



# Beta Eta Data



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# A Message From the Chapter Advisor

Darryl Brinkmann BH534A

As we approach our first St. Pat's in the new house, we have learned a lot since moving into the new house last August. The new building has been relatively trouble-free (as we would expect a house built by a company managed by a former Beta Eta Teke to be). The guys have almost forgotten what it was like to have only one working shower and no heat!! Bes-sie is still the best cook on campus, especially with a modern kitchen. Work continues on restoring more of the composites, paddles and other legacy items. The display of 1107 stein display in the hall is impressive and a daily reminder to the actives that TKE is truly a fraternity for life.

Some other things we have learned:

- We need to Rush at least 25 men every year to keep the house full.

- For you analytical guys out there, the house has a capacity of 52 and we currently have 49 men in the house.

- The house GPA fell for the first time since I stepped into the Chapter Advisor role almost 4 years ago. This is unacceptable for a fraternity that is a leader on campus, and the house officers developed revised academic policies to ensure that we get back up above the Greek average.

- Despite the drop in GPA, over \$30,000 in scholarships and awards will be paid out this spring to the Big Brother/Little Brother teams living in the house that made grades and initiated the Little Brother. Thanks again to the alumni who made this possible through their support of the Alumni Association, 1107 Club, and Triangle Club.

Finally, I hope to see all of you in March here in Rolla for our first St. Pat's celebration in the new house. It promises to be one of the best ever!!

-Darryl Brinkmann BH534A

# Prytanis Report

Colton Gholson BH1126

For those that do not know me, I'm Colton Gholson, I am a sophomore in electrical engineering and I will be the Prytanis for the next year. A few of my goals as Prytanis include work with our Hypophetes to raise our house GPA, establish a professional development plan for our active members, and to restore memorabilia, such as composites and trophies, that have been damage over the past several years. We are coming off an exciting year, we won our first top TKE chapter in 20 years, we moved into our new house, our chapter's sweetheart was named the TKE International Sweetheart, and a few actives received national recognition for the work they put into our chapter. We are hoping that this year we continue to improve and proudly represent TKE and the Beta Eta Chapter. If you have any ideas on what we can do to improve ourselves as a chapter, please feel free to email me at [ckgt2d@mst.edu](mailto:ckgt2d@mst.edu).



# Grammateus Report

Connor Grzovic BH1147

I am Connor Grzovic and I am a freshman in Nuclear Engineering. The Grammateus' job is to consistently send out Chapter Minutes so that everyone is notified and up to date with the house events, to keep alumni and parents updated with social media, and to do jobs that keep the school up to date with the house's members and officer positions. I'm excited to show off the new house and the new culture inside of it. I'm hoping to be able to show everyone how great our new house and how enthusiastic everyone is to be living in it. Check us out on Twitter and Facebook by searching Tau Kappa Epsilon Beta Eta or email me with ideas on what I should post at [cmgwff@mst.edu](mailto:cmgwff@mst.edu)



# Hypophetes Report

Eric Hanson BH1145



My name is Eric Hanson BH1145 and it's my pleasure to serve as Hypophetes of our chapter. I'm a second semester freshman and I'm excited to help out the chapter. Though our last semester, we struggled academically, I plan on iterating on our academic policy and giving everyone the resources they need to succeed academically. I've made some changes to our bylaws and I'm even re-starting the test-of-the week program to help reward those who go the extra mile academically. I'm hoping to do everything I can to help the chapter get Top TKE chapter for a second year in a row. If you have an suggestions on chaplain-related issues, shoot me an email at [emh2m2@mst.edu](mailto:emh2m2@mst.edu).

# Hegemon Report

Jordan Collins BH1122



As hegemon I plan on making multiple changes to the big brother program and new member education first of which is to establish updated big brother program by creating, a new system of assigning little brothers to members using a variety of options, a detailed list of responsibilities of big brothers and creating programs between big and little brothers to help foster development, and academic education plan with Hypo for the new members. I will also be trying to work to establish professional development by creating professional development programs to teach new members a variety of real world skills involving academics and non-academics. I want to add a system in the program where alumni can become involved and host workshops and programs for professional development.

