

# The GLAZEBROOK GAZETTE



WINTER 2024

## A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR

### Updates from the Board of Trustees

Welcome to another edition of *The Glazebrook Gazette*! Between our Yellow Jackets beating ranked UNC at Homecoming, the Gasparilla Bowl win, and the chapter's recent accolades, there's a lot to be excited about as an alumnus.

Merit Award! More details on this accomplishment are included in the chapter report on page 2, but I just want to say this is a tremendous honor that speaks to the chapter's hard work over the past few years.

as plans develop. Thank you for your continued support of Beta Iota Chapter!

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First, we would like to welcome **Lucas Ferreria '17** to our BOT ranks. He will be replacing **Will Mizell '84** as treasurer. Following his retirement from Waffle House this spring, Will is moving into a role with ATΩ Foundation, where he will help to manage scholarships and endowments for chapters across the nation. Will has been a member of our board since 1992, and I can confidently say that there are very few Beta Iota men who have given as much as him to this chapter. Will, thank you very much for your dedication to our brotherhood, and we're excited to work with you in your new role at the Foundation!

As we reflect on 2023, the board is committed to improving the frequency of communication and providing opportunities to connect with fellow alumni. We will revisit this focus in the new year and keep you updated

Until next time,  
**Andrew Jacon '15**  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
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*We are continuously looking to add members to the board, so if you're interested, please send me a message at [bot.gtato@gmail.com](mailto:bot.gtato@gmail.com).*



Vice President Brent Miller '20 and President Carter Hale '20 accept the True Merit Award at ATΩ National Congress.

Next, we would like to apologize for the confusion caused by the incorrect donation instructions that were posted in the spring newsletter. In switching our communications vendor, we also had to change how we process donations. **Your donations are extremely important to maintaining our board's activities, and we apologize for the miscommunication!** Moving forward, the correct information will be posted in each newsletter. You can donate by mailing a check or by visiting our website at [gtatoalum.org/donate](http://gtatoalum.org/donate).

Finally, we offer our congratulations to the undergraduate brothers for earning their third-consecutive True



## MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE BOARD

- Treasurer **Lucas Ferreira '17**
- Earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 2021
  - Support engineer at Q-Free ASA



# THE IMPACT OF BROTHERHOOD



Joining a fraternity can be a life-changing experience, shaping not only the college experience but also influencing your career and personal life. **Joseph Depa '01** embraced the brotherhood during his undergraduate years and utilized the network and values he gained to make a significant impact in the field of healthcare analytics.

Joe initially joined Alpha Tau Omega because he felt an immediate connection to the members. "At the end of the day, it's the people that mattered," he recalled. As an undergraduate, Joe served as the alumni relations chairman and the IFC vice president. These roles allowed him to connect with both alumni and the broader Greek community.

Earning a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and, later, a master's degree in analytics, allowed Joe to pursue his passion for data-driven problem-solving. His career took an interesting turn as he progressed from a corporate role as the head of Accenture's global data and AI practice to his current position as the chief data and analytics officer for Emory Healthcare and University. "I've always enjoyed using data to solve business problems and have a particular interest in using data to progress healthcare and research to help improve lives," he explained.



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When he considers the impact Alpha Tau Omega had on his career path, Joe emphasized the importance of the fraternity network. "Alumni led by example, showing the key is to always give back when you can and help others along the way." He now offers his own valuable advice to undergraduates, saying, "The

world is moving fast, and what you learn today will be out of date by the time you graduate. The skill of learning and relearning is one of the most critical skills you can have."

One of the most enduring aspects of ATΩ is the lifelong friendships our brothers form. Joe is no exception. He shared, "A core group of us still get dinners together every couple of months and love keeping each other honest and making fun of each other!" He also shares this unique bond with his younger brother, **Michael Depa**, who followed in Joe's footsteps and joined ATΩ in 2005.

Joe currently resides in John's Creek, Georgia, with his wife and two sons. He stays actively engaged in the community, coaching his sons' soccer teams and playing in an adult soccer league. Additionally, he is deeply involved in supporting the Childhood Cancer Community, a cause that holds personal significance for him and his family. Their efforts center around raising funds and contributing to organizations like Cure Childhood Cancer, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and St. Jude. If you'd like to connect with Joe, you can reach him at [joe.depa@gmail.com](mailto:joe.depa@gmail.com).

## THREE GOALS FOR 2024

- Enhance our academic standing and increase our GPA by .1.
- Expand our philanthropic efforts by partnering with two additional local charities.
- Strengthen alumni relations through a series of networking events and mentorship opportunities.

