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Let's Do Big Things!

Dear Brothers,

I am truly humbled and honored to be elected to serve the next two years as your International President. A huge thank-you to Tait Martin, Doug Miller, and Brad Burk for their leadership on the Grand Chapter. You will each be missed. Congratulations to Creig Andreasen on his reelection to the board. He will be serving the next two years as your International Vice President. I am confident that he will do great things in his role. I also congratulate the newly elected board members: Tom Thompson, Alan Copeland, and Jim McMahon. In only a few short months, they have shown their leadership and passion for Theta Chi.

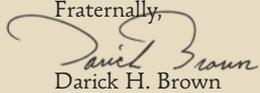
I was so disappointed that we all could not be together this past summer to share our brotherhood and fellowship at the 164th Anniversary Convention. I promise that our 165th Anniversary Celebration on July 30–August 2 will be one to remember. I look forward to showing off my home state of Kentucky to y'all in summer 2021!

I am extremely proud of what the Grand Chapter, International Headquarters staff, volunteers, and our collegians have been able to accomplish over the last 10 years. We have seen unprecedented growth in membership and programming. Someday brothers will look back at the past decade and talk about the Fraternity's great achievements.

As we begin the next decade, the Grand Chapter is committed to accomplishing even more. In September, we held a retreat in the North Georgia mountains to establish goals for the next two years. We left with objectives focused on growth, member experience, safety, finance, security, communications, member relations, alumni, chapter operations, standards, and governance. Over the next few months, the Grand Chapter will complete an analysis of where we are as a fraternity and establish the strategic direction for the next decade. We will evaluate our mission, ideals, and relevance. We will enlist focus groups of collegians, alumni, and other stakeholders to help us. We will establish a comprehensive strategic plan that will be rolled out next summer in Lexington. This plan will be our guiding document for the next decade.

We all know how challenging 2020 has been, but this pandemic isn't going to last forever. When we emerge from the pandemic, we must be ready for new challenges and a new normal. I challenge all brothers to think big! What can Theta Chi achieve over the next decade? Can we grow to 200+ chapters? Can our collegiate membership reach 11,000+? How high can we raise our average GPA? Could our Resolute Man initiative become accredited so our collegiate brothers receive college course credit? What new programs can we implement? How can we help our brothers achieve their dreams? Let's see what we can accomplish this decade. Brothers, let's do big things!

Fraternally,



Darick H. Brown
International President

PS: I welcome your ideas—please send me a note at darickbrown@outlook.com.



International President Darick Brown





The Grand Chapter gathers for a retreat in North Georgia to review priorities and set goals.



The 2020/2022 Grand Chapter and CEO Mike Mayer. Front (l-r): Morgan, Copeland, Brown, McMahon, Mayer. Back (l-r): Andreasen, Thompson, Strelow, Roth.

The 2020/2022 Grand Chapter:

- International President** – Darick H. Brown (Eta Gamma/Morehead State 1989)
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- International Secretary** – Chad R. Strelow (Theta Psi/Wisconsin-Oshkosh 1999)
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- International Marshal** – Alan B. Copeland (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1989)
- International Chaplain** – Toby B. Roth (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1990)
- International Historian** – James J. McMahon (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 1979)
- Chief Executive Officer (ex-officio)** – Michael J. Mayer (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 2004)



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Maj. Kevin Ong

on the cover

While at Fort Bragg, NC, preparing for a deployment to Afghanistan, Maj. Kevin Ong (Iota Zeta/Radford 2008) snapped this photo which earned 3rd Place Honors for the 2019 Critic's Choice-Photograph Award from the Fraternity Communications Association. Maj. Ong is currently in the U.S. Army Special Operations as a psychological operations commander.

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Brotherhood Brings Hurricane Relief

When Hurricane Laura blew through Louisiana, thousands were affected in many ways—from power outages to fallen trees.

BY TIMOTHY HOLDINESS* WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION BY DARRIN NIXON



Eta Omicron/Northwestern State lends a Helping Hand in Lake Charles, LA, following Hurricane Laura.

While the power outage on Northwestern State University's campus was restored within a week, there were people in Calcasieu Parish without lights and water for more than a month. Many groups brought supplies to those affected.

Students who attend NSU have all had different experiences with the aftermath of Hurricane Laura. One student had the support of his fraternity behind him.

The brothers of Eta Omicron Chapter at Northwestern State knew something had to be done and that they had to help in some way. Therefore, they decided to partner with Theta Rho Chapter at McNeese State University and embody Theta Chi's motto of extending "An Assisting Hand."

Even before the trip began, The Helping Hand was in action. After a request for financial assistance was posted in the Eta Omicron alumni Facebook group, collegians received nearly \$800 for hotel rooms, fuel, meals, and other expenses during their trip. The alumni truly helped to lift the financial burden off the collegiate brothers and the trip would have not been possible without the generous contributions of **Shade Dufrene** (1999), **Chase Stepp** (2013),

Frank Griffin (1998), **Chris Young** (1993), and **Vanner Erikson** (2011). All remaining unused funds were donated to Northwestern State's hurricane relief fund.

On September 12–13, 2020, brothers from both chapters worked together removing debris from three homes within the Lake Charles community.

Throughout the weekend, they removed destroyed furniture, carpet, and appliances for those who would not have been able to do it on their own. They also cleared yards of downed branches, roof shingles, and other debris.

Eta Omicron's Marshal, **Branton Turner, Jr.** (2023), said, "We were blessed as brothers to have this opportunity to help those in need, especially some of our own."

Coming together for the cleanup project and helping the community showed Eta Omicron's and Theta Rho's commitment to brotherhood and the ideals of Theta Chi Fraternity.

"This hurricane was the biggest challenge in recent, memorable history not only for our chapter, but also for our university and the surrounding city. We came together as brothers to act as An Assisting Hand, not only to pick up the pieces of a chapter but also our Louisiana family," said Theta Rho Chapter President **Tyler LeBlanc** (2021).

Attendees from Eta Omicron Chapter and NSU included **Darrin Nixon**, **Nicholas Carter** (2023), **Branton Turner, Jr.**, and **Timothy Holdiness**. Brothers present from Theta Rho Chapter were **Tyler LeBlanc** (2021), **Caden Owens** (2021), **John Laneve** (2021), **Andrew Barras** (2021), and **Kris Evans** (2022).

Eta Omicron alumnus **Van Erikson** shared, "As adviser to Eta Omicron Chapter, I'm consistently inspired by our future generation of Theta Chi leaders. It's easy to talk about servant leadership and The Assisting Hand, but when it is put into action, you truly see the good that can be done in the world by putting others before yourself. I am proud of our guys and the brothers from Theta Rho Chapter for jumping directly into action, when others truly needed it." ■

**Reporter Timothy Holdiness' article is reprinted with permission from the author and the Editor of The Current Sauce, Northwestern State University's Student Newspaper.*



Members from Eta Omicron and Theta Rho join together to help remove furniture, carpet, and appliances and clear yards of downed branches and shingles. ABOVE: (l-r) Darrin Nixon, Jr., Branton Turner, Jr. (Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 2023), Caden Owens (Theta Rho/McNeese 2021), Tabitha Nixon (Darrin's mother), Timothy Holdiness, Andrew Barras (Theta Rho/McNeese 2021), Nicholas Carter (Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 2023), Tyler LeBlanc (Theta Rho/McNeese 2021), and John Laneve (Theta Rho/McNeese 2021).





Theta Nu Colony/Rowan



(Re)Installations



Gamma Mu/Bowling Green
Bowling Green, OH
Reinstalled: 10/17/2020



Delta Rho/NC State
Raleigh, NC
Reinstalled: 10/17/2020



Delta Upsilon/Arizona State
Tempe, AZ
Reinstalled: 10/24/2020



Kappa Nu/Colorado
Boulder, CO
Installed: 8/29/2020



Kappa Xi/Albany
Albany, NY
Installed: 9/5/2020



Kappa Omicron/Tennessee
Knoxville, TN
Installed: 10/17/2020



Current Colonies

Gamma Nu/New Mexico State



New Colonies

Theta Nu/Rowan
Glassboro, NJ
Recolonized: 8/22/2020



Long Island-Brooklyn
Brooklyn, NY
Colonized: 11/8/2020



Redevelopments

Omega/Penn State



Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska

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Theta Chi now boasts the most active chapters in the history of the Fraternity!



Kappa Nu/Colorado



Kappa Xi/Albany



Gamma Mu/Bowling Green



Delta Rho/NC State

Please contact Chief Operating Officer Ray Vanlanot at rvanlanot@thetachi.org if you are interested in becoming involved with these groups. Visit www.thetachi.org/news for additional stories on our (re)installed chapters and new colonies.



Delta Upsilon/Arizona State



Kappa Omicron/Tennessee



Improvise. Adapt.

The 164th Anniversary Convention was scheduled to be held in Lexington, KY, July 17–21, 2020. Due to local restrictions in Lexington, regulations established by the governor of Kentucky, and additional travel and gathering restrictions all caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Grand Chapter elected to hold the Convention in a limited fashion at the International Headquarters in Carmel, IN, July 17–18, 2020.

The Constitution and Bylaws of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. required the Fraternity to convene every two years to adopt legislation, hear appeals and to conduct the election of Grand Chapter members—but had not provided for a scenario in which a significant number of delegates would be unable to attend an in-person International Convention. The Convention had been canceled in the past due to World Wars and the Great Depression and the sitting Grand Chapters during those times

took emergency actions to continue the governance of the Fraternity.

