

# THE NORTH SHALL INCREASE: BUILDING A BRIDGE TO BETA PI'S FUTURE



For spring 2015, Beta Pi had the highest GPA among campus fraternities with a 3.32.



Nathan Wong '15, Garret Zastoupil '15, Casey Kuenn '15, and Connor Schweitzer '15 celebrate their graduation this spring.

## BETA THETA PI BY THE NUMBERS

*Campaign Grows to \$688,324 in Commitments—  
Donate Today to Count Yourself among Our Plaque Donors!*

Through an outpouring of alumni support, we have reached \$688,324 in pledged commitments from 146 alumni and friends. This is an incredible feat, which would not have been possible without the support of brothers who demonstrate what it means to be a lifelong member of Beta Theta Pi.

Throughout *The North Shall Increase: Building a Bridge to Beta Pi's Future* campaign, numbers have played a significant role. Some numbers you have seen before, such as our \$750,000 campaign goal. Others are interesting facts recently learned. It's amazing to see how numbers impact every aspect of the campaign for Beta Pi.

**144:** The number of generous brothers and friends who have donated to our campaign. The ages range from a brother who graduated in **1942** to active members who plan to graduate in **2017**.

**\$4,775:** The average amount donors have given to the campaign. Gifts of every amount are greatly appreciated and needed to minimize the debt on this project.

**\$41.67:** Dollars per month for five years (a total of **\$2,500**) to have your name on a prominent, permanently displayed plaque in the chapter house, in recognition of your leadership gift to this campaign. Pledges may be spread over a five-year period to help maximize your support. Visit [btpbetapi.kintera.org/donate](http://btpbetapi.kintera.org/donate) to set up your monthly commitment of **\$41.67** today.

**1952, 1955, 1963, 1970, 1989, 1991, 2005:** The graduation classes with the highest giving percentages. The graduation class of **1952** leads

the way with 60% of members giving to the campaign. Congratulations! *Help your class increase its giving participation. A gift at any level will make an impact!*

**10/1:** Approximate date to remove the old, crumbling retaining wall, build a new wall, and improve landscaping at the chapter house. This is the first big project related to *The North Shall Increase* campaign, with more major renovations planned in the months ahead.

**∞:** The symbol for infinity. That is the potential lasting effect of any size gift to *The North Shall Increase* campaign. Who knows, perhaps a world leader, a scientist who finds a cure for a disease, or your child's future teacher might be nurtured and supported in the chapter house we called home during our college years.

Brothers, we have accomplished a milestone for our fraternity. It is our earnest hope that you will be a part of these numbers that are impacting the future of Beta Pi. Join us in this effort by making a gift using the enclosed pledge card and return envelope.

With your support, our chapter house will once again be a premier facility like no other.

In\_kai\_,  
**Brent Anderson '85**  
Campaign Chairman  
[brentaa1962@gmail.com](mailto:brentaa1962@gmail.com)

## Easy as 1...2...3

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2. Select one-time gift or recurring payment.
3. Enter your bank or credit card information!



## GORDY ABEL '97 HELPS BUILD A BRIDGE TO BETA PI'S FUTURE

*Alumnus Is Grateful for Beta Theta Pi*

At 17 years old, **Gordy Abel '97** moved out of state and started school at the University of Minnesota. Entering a brand new environment, he understood it was important to find a network that he could connect with and learn from. Much to his need, he found just that and more through Beta Theta Pi.

There were many moments that impacted Gordy, but the ones that come first to mind are the simple ones. He remembers hanging out on the porch after a long day, eating dinner at the chapter house, and even staying up late to study with brothers. His time at Beta Pi taught him many lessons that he carries to this day.

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BETA THETA PI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



ADD YOUR NAME TO OUR  
GROWING LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TODAY

Thank You, Loyal Brothers, for Your Support!

We are deeply grateful to the 146 brothers who have committed \$688,324 to *The North Shall Increase: Building a Bridge to Beta Pi's Future* campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Beta Pi and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our \$750,000 goal.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the chapter house, and all donors will be recognized on printed publications of donor lists. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 for corrections.

