

EPSILON TAU CHAPTER CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

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The brothers of the Epsilon Tau Chapter at UNC Charlotte celebrated 10 years of brotherhood on March 17 and hosted a formal gala to commemorate the occasion. Over 120 Brothers and friends of Sig Tau were in attendance. Brother Dylan Rhodes, UNC Charlotte, was emcee for the event and thought it served as a launching point for a bright future for the Epsilon Tau Chapter.

"It was a truly momentous occasion. To have so many brothers return and celebrate our chapter turning 10 years old was powerful. The true spirit of fraternalism is alive and well in our chapter among both new and older

brothers. It is a testament to the culture we've been fortunate to develop and maintain, and I'm excited for the future of Epsilon Tau."

Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation Chairman Jeff Russo, Carnegie Mellon, and National President-Elect Mike Van Camp, Indiana State, both had the opportunity to attend the event along with longtime Epsilon Tau Chapter Advisor Mike Matznick, Illinois State.

"I was excited to see the traditions the chapter has instilled in young brothers, and you could tell through the camaraderie in the room that every single brother loves Sigma Tau Gamma," Van Camp said. "The number of successes this chapter has had in only 10 years is truly incredible. They've won multiple national awards, have had numerous Principle Award winners,

and have six brothers inducted into the Noble Man Hall of Fame. This celebratory event helps replicate that success and continues to build momentum for a thriving chapter."

Brother Rhodes was grateful to be a part of such accomplishments and knows that the Epsilon Tau Chapter is in good hands.

"In the fraternity world, longevity is just as much of a status symbol as awards and accolades. I'm grateful to reconnect and commemorate this amazing milestone for Epsilon Tau."



THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

1

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS CLOSE ON MARCH 31

The opportunity to apply or nominate a worthy brother for a national award closes on March 31. To learn more, visit sigtau.org.

2

NOBLE KNIGHT CHAPTER CHALLENGE

The Noble Knight Chapter Challenge ends on April 2. Does your chapter have what it takes to be crowned champion? Click [here](#) to learn more and to donate.

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INITIATION REPORTS ARE DUE APRIL 1

All chapter initiation reports are due April 1.



SAGA MONTHLY

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BROTHER HELPS CREATE AND LAUNCH FIRST-EVER 3D PRINTED ROCKET FROM CAPE CANAVERAL.



Headquartered in Long Beach, California, Bennett is a propulsion manufacturing engineer, helping to design and build rocket engines. When he first started in 2021, the plan for the rocket (named Terran 1) that launched on March 22, 2023, didn't exist.

"We are disrupting 60 years of aerospace. Building a rocket can take up to 10 years, and we've done it within a year. I personally checked on the manufacturing and hardware every step of the way and am proud of what we accomplished."

Relativity Space uses a giant 3D printer to create the rocket. This expedites the process and allows them to control the build from beginning to end.

"We have massive 3d printers in-house. Traditionally, you work with many partners to help build something like this. Sometimes things can go wrong, and timelines are extended, but here, you can walk down the hall to the guy who runs the printer and tell you if the design will work. You have an entire company of 3D printing experts. So they can tell you exactly what will work and what won't."

Bennett sees this as the future of space exploration and believes this is just the beginning.

"The launch was an indicator of how things will go and was a huge weight off our shoulders. We didn't get to orbit, but as far as we were concerned, we made it a lot further than others thought we would. One of the biggest things I learned is to make a plan and keep chipping away at it. I applied to NASA over 100 times before interning there, and that resiliency has led me to be a part of a company where I can make an impact. We showed that 3D printing could work, assuring us we are doing good things and that feeling is unmatched."

Did you know a brother of Sigma Tau Gamma helped make history by being a part of the team to launch the first-ever 3D-printed rocket? Epsilon Phi Brother Colin Bennett, Alabama, works for Relativity Space, a company breaking barriers in the Aviation and Aerospace industry.

I FIRST SAW IT WHEN IT WAS JUST DRAWINGS ON A WHITEBOARD, AND TO SEE IT LAUNCH WAS INCREDIBLE!





FROM THE ARCHIVES

This month we feature the Gamma Chapter at Northwestern Oklahoma. The Gamma Chapter was founded in 1927 with five founding fathers, and over 300 brothers have been initiated into the chapter at Northwestern Oklahoma.

