grow closer, and build Rho-Beta with a goal of re-chartering in mind. Our Fall Rush led by Colin Wilkin culminated in a candidate class of 16 men who we initiated early this year and our Spring Rush class is standing at 9 men at the time I am writing this but we are looking to make it 15 soon! I am now in my second term as Rho Beta Prytanis and it has gone far better than I expected thanks to the help and guidance of Fraters Mike Peck and Tom Fritz and the continued hard work of all of our members and my fellow officers. I hope to finish my tenure as Prytanis having given Rho Beta my all and making sure it is the best it can possibly be.

The entire organization is looking forward to meeting the alumni and forming the bonds that come with being part of an organization like this in addition to getting insight as to how Rho Beta can reach its full potential.

Yours In The Bond,

Ashwin Sanzgiri Prytanis, PB #505



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 16th**-Kick it For the Kids, charity bubble soccer tournament to benefit St Jude

**April 22**-Ritual Ceremony

**April 23**-Tailgate for MSU Spring Football Game @ 147 Gunson St

**April 24**-Chartering Ceremony and Banquet







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## SERVICE

It has been a very productive year at TKE Rho-Beta. Many of the fraters are very busy helping us expand our network and grow as a colony. We are doing great with volunteering in our local community and also in the Greek community. Since the start of the spring 2016 semester, we already have 220 volunteer hours as a chapter. We've participated in a few service opportunities thus far. We can't wait to get more involved as the semester rolls on, and into next semester.



Fraters participating in Sigma Delta Tau's fundraiser.

Fellow fraters have been very generous in participating in all of our local volunteer opportunities. Our main volunteer work is done with Haven House. This is a local charity that

houses families who are homeless. We have been grateful enough to be able to go to Haven House on a weekly basis to interact and play with the kids whose families are staying in the house. We were given the chance to be able to go to Applebee's in East Lansing to help out with Haven House's Pancake Championship. We helped prep food and serve food and contributed to the success of this fundraiser. Many of our fraters have had great experiences here and continue to get involved every week.

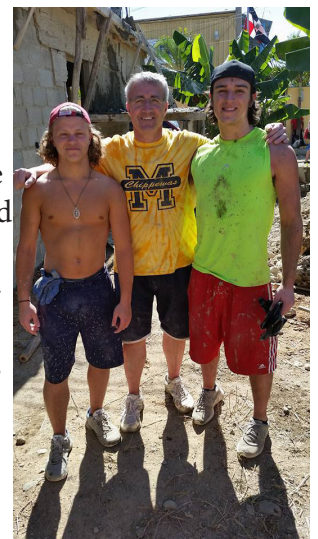
Our fraternity has also connected with the MSU food

bank to help with food collections and donations. This is an opportunity that our members enjoy because of the giveback they are giving to the community. With the food bank, it allows our members to donate food to the people of Lansing and East Lansing, and to donate to those less fortunate.

Apart from our weekly contributions to the community, we have also been involved with Klimb for Kids. This was an event held at the Breslin center here at Michigan State University. Some of our members attended the event where they climbed all of the stairs in the Breslin to raise money for Children's Miracle Network. This event was put on through Spartan's Rebuilding Michigan, another local club here at MSU. This event allowed our members to be able to work with other students outside of TKE, all while raising money for a greater cause.

This semester thus far has been a huge success in terms of volunteering. The fraters have been very generous in giving their personal time up in order to help out those around us. These experiences have helped us grow as a chapter and also grow friendships with each other. We continue to give back to the community and we cannot wait to see where our hard work goes.

Also, we had frater Jack Lochinski recently attend a mission trip in the Dominican Republic with his local roatry club this past February. On the week long trip Jack helped build homes in the impoverished areas of the Dominican Republic along with interacting with the local community. His tasks included pouring concrete, rebuilding a roof and distributing rice and beans to people in the community. Overall Jack logged over 120 service hours!



