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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

We Are a Cure for Higher Education



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Dear Brothers,

As I complete my term on the Grand Chapter and my service as International President, I am very pleased to report the Theta Chi experience is just as relevant and valuable to our members today as ever. The Fraternity's census, taken on April 10 of each year, counted 8,922 collegiate members and pledges for 2024 — the highest number in recorded Theta Chi history! Although we will not break the record for most initiates (set in 2021/2022), this year was a very strong year with more than 3,200 men joining our ranks. The Grand Chapter and our highly professional staff are perpetuating our ideals by assisting with recruitment efforts and bringing Theta Chi to more campuses. We have nearly 10 colonies, with several slated to be reinstalled as chapters during 2024/2025! We held our officer conferences and, for the

first time, invited our Vice Presidents to learn about their role as chair of the Standards Committee of their chapter. This is a critical task as we hold ourselves accountable; we really are our brother's keeper. By including Vice Presidents, we had more Theta Chis in one place (Indianapolis—in January!) than at Convention!

Young men continue to choose the Theta Chi experience in large numbers. Most of our non-Greek peers don't understand the appeal, but as Dr. Dawn Wiese explained in an opinion recently published in the *Wall Street Journal*:

"A 2024 study led by Indiana University's Gary Pike, using data from the 2014 and 2017 National Survey of Student Engagement, found that young men in fraternities were more likely than their nonaffiliated peers to report having "discussions with diverse others"—evidence that these associations promote pluralism and tolerance. These young men were also more likely to be engaged both inside and outside the classroom, to gain internships, and to take advantage of extracurricular campus activities, according to 2014 Gallup research. As the loneliness epidemic overtakes colleges, men in fraternities are less likely to experience anxiety and depression than those not involved in Greek life, according to a 2022 study. The relationships they form enhance their health and overall well-being."

I encourage you to read Dr. Wiese's entire op-ed. Search for the title "Fraternities Are a Cure for What Ails Higher Education." It's an excellent read.

I am willing to bet you see some of your own Theta Chi experience in the quote above. In a time of national division and strife all too common in our lives, giving of your time, talent, and treasure helps Theta Chi pass on its legacy to young men in our society.

Theta Chi has always been a staunch defender of our members' rights of freedom of association. Recently, the University of Maryland unilaterally proclaimed a total ban on Greek life, citing vague threats to the health and well-being of students and issued a "no contact" order that prohibited members from even speaking to each other! Acting with like-minded peer organizations, we sprang into action, filing a lawsuit and demanding a temporary restraining order from a federal court. While Maryland has mostly backed off for now, our quick action and continued vigilance should serve as a warning to others.

Convention was held August 2–6 in New Orleans. It was an excellent time to conduct the formal business of the Fraternity and to reconnect with brothers and meet new ones from across the U.S. and Canada. I hope to see you at our next Convention in 2026 in San Antonio!

As I pass the gavel, I am confident I am leaving Theta Chi in good hands. Your Grand Chapter is composed of men of substance and character who deeply believe in Theta Chi and its mission. I am humbled and honored to have served with them (and the many before) these last eight years.

Fraternally yours,

Creig Andreasen
International President



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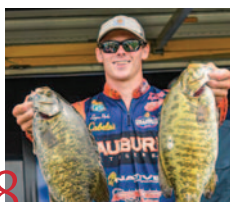
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DELTA PHI/NORTH TEXAS



The DeVol Award is presented to Mondo Vazquez for his Helping Hand throughout Delta Phi's recolonization.

Reinstallations



Delta Phi/North Texas
Denton, TX
Reinstalled: 11/18/2023

Current Colonies



Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska



Delta Kappa/Ball State



York



Alumnus brothers from California, Louisiana, Ohio, and Texas gather to support and celebrate the new brothers of Delta Phi Chapter.



ETA DELTA COLONY/BABSON

New Colonies



Delta Epsilon Colony/Miami (FL)
Coral Gables, FL
Recolonized: 3/23/2024



*Zeta Omega Colony/West Chester
West Chester, PA
Recolonization: 10/26/2024



Eta Delta Colony/Babson
Babson Park, MA
Recolonized: 3/2/2024



*Eta Zeta Colony/Edinboro
Edinboro, PA
Recolonization: 9/28/2024

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DELTA EPSILON COLONY/MIAMI (FL)

Recent Redevelopments



Alpha Rho/Washington



Eta Alpha/Clemson



Eta Upsilon/Texas A&M

Visit www.thetachi.org/news for
additional stories on our (re)installed
chapters and new colonies.

Expansion Projects

FALL 2024



Rho/Illinois
(Redevelopment)



Alpha Zeta/Rochester
(Redevelopment)



Florida Atlantic University



In Memoriam: David E. DeVol

The Grand Old Man of Theta Chi

David E. DeVol (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1959), whose name has been almost synonymous with Theta Chi Fraternity, has joined the Chapter Eternal. Thus is ended a life that, for nearly seven decades, has been devoted to the upbuilding of an organization to which he pledged allegiance in 1956 as a young student at San Diego State College. That loyalty expressed in unselfish service made him “The Grand Old Man of Theta Chi” long before 2013, when by formal resolution passed by the Grand Chapter that title was officially conferred upon him.

Brother DeVol was born on February 12, 1938, raised in San Diego, and was a 1955 graduate of Point Loma High School.

DeVol matriculated to San Diego State and signed his bid with Gamma Theta Chapter. He was initiated on February 4, 1956, and assigned Roster Number 212.

DeVol served Gamma Theta as Social Chairman, Alumni Contact Chairman, and Secretary. He served on nine chapter committees, assisted with major projects, and played on two intramural teams.

He befriended collegiate brothers from nearby chapters and met stalwart alumnus brothers by attending key local, regional, and National Fraternity events. These true friendships and activities formed at Gamma Theta and beyond would inexorably link him to the greater Fraternity.

Among the most significant events was certainly DeVol’s appointment as Gamma Theta’s Collegiate Delegate and traveling with three other brothers via car from San Diego to Norwich University in Vermont for Theta Chi’s Centennial Convention in 1956. During both legs of the cross-country road trip, DeVol stayed at or visited with brothers at Alpha/Norwich, Upsilon/NYU, Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska, Gamma Lambda/Denver, Gamma Tau/Drake, and Delta Lambda/Colorado Mines.

Arriving at the Fraternity’s Centennial Convention mere months after his initiation, an 18-year-old Dave DeVol met Theta Chi titans such as Executive Director George Chapman (Omega/Penn State 1920); National President Earl D. “Dusty” Rhodes (Delta/RPI 1921); Past National President and Rattle Editor George Starr Lasher (Alpha Gamma/Michigan 1911); Past National President Sherwood Blue (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1926); additional Grand Chapter and National Board of Trustees members from California including Clair Fishell (Mu/California 1920); Duke Hannaford (Mu/California 1922); Joseph C. Ross, Jr. (Beta Tau/Southern California 1948); Charles F.S. Ryan (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1936); and a young Deputy Regional Counselor by the name of Howard R. Alter, Jr. (Omega/Penn State 1941).

Brother DeVol recalled he was in attendance for more than just meeting new brothers. “It was a controversial time. Civil rights were



In 1980, Brian Boe (Alpha Sigma/Oregon 1981), International President DeVol, and David Lofts (Alpha Sigma/Oregon 1980) gather to lead the Region IX Stampede in Eugene, OR.

at the forefront of issues in the United States, and within Theta Chi. Gamma Theta had supported eliminating membership restrictions and, as our chapter’s Collegiate Delegate, it was my responsibility to deliver that vote. It was an issue that threatened to divide the Fraternity, but cool heads and enlightened leadership prevailed.”

A highlight of the Convention DeVol often spoke about was the closing banquet. “I saw elder statesman, Phil S. Randall (Alpha/Norwich 1886), who, with Henry B. Hersey (Alpha/Norwich 1885), was initiated in 1881 by James Holland (Alpha/Norwich 1883), the sole remaining undergraduate in the Fraternity; thereby ensuring the survival of Theta Chi. [Next, we] five proud Gamma Theta brothers received the Man-Mile Award. Later that evening, our brothers from Alpha Chapter hosted us with a party at their chapter house.”

Attending this milestone event and especially meeting and learning from Theta Chi’s venerated leaders (along with the road trip and receiving the Man-Mile Award) significantly impacted Brother DeVol and undoubtedly played a role in fostering his love and passion for the Fraternity over the next seven decades.

An industrial management major, DeVol was a fixture on the San Diego State campus and was actively engaged and involved in myriad activities. He served as President of the class of 1959’s Freshman and Junior Classes, served as a Representative to the Associated Students Council, participated on numerous committees, and was a member of the Society for Advancement of Management, Ocoatl honorary service organization, and Aztec Shops board of directors (chairman). He served as an adviser to the Class of 1962, was named a Who’s Who in the class of 1959, and was recipient of an outstanding achievement award from the Student Government.

In recognition of his efforts within the chapter and his achievements on campus, Gamma Theta Chapter named DeVol as their 1959 Most Outstanding Senior and nominated him for Theta Chi's Reginald E.F. Colley Award, the Fraternity's highest honor for a collegiate brother.

Following graduation, Dave wed his bride, Kay, whom he met through Theta Chi. He pursued a career in banking and took on various roles over the years, including first vice president and manager of the consumer services division, San Diego Federal Savings & Loan; executive leadership at Great American First Savings Bank; president and chief executive officer, Rancho Bernardo Savings Bank; president, Silvergate Thrift and Loan, Inc.; and executive vice president, Zementis, Inc.

In 1962, DeVol answered the call to give back and served as Regional Counselor through 1968, assisting the chapters in Southern California. In 1968 at the 112th Anniversary Convention held in Miami Beach, he was elected to the Grand Chapter and served as International Counselor until 1971. He was elected to the Grand Chapter again in 1972 at the 116th Anniversary Convention in Scottsdale, AZ, and was elected and served as International Vice President for six years. In 1978 at 122nd Anniversary Convention in Chicago, DeVol was elected International President and served through 1980. DeVol was the first Californian to be elected to the Fraternity's highest office.

Following his time on the Grand Chapter, from 1986–1996, DeVol served on the National Board of Trustees (now the Norwich Housing Corporation) and as its President from 1994–1996. He is currently one of nine brothers who served as both Inter/National President and President of the NBT/NHC. Brother DeVol also served as a board member on the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Throughout his service on the International level, DeVol remained dedicated to his alma mater and served as president of the SDSU Alumni Association in 1987. He also served his local community as a board member (and secretary) for the San Diego County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation; as a board member for the Parkinson's Association of San Diego; and as a board member of the Challenge Center in La Mesa, CA.

He continued his high engagement and activity with his beloved Gamma Theta Chapter at San Diego State. Countless hours were spent advising and mentoring collegiate members and serving as a leader within Gamma Theta's House Corporation and the San Diego Alumni Chapter. He made time to make trips throughout California to meet with and help alumni, collegiate brothers, and young men interested in bringing Theta Chi to their campus.

In 1981, DeVol and other Gamma Theta and Zeta Epsilon alumni traveled to Mammoth Mountain in California and inaugurated an annual alumni ski trip. The ongoing trip and shenanigans have continued with a returning and rotating cast of characters and was named in his honor.

Brother DeVol was a recipient of the Fraternity's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, presented in 1980 as he finished his term as International President. He also received a Citation of Honor, the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award (presented by the

Grand Chapter), and the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award. He has been recognized with the Silver Legion and the Golden Guard and is an Honorary Member of many chapters.

In 2003, then-Executive Director Dave Westol created the David E. DeVol Award, presented to those alumnus members who have provided the Fraternity with extra effort and dedication above and beyond what the duties of their positions required of them. The award was aptly named for a brother who always gave far more than was required.

In 2013, during the reinstallation banquet of Gamma Theta Chapter at San Diego State, the Grand Chapter recognized Brother DeVol as the "Grand Old Man of Theta Chi." The Grand Chapter had only conferred this title of utmost respect and seniority once before when it was given to Dr. Robert L. Irish (Alpha/Norwich 1889) in 1932.

Undoubtedly, one of Brother DeVol's biggest strengths was leadership. He always answered the call, provided an example to follow, and was a leader who knew his followers—and was known by his followers. He was always on the lookout for new and talented individuals to cultivate and mentor to become the next leader.

Dave DeVol was generational. He simply and effectively communicated with others, regardless of age, and helped them on life's journey. He took many under his wing and provided mentorship, words of wisdom, or a quick quip with a sly smile. He made it clear there was a time to be serious and a time to have fun as he provided guidance to Theta Chi's leaders, both collegiate and alumni. Whether a brother served as Chapter President or as a volunteer at the local, regional, or International level, brothers knew they had a sounding board in Brother DeVol. Indeed, all of Theta Chi Fraternity's living brothers who served as a current or past International President, Executive Director/CEO, President of the NBT/Norwich Housing Corporation, Presidents of the Foundation Chapter and Theta Chi Funds—all were mentored by Dave DeVol. For the past 50+ years, the Fraternity's top leaders sought sound advice and counsel from Brother DeVol and were never led astray.



Senior Year: DeVol at San Diego State.

He was our link to the titans of Theta Chi's past and consistently forged links for Theta Chi's future. Dave DeVol helped us keep faith with our past, make good decisions in the present, and become a force for good in the years yet to come. May we all endeavor to follow his Grand example of leadership, mentorship, and brotherhood.

Never one to shy away from a celebration, we can only hope that Brother DeVol has entered the Chapter Eternal to lead the brothers in a raucous cheer. "Hip, Hip!"



“Let me help you with that. I’ll fix you up!”

