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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Why does Theta Chi matter?



International President Creig Andreasen

Brothers,

Our non-Greek friends and relatives often do not understand why Theta Chi is so important in our lives. As I reflect on the value Theta Chi has brought to my life, I am called to explain my loyalty to an institution that I joined when I was but 18 years old.

I think most of the public thinks that men join a fraternity to have a good time. Not to “buy friends” as if that was even possible, but to buy a social life. I would guess that most, if not all, of the people reading *The Rattle* had a good time when they were in college. But college students have a good time doing a lot of things.

Yet, there’s no homecoming for the chess club.

No dorm reunions. No geometry club get togethers. What is it that sets us apart from peers who might have opted for these pursuits instead of Theta Chi?

A few statistics are telling. Fraternity men give serious attention to their studies and, as a result, generally exceed the all-men’s average GPA at their schools. They perceive their college experience to be better than their non-Greek peers. They donate more to their college as alumni—in part because they enjoyed college and want to perpetuate that experience for others. They make lifelong friends and often remain in contact with each other for the rest of their lives. They are more likely to know people from various racial and ethnic backgrounds (or a chapter brother who is different than themselves) and call that person a friend. They make more money after graduation. Former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty said, “What have you done; What have you run?” to job seekers. Theta Chi graduates have often done and run quite a bit! Is it any wonder they look back fondly to their Theta Chi experience?

The Theta Chi experience matters. It makes a difference in the lives of college men. The leadership training and experience our members get from the time they pledge until the day they graduate helps them become better brothers, better husbands, better fathers, better men. Being a Theta Chi is a singular experience in a college man’s life—and that is why the Theta Chi experience matters.

Whether you are a collegian holding an officer position in your chapter, or an alumnus who is mentoring a chapter to provide continuity from one year to the next, we are each enriched by your efforts made to strengthen our brotherhood. By extending your Helping Hand, you make the difference in the lives of your brothers and in your chapter. Thank you for all that you do.

Yours in Brotherhood,

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Alpha Mu/ Iowa State brothers reconnect at their Centennial Celebration.



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ABOVE: Douglas Payne (Alpha Chi/Syracuse 1992) pins the Badge belonging to his father, Ted (Delta Theta/Toledo 1960), onto his son, Ben (2026), who had just been initiated as a Rechartering Member at Alpha Beta/Pittsburgh. LEFT (L-R): Douglas, Ben, and Ted Payne.



Eta Omega/ Chico, CA brothers from the spring 1984 pledge class gather during the chapter's 40th anniversary celebration.



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Marcin Kleczynski

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Malwarebytes Founder and CEO Marcin Kleczynski (Rho/Illinois 2012) discusses his experience in Theta Chi, cybersecurity, and as an entrepreneur.

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Alpha Beta/Pittsburgh outside Pitt's Cathedral of Learning.



Alpha Beta's new officers grab a photo with the Pitt Panther outside the William Pitt Union on campus.



Gamma Sigma Chapter President Connor McDermott (2024) with International Counselor Rich Santoriello, International Secretary Al Copeland, and International President Creig Andreasen.



Alpha Upsilon Colony/Nebraska

Protecting the Digital Landscape

BY BEN HILL, EDITOR

Born in Poland, Marcin Kleczynski (Rho/Illinois 2012) and his family emigrated to the United States when he was 3 years old and started a new life in Chicago. Prior to starting college, Kleczynski (Kle-chin-ski) had dealt with the effects of malware, took an interest in coding, and launched a fledging business with the intent to help others. He remains founder and CEO of Malwarebytes, an Internet security company specializing in providing protection against malware and other threats to both consumers and businesses which now operates offices in Santa Clara, CA; Clearwater, FL; Ireland; Portugal; Spain; Italy; Estonia; and Australia. Brother Kleczynski graciously took the time to talk about his experience in Theta Chi, cybersecurity, and as an entrepreneur.





“We’re really focused on our mission, which is creating cyber protection for everyone. I don’t want anyone to feel the way I did because of malware.”

Brother Kleczynski delivers a TEDx Talk on entrepreneurship at his alma mater, the University of Illinois.



The Rattle: Tell us the origin story of Malwarebytes.