## Welcome, 2023 New Members

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| <b>CJ Bockhold</b><br>Savannah, Ga.          | <b>Lou Leonardi</b><br>River Forest, Ill.     |
| <b>Kian Chakamian</b><br>San Diego, Calif.   | <b>Pratham Patel</b><br>Evans, Ga.            |
| <b>Bret Closson</b><br>San Jose, Calif.      | <b>Peter Rice</b><br>Martinsburg, W.V.        |
| <b>Jack Hraster</b><br>Duluth, Ga.           | <b>Layne Robinson</b><br>Hoschton, Ga.        |
| <b>Chris Keating</b><br>Bonita Springs, Fla. | <b>Mark Shirah</b><br>St. Simons Island, Ga.  |
| <b>Ali Komilian</b><br>Duluth, Ga.           | <b>Jack Walton</b><br>Marietta, Ga.           |
| <b>Taylor Leach</b><br>Athens, Ga.           | <b>Billy Yacovelli</b><br>Collegeville, Penn. |
| <b>Jake Leonardi</b><br>River Forest, Ill.   |   |



Our newest members take an official class portrait after their initiation. Top row: Taylor Leach, Kian Chakamian, Peter Rice, CJ Bockhold, and Mark Shirah. Middle row: Jack Hraster, Layne Robinson, Jake Leonardi, and Ali Komilian. Bottom row: Bret Closson, Jack Walton, Chris Keating, and Billy Yacovelli.







# STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

## UNDERGRADUATES SHARE FALL SEMESTER SUCCESSES

The fall 2021 pledge class cleans up nicely for the ATΩ's semiformal. Top row: Garrett Diaz, Ben Morrow, Ian Lowe, Max Spence, Matt Jacobs, Zack Wells, and Charlie Bahin. Bottom row: Josh Cills and Robert McDonald.



During the fall semester, Beta Iota Chapter embarked on a journey of growth, service, and academic excellence. With a membership roster that boasted students from diverse disciplines, we harnessed our collective strengths to make a substantial impact both on and off campus.

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Our fraternity's dedication to academic prowess is unwavering! Our effort to connect new members with older brothers who have experience in their chosen fields has contributed to a chapter-wide GPA of 3.56, which exceeds the all-men's average of 3.44. Special recognition goes to our academic chairman, **Michael Weschler '20**, whose tradition of weekly grade competitions for class assignments has helped keep brothers academically competitive.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our many philanthropic initiatives, led by Philanthropy Chairman **Riley Woods '20**, helped to raise over \$3,000 for charity, while our members contributed a total of 500 service hours. Special thanks to recent alumnus **Pat O'Malley '19** for his participation in our charity comedy show!

### CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

Our involvement on campus extends to many areas beyond philanthropy. Our brothers hold leadership positions across various student organizations, including the Interfraternity Council, Consulting Clubs, and Georgia Tech Startup Exchange. Our chapter remains committed to making a positive impact wherever we can.

### SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS

ATΩ started the semester on the right foot with our annual Wet Weekend party, attracting over a thousand attendees! We were also excited to enjoy a great football season, watching GT make it to a bowl game for the first time since 2018. A big thanks to all the alumni who came to visit for Homecoming weekend!

### TRUE MERIT AWARD

This year, we were proud to achieve the True Merit Award once again for the third straight year! Our unyielding pursuit of academic excellence, steadfast commitment to community service, and cultivation of leadership have enabled us to stand out as a chapter of ATΩ worthy of True Merit. We aim to continue this trend with our commitment to excellence!

### LOOKING FORWARD

As we turn the page to a new chapter, our fraternity stands on the cusp of an ambitious 2024. Our forward momentum is guided by a commitment to continuous improvement and a dedication to our core values of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.



Left: Members soak up some sun during ATΩ's fall break trip to Panama City Beach! Pictured: Alex Jennings '22, Coulson Benedict '22, Jackson Barr '22, Matt Avella '22, Ben Morrow '21, Matt Jacobs '21, and Brian Chen '22. Right: Charlie Bahin '21, Josh Cills '21, Luke Riley '22, and Robert McDonald '21 take a load off at Alpha Chi Omega sorority's semiformal.



Brothers participate in Alpha Xi sorority's philanthropy 5K run. From left: Brian Chen '22, Josh Cills '21, Luke Riley '22, Patrick Vu '21, Braydon Reiboldt '22, and Isaac Gil '21.

# The Gazette Is Back—We Need Your Help to Stay!

## Have you paid your 2024 alumni dues?

**F**unds 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 2024 dues payment today!**

How to give:

1. **Donate online** at [gtatoalum.org/donate](https://gtatoalum.org/donate)
2. **Mail a check** to:  
Alpha Tau Omega, Georgia Tech  
Payment Processing  
P.O. Box 2187  
Columbus, GA 31902-2187

*While you're deciding how you would like to send your contribution, don't forget to set up a calendar reminder to do the same or better for 2025 and beyond! It's never too late to reconnect.*

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**C**heck out page 1 to find out how you can join our team and play a part in Beta Iota Chapter's future!



## Let's Ask Our New Brothers

## Why Did You Choose ATΩ?

*"My father was an ATΩ at Illinois, and I was impressed by what he taught me while I was growing up. I wanted to get the same values that he gained in college."*

**Jake Leonardi '23**

*"ATΩ's academics and leadership opportunities inspired me to join."*

**ATΩ**

**Jack Walton '23**

*"I liked all the guys when I first met them. They know how to have a good time, but they're also serious about their goals. It's the best of both worlds!"*

**Layne Robinson '23**