



PHI DELTA THETA

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Phi Delta Theta & Max Gruver Foundation High School Anti-Hazing Education

Max Gruver was a new member of Phi Delta Theta at the Louisiana Beta Chapter at Louisiana State University. Two dates that will forever shape the history of Phi Delta Theta are September 14, 2017, the day Max died due to hazing, and January 8, 2020, when the Max Gruver Foundation announced a partnership with the Fraternity.

Since it was announced in January 2020, Steve and Rae Ann Gruver have shared Max's story within and beyond Phi Delta Theta in the hopes of preventing tragedy and putting a stop to hazing. As the work has continued, the partnership has come to realize that with more than 15.1 million high school students at 23,000 high schools in the United States, anti-hazing conversations and education need to begin before students enter college. To educate and prevent hazing at an earlier point in students' lives, the partnership has undertaken the effort to present the program *Take Action: Building New Traditions* to high school students across North America.

In this effort, Phi Delta Theta and the Max Gruver Foundation have received your school's contact information as a referral for a school that would benefit from such a presentation, and we would like to deliver this education through an assembly or program – whatever may best fit the needs of your students and educators. It is our shared hope that by identifying and working with your school, we can facilitate the presentation, share Max's story, positively impact the community, and help eradicate hazing.

This is the first step towards giving high school students the tools to step up and prevent another tragedy, and we hope that this effort will enrich your school community in the process while empowering your students and staff to continue to create a safe environment for all, free from hazing.

If your school would be interested in this effort, we would like to set up a virtual meeting or phone call to discuss more regarding the potential presentation, and how our partnership can be of service. We ask that you complete the contact form [found here](#), and a representative of the fraternity can follow up to discuss more.

Together, we can end hazing.