Marcin Kleczynski: It goes back to my childhood. We were a relatively poor family, but my parents had this Dell computer. I loved video games, but we didn’t have a lot of money for them, so I would download games off of shady websites. All of a sudden, things were going wrong with the computer. We were using an antivirus program at the time, but it didn’t stop the infection and it couldn’t fix it. I couldn’t go to Geek Squad or whatever existed at the time, so I Googled the symptoms and found a message board of people who were volunteers from all over the world. Somebody handed me 30 pages of instructions and said, ‘This will fix your problem.’ I followed those instructions and a few frustrating days later, the computer was healthy again.

I decided to stick around this online community. While in high school, my stepdad bought me a couple of books on

programming and I found a knack of trying to automate some of this instruction manual and created a tool that anyone could easily run on their own. The community of volunteers decided the tool was a great opportunity to make us better and would allow us to help more people.

In January of 2008, we launched Malwarebytes. At the time, the company was focused on this free remediation product that would run alongside a traditional antivirus program. It started taking off, and I was due to start college in August. The business had gone from generating a couple hundred dollars to a couple thousand dollars, so I told my mom, ‘We’re getting somewhere here—I don’t think I’m going to college.’ We very quickly packed my bags and I was shipped down to school! Thanks, Mom!

I spent the next four years maturing the business and started to hire people to help with operations. After graduation, I moved to Chicago for a couple of years and then

to the Bay Area to really start to invest and develop the business. Now we're almost 1,000 people worldwide, have a portfolio of both consumer and business solutions, and we're really focused on our mission, which is creating cyber protection for everyone. I don't want anyone to feel the way I did because of malware.

R: How did you select the University of Illinois?

MK: I think proximity was a big one. I applied to Illinois and Purdue for a computer science degree. Illinois had a great reputation, a great computer science program, and in-state tuition. I felt comfortable there and it was far enough from home but close enough if I wanted to visit.

R: Isn't there a story about Illinois' IT Department coming to help you?

MK: I found a threat on a forum where somebody's computer was infected, so I was taking the threat apart to see how it worked. By doing that, I exposed the university's network to potential infection, and got this white screen that told me I had been kicked off the network and that my computer had to be fixed before I could rejoin. I called the help desk and a kid my age shows up at the door, sits down in front of my computer, and runs Malwarebytes right in front of me. He tells me that I'm good to go and they'll put me back on the network. He didn't know I created Malwarebytes—and I never told him.

R: How did you connect with Theta Chi?

MK: At first, I had the stereotypical view of fraternities from the movies—mainly focused on drinking and partying and not particularly productive. But when I got to college, I met some great guys who were part of Theta Chi. During second semester, when a couple of guys in my dorm who were rushing encouraged me to come out, I decided to go for it. **Ben Donaldson** (2012), who had rushed in the fall, also got me into the rush process.

R: What led to you ultimately deciding to join?

MK: I had so much time to think about it. I had been hanging out with those guys and started to become really close with them. I overthink a lot of things. But once



Despite the long hours running Malwarebytes from the chapter house, Marcin takes a break with Matt Scarpinato (2014) to play broomball.

I get to the decision, it's done. It all came together and once I got the bid, I signed on the spot.

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

MK: I was the Marshal, and that was probably my favorite time in the chapter. I love educating folks and I like being a leader. As the Marshal, you're leading and educating the pledges and holding them to a high standard.

R: Any leadership lessons you gained from being the Marshal?

MK: At the time, the company wasn't that big—the pledge class was likely bigger. On one hand, I was leading this company with around 10–20 people and then on the other hand, I was leading 30 pledges. With the pledges, you try to maintain a balance of keeping the pledge process exciting while helping them to learn certain things about what is and is not acceptable as a student at the university and as a member of the Fraternity. You're trying to gain respect while doing that, and we're all learning from each other at the same time. I learned a lot about managing humans.

R: Did the guys at Rho know what you were doing with the business?

MK: It wasn't something I'd go around talking about, but if someone got to know me, they knew that I spent a lot of time working on Malwarebytes and tried to maintain a good social life and participate in events at Theta Chi, all while attending the university, which is a full-time job. A lot of midnight oil was burnt trying to do all of the above.



