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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

One Man Can Move the Needle



The Great Man Theory of History would have us believe that "heroes" have been the cause of great societal change. Others say that long-term trends produce heroes who are just in the right place at the right time.

Regardless of the theory you subscribe to, I believe we all have it in us to be heroes for our chapters. **You** can make a discernible, measurable impact. Whether you are a Chapter President wielding your gavel to mete out justice to all, while giving offense to none; or you are the Treasurer making sure your collections are fair, and your books are accurate; or you serve as an adviser to your chapter providing a depth of perspective and institutional knowledge—**you** can move the needle by doing all in **your** power to perpetuate our chapters (and thereby our ideals).

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One example is

James Sun (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1992), who joined his chapter's house corporation in 2001 when they were considering selling the chapter house because the chapter had only 35 brothers. Working with a few of his pledge brothers, he started by galvanizing alumni support with a golf tournament around Founders Day. Despite the threat of rain, he successfully pulled off an inaugural event with 80 golfers and 130 people at the banquet. They also started a special alumni day tailgate during football season.

Later, as the chapter dwindled to 11 collegians, James was able to use these events (and the goodwill they had generated over the years) to enlist alumni support to save Beta Alpha Chapter by soliciting donations to create the Helping Hand Scholarship. This scholarship was open to men and women at UCLA and regardless of whether the men pledged or not. Because of this scholarship offer, they were able to obtain contact information for men with strong academic performance who would have otherwise either not pledged any-



where or may have pledged a stronger fraternity. But, if they did pledge Theta Chi, they were also awarded enough money to fund their initiation fees and a rent credit for a free year of living in the house during a subsequent year. In essence, they took an asset that was going unused (their house) and turned it into a recruitment tool. That fall, they pledged 11 men—doubling the chapter and starting the long rebuild to over 100 Resolute Men today.

James is the first to say that he didn't do it alone—he enlisted his brothers for help. Even if you have never been elected to an office or hold no official position—you can move the needle. Find something that needs doing, enlist the support of others, and make it happen. You will find that the harder you work, the luckier you are.

I look forward to seeing each of you in New Orleans, August 2–5, as we celebrate 168 years of brotherhood. Until then—go move the needle!

Yours in brotherhood, Crein Michea Se Creig Andreasen

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James Sun (Beta Alpha/ UCLA 1992) moved the needle not only with the brothers at UCLA, but also with his small group when he volunteered as a faculty member at the Mu Class of the Initiative Academy in 2017.

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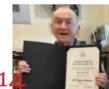




on the cover

Steve Maeda (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1984) is behind the scenes as showrunner for Netflix's live-action adaptation of One Piece, the best-selling Japanese manga series in history.







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Senior picture as seen in the 1985 Bruin Life, UCLA's yearbook.



Steve's senior photo redone manga-style.

Image courtesy of Steve Maeda via Instagram.

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Behind the Scenes

BY BEN HILL, EDITOR

After graduation, **Steve Maeda** (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1984) began exploring different opportunities to work in the entertainment industry in Hollywood. He found his first niche as a screenwriter, completing script revisions on the film *Murder at 1600*. He later penned episodes of *Harsh Realm, The X-Files,* and *CSI: Miami*. In 2005, he joined the second season of the hit show *Lost* as a supervising producer and writer. In 2006, Maeda and the other *Lost* writers were recognized with the Writers Guild of America Award for Best Dramatic Series and received nominations for the work on seasons two and three. In 2011, he began a new role as showrunner and executive producer, leading series including *Pan Am, Helix,* and his current project on Netflix, *One Piece,* a live-action adaptation of the Japanese manga series by Eiichiro Oda. Brother Maeda graciously took time from his busy schedule to reflect on his Theta Chi experience and to discuss his career and the entertainment industry.



Image courtesy of Steve Maeda via Instagram.

The Rattle: Tell us why you decided to go to UCLA.

Steve Maeda: UCLA was an obvious choice for me because it was in my backyard. I grew up in Los Angeles, and I grew up a Bruins fan. So for me, it was a dream come true to get in and go there, even though it wasn't very far from home. I spent my first couple of years trying to figure out what I wanted to do and was exploring to see what was out there.

R: Was there always a personal prejudice against USC or did that develop in Westwood?

SM: (*Chuckles.*) You grow up in Los Angeles either loving the Bruins or the Trojans and for some reason, even as far back as middle school, I was a Bruins fan. I went to USC for grad school and it was a great opportunity and it's a great school. But I still have a hard time in sports rooting for anything USC.

R: How did you end up joining Theta Chi?

SM: During my freshman year, I went through rush in the winter quarter and a guy whom I went to high school with, **Ken Gootnick** (1985), happened to be coming out of the Theta Chi house on Gayley Avenue as I was walking past. I hadn't seen him in a while, but we had a nice conversation and he invited me to stop by. That's how it all started and ultimately, it was just the connection I felt and people being friendly. I had visited a number of houses during rush and just felt a better connection with the guys at Theta Chi.

R: Did you live in the chapter house?

SM: Starting my second year, I lived in the house off and on over the years, including a couple of summers. I spent a lot of time there.

R: What did you enjoy the most as a collegiate brother in Theta Chi?

SM: Oh, there's just too much to recount. It was the locus of my social life while I was in college. College is a wonderful time. It's a time to experience a lot of different things and for the first time, really be away from home and live life and discover the things you like and the people you want to hang around with and also the ones you don't. The Fraternity was always a really good time as far as just hanging out and living in the house. We definitely had a lot of fun.

R: Can you think of a time when you were really proud to be a Theta Chi?

SM: A lot of the philanthropy work we did was really enjoyable and also for a very good cause. I think that seeing the camaraderie of this very disparate group of guys was also a really fun thing to be a part of. It was something I was looking for in my college experience and I didn't get it until I joined Theta Chi. When you go to a big college with a lot of students like UCLA, it's very easy to get lost in the shuffle and struggle to find your way and a place where you feel like you belong. It's really good to find a place or an organization to belong to, which helps you center a little bit in the midst of a giant school.

R: Looking back, how much of a role did your neighbors at ΣAE play in motivating you to be a better man?

SM: (*Chuckles.*) I know a lot of their guys but there was definitely a rivalry that went on with the fraternity next door. It was a lot of fun. I look back on it now with a lot of humor—just the ridiculous things we got into with them. That was definitely a part of the experience.





Steve Maeda delivers a keynote address highlighting his career and lessons learned from Theta Chi during the 156th Anniversary Convention held in Palm Springs, CA, in 2012.

R: Who are some of the brothers who personally motivated you or helped to give you direction?

SM: There were a lot of really great role models in the chapter. **Scott McKinney** (1983), who was my Big Brother, **Howard High** (1982), **Neal Weichel** (1984), who was in my pledge class. There were just a lot of really great guys during the years I was there.

R: Did you hold any positions while you were in the chapter?

SM: I was Rush Chairman.

R: Any leadership lessons you gained from being Rush Chairman?

SM: Oh, absolutely. I would say any training that I had managing groups of people was a result of that fraternity experience and being Rush Chairman, more than anything else. A lot of people don't necessarily get those experiences in college. Experience matters a lot, especially if you're starting out, trying to get into entry level positions of a particular business or career choice.

R: Anything else from your Theta Chi experience that has really helped you in your career?

SM: I would say the biggest thing was learning how to get a group of people to go in a particular direction, and being Rush Chaiman was my very first experience doing that. There was a lot of trial and error. I failed as much as I succeeded, and I learned a lot about trying to build consensus without necessarily having to ask every single person's opinion and how to make decisions and then roll with them but still be open to input. That is the biggest part of my current job—aside from writing and working on a show creatively—the marshaling of people and trying to get the best out of everybody on a project. That is something I absolutely had no experience in until I came to the Fraternity. I wouldn't say that I was successful all the time, but I certainly learned a lot about working with people and it's an experience I really value.

R: Were you trying to get into the entertainment industry while at UCLA?

SM: Absolutely not. I wish I had known that I wanted to get into it sooner because I would have had a lot more focus coming out of college. I eventually did have a sense that I liked the entertainment industry, but I had no connections, so I didn't really know what the jobs were or how to go about 'getting in.' I had a couple of years of really struggling and trying to figure out what jobs were available and what I really wanted to do.

R: After 'getting in' and writing episodes for several different series, you went on to become a showrunner. What is a showrunner?

SM: A showrunner is the person who is usually an executive producer on the show. There are lots of different types of executive producers: some who write, some who don't, others who may have helped put the original deal together. The showrunner is of particular importance in television because that is where the buck stops. You don't get to make all the choices on your own. You have to find a consensus with your studio, your network, and your fellow producers and executive producers. Ultimately, the showrunner is responsible for everything, even though he or she does not do everything. You're trying to get a group of people together to tell a singular creative vision. In a lot of ways, it's like the coach of a team and you're trying to get everybody's best out of them.

R: Tell us how a showrunner brings a show to life.

SM: The showrunner is the person who is responsible a lot of times in generating the idea or an underlying piece of material that could potentially make a great show. The first thing is the creative work of coming up with a pitch or a take on a show that you think is going to make an entertaining season or multiple seasons of television and convincing executives or networks that this is the direction





One Piece star Iñaki Godoy, who portrays the lead role of Monkey D. Luffy, takes a break from shooting with showrunner Steve Maeda near Cape Town, South Africa.

to go because they're going to be spending a lot of money on this. Next, it's time to write scripts, keeping in mind how many episodes are available to tell your story, whether it's eight, 10, or in broadcast television, 20+ episodes. A showrunner gets a writers room together and is responsible for that room and helping the writers break down individual episodes, multiple episodes, arcs, and storylines so that there is a coherent season of television that people are going to want to watch next week's episode. After the writers complete their episodes, the showrunner reviews and does a final rewrite to make sure the voices are distinctive and consistent.