Recognizing these similar circumstances, the 2018/2020 Grand Chapter reviewed these prior decisions to cancel Conventions and consulted with our Fraternity Parliamentarian and outside legal counsel on how to best conduct elections. After much study and discussion, the Grand Chapter unanimously determined that the most practical solution, given the pandemic, was

to convene the 164th Anniversary Convention under emergency provisions with the current (2018/2020) Grand Chapter serving as the voting delegates. The candidates for election to the Grand Chapter were all briefed on these emergency Convention procedures and all confirmed their support for these arrangements given the extraordinary circumstances.

The chapter room at the International Headquarters was set up for Convention,



Adhering to social distancing, the 2018/2020 Grand Chapter holds its final meeting prior to the start of Convention.



OVERCOME.

albeit in a manner that adhered to social distancing. Over a century had passed since a Convention had been held in such a small space, namely the Epsilon/WPI and Delta/RPI chapters houses in 1910 and 1911. The weekend began with a meeting of the Grand Chapter on Friday, July 17, followed by dinner in Carmel, IN.

On Saturday morning, July 18, the Convention formally opened in its traditional fashion. After tending to other items on the Convention agenda, the members of the 2018/2020 Grand Chapter, acting in their capacity as delegates to the 164th Anniversary Convention, elected four candidates to the Grand Chapter for four-year terms and elected an International President and International Vice President for two-year terms each. Three brothers from the active chapters in the state of Indiana, Drew Metzger (Alpha Delta/Purdue 2022), Justin Griffith (Alpha Iota/Indiana 2022), and Colin Sheehy (Delta Pi/Indiana State 2021), attended the Convention to represent all collegiate brothers and acted as tellers during the election and counted the ballots.

Creig Andreasen was reelected to his second term on the Grand Chapter. Alan Copeland, Jim McMahon, and Tom Thompson were elected to their first term. Darick Brown was elected International President and Creig Andreasen was elected International Vice President.

During the weekend, retiring board members Tait Martin, Doug Miller, and Brad Burk were recognized for their years of unwavering service and dedication to Theta Chi Fraternity. These brothers each received a gouache painting by artist Barbara Davis from Montgomery, AL, of the Fraternity's first Coat of Arms from their fellow board members.



Retiring board members Doug Miller, Tait Martin, and Brad Burk receive a gouache painting of the Fraternity's first Coat of Arms from the Grand Chapter in honor of their years of unwavering service.

To complement the on-site experience, the Fraternity also offered several online sessions which included: a 'Chapter/Colony Operations and Chapter Housing during COVID-19' webinar, a 'Brotherhood in Action: Theta Chi Promotes Equity and Diversity' webinar, a special video presentation of the 2019/2020 chapter awards, and a live, Zoom-based state of the Fraternity address with a remote panel discussion with the Grand Chapter and CEO.

Following adjournment, an outdoor tailgate adhering to local regulations was held in the parking lot of the International Headquarters. Convention attendees were joined by local Indianapolis-area alumni and guests

for great food from a local food truck, music, and socializing.

The emergency Convention procedures were automatically repealed at the conclusion of the 164th Anniversary Convention. None of the emergency provisions were intended to create any precedent for the conduct of any future International Convention.

For posterity, Past International Secretary Doug Miller and collegian Justin Griffith were asked to share their memories of this historic Convention. Find their stories in this issue, on pages 11 and 12 (respectively).



Zeta Beta/Adrian alumni attend Convention to show support for both Doug Miller on his retirement from the Grand Chapter and Al Copeland on his election to the board. (l-r) JR Smith (1988), Sam Molaro (1983), International Marshal Al Copeland (1989), Past International Secretary Doug Miller (1990), Chief Administrative Officer Joel Wendland (1996), Jim Grissinger (1990).



The 2018/2020 Grand Chapter prepares for an online State of the Fraternity address.

Full Circle

BY DOUG MILLER, PAST INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

I have often said that as a newly initiated member 33 years ago, the thought of serving on the Grand Chapter never crossed my mind. I can now say that after being elected to the Grand Chapter in 2012, I never thought I would have a “farewell” like 2020.

I always viewed serving on the Grand Chapter as an honor. I will share, for those who have never served on the board, that the time commitment is enormous due to travel, meetings, and conference calls. In addition, there was daily interaction with the other seven board members. They can quickly become your best friends—and that was true for me. We were able to have difficult discussions in the board room without personal feelings being hurt. Rarely, was an idea ever brought forth that was not altered, and made better, by the rest of the board.

As a board, we delayed a final decision about the 164th Anniversary Convention for as long as possible before calling off the Lexington, KY-based event. We kept hoping that we could bring everyone together. When that was no longer an option, we did our best to create an event at the International Headquarters in Carmel, IN, that past convention attendees would recognize. We discussed the business of the Fraternity, held elections, duly installed the new board, and recognized several brothers for their efforts.

When I was installed in 2012 at the 156th Anniversary Convention, I remember my head spinning with excitement. This year’s convention seemed much slower. I am not sure if that was due to my being a veteran of eight years or the lack of pomp that normally comes from 500 people in attendance. COVID-19 surely changed what we were able to do.

I will not lie—when I realized that we would not be having a full Convention, I was disappointed that very few people would be at my last Convention as a member of the Grand Chapter. There were a lot of brothers who had been supportive of me over the years whom I wanted to personally thank. I did try to contact many of them leading up to the Convention; however, there was not enough time to reach all of them. I was very appreciative to my Grand Chapter colleagues for the honors and presentations they bestowed upon me for my service. However, the highlight of the weekend was in seeing a fellow Zeta Beta/Adrian brother succeed me on the board.

During our collegiate years, Alan Copeland was one year ahead of me—he is in the class of 1989. I will never forget the moment in fall of 1987 when he asked me to be his Assistant Marshal—it was my very first leadership position in the Fraternity. As life’s journeys often come full circle, I was truly honored to assist and serve as the Installing Marshal during the installation of the 2020/2022 Grand Chapter where Alan was installed as—International Marshal.

As I look at the new Grand Chapter, I am so pleased with the brothers who have been tapped to serve. These are challenging times. In addition to all the many topics discussed in recent issues of *The Rattle*, we are about to see a major shift in the operations of campuses. Many closed for the fall semester and went to full virtual instruction while others worked through hybrid models. As a board, we had already planned for the next potential dip in total number of college students due to the upcoming dip in the birth rate. Combining all these challenges, it is not hard to imagine a higher education community with fewer members. How this will affect our Fraternity, it is hard to fully know. What I do know is that I have supreme confidence in the 2020/2022 Grand Chapter’s ability to lead the Fraternity in these challenging times.

I would like to thank the brotherhood for all the support I received over my two terms on the Grand Chapter. It is still a great time to be a Theta Chi!!!!



Martin and Miller receive Grand Chapter Service Plaques.



Zeta Beta’s newest addition to the board.



International Secretary Miller says farewell after 8 years.

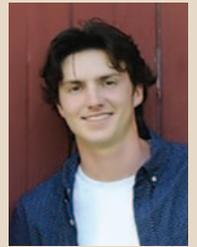


Past International President Joseph Couch and Parliamentarian C.J. Vanstrom listen to instructions for Saturday's Convention Ritual ceremonies.

CONVENTION: Behind the Mask

BY JUSTIN A. GRIFFITH (ALPHA IOTA/INDIANA 2022)

Attending this historic Convention was extremely eye-opening for me. Getting to meet my brothers who I didn't even know were my brothers was something special. I was exposed to so much more of Theta Chi than I already knew about. I was shown a great amount of the history of Theta Chi and was taught about some of our great members of the past. As a collegiate brother, I was welcomed with open arms by fellow collegiate Theta Chis as well as alumni from all over the country. Being able to help count ballots during the Grand Chapter elections at this Convention was a very memorable experience. I was honored and grateful to participate in this significant event and I was proud to extend An Assisting Hand to my brothers.



Incoming Norwich Housing Corporation President Dr. Wesley K. Wicker (right) presents a service plaque to outgoing President Jim McEachern in recognition of his 10 dedicated years on the NHC.



Newly elected Grand Chapter Members (l-r) International Marshal AI Copeland, International Counselor Tom Thompson, and International Historian Jim McMahan check out the premiere of the 2019/2020 online chapter awards presentation on the Theta Chi Fraternity Facebook Fanpage. You can view the video here: <https://fb.watch/1LXuuA8fbA/>



Following Convention, attendees tailgate at the International Headquarters.



ABOVE: Post-Convention tailgate attendees pause for a photo.

RIGHT: Past International Presidents Joseph Couch and Tait Martin share advice with new International President Darick Brown.





Have questions?

I'd be happy to speak with you at any time. You can reach me at 317-848-1856 or via email at jberghoff@thetachi.org.

What Will Your Legacy Be?

BY JOHN BERGHOFF, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Theta Chi Fraternity owes its strength and success to countless brothers who have labored for its welfare since 1856. The Legacy Society of Theta Chi is a collection of men who desire to see the values and friendships of this Fraternity live on forever.

The college environment has grown more complex and has created new challenges as well as new opportunities. Theta Chi Fraternity has succeeded due to the vision and planning of our fraternal forefathers. For the next generation to succeed, we need to clear a path for them to follow. The best way is by providing financial resources for our collegiate brothers. We need to ensure the next generation of Theta Chis have the same opportunity to benefit professionally and personally and develop the lasting friendships and memories as you.

How would you monetize your Theta Chi experience? One way is to make a future gift today and join The Legacy Society of Theta Chi.