# Pylortes Report

Caleb Buffington BH1132



Since I'm sure most of you don't know me yet, my name is Caleb Buffington. I am the Pylortes for this semester and I'm planning on a busy semester. Being as we have moved into a new house, much of our current policy is outdated. My biggest goal for this semester is to update several of our risk policies, including our fire, earthquake and tornado safety drills, as well as our general day to day risk policies. After these changes are finalized I plan to moderately update our in house risk education to get everyone on the same page. This should be able to make sure that we can continue to have fun in a safe manner for the next several years.

# Histor Report

Jake Bartch BH1144



My name is Jake Bartch and I am the acting Histor for the Spring 2018 semester. I am a freshmen here in the house majoring in chemical engineering with a possible minor in metallurgy. This semester I have a few main goals, the largest of which is to reformat the Beta Eta Data and give it a sleeker and more contemporary design. However, this is a newsletter for the alumni so I look forward to your feedback and will make any necessary changes in the second volume. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at [jeb3bc@mst.edu](mailto:jeb3bc@mst.edu).



# Epiprytanis Report

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Seth Spinner BH1113



No report given

## Rush Report

Justin Williams BH1125, Tyler Seats BH1146, Matt Wilke BH1152

Justin—My name is Justin Williams and I am the Senior Rush Chairman. I am majoring in mechanical Engineering and also serve as the philanthropy chairman. This semester, I plan to properly train the Junior Rush Chairman so they will be prepared to take over recruitment this summer. Our goal is to recruit 25 men for the Fall 2018 semester.

Tyler—As being an incoming freshman, many do not know who I am. I am Tyler Seats, pursuing a career in computer and electrical engineering and I'm the Junior Recruitment Chair for this Spring semester. A few goals for this semester is to get more people involved with rush as not only is it a valuable resource to the house, but for later in life with getting jobs. Another goal of mine is to get more alumni interacting with potential new members to share their experiences with TKE. I am also running the rush events for Summer. If you would like to get involved or want more information about Summer events you can reach me on my email at [tjs58d@mst.edu](mailto:tjs58d@mst.edu)

Matt Wilke—I'd like to start off by introducing myself. I'm Matthew Wilke, a freshman studying Engineering Management here at MST. I've been working with Tyler Seats under the supervision of Justin Williams, and together we have learned how to operate Rush on our own. Some notable developments we've made have been developing a set guideline for actives' expectations and organized ways for everyone in the house to help with Rush in different ways. Our primary goal as Rush Chairmen is to recruit 25 new members by the beginning of the fall semester of 2018, with a sub goal of having 10 men recruited before the end of the spring semester of 2018. If anyone has feedback or recommendations for how to operate Rush, email me at any time at [mew2dv@mst.edu](mailto:mew2dv@mst.edu).



Justin Williams BH1125



Tyler Seats BH1146



Matt Wilke BH1152

## Crysophylos Report

Preston Walden BH1141

No report given

## Assistant Crysophylos Report

Alex Gehrin BH1153

My name is Alex Gehrin (BH1153) and I am the Assistant Crysophylos of the active chapter. I am a freshman studying computer science; I might consider dual majoring in computer engineering or electrical. I participated in intramurals such as hockey and softball this past fall. In the past I've played

baseball and tennis competitively. I will be working with our Crysophylos (Preston Walden, BH1141) to learn more about the position as well as keeping track of all finances moving forward. We are both working this semester to keep better record of financial information which includes using paper record, an online drive, and a backup flash drive. Overall, I'm excited to see our progress this semester and to move forward with the



