



President Vredenburg makes his annual report

Dear Oaties,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing this letter on the heels of a very successful Grand Council meeting at Oklahoma State University. I am always so amazed by what our active chapter members accomplish while attending veterinary school. Scholarship, philanthropy, and fellowship are all alive and well within our great organization, and seeing the collaboration across chapters is awe inspiring. Do you remember that when you were an active member? Do you have fond memories of Grand Council and OTS? If you are like me, you most certainly do!

When we were active members, there were alumni who donated to support our great organization so we could enjoy the same benefits they did. Now it is our turn to give back,

to provide support so others can experience what it means to be part of Omega Tau Sigma. It is imperative that we support this organization moving forward so that we can depend less on corporate sponsorship. Without your financial support we will no longer be able to support Grand Council, travel grants, scholarship, and alumni relations. Even more, if you do donate, we can expand many of our services! Wouldn't it be great to have an OTS alumni reception at the major national conferences, or to have CE provided at GC so alumni could attend?

If you have the ability, donate and help support this organization that gave so much to you. If you can't donate financially, we would love to have you volunteer time with your local chapter (even if you live close to a chapter you didn't

attend) or at Grand Council. If you want to be involved in any way—donating money, time, providing CE or mentorship—please reach out to me. I am excited about the future for Omega Tau Sigma and the profession. With more than 10,000 alumni, we have the opportunity to have a great impact as the profession continues to adopt to the changing times. I look forward to connecting with many of you over the next year.

Fraternally,

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2015 chapter briefs (news you want to read!)

Greetings OTS alumni and actives! Congratulations and thank you to Iota Chapter (Oklahoma State University) for hosting an outstanding 2015 Grand Council in Stillwater. Hard to believe that the last time they hosted was 2003. Representatives from all chapters joined together for a weekend of fellowship and camaraderie. The West Has Never Been Wilder!

Our next OTS Grand Council will be held at Theta Chapter, University of Illinois (October 21–23, 2016). For more, email Theta Chapter at illinoisots@gmail.com.

DELTA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

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Website: uoguelph.ca/~ots

- Delta made changes to its pledge process in 2015, focusing more on an increased level of commitment toward charitable



2015 Gonzo Olympics winner: "OmiDeltaGam" (team of Omicron, Delta, and Gamma members).

events and philanthropic endeavors.

- The chapter's Dog Jog raised more than \$9,000 for the Pet Trust.
- Alumni are invited to our annual hockey

and golf tournaments; email our alumni liaison at anazaral@mail.uoguelph.ca.

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2015 JOHN C. GORDAN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

- Joe Cacioppo (Theta Chapter, 2018)
- Shawn Warrey (Gamma Chapter, 2017)
- Brittany Feldhaeusser (Eta Chapter, 2017)
- Christian "Molly" Pleasant (Pi Chapter, 2017)

STAY CONNECTED

We depend on you, all 10,000 of you, to help support our OTS actives. Visit the website to **make a gift online** at www.omegatausigma.org.

2015 chapter briefs (news you want to read!), continued

BETA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Website: omegatausigma.com

- Men of the Vet School Calendar raised more than \$10,000, received national media attention, and a \$1,200 donation to the Patient Assistance Fund.
- You can follow the 2016 launch on Instagram: @MenofTheVetSchool.
- Visit the Beta website to read the current *Jawbone* newsletter and reconnect with other alumni.

GAMMA CHAPTER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Website: vet.osu.edu/education/omega-tau-sigma-fraternity

- Gamma Chapter was the winner of the 2015 Sustained Excellence Award.
- Our annual Nordstrom Dress for Success event focused on reasonable attire options for members of our profession.
- We continue to provide opportunities to our members to foster working relationships with alumni—look for OTS at CVM registration in 2016!
- We're looking forward to the MVC alumni reunion in February 2016.

ZETA CHAPTER, AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Email: otsauburn@gmail.com

Website: otszeta.wordpress.com

- Zeta's Paws for a Cause walk raised \$400 for breast cancer research.
- We participated in Auburn's Walk to End Alzheimer's (raising more than \$2,000).
- For 2016, the chapter is setting goals for house improvements, improved communication and events for local alumni, and updating its website.
- Forthcoming alumni events include the Annual Conference and Dogpatch (continuing education and a charitable fundraiser); email Zeta for further details.
- Read the latest newsletter online!

ETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Facebook: [facebook.com/otseta](https://www.facebook.com/otseta)

Website: otseta.org

- The chapter would like to express

gratitude to alumni donors who helped sponsor and host networking and service events, along with maintaining the chapter house.

- Eta is recognized as a positive, caring fraternity by local businesses and service organizations.
- Look out for information on our Alumni Night (spring '16) and Homecoming Tailgate (fall '16).
- Read the alumni newsletter on the chapter website (under the "Alumni" tab).

THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Email: illinoisots@gmail.com

Website: vetmedillinois.edu/ots/

- The chapter's new Educational Committee focuses on informational sessions and events that assist members with achieving professional goals.
- Theta looks to improve alumni involvement; look out for our call-a-thon this December.
- Our newsletters are available online. You can email us to be added to the alumni e-list!