After the writing stage, if you have a greenlight, you go into preproduction and then production on a show and now you're ready to start shooting your show. The showrunner is not only responsible for keeping everything together creatively and making sure that all the various departments are all working in concert with each other to tell the singular vision of the show, but is also responsible for making sure that things come in on time and on budget. If the show is really good but you blow out your budget and you're not meeting your deadlines, you're in trouble.

After the show is shot, there are six months to a year of work to do on post-production, which is our editorial process. You are supervising the editors and putting the show together and the episodes together in the best way possible, and also overseeing visual effects, music, sound, and additional post-production elements.

R: What are some of the highs you've experienced as a showrunner?

SM: The highs are when everything starts to click and come together and when people and different departments on the show start to outperform what you expected of them. When someone comes to me with a great idea, great prop, a great set design, a great line, or when an actor makes you laugh or cry in a place that you didn't expect it, it's wonderful. It doesn't matter that I didn't think of it, I'm the first person to say, 'That's great, let's get that in.'

R: The lows?

SM: The lows are when something you thought was going to be a great idea doesn't turn out to be a great idea or not having the money

to pay for a particular thing that you really wanted is tough. I would also say dealing with egos and personalities. The most difficult experiences I've had on shows are trying to get people to work with me or to work together with other people when they didn't want to, for whatever reason.

This isn't necessarily a low, but it's a reality of the job: it can get very busy and very demanding. When I worked on my most recent project, *One Piece*, I spent four years on just one season of television, including an entire year that we spent shooting the show in Cape Town, South Africa.

R: What's your motivation as a storyteller? Do you want to tell a story because you personally want to tell your version of that story? To entertain people? To educate? To make money?

SM: I think the answer is yes to all of those. I definitely want to entertain. I always want people to want to watch something and then have that desire to watch the next episode, for sure. That's a big part of writing for television. I also want there to be a really cool, interesting, or inspiring message that really means something to me on a personal level and I want to educate people about that message. It's not necessarily that I'm trying to preach to the audience, but in most good stories—and in all good stories—there's something deeper going on that makes a personal connection and I want to get this message out to others. It can be as simple as my recent show, One Piece. It has a very strong message to follow your dreams and it's childish in a lot of ways, but that's the key message. What the show really does nicely is that it taps into this idea that we all had dreams and ambitions when we were young, but they may not have come true later in life. The message of One Piece is that it's never too late to follow your dream or attempt to do the thing you really wanted to do. Sometimes that can be the best lesson of all.

R: What sparked your interest to adapt One Piece?

SM: I knew the name of the title, but I hadn't done a lot of heavy reading into it and didn't know much about it. *One Piece* came to me through a studio I was doing another project with, and they said, 'We have this show that's based on this long-running Japanese manga. It's the most popular manga in the world and second in worldwide sales only to *Superman*. But people in the West don't really know about it, and we want to do this global show.' Based on their pitch, I knew this was a challenge I had to take a look at, and once I started reading it, I fell in love with it.

R: What was your biggest challenge in trying to adapt this long-running manga into live action?

SM: We had to determine the tone of the show and find a balance because it can be a little wacky. We had to find a tone that people would enjoy, factoring in not only brand-new viewers, but also the original market—the huge base of passionate, diehard fans of the manga and anime. If we couldn't get it right, we knew that they would destroy us. At the same time, we're not doing a shot-for-shot adaptation. Any adaptation is going to take liberties in order to try to make a stronger season of television. The trick is finding that balance and there's no hard-and-fast rule. Some shows have been very faithful adaptations and have failed. Some shows were very far away from the source material and failed while others succeeded. We had to consider all our experience and determine that balance. Sometimes it's a gut feeling more than anything else.







Steve Maeda joins other members of the Writers Guild of America during their 2023 strike. Read his insights in the interview to the right.

R: What was one specific thing where you said, 'We absolutely have to get this part right.'

SM: Trying to get the budget for the show up to the level that I knew it needed in order to tell this great story and do the visual effects right and build the necessary sets. Another big one for me was convincing the network to pay for the flashbacks because they are really intensive and very important in understanding who those characters are. This was not something that could be done cheaply-it's very, very expensive to build sets that you're only going to use for parts of one or two episodes. There were a lot of very passionate debates over what belonged in the show and what didn't. It came down to: what can we afford and then how can we best do this so that we get maximum bang for our buck?

R: One Piece's creator, Eiichiro Oda, was involved in this project. Was that helpful or intimidating?

SM: Both, for sure. He was very helpful and challenged us quite a bit. He has a reverence for the manga that no one else could possibly have because he's been drawing it and creating it for 25 years. It was daunting to talk to him about *One Piece* because he knows it better than anybody. At the same time, he did not have television experience coming into this, so there were a lot of discussions about how to creatively adapt things that worked great in the manga into a way that might work better for the live-action series.

R: You managed to thread the needle so well for your adaptation that critics loved it, manga/anime fans loved it, and those unfamiliar with *One Piece* loved it. How did you do that?

SM: First off, it's a great piece of material that has a great underlying story. Second, we had enough loyalty to the source material to satisfy the long-term fans, but we also weren't afraid to veer off where we needed to tell our story. We just hit a nice balance. Another huge win for us was casting. We had great casting directors that really scoured the entire world looking for these actors. It's a lot of alchemy trying to get a cast together that's going to hit the mark on their own characters and then also have great chemistry together. I think we worked very hard on that, got a little bit lucky as well, but that was a huge part of it. Getting that casting right and getting the right budget were crucial.

R: Can you tell us a little about the recent strikes in your industry?

SM: I was very much a part of those strikes and I was on strike for almost five months. Not being able to work is always terrible no matter the stage of your career. It's no fun to go out on strike. I've been a part of a couple of strikes over the years. Unfortunately, that seems to be the only way to make headway on substantive issues, especially with our industry changing every couple of years now. New companies come and go and new technologies are introduced into the fray. Some of them stay, some of them don't. This time, Artificial Intelligence (AI) was a big concern for both writers and actors. We believe there is a real danger of losing a lot of what we think is special about the creativity and expression of human beings compared to AI which is just taking things, cobbling them together, and coming up with a facsimile.

Another big issue was the training and ability to pay younger writers on staff to learn the way that I learned when I was coming up, because without that, you don't have the next generation of showrunners.

Next, many in our industry have concerns related to this new streaming era. [Writers] get paid—or used to get paid—by episode, so when you were doing 20+ episodes, that was fantastic. There's a lot of money to be made in doing long seasons like that. However, when you're doing eight episodes, there has to be a different mentality. It's not really possible anymore to get paid by episode, so there needs to be a fairer way to apportion that money for salaries. The streaming business created this new dynamic by developing shows with shorter seasons that are much more expensive and much more like movies. One Piece in a lot of ways is an eight-hour movie. We shot it on that type of schedule and with that kind of budget. How do we make working on that show for four years as rewarding as working on a single episode of television for four years? We haven't quite gotten there yet, but the gains we made during the strike certainly helped in that regard, because otherwise, it's hard for people to take jobs that they love creatively knowing that they will be losing money because of how little they may be paid in our industry.

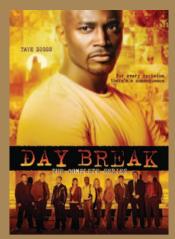
R: What advice would you give brothers who are interested in getting into the entertainment industry?

SM: I would say the biggest thing is that any entry point you can get is a good entry point—whether it's an internship while you're still in school, an entry-level job, or even work at a temp agency. At one point, I was working at a temp agency that specialized in enter-tainment industry jobs just to get a foot in somewhere. It helped me to not only figure out the jobs I liked and wanted to do, but, more importantly, what jobs I didn't want to do. For example, I remember working in the public relations area and I learned that it was really fascinating, but it was not for me.



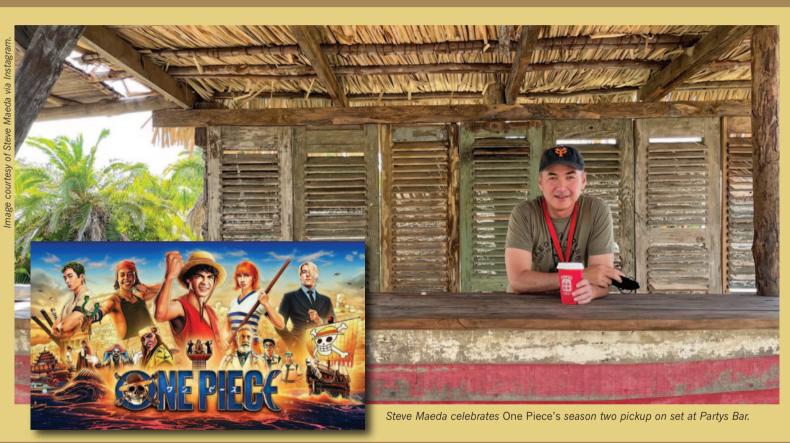
A sampling of Steve Maeda's projects over the years.





2005-2006

2006-2007







2009



2011-2012



2014-2015



2018





R: There's always speculation that brothers in your industry will insert Fraternity Easter eggs or Theta Chi references into their projects. Have you ever done that?

SM: There were times that I would create character names based on names of brothers from UCLA. It's been a while, so I'm trying to remember which series. When you're searching for names, especially when you're working on a broadcast show that has 20+ different episodes, you're always hunting for names. So I would dig into my past for names of characters—I was never trying to insult anybody—but just because I thought, 'That's a cool name—It's a real name. Why not use it?'

R: Do you find time to read or watch new content? What has caught your attention lately?

SM: Absolutely. It's definitely hard when you're in the middle of writing to take the time to watch or read, but I do it all the time. I find it inspires me. Right now, I'm actually watching a lot of anime and reading manga because I just think it's a huge untapped market. Our *One Piece* team broke the idea that there's a curse on anime or manga—that it can't be adapted into live-action format. It absolutely can be adapted if you do it the right way. I'm also always interested in a good show. There's so much television out there right now and movies as well. Despite all our business upheavals with the strike, there are always cool shows out there that I want to watch and discover. It's a really wonderful time in a lot of ways to be in this business. But it's also difficult because so many things are changing and the structure of these new business models are not set in stone–

they're still being defined-so there is potential that it can lead to events like the strike.

