



FROM THE HOUSE CORPORATION



David Hitt III '11,
Epsilon Eta Educational
Foundation treasurer.

Hi Brothers,

I find it hard to believe that we are now in 2019! With the current decline of Greek life, it's more important now, than ever before, that we come together as brothers and work to improve the fraternity. In the past, we've solicited donations for a general

fund but realized that it didn't garner a feeling of project ownership for those who contributed. From now on, we will be listing all projects, in order of importance, so that you, the alumni, know your true contribution to the organization.

Here is a list of projects that we hope you can help fund by the end of the spring:

- **PAINT.** First, we need to have the interior of the house painted. It's been almost seven years since the interior has seen a coat of paint, and it shows. We estimate that this project will cost between \$1,800 and \$2,000 in order to be professionally painted.
- **FLOORS.** The second project is to repair the bamboo floor in the office (northeast corner room downstairs, facing Bois D' Arc). We experienced water damage as a result of the front balcony roof not being sealed. We have since had the balcony roof replaced. This project will run us between \$500 and \$600.
- **LIGHTS.** The next item will be to replace the light bulbs in the house with LED bulbs. This will significantly reduce the electric bill and brighten up the house. We are currently in the research process of finding the best price.
- **BATHROOM.** Last, we need to replace the bathroom vanity/sink basin downstairs. This project is estimated to cost about \$400.

While attending a Greek House Corporation Convention several years ago, we learned that the average lifespan of a fraternity house renovation is only 10 years! I'm sure you remember how hard you and your brothers were on the shelter in your college days—and now we're in year seven since the last remodel. That's why we're working hard to monitor and repair that

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Corey A. Jones '16

Editor's Note: For this edition of the newsletter we're shining the Spotlight on Officer Corey Jones '16. Hailing from Forney, Texas, Corey graduated with a degree in criminal justice and is now a police officer for the city of Balch Springs. As an active member, he served as pledge educator and assisted heavily with recruiting. Within the community today, Corey supports the Russ Martin Show Listeners Foundation, whose donations go to the families of fallen first responders in the DFW area. In January, he was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Award (for his involvement in the fire) and in December 2018, he was awarded and recognized as Police Officer of the Year.



Corey holding a Mahi Mahi while on a fishing trip with his dad in Key West, Florida.

What did you enjoy most as an active member?

Having a strong group of men that I knew I could go to for any situation. Delta Tau Delta Fraternity attracts individuals that have a positive mind set and are loyal until the end. I still to this day have many lifelong friends I have made from the fraternity. I also enjoyed the social aspect and living in the house with your brothers—never a dull moment!

How do you stay in touch with your Epsilon Eta Brothers today?

Mainly through social media and meeting up with them whenever we have spare time. Two of my brothers were even best men in my wedding this past April.

After graduation, what inspired you to join the police force?

To help those in need. As a young child, I always viewed police officers as heroes, and I still do to this day. I sternly believe that a person stands their tallest when kneeling to help another. I joined the East Field Police Academy two weeks after five Dallas

Traveling is one of the many things Corey enjoys outside of work (pictured here with his wife, Caitlin).

officers were shot and killed in July of 2016.

What type of training did you have to go through?

The police academy consists of six-plus months of class and physical training. A typical day in the academy starts with four to five hours of studying penal, traffic code, case law...etc, followed by handcuffing techniques, patrol tactics, and physical training. Police academy also trained me to communicate with people. A majority of the time, when people call, they just want a person to vent their problems to—you have to be able to be a good listener to be able to help them.

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FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Greetings brothers,

I'm pleased to announce that we have an abundance of things going on this spring for Epsilon Eta! We went to conference a few weeks ago, and were awarded for most improved cumulative GPA this year!

Our finances are improving greatly this semester. We got a two-man pledge class this spring, and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish this semester. We have a date for BS Open early on this year, which will be held on April 27, 2019. We are

excited to see our alumni and hear their stories about when they were undergraduates. This year we are doing Delt Draft from April 22-26, with Delt Recon on April 27, starting at 10:00 p.m. We can't wait for this upcoming semester, and would love to see alumni at Recon and BS Open! As always, it's always a great day to be a Delt!

Fraternally,

Kevin Williams



Brothers and new pledges pose at the pledge badge ceremony.

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: **Matthew Hargis**



Above: Matt enjoys sand and sun while showing his support for the Delt Draft.

Below: Matt and Brother Nico Lattanzio following the alumni ceremony.



My name is **Matthew Hargis**, and I am originally from Rockwall, Texas. I am in my junior year here at A&M Commerce, where I plan to graduate in the spring of 2020, with a major in public health and a minor in interdisciplinary studies. Since I've joined Delt, I have been on the honor board committee and rush committee; I've also been the intramural chair and t-shirt chair, and I am currently the director of risk management. In addition to these fraternal positions, I currently work at the rec center as a lifeguard.

