

OHIO THETA BROADCAST



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What's New

Coming off an unprecedented Spring semester, the Ohio Theta Executive Board had a lot to reflect on, as well as a lot to start planning. As an exec board and a chapter, there were many positive actions taken over the previous semesters to adjust daily life to the state of the world. There are, however, many things that can and will need to be improved upon to continually give brothers the high-quality experience that Ohio Theta has promises to provide. Over the summer, the exec board met to discuss these new ideas and improvements, and begin planning and laying the groundwork for the upcoming Fall semester. The discussions and direction generated at this retreat enabled the board to get focused and excited to begin planning for Fall 2020.

Vision for Fall 2020:

Due to much of the Fall 2020 semester still unknown, the exec board had to adjust their way of planning and preparation to accommodate the uncertainty and obstacles they will face.

Unprecedented Obstacles:

Over the past couple months, the exec board and Ohio Theta chapter have experienced obstacles never experienced before. These new obstacles breed innovation and new ideas to overcome and come out on top.

Goals/Expectations:

Although there is uncertainty for the upcoming year, Ohio Theta is still committed to providing a quality brotherhood experience, that further develops brothers personally and professionally.

Vision for Fall 2020

Although the Fall calendar may not look like it has in previous years, it will still be filled with events and activities that are fun, exciting and overall beneficial to brothers. In place of social activities and events that are cancelled due to University guidelines, new and innovative events will fill their spots. These new events will take many forms. Some will be virtual workshops hosted by speakers or brothers within the chapter, virtual hangouts/happy hours, as well as limited in-person activities. Virtual resources have been valuable in many ways, such as allowing OH Theta to meet more men during their Balanced Man Scholarship process and presenting opportunities to incorporate alumni who may live outside of the Greater Cincinnati area. Additionally, the chapter will continue their commitment to philanthropy and community service, building on the success of their Nurses' Day event in Spring 2020.

Quote from Chapter Counselor Bryan Buechner: *"We are certainly living through unique times, and Ohio Theta has responded with unique solutions. It has been encouraging to see the men of Ohio Theta take these challenges in stride and continue to their commitment to excellence. At the Summer retreat, the executive team was focused and determined to ensure that brothers will continue to receive a college experience that is uniquely SigEp. I think in the end, we will see innovative solutions that not only affect Fall 2020, but many semesters to come."*

Goals/Expectations

Since many of the rules and regulations for Fall 2020 have yet to be finalized and put into place, the exec board focused on outlining their goals, versus planning the calendar during the retreat. While the path to achieve the goals and expectations set in place by the executive board may change over time due to extenuating circumstances, the overall goals remains the same: **To provide a quality brotherhood experience that continually pushes brothers of all challenge levels to become closer and develop personally and professionally.** The exec board and chapter at large are committed to using innovation and adaptation to not only achieve the goals set at the retreat, but to surpass them on all levels.

Special Note: Thank you to Dr. Bauer and Bryan Buechner for your time and contributions to the retreat and discussions. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, parents of Chapter President Hunter Crawford, for providing a safe, productive space for our retreat. You were excellent hosts!

Unprecedented Problems

This is not the first executive board in the history of Ohio Theta to experience adversity, challenges, and change. Each new exec board faces their own obstacles to overcome to continue to make Ohio Theta one of a kind. This exec board identified the problems and challenges they will face for this upcoming semester, focused on what the root cause of the issue is, and worked on designing solutions to overcome each challenge. While the exec board will introduce the solution, it will take a chapter wide effort and commitment to implement the solution and make it effective. Ohio Theta believes that in-person brotherhood offers tremendous advantages and benefits that are not obtainable online. Within university, local, state, and federal guidelines, the chapter will strive to innovate and adjust events to allow for in-person interactions when possible.

