

TESTIMONIALS
SUBMITTED DURING THE 53rd GRAND CHAPTER CONGRESS
AUGUST 4-12, 2021

Carrie Burns, Southern Provincial Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas: it has been said that great leaders believe they work for their team and through trust and mutual respect teams inspire greatness.

Whereas: the Southern Province has grown by leaps and bounds over the past two biennium thanks to the Regional Vice Presidents, District Directors, and other volunteer leaders I have been fortunate enough to serve with.

Whereas: the past two bienniums spent with the Southern Province team have been some of the most rewarding and inspiring years I've spent with Delta Sigma Pi and look back with fond memories.

Therefore: I want to express my deepest gratitude to the SoPro ChickBros: Trina Kirk (Atlantic Coast RVP), Holly Vernon Tucker (Central Gulf RVP), Aimee King (Mid-Atlantic RVP), Madison Whitehouse (Mid-South RVP), Gabby Leto (South Atlantic RVP), & Meghan Hill (Southeastern RVP) for their support, relentless dedication to the entire SoPro team, and their commitment to their teams and chapters. They are truly shining examples of leadership not only for our Province but for all Deltasigs. Proud to be a Deltasig (virtual mic drop).

Brendon Olson, of Lambda Nu Chapter, offered the following Testimonial:

This testimonial is in memory of Victory Walker from the Lambda Nu Chapter at Texas A&M. Victoria passed one year ago in a tragic accident, but her spirit and passion for Delta Sigma Pi will always be remembered and continues to live on within our chapter.

Gayle Gerhardt, on behalf of Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas, Brother James Kuhn has served Delta Sigma Pi as East Central Regional Vice President for four years, and is a current member of the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter. Since being initiated in 2006, James has held countless national offices, has had numerous fraternal responsibilities, and has served in many roles. He has attended more than 20 national and regional Delta Sigma Pi events. James has dedicated himself to ongoing training and development, including earning Tier 2 Certified Deltasig Leader status. As a collegiate brother, James Kuhn served Xi Upsilon (Marshall University) in a dozen roles including Chapter President.

Whereas, as RVP, James oversaw the expansion the East Central Region by facilitating the colonization and installation of Psi Omega (Capital University, Columbus, OH) and supporting the Northern Kentucky University Colony (Highland Heights, KY). Additionally, the Dayton (OH) Alumni Chapter has been franchised. James is supporting the establishment the Columbus (OH) and the WV/KY/OH Tri-State Alumni Chapters.

Whereas, James set-up and attended 20 (!) Zoom events for the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter.

And whereas, we wish to thank James' wife, Mindy Kuhn, and his daughter for enthusiastically supporting James' Fraternity involvement.

Therefore, on behalf of the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, we express our greatest gratitude and appreciation to East Central Regional Vice President James Kuhn. Much thanks. Good luck in all your future endeavors, Fraternity and otherwise.

Lainey Gover offered the following Testimonial:

Brothers, we lost a great brother in December 2020. Brother Timothy Gover passed away on December 3, 2020. Brother Gover was initiated in the Southern Methodist University chapter and went on to serve the Fraternity as a District Director for several chapters and a Chapter Advisor to the Eastern Illinois University Chapter. Brother Gover was also the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2015 Chicago GCC.

Tim Gover gave from his great store of good fellowship through time serving on various committees and boards as well as donating money to the Leadership Foundation throughout his lifetime.

Tim Gover was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He continues to live on in the memories of his son, Ed Gover, daughter-in-law, Bonnie Gover, granddaughters, Lainey and Katie Gover, younger brother, Phil Gover, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Additionally, Tim served his community until his final days as the mayor of Mattoon, IL, the city he was born and raised in and where he raised his family.

While he will be missed dearly, Brother Tim Gover has finally been reunited with his wife Marilyn Gover (Pink Poodle) and youngest brother Robert Gover (another Brother of the Fraternity) and will continue to watch over the Fraternity in spirit.

Brother Gover loved this Fraternity and everything it stood for. He tried to live by the virtues we teach and aspired to be the ideal brother in every way possible. I am proud to call him Brother and Grandpa. I know that he will never be forgotten. He was a true brother of Delta Sigma Pi and the world is better because he dwelt upon it.

Carrie Burns, Southern Provincial Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas: the year I pledged Delta Sigma Pi's Alpha Tau Chapter as a transfer student at Mercer University in 1995, Bill Schilling became the 12th Executive Director of the Fraternity.