R: What is your definition of a Resolute Man?

SM: Being resolute is being able to take a punch, for lack of a better term. There are so many wonderful things that life throws at you, and there are some really difficult ones as well. I think being resolute is the ability to take the event that you may not love—it may be something that's horrible or it may be something that undercuts who you are or who you want to be—and being able to roll with it and say, 'Okay, I took a hit, it hurt, but I'm going to be able to get back up again and keep moving forward, doing the things I want to do, and doing the things I believe in.'

R: Anything you'd like to say to the readers of The Rattle?

SM: I think it's a very divisive time right now. Anything we can find that brings us closer together is a good thing. Whether that's in the entertainment industry or outside of it, we need to look for the common ground instead of the things that divide us, because it feels like those divisions are just getting more severe every single day. Let's find that common ground instead of the places where we disagree. At the end of the day, we have a lot more in common than we have differences and sometimes we lose sight of that. I think we lose sight of the fact that many of us want similar things, if not the same things. We just have different ways of going about it. I think it's all about staying true to your values, but also respecting others.



Distinguished Achievement Awards

The **Distinguished Achievement Award** recognizes alumni for extraordinary accomplishments outside of the Fraternity, which may include success in business, government, academia, athletics, entertainment, the community, and/or any other appropriate field.



#88 David A. Rexrode

(Eta Kappa/James Madison 2001)

In 2019, Dave Rexrode was named the executive director of the Republican Governors Association (RGA). Brother Rexrode had previously served as RGA's political director for four years, where he managed a \$230 million political and independent expenditure budget. He has spent two decades working to elect candidates at all levels of government and enact impactful policy initiatives across the

country. He has worked on three presidential campaigns, managed two congressional campaigns and a gubernatorial campaign, served as the national coalitions director for the Republican National Committee (RNC), and as the executive director of the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV). He has also managed and consulted on dozens of local and state legislative races across the country. In 2023, Dave founded and is CEO of Bluestone Strategies, a state-focused government, public affairs, and strategic management firm.



#89 Bob Sasser

(Gamma Rho/Florida State 1973)

Bob recently retired as the executive chairman of Dollar Tree, Inc., a Fortune 150 company and North America's leading operator of discount variety stores. He joined Dollar Tree as chief operating officer in 1999, became president in 2001, and was named president and CEO in 2004. His leadership transformed Dollar Tree into a Fortune 500

company (rated #111 shortly after his retirement), growing from a small regional company in the Mid-Atlantic states to an international company with 16,000 stores across 48 states and Canada, with 200,000 employees and more than \$26 billion in annual sales.

Brother Sasser also serves on the Florida State University board of trustees, and previously served on the FSU Foundation board of trustees. He is a lifetime member of the FSU Alumni Association, a member of Seminole Boosters, a member of the FSU Presidents Club, and was inducted into FSU's College of Business Hall of Fame in 2009.

Brother Sasser has served on the board of directors of the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. since 2017. In addition, he has been a generous financial contributor to the Foundation Chapter: in 2015, Bob and his wife Pam made the lead gift to our Cornerstone Campaign to endow our annual Presidents Conference, which has been named in their honor.

#91 Donald C.L. McGuire

(Eta Omega/Chico, CA 1988)

Don McGuire is currently the senior vice president and chief marketing officer of Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. and leads global marketing across all Qualcomm's businesses, as the company continues to diversify beyond mobile into new growth areas. His exceptional leadership in the world of global marketing led to his selection to the 2022 Forbes World's Most Influential CMO list. He joined Qual-



comm in 2016 to lead the Global Product Marketing organization and redefined its strategic approach to product marketing.

Prior to joining Qualcomm, McGuire was a senior leader at Intel, a founding member of a marketing strategy consulting firm, chief marketing officer of Amp'd Mobile, vice president of global marketing for Kyocera, vice president of sales and marketing for Leap Wireless, vice president and general manager for Sprint PCS, and a sales and marketing executive at McCaw Cellular Communications.

#92 James C. Stalder

(Omega/Penn State 1962)

Following graduation, Jim Stalder acquired 38 years of experience providing tax consulting, valuation, and financial planning services for corporate and individual clients in a variety of industries at the Pittsburgh office of PricewaterhouseCoopers where he later became managing partner. He then served as dean of the graduate and undergraduate schools of



business at Duquesne University (2000–2005) and as a member of the board of directors for Koppers, Inc. (2006–2013). He has also served as a member of the advisory board of Commonwealth Capital Group, a director for C-COR Inc., as chairman at the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, and as chairman of St. Clair Hospital.

Brother Stalder is a certified public accountant with membership in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA). He is a member of the AICPA Council and a past president and member of the council of PICPA.

Brother Stalder is a life member of Carnegie Mellon University's board of trustees and served for 20 years as an adjunct professor in its business school. He has also served as a member of the board of directors for Penn State's Smeal Alumni Society and received the 2008/2009 Accounting Department Distinguished Alumni Award.

All Distinguished Achievement Award recipients are enshrined in the Fraternity's Hall of Honor at the International Headquarters. To date, out of our 200,000+ brothers, only 92 have received the award. Brothers are welcome to visit the Theta Chi Museum and Hall of Honor. Call 317-848-1856 for hours.



2022/2023 AWARDS

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2022/2023 Reginald E.F. Colley Award Kyle Goodban (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 2023)



Brother Goodban first served as Scholarship Chairman and then as Chapter President for two terms. During his presidency, he opened the chapter's Sacred Purpose events to campus and placed emphasis and importance on Greek Week and maximizing involvement in the campus community. During his two terms, Theta Chi was the highest-ranked fraternity during Greek Week for both years and Gamma Phi Chapter received the 2021/2022 Alter Award and the 2020/2021 Chapter Achievement Award.

On campus, Goodban won the NWU Student Life Award, was recognized as a "Who's Who" among the senior class, and

was listed as a "Platinum Prairie Wolf," an award presented during homecoming week as a high honor for the contributions of graduating seniors. He was also the second-ever Greek leader to be awarded Chapter President of the Year twice by the NWU Greek community.

At the International level, Goodban was selected among all of Theta Chi's Chapter Presidents for the Fraternity's Chapter Presidents Advisory Council and served from 2021 to 2023. During spring 2023, he earned the Resolute Man distinction.

A member of Order of Omega, Blue Key Honor Society, Phi Epsilon Kappa Honor Society, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Goodban was on NWU's Academic Honors List each semester and graduated with a 3.99 GPA while pursuing his bachelor's degree in athletic training. He studied abroad in Ireland and learned from top scholars in physiotherapy, faculty at Trinity College & University College Dublin, and members of the Irish Gaelic Athletic Association. During his senior year, he completed his clinical rotation with NWU's off-season sports programs and obtained his certification to practice athletic training in the state of Nebraska.

Goodban is currently in his first year at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and is excited to graduate so he can extend his Assisting Hand to those who need it.



FIRST RUNNER-UP: **Nimna M. Gabadage** (Gamma Rho/Florida State 2023)



SECOND RUNNER-UP: Anthony H. Kedzierski (Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 2023)



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Distinguished Achievement Award See page 11.

Reginald E.F. Colley Award

Kyle R. Goodban (Gamma Phi/ Nebraska Wesleyan 2023)

1ST RUNNER-UP: Nimna M. Gabadage (Gamma Rho/Florida State 2023)

2ND RUNNER-UP: Anthony H. Kedzierski (Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 2023)

James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award

Sam Kelly (Gamma Phi/ Nebraska Wesleyan 2024)

Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence

Alpha Sigma/Oregon Beta Sigma/Lehigh Epsilon Kappa/Idaho Iota Theta/Central Florida

Grand Chapter Scholarship Award Epsilon Kappa/Idaho

James M. Holland Award

Gamma Rho/Florida State (80 initiates)

IST RUNNER-UP: Delta Upsilon/ Arizona State (72 initiates)

2ND RUNNER-UP: Alpha Phi/Alabama (63 initiates)

Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

42 chapters initiated 25+ men

Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award Delta Upsilon/Arizona State

(233% From 40 to 133 members)

HONORABLE MENTION: Omega/Penn State (129% From 17 to 39 members)





reviews their Holland and Randall awards.

2022/2023 James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award

Sam Kelly (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 2024)

Brother Kelly is a business sociology major at Nebraska Wesleyan with a cumulative 3.5 GPA. Concurrently, he is a member of the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society and served as the founder and president of NWU's Greenhouse Club. After he revitalized the greenhouse on campus and secured funds to purchase a new hydroponic watering system, the efforts at the NWU greenhouse evolved into a student organization that grows produce that is regularly donated to the campus food pantry.



He is Gamma Phi's Vice President, and previously served as

Marshal and Brotherhood Chair. He earned the Fraternity's Resolute Man distinction while attending the Experience Track in Washington, D.C.

Kelly is a three-time varsity letter athlete and has served as team captain for two years. After suffering a radial head fracture in his elbow in 2020, he returned four months after his surgery to win the 200-yard freestyle at the American Rivers Conference Championship. During his sophomore year, he won the 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard freestyle and, one year later, he was awarded ARC All-Conference First Team-200 IM, 400 IM, 400 Freestyle Relay, and the 200 Butterfly. He was also the ARC All-Conference Second Team-400 Medley Relay.

Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy

Alpha Xi/Delaware Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri Epsilon Psi/NJIT Zeta Rho/Kentucky, Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky, and Eta Gamma/Morehead Kappa Zeta/Arkansas Lorne A. Adrain (Eta/Rhode Island 1976) and James S. Buehler (Eta/Rhode Island 1977) J. Michael Higgins (Tau/Florida 2023) **Operation Military Red** USO SERVICE AWARD: Delta Eta/Colorado State (1,745 hours) USO FUNDRAISING AWARD: Iota Theta/Central Florida (\$18,833.37)

Most Improved Chapter Beta Theta/Drexel



Chapters were presented awards during this summer's sessions of the Initiative Academy held at the Alpha lota Chapter house at Indiana University.

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John Berghoff

Dear Brothers,

The Legacy Society of Theta Chi is a collection of men who have a vision for a perfect brotherhood to grow and thrive. These brothers cherish their Theta Chi experience to a degree of selflessness, and they desire to see the values and friendships of this Fraternity live on forever. These men want to leave a Legacy for Theta Chi. Bill Suter (Beta Delta/Rutgers 1943) belongs to the Fraternity's Board of Visitors Lifetime Giving Level and established a planned gift with the Foundation Chapter more than 30 years ago. I met Brother Suter just before he turned 100 and he explained that his driver's license was still valid and that he continues to walk a mile each day after breakfast. This September, I stopped by for a visit and he, now 101, announced that he had just returned from 10 days of traveling the world. As excited as he is about telling me about his next upcoming adventure, he is equally excited to learn about how Theta Chi is doing. His lifelong passion and dedication to our brotherhood represent the best of our Legacy Society.

There are a myriad of ways you can leave a legacy:



Bequest in a Will

A bequest in a will can take the form of a set amount of money or percentage of an estate.

Tangible Personal Property

Gifts of real estate, vehicles, artwork, possessions, etc. can make a great gift to our Fraternity.

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Gifts of Insurance

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Tax ID Information

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When the time is right for you to create or revise your estate plan, I encourage you to consider joining Brother Bill Suter and many others by leaving your legacy and including Theta Chi in those plans.

Fraternally. John Berghoff

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Theta Chi Legacy Society member Bill Suter (Beta Delta/Rutgers 1943)

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In October 2023, we welcomed Jill Zager as Director of Annual Giving. Jill is responsible for overseeing all stewardship and annual giving, as well as marketing, communications, and branding for the Excellence Fund. A graduate of Southern Illinois University and a proud alumna of Sigma Sigma, Jill has served Tri Sigma in a variety of roles at the local, regional, and International levels.

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Reunions and **Relics**

Within a few months of each other, alumni from Epsilon Xi/Clarion and Epsilon Eta/IUP, two chapters located only 60 miles apart in western PA, both held reunions and submitted stories that referenced paddles made by their pledge classes decades ago. These decorative, handmade wooden relics were displayed in both chapter houses and typically listed the men of a particular pledge class.



Fifty years ago, Epsilon Xi's 1973 pledge class never dreamed where they would find their pledge paddle. L–R: Jay Desantis (1976), Lou "Bud" Faulx (1976), Mike "Spike" Cunningham (1975), Gary Gibson (1976), and Mike "Face" Ranallo (1976).

Pledge Class Finds Lost Antique

BY RON WILSHIRE, EXPLORECLARION.COM

Every year, some of the Theta Chi alumni [of Epsilon Xi Chapter at Clarion University] meet before Father's Day in Latrobe for a weekend of golf. However, this year members of the 1973 pledge class decided to visit Clarion to look at their old fraternity house.

They decided to meet at 11 a.m. at the fraternity house in Clarion, now called the Fulmer House Books and Collectibles, but the building was closed.

Jennifer Fulmer Vinson, owner of the business and mayor of Clarion Borough, told exploreClarion.com, "I was walking home from Main Street and got to 6th and Wood and glanced down toward the shop and noticed a few cars and several guys milling in front of the building, and I wanted to see if I could help.

"One of the guys turned around, and he was wearing a Theta Chi alumni shirt, and my suspicions were confirmed."

It was a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

Theta Chi alumnus **Jay DeSantis** said, "Mayor Vinson was very nice and opened it (the previous fraternity house) for us and gave us a tour.

"It was really a nice adventure, and she was so welcoming."

The adventure would continue as the former pledges explored their old stomping grounds.

"It was awesome and unbelievable; it was almost like divine intervention," said **Lou "Bud" Faulx**. "The timing was unreal. If you're from Clarion, you have got an awesome mayor."

The big surprise of the day occurred on the tour of the house when **Mike "Spike" Cunningham** discovered a pledge paddle

inside a closet on the house's third floor.

"Mike sees the names of our fraternity brothers, and then he looks, and the next thing he sees, Cunningham, and that's him. It's one of those tall ones with the names of the whole pledge class," explained Faulx.

"Guess what? I'm the one who made it. I painted it in 1973 and put the guys' names on it. Everybody's name was in alphabetical order, and nine guys on there pledged with us. It's unbelievable, and what's the chance of finding it 50 years later?"

The group said they wanted to buy the 1973 paddle, but Vinson said they could just take it, so the group contributed to the Fulmer House. Looking at all of the antiques on display in the Fulmer House, the pledge class of 1973 realized that they also treasure its antiques.

The "Mean 15"

Epsilon Eta's spring 1983 pledges held a 40th class reunion in Conneaut Lake, PA, with 10 members of "The Mean 15" gathering at the home of one of their classmates. Reminiscing, tall tales, and much laughter added to the new memories created by the weekend's fellowship. The group FaceTimed a few brothers who were unable to attend, made toasts to others, and cherished the enduring bonds of brotherhood that remain strong over four decades and 15 lifetimes! We were also joined by **Kevin Gramley's** (1986) son, **Matthew** (2026), who is a freshly minted brother courtesy of Eta Alpha Chapter at Clemson. The Mean 15 class paddle also made a noteworthy appearance. **Bob Purdue** (1985) plans to restore the 40-year-old class paddle and deliver it back to the chapter house at IUP during homecoming.



FRONT: Kevin Gramley (1986), Bob Purdue (1985), and Kevin Gaydosh (1985). BACK: Ed Baker (1986), Kurt Wallisch (1985), Tom Halligan (1985), Henry Szymanski (1986), Bob Chambers (1986), Larry Kasten (1985), and Chris Warwick (1986).







Teaming Up to Support the USO

Utilizing support from the USO, brothers of **lota Sigma Chapter** at Towson University organized a charity event to help children of veterans. The brothers teamed up with the women of Alpha Phi to create and donate more than 100 care packages filled with school supplies. These packages will be sent to the USO D.C. Metro area stations for their 'Rucksacks to Backpacks' program, which helps children of service members by providing pens, pencils, notebooks, and more to aid them in their schoolwork.

This event not only demonstrated Theta Chi's commitment to extending an "Assisting Hand," but also highlighted Towson University's strong sense of community and togetherness. Students, teachers, and staff donated to support this effort, revealing the university's commitment to community impact, and making a positive impact beyond campus.

ETA/RHODE ISLAND

Jack Eustis (2023) earned the Cramer's Saber Award for Outstanding Senior Cadet. The award was named in honor of 1st Lt. Parker Cramer who was the first URI graduate to lose his life in Vietnam. The top senior each year is selected for the award.



ALPHA DELTA/PURDUE

Evan Patterson (2024) received a full-time job offer in Washington, D.C., after attending the Capitol Hill Resolute Man Experience.

BETA SIGMA/LEHIGH

Poets and Quants selected **Tobey Bill** (2023) for its 100 Best & Brightest Undergraduate Business Majors of 2023, describing him as a "finance and engineering double-major with an entrepreneurial mindset and a want to do good."



GAMMA TAU/DRAKE

We raised \$28,000 to help send children to school in Belize.





From Gamma Mu with Love

Just prior to entering Ohio University, **Nolan Ponstingle** (2027) and **Tyler Baker** (2027) became aware that their grandfathers had both attended Bowling Green State University in the 1960s. The two young men asked to be roommates and moved into the dorm together and soon both signed up for fall rush. It was then

that the two finally discovered that their

grandfathers were both Theta Chis—from the same chapter! Recently initiated by Alpha Tau Chapter, Nolan and Tyler are the grandsons of Gamma Mu/Bowling Green's **Jim Ponstingle** (1965) and **Jim Baker** (1967). Jim and Jim are good friends and still loyal brothers who were strong leaders



Jim Ponstingle



Jim Baker

and huge financial supporters during Gamma Mu's recent reinstallation and beyond. They are both very proud of their grandsons and hope that they have the same great Theta Chi experience!



Nolan Ponstingle (front row, third from left), Tyler Baker (front row, second from left), and the fall 2023 initiates of Alpha Tau Chapter at Ohio University.



ETA OMICRON/ NORTHWESTERN STATE

Jairus Killings (2025) received the IFC's Outstanding Chapter Leader Award for bringing good energy and representation for Theta Chi to IFC and on campus, executing a lot of successful events, increasing participation of brothers, and for holding members accountable.

IOTA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA

This fall, we hosted **International Marshal Steve Gonzales** who held a Sacred Purpose presentation about hazing prevention. We enjoyed his visit and hope to see him again!





IOTA MU/MISSOURI

We teamed up with Kappa Kappa Gamma to help support **Tim Tinnin's** (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1982) Red Slipper Warrior Project with "Kobbler with the Kappas" and "Pies with Theta Chi." Kappas served 1,100 delicious bowls of cobbler to students who could also choose to throw a pie in the face of one of our brothers. Together we raised nearly \$13,000!



LEFT: lota Mu/Missouri's **Grant Meyer** (2025) and **Walker Piles** (2024) join Kappa Kappa Gamma's Samantha Chapman to present a check for nearly \$13,000 both organizations raised to support **Tim Tinnin's** (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1982) Red Slipper Warrior Project.



Showers of Hope

BY GREG RUSH. ASSISTANT EDITOR





In 2022, the My Hero International Film Festival premiered Building a Shower Trailer for Chico's Houseless on a Budget... of Love, a short film featuring Charles Withuhn (Mu/California 1972) and his community service efforts in Chico, CA. The short film and Brother Withuhn were recognized with the festival's Humanitarian Award.

