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Homecoming!

Whether it be decorating a float for the parade, throwing our annual “FIJI Car Bash” philanthropy, or just the general rowdy state of mind that the campus takes on, one of our favorite times of the school year is homecoming week. The main event was of course the tailgate prior to the men’s basketball game. Thanks to brothers Plymell, Badgen, Nguyen, and plenty of pledge power, our chapter put on a very successful tailgate. Both undergraduate and graduate brothers enjoyed good food, cold drinks, tossing the pigskin, playing cornhole, loud music, and of course plenty of school spirit. After the tailgate, we all crowded into the gym to support our men’s basketball team as they played (and beat) Centenary College. Unfortunately we did not win the \$500 for philanthropy, but we appreciate all the grads that were able to attend and make it a memorable experience.

Graduate Spotlight: Ernie Santillanes (The University of New Mexico 1991)



Ernie has lived in the DFW area for the past 20 years and currently works as the Human Resources Director for AutoNation, where he is essentially the leader for all employees from “hire to fire”. He does everything from mediating workplace conflict and making sure employees have the proper benefits to developing other HR departments. Needless to say, his leadership and interpersonal communication skills are second to none, which he says were molded and refined as a FIJI during his undergraduate tenure at THE University of New Mexico. Paralleling his career, at home Ernie sees his responsibilities as a father and husband similar in that his job is to prepare everyone in the household for whatever obstacle they may face. When asked if he ever gets tired of always being looked to as the leader, Ernie simply responded, “No, I actually embrace it. I wouldn't have it any other way.”

Talking to brother Santillanes is always a pleasure because of the enthusiasm he displays about life. He wanted to offer a few words of insight, not only for our undergraduate brothers, but also for our brothers that recently graduated:

“Your attitude is the only thing in life that you can control. You can always choose how to respond to any situation. It’s a beautiful gift.”

Brother Santillanes is a man of character that lives to serve his God, family, and fraternity. All of us should strive to see life as he does, with love and excitement for new opportunity. We want to sincerely thank you for reaching out and lending us your time and efforts, Ernie. You are truly appreciated. If you ever need anything, do not hesitate to ask your brothers at the Tau Delta chapter.

Pergé!

Looking Forward: December

Scholarship, Fraternity, Self.

Yes, it is that time of year again... Finals are upon us.

We will ALL be focusing even more on our academic responsibilities in the coming weeks. So, because of this, we have deliberately not planned anything else of significance in attempt to get on top of the IFC GPA rankings once again.

Upcoming Graduate Socials

There will be no social in the coming weeks prior to our winter break. However, once the spring semester begins, the socials that I will organize will be open to undergraduates as well in attempt to increase attendance as well as give our undergraduate brothers a chance to interact with graduate brothers. If you have any concerns or even suggestions as to where to hold these socials, feel free to reach out.

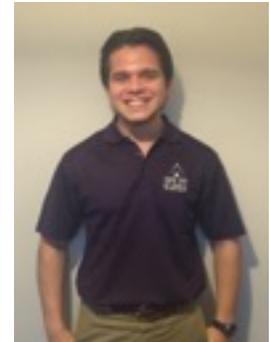
Save the Date: 2016 Pig Dinner

Our 3rd Annual Frank Norris Pig Dinner will be on Saturday April 16th, 2016. More information to come.

New Tau Delta Cabinet!

We are mighty proud to announce our newly appointed cabinet:

President: Joshua Manning (2017)



Treasurer: Nick Reina (2018)

Recording Secretary: Connor Christina (2017)



Corresponding Secretary: Phillip Plymell* (2017)



Historian: Victor Ron (2017)

*Have to make grades

Fall 2015 Initiation

Our fall initiation will be at Saint Barnabas Presbyterian Church (1220 W Belt Line Rd, Richardson, TX 75080) on December 5th at 5pm. ALL brothers are encouraged to attend to support our Lambda pledge class as they cross the threshold into our brotherhood.



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