EXCERPTS FROM THE EULOGY MADE BY PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DICK ELDER (GAMMA THETA/SAN DIEGO STATE 1971)

Dave DeVol was my mentor, my life coach, and, in fact, Dave was my superhero. I first met Dave when I was 19 years old. He was a young father, 31, and had started his career in banking. Our first meeting occurred in September 1969 at Gamma Theta Chapter’s ‘Preferential Dinner,’ held at the home of Hal Clement’s (1971) parents. Al Coupee, the longtime San Diego TV sports anchor, was the guest speaker. The dinner formally introduced the newly minted pledges to the officers and the Chapter Adviser: Dave DeVol.

Dave introduced himself to me and immediately said, “Here let me help you.” He proceeded to straighten my tie and fixed the collar of my newly purchased \$4.50 Goodwill store blue blazer I picked up earlier that day. He then said, “There. I’ll fix you up!” I did not know what to think. Dave was ‘buttoned up,’ handsome, and impeccably dressed. He had an air about him that told me, ‘Wow, this person is like no one I had ever met before!’ Little did I know then, but those words, “I’ll fix you up,” rang in my ears for the next 55 years and I can honestly say that most of the positive decisions I made in my adult life were in some way influenced by Dave DeVol.

In 2012—44 years later—I had the honor to be elected International President, the second from Gamma Theta/San Diego State. Dave was the first. On the day I was elected, I heard that familiar voice and looked up to see that the person administering the oath of office to me was the same man I had met at that dinner so many years before. A few moments later, he was pinning the replica of the



Then-International Vice President Dick Elder with NBT board members DeVol and Jerry Tahajian.

Founder’s Badge on my shirt and with both of us having tears in our eyes, he said to me, “Here, let me help you with that. I’ll fix you up!”

Dave was a born leader. He could bring people together for a common cause. He could harness the unique capabilities of people and lead them to achieve their common objective. And he could be pretty darn persuasive in getting you involved with his plan—at times before you knew it. He would be right next to you, grinning. So it was with my first job.

It was mid-December 1971. I graduated in June and was pursuing my teaching credential. I was working at a men’s clothing store downtown. Walking on my way to work one morning, I heard my name being called. I turned around and didn’t see anyone. I heard it again, louder. I then noticed back up the street behind me: the Clark Kent glasses, the blue blazer, and the wing tips smiling and waving to me. I walked back to Dave and he said, “You have got to come up to my office with me right away. Let’s go!” I said, “Dave I can’t right now—I’ll be late for work!” He insisted and said, “You can call the store from my office and let them know you are on your way.” We arrived at his office, and he asked his secretary, “Can you please get Howard Alter on the phone?” I knew who Howard was: the Executive Director of Theta Chi.

Dave picked up his phone and said, “Howard, how are you? I have Dick Elder here in my office and he has accepted the job! He is excited to get started. Let me put him on the phone and you can tell him when you want him to start.”

DeVol proudly pins the Founder’s Badge on newly elected International President Dick Elder. “Here, let me help you with that. I’ll fix you up!”



He handed me the phone and I said, "Hello?" Howard said, "We would like you to start on January 4th at a school in Birmingham, AL. You can drive there and then we'll fly you to Philadelphia for a few days of training in Trenton."

Dave then grabbed the phone from me and said, "That's great, Howard! He is really excited to get started. We'll be in touch! Bye bye!"

Dave got up, shook my hand, and said, "Congratulations! This is going to be great! You're going to love it."

I asked, "Dave, what just happened?" He said, "You just took a job as a Traveling Representative for the Fraternity. It's great!" I said, "Dave I *have* a job." "No problem!" he said, "Give them notice today and tell them you can work through Christmas to the 27th." I said, "Dave, I don't have a reliable car! I have a 1961 Sunbeam Alpine that I have to literally crank start with a crank!" He said, "No problem! Just find a car and buy one!" I said, "Dave, I don't have any money!" He said, "No problem! I'm a banker. We can get you the money." He wrote down a name and said, "When you find a new car, call Chad. I'll tell him to expect your call." I said, "Dave—I've got a girlfriend!" He paused and said, "That is a problem." Then the smile came out. He said, "Well, I can tell you where you are going, there are going to be plenty of new girls to meet!"

Well, needless to say, that day the trajectory of my life changed forever.

I was 22, had never been on a plane in my life, had never been on a train, and had never ever seen a snowflake fall from the sky. But Dave always had a plan and often you were the last person to know you were part of it.

During college in the 50s, it was common to put as many people in a phone booth as possible, build homecoming floats for the parade, and end songs or congratulatory comments with a rousing 'Hip, Hip, Hooray!' This particular fad had long since faded from existence in most social circles, but not for Dave. At the end of the closing banquet during Convention, it was customary to sing the Fraternity Anthem. After it ended, I heard from the back of the room, "Hip, Hip!" and then a few voices, "Hooray!" Then again, "Hip, Hip!" only louder this time—and a few more, 'Hoorays!' Again and again, "Hip, Hip!" until more than 700 voices at the top of their lungs were answering back, "Hooray!" each and every time. Out came Dave's 'Cheshire Cat grin' as he pulled me aside and said, "I told you these young people could learn something!"

Throughout his life, Dave DeVol was a pillar by which others were measured. Yet for all of his accomplishments, recognitions, awards, and honors bestowed upon him from the many organizations, associations, and institutions he was a part of, he remained both humble and self-effacing in all that he did.

Californians. Theta Chis. Gamma Thetas. Leaders. The Grand Old Man and his "project" celebrate at the dedication of the International Headquarters in 2014.

Dave was one of the most humble people I have ever known. His fingerprints and his legacy graced the lives of people in every passion and community that he touched: his family, his friends, his city, his university, and his Fraternity.

Dave DeVol recited the words of our Creed literally thousands of times—both in public and in private. These words I believe were his guide throughout his adult life. He embraced them. He embodied them. He lived them.

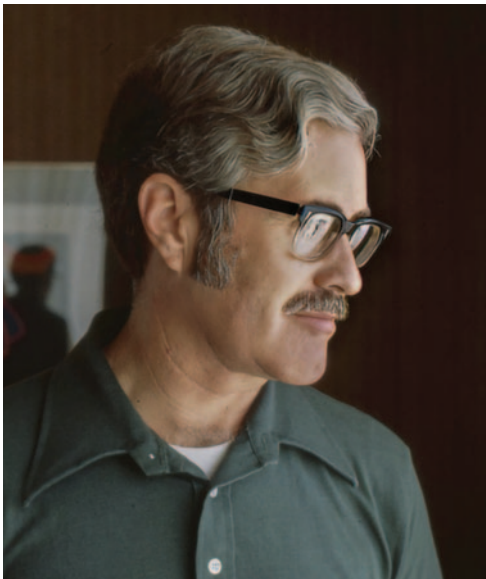
You have served them all well, my friend and brother. You have earned your rest! May God speed!

"Hip, Hip!"





TRIBUTE TO DAVID E. DEVOL



Top: 1959; 1980 Grand Chapter meeting.
Center: Deep in thought in the '70s; 1956 Road Trip (kneeling on right); Farewell; 1978 Convention.
Bottom: Freeman-Chase 5K; IHQ Dedication with Fulton Hamilton, Fr. Phil Bowers, and Tom Van Cleave.



Immeasurable

BY PHILIP THORNTON (GAMMA THETA/SAN DIEGO STATE 2005)

How does one measure brotherhood? By deeds? By intentions? By moments of support?

There are people in this world whose compassion and friendship cannot be measured by actions, years, or even decades. There are rare people who are genuinely interested in your growth, your success, and your life, regardless of circumstance.

I met David DeVol as a freshman at San Diego State University after joining Theta Chi Fraternity.

He was the “Grand Old Man,” whose legend I could not comprehend at 18 years old. But he was kind, welcoming, and very concerned with getting me involved with the Fraternity. He brought me to the annual Founders Day dinner and made sure I met all the alumni and donors. Later in college when I became a chapter officer, he wanted to make sure I understood the gravity of leadership.

He was a complex man. He had the kindness of Mr. Rogers and, at the same time, the bravado of John Wayne. Born in the 1930s, he was a lifelong San Diegan, something few can say. He knew everyone and everything about that town. He was a former president of the SDSU Alumni Association and a constant cheerleader of the Aztecs.

Dave served our Fraternity as its International President, an honor known by few, with a duty he carried for the rest of his life. While he made a significant impact across our Fraternity, he made the biggest impact across the state of California. Thousands of young men joined Theta Chi because of Dave’s volunteer efforts. Thousands.

Dave’s 60+ years of volunteering are unheard of in our modern age. An unparalleled connector, a loyal friend, a constant brother.

In 2021 soon after my son was born, Dave mailed us a knit blanket for Campbell after seeing the announcement on social media. A class act.

How does one measure brotherhood? You can’t.

Some people in this world are immeasurable.

Rest easy, cowboy.

Future Theta Chi Campbell Thornton enjoys his blanket from the Grand Old Man.



Thornton and DeVol during the Gamma Theta Reinstallation at the SDSU Alumni Center standing by the Theta Chi pillar.



Brothers around the country gather for the grand opening and dedication of Chi Chapter’s new house at Auburn University in 2007. (L–R) Regional Counselor Philip Thornton, Regional Counselor Dan Wheeler (Theta Epsilon/Kennesaw State 1998), Past International President Dave DeVol, and Regional Counselor Joshua Wilson (Delta Kappa/Ball State 2003).



My Credit Score: Zero. My 'Big Brother': Unequaled.

BY PAST GRAND CHAPTER & FOUNDATION CHAPTER BOARD MEMBER HERB MORGAN (THETA IOTA/UC-SANTA CRUZ 1988)



Then-International Chaplain Herb Morgan proudly joins the Grand Old Man to present the DeVol Award to Steve Brenoskie (Zeta Omega/West Chester 2006) during the Kappa Mu/Point Loma Nazarene installation banquet.

We lost a Theta Chi legend. He was my 'Big Brother' and profoundly influential in my life. I owe much to him.

As a 19-year-old, bright-eyed, smart-ass student at the University of California-Santa Cruz, I decided to play a joke on the administration. I sent a letter to all national fraternities and sororities inviting them to a meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of California. Except, I didn't tell them the true nature of the meeting. On procured letterhead, I told them they were invited to a meeting to discuss the addition of a full-fledged Greek System at UC-Santa Cruz, which had zero organizations at the time.

No other organization sent a soul. They knew a hoax when they saw one. However, Theta Chi Fraternity sent their most esteemed alumnus on the West Coast, David DeVol. He saw the hoax as an opportunity.

Dave did not appreciate it when he was not allowed into the meeting of the Board of Regents. (Though he sure looked like the Regent-type).

He sought me out, scolded my behavior, and bought me lunch. He instructed me to bring a notebook and a pen. We sat down at the "Whole Earth Restaurant" where Dave directed me to "take some notes" so his trip would not be wasted.

I still have those notes. They read, "April 10, 1856, two cadets at Norwich University, Frederick Norton Freeman & Arthur Chase." By the time lunch ended, Dave instructed me to meet him in Philadelphia that August to learn more at Theta Chi's International Convention.

Six months later, Dave gave me my Pledge Button and, shortly thereafter, he pinned my Badge on me. He has always been my 'Big Brother.'

Shortly after graduation, I moved to San Diego where Dave had his bank make me a car loan. My credit score? Zero.

Dave then introduced me to other local alumni who then introduced me to the woman I would marry. Decades later, our son went on to start the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi while attending Gonzaga.

Dave next asked me to become the Chapter Adviser at Gamma Theta/San Diego State and, a year later, told me it was time to serve as a Deputy Regional Counselor. A couple of years later, I was a Regional Counselor.

Dave wasn't done with me, though. He made sure I attended the annual Theta Chi Ski Trip, which I've done for the last 20+ years. While skiing, he recruited me to serve on the Foundation



Inaugural ski trip in 1981



130 years old founded in 1856
at a Military Academy in Vermont
160 Active Chapters (1 Canada)
30 Inactive

First one is an Alpha

Fourteen California Chapters

- | | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 UCSD | 8 Fresno |
| 2 SDSU | 9 Stan. Law State? |
| 3 LBSU | 10 SJSU |
| 4 USC | 11 Stanford |
| 5 UCLA | 12 Berkeley |
| 6 Cal North | 13 UCD |
| 7 SCU | 14 Chico State |

First thing to do is to attend

National Conference in Philadelphia
For the week of Aug 11th
Meet with David Deibel Reps
from all chapters

Next: Go visit all local chapters

Apply: For colonization - Very easy to do -
Spend much time - get a house
and demonstrate financial stability.
is raise Money

“...Dave directed me to ‘take some notes’ so his trip would not be wasted...”

—Herb Morgan

I'm glad you had the opportunity to visit Davis, Berkeley, San Jose and Santa Clara, and am pleased you were so warmly received. These chapters will provide an important support system in the challenging months ahead. Congratulations also on the great news that you and the other members of the Colony will be initiated into Theta Chi by Theta Delta Chapter on February 27-28. The next time we meet, I can greet you as "Brother".

Your comment that the members "are shaping into a group of responsible, dependable, dedicated, caring men. Working together at a common goal (OX) has really brought us close" is especially meaningful, for this is the essence of our Fraternity. Keep up the good work!

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After installing (OX) the first fraternity —
Create an IFC
" " Alumni IFC
Have an IFC (University) Advisor



Dave, in 2013, on his 75th birthday.

Chapter's board for six years. After a brief hiatus, he counseled me to run and serve on the Grand Chapter, which I happily did for eight years.

Because of Dave and Theta Chi, I was lucky to build a business staffed with six other great brothers.