Brother Withuhn has been a commercial and electric contractor for 40 years, executing all the signage for Sierra Nevada Brewery in Chico, CA.

When he moved to Butte County in 2017, there was a shelter shortage and Withuhn began volunteering with the Chico Housing Action Team and would later become the volunteer director and president of North State Shelter Team.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many people faced hard times, increasing the local homeless population. After Withuhn heard a story of a woman who hadn't had a shower in a year, he decided it was time to start making a difference in his community by designing mobile, self-contained showers for the less fortunate.

The film documents Withuhn's efforts in designing and building two shower stalls and water tanks on a car trailer with welders, carpenters, plumbers, cabinetmakers, and sheet metal workers lovingly donating their labor or providing materials at no cost or with a significant discount. Upon completion, the solar-powered mobile shower trailer offers two stalls, with one being ADA compliant, and costing \$40,000.

Withuhn reflected, "This is why Theta Chi and fraternity are important; it helps build a network of friends who can see you through life to call, talk to, vent to, laugh with, get some direction, and ask for help. If we are going to succeed as a nation, we need each other and we can't turn a blind eye to someone asking for help."

He added, "Creating and delivering opportunities for someone to have access to a clean, hot shower has been fun, fulfilling, and it makes me feel good that I've been able to lend an Assisting Hand."

Since opening, the mobile trailer has provided more than 1,000 showers to Chico's homeless population. And hope to the 1,000 who utilized it.



ALPHA DELTA/PURDUE Wade Seaburg (2002) is the chief revenue officer for Dragonfly Energy and collaborated with Purdue, replacing the Boilermaker 'Xtra Special's' broken and end-of-life power components with Battle Born lithium-ion batteries.



RIGHT: GAMMA/MAINE's Bruce Trull (1985), Rusty Smith (1986), JJ Johansen (1986), Rick Chute (1982), and Tony Chute (1986) met for lunch at Fairgrounds Pub in Cornish, ME, for a mini reunion. Evidently, Rusty didn't get the black shirt memo...

ALPHA NU/GEORGIA TECH

designer and master's student from

Peachtree City, GA," Devin Lohman

(2022) appeared on two episodes of

Jeopardy!, winning more than \$2,000.

The National Aeronautics Associa-

as setting two national records for

"Speed Over a Recognized Course"

his Class R (Microlight & Paramo-

tors) two-crew aircraft built by

during flights on March 31, 2023, in

tion recognized Lou Toth (1978)

BETA ALPHA/UCLA

Introduced as "An architectural



CHI/AUBURN

Tim Lockhart (1977) authored Evil Intentions Come, a thriller published by Stark House Press in-

volving a lawyer and his femme fatale client in her divorce case.

ALPHA IOTA/INDIANA



Jerome Collins (1998) and the members of acapella group Straight No Chaser released their ninth

studio album, Yacht on the Rocks.



Lou Toth Aviation Services LLC. The record was set at an average speed of 110.58 mph between Pensacola, FL, and Pascagoula, MS, and an average speed of 107.13 mph on the return trip. Toth notes that at one point, they were traveling at 169 mph. (photo above)

BETA CHI/ALLEGHENY



Tom Ess (2004) was appointed executive director of Autism Services, Inc. a company dedicated to providing the high-

est standard of service and support for people with autism throughout Western New York for more than 30 years.











ALPHA PSI/MARYLAND brothers gather in Ocean City, MD, for another great weekend at the beach during their annual Theta Chi fishing trip.



Devin Lohman (R) on the set of Jeopardy!

BETA RHO/ ILLINOIS WESLEYAN



William Keller (2002) was promoted as Chemonics' senior vice president, Nigeria country operations, and

previously served as the chief financial officer and as the director of the company's finance and compliance review team. He recently visited IWU to lead a lunch and learn session. THE SILVER BULLET SOLUTION

JAMES E. GIERACH

BETA ZETA/MICHIGAN STATE

James E. Gierach (1966) wrote The Silver Bullet Solution, challenging global, drug-prohibition policies and UN-sponsored

drug-control treaties.



ABOVE: **BETA RHO**/ILLINOIS WESLEYAN brothers gather in Jamaica for their annual trip! From left to right: **Scott Searles** (1995), **Scott Harris** (1996), **Ben Miller** (1996), **Scott Rosenberg** (1996), and **Mark Estock** (1995).

GAMMA RHO/FLORIDA STATE



Andrew Rubinacci (1991) was honored by the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMAI) with the

Vanguard Award for Achievement in Revenue Optimization. Rubinacci is currently the executive vice president, commercial & revenue strategy of Aimbridge Hospitality and is a seasoned hospitality veteran with over 25 years of experience. He is considered by many in the industry to be one of the foremost experts in revenue management and global distribution.



Jonathan Bigelow (1995) was appointed deputy chief of the Orlando Police Department.

BETA RHO

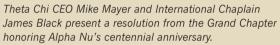
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Ramblin' Wreck Odometer Reaches 100

BY TONY KEDZIERSKI (ALPHA NU/GEORGIA TECH 2023)







Last April, brothers, alumni, and guests came together at a local Atlanta brewery to celebrate 100 uninterrupted and continuous years of Alpha Nu Chapter's existence on Georgia Tech's campus. Brothers from six decades came together for a night not many will soon forget.

Just under a year before the big night, collegiate members of the chapter and Alpha Nu Building Association came together and devised a plan to throw the largest alumni event in recent memory—a celebration of the chapter's 100th anniversary. With an idea in mind, these brothers worked tirelessly in the coming months to put together a night that celebrated all the accomplishments of the chapter and its brothers over the past century. It was all-hands-on-deck to craft the perfect evening.

All the late nights and phone calls paid off. On the evening of April 22, brothers and guests gathered just south of downtown Atlanta at Best End Brewing Company, owned-and-operated by **Rob Hayes** (1994). As the doors opened, guests poured into the event space and reconnected with pledge brothers, former Marshals, Big and Little Brothers, former Dream Girls, and everyone and everything in between.

Richard McCrea (1972), **Kevin Murray** (1990), and **Tony Kedzierski** (2023) formally welcomed attendees and provided a rundown of the festivities. First, and most importantly on the itinerary, dinner. As brothers lined up for dinner in pledge class order, they were greeted with a classic Southern meal consisting of pulled pork, collard greens, and mac and cheese. As they returned to their tables, brothers of all ages came together to talk about their collegiate and Fraternity experiences. With full stomachs, the brothers of Alpha Nu were then greeted by **International Chaplain Dr. James Black** and **Theta Chi CEO Mike Mayer** who presented Chapter President **Ryan Martin** (2025) with a resolution from the Grand Chapter, congratulating Alpha Nu on 100 years of continuous operation.

As the night went on, and the venue space began bursting at the seams with those who hold Alpha Nu dear to their hearts, you could hear the classic screams for "Jet!" by brothers eager to play their favorite game. Brothers spanning 55 years huddled into their circles of eight players and competed to their hearts' content, introducing rules—new and old. While games continued on one end, **Dan Shinedling** (1992) and **Jared Burns** (2025) came together to fill the dance floor with live music.

To conclude the night, brothers and guests were presented a commemorative glass, individually laser-engraved by collegiate brothers in Georgia Tech's Invention Studio, as a token of the chapter's appreciation for attending. Beyond 100 years, we had one more thing to celebrate: By the end of the event, the Alpha Nu Building Association had raised over \$60,000 for needed house improvements!

We would like to thank all the alumni who came and celebrated, those who donated, and those who continue to support the chapter. We hope to see you at future alumni events and gameday tailgates. Here's to the next 100 years!





DELTA BETA/GEORGIA's **Scott Keeble** (1994), his younger brother, **Adam Keeble** (1997), and his father **Allen Keeble** (1967) help move his nephew **Ben Keeble** (2025) into the Delta Beta Chapter house, making three generations of this family who have lived at 645 South Milledge Avenue.

DELTA UPSILON/ARIZONA STATE's **Rich Menzel** (1995) writes, "Our fall 1991 pledge class dedicated a brick at Sun Devil Stadium at ASU. It is located in Section 5 near the southwest entrance of Sun Devil Stadium."



DELTA PSI/KANSAS' **Chris Rogala** (1991) volunteers at the border between Poland and Ukraine to offer help, provide supplies, and promote awareness for the Ukrainian refugees. His GoFundMe raised more than \$20,000 and he plans to return to provide additional assistance. Rogala is currently president of Office Space Chicago, Inc.

DELTA BETA/GEORGIA



Pat Wilson (1996) was named "2023 Georgian of the Year" by *Georgia Trend* magazine.

DELTA KAPPA/BALL STATE

Past Grand Chapter and Foundation Chapter Board member **Brad Burk** (1991) received Ball State's Alumni Award of Achieve-

ment. He was one of 16 Ball State alumni recognized in 2023 for service and achievements. Brad currently serves as vice president of the Zionsville (IN) Town Council.

DELTA PI/INDIANA STATE

Craig Maschino (1992) was named director of Terre Haute Regional Airport.



EPSILON BETA/LYCOMING

Joseph Ciccione (1995) was elected to the Lycoming College Alumni Association Executive Board.





EPSILON DELTA/ YOUNGSTOWN STATE

The YSU IFC renamed their IFC Service Award in memory of **William Mays** (2001) and made a posthumous presentation in recognition of his exceptional service to the IFC, YSU campus, and community. Bill was a long-time supporter of Epsilon Delta and the greater Greek community and had served on the YSU Police Department for 20 years.

EPSILON ETA/IUP

Jan Garrett (1969), a golfer for IUP, was inducted with the other members of the 1968 NAIA national championship golf team

into IUP's Athletic Hall of Fame. The team won their 72-hole tournament by 30 strokes.