The Nasdaq MarketSite recognizes Kleczynski and Malwarebytes in Times Square.

R: What was it like trying to run the business out of the chapter house?

MK: Sometimes hooligans would be running through the hall doing what college students will do while I was on an interview like this. But unlike some people's perceptions that fraternities always party, that couldn't be further from the truth. Most days there was a calm atmosphere at the house. Nobody was ever down because there was always somebody to talk to. They are a real brotherhood. If you wanted to go do something, you always had somebody to do it with. Overall, running the business out of the house was uneventful.

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

MK: I really enjoyed living in the house during junior and senior years with 35 of my best friends. I'll never be able to do that again. Now, if you want to go see a friend,



In 2011, with the support of more than 1,000 Illinois Greeks, Rho Chapter raises over \$4,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago in memory of Josh Rymarz (2014). Brother Kleczynski is seated at center, sixth from left.

you've got to schedule it, make reservations or buy tickets, drive or fly there. You don't appreciate how awesome it is to live with 30–40 of your best friends in a common house.

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

MK: We ran a lot of charitable events that were awesome. We hosted a polar plunge every year to raise money for ALS, we picked up litter at a park, we raised money for numerous nonprofits, but we also were able to support our own when it mattered most.

My senior year, **Josh Rymarz (2014)** suddenly passed away. Our Chapter President **Brian Kelinson (2012)** quickly put together a support meeting which included counselors from the university, Rho alumni, and Theta Chi's Executive Director. We then all came together and planned and organized a campus-wide fundraiser in Josh's memory and turned the first floor of the

chapter house into a dessert bar. With the support of more than 1,000 Illinois Greeks, we raised over \$4,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago, a charity chosen by Josh's family.

R: How do you think your time in Theta Chi helped you as an entrepreneur?

MK: Certainly overcoming adversity. Building leadership skills by managing the pledges and their education process. This seems so silly, but freshman year a brother taught me how to use a calendar and to this day, I am a calendar fanatic. If you put something on my calendar, I will be there. It's the reason I actually graduated. I'm a very schedule-oriented, agenda-driven type of person and that structure in my life is so critical. If you look at my calendar today, I continue to be particular about how items are entered and what order they're in. It's probably one of my most important time management life hacks.

R: What's it been like for you over the last decade as you have shifted your roles within the company?

MK: As the founder, I was managing, working with, and inspiring a very small team of people, who had the same interest in just wanting to cure the world of malware. As we continued to grow, I needed to bring in people with different skill sets and experience to round out the team who may or may not have the same level of passion about malware as I do. The transition for

me from founder to CEO was trying to figure out how to manage, work with, and inspire people who aren't just geeks on a mission. That transition was not easy. I had to shift my mind a bit because these employees are driven by different things. It could be money or a really important project in their domain—something in which I may have no experience. I continue to check myself and realize that while they may be inspired by other things, I've got to be able to retain and inspire them as well.

R: How do you maintain your passion as a CEO?

MK: I listen, I continue to be a geek. This space really excites me. It's a cat and mouse game. Cybercriminals are doing some horrendous things to really good people, businesses, and government agencies. If I wasn't so upset with them, I'd be envious of their capabilities. There are some very smart people on the other side of this equation, and as they do things that are unique and interesting, it gets the brain juices flowing—How do we defend against this or how do we protect for the future before they even pick up a keyboard and start the attack?

R: What are some things we can do to make ourselves safe in the digital landscape?

MK: Run Malwarebytes. That's the number one thing that will help you. Besides that, the one gap I see most people have is reusing their passwords on every website or

having a couple that they rotate. The issue isn't that your password is bad. The problem is the websites you've logged onto may not have the best security. I'm not talking about the Facebooks of the world, which have billions of dollars to spend on security. I'm talking about that website that you don't even remember. You signed up for an account and it's been hacked. They now have your password. And guess what? Getting into your Facebook is pretty easy. They've got the email. They just got your password. Facebook has great security, but it can't prevent against somebody having your password. Use a password manager. Make sure your software is up to date. There are security fixes that are pretty practical and very exploitable that are generally being patched in software updates. The world is getting safer because security is top of mind, but it's also getting less safe because everything's digitally connected.

