



DELTA TAU DELTA

University of the South - Road Programming



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Beta Theta Road Programming

2015-2016

Program 1

Program Topic: Sewanee Opening Picnic

Host: The University of The South

Presenter: Student Life

Date: August 23, 2015

Program Description: Brothers volunteered for the opening picnic and ran games between the freshmen and upperclassmen. This was an important mixer for the new students. It was an excellent opportunity for practicing the skills of meeting new people. Following the picnic the brothers helped with clean-up.

Brothers Attending 10/13 (13 Returning Brothers for Fall Semester)

Program 2

Program Topic: Tales from Eastern Europe

Date: September 30, 2015

Host: Office of Global Education-Study Abroad Program

Presenter: Karl Afrikian, Beta Theta Delt and others

Program Description: Karl presented a narrative of his experiences interning at an NGO in Yerevan, Armenia. Karl is Armenian and is fluent in the language. He talked about his work and how everyday life is similar and dissimilar to life in the US. He also touched upon the tensions within the country and the relationships with those countries surrounding Armenia. Other students presented their stories of their experiences abroad during the Spring Semester as well.

Brothers attending 7/13

Program 3

Program Topic: Oktoberfest

Date: October 23, 2015

Host: German Department and German House

Presenter: Owen LeGrone, Beta Theta Delt and German House Manager and the above Hosts

Program Description: The German House sponsored an Oktoberfest which included the traditions of this German celebration, including food and songs and of course good German beer.

Brothers Attending 11/16 (3 New Members Initiated)

Program 4

Program Topic: International Karaoke Night

Date: October 26, 2015

Host: University of The South

Presenter: Office of Global Education

Program Description: Brothers participated in singing foreign songs at the University's Tiger Bay Pub. Songs were performed in Spanish, Russian, and French. The meaning and cultural significance of the songs were discussed.

Brothers Attending 9/16

Program 5

Program Topic: Escape the Fog Orchestra Concert

Date: October 30, 2015

Host: University of The South

Presenter: The University Orchestra

Program Description: The University Orchestra played a concert with a Halloween theme. Delts Joshua Yap, violin and Ahmad El-Bobou, oboe play in the orchestra as do Peter Lampley and William Stokes, both on the piano.

Brothers Attending 7/16

Program 6

Program Topic: Greening of All Saints Chapel and Lessons and Carols Service

Date: December 4, 2015 and then December 6, 2015

Host: The University of The South

Presenter: All Saints Chapel Clergy and Choir

Program Description: Lessons and Carols is an Anglican/Episcopal service presenting the Christmas story of Christ's birth in a combination of Old and New Testament Reading and carols. Before the service volunteers decorate the chapel with evergreen roping, wreaths, and flowers in "The Greening of the Chapel". Delt William Stokes C'16 is President of the Choir this year and encouraged our Chapter to participate.

Brothers Attending 8/16

Program 7

Program Topic: Mississippi Heard

Date: January 15, 2016

Host: University of The South

Presenter: Nesbitt Art Gallery

Program Description: "Mississippi Heard" is an art exhibit comparing the social aspects of Russian culture to that of Mississippi. The brothers viewed this exhibit and afterwards discussed the issue of poverty in the United States and Russian, the United States role in the world, and how to deal with a rising Putin as Russia becomes more aggressive on the world stage.

Brothers Attending 5/16

Program 8

Program Topic: Borscht Fest

Date: February 6, 2016

Host: University of The South

Presenter: Russian House

Program Description: The brothers took part in a traditional Russian Borscht Festival (think beets). Delt Russian major Karl Afrikian and Russian House members and Delts Justin Prather, Alex Trovillion, and Nathan Wegener prepared the food for this event along with other Russian House residents.

Brothers Attending 15/24 (8 New Members Joined)

Program 9

Program Topic: Spring Orchestra Concert with Reginald Smith

Date: March 3, 2016

Host: University of The South

Presenter: The University Orchestra

Program Description: "Seppin Out" with baritone and Metropolitan Opera National Competition winner Reginald Smith signing selections from Copland's American Songs with Bernadette Lo on the piano along with the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra.

Brothers Attending 10/24

Program #10

Program: Sewanee: Celebration of the Second Founding of the University

Date: March 22, 2016

Host: The University of The South

Presenter: Dr. McCardell, University Vice-Chancellor

Program Description: The celebration began in Manigault Park with a remembrance of the 1866 service and the re-founding of the University after the Civil War. The ceremony included a remembrance of the past with a vision for the future given by Dr. McCardell. The choir led all in the Gloria in Excelsis as a choir did in 1866 and the benediction was given by the Bishop of Tennessee, again as it was in 1886. It was a great bit of history for the brothers who attended.