Patrick Kochanowski

(1989) began his two-year term as president of the International Hearing Society in January 2023.

EPSILON THETA/TUFTS

Comedian Evan Wecksell (2001) and Mike "The Miz" Mizanin (Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH) 2003) were both part of *Wheel of Fortune's* WWE Week where a WWE Superstar was paired up with a superfan. The episodes aired leading up to WrestleMania. This was The Miz's second *Wheel* appearance. Although they were not paired together, the grip was exchanged.

Doug Groves

(1989) retired from

the Tampa Police

Department after

nearly 29 years of

EPSILON UPSILON/ CENTRAL MICHIGAN



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service.





EPSILON MU/ EASTERN MICHIGAN's Josh Megdell (1994) was featured in Inside Man, a film based on true events involving New York City's infamous Gambino crime family.





Theta Chi's Blue Hens Celebrate Centennial

BY VICE PRESIDENT HARRY ANDERSON (2024) AND SECRETARY ZACH ATANASOV (2024)

On April 22, 2023, Alpha Xi Chapter celebrated 100 years at the University of Delaware. For months, collegiate brothers prepared for a celebration that would include pledge classes spanning across decades. This preparation included reviving our alumni network to help with fundraising as well as spreading the word about the celebration.

The celebration itself was one to remember as brothers young and old compared their Theta Chi experiences with each other. **Ryan Becker** (2024) said, "Brotherhood is something that you always know exists, but it was incredibly rewarding to see a concrete exhibition of that bond as many generations of Theta Chi men came together to celebrate the centennial of our chapter."

Sharing and laughing about different traditions the chapter accumulated through the years while reflecting on the ways in which the chapter has stayed true to Theta Chi's founding principles reminded brothers and alumni alike of the deep impact of being a part of this brotherhood. One of the notable events of the day was when **International Vice President Toby Roth** presented Chapter President **Bazel Brady** (2024) with a resolution from the Grand Chapter recognizing Alpha Xi's centennial. As he read the text, a sense of pride, accomplishment, and unity swept over the crowd. It was truly special to hear the impact we as a Fraternity have had on the lives of each other, our school, and our community.

Next, collegians and alumni separated into groups to discuss the Fraternity, current classes, jobs, and future plans. Everyone bonded over old composites from the late '90s, early 2000s, and 2010s, pointing out alumni who paved the way for the future, allowing younger members to attach a face to the names they have heard from older brothers. **Chapter Adviser Connor O'Rourke** (2015) brought a box full of historical documents,





Several Alpha Xi historical items on display during the event.

including Alpha Xi's original charter, a book full of newsletters spanning decades, and a plethora of awards that have accumulated over the years.

As the centennial celebration came to an end, brothers reflected on the day. **Jake Holzapfel** (2025) said, "It was a celebration of the tight-knit group of Resolute Men I call my brothers. Seeing past alumni who made the chapter what it is today was extremely rewarding. On top of everything, just spending a great day with my chapter just can't be beat." **Lorenzo Degl'Innocenti** (2024) shared, "This was an incredible congregation of alumni brothers from years past, current collegiate brothers, and representatives from the International Fraternity all coming together to appreciate the history and future of our Fraternity. It was a great networking and social experience to meet brothers from years past and to start to reconnect and establish a true and supportive alumni network that we can lean on for years to come."

Our opportunity to pause and celebrate our centennial provided a clear display of how the strong ideals of our Fraternity have persisted and led to the successful chapter we are today, 100 years later.





HOUSTON ALUMNI FOUNDERS DAY LUNCHEON

During our Founders Day luncheon, we had over 40 brothers in attendance representing 24 chapters. Our largest attendance per chapter included nine in Texas from Theta Eta/Sam Houston and for out-of-state, Delta Upsilon/Arizona State with three. Brothers dined and socialized and it was announced that Raul Rizo-Patron (Alpha lota/Indiana 1990) will be spearheading the Houston Theta Chi Golf Club.



tapped **Dr. Steve** Ritter (2003) as the next superintendent of schools. Dr. Ritter previously served as the superintendent of

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the Sherwood-Cass R-VIII School District.

EPSILON OMEGA/ SACRAMENTO STATE



Dan Freschi (2000) authored a new professional development book called Where Leadership Begins, featuring many references to

his Theta Chi experience.





Ken Caldwell (1978), Walt Disnev Studios Motion Picture's executive vice president & general sales manager, (left) travels to Djibouti to premiere Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 to servicemen and women stationed at Camp Lemonnier.

ZETA EPSILON/ LONG BEACH STATE



Tyler Whaley (2006) was named Outstanding Branch Officer by the American Society of Civil Engineers San

Francisco Section.

ZETA SIGMA/ WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS



Ryan Stovern (2007) was honored with the Polaris Leadership Award from the Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium.



ETA KAPPA/JAMES MADISON Mike McDonald

(2005) was promoted to captain at the Montgomery



Brother Mitch (left) and Jeff (right), hold the Theta Chi flag on top of the highest mountain in Africa.

'Brothers' summit Mt. Kilimanjaro

In 2021, Matt Reaves (Delta Phi/North Texas 1981) and his two sons, Mitch Reaves (Chi/Auburn 2016) and Jeff Duncan, traveled to Africa to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. After an 18-hour flight from Atlanta and two days' rest, the group began an 8-day adventure summiting the mountain. For the final climb, they left base camp at 16,100 feet after 11 p.m., and set off to reach Uhuru Peak at 19,143 feet. Unfortunately, Matt experienced back spasms at 17,300 feet and had to return to camp. Undaunted, Mitch and Jeff continued and reached the summit at 7:30 a.m. and took a photo.

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Kickin' the Asphalt Out of Cancer

BY JIM CARLSON (ZETA BETA/ADRIAN 1989)

The annual Pan Ohio Hope Ride raises money for the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Cleveland to provide free housing for those undergoing cancer treatments. The ride encompasses 350 miles over four days, starting in Cleveland and traveling southwest to Cincinnati. One of the many teams on this 18th annual ride was "Kickin' the Asphalt Out of Cancer," a team composed of 28 riders including five Theta Chi brothers from four different chapters. Team Captain Mark Taft (Alpha Zeta/Rochester 1981), Jeff Malish (Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH) 1991), Vince Crawford (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1988), Mike Kamm (Delta Theta/Toledo 1993), and Jim Carlson (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1989) rode through hot weather (with two of the days biking roughly 100 miles) and spent nights at various colleges. The entire team raised over \$175,000—a new record for the event—and was awarded the Hero of Research Award. Mark Taft was the top overall fundraiser with more than \$40,000, while Jeff Malish was in the Top 5 with \$10,000. It's just another example of Theta Chi for Life and extending the Helping Hand.



(L-R): Team Captain Mark Taft (Alpha Zeta/Rochester 1981), Jeff Malish (Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH) 1991), Vince Crawford (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1988), Mike Kamm (Delta Theta/Toledo 1993), and Jim Carlson (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1989).

ETA OMICRON/ NORTHWESTERN STATE

Eddie Higginbotham (2010), a past

Colley Award recipient and former IHQ staff member, was recognized with Zoominfo's Difference Maker



Award from leaders and peers on the onboarding, implementations, and training team.

ETA PHI/OAKLAND



Joseph Current (2012) was hired as the Campus Support Center director of nursing at Dorsey College in Michigan.

IOTA ALPHA/ **UNC-WILMINGTON**



(2000), a GIS manager at the Henrico County (VA) Department of Public Works, won a Special

Achievement in GIS Award for software implementation.



ETA PI/EAST STROUDSBURG brothers gather over the summer for a successful alumni golf outing.

IOTA BETA/MISSOURI STATE

Brett Kaprelian (2016), morning

news producer for KSDŔ's Today in St. Louis, was nominated for a Mid-America

EMMY Award for Morning Newscast—Markets 1-49. He previously won the award in 2022.

IOTA PSI/RIT

Dr. Reginald Rogers (2021) was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Award for Excellence in

Chemical Engineering Teaching Practice from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. This new award recognizes

innovative, caring, and supportive approaches to inclusive excellence in teaching and mentoring. In his nomination, students described Rogers as the best professor they've had, someone who challenges them to learn but is always willing to help.



Steven Gerlang (2017) was recently assigned as a trauma therapist for the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Residen-

tial Rehabilitation Program (PRRP) at Northport VA Medical Center on Long Island. The PRRP is a 90-day voluntary intensive treatment program for combat-related PTSD.



OUR HOUSE, YOUR HOME

BY JOE KENDALL (ZETA PI/OLD DOMINION 1969)



The former Zeta Pi Chapter House, lovingly shared by Kyla and Nick Shawyer.

In 1967, our then-Theta Chi Colony at Old Dominion College in Norfolk, VA, was shopping for a house to rent. We located a run-down fixer-upper in a historic but decaying area of Norfolk. The house was three stories with a basement and 2,000 square feet per floor, featuring eight bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, five fireplaces, and the main floor was a totally open area with large pocket doors between each room. It was a perfect house for social events with bedroom space for 16+ brothers. The new owner offered the house to us for \$185 a month, if Theta Chi provided the manpower for massive home clean up and improvements. Over the next year, we cleaned, stripped wallpaper, patched holes, painted, refinished floors, and restored the home. In April 1968, we were installed as Zeta Pi Chapter. After seven years, the owner forced us out of the building because his family wanted to move in.

Fast forward to 2017, when an alumnus brother was taking a nostalgic drive, his wife said, "There is someone sitting on the porch of your old house!" He stopped, introduced himself, and asked, "Do you want to know about the history of your house?" They did, and a great friendship was born.