IOTA CHAPTER, OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Email: ots.iota@gmail.org

- Iota Chapter hosted Grand Council 2015 and received the Most Improved Chapter Award (co-recipient).
- New Chapter adviser, Dr. Ryan Baumwart (with continuing adviser Dr. Lionel Dawson), is setting goals for renewed alumni involvement.
- Iota will honor its seniors and new pledges with its first White Carnation in 2016.
- With development of stronger membership, alumni involvement, and increased funding opportunities, it is the perfect time to reconnect with us.

KAPPA CHAPTER, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Email: otskappa@gmail.com

Website: stuorg.iastate.edu/ots-kappa/index2.php

- We hosted a resume workshop, professional networking evening, clinical skills lab, and an

alumni adopt-a-member program.

- We are looking for a 2016 John Greve presenter! If you are interested in sharing your veterinary experience, email our chapter adviser, Dr. Eric Rowe (erowe@iastate.edu).

LAMBDA CHAPTER, VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Email: otslambda@gmail.com

- Lambda's collaboration with local service groups continues to foster our mission of stewardship through community service.
- We co-sponsored a Casino Night to benefit the veterinary hospital's Compassionate Care fund and Vermont's Relay for Life (raising more than \$3,000).
- If you're interested in OTS Lambda Chapter merchandise, please email.

OMICRON CHAPTER, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Email: ots.msu@gmail.com

Website: sites.google.com/site/michiganstateots/home

- We held our 11th Annual Canine Cruise for Ingham County Animal Control (\$900) and Paws and Pins Bowling for the Iron Dog Fund (\$595).
- Our Men of Vet School Calendar remains a substantial addition to our fundraising efforts.
- The *Omicron Omentum* newsletter is online!

PI CHAPTER, TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

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- We were co-recipients of the 2015 Most Improved Chapter Award.
- Our service and philanthropy has included tutoring elementary school students, nursing home Valentines, community park beautification, Blanket of Love for animals of the homeless, participating in Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and volunteering at a local VA hospital.
- You can help Pi keep this positive momentum going by making a donation: Please send us an email if you would like to do so.

DID YOU KNOW?

Plans are in the works for OTS to be present at SCAVMA.

Keep a lookout for a few of your fellow OTS alumni!



Grand Council 2015, hosted by the Iota Chapter.

Omega Tau Sigma alumni share their news

Samuel E. Leder, Z'62, has run multiple small animal-only practices in south Florida for 33 years, and has been involved in real estate in Florida and North Carolina for the past 51 years. Contact him May–October at 73 River Overlook Road, Sapphire, NC 28774; November–May at 6015 LeLac Road, Boca Raton, FL 33496, and online at seleder@ledergroup.com.

John C. Sundstrom, E'67, retired from nearly 48 years of private practice in December 2014, but he is still on the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine. He traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming for meetings for the board and leisure. He also traveled to Cooperstown, New York, to the Baseball Hall of Fame, and is traveling through Australia and New Zealand in September/October. Catch up with him at 1623 Valley Road NE, Gainesville, GA 30501, or jcsund@bellsouth.net.

Terry Clekis, E'83, owns Braden River Animal Hospital, a new building where he employs three associates. He is involved in disaster medicine at the national, state and local levels. For fun he rides

motorcycles long-distance and enjoys gourmet cooking. Contact him at 5012 E. State Road, #64, Bradenton, FL 34208, or tclekis@gmail.com.

Rona Shapiro, G'87, wants to remind all that the Gamma Chapter (Ohio State University) is now on Facebook: Look for the "Gamma Club" and join the alumni group.

"Twenty years beyond the cap and gown, I am fortunate to have a busy practice in Otonabee Ontario, and lucky to have the best staff anyone could want," writes Mary Rorke, B'95, owner of the Otonabee Animal Hospital. She's been doing mobile calls for 19 years, and running a hospital since 2001. "We moved the hospital to its current location in 2008, and were AAHA-accredited that same year." Visit the hospital website at www.otonabah.com, or say hello and like it on Facebook.

Ashley E. Reynolds, B'96, reports that she is currently the primary caregiver for her dad, who had a stroke and has congestive heart failure. As his condition has stabilized, she's been able to begin part-time work. Ashley sends her bet to other

members! (852 La Moree Rd., San Marcos, CA 92078; aerdm@gmail.com)

Rachel L. (Rustad) Mack, K'06, just moved to Cottage Grove, Minnesota. "Josh took a new job and I get to stay home with Carter (4 years) and Lucas (2 years) for now!" she writes. She may take a part-time or relief position once the kids are in school, but in the meantime she is enjoying their childhood years. Keep up with her at 6927 Sunflower Circle S., Cottage Grove, MN 55016, or rachelmackdvm@gmail.com.

Adam Grochowsky, B'09, has been working at a critical care department in a specialty practice for three years. Ask him how it's going: 4172 S. Cimarron, Apt. 922, Aurora, CO 80014.

