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MOMENTUM AND MILESTONES

Beta Iota's Spring Achievements

We're back with another edition of the *Glazebrook Gazette*! The chapter wrapped up an incredibly successful spring semester, marked by standout achievements in academics, recruitment, and philanthropy. These accomplishments have positioned them as strong contenders for True Merit honors at the upcoming 2025 National Awards Celebration.

I was impressed with their statistics from the True Merit report and would like to share some of my favorites:

FIVE
spring pledges

Spring GPA of
3.54

100%

of undergraduate members were **involved in campus leadership organizations** outside of ATO

More than
\$4,500
philanthropic dollars
donated

Nearly
3,000
community service
hours

That GPA is especially impressive—it's the highest mark the Chapter has seen, even compared to the days when some of our most distinguished alumni walked the halls of the Institute. I'm consistently amazed by the academic strength of Georgia Tech's incoming classes, and it's inspiring to see that excellence mirrored in our chapter's scholastic success.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to share that renovations to the chapter house are moving forward, including plans for a brand-new roof. We're working closely with RPG to ensure the project is completed smoothly and without disruptions to residents. Our goal is to have everything buttoned up and ready before football season kicks off.

Join Us?

We're also building on the momentum from last year's BOT fall programming. This year, we're excited to host the second annual "AT-Open" Alumni Golf Tournament alongside our traditional football and Homecoming events. More details will be shared in the coming months, so stay tuned!

Let's stay the course, and, as always, if you'd like to join the BOT, please let me know! Thank you for your continued support of the chapter.

Until next time,
Andrew Jacon '15 | bot.gtato@gmail.com

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Beta Iota Thrives
with Alumni Support

We are sincerely grateful to the following alumni who have already paid their 2025 alumni dues. *Add your name to this list by completing your dues payment today!*

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more information.

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Keith T. Bahun '03



CHECKING IN WITH THE CHAPTER

Undergraduates Share Successes

Beta Iota Chapter at Georgia Institute of Technology continues to thrive!

This spring, we saw the initiation of five new members, which is a massive improvement over our two new additions this time last year. We have also already begun our fall semester recruitment, trying to better align ourselves with the “365” recruiting mentality prescribed by our national organization.

This year, we were awarded with a White Distinction by Georgia Tech in the first year of their new program to honor fraternities on campus based upon their philanthropy, recruitment, and campus involvement. Next year, we aim to take home the top distinction: Gold.

This semester has been filled with incredible philanthropic endeavors by our brothers. Our co-philanthropy chairmen, **Mark Shirah '23** and **Josh Cills '21**, have worked tirelessly to provide as many opportunities as possible. This has allowed us to donate 2,920 hours of our time and \$4,697!

Our biggest event this semester was titled Chick-Fil-Late, where we sold Chick-Fil-A breakfast sandwiches after they had stopped serving them in the restaurant for the day. This event alone generated \$407! This is an incredible improvement over our 2024 numbers and is putting us on a better track for success. We are also designing a new signature event to be debuted in the fall.

On campus, our brothers are strongly encouraged to interact with clubs outside of ATO. This has led to a chapter average of 1.8 campus organizations per brother, with 25% of them being involved in three or more clubs.

We have also been strongly pushing our brothers to work harder in the classroom. In summer 2024, we had our whole house renovated, which included a new study room. This area is equipped with two whiteboards, five standing desks, and high-quality monitors to give brothers more equipment for academic success. This has resulted in our median chapter GPA increasing, and we're expecting continued success.

The chapter is in a wonderful position, and I look forward to continued growth and improvement!

Fraternally,
Colin Fravel '23
Chapter President



A group of brothers celebrate a job well done after volunteering to plant trees at Carver STEAM Academy with Trees Atlanta.



Brothers enjoy formal in Nashville with our new sweetheart.

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A Firm Foundation

ABHI SHARMA '05 ON ATO'S IMPACT

For Abhi Sharma '05, joining Alpha Tau Omega at Georgia Tech was an easy decision. He sought a social and athletic outlet during the rigorous Tech experience, and Beta Iota Chapter provided just that.

Abhi was impressed by the brotherhood's authenticity and diversity. Unlike the stereotypes often associated with other houses, ATO fostered an environment that felt genuine and inclusive. The chapter also introduced Abhi to lifelong friends—and even his future wife. "I met some of the most intelligent, creative, and ambitious people," he said.