The residents were Kyla and Nick Shawyer and their two sons, Caelan and Jaden. Kyla was born in England and Nick was from New Zealand. After a few visits to their home, the sharing of old pictures from inside the house, and a multitude of old fraternity stories, the family suggested, "Why don't you plan another party here at our house?" Who invites a college fraternity into their home for a party and gives them the keys to their house? Kyla and Nick, that's who! Delays caused by COVID shifted our event from a 50th to a 55th Anniversary Reunion and Founders Day Celebration held in April 2023. Nearly 125 alumni brothers, alumni sweethearts and Little Sisters, spouses, and guests attended. **Past International President Carlton Bennett** (1972) was master of ceremonies. He welcomed everyone, sincerely thanked the homeowners, and presented 35 brothers with either Silver Legion or Golden Guard certificates for 25 or 50 years of membership and loyalty to the Fraternity.

The evening was packed with renewed friendships, personal reconnections, and fond memories. Comments overheard included, "I had my wedding reception here."; "I met my future wife at one of the parties in this house."; "Working on this house next to my brothers gave me skills which changed my life."; "Discussions with my brothers around the dinner table in this room were the best part of college."; "I met the most wonderful people right here."; "I had my bachelor party and my wedding rehearsal dinner in these three rooms."; "My parents used to love to come here to parties when the school required adult chaperones at all functions."; and, "I grew up here."

If Zeta Pi Alumni Association had a sweetheart, it would have to be Kyla Shawyer. Nick would be one of our four-sport athletic brothers, if we had fraternity sports of cricket, rugby, soccer, and sailing.

Kyla and Nick, thank you for opening your home and hearts to us on our 55th anniversary and "Thanks for the Memories."



Zeta Pi brothers return 'home' to celebrate Founders Day and their 55th anniversary.



Wanted: More Snowboarders

BY WARREN SCHWARTZ (THETA IOTA/UC-SANTA CRUZ 1991)

The 42nd David E. DeVol International Ski Trip returned to its starting locale, Mammoth Mountain in California. It was met with epic amounts of powder and brotherhood. Anchored by noted connoisseur of fine literature, the ageless **AI "EZ-AZ" Zale** (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1954), our intrepid group met on February 24, 2023, for some tradition, turns, and meals.

The Gamma Theta crew originally started this event and was well attended by Al Zale and **Mark Manlove** (1969) (who hold the highest attendance records). Theta lota/UC-Santa Cruz, who has helped uphold this annual tradition, had regulars **Herb Morgan** (1988), **Tyson Lai** (1989), **Dave Young** (1989), **Warren Schwartz** (1991), and Chef Harris "Get Outta my Kitchen" Miller (1988), who cooked an incredible meal for the entire crew. First-timer **Alex Alanis** (Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1990) reconnected with the Bay Area brothers and didn't miss a beat. Rounding out the group were regulars including International Treasurer Tom **Thompson** (Rho/Illinois 1998), **Rob "Real Bourbon" Leitch** (Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 1996), **Andrew Voss** (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 2010), and, of course, **Spencer Morgan** (Kappa Alpha/Spokane, WA 2016). **Jim Moylan** (Gamma Lambda/Denver 1969) had a last-minute cancelation but is hosting in 2024. We also hope to see **TJ Dolan** (lota Lambda/Longwood 2006) next year as he claimed he had to make an appearance in court. We hope your arraignment went well, TJ!



The 43rd Annual Ski Trip will be February 22–25, 2024, in Steamboat Springs, CO. For information, contact Jim Moylan (jjmoylanlaw@gmail.com) or visit thetachi.org/events. It's a great time to connect with brothers of all generations and keep a wonderful tradition going. P.S. Warren would like more snowboarders in 2024... we're reaching our max on those tele guys...







We share the names of our brothers reported to the International Headquarters between April 11, 2023, and October 5, 2023, as passing to the Chapter Eternal.

ALPHA

Norwich Walter C. Everett (1935) Calvin B. Hastings (1936)

GAMMA

Maine William J. Munsey (1960)

DELTA

RPI William G. Moller, Jr. (1953)

EPSILON WPI

Edward E. Ahigian (1986)

ZETA

New Hampshire Dr. Paul R. Quinney (1949) Richard T. Snow (1953)

ETA

Rhode Island Michael R. Mainelli (1964) James L. Sullivan (1959)

THETA

Massachusetts R. Craig DeWallace (1964)

IOTA

Colgate Robert L. Leslie, III (1952) Jeffrey D. Palgut (1969)

LAMBDA

Cornell Dr. Owen H. Griffith (1951) Victor H. Ham (1952)

MU

California Jere J. Austin (1944)

XI

Virginia Dr. Charles T. Faulkner (1965) August S. Raber (1949)

OMICRON

Richmond Thomas O. Bondurant, Sr. (1949) Thomas O. Bondurant, Jr. (1971) Preston P. Purdum, Jr. (1953) Benjamin F. Wingfield (1956)

ΡI

Dickinson Aivars Baumanis (1955) Elmer J. Gruver, Jr. (1959) Robert C. Lightburn (1974) William M. Steckley (1962) Richard S. Thatcher (1962) RHO

Illinois Roger L. Roth (1954)

SIGMA

Oregon State Thomas E. Barker (1967) George C. Holzgang (1954) Philip A. Lehenbauer (1952) Joseph P. Mazzoni (1984) Dr. Norman L. Wyers (1954)

TAU

Florida James R. Eriksen (1972) Kenneth E. Houp, Jr. (1967) William A. Timmons (1957) Tore G. Wistedt (1977)

PHI

North Dakota State Todd J. Buehler (1981) James M. Kleffman (1994) Howard W. Preckel (1951) Paul R. Reinhardt (1951)

CHI

Auburn Carter O. Bridges (2011) B. Harry Strack, Jr. (1965) Joseph M. Wood, III (1998)

PSI

Wisconsin William B. Ardern, II (1977) William A. Stanley (1951) Charles L. Tonar (1948)

OMEGA

Penn State Joseph R. Bucci (1957) Richard I. McLean (1968) James E. Noll (1987) G. Bickley Remmey, Jr. (1957)

ALPHA DELTA

Purdue James E. Fisher (1993) John P. McCoy (1978) William S. Oesterle (1987) Michael G. Stodola (1988)

ALPHA EPSILON

Stanford Rammy G. Rasmussen (1964)

ALPHA ZETA

Rochester Dr. Roger W. Nelson (1960)

ALPHA IOTA

Indiana Grover C. Bishop (1965) R. W. Weaver, Jr. (1967)

Business and Community Leader WILLIAM S. OESTERLE

(ALPHA DELTA/PURDUE 1987) September 26, 1965–May 10, 2023

Following his graduation from Purdue and Harvard Business School, Bill Oesterle was a venture capitalist when he founded Angie's List (now known as Angi), a popular home improvement review website. He later served as its executive, taking time off to run Mitch Daniel's campaign for Indiana governor. He also co-founded the Orr Fellowship to attract, shape, and retain talent in Indiana and served as a member of

governor. He also co-founded the Orr Fellowship to attract, shape, and retain talent in Indiana and served as a member of Purdue's board of trustees from 2005–2010, and proudly reconstructed an old ambulance into a tailgating machine: the Boilermaker Bambalance. After the sale of Angie's List, he established MakeMyMove to offer incentives for remote workers to relocate to different communities.

ALPHA KAPPA

West Virginia Joshua L. Burleson (2012) Dr. E Lee Rice (1971)

ALPHA MU

lowa State Dr. Garold L A. Mallo (1956)

ALPHA XI

Delaware Parag A. Patel (2005) Donald G. Schnetzer (1962) Walter A. Sparks, Jr. (1957)

ALPHA OMICRON

Washington State Allen H. Quist (1963) David E. Roach (1951) Dr. Graham M. Watkins (1952)

ALPHA PI

Minnesota Mitchell S. Brod (1983) David V. Deach (1959) Richard W. Edblom (1952) Wallace C. Gibson (1960) Russell L. Hoehn (1957) Arnold R. Johnson (1949) Daniel T. Jonas (1984) Lt. Col. Gerald F. Sacre (1959)Wayne R. Sather (1954) Steven E. Scarborough (1962) James L. Scherbarth (1945) Anno K. von Heimburg (1956)Charles F. Wallander (1954) Dr. Wesley K. Wharton (1968)Nyle H. Wisted (1951)

ALPHA RHO

Washington Michael W. Heathman (1954) Robert A. Loudon (1952) Donald E. Pollard (1961)

ALPHA SIGMA Oregon William A. Babcock, Jr. (1963)

ALPHA TAU

Ohio Thomas G. Coyne, Jr. (1976) Raymond L. Cummins (1960) William A. Higgs (1949) Algie D. McEndree (1965)

ALPHA UPSILON

Nebraska Dale R. Link (1952) Merle A. Rudebusch (1961)

ALPHA PHI

Alabama Joseph E. Barber (1993) Charles J. Brady, Jr. (1936) James R. Burnett (1972) William C. Coile, Jr. (2000) Frank J. Delbridge, Jr. (1958)Richard Dipiazza (1975) George E. Hartwell, Jr. (1952)William R. Houston (1949) David C. London, Sr. (1931) Earl S. Miles, Jr. (1950) Gilbert G. Miller (1950) Dr. Stancel M. Riley, Jr. (1968)Cecil B. Scott, Jr. (1970)



Carl B. Smith (1959) Lee B. Tindell (2005) Thomas R. Walker (1984)

ALPHA CHI

Syracuse Timothy J. Galus (1979) John E. Unbehend (1969)

ALPHA PSI

Maryland Samuel Castaneda (2025) Ernest E. Eskridge, Jr. (1977)

ALPHA OMEGA

Lafayette Hugh M. Forman (1945) Stephan L. Fundakowski (1977) Russell A. Hammond (1967) D. Richard Hersh (1960) Robert N. Kelson (1965) Joseph D. Swan (1944) Donald G. Swartz (1966) Donald E. Thompson, Jr. (1964) Jacob A. Wagner (1954)

BETA ALPHA

UCLA Todd B. Ostling (1980)

BETA GAMMA

North Dakota Paul A. Dahl (1955) Ronald C. McPhail (1966)

BETA DELTA

Rutgers Hewitt Decker (1944)



CHAPTER ETERNAL



Theta Chi for Life SEAN M. DONCARLOS

(GAMMA UPSILON/BRADLEY 2003) August 10, 1981–April 22, 2023

Sean DonCarlos earned a full scholarship to Bradley University and served as President of Gamma Upsilon Chapter. Following graduation, he served 12 years as chapter adviser and an additional six years on its Chapter Advisory Board.