R: What's the worst piece of malware you've dealt with?

MK: Any time ransomware is involved, it becomes very hairy. WannaCry was a threat from five years ago. We saw it on our threat remediation map and it just lit up the world. I've never seen something spread so quickly.

R: Tell us more about ransomware.

MK: Ransomware encrypts your files and locks up your device or system. As a user, you'll see a pop-up that says, 'Pay us \$250 and we'll release your files.' You are unable to do anything on your machine—access files, navigate to a program. Your files might be your pictures or they might be your Ph.D. thesis. It doesn't matter what because at the end of the day, think about your digital life and how hard it would be to replace if you lost all your files.

For any type of ransomware, our company sees these stories in real time. I regularly get emails with someone coming to us asking for help because they were hit with a ransomware attack and everything is down. Employees can't work, data is locked up without access. It can be very challenging, especially for small or mid-size businesses with a small IT team. This is why we do what we do at Malwarebytes. We try to help prevent ransomware in the first place and then, if infected, we help roll back the



Kleczyński discusses cybersecurity on BBC News.

infection so businesses can keep on doing what they're best at—running their company.

R: What options do you have if you are attacked by ransomware?

MK: You can negotiate with the threat actor to potentially make the problem go away, but that can be between thousands or even millions of dollars. You could negotiate and get a decryption key but you don't even know if you're going to get it all. More times than not, if you do pay the ransom, you will get the decryption key. There's not much we can help you with at that point because ransomware needs a decryption key, and threat actors are pretty good at making sure their code is solid. We have found some bugs in some ransomware, but they're typically using some pretty good encryption.

Keep in mind we're also talking about school districts, hospitals—surgeries are canceled, patient records are locked, you can't get medical information, you don't know if the patient has an allergy. This is why cybersecurity is so important and why we stay vigilant.

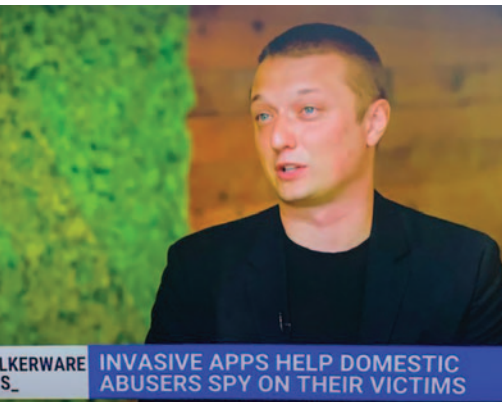
R: How did COVID impact cybersecurity?

MK: Imagine every employee running to work from home, behind their subpar router on their subpar desktop—that

wasn't work-provided and already is potentially infected with something. It was a massive liability. We saw a huge uptick in use of both Malwarebytes for Home and Malwarebytes for Business. I saw the same from all of our security friends in the industry. It was unfortunately a reaction to losing all visibility, because when you're at work and you're on corporate Wi-Fi, there are multiple degrees of protection there: a network filter, a traffic cap, blocked emails and sites. During COVID all of that was removed. The perimeter, as we call it, moved literally to that one laptop instead of that workspace and it became a visibility nightmare and an ethical question: 'Should companies be able to install software to monitor you on your home device?' Employees don't want that but companies want the visibility to make sure you're not passing around critical information like customer data or financial data. Overall, it was a mad scramble and it's not like we had weeks to plan—we had days to plan when this all happened. I empathize with all the people who had to react so quickly and the damage that was done in the meantime. Hopefully, we are all better protected because of that scramble today than we ever were.

R: What are your overall predictions in the cybersecurity industry?

MK: The problem's not going to get any easier. Everything is becoming digitally



Kleczynski discusses stalkerware—invasive apps that track your every move without your knowledge—on NBC News NOW.

enabled, we now have nest devices, smart fridges, Barbie dolls connected to the Internet. The amount of devices we're putting online that are not secure is monumental. I don't see an end to this; we like the ease of connected devices. However, if they're not secure, someone could try a couple of default usernames and passwords to log in and infect them. Recently, there was an IoT attack where the cyber attacker scanned the Internet, found all these thermostats and fridges, and then pointed traffic at key websites. All of those websites started falling down one right after another because they could not handle that kind of traffic. Unfortunately, these types of attacks are going to keep happening.