I can say without abatement, reservation, or exception that there has not been a finer member of our Fraternity. His influence and his accomplishments shall not be equaled in our further history.

When toasting during the Ski Trip, Dave would say, "God Bless Theta Chi & God Bless Ronald Reagan!" (whom he counted as a friend).

I will miss you, my Big Brother! Hip, Hip! Hooray!

"Buh Bye!"



Downhill Dignitaries

BY GREG RUSH, ASSISTANT EDITOR



1954: Chuck Perkins' senior photo at the University of Vermont.



Chuck and Jann in 1963.



While participating in Theta Chi's Oral History Project, **Chuck Perkins** (Delta Nu/Vermont 1954) shared, "During my time at the University of Vermont, Theta Chi was a huge part of my social and academic life. I lived in Burlington, but I took all my meals and spent most of my time at the chapter house." He added, "I was on their basketball team, and we won the Cakewalk championship one year. We also participated in events such as the University Sing, the Winter Carnival, and creating the ice sculptures. We had parties every Saturday night and invited a sorority to join us. It was a great way to socialize and make friends."

As he reflected on his collegiate experience, Chuck said, "Through my time in the Fraternity, I grew up and changed as a person. I have very fond memories of my time there."

After graduating, he took the skills acquired at Theta Chi and went to work for General Electric before he was drafted into the Army. The Army took him to New Jersey, Texas, and Virginia. He later started working for J.C. Penney in San Antonio and was transferred to Latham, NY, and then transferred again, back to Burlington.

Chuck married Janet Barbara Couture on August 18, 1956. Chuck had met Jann in 1951 at Colchester's Bayside roller-skating rink while her family was vacationing at Malletts Bay.

About a year later in 1957, Chuck took Jann to the Mad River Glen Ski Area in Waitsfield, VT, and it became one of their earliest memories as a couple. Jann had no prior experience skiing. She never had skis on her feet until age 20. He had been skiing since he was 5 years old, so he took her to the top, despite the sign saying, 'Experts Only.'

Jann survived her experience at Mad River Glen and fell in love with skiing. The young couple tried to find a way to combine their hobby with a way to pay for it.

"In 1963, I was working for J.C. Penney and Jann was working for a dentist.

We decided to open our own ski shop in South Burlington," Chuck said. "I was in my hometown with the experience needed to open my own store. I thought a ski shop might be fun."

The couple took all the finances they had and acquired a building and designed it to look like a European Swiss Chalet. With meager funds, they scavenged for materials around Burlington and at the University and did a majority of the interior design, construction, and installations themselves. Chuck and Jann lived in an apartment above the store.

The Alpine Shop opened on November 4, 1963, and operated seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. At first, it only offered clothing—ski equipment would come later. Three weeks after opening, the shop had its first major addition—its first new hire. Chuck and Jann's son, Chuck III, was born November 25, 1963, and, at 2 days old, reported for work on November 27.

The store, despite some lean years and many challenges, became a success due to Chuck and Jann's persistence and genuine love and passion for snowsports. The store is now over 60 years old, and the iconic ski shop remains one of the oldest and largest still in existence in the United States. Though Chuck and Jann have retired and sold the business, they remain two well-known ski dignitaries in the snowsport community.

In 1988, the couple supported the establishment of the Vermont Ski Museum and are the oldest and longest-serving members of its board of directors. In 2000, they fundraised to acquire, repair, restore, and preserve the former Town Meeting House in Stowe (built in 1818) to serve as the home for what is now the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum—in the Charles N. and Janet B. Perkins Building.

Over the years, Chuck and Jann were recognized and honored by dozens of prestigious organizations who wanted to show their appreciation to their passion and commitment. In addition, they were inducted into the New England Ski Representative Hall of Fame in 2014 and the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum Hall of Fame in 2017.

The couple has also generously promoted and supported the legacy of the fabled 10th Mountain Division and other military veterans. They



The Perkins' Ski Shop established in South Burlington, VT.



Just two Ski Bums: Chuck and Jann Perkins are recognized at the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, MI.

commissioned and financed a 13-foot-high bronze 10th Mountain trooper designed by veteran Donald Traynor, procured and financed the Vermont Ski Museum's 10th Mountain permanent collection, and sponsored the induction of all 10th Mountain soldiers from Vermont into the Vermont Ski Museum Hall of Fame to ensure the men who served in the 10th Mountain Division would never be forgotten.

After 67 years of marriage, their next ski adventure took them to the U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame and Museum in Ishpeming, MI.

In July 2023, Chuck and Jann made a generous \$1 million gift to the Hall of Fame with the hopes of preserving skiing history.

In recognition of their gift and contributions to the sport, the site was renamed the "Charles N. and Janet B. Perkins Building | Home of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Museum" in their honor and is accompanied by a bronze sculpture commissioned in 2021 by famed sculptor George Lundeen and his partner Joey Bainer.

In March 2024, Chuck and Jann were inducted into the U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame.

During his acceptance remarks, Chuck said, "A million dollars. Wow. If anyone had told us in our early years that we would've been able to do this, we would've told them they were crazy. We started our ski shop over 60 years ago, two young people with a dream."



Perkins family outside the store in 1993: (L-R) Peg, Chuck III, Jann, Chuck.

Jann continued, "We quit our jobs, sold our house and car, then borrowed every cent we could get and built our shop. We had an apartment upstairs. As snow farmers, if it snowed, we could pay our bills. If it didn't, we'd consider going bankrupt, and that almost happened once. Skiing opened so many doors for us and we've been so fortunate to have the best ski shop in New England. We worked together for all these years, and I couldn't do it without him and he couldn't do it without me. Thank you for this honor. Just ski and ride and make happy memories."

Chuck imparted, "My mom lived to be 109 years old. She was the oldest living Vermonter when she died. Her saying was, 'One day at a time.' You've got to enjoy every day and have fun. We certainly have! We're just two old ski bums." ■

Scholarships Impact Lives

During the 2023/2024 school year, the Foundation Chapter awarded more than \$310,000 in academic scholarships to over 180 Theta Chi brothers. Here's a sample of grateful brothers who recently received a scholarship because of the generosity of Theta Chi brothers like you.

I come from a low-income family and I am paying for school myself because our expendable income goes toward my mother's medical expenses. Since being placed on the kidney transplant list, I've had to work additional hours to be able to stay in college. This scholarship helps me to not have to work as many hours which gives me more time and energy to focus on my academic work. It removes the stress of financial instability and allows me to focus on my career goals.



– **Austin Rapole** (Iota Lambda/Longwood 2024)



I can continue my academics without having to look at alternate options like private loans. This is a shining example of how Theta Chi is for life and I will undoubtedly try to repay and give back to Theta Chi by assisting my chapter in leadership positions and contributing to the greater Fraternity after I graduate.

– **Jason Copella** (Kappa Theta/SUNY Geneseo 2025)



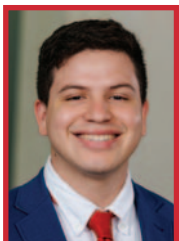
I work two jobs to support myself and attend RIT. This scholarship is vital and enables me to focus more on my academic work since I will have fewer worries about paying my bills and tuition. In addition, this also helps my family a lot because my parents will be relieved and won't have to worry about me as much!

– **Bertan Berker** (Iota Psi/RIT 2025)

This enables me to continue my educational and professional growth in medicine. As a student in the Early Medical School Acceptance Program at UAB, I have found my calling. From tuition assistance to expenses necessary to continue my research in neurogenesis and interneuron diversity, I can dive headfirst past the monetary stress and give my all to my work.



– **Justin Ryu** (Eta Psi/UAB 2025)



I'm deeply impressed by and share Theta Chi's commitment to cultivating leadership, academic excellence, and community involvement. The financial burden that higher education brings can be overwhelming, and this scholarship represents an opportunity to ease this load and fully focus on maximizing my potential.

– **Diego Ayala** (Delta Mu/Texas 2023)



This helps ease the large financial burden I face attending JMU. I work extremely hard in academics and strive to keep a positive attitude in everything I do. After joining Theta Chi, I learned about the great alumni connections this Fraternity has to offer. I am so proud to be a Theta Chi and look forward to doing my part as an alumnus brother in the future.

– **Joshua Schaffner** (Eta Kappa/James Madison 2025)



This scholarship gives me breathing room to pay my tuition, rugby/fraternity dues, and helps me to understand what a true Resolute Man looks like in the world outside of college. I will return the favor by making my chapter the best it can be.

– **Grant Ruhlen** (Iota Phi/South Carolina 2026)

The pandemic brought unforeseen hardships to my family and I realized pursuing my education without financial worries would be an immense relief for my parents. Your support represents an investment in my potential. It has motivated me to work harder, dream bigger, and strive for excellence in all that I do.



– **Josh Do** (Beta Theta/Drexel 2024)

Will You Leave a Legacy for Theta Chi?



John Berghoff



Dear Brothers,

Will *You* Leave a Legacy for Theta Chi?

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. When joining the Legacy Society, you will know the good work you do today will continue tomorrow. Take a look at our current listing of our Legacy Society. You'll find names of giants within Theta Chi as well as names you may have never seen. Names with graduation dates that are nearly a century old while others only recently became an alumnus brother. Perhaps you'll see one of your own chapter brothers on this list. The legacy of these brothers will ensure the perpetuation of Theta Chi and the development of future Resolute Men. Consider being a leader and inspiration for others and join them. Leave your legacy.

Below are the most common ways to make a planned gift allowing you to leave your own legacy for Theta Chi Fraternity.

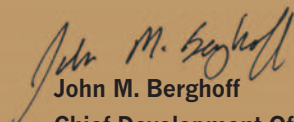
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John M. Berghoff
Chief Development Officer

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 Nicholas J. Osenberg (Delta Omega/Ripon 2011)
 James C. Otis (Gamma/Maine 1969)
 Philip P. Pappas, Ph.D. (Beta Chi/Allegheny 1979)
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Dale Slivinske and Howard Alter.

Donald M. Redmond (Gamma Xi/ San Jose State 1954)
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 Victor H. Simon (Beta Lambda/Akron 1935)
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 Robert H. Stine (Delta Kappa/Ball State 1986)
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 Dr. Jon B. Suzuki (Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan 1968)
 William H. Suter (Beta Delta/Rutgers 1943)
 Dan F. Sweet (Zeta/New Hampshire 1940)
 Thomas N. Thompson (Rho/Illinois 1998)
 William H. Thomas (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1963)
 John R. Vispo (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion 1972)
 Charles H. Wickersham (Delta Phi/ North Texas 1963)
 Jimmy M. Wall (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1951)
 Dr. J. Michael Wieting (Eta Rho/ Centenary (LA) 1978)
 Victor Yates (Gamma Rho/Florida State 1964)
 Russell D. Yoder (Beta Omicron/Cincinnati 1939)

Foundation Chapter Adds New Board Members

Chris Oprison (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1994)

Chris joined Theta Chi in 1990 and during his time as a collegiate brother, he served Beta Alpha as Assistant Marshal, Marshal, Secretary, and Vice President and was also UCLA's IFC President. He received a Blue Scholarship from the Foundation Chapter while in law school and is a recipient of the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award from the Grand Chapter.



From 2006–2008, Chris served in the White House Counsel's Office as an Associate Counsel and Special Assistant to President George W. Bush where he handled hundreds of congressional investigations directed at the president and executive agencies which implicated White House equities. Prior to that, he served in the United States Marine Corps as a Judge Advocate/Prosecutor at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Currently, he serves as Partner at DLA Piper LLP.

Marvin McConaghy (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1972)

Marvin joined Theta Chi in 1968 and served as Chapter President and IFC President. He was the 1974 recipient of the Reginald E. F. Colley Award and served as a Field Representative from 1974 to 1977. Marvin has volunteered as a Chapter Adviser for Alpha Phi/Alabama and Eta Psi/UAB; Alpha Phi House Corporation President, Eta Psi Alumni Corporation President, as a Regional Counselor; and as a board member on Theta Chi Funds for Leadership and Education, Inc. He is the 134th Recipient of Theta Chi's Distinguished Service Award.



Marvin spent 25 years in various sales, sales management, and executive leadership roles with BancTec, Inc. in the bank-

ing systems and technology sector providing automation in check, imaging, and payment processing operations. He retired as vice president & general manager of its U.S. Solutions group in 2005.

After failing in retirement the first time, Marvin was recruited to join Bayside Business Solutions, Inc., a small start-up in the lending side of financial technology, organizing its sales and marketing efforts. He then retired as a principal and partner when the business was sold to a \$1.6 billion financial technology corporation.

His second retirement has been successful, which gives him the time to serve on the Foundation Chapter board as well as to chair Alpha Phi Chapter's upcoming Centennial Celebration in 2025/2026.

Stephen J. Macri (Alpha Omega/Lafayette 1982)

Stephen joined Theta Chi in 1978 and was the 1982 Colley Award recipient. He also received a generous scholarship from the Foundation Chapter, which made possible his attendance and graduation from Cornell Law School.



Stephen is a highly experienced counselor and trustee for faith-based educational and charitable entities, a nationally recognized labor and employment law attorney with a demonstrated history of working collaboratively with clients to achieve successful outcomes on complex workplace legal issues with more than 35 years of experience in collective bargaining, arbitration, dispute resolution, employment discrimination litigation, and class action/collective action litigation.

He has also been recognized by his peers as one of the Best Lawyers in America, as one of New York's Best Lawyers, and as a New York Metro Area SuperLawyer.

