



BETA THETA PI

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Beta Fraternity Shares Unique Experience with Hartley Elementary

The Alpha Tau Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has teamed up with Hartley Elementary School and more recently the Teammates Mentoring Program to benefit less fortunate area youth.

The program, called Beta Buddies, matches many members of the Beta Fraternity with elementary and middle school-aged students to foster relationships that are aimed at helping the youth succeed in school. Once weekly, the college students set aside time to hit the books with their own Beta Buddy. Many of the Beta Buddies attend Hartley Elementary School, which is where the program originated. Annually as well, the Beta Fraternity opens their doors to the youngsters, entertaining them with food, games, sports and friendly conversation. "I love this program so much because we also get a sense of accomplishment. There is nothing more satisfying than helping your Beta Buddy achieve his goals," said Greg Walklin, a junior news-editorial major at UNL.

There is time for fun as well. Many times Beta members take their buddies out for ice cream or start a game of pick-up basketball after school with others involved in the program. The chapter hopes partnering with Teammates will help them expand the program to more schools and involve more members of the chapter

To find out more about the Teammates Mentoring Program and how to become involved you may view their website at www.teammates.org.

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