

The Oriole FIJI

Beta Mu Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta

Johns Hopkins University

Spring/Summer 2021

Chapter Update

The Brothers of Beta Mu had an extremely busy Fall 2020 semester as we continued to reach our goals of campus involvement, community service, philanthropy, and chapter growth. Despite our inability to have a physical presence on campus, we remain driven to be the best Fraternity at Hopkins through our individual emphasis on Friendship, Knowledge, Service, Morality, and of course, Excellence.

After a successful Fall 2020 semester, we introduced the twelve pledges of the Spring 2021 class to the responsibilities of becoming a Brother in the Fraternity. Several new members have taken on committee chair positions and our veteran members continue to lead the Chapter to excellence. Through the challenges of online curriculum, we were able to adapt and remain in close contact with one another through bi-weekly Zoom meetings with the Chapter. We were still able to build bonds and accomplish goals such as The Push Fundraiser and our Twenty for 2020 Fundraising Campaign.

We were disappointed that most of our rush activities remained online through the Spring 2021 semester as we slowly returned to campus. However, we were able to adapt to the semi-virtual rush period and successfully pledged the twelve new Brothers into the Chapter. We know many of you have stayed in touch with each other and with the Chapter, and hope to see all of our Graduate Brothers soon. The Oriole FIJI wishes you all a safe and happy summer.

USO Workout Fundraiser*

Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at
Johns Hopkins

(Label all donations as "USO Fundraiser")

Donation:	What I'll Do:
\$3	↔ 3 pullups
\$5	↔ 5 squats
\$10	↔ 10 pushups
\$15	↔ 1.5-min wall sit
\$20	↔ 20 burpees



The PUSH, but Virtual

The PUSH has been and continues to be a staple FIJI philanthropy event in the fall semester. With the virtual Fall 2020 semester, we were not able to do the traditional PUSH event. However, we persisted through and developed a fundraiser through social media. Members of the Chapter posted a picture (below) on their social media stories in order to raise money from their followers by performing the corresponding exercises according to donation amount.

The event was a success, and we raised \$1,600 for the USO. Thanks to all of our Graduate Brothers, friends and families who made donations. Also, huge shoutout to Brothers **Max Buckner 2021** and **Marc Helou 2023** for raising the most amount of money: \$377 and \$240, respectively.

Virtual Recruitment a Resounding Success

The transition to online learning and activities was a difficult one for many Brothers and having an online recruitment process was unlike any other, to say the least. But persistence always pays, and that showed true again this year.

We were able to recruit an excellent new member class almost entirely by virtual means. It was uncharted territory, with Brothers who had gone through many other recruitment cycles in the past having to completely reimagine the way we approached rush. It turned out really well, and we're proud of all the Brothers who served on the Rush committee to show prospective members how great Beta Mu truly is. If our chapter could get through a time like this, we're confident we can get through anything.

We have slowly ramped up in-person operations as the public health situation has improved and we're excited return to campus in full capacity next semester. We hope to see some Graduate Brothers in attendance at next year's Pig Dinner and Islander— we're going to make it unforgettable!

MISSING
Fraternity Brother



Name:	William "Wild Bill" Faria
Hometown:	Billerica, MA
Hobbies:	rappelling off 2933 N. Charles Street
Last seen:	walking cross country

Have you seen me?
Do you have a FIJI brother that has gone missing? Contact Oriole FIJI for help.

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Xperience Shopping

We're happy to announce that a current brother, **Royal Doolittle (2021)**, recently won the **Red Bull Basement** startup competition for the United States, beating more than 3,800 other startup ideas. He has been working incredibly hard on building out the platform for **Xperience Shopping**, an app that promises to eliminate clothing waste and make the online shopping experience easier and more efficient.

The app works by scanning in users' dimensions and allowing them to virtually try on clothes before purchasing them from online retailers. By eliminating the main driver of clothing returns (bad fit), Xperience hopes to lower the burden of clothing in landfills and change the way we approach online shopping.

With the Red Bull Basement win and entrance into Untapped's Future of Work Accelerator Program, Royal and Xperience shopping have been gaining traction. We are all very excited to see where he can take the company after graduating. Congrats from Beta Mu, Royal!



Congrats to the following Brothers for securing jobs and internships this year!

Marc Helou '23 – PayPal

Software Engineer Intern

Jonah Bennett '23 – T. Rowe Price

Global Investment Operations Intern

Karry Alamieyeseigha '23 – Uber

Software Engineer Intern

John Strezewski '23 – Johns Hopkins Institute of Applied Economics

Research Assistant

Marwan Bayoumy '23 – Livingston

Investment Banking Summer Analyst

Ben Sollinger '23 – Neonatal Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy Lab (Johns Hopkins Medical Campus)

Research Assistant

Ben Salazar '22 – York Hospital

Operating Room Intern

Lou Burns '21 – Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger's Office in Capitol Hill

Coffee Intern

Liam Creedon '21 – CREyield

Back-End Engineer

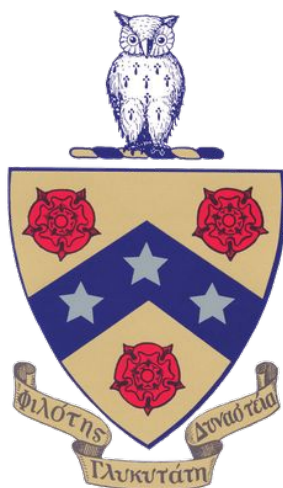
Julius Dunn '23 – Oxford Risk Management

Business Development Intern

Eric Fei '21 – Qral Group

Management Consultant

CALLING ALL GRADUATE BROTHERS: The Historian Project needs you!