Whereas: I have never known another Executive Director in my 26 years with the Fraternity, but I know the next will have very big shoes to fill as Bill has done an amazing job in the role and has been approachable, responsive, dedicated, and above all else hysterical.

Whereas: did you hear the one about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere

Therefore: LOL, I want to thank Bill for always being on the ready with a joke and a smile. Your service to the Fraternity has been invaluable and I wish you nothing but the best in your new role with the Leadership Foundation and retirement in the coming years.

Sarah King, Cody Heimerdinger, Omar Sandoval and Stacy Jordan offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic led many brothers to feel disconnected from others.

Whereas many alumni live far from a franchised alumni chapter and struggle to remain connected to the fraternity.

Whereas a group of brothers sought to connect brothers during challenging times from all corners of the country.

Whereas this group of brothers started important discussions around alumni engagement and other aspects of fraternity operations.

Whereas this group of brothers hosted numerous professional and fraternal education events while also hosting a number of social “tavern” events.

Whereas this group of brothers reinstated a sense of brotherhood that many only felt during Grand Chapter Congress.

Whereas this group of brothers fostered friendships among brothers who may have never met even with national events

Be it resolved that we recognize FRAC, the Fairbanks Remote Alumni Chapter also known as the Free Range Alumni Community, for all that its leadership and members have done during the pandemic and all that they will do for our fraternity in the future. May we never lose our sense of brotherhood and may we always remember that “we are better because we dwell together.” And remember, the tavern is always open!

Yolonda Washington of Zeta Eta Chapter offered the following Testimonial:

As a first time delegate, it was a great experience to be a part of something so important and know that my input matters. I am looking forward to many GCC in the future.

Erica Kolsrud, South Pacific Regional Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas I have had the honor of serving the South Pacific Region for the past six years as their Regional Vice President where the brothers of this region never ceased to amaze me and challenged me to be better. I can never thank them all enough for showing me what this fraternity and brotherhood means. To the alumni leaders who served in this region, I thank you for your continued service, guidance, friendship and leading by example. The South Pacific Region is lucky to have you in their corner. To the chapters in the region, I am continually impressed by you and I am honored to have witnessed your strength, professionalism, service and leadership over these past six years. Thank you, Proud to be a Deltasig.

Western Province Leadership Team offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas this past biennium was anything but ordinary, the Western Provincial team was grateful to have Brother Crystal Justice as our Provincial Vice President. And this gratitude extends over the past four years. Thank you for your service to the fraternity and your friendship over the years. Know that you will always have a friend in us and that your dreams should reach to infinity and beyond. You led us with pride and you made us strong. And the line where the sky meets the sea, It calls you to a new adventure in this fraternity.

Whereas you have been an amazing leader and mentor to all of the RVPs, always motivating chapters to do their best in all aspects in chapter operations and serving as an advocate for not only the Western chapters but also to our individual brothers within those chapters as well.

Be it resolved, on behalf of the Western Provincial RVP Leadership team for these past four years, Nyonohse Wreh, David Pratt, Jen Lee, Morgan Conklin, Sam Clark, Kristyn Koller, Cody Heimerdinger, Nick Rizzi, Mel Parazo, and Erica Kolsrud, this isn't goodbye, but a see you real soon. Deltasig for Life!

James Kuhn, East Central Regional Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas my time as East Central Regional Vice President winds down, I'd like to give a sincere thank you to those brothers that have lent their support during my journey.

Whereas without the votes of the delegates and/or alternates in my two elections, I would not have had the distinct pleasure of serving this outstanding region.

Whereas without the support of the collegiates and alumni in the region, I would not have been able to provide guidance at the various chapters within the region, seek to colonize two universities, create alumni chapters throughout the region, and continually challenge myself.

Whereas without the support of my District Directors and Awards Committee, the region would have suffered and would have never flourished the way it has.

Whereas without the support of James and Gayle Gerhardt and them opening their home to me, my budget would not have sufficed.

Whereas without the support of Mary Miracle, I would most certainly not have the confidence, nor be where I am today.

Whereas without the support from Central Office Staff, I would have had a lot of unanswered questions and not have served at the capacity necessary to be successful.

Whereas with the support of the Northeastern Provincial Team, I was able to learn and lead with an outstanding group of Brothers to ensure our province flourished.

