



## DELTA TAU DELTA

**Letters of Distinction. Lives of Excellence.**

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### **Fraternity Names Newest Honor for Chapter Excellence after Baker Alumnus**

FISHERS, IND. – Delta Tau Delta Fraternity presented for the first time the James O. Selzer Award for Chapter Excellence in support of the Fraternity’s partnership with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The newly-created award, presented at the Fraternity’s biennial convention, honors the work of chapters which support the larger national partnership between Delta Tau Delta and JDRF. The two award recipients were the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Missouri University of Science and Technology and the Theta Xi Chapter at Eastern Michigan University.

The award honors former Delta Tau Delta international president James Selzer (Baker University, 1970), who battled type 1 diabetes from adolescence until he entered the Chapter Eternal in 2010 while serving as the 49<sup>th</sup> president of Delta Tau Delta. His widow, Barbara, presented the inaugural award at the convention on July 26 in New Orleans.

A native of Baldwin City, Kans., Selzer earned a B.S. in physics and mathematics from Baker University, where he played offensive guard and safety for the school’s football team. He continued his education in molecular biology and physics at the University of Oregon, earning his M.A. in 1974. Selzer then enrolled at the University of Kansas School of Law and earned his law degree in 1977.

He was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1977 and earned partner status at Linde, Thomson, Langworthy, Kohn & Van Dyke before moving to the firm of Morrison, Hecker, Curtis, Kuder & Parrish in 1991. He represented a variety of closely held and public clients in general corporate and securities matters.

Selzer’s love for his fraternity was unbounded, and he gave to her over many years his time and immense capabilities. As an undergraduate Delt, he served as chapter president and was appointed to the first Undergraduate Council of the Fraternity. After continuous devotion to the Fraternity over a number of years, and numerous positions of service, Selzer became the first Baker Delt to serve as international president. His service to the Fraternity and unflagging commitment to her cause lives on through the Delta Tau Delta and JDRF national partnership.

Beginning in 2012, Delta Tau Delta and JDRF teamed up in the fight against diabetes and the race for a cure. To date, more than \$325,000 has been raised by members of Delta Tau Delta to support the mission of JDRF and its research. A total of 3,834 undergraduate Delts contributed a total of 16,125 service hours to support local JDRF projects during 2013-14.

Delta Tau Delta has 135 chapters and colonies in 39 states and the District of Columbia with a membership of more than 9,300 undergraduates and 117,000 living alumni. The Fraternity posts a GPA of 3.01, making it one of the highest achieving men’s fraternities academically.

Delta Tau Delta is a values-based fraternity founded in 1858. Its mission, “Committed to Lives of Excellence,” is what the Fraternity seeks to represent at its host institutions. Delta Tau Delta strives to develop its members’ leadership skills, seeks superior academic achievement, promotes community service efforts, and helps its members launch successful careers.

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