

Welcome Back Beta Theta

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Sporting hard hats and carrying shovels, some members of the Beta Theta charter class gathered after the ceremonial groundbreaking.

Kites are once again flying high over the University of Idaho! Over the weekend of November 10, the Beta Theta Chapter was reinstalled on that campus after a 15-year hiatus.

Forty-five charter members were initiated at services on Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10. Collegians from the Eta Eta Chapter at Albertson and the Alpha Sigma Chapter at Washington State assisted. Fraternity President Mary Jane Beach, Beta Nu/Florida State, presided over the rechartering of Beta Theta, which took place on Sunday. The installation banquet was attended by more than 110 guests.

Many thanks to the Fraternity officers, educational leadership consultants, and staff members who served on the installation team. They include Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, Gamma Tau/Tulsa, vice-president finance; Jo Ann Crites Thompson, Beta Theta, former Grand Council member; Lara Perry, Zeta Rho/UC San Diego, college district president; Joni Schneider Morrow, Beta Theta, education district director; Amy Willcox Kelly, Alpha Sigma/Washington State, membership district director; Kathleen Markey, Chi/Syracuse; facility corporation district director; Cay Womack Eckland, Alpha Theta/Texas, music coordinator; Betsy Sierk Corridan, Beta Omicron/Iowa, executive director; Carol McLaughlin, Epsilon Pi/Bucknell, extension director; and Samantha Hunter, Delta Zeta/Emory; Jenny Randall,



Members of the re-established Beta Theta chapter posed with their new charter.

Psi/Wisconsin; and Kathryn Stone, Zeta Nu/UC Davis, educational leadership consultants.

Founded originally in 1920, Beta Theta has a long and distinguished history. More than 1,100 members of the chapter, including six district officers, two Foundation trustees, and two members of Grand Council, have loyally served Theta. In 1986, during a time of declining enrollment at the University of Idaho, the Fraternity regretfully closed Beta Theta. Today, Kappa Alpha Theta is thrilled to once again be a part of the University of Idaho community. ■