

# PRIDE IN OUR PAST, SECURING OUR FUTURE



## CAMPAIGN FUNDS SURPASS \$990,000

Help TKE Reach 30% Participation

“We believe that at no other period in the life of a man is the time more opportune for the fostering of such qualities than during the years of his college career. Then mind and heart are in their most receptive condition, for it is the formative period of life.”  
-Declaration of Principles

Our fraternity was founded on principles and qualities established by our founders, and the quality most defining of our membership is our mission is to aid men in their mental, moral, and social development for life. That responsibility includes each Frater doing his part. What your part should be is solely for you to decide, and your decision will be valued, appreciated, and respected.

In just one year since announcing the *Pride in Our Past: Securing Our Future* campaign, we are extremely pleased with the response we have received from loyal alumni, not only from a monetary standpoint but with your desire to reconnect with an organization that is still important to you. **Our loyal alumni have raised \$997,532 in pledges to build a new Chapter House.** While this is a proud milestone, our job is not yet done. Having come this far with only 23% alumni participation, or 173 contributors, **we have**

### Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of August 18, 2015

Campaign Goal  
\$1,000,000

Total Commitments  
\$997,532

Total Contributors  
173

Mailable Alumni  
749

Participation  
23%

**decided to set a participation goal of 30%, and add 52 more donors** to our list of loyal alumni. At MS&T, Kappa Sig had 25% participation and SigEp had 30% in each of their capital campaigns. There is no reason why TKE should not be able to accomplish the same level of commitment from our alumni.

Although we have met our initial goal, we will continue to collect funds due to the need to maintain the annual room and board cost to the undergraduates at a competitive level. We also need to provide the ability to furnish the house with items to enhance its value and provide a first-class living environment, as well as potentially enhance the house design for value-added opportunities. Please do your part today by returning the enclosed pledge form and join our growing list of donors to the *Pride in Our Past: Securing Our Future* campaign.

Yours in the Bond,  
**Michael McEvilly '78, BH615**  
Campaign Chairman  
mmcevilly@hess.com



## BETA ETA AWARDED NATIONALLY

We are excited to share that Beta Eta received two awards at Conclave this summer. The undergraduates won the TNT trophy for the third year in a row, and as a result, sat with the Grand Prytanis at a lunch. Our Chapter also received an alumni participation award from the TKE Educational Foundation.

## You Can Never Do Enough

*Tim Quinn '03, BH1005 Reflects on Why He Gives to TKE*

“My collegiate years, although I would not trade them for anything, are just a small amount of the benefit received through my active membership in the Beta Eta Chapter. TKE and my fellow Fraters taught me how to study, taught me how to handle difficult situations, gave me lifelong friends, gave me an opportunity to give back, and taught me the importance of being a good man. I will never forget how TKE molded me into who I am today, and will be forever thankful,” shared **Tim Quinn '03, BH1005.**

It is because of these experiences that Tim was motivated to give to the capital campaign. He wanted to help provide others with a great college experience, one similar to his own, and have an opportunity to share in that brotherhood through continued involvement with TKE and its members. Inspired by his TKE membership, Tim uses the phrase “you can never do enough” to motivate himself on a regular basis.



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**of the capital campaign will make or break the fraternity.”**

He urges those who have not given yet to consider all that they have gained by being a member of TKE; the friends, personal growth, and career opportunities that have come from membership in TKE. When those things are considered, it is obvious that giving back is the right thing to do. “Regardless of your age, career, and/or your financial situation, TKE changed you for the better and any amount that you can give, should be given.”

Tim works for an engineering consulting firm based in Kansas City. He and his wife, Angie, and their three children, Kaylee, Caden, and Connor, live in St. Peters, Missouri. In his spare time, Tim keeps in touch with his pledge brothers and many other alumni through lunches, TKE events, and his pledge class’ annual trip. You can reach Tim at [talkinh1005@gmail.com](mailto:talkinh1005@gmail.com).

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## JOIN YOUR FELLOW FRATERS ON THIS LIST TODAY

Lend Your Support to Secure the TKE Legacy at MS&T

Our sincerest thank you goes out to our Beta Eta Fraters and friends who have committed \$997,532 to the *Pride in Our Past: Securing Our Future* campaign. These donations are helping to ensure the future of Beta Eta Chapter.

### Order of Prytanis (\$100,000 and above)

Steven J. Muir '65, BH292  
Thomas E. McElyea '69, BH359

### Order of Epiprytanis (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Dean I. Lindstrom '76, BH567  
Geoffrey J. Steinhart '76, BH583  
Michael J. McEvilly '78, BH615

### Order of 1107 State (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

David L. Bernstein '69, BH362  
Michael D. Kirn '73, BH491  
John F. Eash '75, BH536  
Mark G. Downer '79, BH655  
Kevin D. Renfro '82, BH718  
John D. True '82, BH739  
James E. Burnette II '90, BH843  
In memory of  
Tim Evenson '90, BH851

### Order of Beta Eta (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Robert K. Kasten '70, BH402  
Steven J. Becher '91, BH857

### Knight of St. Patrick Club (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Michael D. Carron '71, BH445  
Robert E. Hilton '72, BH471  
Joseph C. Vitale '75, BH535  
David B. Kramp '79, BH645  
Michael J.  
Himmelberg '82, BH713  
Michael Roche '00, BH961  
Timothy M. Quinn '04, BH1005

### TKE Week Club (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Beta Eta Chapter of  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
John McInnis  
Charles E. Hunter '54, BH138  
Paul E. Eckler '65, BH305  
Robert L. Vasquez '65, BH301  
Steven J. Constance '66, BH326  
Ronald H. Roche '68, BH354  
Raymond G. Ernst '69, BH394  
Thomas J. McBroom '69, BH370  
Steve Bergholdt '70, BH401  
Charles J. Fronick '71, BH439  
Paul J. Fellin '72, BH510  
Michael J. Busby '73, BH523  
Darryl Brinkman '74, BH534  
Paul J. Telthorst '74, BH530  
David J. Brueggeman '75, BH546  
Richard A. Roser '75, BH543  
Phillip E. Bureman '77, BH590

Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to reach our \$1 million goal. We urge you to make your donation today. Everyone can make a difference by pledging any amount. Join your fellow Fraters by making your commitment today.

