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## **The Honor Society of Delta Tau Alpha (Agriculture)**

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To: Chapter Advisors and Presidents

I think I just run behind....I was reminded yesterday that DTA chapter dues are due October 1, 2016. Hopefully, those advisors who were at the 2016 convention remembered. I know I didn't.

### **Musings:**

We had a great time at the 2016 National Convention at Ft. Hays. Dr. Jean and her DTA students did a great job. The tours were amazing. I thoroughly enjoyed each spot. My students had a great time and I am hoping the rest of you did too. The Ft. Hays convention was my first time to "be in charge" during my tenure as DTA National Advisor. I hope I learned enough to help make my second year a bit easier and less stressful. Thanks to all the advisors for their guidance as I attempt to learn what I am doing.

If your chapter hasn't had a chance to go to one of the DTA conventions, I certainly hope you will in 2017. For those who don't typically go, please consider going. I know it is a lot of work and each of us hate to be gone from home/work but I know some of my students had never been west of Kansas City, so to them, going all the way to Ft. Hays was a treat. We never know the lives of our students and what the future may hold for them. A trip like this, may make a huge difference in their lives...and it is just fun (we are a fun, easy going bunch).

### **DTA Website:**

Sydney Kleinert from Eastern Kentucky is our 2016-2017 National President. If you want to know more about our national officers, please see the following link:

<http://nationaldta.weebly.com/meet-the-team.html>

Sydney and I have been in contact all summer discussing National DTA website. Sydney is familiar with "Weebly" and she found it easier to use than the website I was using, so the

National Committee decided to drop it. Weebly is free, whereas the one I had costs us \$100 per year to use. Therefore, I have not renewed the website found at - <https://nationaldta.org/>.

I think our <http://nationaldta.weebly.com/> website looks great. Sydney has done a fantastic job. The website, like most, is a work in progress so if there are changes, additions, etc., please let me know.

**National Convention:** Dr. Donald (Bud) Kennedy and his team of DTA students at Arkansas State University will be hosting the 2017 National DTA Convention on March 30 – April 1, 2017. You can learn more information about Arkansas State University at their websites: [www.astate.edu/college/agriculture-and-technology/faculty-staff/animal-science/](http://www.astate.edu/college/agriculture-and-technology/faculty-staff/animal-science/)

**Due Dates:**

**Chapter Dues: Oct 1, 2016**

**New Initiates: Oct 1, 2016/ASAP**

**ASAP: Your current chapter officers**

**DTA Merchandise**

- Lapel pins, graduation honor cords, graduation medallions, a brief bag, and fleece pullovers recognizing membership in DTA are available. Merchandise may be viewed at <http://bigcat.fhsu.edu/agriculture/natdta/merchandise>. To order merchandise advisors should contact Kenneth E. Jernigan & Associates by phone (850)-469-0344, Fax (850)-434-3728 or email [ken@kenjernigan.com](mailto:ken@kenjernigan.com) and indicate you are with DTA. You will be required to guarantee the order with a credit card. Chapters must be current in national chapter dues to order merchandise. Allow at least 2 weeks to receive your order.
- To order DTA t-shirts advisors should contact me [Ewalker@Missouristate.edu](mailto:Ewalker@Missouristate.edu). Indicate short (\$11) or long-sleeved t-shirts (\$16), color (black or light grey) and sizes (additional charge for 2X and larger). Postage will be added to each order. Chapters must be current in national chapter dues to order t-shirts. This date will allow me to order a group quantity and save money. Allow at least 2 weeks to receive your order.

**Tax-Exempt Status**

- DTA has tax-exempt status. The number is 47-0889516. If you have questions about the use of the number, please contact me.

**Famous Quote:**

“Success means doing the best we can with what we have. Success is the doing, not the getting; in the trying, not the triumph. Success is a personal standard, reaching for the highest that is in us, becoming all that we can be.”– **Zig Ziglar**