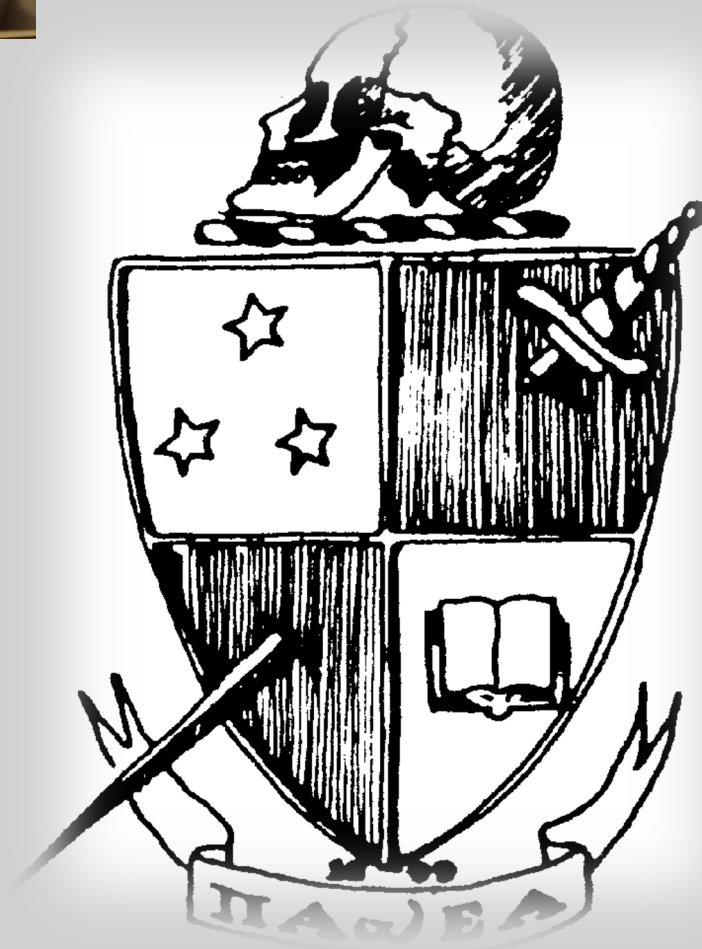


# House Manager Report

Tristen Nash BH1114



That's right, I'm still the House Manager! For those who don't know me, I am Tristen Nash. I am a Junior studying Business and Management systems. This is my second semester being the House Manager, and I have to say it's been one hell of a ride! This semester I plan on getting a solid foundation set on how to operate and maintain the main systems in the house. I am still trying to work through all of the minor issues caused by house settling. So along with maintaining the house, my assistants and I are also going to work on the development of the landscaping and other small tasks that will help improve the house and it's image. If you have any questions or ideas, feel free to email me at [tcnb75@mst.edu](mailto:tcnb75@mst.edu)





This semester, the house has one member out on co-op. Frater Brenden Bratsch received an opportunity to work for Lowe Boats In the coming months. It is important to note that many of our older actives are seeking opportunities to gain experience and if any alumni has a lead on an internship or co-op, it is greatly appreciated. If you wish to contact the chapter, email Jake Bartch at [jeb3bc@mst.edu](mailto:jeb3bc@mst.edu).

Chance Jeffries

Degree: Computer Science

Year: Freshman

Hometown: Neelyville, Missouri

Highschool: Neelyville High School

Hobbies: Playing video games, doing puzzles, and hanging out with friends.

Why did you join TKE?

"I had lots of academic and social issues first semester so I reached out and found TKE."

How do you like the house?

"I like the TKE house and all the different fraters in the house."

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AID MEN IN THEIR  
MENTAL, MORAL,  
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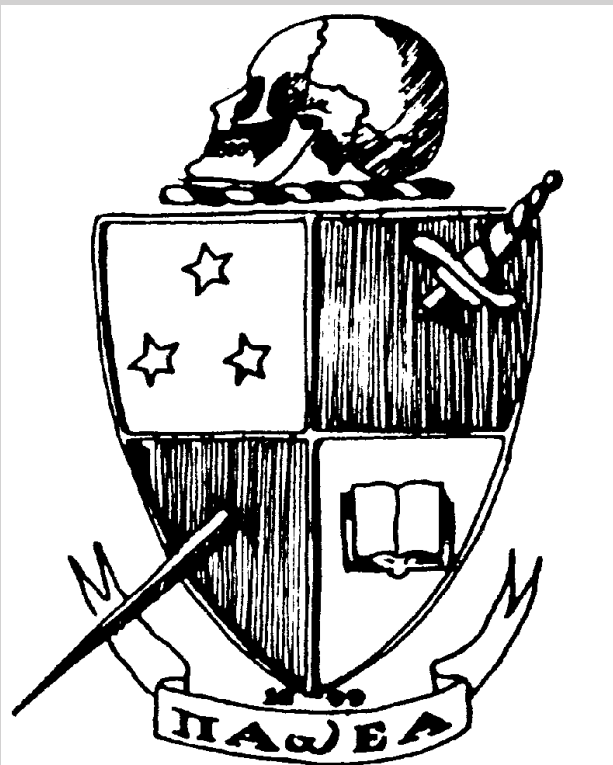
## Regional Leadership Conference 2018