Gregory K. Hicks '77, BH611  
Donald P. Hunt Jr. '78, BH618  
Robert L. Telker '78, BH612  
Steve G. Bahr '88, BH818  
David P. Bernhard '88, BH816  
Kenneth M. Martinez '90, BH847  
Tad Dinkins '91, BH853  
Mark Murphy '93, BH878  
Ryan P. Rzacca '99, BH958  
Curt M. Costello '00, BH959  
Ryan A. Elam '03, BH989  
Mark W. Fitch '03, BH999  
Benjamin Statler '03, BH990  
William Ruzicka '04, BH1016  
Andrew W. Walters '04, BH1009

### Secy Secy Club (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Hugh W. Wilson '55, BH155  
John H. Henry '62, BH251  
Frank L. Grabski '65, BH307  
Eric D. Dunning '66, BH313  
David R. Puettmann '69, BH358  
Dale E. Williams '69, BH365  
Dan Latal '70, BH414  
Al Loeffelman '70, BH433  
John S. Signorino '73, BH494  
Michael A. Di Napoli '74, BH519  
William Warwick '74, BH  
Joseph C. Neyer '75, BH548  
Raymond W. Buehler '76, BH563  
Chris Ransom '78, BH617  
Jeffrey W. Nelson '79, BH643  
Gerry R. Schnitzler '79, BH644  
Gregory A. Sedrick '79, BH641  
Mark L. Overmann Jr. '81, BH694  
William S. Rottmann '83, BH743

Daniel K. Lawrence '86, BH790  
Christopher M. Reiter '91, BH872  
Jason M. Wengler '92, BH887  
Ryan J. Pruett '94, BH914  
Andrew N.  
Kuntemeier '99, BH951  
Justin M. Moses '01, BH984  
Frank B. Maloy '09, BH1061

### Oscar Club (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

James L. Lester '53, BH121  
Michael Yakimo Jr. '65, BH296  
Chester L. Moutrie '66, BH312  
Eugene A. Fisher Jr. '68, BH346  
Dennis R. Meier '71, BH441  
Jimmy L. Proe '72, BH475  
David Bartley '75, BH539  
Daniel G. Stephen '76, BH561  
William E. Frank '77, BH601  
Kevin G. McGartland '77, BH593  
Jeffrey J. Jost '78, BH625  
Michael M. McCoy '78, BH621  
John Daniel '80, BH678  
Kevin Fogarty '80, BH665  
Thomas Dussold '81, BH684  
Patrick J. Giacomini '81, BH711  
Robert W. Beckmann '82, BH723  
Donald W.  
Buchmueller '83, BH735  
Brian G. Cioffi '83, BH736  
Timothy G. Beckerle '84, BH760  
Michael B. Donnelly '86, BH797  
Eugene A. Erker III '86, BH796  
Jim Papin '87, BH803  
Jason M. Mueller '94, BH913  
Ray Beezley '04, BH1012

Join your fellow  
Fraters and make a  
donation today!

## Making Beta Eta's Future a Priority

*Why Mark Downer '79, BH655 Gave to the Campaign*

When reminiscing on our memberships in Beta Eta, it's easy to place all of the emphasis on our undergraduate years and living in the Chapter House. It's not wrong to think this. The camaraderie developed while living in close quarters is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that bonds all Teke Fraters. But what about after school? Tau Kappa Epsilon is more than a four-year commitment; it's a lifetime experience that provides true friendship while men have an opportunity to grow up and figure out what they want to do in life. "Beta Eta meant everything to me. It taught me many lessons and prepared me for life; not just in the business world, but in my personal life as well," shared **Mark Downer '79, BH655**.

Giving to the capital campaign was an important decision for Mark because he wants to guarantee that the TKE tradition lives on at MS&T. "For me, choosing to give to the campaign was easy. TKE is life. It's always been that way and it always will be that way. I hope that my brothers can think about the times they had in their years and want to make sure new fellow TKEs can have the times that they had."

When Mark was asked what his favorite memories from Beta Eta were, he



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shared that graduation day stood out the most. He remembers it was an accumulation of four and a half years of great times and success with his pledge brothers. Mark also recalled helping build the first-place cudgel in 1982 because it was a great achievement and got the whole Chapter working together.

"Life at TKE made me learn the ups and downs of friendships; you learned who you can count on, learned that there were people there that could help you, like when you were having a hard time at school. I also learned how to communicate in Chapter meetings, which really helped within business meetings."

Mark and his wife, Vicki, live in St. Louis, Missouri. They have a son, a daughter, and four grandkids with one more on the way. He works at a small company providing SAT software implementation consulting. Mark attends two TKE golf events each year. He also sees **Dave Kramp '79, BH645**, **Ed Smith '79, BH651**, **Jeff Nelson '79, BH643**, **Greg Sedrick '79, BH641**, **Chris Loeffelman '79, BH663**, and **Ron Jansen '79, BH573** on a regular basis. You can contact Mark by e-mailing him at [mgdowner@gmail.com](mailto:mgdowner@gmail.com).

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