"I have become a board-certified neurologist," writes Carrie Santare, B'11. She and her husband have moved back to New York City, and she is practicing at a VCA veterinary referral and emergency center. They love being back in the Northeast (but are starting to miss Florida weather)! Write to 80 Briarcliff Rd., Westbury, NY 11590; csantare@gmail.com.

RECONNECT WITH OMEGA TAU SIGMA ON FACEBOOK



Calling all OTS alumni! Like the OTS Grand Council Facebook page: **Omega Tau Sigma, Professional Veterinary Fraternity.**

View chapter events, reconnect with classmates and alumni, check out community service opportunities, or just chuckle at the photos.

VISIT: WWW.FACEBOOK/OTSGRANDCOUNCIL

In memory of David J. Hilton, G'18



It is with a heavy heart that I relay to you news of the unexpected passing of David J. Hilton, a beloved brother of Gamma Chapter. David was a second-year veterinary student who hailed from Virginia Beach, Virginia, and was one of our social co-chairs. He was 26 years old.

I had the privilege of both meeting David during his pledge phase last year, and getting to know him as he progressed through his first year at Ohio State. David's smile was absolutely infectious. His zest for life was only outdone by the love he had for everyone around him; the only friends that David did not have were the ones he had not met.

David's death is a blow to the veterinary community, the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity, and the

Gamma Chapter. The world feels like a darker place without him. Please keep his family and everyone who loves him in your thoughts and prayers.

We are fortunate to have the supportive community of Omega Tau Sigma to lean on in times of loss and sorrow. As we heal from this, I would ask all of you to take care of yourselves, and take care of one another.

To honor him, the family has established the David J. Hilton Memorial Scholarship, and is planning a memorial service in Columbus, Ohio. If you would like further details, please do not hesitate to contact me at otsgammapresident@gmail.com.

Fraternally yours,
Leon D. Schermerhorn, G'17
President, Gamma Chapter

The 2015 Grand Council is dedicated to the memory of David J. Hilton, G'18.

DECEASED

We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumni:

Robert G. Schirmer, B'46
October 16, 2014

Donald E. Webster, B'49
November 11, 2014

John R. Gordon, D'69
January 6, 2015

Donald Richard Davidsen, B'59
January 10, 2015

William H. Keaton, B'49
January 15, 2015

Robert S. Martin, B'52
February 7, 2015

Harry V. Hagstad, B'52
April 4, 2015

John E. Weeks, B'51
April 25, 2015

Keith H. Orts, B'59
June 30, 2015

Giving to the Omega Tau Sigma Foundation

Omega Tau Sigma has thousands of alumni members—they are one of our greatest strengths and key to growing and maintaining the fraternity. Each year, alumni affirm their commitment to the ideals and goals of the fraternity through gifts and charitable donations. Contributions from alumni and friends fund vital programs, including:

Scholarships, which help defray the increasing cost of veterinary medical education by recognizing students who demonstrate leadership through service to the fraternity and community. Increasing scholarships is a primary goal of the Grand Council.

Grand Council, our three-day all-chapter event. It brings active members and alumni together for a week-end of fellowship, fraternity, and social networking.

Alumni events, which are planned on a local level and on a national one, such as conferences.

Maintaining alumni relationships through newsletters, email, social media, and events. This is a priority for OTS.

Our educational, social, and communication programs to connect alumni continue with rave reviews, and much like our scholarship program, they increase in demand each year. This is why continued support from our alumni and friends is so critical. Please join me by being included as a local supporter in our 2015–'16 Alumni Support Campaign. There are now two ways:

Alumni Gift: Previously "Annual Dues", we ask our Alumni to support the Grand Council for infrastructure costs, including the development of OTS alumni C.E. and social events at major national conferences, provide travel funds to chapters for Grand Council, and increase our outreach efforts to connect alumni on social media and in our newsletter. This gift is not tax deductible.

Charitable Fund: As a tax-deductible donation, your donation will be used directly for active member scholarship (e.g., John C. Gordon Award) and aid in the growth of future scholarships. If you'd like to set-up a separate scholarship in your name or in memory

of an OTS alumnus or friend, please contact the Grand Council.

We would also like to highlight changes to the OTS Honor Roll. Each Donor will be recognized in print and online as well as at the Grand Council banquet. For those who donate to either or both the Alumni Gift and the Charitable Fund, you will be placed in the category that represents your total donation.

The Omega Tau Sigma Foundation was established in 2015 as a public, charitable, and educational foundation. Its mission is "providing resources for enhancing educational experiences and fraternity of future and current leaders in veterinary medicine". A four-member volunteer board of directors guides the foundation. The foundation's COO, Ellen Reuben, is the administrative officer based at Elevate Integrated Member Services in Lansing, New York. Please do not hesitate to contact Omega Tau Sigma for further information or discuss alternative donor opportunities.

Honor Roll of Donors (October 1, 2014, to November 23, 2015)

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