Philip P. Pappas, Ph.D. (Beta Chi/Allegheny 1979)



Phil joined Theta Chi in 1977 and served as Chaplain for three terms. Several years later, Phil served as the Chapter Adviser for Beta Iota Chapter at the University of Arizona from 2011 through 2020. He has received the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award from the Grand Chapter and the David E. DeVol Award. In addition, he is a member of the Silver Legion and the Legacy Society.

He has had a varied professional career. He ran restaurants in Connecticut, and, after earning a master's degree from Cornell, joined Inter-Continental Hotels as a traveling MIS specialist around the world, and would ultimately become their director of Human Resources Information Systems. He then moved to a position at Northern Arizona University, where he taught MIS as an assistant professor and headed up one of the Economic Development/Research centers. That led to a position starting up Arizona's first NAFTA agency working with the governors' offices of Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. From 1998–2020, he owned and ran an independent financial planning firm. He obtained his Ph.D. in 2001 and his certified financial planner (CFP) credentials in 2009.

Phil sold his firm in 2020 and is currently retired.

Staffing Updates:



Annie Ruiz

As Stewardship Coordinator, Annie manages all gift entry and maintains a record of all gifts received, ensuring proper allocation of funds. She also lends a helping hand on other critical initiatives and projects. She is a 2023 graduate of the University of Arizona and a member of Alpha Phi Fraternity.

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Gamma/Maine Partners with FFCC

[Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted with permission from author Lizzie Heintz.]



The Families First Community Center (FFCC) and the University of Maine's Theta Chi Fraternity have partnered together to establish a philanthropic collaboration between the organizations moving forward.

Dozens of fraternity brothers were seen walking around FFCC on April 22. Some freshened up paint on the hand railings outside, while others began fixing a trailer across the street or installing insulation in the basement. Some even cooked food or provided transportation for patrons inside.

"We're a nonprofit, and this place is ginormous," FFCC Executive Director Shaina Fraser said. "It takes a ton of maintenance inside, outside, the whole nine yards. To have 20 guys come for a day and just do a bunch of stuff is like, it's awesome for us. We just don't always have the manpower to get everything done that we want to get done."

FFCC provides transitional housing for up to six families with at least one child at a time. It also provides community support and outreach, parenting instruction and support around life skills, education and jobs, safety, stability and medical/therapeutic support.

The partnership was initiated by a Theta Chi alumnus with ties to FFCC; after introducing him to the cause, Theta Chi's **Dominic Palmer** (2026) brought the two organizations together.

"We do service hours every semester, and it's always good to have partnerships or groups to work with instead of just bouncing around from place to place," Palmer said. "It's a great opportunity for us to give back to the community and give back to here."

"Whenever, wherever they need help, we're happy to come down, see whatever needs to be done. We should have someone that can do just about everything."

Theta Chi brothers will continue to do work with FFCC for as long as the partnership stands, providing much-needed support and services to the organization. They will continue to work on grounds maintenance, basic repair work, and providing meals and transportation to patrons who need it.

BETA/MIT

2023 Chapter President **Andre Hamelberg** (2023) was elected MIT Student Body President.



HAMELBERG

EPSILON/WPI

We held our fall 2023 Career Networking and Advice night at the chapter house. The evening consisted of 11 alumni comprising the panel, over 25 engaged, thoughtful active brothers in attendance who asked great questions and took notes. Panel members shared experiences and offered advice. This was the second of five events to round out our revamped career preparedness activities planned for the year.



SOBZACK

ETA/RHODE ISLAND

We paired with Zeta Tau Alpha to raise \$8,655 during philanthropy week.

OMEGA/PENN STATE

Keegan Sobzack (2024) was named 2025 executive director for Penn State THON, the largest student run philanthropy in the world.

ALPHA BETA/PITTSBURGH

We were awarded Highest GPA at Pitt's Fraternity/Sorority Life Awards.





Theta Chi is Top IFC Fraternity Team at BuckeyeThon



Alpha Lambda Chapter participated in BuckeyeThon, which is the largest student-run philanthropy in the state of Ohio. The event raises funds for the Hematology, Oncology, and the Bone & Marrow Transplant Unit at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Alpha Lambda’s BuckeyeThon team composed of 130 brothers raised more than \$26,000 and cemented them as the third highest fundraising team on campus, just behind business fraternity Pi Sigma Epsilon and the 2024 General Team composed of non-affiliated individuals. Nearly 130 teams participated including fraternities, sororities, clubs, residence halls, and scholar programs.

GAMMA LAMBDA/DENVER

We partnered with other fraternities to host a Mario Kart tournament and raised \$500 for the Trevor Project.

GAMMA PHI/NEBRASKA WESLEYAN

Forty brothers collected donations and we raised \$2,000 for the Nebraska Wesleyan University food bank.

DELTA GAMMA/WV WESLEYAN

Ashton Nardella (2026) was accepted into the Disney College Program.



DELTA PI/INDIANA STATE

Braxton Bowlus (2025) became the first brother to complete all three of the Fraternity’s Resolute Man tracks: Individual, Event, and Experience. Gafred Altamirano-Picache (2025) was elected IFC President and Connor Pettijohn (2027) was elected IFC Vice President of Programming and Community Engagement.

DELTA RHO/NC STATE

We were recognized with the award for having the Most Outstanding Community Involvement during NC State’s Greek Life Awards.



EPSILON DELTA/YOUNGSTOWN STATE

We competed in five events throughout Greek Week, and we won four of them, including an Escape Room, a Lip Sync contest, the “Greek Games” (which is a total of seven athletic contests), and the Food/Clothing drive. Additionally, we won the highest participation for the week out of every chapter on campus!



Gator Gives Gift of Life

[Editor's Note: While a collegiate brother, J. Michael Higgins (Tau/Florida 2023) innocently provided a sample and joined the marrow registry. Several months later, he answered the call and donated his stem cells to an anonymous patient. In recognition of his example of our motto, the Helping Hand, Brother Higgins was named a recipient of the Fraternity's 2022 Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Award. Brother Higgins was featured in an article by the Gift of Life Marrow Registry, reprinted here with permission from Traci Ackerman.]

Michael was a student at the University of Florida when he attended a luncheon held by his fraternity, Theta Chi, where a Gift of Life Campus Ambassador explained the organization's lifesaving mission and invited the fraternity members to swab their cheeks to join the marrow registry.

"I swabbed, why not, it seemed like a good cause to be part of," said Michael.

Less than a year later, Michael, 22, was contacted by a Gift of Life staff member who explained that he was a match for a 58-year-old man battling Acute Myelogenous Leukemia.

"I was at my house when I got the call, but I wasn't expecting to get matched as quickly as I did," he said. "I remember thinking 'didn't I just swab four or five months ago?' I said yes, I was going to donate. Immediately after I got off the call, I told everyone and anyone because of how cool of an experience it is. Having an opportunity to help save someone and give them a second chance at life is surreal."

Before donating, Michael had several shots of Neupogen (filgrastim) to help mobilize his stem cells into his circulating blood for collection. Donors receive five shots, one per day for four days, and then one right before donating. For some patients, Neupogen can make them feel very achy. This was the case for him, but the effect vanishes shortly after donation.

"It wasn't debilitating, but I did experience some knee and joint discomfort," said Michael. "The way I look at it, I have these annoying side effects for five days while someone in a hospital bed is hoping I can give them enough stem cells to continue living."

Since Michael lived only a few hours away in Orlando, Gift of Life organized a car service to bring him and his mother to Delray Beach, Fla.

"We stayed in a nice hotel, and my mom wanted to make a weekend of it," said Michael. "The hotel Gift of Life arranged was great. It was really close to the water which was super nice. We were able to explore and walk up and down Atlantic Ave. We went to the beach a few times and lounged poolside. We did all the touristy stuff we could."



Tau/Florida's Michael Higgins (2023) donates stem cells twice to help a man battling leukemia.

On the day of his donation, a car service brought Michael and his mom to the Adelson Collection Center in Boca Raton just a short distance from his hotel.

"The donation took about 4.5–5 hours," said Michael. "We both tried to read a little, but it was difficult for me to read with only one arm, as the other one had to stay still. We watched some Netflix episodes of a show, and a movie, *Father Stu*, but before we knew it, it was over."

Michael was pleased at how well things went, but his donation experience didn't end there. Six months after his first donation, he was asked to donate blood stem cells a second time to help his recipient during his recovery.

"When I received the call, I was a little nervous for my recipient," said Michael. "But I found out that he is in remission, it's just that his levels aren't as high as the doctors would like them to be, so I relaxed a bit. My second donation went very well with no issues. After two days, I was already feeling perfectly back to normal."

"I feel so grateful because I had the opportunity to potentially give someone a second chance at life," he said. "I feel like it's kind of my job now to advocate, to spread the message of what Gift of Life is doing. It's not that hard to join the registry, and the organization makes it really easy if you are called as a match. It was a great experience overall."

Michael, 22, is a student at the University of Florida majoring in sports management and is a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity. When not in class, Michael enjoys weight training, playing basketball and golf, and reading memoirs and nonfiction about the history of Old Florida.

Michael's swab kit was sponsored by the In Honor of Wendy Siegel Donor Circle.



ZETA KAPPA/OHIO NORTHERN

We received the Outstanding Greek Organization of the Year award during the 2024 President's Leadership Dessert.

ZETA LAMBDA/WESTMINSTER

We volunteered with the Sharon Beautification Commission to assist with decorating and cleaning downtown Sharon, PA, for the holidays.



ZETA PI/OLD DOMINION

In March, more than 15 collegiate brothers attended our chapter's 3.0 scholarship dinner. Their hard work paid off and we couldn't be prouder! We also thank and appreciate our alumni brothers who attended and sponsored this wonderful dinner for our top scholars!

ETA OMICRON/NORTHWESTERN STATE

We had a tremendous recruitment effort and grew from six members to 22. We also gathered and packed shoeboxes with essential items for less fortunate families for Christmas.

THETA ETA/SAM HOUSTON

Last fall, we came together to honor the remarkable women who have played an integral role in shaping each of us during our 2023 "Mom's Day" event. These extraordinary women have provided guidance, unwavering support, and boundless love, propelling us to where we are today. It was a day filled with heartfelt gratitude, joy, and a deep sense of appreciation for the incredible mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other maternal figures who have been our guiding stars.

IOTA ALPHA/UNC-WILMINGTON

We received the Most Improved Chapter Award from UNCW Fraternity & Sorority Life. **Caleb Pike** (2024) was also recognized as the Fraternity Chapter President of the Year.

Kingmakers



2023 Homecoming King Matthew Muldoon poses with Queen, Erynn McLemore, and Missouri State President Dr. Clif Smart and his wife Gail.

Theta Chi's Iota Beta Chapter at Missouri State University prides itself as a fraternity that has brothers from every corner of campus and every walk of life. Their influence and impact can be felt in student government, musical theatre, Catholic Campus Ministries, StuMo (a non-denominational campus ministry), and in the classroom.

Over the past five years, four brothers have been named as homecoming kings: **Jaymes Dickinson** (2019), **Evan Ellis** (2020), **Colin Weber** (2021), and, most recently, **Matthew Muldoon** (2023).

A finance major, Brother Muldoon served as Vice President, Social Chair, PR Chair, and co-chaired Greek Week.

Reflecting on his collegiate experience, Matthew said, "Have a positive influence on your brothers, peers at Missouri State, and every person you meet in life. Your time in college is limited, but the impact you have on those surrounding you can last long after your physical presence. Whether it's through holding a position on campus or in Theta Chi, or even just being a friendly face on campus, we have an expectation to carry ourselves as gentlemen who seek to extend a Helping Hand to all!"

He added, "If you wake up every day and truly make an effort to be the best man possible, I assure you that the jobs, awards, and success will follow."

IOTA PHI/SOUTH CAROLINA

Nick Venglik (2027) won the 2023 Outstanding New Member award from our university's Greek life awards.

KAPPA GAMMA/NORTH FLORIDA

Mikey Barcal (2025) was elected student body president. This is the second consecutive year a Theta Chi has held this office at UNF.

KAPPA ZETA/ARKANSAS

We participated in the annual Out of Darkness Walk and raised \$15,000 for suicide prevention.



Alpha Commission Initiates Three Brothers

BY ERIK VANDENBERGHE, DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT

On December 16, 2023, Theta Chi welcomed three new Norwich University alumni to the International Headquarters, where they became the three newest members of the Alpha Commission.

Peter Nguyen (2023), **Alejandro Tonko** (2023), and **Peter Wisowaty** (2023) were initiated and added to the roll of Alpha Chapter.

The ceremony was presided over by three brothers who had helped to establish the Alpha Commission:

Mickenzie Walbridge (2017), **Power Donnelly** (2017), and **Brian Serafin** (2017). **Robert Patrick** (Beta Omicron/Cincinnati 2026) served as the Chaplain for the ceremony alongside members of the Headquarters staff.

These three new members of the Alpha Commission were part of a group of five Norwich graduates selected by the members of the Commission. The two others selected for membership, **Kevin Silva** (2023) and **Alphonsus McConnell** (2023), will be initiated later this year. These five men followed a similar path to those initiated into the Commission in 2017 by working with Norwich

University administrators to learn more about their policies on Greek life and inquiring about opportunities for reinstating Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

While the university is resolved in its position and has no current or future plans to change its policy regarding collegiate fraternal organizations, these five men showed great dedication and a desire to learn the objectives and ideals of Theta Chi Fraternity. With the support of **International Marshal Steve Gonzalez** (who received his Bachelor of Applied Science (2016) and Master of Arts (2021) from Norwich), they were able to connect with the five original initiates of the Alpha Commission.