**Beta Pi Society**  
*(\$100,000 and above)*  
Anonymous

**kai Society**  
*(\$50,000 to \$99,999)*  
Beta Pi Chapter

**1889 Society**  
*(\$25,000 to \$49,999)*  
Bob Brunmeier '84  
Brent A. Anderson '85  
James D. Keeler '89  
Gordon Abel '97  
Mark D. Churchill '02  
Charles J. Eisler '07

**Loving Cup Society**  
*(\$10,000 to \$24,999)*  
Bertram G. Leach '52  
Gerald T. Carroll '55  
J. Bradner Smith '55  
William C. Hand '56  
Donald M. Sullivan '58  
Leroy W. Wangstad '67  
William H. Madden Jr. '86  
Ed J. Pelava '87  
Bradner H. Smith '90  
David F. Servais '92  
Aaron J. Swanson '94  
Sara and Nathan Deno '01

Jeremy A. Weidman '03  
Michael C. Southwell '05

**Wooglin Society**  
*(\$5,000 to \$9,999)*  
James C. Hogan '51  
Harold H. Wylie Jr. '51  
Robert E. Harris '52  
Gerald R. Wilson '52  
Donald E. McGrath '55  
J. Dixon Tews '63  
Michael W. Loehr, Jr.  
*University of South Dakota '68*  
David W. Stiff,  
*Indiana University '77*  
Richard G. Morgan '80  
Paul W. Barber '84  
Robert M. Morse '91  
Michael D. Kokkinen '00  
Justin M. Miller '00  
Nick R. Gallus '03  
Scott J. Heineman '03  
Stephen G. Edwards '05

**Beta Stars Society**  
*(\$2,500 to \$4,999)*  
Richard B. Weigel '42  
Edward D. Clapp '49  
Billy and  
James J. Cashman '50  
Jarrod A. Petraborg '51  
In memory of  
George Petraborg '48  
John A. Copper '57  
Floyd W. Hagen '60  
John W. Webber '60  
Thomas A. Gruber '62  
William S. Milota '63  
Wesley F. Chapman '82  
Bradley G. Ketzer '83  
David E. Engler '85  
Guy C. Purvis '85  
Marc A. Anderson '89  
Scott A. Martin '89  
Edwin C. Carpenter '90

Guy C. Andrews '92  
Scott J. Allen '95  
Cloeve and  
Ryan Demmer '99  
Nicholas M. Lampi '99  
Kevin J. Mork '00  
Todd F. Myers '00  
Travis M. Fischer '02  
Joshua J. Knudson '04  
Paul A. Villella '04  
Dustin L. Anderson '05  
Nathan J. Duoss '05  
Benjamin R. Elliott '05  
Branden C. Peterson '05  
Tara and  
Matthew Edgette '06  
Adam R. Gilman '06  
Brian P. Sondag '06  
Jacob Z. Helms '07  
Joel Livingood '09  
Kenneth J. McDonald '09  
Aviran S. Sethi '09  
James H. Bainbridge '10  
Zachary M. Palen '10  
Colin N. Close '13  
Jack Liang '13  
Reece R. Quesnel '13

**Piper Society**  
*(\$1,000 to \$2,499)*  
Bruce R. Kelley '50  
In memory of  
Miles A. Nelson '50  
Vernon S. Hoium '55  
Donn P. Barber '56  
Stanley A. Thompson '59  
William G. Westerdahl '59  
Bruce Johnson '61  
John M. Grewe '62  
Delmont M. Johnson '62  
Roger N. Johnson '62  
Robert W. Benson '63  
Richard Shinofield,  
*University of Iowa '63*  
Jeff O. Stewart '69  
E. Walter Slibeck '70