Brothers Attending 11/24

1000 Level Program: The Chapter co-hosts at least one Road program with a non-Greek organization.
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Program #11

Program: We're Coming Out

Host: Delta Tau Delta and the **Women's Center**

Presenter: Karl Afrikian

Date: April 12, 2016

Program Description: Delt Karl Afrikian presented his paper, LGBT issues in Sewanee Greek Life, based upon his yearlong research as the Gessell Fellowship Student for Social Justice. He discussed the changes he had seen within Beta Theta concerning this issue and how other fraternity and sorority chapters on campus have interacted with their gay brothers and sisters. Karl discussed afterwards the significance of his research with his brothers and the need for an ongoing dialogue. **Brothers Attending 16/24, Non-Delts Attending 41**

Program 9

Program Topic: Gloria in the Spring

Date: April 22, 2016

Host: University of The South

Presenter: The University Symphony Orchestra and the University Choir

Program Description: Final orchestra concert of the year, done together with the University Choir. The Choir President Brother William Stokes put significant time into organizing the event. Brother Joshua Yap was acknowledged for his 8 years of service in the orchestra, as he had begun playing with the orchestra as a high school student at the nearby St. Andrew's School.

Brothers Attending 15/24

800 Level Program: The chapter involves the greater campus community in at least one Road event.

Program 10

Program Topic: JDRF and T1D

Date: September 10, 2016

Host: Alumni Greek Council and Delta Tau Delta

Presenter: Luke Peglau, Philanthropy Chair, Beta Theta Chapter

Program Description: Luke presented the work of JDRF to the Alumni Greek Council, a gathering of all Greek organizations on campus during their fall retreat. He described JDRF and the Delt's partnership with JDRF. He described the disease of T1D and how it affects the body and the effect it has on one's life. He shared the promising research that was happening because of the work of JDRF. He then described our fundraising benefit concert or Rave and explain how others could join in to support JDRF. He closed with a video of a Day in the Life of a young boy living with T1D.

Brothers Attending: Our 3 Delt representatives on the Greek Council. Luke had previously given his talk to the whole chapter on 10/16 at a previous chapter meeting.

Non-Delts Attending: The 42 members of the Alumni Greek Council representing the 21 Greek organizations

Program #11

Program: Shashlik

Host: Beta Theta Member Alex Trovillion, Russian House, and Russian Department

Presenter: Alex and the Russian House

Date: September 25, 2016

Program Description: Brothers were immersed in Russian cuisine. The Russian House director, students, and Russian professors cooked a Russian authentic meal. Brothers and other students who attended enjoyed great food and conversation about Russia and other topics.

Brothers Attending 12/16

on campus

600 Level Program At least one of the chapters' Road programs is facilitated by an outside presenter or the chapter's academic advisor.

Program #12

Program Topic: An Unselfish and Noble Life

Host: Beta Theta Chapter

Presenter: John Baar, Chapter Advisor and **John Solomon, Chapter Academic/Faculty Advisor**

Date: September 26, 2016

Program Description: Drawing from his experiences from being an Oak Brook, IL Village Trustee, a former 15 yr Chairman of the Oak Brook Fire and Police Commission, and his service on his church's Vestry Mr. Baar reflected on the qualities of a person, beyond the academics, that are the basis of a successful life. Mr. Solomon is a long standing member of Rotary International and a University Faculty member. He shared the importance of Rotary in his life and explained the importance of the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" and Rotary's four way test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Both related how their fraternal experience and the values of Delta prepared them for a life of service. (This program went well last year, but was missed by all the new members so it was decided to repeat this program again this year. It was felt it was a program that was timely too since the Chapter is in the middle of a JDRF Philanthropy Effort.)

Brothers Attending: 16/16 (16 Returning Members for Fall Semester)

800 Level Program: The chapter involves the greater campus community in at least one Road event.

Program #13

Program: *Stand Up Sewanee: Bystander Intervention Starts With You*

Host: Beta Theta Chapter Presenter: Eric Hartman, VP Risk Management University of The South

Location: Bishop's Common Hearth Room

Date: October 11, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Delts Present: 16/16

Non Delts: 36

Program Description: The Chapter arranged for Eric Hartman, University VP for Risk Management to present a talk/training on bystander intervention. Mr. Hartman has served on boards on the national level helping to develop programming to reduce sexual assault on college campuses. This was open to the entire University, but the Kappa Delta Sorority and Women's Center were specifically invited since they share many social activities with Beta Theta. Opening remarks were given by Beta Theta member Cal Oakley. A major theme was that we wanted to establish a community of responsibility, that it was "ON US" to prevent sexual assault, report and to respond to sexual assault; and to support those who are sexually assaulted.

The presentation covered the following: 1. Bystanders, 2. What's working, 3. The problem, 4. The research, 5. Sewanee stats, 6. Definitions, 7. Interventions, 8. Case Studies, and 9. The Pledge. The Pledge obligates those signing it to take the skills learned at the workshop and apply them to make the University of The South a safer community free of sexual assault.

In addition to the above, training was given on the Livesafe App for Sewanee which allows students to report tips, access a safety map, access emergency numbers, and access various resources.