Over the eight months following their graduation, Alpha Commission alumni interviewed and assessed the potential new members' intentions for joining. Once confirmed and approved, the Commission and members of the Headquarters staff took time each week to educate the new members on the history, traditions, and ideals of Theta Chi Fraternity.

This long process culminated in the initiation of three members into Theta Chi Fraternity. There was one last surprise for **Director of**



Six Alpha/Norwich alumni who joined Theta Chi since 2017 via the Alpha Commission (L-R): Mickenzie Walbridge (2017), Peter Wisowaty (2023), Power Donnelly (2017), Peter Nguyen (2023), Alex Tonko (2023), and Brian Serafin (2017).

Engagement Erik VanDenBerghe (Zeta/New Hampshire 2015), who started his college experience at Norwich before transferring and is the staff point of contact for the Alpha Commission. After the initiation, the Commission added VanDenBerghe to the roster book as an Honorary Member of Alpha Chapter.

As the Alpha Commission is comprised of both civilian and military service members, they face a unique task of becoming actively engaged with the Fraternity, all while being spread across the world. The Alpha Commission seeks to preserve the history of Theta Chi at Norwich University, as well as to be a productive contributor to the Fraternity. The Commission has been working tirelessly to identify opportunities to give back to the Fraternity, with plans to create philanthropic events, scholarships for members of Theta Chi, and a process to preserve the history of Alpha Chapter.

Welcome to our new brothers and we look forward to the future achievements of these men and the accomplishments of the Alpha Commission!



A Family Affair

BY MIKE ROWELL (ALPHA PHI/ALABAMA 1987)

In 1952, **James H. “Jimmy” Rowell** graduated from Wilcox County High School and went to U.S. Army boot camp. Joining up during the Korean War, he was trained as a combat engineer and was on his way to Korea when his troop ship stopped in Japan. He was reassigned to the base in Japan and served and completed his enlistment there. Upon his return to the U.S., he attended Troy University and graduated in 1958 with a degree in mathematics and business. Unfortunately, the G.I. Bill funding he received was not enough to cover the additional expenses of a fraternity.

Though Jimmy did not have a fraternity experience at Troy, the same could not be said for the rest of his family, who all, coincidentally, joined Theta Chi. First, his brother-in-law, **Isaac Kervin** (Zeta Theta/Troy 1976), joined at his alma mater. Next, his eldest son, **Burt** (Chi/Auburn 1980), and his youngest son, **Mike** (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1987), joined at the state’s rival universities. Finally, his nephew, **Zachary Kervin** (Chi/Auburn 2018), and his grandson, **Sam** (Alpha Phi/Alabama 2024), followed the family legacy and brought the total count to five.

In recognition of a lifetime of public service and embodiment of the Helping Hand, Alpha Phi Chapter initiated Jimmy Rowell on February 7, 2024, and he became the sixth member of his family in Theta Chi Fraternity.

Following his initiation, Jimmy was honored for his 41 years of public service to the state of Alabama including serving in two governor’s cabinets as finance director and chief information officer. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Alabama Supercomputer Authority and served as its CEO and as a member of the board of directors. He served on the board of directors of the Alabama Retirement Systems and was past president of the Alabama Retired State Employees Association. In 1994, Troy University presented him with its Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award.

Following his public service, he formed Enterprise Technologies, LLC, which he operated for 20 years, ultimately retiring at the age of 87. Jimmy Rowell has exemplified the motto of Theta Chi by extending a Helping Hand to many throughout his career as a teacher and as a mentor to numerous individuals. His family members are so very proud that they can now also call him ‘brother’!



(L–R): Mike R., Sam R., Burt R., Isaac Kervin, and Jimmy (seated)



THETA/MASSACHUSETTS

Rechartering Member **Justin Williams** (2006) was recognized as the Middle Level Art Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Art Education Association.

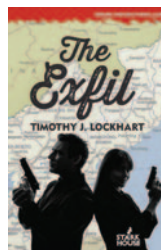
CHI/AUBURN

Jack Waddey (1965) was listed as one of the Top 10 Most Influential Mediator Lawyers Across the United States by *Business Today*.



Tim Lockhart

(1977) authored *The Exfil*, a fictional espionage thriller about a North Korean scientist who decides to defect. After his daughter is kidnapped, U.S. agents form a rescue plan.



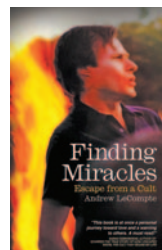
PSI/WISCONSIN

Andrew Lecompte (1970) published *Finding Miracles: Escape from a Cult*, his personal account of the abuse and trauma he experienced as an unknowing member of a cult. Now available on Amazon.



ALPHA ZETA/ROCHESTER

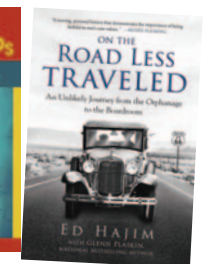
Ed Hajim (1958) published two books: *The Island of the Four Ps: A Modern Fable About Preparing for Your Future*, a modern fable about a young man who leaves home for the first time and travels to an island on a quest to answer some of life’s basic questions; and *On the Road Less Traveled: An Unlikely Journey from the Orphanage to the Boardroom*, a personal



memoir about his own journey from dire childhood circumstances to achieve professional success and personal fulfillment. Both are available on Amazon.

ALPHA PHI/ALABAMA

John David Pugh (1984) has been elected to serve as the 2025 chairman of the national board of directors of The Associated Builders and Contractors.





Bassmaster

BY GREG RUSH, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Logan Parks (Chi/Auburn 2021) had a goal. As a lifelong fisherman and angler, he journeyed to Auburn University to pursue a spot on their Bass Fishing Team and doors continued to open.

"The team has been around since 2007; that was really my whole motivation for going to Auburn. We had two or three people from Auburn who fished professionally," Parks said. "When I became president of the Fishing Team during COVID, we had some pretty good success at Auburn. We won Team of the Year in 2021 as well as the Bass Pro Shops U.S. Open in 2021."

Parks joined Theta Chi during fall 2017, but initially, he checked out Kappa Alpha Order because of family connections.

"My cousins are KAs, but I just didn't connect with their fraternity. My buddy from back home signed a bid with Theta Chi and told me to go check the guys out." He added, "Everything was genuine, felt natural, and I just felt at home. I signed my bid the minute they extended it to me."

Parks is an only child with no siblings, and he'd always grown up wanting one. Theta Chi and the brotherhood at Chi Chapter is what he recalls as the highlight of his collegiate experience. Parks also stated that his time as a collegiate brother showed him how to treat people, have a conversation, and properly network, which transitioned into skills he would later use as the president of the Bass Fishing Team. During his time in the chapter, he served as the Assistant Marshal.

"Being the Assistant Marshal was the first time I'd had a responsibility like that. I learned about perseverance, meeting deadlines, and making sure to rise to the expectations of those who had faith in me."

His big personal dream, however, was to graduate and compete in the upper-level tournaments through Bassmaster to become a professional Bassmaster Elite angler.

Parks teamed up with a longtime high school friend and two other professional anglers and qualified for the Bassmaster College National Championship every year.

One of Parks' biggest accomplishments was winning the Bass Pro Shops Amateur Team Championship in 2021. He and his partner were each awarded fully rigged Nitro boats, Toyota Tundra trucks, and \$500,000, which helped him lay the framework for his future non-profit ventures.

Following graduation, Parks pursued his dream of becoming a professional bass angler and saw it come to fruition at age 25, making the Bassmaster's Elites in his second year after college. In this competitive arena, most amateur anglers try a lifetime to make the Elites and never make it.

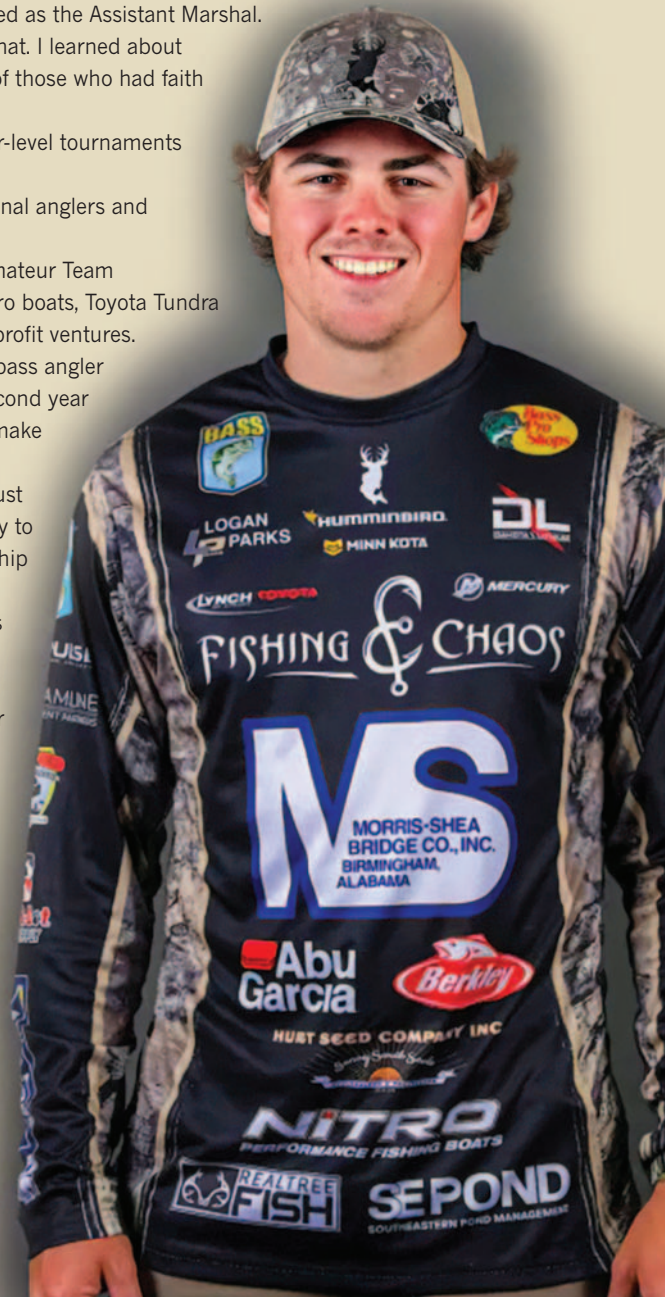
Parks wanted to give back and help young bass anglers reach their dream just like he was able to do. In 2021, he was the youngest alumnus in Auburn history to establish an endowed scholarship, making a gift of \$26,000. The new scholarship was created with the intention of attracting bass anglers fishing in high school tournament circuits to come to Auburn and fish for the Auburn University Bass Fishing Team.

"Usually fishing tournaments are either high school or college anglers working with each other exclusively. It's good to bring these two age groups together and it creates a networking and mentorship opportunity."

In 2023, Parks created the Logan Parks Fishing Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to keep young anglers engaged in pursuing their dream of professional bass fishing, experience the feeling of winning big tournaments, provide opportunities for personal development through mentorship, promote getting their college degrees, foster good sportsmanship, and help them in handling adversity.

The foundation's inaugural tournament was held in November 2023. Bass Pro Shops sent in a camera crew and created a documentary on the event. Parks' current plan is to make this an annual event with the second tournament occurring in October 2024.

"I was super proud of how the tournament turned out. Through the money we raised from our tournament, we were able to give away one of the largest scholarship payouts in high school/college fishing history," Parks said.





Werhane Inducted into Adaptive Sports Hall of Fame



The National Adaptive Sports Hall of Fame was created to honor individuals who have had an influential role in the field of adaptive sports as well as athletes who have excelled in it. Each year, the Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding competitors and passionate contributors within summer and winter adaptive sports.

The contributor category specifically recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field, including innovative techniques, specialized equipment, program development, education, or public relations.

The 2023 winter honoree in the contributor category was **Chris Werhane** (Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls 1987) of Arvada, CO. Werhane has served tens of thousands of individuals in skiing over three decades, traveling over 200 days per year to provide adaptive ski programs across the country and to train staff and volunteers to ensure the highest quality lessons. He also provides oversight and assistance in safety and risk management at many national adaptive ski events including the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic.

Werhane is currently adaptive sports lead at Adaptive Adventures, a national nonprofit.



Alpha Phi's Jimmy Creamer is the Oscar Mayer Hotdogger.

ALPHA PHI/ALABAMA

After graduating with a degree in marketing, **Jimmy Creamer** (2022) was one of 12 lucky dogs selected from a pool of over 3,000 applicants to become an official Oscar Mayer Hotdogger and drive the Wienermobile around the country for an entire year. "Jumbo Dog Jimmy" traveled through 32 states, giving away thousands of souvenir Wiener Whistles. A memory he relished was when he pulled the Wienermobile into his driveway back home. We know you're jealous!

ALPHA CHI/SYRACUSE

Daniel Martindale (1992) was elected president of The Arc New York, a family-led organization that provides support services and advocacy for 60,000 New Yorkers with intellectual and developmental disabilities in every county of the state. He is currently the deputy county attorney for Washington County (NY) and also serves as Vice President of the Alpha Chi Alumni Corporation and as a chapter adviser.



Whoa, it's Pizza Shark: (L-R) Josh Koopman and his business partner Todd Montgomery work at their restaurant in Harwich, MA.

Josh Koopman (1999) breathed new life into a down-on-its-luck general store in Cape Cod by transforming it into a pizzeria. Pizza Shark gained national attention after Longmeadow native and The White Lotus star Meghann Fahy wore one of their hoodies in a viral Instagram post.

ALPHA PSI/MARYLAND

Alex Chaloff (1993) was promoted to chief investment officer and head of investment and wealth strategies by Bernstein Private Wealth Management.