I never planned on going Greek my first semester at Commerce, but because I commuted from Rockwall, I was honestly quite lonely. Then I met **Nico Lattanzio** and **Dylan Barrington**, and they showed me how fun and genuine Delta Tau Delta was. Rushing Delt was—and still is—the best decision I've made in college so far. It has given me a second home as well as a second family. I have so many fond memories from being a Delt that I don't know where to begin. I love spending time with my brothers and bonding while playing sports, or just hanging out and talking.

I feel most accomplished in the chapter at my current position, the DRM, because I feel it helps me give back to the fraternity by protecting my house and brothers during parties and other social functions. It also puts me on the executive board, which allows me to speak my mind and share ideas to the rest of the committee in the hopes that we can steer the chapter into a better direction.

After I graduate with my major, I want to become a personal trainer to help others better themselves, and then one day open my own fitness center. I want to offer a place that helps people—whether it's people who don't know about fitness and want to learn, people who are injured and need recovery and therapy, or even people who have

physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy to help them work on strength, flexibility, balance, motor development, and mobility.

I developed an interest in powerlifting in high school my sophomore year. After football season ended, powerlifting season started, and it was my first year to compete. I placed top three in my weight class during every meet that year on my JV team. Skip to my senior year when I was competing in regionals—I was in the 165lbs weight class, and I squatted 455lbs, benched 300lbs, and deadlifted 455lbs. I was 10-15 pounds away from going to state in powerlifting. I love struggling against the heavyweight when I get a new PR, and the soreness the day after a good workout tells me that I am getting stronger, and therefore bettering myself.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and with my brothers of Delt. I love playing video games and watching shows on Netflix and Hulu. I also enjoy reading books and going out to eat when I can afford it.

Matt and fellow brother, Kevin Keefer, pose during a festive Halloween mixer.



SAVE THE DATE: DELT B.S. OPEN

April 27, 2019

11:00 a.m. Arrival

12:00 p.m. Start Time

**Buffalo Creek Golf Course,
in Rockwall, Texas**

Entry Fee of \$110

(payable upon arrival)

They are currently in the process of remodeling the clubhouse, so check-in is assumed to be moved back into the original Clubhouse (red brick building). Burgers and Beer will be at my house (1304 Moraine Place, Heath, Texas 75032), less than 10 minutes from the course, and will be starting at 5:00 p.m. If you can't make the golf tournament or don't play golf, you can still come for the social that evening. If you are planning on joining in water volleyball, please bring a towel and swimsuit.

If anyone would like to sponsor an undergrad(s) to play for \$65 each, please let me know. Thank you to **Chris McCauley '94** for being the first sponsor.



Please email me and let me know if you will attend. If you put a group together, give me all four names so I can get a good head count. The course is getting pickier about a guaranteed minimum.

If you are playing and I have not heard from you, shoot me an email: **Rene Griffin '75** renergri@aol.com.

JOIN FELLOW LIONS AT REGIONAL EVENTS

The 2019 Lion Athletics Night with Champions will be held Friday, April 12, in the Rayburn Student Center. The cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the program will start at 7:00 p.m.

The evening will consist of great food and drinks, photo opportunities, exclusive interviews with our championship-winning coaches and student athletes, a highlight video, silent auction, live auction, and more! All proceeds from the evening will directly support student-athlete scholarships and wellness! You don't want to miss out on this special night!

For questions, please contact alumni relations at 903-886-5765 or Alumni@tamuc.edu. To stay up to date with event information, you can join the alumni association by visiting <https://lionpride.tamuc.edu/Membership>.

March 28, 5:30 p.m., Smith County Alumni Reception

True Vine Brewing Company, Tyler

April 9 — Annual Research Symposium

Rayburn Student Center, Commerce

May 2, 5:30 p.m. — DFW Alumni Mixer

Alkeys Lounge & Eatery, Lewisville

May 17, 11:00 a.m. — Scholarship Golf Tournament

Webb Hill Country Club, Wolfe City

May 25, 11:00 a.m. — Alumni Family Picnic

Harry Myers Park, Rockwall

June 6, 5:30 p.m. — Lamar County Alumni Reception

The Loft, Paris

June 15, 7:00 p.m. — Rough Rider Baseball Game

Dr. Pepper Baseball Park, Frisco

July 22, 5:30 p.m. — Houston Area Alumni Reception

Location TBA



Have Alumni News? We want to hear from you! Send your personal and professional news, achievements, travel updates, and anything you are proud to share to our account manager, Kasey Breedlove, at kbreedlove@elevateims.com. We'll include your news and photos in the next edition of the *Delts of ol' ET!*



Dr. William Liston '73—CAPT. William Liston retired from the navy in September 2015, after 35 years of service as a general and trauma surgeon. His last duty station was at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and Naval Hospital Bethesda, Maryland. He served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, leading combat surgery detachments. Other assignments included department chair and program director of the surgery residency at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. After retirement from the navy, he worked at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center for 18 months as a trauma surgeon, helping the hospital obtain certification as a Level-2 trauma center. He presently volunteers at a free medical clinic in Destin, and helps rehab hurricane-damaged houses in Panama City, Florida. He now resides in Santa Rosa Beach, and enjoys playing golf.



