



# Delta Tau Delta Fraternity

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TO: Parents and Actives of Gamma Theta Chapter  
FROM: Gamma Theta House Corporation  
RE: 2011 – 2012 School Year  
DATE: July 7, 2011

We are writing to welcome you into the 2011 – 2012 academic year at Delta Tau Delta. The main focus of this letter will be to express our goals for the upcoming year and to share with you the housing agreement that will be necessary for all actives that will be living in the shelter. Please take special notice to the sections that emphasize care of the shelter as we recently put over half a million dollars into the new fraternity house!

First and foremost, on behalf myself, Blake Stanwood and the House Corporation, we would like to extend our many thanks to the unwavering support of our extended Delta Tau Family; parents, siblings, and alumni alike share in the accomplishments and in the maturation of our young Delts. Thank you.

As we look forward to the new academic year, we have many goals to accomplish. We formerly received one of the top-ten best chapter awards from our National Fraternity and intend to earn that award again through restructured programming that will include building our membership with quality young men, creating a new mentorship program between active members and alumni called "The Road", raising money through philanthropy, continuing exceptional community service, and working hard to maintain the incredible renovations to the shelter.

This year we were presented with 9 of the 13 awards from Baker University including Five-star chapter, which is best overall fraternity on campus. We fully intend to continue in our successes and will hold each other to the highest standards in order to do so.

Our website has undergone a massive reconstruction and we have created a position for an active member of the house to help maintain the site. With the time and money that we have put into the new site we hope to generate more involvement between actives and alumni with divulgence of yearly events and an interactive atmosphere for actives, parents, and alumni. Look for changes at [www.bakerdelts.com](http://www.bakerdelts.com). Please check it out as soon as you get an opportunity.

The date of move-in will be **Saturday August 13th 2011** – the same day that Baker University housing opens for athletes.

When you move back to Baldwin this fall, there are a few items you must bring in order to live in the Shelter. If you do not have all of these things, you will not be allowed to move in.

- **Housing Agreement:** A signed copy of the Housing Agreement must be submitted before you can move in. Please fill out the requested information on pages 1 and 6. ALL fields need to be filled out and both parents and members need to sign. If you have any questions about the contract, please contact me. Please return the contract to me via mail no later than July 30, 2011.
- **Zero Balance:** You must have a zero balance (i.e. no past dues). Please check your latest Omega Financial statement before moving back to ensure it is zero. Note that this does not include what you are billed for August 2010 (that amount does not need to be paid before moving back). If you have questions, please contact me using the information below or Omega Financial at (800) 276-6342.
- **Security Deposit:** A one-time security deposit of \$250 is required to live in Delta Tau Delta. If you have not paid this previously, it will be included and itemized on your August 2011 bill.

As mentioned above, we'll once again be utilizing Omega Financial (OF) for all of our financial collections and billing throughout the school year. OF is a well-respected service that works with hundreds of Greek organizations like us from across the country. They will send out itemized monthly statements at the beginning of each month and they offer a number of convenient payment options, including cash, check, and credit card. As always, payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month and any payment not received by the 10<sup>th</sup> is automatically assessed a \$25 late fee.

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Please know that we are 100% committed to making your financial obligations to Delta Tau Delta as painless as possible. We have always been and will continue to be willing to work with you when difficult financial situations arise. If things come up and you are going to be late on a payment for whatever reason, your best bet is always to call us. We do our best to work with you as much as we can. However, this can only happen with communication. If you do not communicate with us, exceptions will never be made!

In addition, we are also making a change this year to how we are handling late fees. Specifically, we will no longer *retroactively* remove late fees. In other words, if you know you will miss a payment for whatever reason, it is your responsibility to notify us as soon as possible. Once a late fee is assessed, normally on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, we will not remove that late fee. We will still work with you in any way we can, but we will no longer remove late fees after they have been assessed.

We reopened our kitchen last year. Our newly renovated kitchen is fully loaded with state of the art equipment and a phenomenal chef, Emily Bates. She will rejoin us along with three hired house-girls to help her prepare, serve, and clean after two meals a day (10 a week) for our active chapter.

It is the will of the House Corporation that our kitchenette will be available to actives if they wish to prepare snacks between meals. **Those who use it will be responsible for its maintenance and held accountable for its condition.** There the men will have access to a community refrigerator, stove, sink and microwaves. The House Corporation has offered very strict guidelines for the use of the kitchenette in terms of cleanliness and safety that the men are expected to abide by. **Please understand that its use is a privilege and if abused, we will have no choice but to lock the doors.**

Finally, we have worked diligently to keep house bills as low as possible. The total monthly bill for the 2011 – 2012 academic year will be **\$625 per month**. This includes all rent, utilities, membership dues, insurance coverage, and 10 meals a week. This amount is charged on a monthly basis from August through May (without prorating) for an annual total of **\$6250**. The August 2011 monthly bill will be mailed around July 15 and is due in full by August 1.

Again, welcome back for another great year. We made great strides in 2010 – 2011 and hope to build upon those in the year to come. Call us if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in August.

**If you would, please send me a quick email or give me a call to let me know you received this letter. I simply want to ensure that everyone is receiving our information. Your brief acknowledgement of receipt is appreciated.**

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Dear Delts and parents,

July, 2011

We hope you are enjoying your summer months and able to see many of your old friends and take time to rest up for another great year at Baker and your Shelter.

We had a great Stag on May 21st with over 200 Gamma Theta Delt Brothers in attendance. Our special "Thanks" to our new Chef, Emily Bates for providing a delicious BBQ dinner. At this event, our Host, Dr. Neal Malicky, along with President Pat Long, our neighbor Dan Harris, and other special alumni, saluted our successful Cap50 Campaign by dedicating our newly renovated House after being built 50 years ago.

With over \$540,000 invested, we are confident our Shelter will be considered to be the best on campus for many generations. With all the comforts of a home with a new kitchen, secured doors, fire sprinklers thru out the house, modern bathrooms, available technology, new washers & dryers, and beautiful landscaping...we are confident every Delt Member will join in with our new monthly professional cleaning company to maintain this investment. With this in mind, the House Corporation & its undergrads must be held accountable to our alumni and safe guard this massive undertaking.

The House Corporation has continued to evaluate our members' needs and reviewed its budget closely. Of course, not knowing what utility prices will be, we have made every effort to project expenses and still remain at a very attractive monthly cost to live in the Delt Shelter. Cost includes room, meals, HVAC, utilities, insurance, dues...etc. And still remain the best value on campus! In addition, the life of a committed Delt Brother is one that will be a lifelong memory.

The House Corporation and our Chapter Adviser Bill Burwell, is also committed to a great house of Delt members! We understand you extend a hand to "guests" on occasion but also realize to maintain our Chapter, our expenses and character; we look to the members to maintain its integrity and respect for each other.

Our President Blake Stanwood is leading the Chapter and we are very excited to witness the growth of "The Road". Brother's, please if your parent(s) are not familiar with this new program... share with them! This program is open to not only Delts, but also other's throughout the business world, civic circles and educational fields.

"Take Care" Gary Coleman, President Delt House Corporation