BETA ZETA/MICHIGAN STATE

Dr. John Nonnamaker (1982) was selected to be the director of career services at Tulane University.



BETA RHO/ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

Adam Hott (2005) wrote *Codey The Toad's Computer Game Adventure*, blending fun and education to help children understand the basics of computers and computer programming.





Houston Alumni Host Fall Networking Luncheon

BY RICH MENZEL (DELTA UPSILON/ARIZONA STATE 1995)



On October 18, 2023, 31 brothers from 19 chapters convened at Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse in the Houston Galleria for the third Houston Area Alumni Networking Luncheon. This event spanning six decades of brotherhood was organized by Gilbert Cruz (Theta Eta/Sam Houston 2019), Gary Bras (Beta Upsilon/Fresno State 1983), Rich Menzel (Delta Upsilon/Arizona State 1995), Andy James (Delta Upsilon/Arizona State 1998) and Past International Secretary Doug Miller (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1990). Attendees introduced themselves and shared chapter affiliation, initiation date, and current occupation. The event featured updates from the International Fraternity from Doug Miller. Past International Vice President Brian Hall (Theta Eta/Sam Houston 1988) was also in attendance.

Over the past year, 81 Houston-area alumni representing 43 different chapters have attended the three luncheons put together organically by alumni in the area. Our goal is to reach more than 100 brothers by Founders Day 2024.



Brent Layton (left) with Georgia Governor Kemp.

DELTA BETA/GEORGIA

Brent Layton (1989) was appointed to serve as Georgia's Fifth Congressional District Representative on the Board of Natural Resources by Governor Brian Kemp. He was recently tapped as the new CEO of Sharecare, Inc., a digital health company specializing in assisting users manage all of their health in one place. Previously, he served as president and chief operating officer of Centene Corporation.

DELTA IOTA/NORTHWESTERN



Clifford Garstang (1975) draws on his decades of experience in Asia to tell the stories of two women, nearly a century apart who seek to rebuild their lives in the tropical paradise of Singapore.



It is an unforgettable story of history and modern romantic intrigue. Now available on Amazon.

DELTA PHI/NORTH TEXAS

Wilson Jones (1985) and his wife Jane dedicated the newly opened Wilson Jones Career Center at UNT's G. Brint Ryan College of Business. Their \$5 million gift aims to help business students with career exploration,



(R-L) Wilson Jones, his wife, Jane, daughter Emily, and her partner Michael Jung celebrate the dedication of the Wilson Jones Career Center at UNT.

resume writing, guest speakers, mock interviews, and aid in finding internships. The couple has also established the Wilson and Jane Jones Endowment Scholarship and the Wilson and Jane Jones Extra Mile Scholarship. He is a recipient of the UNT Distinguished Alumni Award and was inducted into the G. Brint Ryan College of Business Hall of Fame. Jones is the retired

president and CEO of Oshkosh Corporation, a manufacturer of military and other tactical vehicles.

DELTA OMEGA/RIPON

Mark Franzen (1983) began his term as chairman of Ripon College's Board of Trustees.





It Only Takes a Spark — and some Helping Hands. Will You Join Us? P.S. There's a barbecue ...

Alpha Omega Alumni Invite Theta Chi Families to 2024 Lafayette College Homecoming

BY JIM MOONEY (ALPHA OMEGA/LAFAYETTE 1983)



Homecoming officially starts shortly after lunch the day before the game for **Jeff Fatum** (1983), when he adds his famous brisket to the smoker to ensure it will be perfect by dawn, just in time for his trek to Easton, PA, to Lafayette College.

Arriving at the parking lot behind the field at 8:30 a.m., Jeff and his wife, Wendy, prepare breakfast for the other early risers who come with tableware, side dishes, desserts, and drinks. All elements are harmonized in advance by Jeff through the Alpha Omega Facebook Group he maintains, along with his well-crafted online spreadsheet and dogged reminders. While the food is remarkable, what draws everyone (this year from as far away as Vietnam!) is the brotherhood and shared experiences that built our chapter.

Theta Chi's origins at Lafayette date back to 1925 as Kappa Phi, a local fraternity that was ultimately approved and installed in 1930 as Alpha Omega Chapter. Throughout the next 70 years, Theta Chi was a dynamic participant and leader in Greek life at Lafayette. During that time, social living groups (fraternities, sororities, and social dormitories) represented over 70 percent of all matriculants. These groups were responsible for almost all campus social activities including sporting competitions, charitable fundraisers, and parties or open houses. The participation was so ubiquitous that a single organization, the Association of Social Living Groups, was required to orchestrate it all and, we are proud to say, many Alpha Omega brothers served as presidents or in other leadership roles of this organization.

Sadly, over the last 30 years, Greek life at Lafayette has dramatically decreased, with the large majority of fraternities, which numbered 19 at one time, inactive. While the physical houses

themselves no longer boast Greek letters, the spirit of brotherhood remains strong among many, and this is especially true for our Resolute Men. In particular, the Board of Governors of the Alpha Omega Alumni Association is alive and well, striving to keep the spirit of Theta Chi a part of the Lafayette experience by, among other things, hosting a post-game dinner, maintaining a website (ThetaChi-AlphaOmega.org), and actively advocating for

Theta Chi's return with college administrators.

Jeff Fatum's tailgating event started humbly in 2017 with just five brothers. It has grown to 30 brothers and their families in 2023, with nearly 50 attending the dinner later that evening. What did it take? Direct brother-to-brother communication.

Thanks to our Theta Chi alumni database and assistance from International Headquarters staff, we reach out predominantly via email and social media. In the end though, nothing beats the power of a personal message and some gentle pressure from an old friend.

Alpha Omega's true north star is recolonization. We realize this will take a sustained effort, and most importantly, growing interest from students. Toward that end, we want to create some positive buzz on campus and, to do so, we are reaching out to Theta Chi brothers nationwide (as well as their family and friends) for a Helping Hand. This year's homecoming game is October 26, and we are inviting any Lafayette student, male and female, who has a family member who is a Theta Chi regardless of alma mater, along with any guests, to our tailgate and dinner.

Please RSVP by email at BOG@ThetaChi-AlphaOmega.org and leave us your name and the number of guests you intend to bring. Alpha Omega alumni can use the same email address and we'll put you in touch with someone so you can help participate in hosting the event with us.

We are very excited to see you this October to renew old ties and make new friends. Rest assured; Brother Fatum will be cooking and you won't leave hungry!



¡Feliz Día de los Fundadores! ¡Vive Le Theta Chi desde España! The 1974 Colley Award recipient and 1st Runner Up celebrate Founders Day in Madrid, Spain. While traveling in Europe this spring, Foundation Chapter President Vance Maultsby (Delta Phi/North Texas 1974), on the right, reconnects with former Field Representative Tom Smith (Alpha Sigma/Oregon 1974). They agree the timing was perfect!



Maultsby



Smith

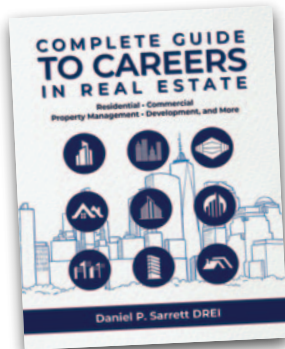


ZETA EPSILON/LONG BEACH STATE'S Eduardo Vargas-Toro (2000) was recently awarded the U.S. State Department's Meritorious Honor Award for helping to keep democracy alive in Latin America. He currently serves as adviser for human rights in the Andes.

**EPSILON PI/
NORTHERN ILLINOIS**



Danny Sarrett (1968) authored *The Complete Guide to Careers in Real Estate*, providing details and information on various rewarding real estate professions. Now available on Amazon.



**EPSILON PHI/
CENTRAL MISSOURI**

Gordon Roll (1988) is currently senior director — North America for Cepheid, which specializes in biotechnology research. Previously, he served as vice president of PAR Excellence



Systems and as president and CEO of SurePoint Medical, which provides direct-to-consumer diabetes supplies and medications.

ZETA ALPHA/SLIPPERY ROCK

Rechartering Member and former IHQ staff member **Eric Lehman** (2021) was named Chapter Adviser of the Year during the Greek Life awards at the University of Pittsburgh for his service to Alpha Beta Chapter.



**ZETA EPSILON/
LONG BEACH STATE**

When brothers from the 1980s realized it had been far too long since they had seen others from their generation, they put together

a happy hour at Murphy's Pub, an old hangout in Long Beach. Not wanting to limit the fun, the reunion event was opened up to brothers from throughout the chapter's 58-year history with 50 brothers from the 1970s to present day in attendance.

Jim Ciampa (1988) volunteers for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association and currently serves as the Parade Operations Committee Chair. As part of his duties in overseeing the Rose Parade, he was involved with the entertainment units which included the Enjoy Illinois float on which Straight No Chaser performed. He was able to connect with SNC tenor **Jerome Collins** (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1998) after an early morning rehearsal held before the 2024 Rose Parade.

**ZETA KAPPA/
OHIO NORTHERN**

Brit Rowe (1993) was selected to speak at the Ohio Arts Council's Arts Impact Ohio Conference.

**ZETA SIGMA/
WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS**

Shawn Gudmunsen (1996) received the Wisconsin Award for Excellence in Teaching Music. He has taught music for 24 years in the St. Croix Falls School District.



Jim Ciampa (r) meets up with SNC tenor Jerome Collins.



December 22, 2015: Ken Caldwell speaks to service members prior to the first showing of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service partnered with Walt Disney Studios to give service members a chance to see the movie in a deployed location. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Cloys)

Curtain Call

Disney Entertainment's **Ken Caldwell** (Zeta Psi/Western Illinois 1978), who led distribution for eight of the top 15 domestic releases of all time, retired at the end of 2023. Starting with Disney in Chicago after graduation, he later moved to Dallas, working as a film buyer for General Cinema Theaters. In 1986, he returned to Disney and worked in theatrical distribution and took leadership roles there and in Atlanta and New York. Beginning in 2011, he worked at Disney's Burbank headquarters and since 2019, he served as executive vice president and general sales manager of North America.

Caldwell oversaw distribution of Disney's Lucasfilm, Marvel (MCU), Pixar, and additional animation titles, as well as films from 20th Century Studios and Searchlight Pictures domestically and in Canada. Titles include *Frozen*; *Zootopia*; *Avatar: The Way of Water*; the live-action releases of *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, and *The Lion King*; Pixar's *Toy Story*, *The Incredibles*, and *Coco*; and every *Star Wars* and MCU film since 2012.

Caldwell took pleasure in visiting U.S. service members on land and at sea while sharing early release screenings of blockbuster films produced by Disney including films from the *Star Wars* and MCU franchises. During one visit he shared, "While many movies are filmed about heroes, you're the real heroes." He added, "I thank you for your dedication, for your service, and I just want to say, 'God bless you all.' Get home safe—and let's roll this film!"

In 2018, Caldwell and other Disney executives were honored by Army & Air Force Exchange Service Exchange Director/CEO Tom Shull for their support of service members and their families by providing first-run movies and advance screenings, merchandise,



December 21, 2015: Ken Caldwell visits with Airmen from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing in front of an F-15E Strike Eagle at an undisclosed location. Caldwell personally thanked and coined several maintainers, thanking them for their service in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Frank Miller/Released)

and events for children at Exchange locations. Caldwell said, "Disney is honored to serve military service members and their families, who work so hard to protect and preserve the freedoms that we all enjoy."

U.S. Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro recently presented an official Navy and Marine Corps coin to Ken for his selfless and dedicated service. In addition, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin directed a U.S. Flag be flown over the Pentagon on January 2, 2024, and given to Ken in honor of his selfless service.

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Drizzle No Match for SRU Fraternity Alumni

BY PAULA GRUBBS

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The Bells: Lauri (1988) and Erik (Iota Sigma/Towson 2021), along with a vintage T-shirt and its designer, Jeff (Zeta Alpha/Slippery Rock 1988).

SLIPPERY ROCK — Grills were smoking, music was blaring, cornhole bags were flying, and either beer or hard seltzer were flowing, depending on the year participants graduated from Slippery Rock University.

The school's 2023 Homecoming Alumni Association Tailgate was held in the Blaise Scarnati Marching Band Field and parking lots before The Rock played California University of Pennsylvania on Saturday afternoon.

The various fraternities that set up an area to gather paid little attention to the chilly, drizzly precipitation during the first part of the tailgating event. Instead, fraternity brothers and their wives and friends laughed and reminisced about their days studying — and more — at SRU. Many brothers wore clothing, hats, or jackets emblazoned with their fraternity, and one group, Theta Chi, even displayed an original 1987 hoodie from Straub's in Slippery Rock. Jeff Bell, who graduated from SRU with his wife, Lauri, in 1988, created the designs on the front and back of the historical hoodie. The front displays a globe with the former Theta Chi house across from Old Main, which is now an apartment building.

The Bells, who have traveled from Maryland to attend the annual SRU homecoming for 15 years, now bring their son, Erik, who pledged Theta Chi at East Stroudsburg University before transferring his membership to his own alma mater, Towson University near Baltimore.

But Erik said he was not pressured by his parents to pledge their favorite fraternity.

"Dad said 'I don't care what fraternity you join, but go where your friends are,'" he recalled.

The younger Bell said the majority of guys in his dorm were pledging to Theta Chi, so he did too.

"It just so happened I joined," Erik said.

One day, Jeff gave his son a box and told him not to open it until the night of his Theta Chi initiation.

"So on initiation night, I opened the box, and there was a wooden mug with a rope handle with 'Theta Chi' branded into the mug," Erik said. "I thought it was pretty cool [and then] I read the note inside that said, 'This is the mug from my initiation night.'"