This Year's RLC featured a number of engaging seminars and programs. For instance, Griffin Elliott and Caleb Buffington participated in a lecture concerning a new website for the BH chapter which will allow for easier access through nationals compared to the previous.

Programs such as RLC and PEC continue to be an excellent resource to educate our members and allow them to network with nationals and other TKE chapters; however, we would also like to hear from BHs. What are your leadership experiences, how did you overcome problems in the chapter, and how did you become successful? We would love to hear and learn from your experiences. If you would like to share contact Jake Bartch at [jeb3bc@mst.edu](mailto:jeb3bc@mst.edu)

### Attendees

Colton Gholson  
BH1126  
Caleb Buffington  
BH1132  
Jake Bartch  
BH1144  
Eric Hanson  
BH1145



Tyler Seats  
BH1146  
Connor Grzovic  
BH1147  
Alex Gehrin  
BH1153  
Griffin Elliott  
BH1156

# Philanthropy

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We are proud to say that we have raised nearly \$6,000 this academic year for St Jude Children's Research Hospital. \$6,000 is the most money we have raised in several years and we would like to thank all the alumni that have donated their time and money to help us achieve this level of success. We are planning to have one more philanthropy event this semester. Our annual TKE Taco Night will take place April 21 and our goal is to raise another \$1,000 for St Jude, if you like great tacos and donating money for St Jude we would love to see you there. If you would like to help us achieve this goal by donating time, money, or ideas please contact our philanthropy chair Justin Williams at [jdwvgf@mst.edu](mailto:jdwvgf@mst.edu)

We have logged over 1,200 hours of community service this academic year and counting. We have achieved our goal of 1,000 hours and still have several community service projects to come. Our community service chair, Brady Hughes, is working on adopting a waterway in Missouri in our chapter's name, this would mean we are responsible for cleaning litter and ensuring the quality of the area. At the end of this semester we will likely log close to 2,000 total hours, which is around 30 hours per member for the academic year. If you have a community service opportunity, please feel free to share it with Brady Hughes at [bh7pb@mst.edu](mailto:bh7pb@mst.edu) so we can double our original goal.



# The 110th Annual Best Ever St. Pats<sup>13</sup> Celebration 2018

Let's Get Fired Up!!! Pats is almost here and we at the house are ready for the celebration. We would like to formally invite all of our alumni to the 110th Annual Best Ever Saint Pats celebration. In mid February we sent out an order form for merchandise; anyone that ordered a sweatshirt will be able to pick them up at the house over Pats.

This year we have a junior rep Edward Mueller BH1127 and baby reps Brent Bauerschmidt BH1133 and Adam McTigue BH1154. Our Pats Overall Committee Chair this year is Noah Williams BH1117 if you have questions you can contact him at [nlwqn8@mst.edu](mailto:nlwqn8@mst.edu)



I apologize for such the late notice, but it may not be to late to book a hotel for the celebrations, here are some of the affordable locations in the area.