Brother **Anthony Hill (2023)**, Chapter Historian, is beginning his Historian project for this year, where he will be compiling the entire history of the Beta Mu chapter. This is a daunting task to undertake, and he will need as much Graduate Brother input as possible. He's requesting that you send him your favorite memories from your time as a member of Beta Mu, both in college and afterwards, as well as anything you remember about the Chapter and during your time as a Brother. All stories and anecdotes are welcome, from para-criminal behavior to formal occasions. Photos to go along with them would be great as well, such as pictures with your class and at the Chapter house. We'd love your help and contributions to this project, and we're excited to see how it goes! Email all submissions to Anthony Hill's email: ahill68@jhu.edu.

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TWENTY FOR 2020 CALL CAMPAIGN: ALMOST THERE!

Thank you to all those who have donated to the Twenty for 2020 Campaign. We appreciate your generous contributions, which will be dedicated to Beta Mu Undergraduate Brothers!

Starting on November 4th, 2020, and running through the end of the year, the current Brothers reached out via social media, texts, phone calls (even a few international ones) and emails to raise money for the Twenty for 2020 Campaign. Our goal was to raise \$20,000 or more for an educational endowment specifically for Beta Mu. Many Graduate Brothers made tax-deductible donations which will support the chapter in the classroom for many years to come. This campaign was spearheaded by **Tom Bloomer (2002)** and **Danny Organeck (1994)**, and the fundraising was kickstarted by a **\$5,000** matching donation from **Krishna Potarazu (2005)**.

As of press time, we have raised **\$16,191 of the \$20,000**. A big thank you to everyone who donated, including the 2000s decade, which came up with the highest donor count and dollars raised. While we fell short of raising the full amount during the campaign, we are confident we can track down the outstanding pledges and find a few new donors to get us to our goal. If you are interested in moving on from "wallflower" status, please go to OrioleFJI.com and donate to the campaign.

President Level Donors (\$1,000 and above): Krishna Potarazu, Tom Bloomer, Daniel Organeck, Robert "Bob" Carter

The "One Dollar More Than Tony" Level (\$501): Marc Leone

The "Tony" Level (\$500): Anthony "Tony" Corral, Andrew Croner, David Koch, Michael Villagran, Naveen Bhatia, Phil Kim, Stephen Grambling, Jack Carlock, Bruce Bower

VP Level Donors (\$100 to \$250): Gary Kane, Jack Carlock, Jamie Terranova, Jarrod Bernstein, John Dierkes, Joseph F Devlin, Matthew Schirripa, Omar Khatib, Rob Hardy, PJ (Paul) Boyle, Brian Baumgardner, Charles Buffa, Dan Ben-Ami, Dan Blynn, Danny Camous, Evan Tassis, Jesse Kincaid, A. Keith Blizzard, Kevin Strang, Maneet Singh, Nate Keeney

Chapter Donors (up to \$100): Alan Wormser, Brandon Tran, Chase (Winston) Hamilton, Gerry Bartell, Kevin Barry, Mark Wegner, Matt Bee, Matt Weill, Traver Davis, Walter Kidd, Paul Marcello, Daniel Bernstein

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Graduate Brother News

Don To The Lacrosse HOF



Don Zimmerman (1976), already an inductee into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame, was recently nominated to the Intercollegiate Men's College Lacrosse Coaches Association Hall of Fame. At Johns Hopkins, Brother Zimmerman earned All-American recognition as a Junior. After Hopkins, Don was the first lacrosse coach in NCAA history to win a National Championship in his first year as Head Coach of the Blue Jays in '84. He won additional Championships in '85 and '87. Our Beta Mu Chapter would like to give a huge congratulations to Don!

Not For College Days Alone



Omar Khatib (2018) (l) and **Danny Camous (2017)** (r) got together during the fall and set out to do some hikes in Utah. As seen in the above photo, they had no problem conquering the terrain with their Power Ranger-inspired boots. As a Chapter, we love to see Graduate Brothers still getting together long after leaving Hopkins, as it exemplifies that Phi Gamma Delta is *Not For College Days Alone*.

Luke Zsido Lands in the States!



Luke Zsido (2017) (above left) has made it back to the United States after a year-long deployment in Poland. Brother Zsido's unit was there as part of a Force Command mission, which increases the American presence in Europe to support our Allies. Also, he worked in a logistical unit that supplied food, water, fuel and other needs to their sister units. By the end of his deployment, his unit distributed over 500,000 gallons of water and 3,000,000 gallons of fuel. Luke states, "COVID made it a shit show, so *persistence* was definitely an important mentality to maintain." We thank you for your service, Luke.

