DISCOVER YOUR GREATNESS
Founded on December 26, 1848 in Oxford, Ohio, by six men looking to establish a brotherhood, the “Immortal Six” wrote what would become the principles upon which every member would vow to uphold: *The Bond of Phi Delta Theta.*
Leaders are innovative in creating change and rewriting the status quo. They inspire those around them to work towards a common goal and put fear to the side when risks need to be taken. Leaders do not shy away from daunting tasks and are not afraid to do what ought to be done.

There are leaders amongst us who instinctively drive the excitement and motivation of a group. These same individuals support the people around them during both good and bad times. When they believe in something, they put their all into it. History remembers leaders. Are you a leader?

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and the Founding Father experience, provides the opportunity for individuals to stand out and lead with purpose. It allows individuals to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it within a real-life learning laboratory.
FRIENDSHIP
When forming Phi Delta Theta, the founders saw inspiration in the friendship enjoyed by the ancient Greeks. They characterized friendship as a unity of skills, tastes and thoughts; not as a loss of personal identity, but rather a search for truth and a desire to be united with others who sought the same. To put it simply, friendship is being there for each other through life's trials and to offer sound advice.

“I believe in the college fraternity, creator of friendships. I believe in its quick sympathies, and its helping hand. I believe in its brave idealism, stirring every valiant emotion, rousing every potential talent. I believe in its compelling drive for scholarship, for genuine culture, for clear-eyed honesty, for business integrity. I believe in the college fraternity, maker of men.”
Arthur R. Priest, DePauw 1891
Starting a chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is the perfect opportunity to practice the skills needed to be successful in your career. You and your fellow founding members will be challenged to create a legacy of excellence that differentiates itself from other organizations on campus. The Founding Father experience is the ultimate internship, giving you a leg-up amongst your peers when it comes to landing your dream job.

Your network will expand beyond the horizon, your professionalism will be constantly polished, and your drive and motivation will reach levels that will stand out to employers. Phi Delta Theta has laid a foundation for the success of countless careers.

**ACQUIRE THESE IN DEMAND SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE:**

Φ Networking  
Φ Leadership  
Φ Ethics  
Φ Management  
Φ Finance/Accounting  
Φ Sales  
Φ Marketing  
Φ Strategic Thinking  
Φ Advertising  
Φ Delegation  
Φ Public Relations  
Φ Technology  
Φ Creativity

**PHI DELT FOUNDERS**

Adam Silver (NBA commissioner), Drew Houston (Dropbox co-founder/CEO), Brian Niccol (Chipotle CEO), JW Marriott (Marriott hotels founder), and Jeff Weiner (LinkedIn CEO).
Sound learning means more than getting good grades; it’s about having intellectual curiosity. The founders saw learning as a search for the truth; truth that is found through intellectual quests. A good student isn’t necessarily the one who receives straight A’s; a good student is one who is excited about learning and is driven by knowledge. His drive of continual learning continues after graduation and throughout life.
We are told to learn something new every day. Within Phi Delta Theta, you will be presented with educational opportunities daily that will shape your life as well as those around you. Members of Phi Delta Theta are individuals who lead the discussion in the classroom, on campus, and in your local community. They are excited to learn about various academic topics and educate themselves on current events, well-rounded points of view, and diverse cultures.

You will learn and prosper throughout your life from the knowledge gained from the Phi Delta Theta experience. Our Fraternity provides the opportunity for members to grow and develop beyond the confined walls in the classroom. The proof is in the men who have come before us, using their knowledge to become leaders amongst their professional peers, experts in their industries, agents of change worldwide, and advocates within their communities.

**WE BELIEVE THAT HELPING OTHERS REACH THEIR POTENTIAL GETS YOU CLOSER TO REACHING YOUR OWN:**

- **3.07** National average GPA
- **2,750** Annual in-person conference attendees
- **$230,000** Annual scholarships

“The idea, of course, is to spur every undergraduate to greater action, which, after all, is for his own good. Better chapter, better men; that is one of the main objects back of the fraternity idea.”

George Banta Jr., *Walsh 1914*

**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Robert Witt (chancellor of the Alabama University System), Daniel Hendrickson (president of Creighton University), Michael Martin (president of Florida Gulf Coast University), Marc Johnson (president of the University of Nevada-Reno), and James Milliken (chancellor of the University of Texas System).
RECTITUDE

The six Founding Fathers were men of strong moral character. Several went on to pursue occupations as ordained ministers. It’s unfortunate that the word ‘rectitude’ brings to mind simply going to church or abstaining from alcohol. The men of Phi Delta Theta know that rectitude has more to do with the way a man approaches living. It revolves around doing what should be done because it’s the right thing to do regardless if anyone is paying attention or not. It is about a higher commitment to do what is right and just based on your own values and those of society. This is something we expect of all our members."

“To do what ought to be done, but would not have been done unless I did it, I thought to be my duty.”

Robert Morrison, Miami 1849
Philanthropy and community service are essential to the Phi Delta Theta experience. In fact, our open motto is: “We enjoy life by the help and society of others.” This can be seen through the level of service and philanthropy conducted within our chapters and throughout the lives of our alumni.

Our philanthropic focus is to “Leave ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease) Better Than We Found It.” Baseball legend Lou Gehrig was a member of Phi Delta Theta at Columbia University, and the Fraternity’s support of the LiveLikeLou Foundation enables us to make an impact on the disease. The LiveLikeLou Foundation supports both ALS research and ALS patients and their families.

Each Phi Delta Theta chapter has the opportunity to create unique events that impact the cause, and individuals can work to become Iron Phis by challenging themselves to achieve a personal goal and raise funds for ALS in the process.
FAMOUS PHIS
Alumni of Phi Delta Theta have distinguished themselves in virtually every field of endeavor. From political office and the boardroom to the big screen and athletic fields, members of Phi Delta Theta have displayed leadership.

Perhaps the most famous alumni in the Fraternity are those who made such lasting contributions to the world that they have earned a place in the public’s memory. They have become legendary.

“I believe that the message of Apollo XI was that in the spirit of Apollo, a free and open spirit, you can attack a very difficult goal and achieve it, if you can all agree and work together to achieve that goal.”

Neil Armstrong, Purdue '55

Lou Gehrig, New York Yankees first baseman.
Brotherhood runs deep through the veins and hearts of Phi Delts everywhere. One of the greatest benefits to Phi Delta Theta membership is the relationships you will build with your brothers. Fraternity is family and brings with it encouragement, support, and accountability as you work to become the greatest version of yourself.

Many high school athletes are attracted to the team feeling that Fraternity brings with it, and some of our members stay involved with athletics at college, and in many time, the pros.

**PHI DELTA THETA’S IMPACT IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS:**

Φ Three Heisman Trophy winners
Φ 400+ NFL players
Φ Six NFL Hall of Famers
Φ 31 Olympic Medalists
Φ Six MLB Hall of Famers
Φ Two NBA Hall of Famers

Φ Five sports awards:
   » Lou Gehrig Memorial Award
   » Doak Walker Award
   » Grantland Rice Trophy
   » Outland Trophy
   » Davis Cup

**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Billy Payne (Augusta National Golf Club former chairman), Joe Castiglione (athletic director, University of Oklahoma), Wes Welker (NFL pro-bowler), Mike Bidwill (president, Arizona Cardinal), and Eddie Goldman (nose tackle for Chicago Bears).