Perhaps the easiest and most common way of making a planned gift is through your will. A bequest in a will can take the form of a set amount of money, a percentage of an estate, a specific asset, a trust, or the naming of the Fraternity as a contingent beneficiary.

Sample language for including Theta Chi Fraternity in your estate might be:

"I give, devise, and bequeath (state amount, asset, or percentage of the estate) to The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi (Tax ID: 21-4014559) to be used in the area of greatest need as The Foundation Chapter Board of Directors deems appropriate."

For more information on the direction of funds, please contact The Foundation Chapter professional staff.

Another way to leave a legacy is an endowment.

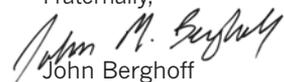
An endowment is a permanent fund set aside for a special purpose. Through an endowed fund, you can support a favorite cause in perpetuity. The gift is self-renewing and can even create opportunities for others to join in extending a meaningful legacy.

Here's how an endowment fund works:

- The endowed fund is established through a tax-deductible charitable gift
- The principal of the endowed fund is invested and only its income used to provide the designated support
- As new tax-deductible gifts are added, the endowment grows and so does the income stream
- Since the principal is never invaded, the fund becomes a growing perpetual source of financial support for the program or service you've chosen. And the gifts continue, from year to year and even generation to generation!

During this holiday season of giving, I wanted to remind you to consider extending a Helping Hand by making a year-end gift to The Foundation Chapter. I encourage you to join the other brothers listed in this issue and to make a gift to support the current and future brothers of Theta Chi. Use the envelope provided in the center of this issue, or visit thetachi.org/give.

Fraternally,


John Berghoff
Chief Development Officer

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On July 1, 2020, The Foundation Chapter proudly welcomed Emma MacDougall to its team as Project Manager.

Emma is responsible for our annual giving programs, marketing, and event planning. She will manage our scholarship programs and leads the evaluation and implementation of services and technologies to support The Foundation Chapter and our strategic vision.

Emma graduated from Ball State University in 2019 with a degree in Sport Administration and Marketing. Prior to joining Theta Chi's staff, Emma was a game operations intern for Pacers Sports & Entertainment. Emma enjoys attending sporting events, riding horses, spending time with friends and family, and volunteering in the community. She is an advocate for orphaned and vulnerable children.



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This year, more than \$222,000 in Sherwood and Janet Blue Memorial Scholarships was awarded to brothers pursuing a wide range of studies. The Victor Simon Memorial Scholarship awarded \$44,500 to brothers majoring in engineering.

The full list of scholarship recipients for the 2020/2021 academic year is shown below. Photos of a number of these brothers are located on pages 19–25.

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Jared A. Pinkerton (Kappa Zeta/Arkansas 2020)



Brother Pinkerton was the catalyst in establishing Kappa Zeta Chapter at the University of Arkansas and was the group's first President. Despite a cool reception from university administrators, he networked, politicked, and established relations with other Greeks at Arkansas and Theta Chi's reputation grew on campus.

Jared's leadership assisted with the adoption of Mt. Sequoyah, a popular hiking spot near campus; creating an annual camping trip; raising money for the USO and completing a supply drive for Ft. Sill in Oklahoma by partnering with the local Miss Dogwood pageant; and recruiting a Colony Advisory Board comprised of alumni from Eta Sigma/Arkansas Tech.

In 2018 and 2019, Jared was selected as one of the student lobbyists for the Fraternal Government Relations Coalition Congressional Visits where he traveled to Washington, D.C., and met with several U.S. representatives and senators on behalf of the greater Greek system.

On campus, Jared was selected for the university's Freshman Leadership Forum and was elected president. He later served as a staff member, assisting with philanthropic projects and mentoring new students. Jared also participated in Model United Nations and traveled to China as part of the university's team at the Inter/national competition which earned recognition as a "Distinguished Delegation."

He served as an Associated Student Government Senator and later ran and was elected Student Body President where he led efforts on Open Education Resources initiatives; launched the Campus Unity Board to create a space where student leaders could speak about issues; transitioned a poorly utilized and costly campus-wide print newspaper service into an online service; and tirelessly worked to advocate for emergency changes to the grading policy and other initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting closure of the University of Arkansas during the spring of 2020.

Jared volunteered in his community during numerous trash pickups, river cleanups, blood drives, and participated in Hogs United Games (a Special Olympics event), Make a Difference Day, and Night to Shine. In addition, he tabled outside the student union to raise awareness for various causes and assisted with numerous political campaigns.

A student in the Walton Honors College, Jared made the dean's list every semester, earned a 3.902 GPA, and was inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. He received nearly \$60,000 in scholarships and grants to support his education including scholarships from The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Prior to his graduation, Brother Pinkerton was recognized with Theta Chi's Resolute Man distinction. Jared was also named the Senior Honor Citation in May 2020, the top honor for a male student at Arkansas.

Jared received degrees in business management and political science. He is working toward a master's degree in education at the University of Kansas.



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(Kappa Zeta/Arkansas 2020)

1ST RUNNER-UP:

Abdillahi A. Dirie
(Iota Beta/Missouri State 2020)

2ND RUNNER-UP:

Bryce D. Fuemmeler
(Iota Mu/Missouri 2020)

Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence

Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan
Epsilon Kappa/Idaho
Iota Lambda/Longwood
Kappa Zeta/Arkansas

Grand Chapter Scholarship Award

Zeta Lambda/Westminster

James M. Holland Award

Iota Beta/Missouri State (51 initiates)

1ST RUNNER-UP (tie):

Alpha Phi/Alabama (49 initiates)

Gamma Rho/Florida State (49 initiates)

Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

21 chapters initiated 25+ men

Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award

Eta Nu/Alma
(283% From 6 to 17 members)

HONORABLE MENTION:

Eta Omicron/Northwestern State
(240% From 5 to 12 members)

Eta Lambda/Virginia Tech
(183% From 66 to 121 members)

David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award

Eta Gamma/Morehead



Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan gathers to celebrate their fifth Alter Award.

Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy

Tau/Florida
Alpha Delta/Purdue

Most Improved Chapter

Gamma Delta/Florida Southern

Operation Military Red

USO SERVICE AWARD:
Eta Lambda/Virginia Tech (2,000 hours)

USO FUNDRAISING AWARD:
Epsilon Kappa/Idaho (\$5,500)



2019/2020 Westol Sacred Purpose Award recipient Eta Gamma/Morehead partners with the director of nursing in their local school district who offered American Red Cross CPR, AED, and first aid training to the entire chapter, with 19 brothers completing the training.

Kappa Zeta/Arkansas Recognized with 2020 NIC Chapter Award of Distinction

In July 2020, Kappa Zeta/Arkansas was one of six fraternity chapters recognized by the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) with the 2020 Chapter Award of Distinction. The award recognizes exceptional fraternity collegiate chapters demonstrating excellence in operations, involvement in their fraternity/sorority and campus community, and a commitment to a positive fraternity experience.

The NIC shared, "This chapter is a vocal advocate and leader for the movement on the University of Arkansas campus in addressing issues surrounding alcohol, drugs, sexual assault, and hazing across the fraternity/sorority community, not just inside their own organization. They show their commitment to doing good through enthusiastic service, campus engagement and leadership in a variety of student organizations and initiatives. The chapter has the highest fraternity grade point average on campus with a 3.33. In an impressive accomplishment for a newer group, the Kappa Zeta Chapter earned Theta Chi's top chapter honor, while also displaying forward momentum toward more success."

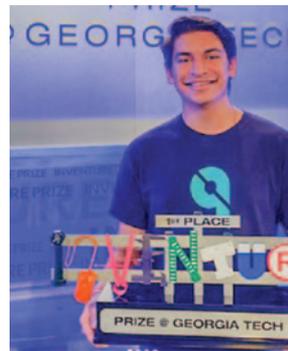




EPSILON TAU/Stephen F. Austin's **Austin Kasik** (2021), left, and **Sam Hackett** (2022), right, are selected to be Jack Camp Counselors.



GAMMA PI/Buffalo's **Alex Hartman** (2022) hosts a car meet where he raised \$100 and gathered more than 85 lbs. of food for a local food drive.



RIGHT: ALPHA NU/Georgia Tech's **Akshay Patel** (2021) and his team win Georgia Tech's InVenture Prize for their app Queues, which allows users to view real-time updates on restaurant wait times.

ALPHA SIGMA/OREGON

We won the indoor soccer intramural championship.

ALPHA PHI/ALABAMA

Andrew Gillis (2021) and **Brett Tomlinson** (2021) were inducted into Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society.

BETA ALPHA/UCLA

We won our eighth consecutive Relay For Life Championship!

BETA PHI/NEVADA

We won our first intramural basketball championship.

GAMMA DELTA/FLORIDA SOUTHERN

We were crowned the 2019/2020 men's intramural All-Sport Champions.

GAMMA RHO/FLORIDA STATE

Jake Guzzino (2022) was named IFC New Member of the Year. **Robert Cotter** (2020) had the individual highest GPA amongst all IFC fraternities.



GAMMA TAU/Drake's **McCade Gowdy** (2023) and **Will Krane** (2022) serve as Peer Mentor/Academic Consultants at Drake to supplement and enrich student transition to college.

GAMMA PHI/NEBRASKA WESLEYAN

Brad Enesti (2021) won the Most Philanthropic Greek Member Award, **Said Mendez** (2022) was presented with the Greek Emerging Leader Award, **Hunter Smith** (2021) was named Most Outstand-

ing Chapter President, and **Sam Trofholz** (2020) was recognized as Greek Man of the Year. **Connor Standridge** (2020) was presented with the Kenneth R. Holder Award, an honor that recognizes a graduating senior who has overcome significant challenges in obtaining their bachelor's degree.