Dr. Monty Hilburn '88 (BBA 1988, MBA 2002, MS 2010, all from Texas A&M-Commerce; PhD 2017 Indiana State University)—received certification from United Technologies Corporation and their Pratt & Whitney division as a lean manufacturing master. This

certification recognizes the experience and application of Toyota Production System and Six Sigma tools across a wide range of UTC's manufacturing and supplier processes, and there are fewer than 20 Masters in all of UTC's 250K employees worldwide. His PhD was in technology management, with a dissertation on lean manufacturing implementation in the aerospace industry. Congrats, Monty!

What achievements are you most proud of?

I am most proud of marrying my best friend Caitlin. Life is hard, but having a significant other that will see you through the tough times makes it all the better. Caitlin supported me through police academy, and in turn, I can be in the position I am today and continue to reach my career goals.

What are some challenges that you have faced in the line of duty?

There are many challenges that come with this line of work. The most challenging would most definitely dealing with hyper vigilantism and the occasional situation where you know in the back of your brain that you might not make it home. A recent challenge that I and two other officers faced was an apartment fire where we were forced to make a decision where we had to either enter a burning building, or watch a terrible scene unfold just feet from us but not be able to do anything about. Luckily, we were able to come together as a team to devise a plan that insured the safety of the two people trapped in the second story of a burning building.

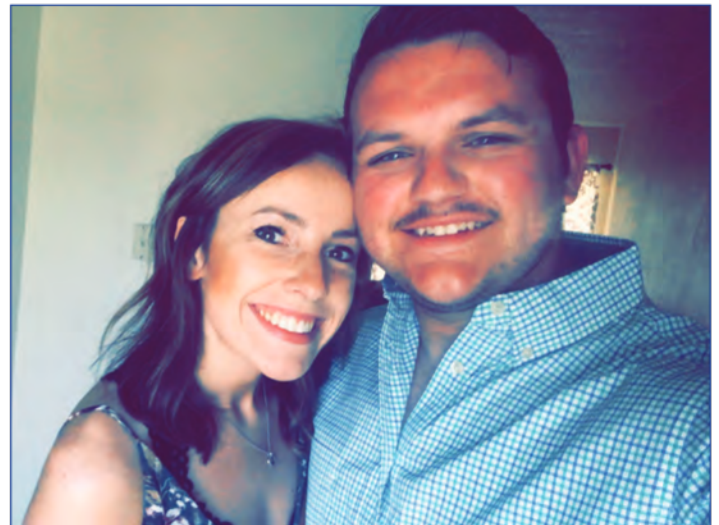
Outside of work, what do you do for fun?

I enjoy going fishing—particularly fly fishing—for rainbow trout. One of my many goals in my life is

to become a fly-fishing guide and be able to introduce people to the sport, and to the outdoors in general. I also enjoy traveling with my wife and friends.

What advice can you give the actives and alumni about personal safety?

Being aware of your surroundings, staying calm, and always having a plan for every potentially dangerous situation are some great ways to ensure that you and your family stay safe. It is a crazy time in our society and things can change in an instant. It is always better to be prepared than to be caught out in the open! I could talk forever about personal safety, but another important point to think about is your mental health. The most important thing to remember that is you are not alone—nothing in this life is worth going through alone, and too many times, especially in my career, I have seen men young and old suffer



Corey and wife Caitlin have been married for almost a year now, but have been together for over four years. Congratulations, newlyweds!

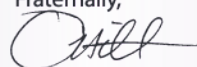
from depression...which could lead to alcohol/drug dependency, or suicidal thoughts. There are plenty of resources out there if you are going through something like this, and in my opinion, having a good friend to lean on—like a member of Delta Tau Delta—can be beneficial. Plenty of your brothers would love to be there for you.

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shelter as much as possible. It is imperative that we provide a safe, functional, and attractive space for our current members and future members of Epsilon Eta. We must maintain our presence on campus and within the community.

To make an earmarked donation, please utilize the enclosed gift slip. Be sure to list the project name

in the memo line of your check. It is my goal to provide project updates in future newsletters.

Fraternally,


David H. Hitt III '11
 Treasurer, House Corporation

Want to see Corey in action?
 Visit the link below, or simply search for the key words "Balch Springs Police rescue boy from burning apartment." Way to go, Corey!
<https://abcnews.go.com/US/video/police-officers-catch-boy-jumping-burning-building-59768793>



Buy a Brick in the Alumni Brick Garden

It's not too late to buy your brick for the Alumni Brick Garden. Several brothers have bought one so far this year...join your fellow EH Delts who have bought a brick in the chapter garden

walkway. Create your own lasting message—mine reads "Rene Griffin Delta Tau Delta." You'll even get a \$125 donation write-off on your taxes!

To purchase, please go to www.tamuc.edu and click on the upper right corner, "Alumni and Community," then upper left, "Alumni Relations," then lower right, "Leave Your Mark on Campus."