

# Beta Theta Pi

## Brotherhood

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### **Core Values:**

- **LIFELONG FRIENDSHIP** — Bonded by oath and ritual, Betas form lifelong bonds of trust and friendship which are the foundation of the Fraternity's mission.
- **CULTIVATION OF THE INTELLECT** — Beta membership encourages individual and chapter support of the academic mission and provides opportunities for co-curricular learning and personal growth.
- **RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP** — Betas participate in a system of self-governance, bound by trust and responsibility, which nurtures the development of social and leadership skills.
- **RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL CONDUCT** — Beta Theta Pi is committed to standards of social conduct which are guided by principles of urbane, civil, courteous and responsible deportment.
- **COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY** — The experience of being a Beta encourages men to serve their university, fraternal and local communities.

## **Brotherhood**

The Zeta Omega Chapter is built around the foundation of brotherhood. It is the glue that holds us together and without it, all other aspects of our organization would not be the same. Part of the reason that we have such a strong sense of brotherhood, is that many of us interact with one another outside of Beta and offer constant and continual support to all of the different areas that brothers are involved in. When a great effort is put in to build a brotherhood, the bonds grow and in turn, the brotherhood gets stronger. This is what we are experiencing through our comprehensive brotherhood programs.

### Chapter Programs:

- Broomball
- Weekly Dinners
- Camping
- Assassins game
- Gathering to watch Club Baseball games
- Big and Little brothers program – This program is designed to give each new member a mentor for their time at USD, someone who they can connect with and rely on as they join into the fraternity and while they are a member.
- New Member Philanthropy Event – Our new members plan a philanthropy event which is supported by the entire chapter while working to help the community.

### Community Brotherhood/Sisterhood Activities with Other USD Fraternities/Sororities:

- Bowling, April 2, 2009 with Kappa
- Bowling with Alpha Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Bowling with Theta
- Bid night exchange, September 25, 2009 with Alpha Chi Omega
- Four Pack, March 20, 2009 with Theta, Gamma Phi, and Delta Tau Delta
- Bid night exchange, February 13, 2009 with Kappa

### All Greek Activities:

- Greek Week, every semester.
- Beach Pentathlon, April 19, 2009.
- Joint executive committee dinner, March 4, 2009 with Delta Tau Delta

### Inter-Fraternity Sports:

- Basketball
- Football
- Volleyball
- Dodge ball

#### National/International Connection:

- Risk Management Award, February 2009. At our Keystone Regional Leadership Conference we received the risk management award for excellence in this category.
- Self-Governance Award, February 2009. At our Keystone Regional Leadership Conference we received this award for excellence in self-governance and holding members accountable for their actions.
- Charles Henry Hardin Leadership Development Award, July 30, 2009. This award is given to chapters for exemplifying excellent commitment to participation towards leadership experiences and development.
- Risk Management Award, July 30, 2009. This award is given to chapters who have shown that their Risk Management Program had best reflected the policies, goals and ideals of the General Fraternity.
- Virginia Tech Award for Academics, July 30, 2009. This award is given to chapters with phenomenal academic standings of the chapters.
- Sisson Award, July 31, 2009. This award is given to chapters who have demonstrated their ability to not just fulfill the Nine Goals of Men of Principle and have illustrated the ability to continuously enhance their strengths in each principle.

#### Chapter Connection with Alumni:

- Beta Toast, April 25, 2009. This reception brings together alumni and undergraduates to honor involvement and excellence both for the undergraduates and the alumni who are actively involved in the chapter.
- Bi-annual Alumni Barbeque.

#### Advisor Appreciation Program:

- Beta Toast, April 25, 2009. Advisors and Alumni Advisors were honored with their respective positions and involvement.