Jeff also gave his son a Theta Chi ball cap and tie tack. Erik proudly wore the hat on Saturday as he hungout with his parents and their friends. Erik recommends engaging in the Greek life at college, as it bands students together.

"It's really cool to walk around campus and always say 'Hi' to someone," he said. "That really helped get me through college."

His mother, who helped her husband and son unload the tents, tables, chairs, chafing dishes, and other accessories that made the tailgate party a success, said she always enjoys homecoming weekend at SRU.

"We were college sweethearts," Lauri Bell said, squeezing Jeff's hand. "We both love the campus. We loved being at Slippery Rock when we were students here."

She said returning to campus each year at homecoming is always cathartic.

"It's a flood of happy memories when we come back," Lauri said. "You kind of go back in time for a moment and remember all the fun you had."

Asked why he comes to homecoming each year, and Jeff answers simply.

"What do I get out of it? Seeing my brothers and friends from the past," he said.

Jack Shivetts, Class of '83 and also a Theta Chi, said the fraternity got its Slippery Rock University chapter in 1964.

"We loved our education at Slippery Rock," Shivetts said of Theta Chis of all ages at the tailgate party. "We all just kind of found each other and we'll stay together forever."

He said the group enjoys an annual golf outing, fishing trips, weddings, and other events each year.

Greg Riedwood, a Theta Chi from the SRU Class of 1980 who lives in Cranberry Township, said fraternities and sororities are not as popular now as they were in his day.

"I have 80 to 90 friends from up here and my two daughters have eight or nine," he said.

Theta Chi Mark Hoffman, Class of 1985, came from Newbury, Ohio, to the Slippery Rock University homecoming. "If it wasn't for Theta Chi, I probably wouldn't come to homecoming," he said. "I have a feeling that out of all the alumni groups, there are more Theta Chi here than any other fraternity."



Duke University head football coach **Manny Diaz** (Gamma Rho/Florida State 1995) catches up with Delta Rho/NC State alumni **Smokey Hay** (1979) (right) and Raleigh Sports Club President **Ken Updegrave** (1990) (left) after speaking at the club in February 2024.

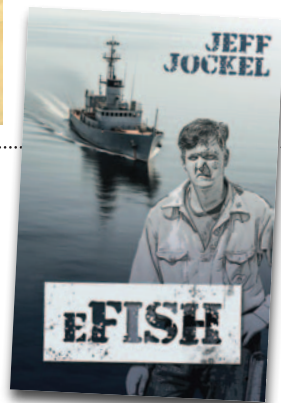
ZETA PSI/WESTERN ILLINOIS

Dean A. Cada (1973) was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.



ETA KAPPA/JAMES MADISON

Jeff Jockel (1989) is proud to release his first book, *EFISH. EFISH* is a comic/satire novel about life on a U.S. Navy ship.



ETA ZETA/EDINBORO

Dr. Joe Pfadt (1983) was honored by Penn West Edinboro with the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award. He earned three degrees from his alma mater and his doctorate at Gannon University. In 1992, he started as a social studies teacher at Harbor Creek High School near Erie, PA, and served until his retirement in 2019. In 2013, Pfadt founded Warriors to Washington, honoring veterans from the Erie region who served in the U.S. Armed Forces following the attack on 9/11. In 2014, Pfadt retired as a major after 30 years of service in the U.S. Army National Guard and a 2003–2004 deployment to Kosovo. He also served as executive director and CEO of the Oliver Hazard Perry Shipyard and seeks to bring a Perry-class frigate to Erie's waterfront.



ETA RHO/CENTENARY

Jeremy K. Fagan (2008) was selected as a 2023–2024 Tulane Bywater Institute Scholar for his concept for a community-based clinic that offers true respite and healing through medicine, gardening, acupuncture, herbalism, theater, and the needs and dreams of the Greater New Orleans community.



serves around 5,000 courses across the nation, over 50 PGA Tour events, three of the four Majors, 1,500 PGA professionals, and thousands of food and beverage, tennis, and pool departments.

IOTA LAMBDA/LONGWOOD

Wil Miles (2019) triumphed over a field of 4,788 teams to win Rotowire's National Fantasy Football Championship and its grand prize of \$250,000. At 29, he was the youngest national champion of 2023.

IOTA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA

Charter Member **Matt Pollitt** (2008) is CEO of PTE Golf, a company he started in his dorm room while at UCF. PTE (Professional Tournament Enhancements) Golf celebrated its 20th anniversary and



IOTA PSI/RIT

Reginald Rogers (2021) served on a panel at the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine for the 20th anniversary of the National Nanotechnology Initiative.





CHAPTER ETERNAL

We share the names of our brothers reported to the International Headquarters between October 6, 2023, and April 10, 2024, as passing to the Chapter Eternal.

ALPHA

Norwich

Bradford T. Greason (1950)
Richard S. Russo (1955)

BETA

MIT

William R. Kincaid (1949)
Rev. Robert Pollard, III
(1947)

GAMMA

Maine

Donald P. Higgins (1953)
K. Wayne Morris (1982)
David L. Palmer (1962)
Stephen R. Spring (1978)

DELTA

RPI

Christopher Riddleberger
(1955)

EPSILON

WPI

Donald M. Salerno (1973)

ZETA

New Hampshire

Marshall G. Carbee (1950)
Henry R. Langevin, Jr.
(1951)

THETA

Massachusetts

Lee H. Hall (1957)

IOTA

Colgate

Edward R. Gomoll (1964)
David B. Ingerman (1984)
Albino A. Paparella (1958)

LAMBDA

Cornell

Daniel B. Dawson (1965)
Agnew W. Derbyshire, Jr.
(1947)
Robert E. Jensen (1953)

MU

California

George H. Davis (1942)
George S. Dolim (1947)
Phillip A. Hogan (1955)
Eric D. Thompson (1968)
Lt. Philip S. Threefoot
(1960)

XI

Virginia

Eric W. Beefelt (1983)
David S. Davies (1976)
F. Martin Koenig (1963)

Harry S. Montgomery, Jr.
(1949)

T. Howard Noel (1961)
James W. Turner (1953)
Frederick V. Woodson, Jr.
(1952)

OMICRON

Richmond

Stewart L. Bryce (1960)
Jack B. Porterfield, Jr.
(1946)

PI

Dickinson

Richard L. Kearns (1953)
Harry E. Shafer, Jr. (1960)
Stanley T. Singer (1955)
Robert F. Smith (1956)
George J. Wickard (1953)

RHO

Illinois

Eugene F. Hadley (1956)
Lotcher A. Wainscott (1953)

TAU

Florida

Charles C. Hood (1958)
Clark A. Maxwell (1979)
George S. Nielson (1961)
James J. Rubash (1948)

PHI

North Dakota State

Charles J. Gilje (1964)
Robert J. Tonn (1951)
Wesley O. Tossett (1954)
Richard D. Tuntland (1956)

CHI

Auburn

Myron W. Lowell (1949)

PSI

Wisconsin

Jay C. Comp (1997)
Lawrence B. Dillehay, Jr.
(1966)

OMEGA

Penn State

Charles M. Avampato
(1963)
James L. Taylor (1949)

ALPHA BETA

Pittsburgh

Richard E. Rampon (1951)

ALPHA GAMMA

Michigan

Ralph W. Oretngren, Jr.
(1960)
Robert N. Sawyer, Jr. (1960)

ALPHA DELTA

Purdue

Paul F. Hoenstine (1959)
Robertson H. Short, Jr.
(1951)
Richard C. Wright, Jr.
(1961)

ALPHA ZETA

Rochester

Dr. Roger W. Shaw (1955)
Stanley A. Walsh (1943)

ALPHA THETA

Dartmouth

Richard W. Ellis (1951)

ALPHA IOTA

Indiana

Guy W. Leonard (1944)

ALPHA LAMBDA

Ohio State

Clarence E. Johns (1952)
Willaim A. Rasor (1952)

ALPHA MU

Iowa State

James R. Genter (1967)

ALPHA NU

Georgia Tech

Harrison C. Feldman (2019)
Hugh K. Pratt (1945)
Thomas G. Whatley (1957)

ALPHA XI

Delaware

Albert E. Nunn (1954)
Albert S. Oster (2024)

ALPHA OMICRON

Washington State

Richard C. Agman (1969)
Cedric M. Allen (1936)
Torkjel Carlson (1938)
Alfred O. Cole (1959)
Neal B. Couey (1946)
Wilbur J. Dugaw (1945)
Carl F. Ehlen (1969)
Richard W. Fowler (1950)
Rodney Giske (1944)
Randy C. Hamilton (1973)
Denton L. Hanford (1957)
John R. Heinrick (1950)
Jerald J. Kiehn (1966)
Dr. Jack W. Lillywhite
(1961)
Robert N. MacLeod (1951)
Rev. Ronald F. Marshall
(1971)
Michael L. McBain (1956)
Verne L. Oliver (1945)
Gordon T. Osborne (1962)
Dudley L. Phibbs (1957)

J. F. Platt (1937)

Robert L. Salter (1947)
Gerald C. Schwankl (1954)
Stanley W. Thiel (1943)
Richard F. Walter (1945)
Richard E. Wojt (1961)

ALPHA PI

Minnesota

Bernard L. Benson (1966)
Jeffrey D. Carpenter (1979)
Donald J. Cochrane (1956)
Kenneth C. Grindeland
(1962)

Charles A. Hays (1959)

William R. Jukich (1958)

Lt. Col. Matthew W.

Macheledt, Jr. (1955)

Ronald E. Martell (1960)

Arthur L. Martinson (1962)

John D. Rykken (1961)

Richard R. Smith (1949)

ALPHA RHO

Washington

John H. Dekker (1951)
James R. Gallaugh (1987)
James Hanson (1958)
David E. Hervey (1932)
Roy S. Massey, Jr. (1956)
James W. Phillips (1942)
William R. Richards, Jr.
(1952)
Walter L. Wagenhals (1956)
Gerald C. York (1962)

ALPHA SIGMA

Oregon

Lewis L. Langer (1952)
Eliot Wirt (1946)

ALPHA TAU

Ohio

Albert Ivan (1951)
Stephen T. Muetzel (2006)
Elwood Sparks (1952)

ALPHA UPSILON

Nebraska

Wilfred G. Jensby (1951)

ALPHA PHI

Alabama

Charles F. Adams (1952)
Scott R. Beal (1950)
Don W. Clemo (1958)
Robert B. Collier, Jr. (2020)
John R. Cranton (1957)
Robert Crowder (1948)
Paul F. Faska (1936)
Milton D. Glass (1951)
William L. Goodman, Jr.
(1958)
David G. Jasso (1992)
Tommy K. Jefferson (1953)

Paul M. Jordan (1950)

John D. Kearney (1954)
Dr. Thomas O. Kennemer,
Jr. (1955)

Raymond C. Kirkpatrick, III
(1968)

John E. Koniar (1965)

Melvin C. Lee (1945)

Pedro V. Montenegro
(1943)

Donald B. Moore (1960)

Ivan K. Waldon (1959)

Almur S. Whiting, Jr. (1950)

ALPHA CHI

Syracuse

John Wilkie (1946)

ALPHA PSI

Maryland

Arthur P. Cosing, Jr. (1950)
Michael J. Crawford (1999)
Thomas P. Jackson (1959)
Philip N. Smith, Jr. (1964)

ALPHA OMEGA

Lafayette

Stephen R. Brainard (1967)
Norman B. Christian (1956)

BETA ALPHA

UCLA

Kelly T. Harkey (1980)

BETA GAMMA

North Dakota

Gary W. Lawrence (1964)
Jon H. Mielke (1974)
Gilbert E. Rupp (1950)

BETA DELTA

Rutgers

C. F. Bishop, Jr. (1947)
Tom Piatek (1998)
Thomas K. Rutan (1960)

BETA ZETA

Michigan State

Brad Rosenberg (1966)
Paul W. Bulthouse (1956)

BETA ETA

Washington (MD)

William G. Greenly (1948)

BETA THETA

Drexel

John K. Billings (1952)

BETA IOTA

Arizona

Dorral G. Brandenberger
(1953)

Frederick C. Freemon
(1962)

**BETA KAPPA**

Hamline
Harry S. Biebighauser
(1952)
Donald F. Peters (1949)
George S. Wilkie (1962)

BETA LAMBDA

Akron
Eugene R. Frye (1943)
Col. David L. Ingle (1966)
Raymond D. Kershner
(1949)
Col. Frank J. Tansley (1952)

BETA MU

Middlebury
W. Bruce George, Jr. (1943)
Howard S. Thompson
(1953)
John F. Vanvranken, Jr.
(1957)

BETA NU

Case Western
Richard J. Demchak (1963)
David N. Frear (1962)
Donald B. Wheeler (1946)

BETA XI

Birmingham-Southern
Rev. Norman G. Williams
(1960)

BETA PI

Monmouth
Robert A. Barnes (1943)
Evard P. Best (1956)
Donald L. Jones (1957)

BETA RHO

Illinois Wesleyan
Albert G. Copeland (1951)
David M. Newcomer (1962)
Paul E. Pfrommer (1952)

BETA SIGMA

Lehigh
Michael A. Bittner (1956)

BETA TAU

Southern California
John L. Shehadey (1961)

BETA UPSILON

Fresno State
Joseph P. Carrara (1957)
Bruce E. Kandarian (1967)
Dr. J. Malcolm Masten
(1941)

BETA PSI

Presbyterian
William R. Dingle (1971)

BETA OMEGA

Susquehanna
Glenn L. Baumgardner
(1955)

GAMMA DELTA

Florida Southern
Harry P. Kurtz, Jr. (1949)