YitB—Jake Bartch BH1144

## Hampton Inn

*2201 North Bishop Ave.*

*(573) 308-1060*

## Quality Inn

*1507 Martin Springs Dr.*

*(573) 364-8200*

## Best Western Coachlight

*1403 Martin Springs Dr.*

*(573) 341-2511*

## Holiday Inn Express

*1610 Old Wire Outer Rd.*

*(573) 426-2900*

## Drury Inn

*2006 North Bishop Ave.*

*(573) 364-4000*

## Baymont Inn and Suites

*1801 Martin Springs Dr.*

*(573) 364-7000*



# A Message from Alumni Association<sup>14</sup>

## President Andrew During BH1073

Fraters,

As I wrap up my tenure as your Alumni Association President, I wanted to take the time to thank all of you for your continued support of our dear ol' TKE. YOU are the reason the Beta Eta Chapter has finally built that new house at #3 Fraternity Row after all these years. YOU are the reason so many fraters that have lost touch with their former pledge brothers have reconnected and become actively engaged with the chapter and the Alumni Association once again. YOU are the reason Beta Eta has been consistently recognized by TKE National as one of the strongest alumni bases in TKE Nation. Thanks to your time, your generosity, and your commitment to giving back to the Fraternity that has given us all so much in our own lives, the Beta Eta chapter is as strong as it's ever been.

Thanks to your support of our 1107 Club drive, we currently have over \$115,000 pledged for scholarships from over 100 alumni to assist the actives with the move from 1107 State St to #3 Fraternity Row. Now we have embarked on one final push to solidify the Future of BH TKE with the establishment of the Triangle Club endowment fund. The goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to establish a permanent endowment fund at Missouri S&T funded by and for BH TKE's. Contact *Ray Buehler* ([oldbaer@gmail.com](mailto:oldbaer@gmail.com)) for more information.

Look out for the following Beta Eta events coming up this year:

March 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>: THE 110<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BEST EVER ST. PATS 2018

Schedule for Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> (<https://stpats.mst.edu/public-events/>)

9:00 - 10:30 AM: Pre-Parade breakfast, Hasselmann Alumni House, [1100 N Pine Street](#). All alumni, their families, and guests are invited to join us for complimentary breakfast refreshments prior to the parade

11:00 AM: St. Pat's Parade (MS&T Alumni House *front porch has the best view in town!*) *Some Alumni may wish to meet at the Grotto for Green Beer*

12:00 - 2:00 PM: Post-Parade pig roast, Hasselmann Alumni House, [1100 North Pine Street](#). (*You must register for this event and there are only a few tickets left. Call the Hasselmann House at (573) 341-4145 to register and purchase tickets!*)

1:30 PM: Registration at TKE House – See *Rob Telker* (Recommended donation is \$40 for Alumni, \$20 for Guest (Beverages, Music and Dinner are included))

2:00 PM: Alumni Meeting – See *Andy During* - Alumni Officer Elections to be held, would appreciate nomination of Fraters who would like to lend a hand

3:00 - 4:30 PM: Alumni / Active Corn Hole Tournament – See *Ray Buehler*. House Tours also available at this time for alumni new to the house

5:30 - 7:00 PM: Irish Stew Dinner

7:00 - 10:00 PM: Gary O'Day Band plays in the party room

June 16<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Beta Eta Alumni Association Golf Tournament at Paradise Valley – 10 AM tee time – Contact *Drew Hall* ([tugboat1042@gmail.com](mailto:tugboat1042@gmail.com))

July 8<sup>th</sup> – Family Picnic at Blanchette Park – Contact *Tim Quinn* ([tquinn@burnsmcd.com](mailto:tquinn@burnsmcd.com))

TBD – Alumni work weekend, Back to School BBQ, and an event with spouses.

Thank you all again for everything and I look forward to seeing everyone at St. Pats!

YITB,

Andy “DD” During

Alumni Association President



# Final Remarks by Michael Taylor BH1094

Fraters,

For those who have not had the chance to meet me during my time as Prytanis or Rush Chair, my name is Michael Taylor BH1094. I am currently in my fifth year at Missouri S&T as an Engineering Management Major and this semester, I have taken the role of a live-in advisor for the Beta-Eta Chapter at the request of our Board of Advisors.

The inspiration of this position came from the underlying issue of youth within the house. With 80% of the house being only at freshman or sophomore status and the chapter having an officer core that reflects that, our BOA believed that having this position would help mitigate any adverse consequences from the chapter's overall lack of experience. The purpose that this role is intended for is to establish an older, experienced active in a position that assists the officers, as well as the entire chapter, in operational decisions that younger, less experienced members may not be familiar or comfortable dealing with. The BOA thought that I would be the best fit for this role and I have had the privilege of serving the actives since the conclusion of my term as Prytanis.

