

The 2012 to 2013 school year has been another notable year for the Beta Sigma chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. Over this last year, we have completed many major goals that our chapter has had and we have also been recognized for our successes.

A major accomplishment for our chapter this year was the completion of our chapter's second five-year strategic plan. Under that leadership of President Sean Ratkus, cabinet officers as well as some influential graduate brothers from our chapter helped to compile and lay out long-term goals for the chapter. With the official approval of this document by the chapter in April of 2013, the Beta Sigma chapter is poised for even greater success and continued upward growth of our members.

This year, our chapter also maintained the highest GPA on campus for fraternities at Ball State University with a 3.116 house average in the fall of 2012. For the spring of 2013, we were able to raise our average again to a 3.207. We are confident that this will once again be the highest on campus among fraternities. After initiating 11 brothers in the fall at IHQ, we hope to add another four brothers from our small spring class of five, this fall.

Notable accomplishments for our chapter include having four brothers participate on the ritual team for the Indiana State chapter's rechartering in January 2013. We also were recognized in second place for the Beta Cup at State Day. Brother Dylan Pieri placed second for the Most Outstanding Member and Brother Jacob Cash placed second for the Most Outstanding New Member, as well. The chapter was also recognized for the Best Recruitment and the Best Graduate

Relations programs in the state of Indiana. Brother Sean Ratkus was also recognized for the Most Outstanding IFC Officer during the Ball State Greek Life's Grand Chapter Awards later in the spring semester.

Overall, it has been another successful year for the Beta Sigma chapter and we continue to work hard to achieve the reward we seek. We can't wait to see what the future will hold and how far this chapter can climb.