Lochinski(Left) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic



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## PHILANTHROPY

On April 17th of this year, Tau Kappa Epsilon Rho-Beta will be hosting its first major philanthropy event called "Kick It For The Kids". It's a tournament based, single elimination bubble soccer tournament that will be open to all of Greek life and any other clubs that are willing to pay and join! It will be a weeklong event that will also include a egg-throwing event at the Rock, and other social media based events throughout the entire week, one of those being "Spot a Teke".

Along with the event, we are currently seeking local sponsors to help put on the event along with donating anything that they would like. We will have shirts made through a local company, which will be made available to participants in the event and anyone in the general public.

We are currently looking for a proper field to host the event, as having it on campus will be more convenient for everyone involved, so it will most likely be taking place on Forest Akers Trust Sports Complex, Munn Field, Ralph

Young Field, or Patriarch Park.

A main goal of the chapter is to help TKE reach the goal of \$2.6 million in 6 years, if this event is as successful as we believe it will be, there is no reason why we can't be a massive part of this wonderful goal. Not only are we putting in the most work out of all the other committees, we also have the most rewarding one and when we can present a large check to St. Jude Children Hospitals, then it will be confirmation of all our hard work and dedication to the event.

Also, earlier this fall we were the winners of Sigma Delta Tau's Pies for PCAA fundraiser. Our team helped them raise over 500 dollars and we recieved an asweome trophy (pic



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If you would like to be involved in the event, if it's a sponsorship, donations, or anything else, feel free to email [debneyma@msu.edu](mailto:debneyma@msu.edu) or call (989 600-3851)!

Over the course of this year, Rho-Beta has done an excellent job recruiting quality men into the bond. During fall rush, nine men were recruited and initiated as the Phi pledge class. After the first pledging process was completed, a secondary fall rush took place in an attempt to reach closer to our goal of chartering with 50 members this year. In this secondary fall rush, seven fine men were recruited and later initiated as the Chi pledge class. During January of 2016, spring rush took place in which the chapter recruited seven new candidates as the Psi pledge class. Some highlights of our spring rush week were our game night at Pinball Pete's as well as our Poker Night at the MSU Union where Sparty himself stopped by. This

## RECRUITMENT

number, however, does not bring us to our goal of 50 men. So, over the last few weeks, recruitment and interviews have taken place to add potentials to the pledge class. In the fall of 2016, we will have an unofficial house on Louis Street, which will give us a single location for hosting future rush events. Events are in the process of being planned for that rush week by the recruitment committee as we strive to make it our most successful rush yet. Recruitment is always a priority for our chapter and takes place year-round. We hope to build our fraternity into a great chapter on this campus and to do so means recruiting men of character who will become leaders in the future, "Better Men for a Better World."



Pictures from Spring and Fall Rush, featuring Sparty!





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## BROTHERHOOD

Part of our goals for brotherhood over the last year have been to build bonds that will never be broken and to increase the amount of activities we have to offer each TKE member. We have been on brotherhood hikes to both Sleepy Hollow State Park and at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledges for some brotherly bonding and a chance to get back in nature in the midst of a busy semester! With many more hikes and possible camping trips in the planning we look forward to spending time in nature and together. We went on a brotherhood ski trip to Mt. Brighton for a day full of winter fun and activities. We have competed in intramural sports and grown as brothers in the bond while defending our honor both on and off the field. We have regular work out times for brothers to go lift and play ball all through out the week. We have plans for a paintball event, a brotherhood retreat, and an award ceremony to commemorate all of our hard working Fraters with humorous trophies. As our numbers in the Fraternity have increased we have made closer strides towards chartering. We have also built our brotherhood committee to 14 members who have worked hard to create new events and traditions that will hold on for generations.



## CONTACT US

**Interested in getting to know the new fraters?**

**Have any old Rho Beta lore or memorabilia?**

**Interested in helping us start our Alumni Association?**

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