I think everybody's identity at this point is stolen. We invest in identity theft protection but Social Security numbers and our date of birth are out there somewhere. Our credit card information has been stolen multiple times. That's not going away. It's time to reinvent some of these key capabilities in the world. Social Security numbers and credit cards need to go through some kind of evolution. Reinventing some of those aspects of life in general is going to need to take place.

On the business side, we need to evolve as well and think beyond the traditional antivirus program. This is something we're tackling at Malwarebytes. As we have evolved our endpoint security solution, we also added services, Malwarebytes Managed Detection and Response. These are literal operations centers with incredibly smart

people who proactively look for threats. They are monitoring your environment in real time. If they see something, the endpoint protection doesn't have to stop it—they will manually get it and intervene. I think the world's headed toward this kind of outsourced cybersecurity-managed services model so businesses can call someone they trust to protect them. Especially smaller businesses. They need security and IT but can't afford someone to do it in real time.

R: What trends are you noticing when you meet the younger generation?

MK: There is a lot of interest in cybersecurity. When I was at Illinois, there wasn't much offered. Now, there is curriculum that is focused specifically on cybersecurity and many students are interested. Computer science programs were also generally male, so now I'm excited to see tons of diversity in those programs and in security. We need more people. We need diversity. Today's students are also technically savvy and grew up with a lot of connected devices. That's given me hope that people are going to be their best defense. If someone is technically savvy, has a little bit of security experience, knows that the email from JPMorgan Chase is not really from JPMorgan Chase because the URL is `xyz4972.com`—all of these things help, because the less people who fall for these tricks, the less interesting it becomes for cyber criminals who are after money or glory.

R: Any advice for entrepreneurs in college right now who have an idea?

MK: If you're in college and you have an idea, start it now because life is going to hit you hard. Let's say you have a loan right now—your food is paid for, your housing is paid for, you've got some spare time, and can work on a project you are interested in. You've got somewhat of a safety net. After graduation, life begins and you're going to be less eager and too tired to try to start some of those ideas. Another thing I'd encourage is to find a partner. These things can be lonely, so find somebody who's a little different than you, but who shares the same interest and maybe complements you. If you're really good at engineering, find somebody who is great at marketing and together, you stand a better chance

than trying to learn the marketing side of things. I had three co-founders and through various parts of the journey, they were all incredibly helpful and had different capabilities that made us stronger as a whole. The last thing is advice for leaders who are just starting to build teams: people crave transparency and humility. It's a sign of great leaders.

R: What's your favorite website?

MK: Ben Schlappig writes a blog called One Mile at a Time and it is a travel blog that I have to refresh throughout the day. If you're a travel geek, his blog is quite funny and interesting, and covers travel and flight reviews and industry news.

R: You're on LinkedIn and Twitter?

MK: Yes, and I'm open to anyone who wants to connect with me (@mkleczynski on Twitter and my full name on LinkedIn). I'm an open book, add me on there, shoot me an email. I love to connect with folks.

R: What's your definition of a Resolute Man?

MK: I think it's somebody who has conviction but also can maintain an open mind. I have pretty strong conviction and I come in with an opinion, but that opinion can be changed. I think folks who do that generally are optimists and there are studies out there that say optimists win more times than pessimists.

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

MK: Maybe you're not thinking about security in your everyday life but I would encourage you to take a moment to reflect on it: what would you think about your security posture if somebody sent you a link today? Would you know if it's a phishing email, trying to steal your password? Are you using strong passwords? Do you have antivirus or endpoint protection? Do you update your software? Do you visit unsafe websites to download files? I want people to be educated and protected. Use an antivirus, make sure you're rotating passwords, get a password manager, and don't dismiss that iOS update for the 90th straight day. They're trying to help you, not hurt you! ■

Do you want to Leave a Legacy for Theta Chi?

We can support Theta Chi beyond our lifetime by preparing our future brothers with the resources to lead us forward. Consider making Theta Chi a part of your estate planning. