

# Iota Alpha Alumni Newsletter

*Texas State University*

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## A Letter from the President:



I hope that this issue of the Alpha Tau Omega Alumni Newsletter finds you in good health. It is my hope that you will use this tool as a way to stay connected with each other and with the happenings of the undergraduate chapter. Brothers, these are exciting times to be a Tau, and I could not be happier with the path this brotherhood is taking. The undergraduates have been working hard within the fraternity, on campus, and in the community. All of which have reflected extremely well on our chapter. We are a fraternity of leaders, athletes, and scholars. We are first and foremost, however, a brotherhood; and you can be rest assured that the chapter is as strong as or stronger than when you left it. These are indeed exciting times to be an ATΩ, and we want our alumni to be part of them. Love and Respect.  
- Ben Martinec (AT '06)



## Alumni Announcements

- Please send any announcements to our current Alumni Relations Chair, Brother Denton (rd1105@txstate.edu)
- Include: weddings/engagements, births, pictures, major announcements, exciting news, etc.

## Undergraduate News

This past year has been a year that none of us will ever forget. Brotherhood has been at an unprecedented level, with at least one night per week dedicated to various brotherhood events. Throughout the semester the chapter has brotherhood dinners, chapter retreats, road trips, etc.

We have successfully recruited 18 new brothers in the past year putting our total chapter size at 51 brothers. We already have a solid group of potential recruits for the upcoming Fall. Some upcoming recruitment events that the chapter is having include a benefit concert with Grammy nominated R&B artist Afroman and a summer fishing trip to the coast at Brother Huston's beach house.

Our social events have also been a big success, as we've had multiple events with sororities such as Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Zeta. Some of our themed parties in the past year include our bi-annual GATΩR-HUNT party, our 'Shipwrecked on Gilligan's Island' date party, and our Tacky Christmas Sweater Casual.

We've also had brothers actively participating in philanthropy events such as Bobcat Build and Relay for Life. We are currently working with our philanthropy Build African Schools to raise sixty-thousand dollars to build a school for uneducated children in Africa.

We also have two brothers on the Interfraternity council. Brother Takahashi (AT '06) is the Vice President of Scholarship and Brother Halliburton (AΦ '07) is the Vice President of Communications. Brother Cagle (AX '08) was recently elected as an Associated Student Government Senator as well.

Last summer our chapter won the inaugural 2008 Storm Strap Award at the ATΩ congress. This award is given out to the chapter that is able to overcome diverse situations and show a substantial all-around improvement. Our chapter was also recognized by the University for the having the highest retention rate of any organization on campus and for having the highest G.P.A. of any fraternity, surpassing the all men's average as well.

During the fall we are hosting our annual Brad Ambrosion Golf Tournament and Alumni Weekend. On Saturday, September 26, 2009 the golf tournament will take place at Quail Creek Country Club. The next day we are having our initiation ceremony at a local church to be followed by a catered lunch and a short presentation updating the alumni on the state of the chapter. All of the golf tournament information as well as a donation receipt form can be found enclosed with this newsletter.

## Important Dates

- **September 25-27, 2009: Alumni Weekend**
  - \* September 26, 2009: Golf Tournament
  - \* September 27, 2009: Initiation
- **October 31, 2009: Homecoming Tailgate/Game**