

# “FACING OUR CHALLENGE”



Brothers Nick Mourad, Jake Kellum, Alex Pafford, and Matt Pender on the way to Peak 8 in Breckenridge.

Facing adversity is nothing new for the young men of the Eta Zeta chapter. Over the past year, the challenges that we have faced as a chapter have forced our brothers to work together to ensure the great legacy of our notorious chapter continues resolute. Rebounding from the Ruston tornado last April, to this April dealing with a global pandemic, the gentlemen that we call our brothers have seen the power of our brotherhood be more prevalent than ever. We have learned that the things that make a true brotherhood do not reside within four walls, but within our ninety-five active brothers.

It is easy for us to be faced with this adversity and to be discouraged from wanting to carry on. Our brothers have lifted one another from the depths of our tribulations. Year after year, Eta Zeta engrains the ideals of continual self-growth, while rectifying one another actions. Throughout this past school year, we have seen our brothers excel numerous avenues both on and off of the Louisiana Tech campus. This is shown through brothers such as Joseph Kidd being selected for an Orientation Leader position, to Grant Clary being elected Vice-President of the Student Government Association. These brothers were accompanied by many others building a base of active forces on campus. The quarter to end the 2019-2020 school year was a virtual one, but that did not discourage more than thirty members from making the deans list. This past quarter allowed our brothers to find strength in one another, even though we may have been six feet apart.

Looking into the oncoming year we are again facing challenges with open arms. These challenges will allow us to differentiate ourselves from the crowd and build a bond that can never be broken. The formal rush at Louisiana Tech this year will have many virtual aspects to facilitate a safe and effective system of operation. This system will take some getting used to, but our executive council is strapping up in every way possible to come out of rush with the best guys that we can find. It will not be easy, but if it was easy the bond of our undying brotherhood would not be possible.

The Eta Zeta chapter prides itself on building up men that excel into their futures. This has never been more self evident than it is at this moment. Many of our brothers have worked their ways into some of the most coveted internships that can be found in the South. Treasurer, John Jacobs, is working once again in the Lincoln Parish District Attorneys office while brother Mahlon Markle is interning at The Bank of Oakridge. Several other brothers are actively interning in a wide range of career paths and opportunities.

This brotherhood has done nothing but continue to grow stronger through these troubling times. We continue to build a future of excellence and dedication to honor. Our brothers ensure that one does not forget to stop and look around every once in a while to cherish the times that we have together. Eta Zeta is working hard during this season planning and devoting time to building a network of opportunities for our brothers, always keeping our education our number one priority. Planning to make up ground on the time that has been lost from COVID-19, we are devoting our time to helping the communities in need.



Brothers Steven Lutterman, Harrison Tauzin, Braden Thibodeaux, and Wil Stipp hitting the links in Tennessee for a little work getaway.

**"I HAVE BEEN VERY BLESSED TO BE A PART OF ETA ZETA, IT HAS BEEN THE BEDROCK OF ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES AND BONDS I HAVE CULTIVATED AT LOUISIANA TECH. THE SUPPORT AND BROTHERHOOD WITHIN OUR CHAPTER WAS PARAMOUNT TO MY PERSONAL SUCCESS"**

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where a young man should start if he was to become successful, Brother Schwab replied "The best place to succeed is where you are with what you've got." The standing Eta Zeta leadership finds this ideal is vital to future growth and accomplishments of the chapter.

Respected American investor and Alumni of the Beta Chi chapter at Stanford University, Charles Schwab spoke regarding his success many years ago. He was asked