Bruce M. Thorud '70  
Jeffrey P. Greiner, *Southern Methodist University '80*  
George A. Turner '83  
Gregg E. Robinson '88  
Darren J. Wennen '91  
Ken Tamura '02  
Daniel T. O'Connor '03  
Cian N. Chase '08  
Adrian Gonzalez '11  
Harrison Burton '14  
Evan Bong '17  
Eric Hirsch '17  
Justin K. Schlitz '17

**Other Donors**  
*(Up to \$999)*  
Noah J. Reetz  
Rebecca Bergner,  
*University of Minnesota*  
Kenneth A. Tessmer '48  
William C. Johnson '50  
In memory of  
Miles A. Nelson '50  
John R. Cross '52  
Charles B. Webber '53  
George A. Emslie '54  
Donald K. Holton '55  
John F. Enghausen II '59  
Dennis W. Potter '59  
G. Charles Champlin '60  
Scott R. Berry '63  
Gary E. Thorp '63  
William L. Valentine '63  
J. Mark Walker '63  
John H. Avery '64  
Morgan K. Nelson '67  
William L. Laakso '69  
Bob Stein '69  
In memory of  
Morrie Sigel '68  
James C. Carter '70  
Jeffrey D. Ohm '70  
George J. Pratt, Ph.D. '70  
John W. Walsh '70  
Paul N. Pasqua '73

CAMPAIGN  
STATUS  
AT-A-GLANCE

AS OF AUGUST 21, 2015

Less than \$62,000  
away from goal

\$750,000  
CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$688,324 TOTAL  
COMMITMENTS

146 CONTRIBUTORS

17% PARTICIPATION

Aaron Jastrow '87  
BJ Miller, *University of Wisconsin '87*  
David A. Horner '91  
Jason Gylland '95  
Ivan R. Weiss Jr. '97  
Patrick B. Markey '98  
Troy T. Svihl '98  
Mark L. Nevermann '99  
Richard M. Norton '03  
JB Scherpelz, *Miami University '05*  
Christopher Gables '08  
Shaun P. Fernandes '12  
Pablo B. Leitzman '12  
Ryan A. Marek '12  
Marc Skjervem,  
*Illinois State '12*  
Michael R. Danley '13  
Thomas K. Johnson '17



GORDY ABEL '97 HELPS BUILD A BRIDGE

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"Mutual aid and assistance is one trait that I believe helps us all in our lives and career. Success, in any form, is rarely achieved on your own. Having strong relationships with family, friends, and colleagues is the foundation for personal growth," he says.

Gordy recently relocated to New York from San Francisco and, to his surprise, he moved into the same building as **Nate Rice '98**. "What a terrific feeling knowing that I had a brother close by," Gordy marvels. Additionally, he took part in establishing the Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association of New York.

Because of his quality experience as a collegian and ongoing involvement as an alumnus, Gordy felt it was essential to give back to the capital campaign. He is certain these efforts will impact Beta Pi brothers and their community brothers for years to come.

"It's our responsibility to build bridges for those brothers that follow us. Please do what you

can—in time, treasury or talent—to support the future success and achievements of Beta Pi and our brothers."

He looks forward to seeing the development of the house, since it is such a vital part of the men's experience in Beta Theta Pi.

"The chapter house is the heart of the fraternity. Having a central place to come together for ritual, educational, and social endeavors is critical for the long-term growth and success of Beta Pi," Gordy says.

He married his husband, Brian, in September 2014. They live in Manhattan with their two "kids," a pit bull named Brady and a French bulldog puppy named Harry. "We're getting a little less sleep these days, but enjoying life to its fullest," Gordy adds. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with Brian, his brothers, traveling to new places, and exploring New York. E-mail: gordy.abel@gmail.com

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Beta Theta Pi Alumni –  
University of Minnesota

Homecoming

Friday, September 25  
5:00 p.m. The chapter house  
will be open for visitors.  
6:30 p.m. University of Minnesota Parade  
and Beta Mini-Reunions

Tip: Call a brother and reunite  
back at the house. Friends and  
family are encouraged to attend.