DELTA ZETA/NEBRASKA-OMAHA

Landry Cormier (2023) and **Matt Podjenski** (2020) were elected Student Senators.

DELTA THETA/TOLEDO

Aaron Rinehart (2021) won the IFC New Member of the Year Award.

EPSILON DELTA/YOUNGSTOWN STATE

For the 2019/2020 school year, we received the IFC Sports Trophy, the Kessler Award (given to the chapter that most embodies the dedication to philanthropy), and tied for Fraternity of the Year honors. **Billy Cook** (2020) was recognized as IFC Service Man of the Year.

EPSILON ETA/IUP

Ben Krings (2020) was recognized with the Outstanding Greek Senior Award.

EPSILON KAPPA/IDAHO

During Idaho's Virtual Awards Show, we received the Richard D. Gibb Chapter Excellence Award, the Excellence in Scholarship Award, the Outstanding Member Education Award, and the Outstanding Community Involvement Award. **James Trayford** (2020) was recognized with the Fraternity Member of the Year Award and **Jacob Von Bargaen** (2022) won the Emerging Leader Award.

EPSILON RHO/RIDER

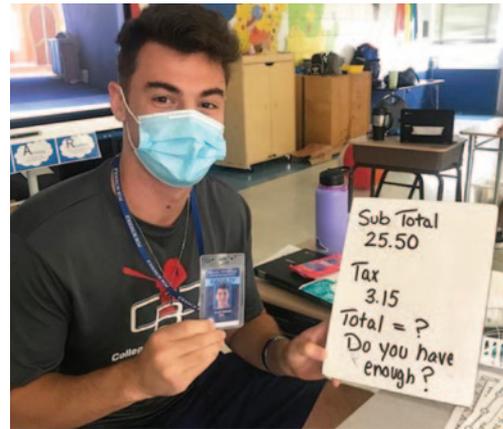
Bobby Kakoleski (2021) was named President of the Rider University Greek Council (RUGC) and **Chris Clark** (2021) was named IFC President. **Brandon Lavorini** (2021) was named RUGC Man of the Year and **Nick Zolkiwsky** (2021) received the RUGC Unsung Hero Award.



ABOVE: **DELTA ALPHA**/Linfield's **Wyatt Smith** (2021) (right) is named the 2019 Northwest Conference Football Offensive Player of the Year.



RIGHT: **IOTA BETA**/Missouri State's **Evan Ellis** (2021), **Sam Hanses** (2023), **Nathan Lewton** (2022), and **Colin Weber** (2023) spend their summer as Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration (SOAR) leaders.



ABOVE: **IOTA OMEGA**/SUNY Cortland's **Dan Gdanski** (2021) spends the summer working actively in the community as a teacher's aide for special needs kids in the Plainview-Old Bethpage school district.



RIGHT: **ZETA OMICRON**/Shippensburg is named Chapter of the Year at Shippensburg.

EPSILON SIGMA/WAGNER

Nick O'Byrne (2021) was named the 2020 Homecoming King.

ZETA BETA/ADRIAN

Austin Foate (2020) was named Men's All-Conference for the American Heartland Intercollegiate Bowling Conference.

ZETA XI/UC-DAVIS

We raised \$860 for the National Immigration Justice Center and the Color of Change Organization.

ZETA PI/OLD DOMINION

In just 24 hours, we raised \$1,955 for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

ETA BETA/EASTERN KENTUCKY

We were presented with the Outstanding Collaboration Award.

ETA TAU/CSU-STANISLAUS

Victor Zepeda (2023) was elected Vice President of the United Sorority and Fraternity Council.

ETA PHI/OAKLAND

Kyle Gross (2021) was named a Mocerri Scholar and became the Campus Health Director for Oakland University's Student Congress.

IOTA DELTA/SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA

We were named Outstanding IFC Chapter of the Year for the second consecutive year.

IOTA ETA/PACIFIC

Mario Di Santi (2023) was elected a Senator-at-Large for Student Government.

IOTA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA

Joey Bretz (2022) graduated from Coast Guard boot camp. **Mitch Mansell** (2020) was elected Greek Council President.



Mansell

IOTA XI/GEORGIA COLLEGE

Brody Craft (2021) received the Georgia College Miracle Kyler-Strong Award. We were also recognized as the greenest chapter on campus.

IOTA SIGMA/TOWSON

We raised \$1,058 for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the We Love Lake Street Fund.

IOTA TAU/NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Caleb Wears (2021) won the Outstanding Junior of the Year Award. **Nathan Bailey** (2021) and **Field Oldham** (2023) were named Norse Leadership Society members.

IOTA UPSILON/TEXAS STATE

Seth McNeill (2020) was named IFC Chapter President of the Year and we received the Excellence in Serving the Community and the Overall Chapter Excellence awards.

KAPPA GAMMA/NORTH FLORIDA

We raised \$805 for the Jacksonville branch of the NAACP and for the

National Association of Black Veterans.

KAPPA DELTA/TEXAS-EL PASO

Dario Topping (2023) and **David Vasquez** (2023) became Senators-at-Large for UTEP Student Government. We were named Fraternity of the Year.

KAPPA ZETA/ARKANSAS

Jared Pinkerton (2020) was recognized with the 2020 Senior Honor Citation. **Wesley Smith** (2022) was presented with the Red Cross Young Adult Leader Award.



Smith

KAPPA MU/POINT LOMA NAZARENE

Joe Stanphill (2021) organized a brotherhood beach cleanup on Fiesta Island.



Reclaiming Our Brotherhood

BY STEVE DAVIS (GAMMA KAPPA/MIAMI (OH) 1974)

The '70s seemed easy. We had our social revolution and unrest, but nothing like today's violence, discord, fear, and panic. No deadly virus running rampant and shutting things down. One of the pandemic's casualties was our fall 2020 Gamma Kappa Chapter reunion at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Despite its cancellation, many "mini-reunions" actually occurred during the planning period.

In the summer of 2019, a chance meeting at a high school reunion led to wondering, 45 years post-graduation: "How are my Fraternity brothers doing?" When I left college, I never looked back. But that October, I began contacting early-to-mid '70s brothers to bring them together for a reunion the following fall.

Self-absorbed collegiate teenagers turn into responsible young men when they learn how to become part of something larger than themselves. Theta Chi's melting pot was an effective crucible to forge brotherly bonds of friendship and help prepare us for

the next chapter of life. I discovered we had spread out across the United States and gone into diverse occupations from corporate CEO to manager of a community food bank, finding successful livelihoods in a multitude of for-profit and non-profit fields. Our avocations were just as eclectic: alongside golf and tennis players, there is a sculptor, inventor, author, actor, singer/songwriter, voice-over artist, two pilots, an olive oil farmer in Greece, and a brother in his 70s who still plays in fast-pitch baseball tournaments. We climbed the ladder of success, went on safaris and cruises, saw architectural & geographical wonders of the world, and lived long enough to see the human wonder of the world: our grandkids.

Our Creed reminds us to "extend a Helping Hand to all who seek it," and extend it we did, as we built Habitat for Humanity homes here and abroad and schools in Africa; funded children's hospitals and school food programs; found homes for teenage mothers and rooms for children

with cancer at the Ronald McDonald House; coached spelling bee champs, taught Sunday school, and shared the Gospel with inmates locked up in prison.

We grew up, married, fathered children, and worked our tails off; and along the way, touched the lives of many in many positive ways. But the trip from there to here hasn't been without peril. Marriages broke up, loved ones died, and businesses failed; there was a mugging, a murder, and a suicide victim; solitary days, times of unemployment, numerous joint replacements, and declining health. But the overwhelming majority survived by taking the blows, bouncing back, and standing up victoriously to face the challenges of life.

To get brothers ready for the upcoming reunion and provide motivation for those sitting on the fence, I sent out Fraternity class pictures and wrote a dozen biographies. The bio accomplishments were encouraging and enlightening. But in those stories, we also discovered what else we had missed by not staying in touch, namely untimely departures that had occurred. Some, including my Big Brother, are no longer with us. Even during this reunion process, three passed away, two had their prostates removed, and one went through quadruple bypass surgery. The loss of brothers whom I was fond of was a reminder of how fragile life is. To keep regret from becoming my companion, I compiled and shared an obituary list.

When we talked or emailed, one by one, long forgotten memories of crazy antics and hilarious exploits on and off campus came back to mind. Pictures from days of yore jogged our memories. College was four years of fun, a vital hiatus before launching into decades of non-stop full-time work. At Theta Chi, we helped each other with studies, drowned sorrows when dropped by a coed, and bridged troubled times with a listening ear.

To build momentum for our fall 2020 reunion and to promote reconnecting



As part of several "mini-reunions" prior to fall 2020 homecoming, Gamma Kappa alumni reunite at the Rusty Bucket in West Chester, OH, in February 2020, prior to the outbreak of COVID-19. Clockwise from bottom left: Gerry Weale (1974), Steve Davis (1974), Bill Soinski (1973), Mike Schneider (1974), Rob Allanson (1975), Tony Kenney (1975), Doug Lopina (1976), Tim Wolfe (1971), Chris Norman (1975), Lon Zwiebel (1972).



with each other, I organized seven “mini-reunions” in Cincinnati, Columbus, OH, and Naples, FL, in late 2019 and early 2020 before the pandemic hit. As old friendships renewed and as our fall 2020 reunion approached, many looked forward to seeing their brothers from the distant past.