GAMMA EPSILON

Western Colorado
Boynton Nissen (1951)

GAMMA ETA

Bucknell
William F. Ernst (1980)
James C. Minges (1963)
John F. Skiff (1956)

GAMMA THETA

San Diego State
David E. DeVol (1959) +
Edward F. Cornett (1951)

GAMMA IOTA

Connecticut
Anthony M. Daddeta (1951)
Leonard W. Hummelman
(1953)
Richard M. Maynard (1952)

GAMMA KAPPA

Miami (OH)
Bruce M. Johns (1962)

GAMMA LAMBDA

Denver
Donald L. Erjavec (1952)
William Felitti (1969)

GAMMA MU

Bowling Green
Allen M. Anderson (1967)
Dr. John D. Peterson (1961)
Lowell L. Shrider (1952)

GAMMA NU

New Mexico State
John P. Cully (1993)

GAMMA XI

San Jose State
Jonathon S. Dufour (1955)
Robert W. Eldridge (1948)
Anthony G. Perreira, Jr.
(1955)
Christopher A. Reid (1984)

GAMMA PI

Buffalo
Rev. Paul F. Evans (1960) +
Roger L. McLaughlin (1956)
Sheridan A. Yondt (1950)

GAMMA RHO

Florida State
Andrew M. Beverly (1958)
Cmdr. Theodore L. Hodson,
Jr. (1952)
Caden P. Ingram (2026)
Dennis P. Rejda (1963)

GAMMA TAU

Drake
Gerald R. Anderson, Jr.
(1992)

Theta Chi for Life**ALLEN F. CARTER**

(ETA OMICRON/NORTHWESTERN STATE 1976)

September 14, 1953–January 27, 2024



A fixture in his home state of Louisiana and other surrounding states, Allen Carter joined the Theta Chi colony at Northwestern State University and became a Charter Member during its installation in 1974. Allen later became an adviser to his chapter and, along with his late wife Ruth, traveled to countless Conventions, Chapter Leadership Conferences, Regional Conferences, and other Theta Chi events over the next four decades where he would volunteer his time as a Regional Counselor or serve as a faculty member leading a breakout session, including one he offered titled "Helping Troubled Brothers." He firmly believed the message of his heroes George Kilavos and Howard Alter: There is no

problem that cannot be solved without brotherhood. Allen had a passionate lifelong love for Theta Chi and its brothers and his soft-spoken, gentle voice poignantly stood out amongst raucous points of contention. During 'Good of the Fraternity,' he would often simply state, "Brothers — Love your brothers." His dedicated and genuine care, concern, and interest positively affected many brothers over the years. He was a recipient of the David E. DeVol Award, George T. Kilavos Alumni Award (presented by the Grand Chapter), and the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award.

Past International President and chapter brother Tait Martin (1997) shared,

"Brother Allen Carter was a friend, mentor, sounding board, and voice of reason in Eta Omicron Chapter. He was my Chapter Adviser and the first person to truly model 'Theta Chi for Life.'

Allen was always there with the Helping Hand and so was his family. Brotherhood meant literally joining his family. His wife Ruth tutored the chapter in French and video poker. Allen's dad gave us jobs in their jewelry store; Allen's mom sold us jewelry and knew the relationship status of everyone in the chapter.

Notoriously late, brothers often joked that Allen wouldn't be on time for his own funeral. The irony was that several of us walked in as the coffin was being closed, right before the minister started the first prayer. I joked to my wife that it was Allen getting the last laugh.

His service was a joyful celebration of a life well lived. As the funeral ended, the minister and funeral director reopened the casket to allow the attendees to say one last goodbye to Allen.

Walking to the altar, I could hear his laughter, his recitation of our Creed, and the booming, 'Brother Martin, you're a pain in my ass.' Steps away from the coffin, I tried to guess which composite photo he'd look like: the white sportscoat of the '70s and '80s or the blue jacket from the '90s?

He wore neither. Brother Carter was buried in a Theta Chi polo and a smirk. Allen's final grand example of 'Theta Chi for Life.' He looked happy and at peace—proof that he found his family and brothers in Heaven."

+ former Regional Counselor



Tribute

HENRY B. WALLER, II

(BETA TAU/SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1966)

September 18, 1944–September 15, 2023

By Walter J. Unger (Beta Tau/Southern California 1967)

I joined Theta Chi Fraternity at USC in January 1966. Henry Buford Waller, II, was my Big Brother. He joined Theta Chi in March 1963. Among Theta Chi brothers, we called him Sonny, Buford, Buf, and Hank. We knew him by all four names. Whatever nickname we knew him by, he was an exceptional brother. We also remember him for his great physique and his new yellow Chevrolet Chevelle sedan. He was a USC accounting major, a good student, a loyal Trojan, and highly regarded by everyone who knew him.

He dated various sorority women on Greek row, but had a special fondness for Liz Stoufer, a Gamma Phi Beta who was also an accounting major. In August 1965 during the Watts riots, Hank and I (along with several other brothers) were living in Beta Tau's chapter house on Portland Street by USC in Los Angeles. Hank had a summer job at KTLA 5 television news and he invited me to join him at the station to watch the live feeds from KTLA reporters. At this time, the National Guard was occupying one of the USC dormitories while they tamed the riots. Liz became very concerned about our safety, so she asked her parents to invite us to stay in their lovely Los Angeles home for several days.

Hank graduated in 1966 and married Liz in a magnificent wedding attended by many brothers. He then (like most of the brothers) joined the military to serve our country. After completing basic and advanced training, Hank spent six grueling months in OCS before earning his second lieutenant gold bars. The U.S. Army assigned Hank to the Quartermaster Corps and sent him to Vietnam.

In 1969, when Hank returned from Vietnam, he started working at General Telephone (known as Verizon today) and moved to Thousand Oaks to be near GTE California's sprawling headquarters. He followed GTE to Stamford, CT, and then to Dallas/Fort Worth.

Hank will be greatly missed, but he will never be forgotten.



In 2015, Hank joins several brothers for lunch at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club in Orange County, CA. (L–R): John DeLotell (1968), Howdy Kettler (1966), Sy Ellis (1965), Phil Cashia (1965), Hank Waller, and Walt Unger.

GAMMA UPSILON

Bradley
Arno A. Wehr, Jr. (1962)

GAMMA PHI

Nebraska Wesleyan
Everett E. Davis (1960)

GAMMA CHI

Randolph-Macon
Rev. E. Allen Coffey (1969)

GAMMA PSI

Puget Sound
Robert H. Linrothe (1953)

DELTA ALPHA

Linfield
James R. Turner (1970)

DELTA BETA

Georgia
Thomas A. Carnegie (1988)
John M. Sawyer (1952)
Thomas F. Higginbotham (1958)

DELTA GAMMA

WV Wesleyan
Gregory D. Lessig (1956)
John M. Sawyer (1952)
Rev. Donald S. Stewart, Jr. (1961)

DELTA IOTA

Northwestern
Mark W. Bates (1956)
James M. Rulon (1964)

DELTA KAPPA

Ball State
Paul O. Brummett, Jr. (1958)
Terry V. Hitchcock (1960)
Lawrence N. Lyons (1961)
Michael I. Martin (1989)
J. Alan Morgan (1957)
John F. Stiffler (1959)

DELTA LAMBDA

Colorado Mines
Carlos W. Carroll (1953)

DELTA MU

Texas
Seth M. McCurry (2001)
James C. O'Hara (1951)

DELTA XI

Valparaiso
Carl T. Brighton (1953)
Eugene F. Griewisch (1956)
Julius M. Jensen (1962)

DELTA PI

Indiana State
Steven W. Songer (1971)

**DELTA RHO**

NC State
Matthew Haynes (2025)
Kevin L. Tester (1988)

DELTA TAU

Kent State
Donald W. Bacso (1959)
James G. Kondusky (1955)

DELTA UPSILON

Arizona State
Nicholas J. Martinico
(1957)
Gerald K. Vaughan (1962)

DELTA PHI

North Texas
Jimmie C. Frehner (1957)
Don K. French (1962)
Billy C. Matthews (1953)

DELTA CHI

Lenoir-Rhyne
Mickey W. Dry (1961)

DELTA PSI

Kansas
Joel J. Barr (1965)
Gary L. Meinershagen
(1964)

DELTA OMEGA

Ripon
Jerry B. Krule (1963)
Grant H. Vance, Jr. (1967)

EPSILON ALPHA

High Point
G. Thomas Dean (1963)

EPSILON BETA

Lycoming
Joseph H. Markle (1964)
Raymond M. Siegrist
(1970)

EPSILON DELTA

Youngstown State
William A. Mays, Jr. (2001)

EPSILON ETA

IUP
Kenneth R. Greenwald
(1975)
Leo J. Lenze (1958)

EPSILON THETA

Tufts
Richard L. Bishop (1962)

EPSILON KAPPA

Idaho
Steven K. Wood (1962)

EPSILON XI

Clarion
Ray W. Forquer, II (1966)

EPSILON OMICRON

Waynesburg
John M. Guseman (1965)
Gary L. Newhouse (1968)

EPSILON RHO

Rider
Richard F. Daly (1948)
Gary L. Newhouse (1968)

EPSILON TAU

Stephen F. Austin
Thomas Cobb (1991)
Paul D. Lanphear (1985)

EPSILON PHI

Central Missouri
Denny W. Barnhart (1969)
Martin D. Bowie (1969)
Ernest B. Porter, Jr. (1968)
David L. Schooler (1963)

ZETA ALPHA

Slippery Rock
James Engel (1985)
Thomas G. Hepler (1973)
Robert C. McGregor (1968)

ZETA EPSILON

Long Beach State
Terry L. Pallas (1979)
Scott A. Smith (1993)

ZETA THETA

Troy
John E. White (1967)

ZETA KAPPA

Ohio Northern
Samuel T. Poston (1973)

ZETA LAMBDA

Westminster
Richard H. Herchenroether
(1972)
David W. Lenhart (1983)

ZETA OMICRON

Shippensburg
Austin Funk (2024)

ZETA SIGMA

Wisconsin-River Falls
Robert H. Lineberry (1966)

ZETA TAU

Michigan-Flint
Edward C. White (2000)

ZETA PSI

Western Illinois
Cristiano Bimbi (1990)
James E. Glosniak (1975)
Daniel J. Mille (1972)
Louis H. Simpson, III (1976)

ETA OMICRON

Northwestern State
Allen F. Carter (1976) +
Jason L. Griffin (2007)

Remembering ‘Mom’

Brothers from Chi/Auburn and Beta Chi/Allegheny reflect on their collegiate days and the love and care provided by their ‘Mom’.

Brothers of Chi/Auburn remember Wanda West

“Wanda West was a special lady whom we got to know well since she ran Mom’s Party Shop next door to our house (literally across our driveway). She was so nice and friendly to everyone. We worked up the courage to ask her if she would be our House Mother and amazingly, she said yes.

She was an amazing woman who made us so much better. She had so much patience for our foolishness (and encouraged some of it). She lived in our house, and we fixed up her suite for her. She was an adviser, a counselor, an advocate, a shoulder to cry on. She was fun, but she would tell you things straight. She knew that we wanted to help elevate our chapter and she was a strong influence to that end. She kept up with everyone and wanted to hear about their lives. I think her support for our mental health can’t be overstated. I am so very proud that she chose to be part of our Fraternity experience.” – Grant Williams (1994)

“We were blessed to have Wanda as our house mother from 1993–2000. She helped us manage the kitchen and cook (and helped us hire Miss Ermon) but more importantly, she struck the perfect balance of being an adviser and a loyal friend.

We quickly bonded when she started because she was from North Alabama like me. She really helped keep me level the year I was Chapter President and we often stayed at her convenience store until the wee hours of the morning, just talking about life. She would do her books, and I would keep her computer up and running and do small repairs around the store. There are so many memories: riding around town in her van with a bunch of brothers, driving around and causing trouble when she was running for mayor, watching O.J. Simpson’s trial like two crazies addicted to soap operas, and when she and Phil came to formal.

We weren’t the most well-mannered group in the world, but we were always better when Mom was around. She was a class act — a great friend and confidant, but also a very strong woman. My fraternity experience was better because of her. Many things have changed over the last 30 years, but I still wish that more fraternity chapters had house mothers. It makes a big difference.” – Past International President Joseph Couch (1996)

Brothers of Beta Chi/Allegheny remember Doris Briggs

“I don’t remember Esther, who was House Mother for many years, since she left while I was still a pledge. I remember Pat who followed her, but didn’t last. Then we got Aggie, who the Deltas let go, to fill in during my first stint working in the kitchen as Assistant Steward. She was cantankerous and complained. She used A LOT of pots and pans. Eddie Weissman became President the next year and we hired Doris. I took over as Steward and worked my last two years with her. She was a very loving person. Never angry, seldom complained, she really loved her boys and treated us like family. Senior year, I spent money on flowers and rented vases and tablecloths for special events, and she always made the money available without having to cut costs. She really took care of us. I still cook two of her recipes she made for special occasions.” – Pat Sinnott (1978)

“Doris was a wonderful ‘Mom’ to help guide us through college. I fondly remember spending hours in the kitchen just talking. And lest we forget — she was a wonderful cook and took care of her ‘boys.’ Her loving and giving heart and personality had a profound effect on many of us.” – Bill Hartz (1979)

“I was part of her kitchen crew for several years and she was the kindest, sweetest individual I have ever met. She was truly our ‘Mom’ not only while we were in college, but forever after. Things were never the same after she retired. She is loved by hundreds of us. She was great to talk to and helped me through some tough times.” – Brad Marino (1988)



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