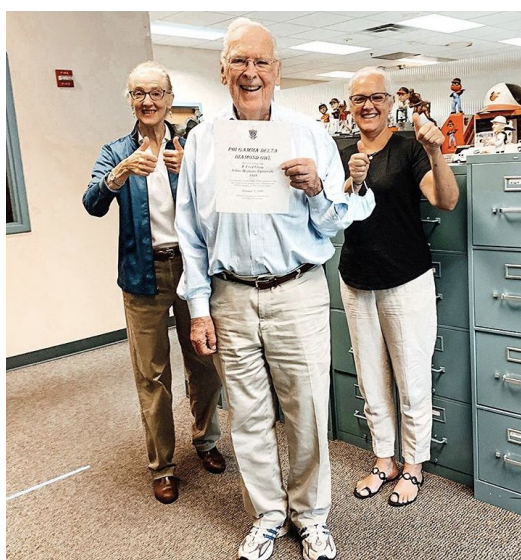
IN MEMORIAM

US Army Brigadier General, James Shufelt Passed Ad Astra



Beta Mu Brother and former US Army Brigadier General **James Shufelt (1955)** has passed away. James grew up in Baltimore and entered the Army in 1955 after graduating from Hopkins. He spent 32 years serving our Country, and was recognized with numerous awards: the Distinguished Service Medal, four Legion of Merit awards, and the Bronze Star Medal. He is survived by his wife Charlene, who stated "Jim was so very proud to have been a FIJI. I still have his Fraternity pin in his jewelry box."

Remembering J. Fred Glose, A Diamond Owl



The Oriole FIJI mourns the death of **J. Fred Glose (1949)**, who recently passed away at the age of 93. Fred had just received his Diamond Owl, celebrating 75 years since his initiation into Phi Gamma Delta. Fred is pictured with his daughters at his family business, Maryland Chemical Company, where he had worked since 1953. The company was founded by his father. J. Fred was a veteran of the U.S. Army Signal Corps and served his country around the end of WWII. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and their many beloved children and grandchildren.

Graduate Brother News

An “Unsung Hero”



The *Connecticut Law Tribune* has honored **Cullen Guilmartin (2003)** with their “Unsung Hero” award for extensive pro bono work on behalf of military veterans and families. Cullen works on a wide range of complex litigation matters, with a focus on product liability and environmental law, toxic tort, consumer fraud, construction and employment claims. Also, he received *The Best Lawyers in America* “Lawyer of the Year.” Congratulations, Cullen!

Bi-Partisan Podcast Launches



On Jan 15th (coincidentally, National Bagel Day), **Jarrold Bernstein (2002)** launched a new podcast called Jewish Insider LLP (Limited Liability Podcast). The podcast is co-hosted by Rich Goldberg and Jarrod Bernstein. Rich is a Republican and served in the Trump administration, while Jarrod is a Democrat and served in the Obama administration. Each week, Rich and Jarrod will share their perspectives on the latest news driving the conversation and have deep discussions with guests from across the political spectrum. Sounds spicy!

Another Brown is Born



Alex Brown (2001) welcomed his second child last summer during the COVID shutdown in Colorado. Wells McCauley Brown was born on 8/18. His older brother Wilder is already drinking to forget the idea of having to share his toys.

New York City Reunion



After trading insults over Zoom for the last year, Graduate Brothers from several classes in the 90’s gathered in May to help open NYC.

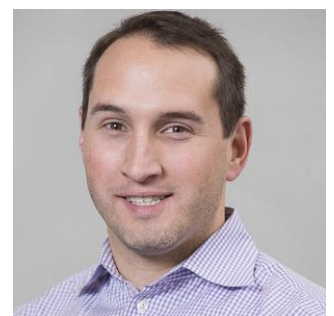
Brothers flew from as far as California to join East Coasters and a frequently disappearing Texan: Steak dinner at Wolfgang’s; a Saturday pub crawl with stops at McSorley’s, White Horse Tavern and several others; over a dozen authentic NYC pizzas; and a bit of poker. Enormous thanks to **Chris Borris (1995)** and **Cristo Brown (1995)** for putting together and generously hosting the weekend.



Our New Purple Legionnaire

This year we welcomed a new Purple Legionnaire to Beta Mu (and to the Baltimore area). **Spencer Ebann (Iowa State 2006)** graduated from the Alpha Iota Chapter. He is a legacy Brother, following in the footsteps of his father, **Charles Ebann (Iowa State 1969)**. While at school, Spencer served as the Pig Dinner Chair for all four years, as well as Corresponding Secretary his Junior year.

Spencer was born and raised in Crystal Lake, IL. He recently moved to Maryland for a new job as a Sourcing Manager for the Johns Hopkins Health System. He lives in Bel Air, MD with his wife Melissa and their two daughters.



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