In my time being in this position, my focus has been to relieve some of the growing pains we have been experiencing as well as set up policies and programs that help to ensure sustained growth and success for the chapter in order to help replicate the successes we experienced as a chapter last year. Some of the issues that we have had to face is educating and training a pledge class that was twice the size of any pledge class we have seen in the last 20 years. With the new members outnumbering actives in-house, we had our struggle with overseeing and monitoring their progress academically and professionally. Another issue that we have seen is effectiveness of our committee operations in its current format as well as the expansion of responsibilities for certain offices since our transition from 1107 N. State St. to 3 Fraternity. These issues, along with the learning curve that many of our younger members are facing as they are thrust into these positions of leadership, have given the active's plenty of challenges and obstacles to overcome. In my role as advisor, I have been working with the officers on a few things to help Beta-Eta get through these issues and ultimately to a state of long-term success.

One of these projects is the revitalization of the Big Brother Program along with the expansion of the New Member Education Program. In its current state, the program is antiquated and is no longer effective in developing candidates into top-quality members of The Fraternity and this campus. In my time at TKE I have learned that quality members are ultimately developed, not recruited. We need to have this mindset when we implement our mentorship and education programs for new members. I believe making these changes will improve our retention, academics, professional development, and campus involvement.

Another project that I am working on is the restructuring of the chapter's officer core and committees. Currently, the structure that we have in place is adequate for a chapter about half our size (about the size we have been for the last 20 years). This current system has proven to be inefficient in our current state with certain offices being overwhelmed with new responsibilities and committees that are being ran inadequately. The structure that I am working on reflects systems seen in larger fraternal organizations. This system will have a better balance of responsibilities and clearer definition of duties for all positions, both officers and committees. This system will also have a clear breakdown of positions and set up clearer paths for members to work towards desired positions. The chapter plans to have this restructuring implemented by officer elections at the end of this semester.

The last major project, and in my opinion the most important project, that I am working on is creating a year plan for the chapter. This plan is comprehensive and includes all aspects of fraternal operations for the 2018 calendar year. I believe this is my important project because it has allowed me to actively teach the younger members in the officer core to develop progressive plans for their respective roles and teach them how to plan for long term success as opposed to dealing with short-term issues as they arise. I believe going through this process will help best transition these new leaders into members that can take our chapter to new heights of success. I intend to have this plan complete by St. Pat's weekend.

Upon the completion and implementation of these projects, I intend to exit my role with chapter in a position where it can sustain itself for the foreseeable future. I then plan to join the ranks of alumni and contribute in anyway I can to the chapter.

In conclusion, my time here at TKE has given me the privilege of being a part of our resurgence as a chapter and have had the pleasure of watching what was once considered a dying organization become one of TKE Nation's top chapters. In the last two years alone, we have grown from 20 actives in Fall 2016 to over 60 at the end of Fall 2017. In that time our philanthropic contributions to St. Jude have also increased substantially from less than \$1000 to over \$7000 projected for this academic school year. Our presence on campus has increased significantly with our involvement in the University's flagship organizations of St. Pat's Board and IFC are up to three members each. Along with St. Pat's and IFC other members are holding offices in other organizations like Miner Club Wrestling, Pi Tau Sigma and MAA making

TKE's impact on campus the largest it has been in years. Of course, all these improvements that the chapter has made, along with a little help (a lot of help, actually) from the alumni, has manifested itself into our new home at 3 Fraternity Dr. I would like to thank all of you who were involved for making this progress possible and encourage anyone that is thinking of giving back to the chapter to do so. Not only does it help ensure the preservation of the Beta-Eta legacy but also allows the active members to have the opportunity to learn and develop into leaders academically, professionally and socially just like so many of us have. I look forward to seeing you all down at St. Pat's! Who's fired up for TKE?!

YitB,

Michael "McGruff" Taylor BH1094