Whereas without the mentoring of Daniel Collins, I would not have imagined running for Northeastern PVP as soon as I did.

Whereas without the support of my loving wife and daughter, Mindy and Claire, I would not have been able to give back to the fraternity in the capacity I desired.

Whereas there will still always be work to do, I plan on doing all that I can to contribute to the welfare and progress of the fraternity.

Therefore, let it be known, this will not be my last role of service with Delta Sigma Pi, but rather a short stop on my journey to achieve more!!!!

Thank you everyone for everything!!!!

James Kuhn, East Central Regional Vice President, offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas without FRAC, I would not have had the mental endurance to make it through this pandemic.

Whereas with the support of the Brothers in FRAC, I was able to feel normal, accepted, and feel I had value to provide on a national scale.

Whereas without the events and groups provided through FRAC, I would have had much more boring Fridays (and later on, Tuesdays...and various random days in between).

Therefore, let it be known, that my love for the Brothers of FRAC is real and will continue to flourish up until, including, and beyond us meeting in person at future Deltasig events.

Thank you FRAC for everything!!!! I love you all!!!!

Jen Huynh, Monica Monroe, James Kuhn, Nick Brown, Charles Weening, Rob Fosdick, Kyra Cahill, and the Northeastern Provincial Leadership Team offered the following Testimonial:

On behalf of Team Northeast, the 2017-2021 RVPs, and the Provincial Chairs:

Whereas Daniel (Dan) Collins has led the Northeastern Province for the past four years,

Whereas Dan has earned various titles and distinctions, including; Dan ""The Man"" Collins, Captain of the Province of Champions, boss of the NorthBeast, kingpin of karate, ice cream connoisseur, resident sailing enthusiast, leader with an affinity for the lumberjack lifestyle, fearless father, humble husband, fantastic friend, beloved Brother, and the nice and noble Northeastern Provincial Vice President,

Whereas we “ran with Dan” when he campaigned, we hit the ground running as team Northeast,

Whereas Dan has had many conversations with members, especially team Northeast, about making Delta Sigma Pi better,

Whereas we had numerous successful events, including our last in-person event being the 2020 Northeastern Provincial LEAD where our Roarin’ 20’s nicknames and that one photo will be with us forever,

Whereas team Northeast recognizes defeat in the “gains goal” to as a team physically lift Dan on the stage at the 2021 Northeastern Provincial (that was cancelled due to the pandemic) and instead sent Dan cookies, ice cream, and other treats to make up for it,

Whereas we’ve had many memories shared which led to smiles, belly laughs, and happy tears streaming down our faces (including sharing memes, counting the number of times “tentacles” was said in a meeting, late-night ice cream parties, eating lots of cookies and jumbo waffles, and everything else),

Whereas we probably used the word “unprecedented” way too many times in the past two years of his term over hours on Zoom until we became pumpkins ready for bed,

Whereas we thank Brother Ginny Collins for her friendship, hospitality, cookies, and support of Dan and our team these past four years,

Whereas we thank and hug Nathan for letting us borrow his dad for a few years,

Whereas we recognize that even through the toughest times, Dan, “the Godfather”, was our fearless leader who served in the role with grace, humility, and the utmost confidence representing Northeastern Province on the board,

Let it be proclaimed that we truly appreciate and are grateful to Dan for the positive impact he’s made as Northeastern Provincial Vice President. Between everything that occurred these past four years, you developed Brotherhood and friendship along the way with each of us. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve with and learn from Dan. It has been an honor to serve and be part of his time on the board and serving the Northeastern Province. We appreciate Ginny and Nathan for their support of you. You all make us proud to be Deltasigs. Thank you for everything and enjoy retirement from the Board of Directors!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Team Northeast, aka team NorthBEAST, aka your mafia province

Stacy Jordan offered the following Testimonial:

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic changed our GCC from an in-person to a virtual event.

Whereas many delegates of the Northeastern Province had to follow social media to meet and greet their regional and provincial leadership candidates.

Whereas a group of brothers from the Cincy Alumni and New England Region created townhalls for PVP candidates to discuss their platforms.

Be it resolved that I recognize the brothers of the Northeastern Province who offered their support for my candidacy as PVP and also thank my family and friends who supported my candidacy as well. Words can't describe what your love and support mean to me.