Airline pilot **Ross Evans** (1975) said, “I’ve been thinking of events, decisions, and paths taken that led to my current situation: Some realities I hadn’t acknowledged to myself before and some blocks are now falling into place. For me, your call triggered a look back into my life even before Theta Chi. It’s got me connecting the dots.”

Dr. Mark Warner (1976), the Mayo Clinic’s top anesthesiologist, remarked, “Steve, your efforts offered me an opportunity to renew old friendships and brought forth a lot of great memories. I’ve missed staying in touch. We had an eclectic group in the Fraternity—amazing individuals who were all quite different and fascinating. Theta Chi was a great experience for me.”

High Performance Stress Relief Coach **Ron Foglia** (1972) reflected, “Seeing the photos that have been posted (including mine) makes me think, ‘Who are those guys?’ And ultimately, ‘Who am I? Where have I been?’ And even more important: ‘Where am I going and what do I still have left to accomplish?’”

Charles Stout (1973), a regional Sr. VP for Goldman Sachs, shared, “It’s amazing how many of us have taken this as a life lesson on doing a better job of staying in touch. I’ve found myself reaching out to a lot more people to see how they are doing during this crazy pandemic. Your efforts have made me focus even more on developing a network here in Colorado!”

Seventy percent of 95 Gamma Kappa brothers contacted were intending to show at our 2020 reunion. COVID-19 shut us down—but we’ve reset for 2021. This story isn’t over. It’s only just begun. I encourage you to reconnect with those brothers from your era. Consider organizing your own reunion for your chapter. It is incredibly rewarding. I’ll never tire of spending quality time with quality guys. I have friends I play tennis with, friends



Gamma Kappa alumni mask up during their reunion held in July 2020 at the Roosevelt Room Bar in West Chester, OH. Clockwise from bottom left: Pete Teagarden (1972), Lon Zwiebel (1972), Tim Boone (1974), Gerry Weale (1974), Chris Norman (1975), Bruce Jones (1978), Steve Davis (1974).

I go to church with, friends in my neighborhood, and friendships developed at work—but there’s something special about the friendships we developed at Theta Chi back in college. ■



Chuck Stout

Currently, Chuck splits his time between his Pittsburgh home and another in Castle Pines Village, CO. (Two of his sons & their families live in Colorado). He’s very happily married to wife Jean and has three sons & five grandchildren. Some of you might remember Chuck as a rough & tough ROTC dude. It’s all that testosterone we have in our 20s and his draft number was 19! Even Bobby Knight mellowed with age. Who could have predicted that? Testosterone and a kinder, gentler, more philanthropic man emerges. That



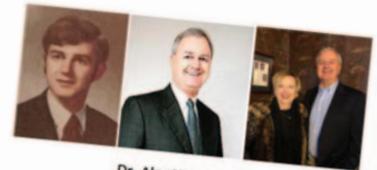
Mark Warner, M.D.

Mark Warner, 1974 Theta Chi Pledge Marshall & 1975 President, became a Doctor of Anesthesiology practicing at the Mayo Clinic. His brother, Alex (TC ‘71) became a chiropractor. I guess you could say the field of medicine is in their blood.

Most all of us have had surgery where we were put under. We take for granted we were brought back to consciousness after the operation is over. But it’s doctors like Mark who make that return back to our loved ones possible. And this write-up is a lot like that process: since leaving Miami, most of us have been unconscious about what Mark has been up to. It’s time to bring you back out of your sleep and tell you his story.

After Miami, Mark got his medical training at Toledo’s Medical College of Ohio. There he met the love of his life, the wife and mother of their four sons (2 grandchildren). Married now 42 years to Mary Ellen (Bunch), both were from central Ohio and met as anesthesia residents and to this day continue to work in the Department of Anesthesiology at Mayo Clinic. They never tire of seeing each other and it’s a good thing, spending that much time together.

Anesthesiology runs in the family, as two of Mark’s sons and both of their wives practice at Mayo and a cousin as well, bringing a total of 7 Warner anesthesiologists at Mayo. (Would you want to yell: “Hey Warner!” in that place). As for Mark’s two other sons: one flies F-16s for Air Force and 737s for American Airlines and the other became the director of brewing at



Dr. Alex Warner, DC

If you’ve ever had neck, hip, or lower back issues, you know how beneficial a trip to the chiropractor can be. I’ve used one several times, as getting rear ended (automobile - don’t get any ideas) and snapping my head back or lifting too much weight or sliding hard into 3rd base in softball resulting in much pain and the need to get my spine and/or other parts realigned. A chiropractor fixed me every time.

Today’s TC profile is about the other half of the Warner duo, the original Warner, a man who altered his destiny by changing gears and pursuing his true calling: Dr. Alex Warner, ‘71. But before we get to that, the difference between the old Theta Chi house and the new one is like night and day. Theta Chi on Talawanda sounded like it could have been the prototype for National Lampoon’s Animal House.

Those of us not residents of the old house must relive those times through the eyes of Alex: Imagine attending football games in a coat & tie. Or singing a solo to your pin-mate, dressed in a formal gown on the front porch of her darkened dorm, while your TC brothers in navy blazers and light blue seersucker slacks sang an off-key backup to your plaintive wailing. And a TC “Firebuilder” crew carried hot coals forming “Theta Chi” on a slab of sheet metal. And drinking songs the likes of “Mary Jane Barnes” (think we spent a night together once, or maybe that was Jane Bare), “The Little Gray Mouse,” “She Met a Man from Theta Chi” (“And She Became a Woman”—okay, I added that) and “We Are the Theta Chi.”

Author Steve Davis (1974) drafts and sends photos, mini-bios, and other updates to motivate brothers to attend Gamma Kappa’s upcoming reunion.



RIGHT: **Epsilon/WPI's Graysen DeLuca** (2019), right, graduates from the U.S. Army Ranger School.



ABOVE: **ALPHA OMEGA/Lafayette Brother Chip Bergh** (1979) has served as the president & CEO of Levi Strauss & Co. since 2011. RIGHT: **GAMMA RHO/Florida State's Daniel Best** (2008) wins the 2020 ABA Journal-Ross Writing Contest for Legal Short Fiction.



BETA UPSILON/FRESNO STATE

Dr. Malcom Masten (1941) and his wife LaVerne recently celebrated their 76th wedding anniversary and their 100th birthdays together. **Jim West** (1965) recalled, "In the early '60s, Dr. Masten and the alumni board challenged the brothers that if the chapter had an outstanding rush (membership at the time was 26, as I remember), they would build a brand new fraternity house on the new campus at Fresno State. The brothers met the challenge and recruited a pledge class of 30. The new house was built and we moved in October 1963. Since the house wasn't ready in September, the alumni set us up for a month at a retirement home in the old Fresno Hotel." **Jerry Tahajian** (1963) added, "Dr. Masten was the chief inspiration for many of us to become all we could be, along with fellow board members **Dr. James Sowers** (1944), Fresno State speech professor **Merlyn Burris, Ph.D.** (1948), attorney **Bill Forbes** (1948), and CPA **Bert Kellogg** (1949). Theta Chi was the most successful fraternity at Fresno State for many years because of the role models we had before us."

THETA/MASSACHUSETTS

Jack Cudmore (2020) was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

RHO/ILLINOIS

Justin Breen's (1999) company, BrEpic Communications, won a Silver Trumpet Award in Media Relations from the Publicity Club of Chicago.

ALPHA LAMBDA/OHIO STATE

We received Ohio State's IFC Outstanding Graduate Chapter/Advisory Board Award.

ALPHA OMICRON/WASHINGTON STATE

Derek Brown (1975) recently retired from Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a senior consulting electrical engineer. He had been with PG&E in their hydro generation division for 44 years.



ALPHA UPSILON/NEBRASKA

Colton Zamrzla (2016) was appointed to the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority by Governor Pete Ricketts.

ALPHA OMEGA/LAFAYETTE

Warren Chaiken (1988), president and CEO of Almo Corp., and **Ed Gibbons** (1988), executive vice president at Almo, worked together to partner with California-based Bloom Energy to refurbish and distribute unused, out-of-warranty ventilators. Almo used its national logistics network to ship ventilators to and from Bloom's manufacturing facilities in California and Delaware for refurbishment and out to state agencies and hospitals in need.

BETA RHO/ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

Burke Nihill (2000) was named the president and CEO of the Tennessee Titans.

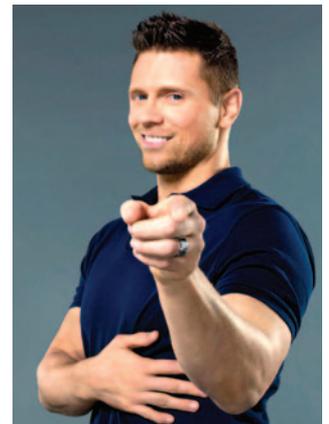


BETA TAU/SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Jeff Kuhns (2006) was accepted as a member of Leadership Florida Connect, the premier statewide leadership institute for educating, engaging, and inspiring Florida's top emerging leaders under 40.

GAMMA RHO/FLORIDA STATE

The Foundation Chapter Board of Directors member **Steve Mudder** (1995) was named IFC Chapter Adviser of the Year at Florida State.



GAMMA KAPPA/Miami (OH)'s Mike "The Miz" Mizanin (2000) is chosen to co-host USA Network's new water sports competition series, Cannonball.



