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"A Friend in Need" by Cassius Marcellus Coolidge, 1903

TAU DELTA GRADUATE POKER NIGHT

Tau Delta graduate poker night will be held on Saturday the 28th, at brother Dave Harben's house. The event is **GRADS ONLY**. This is also the final night for PRE-REGISTRATION to our 2nd annual Frank Norris Pig Dinner. To attend the poker night, **YOU MUST RSVP** to Dave by sending him an email at Dave.harben@gmail.com.

When: Saturday, February 28

Time: 6pm—Late

Where: 3605 Vista Verde Trail, McKinney, TX 75070

Food will be provided. BYOB

\$20 buy-in, half of the pot is given to Tau Delta Graduate Chapter, other half to the winner.



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Tau Delta BCA

Khris Harris (*Texas-Arlington 2003*)

Aaron Maestas
(*Texas-Arlington 2005*)

Charlie Barker
(*Emory 1967*)

Dave Harben (*Ball State 2004*)

Rhett Hicks III
(*Texas-Dallas 2013*)

Jai Sondhi (*Texas-Dallas 2011*)

Mitch Miller (*Texas-Dallas 2011*)

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Spring Bid Day, Saturday January 31st

SPRING '15 RECRUITMENT

Comet Fiji's rang in the new year by having a relatively strong recruitment, as the IFC rush pool numbered in less than 20 registered men, quite possibly an all-time low for recruitment at Texas-Dallas. 4 young men chose to pledge themselves to the black diamond of Phi Gamma Delta, increasing our total chapter membership to 48 brothers and pledges. The following are the men who pledged Fiji:

Kusha Christopher Abdollahi | *Plano, TX* | Plano East

Robert Jackson Farrar | *Loveland, OH* | Plano East

Jose Alberto Moreno | *Grand Prairie, TX* | South Grand Prairie

Stevie Ray Stephenson | *Kemp, TX* | Trinity Valley CC



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CONNOR POKORNY (2013)

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Since graduating from Texas-Dallas in May 2013, brother Pokorny has been going about his daily life making some serious money that, frankly, confused the hell out of many of us when he was hired by IBM in Austin. He also does work sometimes, but that's expected. With his background in computer science, Connor works for IBM as a Technology Services Consultant, traveling around the US to help install and configure different clients' environments, as well as manage production rollouts on projects. He has recently been sent to places in Alabama, Connecticut, Kentucky, and Massachusetts to name a few. While he is busy, Connor does try his best to travel back up here to Dallas to visit with his brothers and friends, where stories are exchanged, drinks are had en masse, and everybody recalls how hard it was to hear him speak during chapter meetings because he was so damn quiet. All in all, brother Pokorny appears to be doing very well for himself, as he even designed and built his own house in the outer suburbs of Austin.

When asked about how his time in the capitol has treated him, Connor stated "living in Austin is fun, got the house, and it's still standing despite our best efforts!" We can only assume those efforts have been tested by both him and his roommates to their ability, but maybe a trip down to Austin with a few of the chapter members and recent grads can really put his home to the test!

We miss you Connor, just know that Comet Fiji will always be here, and we love visiting with you whenever we can.

Pergé!



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DEL RO'S WALK

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Suicide is a topic many people have been touched by, and the issues that come with it can truly weigh down on a person. Daniel Del Rosario (2017) lost his girlfriend, Brooke Anderson, to suicide on May 9th, 2013. She passed away only two weeks after her 18th birthday, and two months since she last saw Daniel in person. A paragraph would not do Brooke's life justice in painting the picture of how truly special she was to brother Del Rosario and her friends and family. She loved nature and exploring, the band MGMT, and helped Daniel expand his tastes in music. She loved puns and Del Ro's cheesy pickup lines, shared the same humor as him, and most of all, loved Daniel more than anything in the world. Brooke was beautiful inside and out.



It took brother Del Rosario more than 18 months to come out of the darkness, and let others know of the cloud that floated over him. With the support of his family, friends, and fraternity brothers, Daniel has pledged himself to raise awareness to the causes, effects, and issues of suicide. Every day, thousands of people in the US fight depression and other mental illnesses that hide in their shadows. People mask their battles from others in their life, and in many cases, cross that line to take their own life. Daniel wants to change that.

Brother Del Rosario, with thousands of others, on April 25th at City Hall, will walk 16+ miles from dusk until dawn in the heart of downtown Dallas, symbolizing a journey from the darkest period of his life and into a new beginning. His walk is to honor the life of his girlfriend, Brooke Anderson, and to turn his struggle into action to help others. Through the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's** *Walk All Night to Fight Suicide*, Daniel has



raised more than \$1,035 of his initial \$700 goal to provide resources to educate officials about mental health, operate hotlines and crisis centers, and help those dealing with depression or the aftermath of suicide. Friends, family, brothers, graduates, and pledges have all donated to Daniel's cause and helped him blow past his goal.

If you would like to join brother Del Rosario and support his cause, you can donate to his official 2015

Walk All Night fund by visiting the link below on the website of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. We're all here for you Daniel, and our hearts go out to you, Brooke's family, all of yall's friends, and the countless others who fight the darkest parts of ourselves.

<http://theovernight.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=12209>