Abhi fondly remembers the camaraderie in the chapter house, including the spirited intramural soccer games with high school friends **Ryan Ely '05** and **Paul Tupper '05**. "We created an ATO B-team for intramurals, but no one told us we couldn't slide tackle or body check players to the ground!" he said. Despite their aggressive style, the team ended up losing every game that season.

Though family expectations influenced his choice to pursue engineering, Abhi has no regrets. "As the son of Indian parents, you were given limited choices—doctor, engineer, or lawyer," he joked. "Engineering is a practical field, and it's helped me tremendously as an entrepreneur." While attempting to start a company after graduation, Abhi realized he needed to learn how to code and proceeded to teach himself the skills needed.

Abhi's professional journey has been marked by significant entrepreneurial milestones, particularly his time at Loyal, a healthcare software startup founded by fellow ATO **Chad Mallory '03**. "I was introduced to Chad through **Charlie Warendh '03**," he shared. Abhi became the chief product officer at Loyal, leading product, engineering, and design teams. "It was incredibly rewarding," he said, "and it was my first real entrepreneurship test."

Looking ahead, Abhi is focused on his latest venture with Redesign Health. "Entrepreneurship is all about problem-solving and making something people are willing to pay for," he said. "Startups are a fickle friend, so it's all about the journey."

"Once you find people who support you, they become shaping mechanisms in your life."

Abhi credits ATO with shaping both his personal and professional life. "It's hard to find people who support you and let you be yourself," he said. "My close friends are mostly ATOs. I talk to many of them daily, and we continue to shape each other as we share stories of our lives today." The bond he formed with his brothers has endured, strengthened by regular texts, phone calls, and in-person meetups.

Now living in Atlanta with his wife Katie and their three young sons—Grady (5) and identical twins Seamus and Fionn (1)—Abhi balances a busy family life with entrepreneurial ambitions. "Katie is a second-year resident physician at Emory, so we're a busy family." In their spare time, they enjoy hiking, watching movies, and spending time with friends. "Every now and then, you'll see us on campus for a Tech game."

If you'd like to hear more about Abhi's Beta Iota experience, you can reach him at abhisharma2@gmail.com.



ALUMNI

NEWS

W. Larry Lacy '57 has written a three-volume defense of the Christian faith, called *A Reason for the Hope*. He lives in Germantown, Tenn. Email: lacy.wl@gmail.com

Harry L. Middlebrooks '57 does voiceover work for new, original creations of old radio shows, which can be heard on projectaudion.com. He is also working on the completion of a book of entertainment memoirs from his home in Northridge, Calif. Email: middles5479@gmail.com

Robert J. Berman Sr. '62 has his Amateur Radio W4SET Extra Class License and volunteers as a Red Cross Disaster Services technologist. He retired from owning a vending, coffee service, and bottled spring water business in 2017. Robert has four grandchildren and lives in Hixson, Tenn. Email: robert.berman@epbfi.com

Johnny W. Harden Jr. '66 is still practicing dentistry. He was previously at Emory but is now in Buckhead. He resides in Atlanta, Ga. Email: jhdmd@bellsouth.net

M. Bruce Kopkin '76 planned a 1975 pledge class reunion in October 2024. He lives in Marietta, Ga. Email: bkopkin@gmail.com

What words come to mind when you think about Alpha Tau Omega?

FRIENDSHIP

FUN • BROTHERHOOD

Leadership | Good Times | Special | Lifelong
Home | Sanctuary | Community | Fraternity
Parties | Mealtime | Trips

What are some of your favorite ATO memories?

"Good conversation, meals, parties with bands on the weekend, making the Wreck, and football games, especially beating Duke."
—**Joe E. Brown '55**

"Being with men of like mind, dedication, and ambition; creating a genuine feeling of belonging to something special."
—**Harry L. Middlebrooks '57**

"Retired military cook at the house who made large pans of cinnamon rolls for us when we came in from class."
—**Clarence Williams Jr. '60**

WELCOME, SPRING NEW MEMBERS

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*The spring 2025 pledge
class gathers for an
official portrait after
formal initiation.*

Your Alumni Dues Make This Newsletter Possible!

Funds from alumni dues help tackle a lot of behind-the-scenes needs (like Board of Trustee operations and CPA fees), and they also help us keep in touch with the brotherhood, including you, by way of our website and communications (like this newsletter). **Keeping a strong and connected brotherhood is not possible without active and consistent alumni support!**

There are lots of ways to support Beta Iota, but the simplest and most direct way to do so is through your financial support. Amounts can be \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500, or anything you can give at this time. **Please send in your 2025 dues payment today!**

*Have you
given for
2025?*

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