The most ill-conceived food and clothing drive EVER: A 1966 fraternity memory from Mu/California

BY DENNIS MCDANIEL (MU/CALIFORNIA 1967)

In 1966, an anthropology teaching assistant was invited to speak at our chapter about his summer experience as a civil rights volunteer in Hopedale, MS, where people lived in tents, food came from what they were able to extract from the Mississippi River, and the threat of dire physical violence, including lynching, was ever-present. Stirred by his presentation, we contacted the mayor of Hopedale, expressed the desire to have a food and clothing drive for their community, and our invitation was accepted.

What followed was perhaps the most poorly thought out, badly planned, ill-conceived food and clothing drive to ever take place:

1. Huge amounts of clothing were contributed, but we didn't have boxes to store it;
2. Transportation companies had not been contacted, and transportation costs, which were huge, had not been considered;
3. While one mover could transport the cargo as far as Dallas, another carrier would have to be hired to pick up the cargo in Dallas to transport it to Mississippi;
4. We had virtually no money to get the cargo from Berkeley to neighboring Oakland, 20 miles away, much less to Mississippi; and
5. Even if the cargo got to Dallas, we had no place to store it, nor any idea if a mover could be hired to get it to Mississippi.

Despite these shortcomings, it came together:

- Sororities and fraternities on the Berkeley campus pitched in, contributing more than 1,200 pounds of clothing, which we gathered into a pickup truck one Saturday afternoon, driving from house to house in the Berkeley hills
- A moving company donated storage boxes for free. Two movers informed us they would make the deliveries at no cost; the first, taking the cargo to Dallas; the second, to the final destination in Mississippi. Their motivation was simple: they shared our vision
- Two churches, one in Texas, the other in Mississippi, agreed to accept delivery of the cargo on their property until it could be picked up by a mover and be transported to the next location
- All our communications were made by phone; email and computers were non-existent.

Many who volunteered their services were people whom we never met, including the hundreds of college students making donations, the truck drivers transporting the goods, and the churches that allowed this strange delivery to be deposited into their temporary custody, unaware of how large the cargo would be, how long they would have to keep it, or how some in their community might adversely react. One snag in this human network, a system constructed on trust, and the entire endeavor would have fallen apart.

This was a tumultuous time period in the civil rights movement. Resistance to school integration and to black voter registration efforts was often met with deadly violence. Truckers feared making deliveries to black communities, particularly in Mississippi.

Once the cargo left our fraternity house, the matter rested entirely in the hands of those we had never met. For days we didn't hear a word, and as time lingered, we feared the outcome. Then a letter arrived from the mayor of Hopedale, dated June 3, 1966. He wrote:

"We received the package on May 31. We had to make two trips to Greenville after the things. We had no idea of such large boxes, and so many nice things. Words won't express how much the people of Hopedale appreciated these things. We want you to continue to do whatever you can for us. To know that people are thinking about us, we can press even harder. It gets very hard sometimes. Your kindness will never be forgotten. May God bless each of you."

Decades later, many of our brothers recall this experience as one of the best, most productive, and personally rewarding experiences of our time together. Our chapter has celebrated more than 100 years on the Cal Berkeley campus and has persevered in good standing with the university and with the international office without incident. Alumni continue to pass down this story to each evolution of new membership, hoping the story inspires them in the same way it continues to inspire us.

A clipping from the April 22, 1966, issue of the Berkeley Barb, a weekly underground newspaper published in Berkeley, CA, from 1965–1980.

Project Hope Out to Help

Dennis McDaniel, chairman of the Project Hope food and clothing drive for Hopedale, Mississippi, Negroes, told BARB Wednesday the conditions of Hopedale's Negro "tent-town."

"They're living on fish they catch in a stream and what they can raise in their own gardens," McDaniel said. "The kids have no clothes at all." The Negroes, he said, are living in the tent-town after striking the white farmers who "were keeping these people in servitude. White tenant-farmers were receiving much more pay; the Negroes were receiving so little pay it was virtually nothing."

Theta Chi Fraternity, which is sponsoring the drive, first heard of the Negroes plight from Bill Clewlow, a teaching assistant of one of the house members, and from Eric Crystal, another student. Both had worked in Hopedale last summer.

"Last semester I started talking to the guys about doing something like this," McDaniel told BARB. "Then (Clewlow and Crystal) came and talked to the house on what went on down in Hopedale."

SNCC, McDaniel said, had tried to get food in to the Negroes, but had had trouble making contact. But Clewlow and Crystal furnished Theta Chi with two contacts--Molly Hagen, a Berkeley woman now teaching school in the tent-town, and Lewis Robinson, an organizer of Hopedale's Negroes. The difficulties of such organizing, McDaniel pointed out, are shown by the tent-town's conditions.

Project Hope will engage in door-to-door collections in residential Berkeley this Friday night and Saturday night. In two days it has already collected, McDaniel estimates, about \$30 worth of donations from students.

Negro Gains in Co-op Jobs Disappointing

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City had been due to job demands by Negroes and that Co-op hiring might alleviate the problem.

General Manager Gene Manilla said that the Corte Madera store would probably employ 35-40 people. "Marin City has a potential for employing many people," he said. But he added



Retracting Focus to Extend the Helping Hand

JEFF RUDD (Tau/Florida 1993)



Jeff Rudd with ZipKord team members Hallie and Alynda.



ing in the growth of a network of trusted partners in Asia and the U.S. It was these connections and experience that put his company in a unique position to help during the pandemic this year.

When friends and family in the healthcare industry, including Theta Chi brothers, expressed their desperation for finding life-saving PPE, ZipKord stepped up to help.

"We went into this quickly, knowing we wanted to help but not knowing what challenges

were ahead of us", Jeff expressed. What started as connecting the dots to get people needed supplies soon developed into becoming the company's main focus during the toughest months of the pandemic. ZipKord successfully imported and distributed over five million masks and other PPE products to those in need, including donating supplies to first responders traveling to New York and other areas desperately short of protection.

Looking back, Jeff believes Theta Chi traditions and ideals shaped his response to the pandemic. Rather than focus on profits, his first thought was on helping people. His experiences as Marshal and Recruitment Chairman taught him about building a team and working together—two things that were vital for his company to immediately shift focus. The bonds of the brotherhood fostered trust and confidence that still hold true today.

Jeff knows it was their network of connections that allowed the team to help as many people as possible. "When we shared what we were trying to do through LinkedIn and other social networks, friends, family and brothers reached out. Some I knew and some I didn't, but even after 30 years, this connection of brotherhood and the trust and confidence in that fraternity bond, allowed us to help people all over the country."

Now, as normal channels of supply catch up, ZipKord is moving on to its next endeavor, partnering with Hearst Media Group to bring a line of technology accessories to the market under the Popular Mechanics brand. With this new project, Jeff looks forward to continuing the ideals of Theta Chi in his personal and professional life, and making new connections within the brotherhood.

Since joining Theta Chi, the Helping Hand has always been a part of Jeff Rudd's life. Pivoting his entire business in a matter of weeks to help those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic seemed like a daunting task, but for Jeff it was the perfect way to execute the ideals he learned during his time at Theta Chi.

Originally from Sarasota, FL, Jeff attended the University of Florida and pledged Tau Chapter in 1990. After graduation in 1993 with a degree in business management, he moved to Atlanta where he began working as a consultant and then a software project manager. In Atlanta, he met his wife Wendy, who gave birth to their twin daughters, now almost 17. The family later moved to Sarasota, FL, where they currently live with their dog Charlie.

The confidence to expand horizons, try new things, fail, learn, and try harder the next time all resulted from Theta Chi experiences. Nineteen years ago, chance met opportunity, and, through hard work, Jeff brought the first pair of retractable headphones to market which helped launch his company ZipKord Solutions which offers products at car rental counters and hotels throughout the U.S.

ZipKord has been developing, manufacturing, and distributing technology accessories since the company started, result-



LEFT: Holding a slim lead on the final hole, **GAMMA TAU/Drake's Tony Brown** (1992) sinks his eagle opportunity from 15 feet to claim the 69th Minnesota Public Golf Association Senior Public Links Championship by three strokes.



ABOVE: **DELTA PI/Indiana State Brother Kyle Aloisio** (2019) (third from left) is sworn into the Morris (IL) Police Department.

LEFT: **DELTA ALPHA/Linfield's Joseph Smith** (1993) is named the 2019 Northwest Conference Football Coach of the Year.



RIGHT: **GAMMA TAU/Drake's John Felsenthal** (2019), center, runs 62 miles in 14 hours and raised nearly \$10,000 for students in Belize.

GAMMA TAU/DRAKE

Joe Bein (2001) has left Bein & Fushi Fine Violin Shop to start his own rare stringed instrument business, Bein & Company. **Tony Brown** (1992) won the 69th Minnesota Public Golf Association Senior Public Links Championship. **Chef Jorge Guzman** (2002) opened a new restaurant in Minneapolis called Petite Leon.

GAMMA UPSILON/BRADLEY

Chuck Ebeling (1966) was named the 2020 recipient of Bradley University Alumni Association's Lydia Moss Bradley Distinguished Service Award.

GAMMA PSI/PUGET SOUND

This summer, 15 brothers attended the 33rd Annual Theta Chi Cup. **Bill Sheard** (1976) emerged as the winner.

DELTA IOTA/NORTHWESTERN

Mike Greenberg (1989) made his return to radio hosting "The Mike Greenberg Show," which aired on ESPN Radio on August 17.