At the International level, Sean served on the Foundation Chapter's Scholarship Selection Committee for seven years and had recently been named as its chairman. He consistently attended Fraternity events including Conventions, where he provided wisdom to both young and old.

Sean was a generous donor to the Foundation Chapter and, in 2018, was named as one of the Top 40 donors under 40 years of age. He is the youngest brother in our history to have given \$25,000 or more to benefit collegiate brothers. He was a recipient of the Citation of Honor, the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award, and the David E. DeVol Award.

When brothers learned Sean was diagnosed with a terminal illness, the Fraternity wanted to recognize Sean for his lifetime of service to Theta Chi. Lifetime can take on different meanings and can be varying lengths. What was constant was Brother Don-Carlos' Helping Hand at the local, regional, and International levels. Thus, on February 15, 2023, Theta Chi International President Creig Andreasen and CEO Mike Mayer traveled to the St. Louis-area and presented the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award to Brother DonCarlos.

After receiving the award, Sean posted on social media:

"All I will say is that I am grateful for the opportunity to have been part of our brotherhood. When the day comes, rest assured that if there is anything I can do to advance our cause from the Chapter Eternal, such opportunities will be seized with both hands. Until then, know that I draw immense strength and comfort from your love and support. Had it not been for both the Fraternity and my local friends and family, I likely would have slipped away long before now. Theta Chi for Life, Theta Chi Forever."

Amen. Thank you, Sean. You will be missed.



Charter Member BRANDON J. MULINA

(IOTA DELTA/SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA 2004) February 22, 1981–August 17, 2023

Brandon Mulina was a Charter Member of Iota Delta Chapter at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. Following graduation, Brandon began his more than 15 years of devoted service as a respected chapter adviser, alumni corporation officer, and as a Counselor and faculty member for the International Fraternity. He was a loyal friend, a reliable brother, a role model, a mentor, and a positive voice with an infectious laugh for anyone who needed it. His ceaseless dedication to his brothers, his chapter, and his Fraternity is an example to all. His life will certainly be celebrated by

those who knew him during International Convention in August 2024 in his beloved New Orleans.

BETA EPSILON

Montana Jon A. Hudak (1963) Douglas R. Reiner (1954) Robert L. Rogers (1955)

BETA ZETA Michigan State Donald B. Churchill (1958)

BETA THETA Drexel

Robert L. Eschelman (1947)

BETA KAPPA

Hamline Steven B. Dirks (1973) Walter B. Jensen (1963) Walter B. Kean (1954) Joseph D. Muchlinski (2013)

BETA LAMBDA

Akron Earl S. Hatfield (1964)

BETA OMICRON

Cincinnati Charles T. Fischer, Jr. (1948) Walter S. Mac Kay (1955)

BETA PI

Monmouth Roger L. Conant (1953) James I. Johnson (1957) Marshall H. Peterson (1964)

BETA SIGMA Lehigh

Robert O. Davidson (1948) William R. Kinkead (1954) John K. Sellers (1955) Alan W. Smolowe (1975)

BETA TAU

Southern California James D. Cence (1955) Byron F. Story (1952) Henry B. Waller, Jr. (1967)

BETA PHI *Nevada* Edward F. Gomes (1950)

BETA CHI

Allegheny Philip M. Barnes, Jr. (1968) Charles R. Skinner (1984) George H. Zilliac (1955)

BETA OMEGA Susquehanna Jeffrey A. Larose (1976)

GAMMA BETA Furman Robert E. Rasmussen (1963)

GAMMA ZETA

Oklahoma State Lt. Delbert Clancy (1952) Robert H. Rooker (1949)

GAMMA ETA Bucknell

Wayne H. Sheffer (1950)

GAMMA THETA San Diego State Richard J. Malotte (1986)

Frank A. Weismantel (1953)

GAMMA IOTA

Connecticut Burton H. Anderson (1950)

GAMMA KAPPA

Miami (OH) Carl K. Benhase (1951) Dave W. Byers (1963) William C. Glaser (1977) A. Myron Hanon (1956) James W. Pellot (1963) Charles J. Schafer (1966)

GAMMA LAMBDA

Denver John A. Cumming (1959)

GAMMA NU

New Mexico State Steve T. Brown (1990) Oscar E. Carter, Jr. (1953)

GAMMA XI

San Jose State Edmund R. Attanasio, Jr. (1979) David L. Elam (1954) Christopher A. Reid (1984) Ronald S. Sobel (1969)

GAMMA OMICRON

Wake Forest John D. Ault (1972) Dr. Kenneth R. Braun (1954)Joseph H. Bridges (1965) William S. Britt (1977) Charlie B. Casper (1951) William P. Childers, Jr. (1956)Thomas J. Druitt (1976) Buddy R. Glance (1958) Kevin B. Grealey, Jr. (1982) Ronald C. Kelly (1954) Dr. James A. Maultsby (1954)Robert C. Medford (1960) John T. Mills (1960) Dr. Alva E. Parris (1949) Alexander R. Perry (1980) Henry R. Randall (1949) Rhodes T. Rumsey (1960) David E. Sizer (1977) Dr. Paul C. Steadman (1958) Richard B. Strosnider (1969)Lloyd K. Swaringen (1952) Capt. Ted E. Thomas (1951) Richard O. Wasson (1976)

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GAMMA PI

Ruffalo James A. Anderson (1963) Paul A. Granger (1969) Gary D. Nowak (1972) Vincent Pavis (1971) George H. St. George (1970) Lee B. Zeltzer (1969)

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Bradlev Sean M. DonCarlos (2003) James S. Hill (1965) John S. Niklewicz (1992) Fred M. Szabedos, Jr. (1954)

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DELTA GAMMA WV Wesleyan W. Leroy Jones (1955)

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DELTA IOTA Northwestern Kenneth R. Kersey (1962)

DELTA KAPPA Ball State Daniel J. Csikos (1973) Joshua D. Ditsch (1999)

DELTA NU Vermont Rollie G. White, Jr. (1964)

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DELTA RHO NC State John M. Kenny (1984)

DELTA SIGMA Clarkson Benigno Muniz, Jr. (1980)

DELTA TAU Kent State Louis J. Papalas (1968)

DELTA PHI North Texas Aloren C. Mince (1953)

DELTA OMEGA Ripon John R. Owan (1959)

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EPSILON KAPPA Idaho Wayne T. Birch (1969)

EPSILON OMICRON Waynesburg Arthur W. Swartwout (1966)

EPSILON PI Northern Illinois Harold G. Gilbert (1942)

EPSILON RHO Rider Ronald F. Cadic (1963) John J. Lazarus (1966)

EPSILON TAU Stephen F. Austin Wallace C. Goodman (1967)

EPSILON PHI Central Missouri Thomas J. Flick (1977) Guy A. Lyberger (1984) Michael C. McIntosh (1976) Dr. James T. O'Malley (1957) Bradley E. Thomas (1977)

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ZETA THETA

Trov Ruben W. Dejernette (1976) James J. Hastings (1969)

ZETA KAPPA Ohio Northern Jon R. Clevenger (1995)

ZETA PI Old Dominion James C. Bright (1973) Lawrence D. McKinley (1967) George H. McQueen (1974)

ZETA OMEGA West Chester Andrew J. Dougherty (2007) Christopher Higgins (1977)

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Morehead Ronald W. Mace (1983)

Babson Michael P. Clancy (1981) Donald K. Heap (1978) Douglas M. Hermance (1980)Christopher L. Sherman

Northwestern State Jerry A. Kollman (1976)

ETA XI Tarkio William C. Blanton (1971)

ETA SIGMA Arkansas Tech Jeffrey N. Whitmer (1981)

ETA OMEGA Chico, CA Randy B. Schriefer (1993) Donald J. Steele (1994)

THETA BETA TCN.I Charles L. Parent (1987)

THETA EPSILON Kennesaw State Scott G. Perry (1987)

THETA ETA Sam Houston Kelly J. Cordova (2000)

THETA MU CSU-East Bay Michael A. Weavil (2000)

IOTA DELTA Southeastern Louisiana Brandon J. Mulina (2004) +

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SUSAN K. MAY

June 13. 1950–June 3. 2023

LYNNETTE W. McMAHON

November 23, 1956–August 9, 2023

The Fraternity is deeply saddened and mourns the loss of Suzie May and Lynnette McMahon, wives of Past Foundation Chapter President Dave May and International Historian Jim McMahon. Both women were staunch supporters of their husbands and our Fraternity, often accompanying them to board meetings and other Fraternity events. Suzie met Dave while both were students at Wisconsin-River Falls. Suzie was an excellent hostess and assisted Dave with numerous Zeta Sigma Chapter Cornerstone Banquet fundraising events in their home over the years. Lynnette met Jim during their collegiate days at Long Beach State and was voted Dream Girl of Zeta Epsilon Chapter and was involved with the Daughters of the Crossed Swords. She joined Alpha Omicron Pi, was elected Chapter President, and continued her lifelong membership and dedication to her sisterhood.

We thank these magificent women for their support of their husbands and our brotherhood.



Members of the Grand Chapter and Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State brothers gather to celebrate the life of Lynnette McMahon.

IOTA THETA Central Florida Alexander W. Kaplan (2011)

IOTA RHO Southern Poly Jeremy R. Wilson (2013)

BK FRATERNITY Wallace E. Green (1930)

+ Past Counselor

ETA GAMMA

ETA DELTA

(1993)

ETA OMICRON



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