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The newsletter for alumni and friends of Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Florida State University – Fall 2015



President David Butter receiving the 2015 True Merit Bowl from National President Jeffrey Busch.

True Merit Bowl Brought Back To Tallahassee

Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega National Fraternity at Florida State University received the True Merit Award during the 150th Celebration Awards Banquet August 8, 2015, in Indianapolis, Indiana. For the fifth time in history, Epsilon Sigma has won one of the highest awards ATO can bestow on a chapter.

"Because of Florida State's proven success as a chapter, individual members

enjoy a strong ATO experience that enhances their college education and makes them more valuable as citizens, currently on their campus, but very soon, as members of their respective communities," said National Fraternity CEO Wynn Smiley.

The True Merit Award emphasizes commitment to the mission of ATO - a positive impact on the community and strong campus involvement. Epsilon Sigma Chapter also excelled in

the following chapter operations: Recruitment, Elevate (community service hours) and Impact (dollars raised). The chapter's Board of Trustees also received recognition with the Fraternity's Upper Alpha Award for outstanding service to the chapter.

"Leading a fraternity chapter is not easy," said Smiley. "Florida State has demonstrated why it is respected and why the brothers have every reason to be proud."

Heritage Grove Lawsuit Settlement Imminent

After more than a year in litigation and more than a decade of discussions over ATO's subleased property at Heritage Grove in Tallahassee, the end appears to be in sight.

The ATO legal team led by attorneys **Jorge Piedra '88** of Miami and **Matt Nasrallah '84** of Atlanta negotiated a final settlement with the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority

(the "Authority"), ATO's landlord at Heritage Grove. Both the FSU ATO Housing Corporation Board of Directions and the Authority approved the settlement agreement and supporting legal documents.

"By the time alumni read this newsletter, we should have court approval," explained House Corporation President **Fred Maglione '93**. "Our website (www.atofsu.com) will contain the latest news

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ATO presents: Waka for the Troops benefiting the Wounded Warriors Project

ATO Gives Back

In past years, Epsilon Sigma hosted philanthropies such as ATOpen and ATO Tug Of Warriors. This semester, our brothers are proud to announce the newest addition: Waka for the Troops.

Waka For The Troops is a fundraising concert benefiting the Wounded Warrior project. Hosted by Internal Philanthropy Chairman, **Andrew Hudson '14**, the event held Friday, November 6 was a

huge success. Roughly, 1,000 people attended the concert at Tallahassee's renowned venue Potbelly's. Attendees included ATO brothers, members of other Greek organizations, as well as friends and family from across Florida.

View videos and pictures of the event on the FSUATO Facebook page via www.facebook.com/FSUATO

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event, ATO brothers are able to impact the surrounding community greatly. Brothers and new members volunteered with organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank, Lot's Community Garden, Boys and Girls Club of America, Special Olympics Florida and many other Greek philanthropy events across FSU campus. These efforts totaled over 6,000 service hours in the fall semester alone.

Jeff Fusile '86 Named President of BCBSGa

In November, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia named **Jeff Fusile '86** its new president.

Fusile joined the company in 2011 after spending 22 years as a strategic management consultant most recently with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). He served as the national leader of PwC's Health Insurance Consulting Practice, as well as the Indianapolis office managing partner. As a licensed certified public accountant (CPA), Fusile combines his knowledge of finance with a long history of strategic management consulting. The payer, provider and pharmaceutical sectors widely recognize him as



an industry leader in health care strategy.

"I lived in Georgia from 1998 until 2005, and I am definitely looking forward to returning with my wife and four children and joining the team at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia. I am very excited about the opportunity to work closely with the community to further products and services

tailored to improving the healthcare experience for all Georgians," said Fusile.

Fusile graduated from Florida State University with a degree in accounting and finance in 1989.

Submit Your Recruitment Recommendations Today

Epsilon Sigma continues to recruit excellence. Alumni are encouraged to submit recruitment recommendations to **Hunter Dewitt '13** at htd13@my.fsu.edu.



The ATO intramural flag football team after a hard-fought victory.

Alumni Weekend 2015

Alumni Weekend 2015 occurred October 17, 2015 and was a huge success! Many alumni from across Florida and the United States gathered in Tallahassee to witness the 'Noles beat the Louisville Cardinals 41-21. Stay tuned for future dates and announcements.

Meet the Brothers



Dylan Silva - Fall '13

Hometown: Lake Worth, FL

Brother **Dylan Silva '13** rushed Epsilon Sigma as a sophomore while being an active member of the FSU baseball team. As a left-handed pitcher, Silva made a team-high 36 appearances and compiled a 7-1 record with 76 strike-outs in 2015 alone. He was drafted in the 2015 MLB Draft by the Seattle Mariners (11th round, 335th overall pick).



Dorsey Moore '13

Hometown: Rockledge, FL

As the reigning ATO Athlete of the Year and member of the 2013 BCS National Championship team, Moore was one of ten students selected from across the nation to attend the RIMS National Enterprise Risk Management Conference in Chicago in October 2015. Moore graduates in December 2015 with a double major in Risk Management/Insurance and Business Management. He accepted a position with Bouchard Insurance in Clearwater, FL as a Large Commercial Sales Executive and is looking forward to connecting with ATO Alumni in the Tampa Bay Area.



David Butter '13

Hometown: Miami, FL

Since 2013, **David Butter '13** regularly volunteers at the Second Harvest food bank, and now serves as their Community Ambassador. He recruits and educates FSU students about food insecurity. Part of his work involves facilitating volunteer groups to the food bank, scheduling organizations for volunteer days and serving as the liaison between the food bank and FSU. As the director of the FSU Dean of Student's Food for Thought Pantry, David manages the daily operations of our on-campus pantry.

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and final legal documents. We want to be as transparent with alumni as possible about the terms of this settlement and its impact on ATO's future."

The anticipated settlement agreement will put an end to a lawsuit filed by the FSU ATO House Corporation on October 6, 2014, against the Authority and the FSU Foundation. The premise of the legal action stems from a contract the House Corporation entered into to secure land for a new chapter house at Heritage Grove.

The disagreement revolves around a long-term sublease the House Corporation entered into with the Authority in 2003. Part of that agreement required the House Corporation to deposit \$240,000 with the FSU Foundation for property located at Heritage Grove.

After the House Corporation Board of Directors considered several options, they terminated the agreement in 2011 and sought

the return of the deposited funds.

Maglione emphasized, "I cannot discuss the terms of the settlement agreement until we finalize them. However we anticipate receiving a return of much of our initial investment, and the legal team has done a lot of work to provide ATO with added recourse and protection should the Authority fail to comply with the terms of the settlement."

"The housing goals for Epsilon Sigma have not changed," said Vice President for Housing **Chris Diaz '85**. "The chapter needs a long-term housing solution. The goal of the present litigation is to get the money back and hopefully use it as seed money toward a future house."

"We can't wait to share the news with everyone," continued Diaz. "Visit www.atofsu.com for the latest information and look for an email announcement once we finalize the settlement."

Visit the Alpha Tau Omega website

Visit www.atofsu.com, the official Epsilon Sigma alumni website, to:

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- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)
- Pay your alumni dues and support the alumni programs of the fraternity