ZETA BETA/ADRIAN

Pat Kilbane (2002) was elected board chair for the Jacksonville Aviation Authority.



ZETA EPSILON/ LONG BEACH STATE

Ernie Paulson (1993) was tapped as the next news director for KARK-TV in Arkansas.



ZETA KAPPA/ OHIO NORTHERN

Bob Cupp (1974) was selected to be the speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives. **Dr. David Nau** (1989) joined the Ohio Northern



Cupp



Nau



Rowe

University Faculty as a professor of Social and Administrative Pharmacy in the Department of Pharmacy Practice. **Brit Rowe** (1993) earned recognition for his work in the University & College Designers Association (UCDA) Design Awards competition. His posters for the "Art & Design Faculty

Lecture Series," short talks by A&D faculty about their work, process, and research, was named honorable mention in the poster series category.

ZETA RHO/KENTUCKY

Ro Stevens (2020) started a new podcast, Local Legends, which is centered around conversing with athletes who have made a significant impact through sports in the state of Tennessee.

ZETA SIGMA/ WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS

Shawn Gudmunsen (1996) was awarded a \$6,000 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation 2020 Teacher Fellowship. The fellowship recognizes teachers who



have demonstrated superior ability to inspire love of learning in their students, have motivated others, and have provided meritorious service both inside and outside of the classroom.



Exploring the West Coast with my Thumb

BY BILL SUTER (BETA DELTA/RUTGERS 1943)

In the spring of 1946 after my Navy discharge, I bought a half fare ticket and took the train from New Jersey to San Francisco. I stayed overnight in Berkeley at the Mu Chapter House at the University of California and then rode to Fresno with a brother, then hitchhiked to Los Angeles. I stayed several nights at Beta Tau Chapter at the University of Southern California, and then rode my thumb back to Berkeley again for a night's stay. I hitchhiked north to Portland where I stayed at their YMCA before heading on to Seattle where I stayed with Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of Washington for several days. I wired home for \$25, got on the freeway east and caught a ride with a teenager going home to Flint, MI, where I stayed overnight with his folks. Next day, I hitchhiked to Pittsburgh and again stayed at a YMCA, then to Philly, where I took a train home.

At every chapter where I stayed, I was welcomed with open arms and hearts.



KAPPA IOTA/U.S. Military Academy's Temuulen Sodgerel (2020) graduated in June and is commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Join us for the 11th Theta Chi International Golf Tournament



Dates and location are still being finalized. Registration and details will be available in 2021 on www.thetachi.org/events

For more information contact Associate Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer Jim Powell at jpowell@thetachi.org.

ETA BETA/ EASTERN KENTUCKY

Our 50th anniversary celebration will be held April 10, 2021, at the Griffin Gate in Lexington, KY. Please visit ekuthetachi.wixsite.com/alumni/events for ticket and hotel packages. There are options for Keeneland on Friday and golf or spa on Saturday. Rooms are going fast so reserve yours today!

THETA RHO/MCNEESE STATE



Patrick Pete (2007) accepted a meteorologist position with WMAR-2 News Baltimore.

IOTA LAMBDA/LONGWOOD



Cam Patterson (2010) received the 2020 Rotunda Outstanding Young Alumni Award from Longwood University.



It is our pleasure to “resurrect” Kevin S. Simms (Gamma Rho/Florida State 2000), who was erroneously listed as joining the Chapter Eternal in the previous issue. Below are deaths reported to the International Headquarters between April 15, 2020, and September 29, 2020.

DELTA

RPI
Richard A. Boroway (1973)
Neil B. Lang (1961)
Henry F. Thorne, Jr. (1965)

ZETA

New Hampshire
Bruce C. Gilbert (1965)

ETA

Rhode Island
Leonard Kroll (1980)
Dr. John J. Piacitelli (1958)
William R. Richmond, III (1955)
John Staskiewicz, Jr. (1977)

THETA

Massachusetts
James M. Brown (1956)

KAPPA

Pennsylvania
William J. Cox, Jr. (1927)
Roy W. Sullivan, Jr. (1955)

XI

Virginia
Russell B. Pace, Jr. (1950)

RHO

Illinois
Thomas W. Brock (1949)

SIGMA

Oregon State
Dean K. Dibblee (1958)
Albert W. East, Jr. (1965)
Richard K. Fulwyler (1964)
Gayle K. Greenfield (1964)

TAU

Florida
Duncan A. Jones (1974)
Herbert Langford, Jr. (1969)
David G. Robertson (1962)

PHI

North Dakota State
James W. Johnston (1948)

CHI

Auburn
Richard F. Fullerton (1955)
Neal E. Kern (1968)

PSI

Wisconsin
Peter S. Leichtfuss (1991)

OMEGA

Penn State
Paul G. Brecht (1951)
Thomas E. Morton (1953)
Robert Waltenbaugh (1949)

ALPHA BETA

Pittsburgh
Glenn F. Schuch (1952)

ALPHA GAMMA

Michigan
Robert A. Leake (1951)
Robert E. Twining (1946)

ALPHA DELTA

Purdue
Paul E. Brencher, Jr. (1954)
John W. Whitson (1940)

ALPHA ZETA

Rochester
Vance J. Carpenter (1949)
Donald E. Liebers (1954)
Jerome C. Violette (1960)

ALPHA ETA

North Carolina
Don R. Moore (1959)

ALPHA IOTA

Indiana
Edward M. Foley, Jr. (1981)
Dr. Palmer E. Mart (1947)
David E. McClure (1960)
Thomas A. Schmitt (1958)

ALPHA KAPPA

West Virginia
Michael A. Zdranik (1978)

ALPHA LAMBDA

Ohio State
Hon. Kenneth N. Rogers, Jr. (1953)
Dr. Robert A. Settles (1961)

ALPHA MU

Iowa State
Russell K. Stalter (1972)

ALPHA NU

Georgia Tech
John C. Marscher, Jr. (1953)
Corey R. Wieser (2019)

ALPHA PI

Minnesota
James M. Aanestad (1963)

ALPHA RHO

Washington
Donald Thomason (1949)

ALPHA SIGMA

Oregon
Thomas W. Jernstedt (1966)
Robert S. McEachern (2006)

ALPHA TAU

Ohio
Michael C. Ross (1973)

ALPHA UPSILON

Nebraska
Gary L. Gross (1978)

ALPHA PHI

Alabama
James A. Bruno (1983)

Mr. March Madness

THOMAS W. JERNSTEDT (ALPHA SIGMA/OREGON 1966)

November 24, 1944–September 5, 2020

A former quarterback and senior class president at Oregon, Brother Jernstedt spent nearly 40 years with the NCAA, retiring as executive vice president and as the architect of the Men’s Division I Basketball Championship. A recipient of numerous awards, Jernstedt was also enshrined into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017, and in 2013, he was tapped for the inaugural College Football Playoff Selection Committee.



Past Theta Chi Funds Board Member

A. GRAHAM KENNEWEG (DELTA GAMMA/WV WESLEYAN 1952)

January 12, 1929–September 11, 2020

The Summer 2020 issue of *The Rattle* proudly reported Brother Kenneweg as the 138th recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and noted his many achievements and accomplishments in Theta Chi. We are relieved that Graham was able to receive the Fraternity’s highest honor during homecoming at his beloved Delta Gamma Chapter House and that the opportunity was not missed to recognize this stalwart Theta Chi in person on those historic steps.

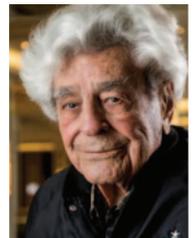


WWII Hero

LT. COL. JAMES MEGELLAS (DELTA OMEGA/RIPON 1942)

March 11, 1917–April 2, 2020

“Maggie” served as a paratrooper in World War II and is the most decorated officer in the 82nd Airborne Division. He saw action in Italy, jumped into the Netherlands during Operation Market Garden, and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, and two Purple Hearts. Brother Megellas was a member of the local Alpha Omega Alpha fraternity at Ripon College and, in 1954, he was initiated during Delta Omega’s Installation and served as the emcee during the installation banquet.



Stuart E. Graham (1975)
Steven E. Jones (1982)

ALPHA CHI

Syracuse
Pete R. Eisenhauer (1992)

ALPHA OMEGA

Lafayette
Robert L. Hettich, Jr. (1955)
Barry H. Todd (1965)

BETA ALPHA

UCLA
Larry L. Haase (1961)
David A. Holmes (1960)

BETA DELTA

Rutgers
Martin Kosz (2002)

Talbot B. Kramer, Jr. (1954)
Kenneth I. McCormick, Jr. (1946)

BETA EPSILON

Montana
Brian J. Steinwand (1972)

BETA ZETA

Michigan State
Frederick N. Hodge (1956)
Ensign Donald E. Marchini (1957)
Samuel F. Needham (1957)
Dale J. Post (1954)

BETA KAPPA

Hamline
Kenneth W. Arms (1953)
Richard C. Parssinen (1966)

BETA LAMBDA

Akron
David A. Frase (1959)
Raymond Hendricks (1969)
Clyde I. Wolverton (1955)

BETA OMICRON

Cincinnati
George L. Dershimer (1949)
John Minnich (1964)

BETA PI

Monmouth
Robert G. Patton (1959)

BETA RHO

Illinois Wesleyan
Daniel H. Evans (2007)
James O. Orr, Jr. (1953)



The Quiet Man in a Dark Suit with Unseen Hands

REMEMBERING DAVID A. HOLMES (BETA ALPHA/UCLA 1960)

December 15, 1937–April 1, 2020

BY WILLIAM W. PALMER (BETA ALPHA/UCLA 1985)



David Holmes was a force in our lives. As our chapter adviser at Beta Alpha/UCLA for over 30 years, he was the living embodiment of our Creed and a mentor and a brother to literally hundreds of young Theta Chis.

To many generations of Beta Alpha brothers, he was outwardly a very successful, high level executive at IBM (then-known as “Big Blue”) who remained deeply loyal and involved in Theta Chi Fraternity throughout his life. He was all business and seriousness—but with understanding, a kind smile, and a gentle, easy laugh. Terry Krekorian, M.D. (1984) recalled, “As a pledge in fall 1980, Brother Dave cast a long shadow in his dark blue IBM suit and conservative striped tie. Whenever he walked into the chapter house at 663 Gayley Avenue, everyone stood up straight. Dave led by example.”

Neal Weichel (1984) agreed. “Because a senior successful man like Dave took time and cared, everyone cared. He impacted each of us.”

“Brother Dave was ‘The Alumni,’” shared USMC Col. Robert Higbee (1983). “The sororities had their house mothers; Beta Alpha had our ‘father’: Brother Dave. He was that calm, steady, mature presence that ensured the Fraternity survived and ultimately thrived through that period and beyond. He was the personification of the Helping Hand and ‘sturdy manhood.’”

Dave Holmes was not the brother to sit on the sunny beach drinking cold beer with you. Rather, he was the hard worker, always the first man to step forward to give you his Helping Hand when it was most needed.

CarMax executive vice president of finance Tom Reedy (1987) remembered, “Major problems at the house were magically fixed. I watched repairmen appear to fix plumbing issues and electrical work. An expensive steel fire escape just seemed to appear out of nowhere to replace the unsafe rickety wooden stairs on the back of the house. Those stairs still stand today, over 40 years later. It was always Dave Holmes’ unseen hands.”

Brother Holmes left the minor problems to be managed by the brothers. Past International Vice President Bill Palmer reflected, “I was a pledge in 1980 and later the House Manager. I remember Dave saying, ‘Bill, we need the lightbulbs replaced . . . the stairs need to be swept . . . this needs to be painted . . . there are too many broken windows.’ Then he said to me, ‘You should run for Chapter President.’ He took me out to a steak dinner to thank me, which was a big deal to a young man on a student budget. Down through the decades, we often spoke with Dave who was always available with sound advice. He listened carefully.”

James Armstrong (1988) said, “I appreciated his approach to guide a large group of college kids with a balance of rules and leniency. He understood we all wanted to get smarter and be better men, but that we also joined a top fraternity to learn on our own and have fun. I can say now his approach was successful.”

Tom Neff (1959) pointed out that Dave’s approach was consistent. “I was an active member the same years Davy was there. The more I was around him the more I realized he revealed himself to be a genuine man of integrity. If any of us best represented the principles of Theta Chi, it would be Davy. Besides that, he was so damned likeable! It’s disappointing that my life took a path that prevented me from seeing him more often. But I never will forget him, and the good things he did for us.”

Al Bumbarger (1968) thoughtfully summarized, “One day, around 1967, I asked David why he was still involved in chapter life. He said ‘because my heart is in Theta Chi.’ I never forgot this but did not really understand his devotion until many years later. He was a good man who did a good job!”

BETA SIGMA

Lehigh
Robert B. Cutler
Hugh M. Hughes (1963)
George P. Jennings (1959)
William H. Mann, Jr. (1952)
Dr. William Martucci (1967)
Lewis I. Mengle (1948)
David H. Mitchell (1959)
Robert A. Nelson (1966)
Paul F. Nicholasen (1946)
Eric M. Page (1973)
Robert A. Potts (1951)
Wells W. Straub (1952)
Arthur F. Veinott, Jr. (1956)
Peter R. Waldes (1973)
Thomas Washburn (1952)

BETA TAU

Southern California
Gary A. Deperine (1972)
Bradley Nuremberg (1955)

BETA UPSILON

Fresno State
Ivan F. Altamura (1990)
Richard P. Ramage (1966)

BETA CHI

Allegheny
John C. Johannesmeyer
(1964)

GAMMA BETA

Furman
Rhodan D. Batson (1957)

GAMMA DELTA

Florida Southern
J. Robert Kingham (1955)
Douglas F. Schauer (1969)

GAMMA ZETA

Oklahoma State
Taylor C. Davis (2013)
S. Brandon Spears (2000)

GAMMA ETA

Bucknell
John B. Allen, Jr. (1957)
John W. Spencer, II (1990)

GAMMA THETA

San Diego State
Dr. Alfred G. Diboll (1952)
Glenn R. Snyder (1956) * +

GAMMA IOTA

Connecticut
Earl B. Geer, Jr. (1950)

GAMMA KAPPA

Miami (OH)
J. Theodore Benham (1973)
John K. Blassingame (1973)
Stephen H. Daniels (1969)
Jeffrey A. Fagan (1973)
Stephen J. Ravida (1977)
Robert A. Shafranek (1976)
Richard A. Shelley (1971)
Gregory S. Smith (1972)

GAMMA LAMBDA

Denver
Ronald B. Olson (1958)

GAMMA MU

Bowling Green
Melvin W. Mandat (1964)

GAMMA NU

New Mexico State
Joe Alva, Jr. (1989)
Buster T. Chidester (1948)
William Montamble (1953)

GAMMA XI

San Jose State
Milbrey M. Jones, Jr. (1964)
Kelley R. Lueke (1970)

GAMMA OMICRON

Wake Forest
Nicholas A. Mantia (1991)

GAMMA RHO

Florida State
Milton J. Hargis (1972)
Jeff B. Johnson (1991)
Benjamin O'Neal (2000)
Raymond Schroeder (1965)

GAMMA TAU

Drake University
Todd A. Elverson (1979)

GAMMA PHI

Nebraska Wesleyan
Dennis A. Dripps (1986)
Steven E. Griffin (1984)
Wesley E. Springer (1986)
David E. Stolsenburg (1967)

GAMMA CHI

Randolph-Macon
Hunter A. Grumbles (1949)

DELTA BETA

Georgia
Bruce W. Johnson (1977)

DELTA GAMMA

WV Wesleyan
A. Graham Kenneweg (1952)
+

DELTA EPSILON

Miami (FL)
Robert L. Bonday (1955)
Charles U. Maxwell (1960)

DELTA THETA

Toledo
Christopher M. Harris (1995)

DELTA KAPPA

Ball State
Thomas E. Agler (1954)
Terry R. Beyer (1961)
Donald E. Crosley (1952)
Dr. H. Allan Dye (1953)
R. Bruce Grant (1971)
Charles A. Ray (1955)

DELTA XI

Valparaiso
John L. Mauman (1971)
Robert C. Stebbe (1954)

DELTA PI

Indiana State
Jeffrey A. Cartwright (1994)
Kenneth A. Puller (1958)

DELTA RHO

NC State
George R. Hahn, Jr. (1970)

DELTA TAU

Kent State
Gregory T. Sheldon (1987)

DELTA CHI

Lenoir-Rhyne
Michael Stevenson (1967)

DELTA OMEGA

Ripon
Lt. Col. James Megellas
(1942)

EPSILON ALPHA

High Point
Richard W. Olson (1966)
Donald M. Sellers (1959)

EPSILON BETA

Lycoming
David W. Books (1967)
David W. Burnham (1962)

EPSILON DELTA

Youngstown State
William F. Dorazio (1975)
Charles E. Konesky (1964)
Harold E. Sinn (1959)

EPSILON ETA

IUP
Richard Stahura, Jr. (1974)

EPSILON THETA

Tufts
David A. Estabrooks (1961)

EPSILON IOTA

East Carolina
James P. Harrell (1961)
Lewis C. Jamison (1969)
John B. Sutton (1968)

EPSILON KAPPA

Idaho
John A. Scarborough (1976)

EPSILON PI

Northern Illinois
Russell J. Babick (1968)
Gerald G. Honemann (1962)

EPSILON RHO

Rider
Anthony M. Crea, Jr. (1961)
Gary D. Horn (1980)

EPSILON SIGMA

Wagner
Richard Mengert (1979)

EPSILON TAU

Stephen F. Austin
Kenneth T. Berry (1970)
Stephen L. Erwin (1985)

EPSILON PHI

Central Missouri
Michael L. Kemna (1977)
James F. Perry (1965)

ZETA BETA

Adrian
William K. Lachapell (1992)
William Theobald, III (1979)

ZETA DELTA

St. Cloud State
Jerry L. Joiner (1971)
Billy T. Morehead (1965)

ZETA OMICRON

Shippensburg
Craig G. Strohm (1977)

ZETA RHO

Kentucky
Gary M. Doyle (1979)
William E. Heisler (1974)

ZETA PSI

Western Illinois
Nicholas B. Berkos (1979)
Mark P. Lydon (1987)

ETA GAMMA

Morehead State
Michael R. Keene (1973)

ETA OMICRON

Northwestern State
Samuel J. Bonnin (1976)

ETA PI

East Stroudsburg
Richard C. James (1995)

IOTA MU

Missouri
David J. Thibeau (2017)

IOTA NU

South Florida
Jared A. Semp (2012)

IOTA PHI

South Carolina
Josef E. Eynck (2018)

IOTA OMEGA

SUNY Cortland
Nikan Baratian (2021)

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* Former Field Staff



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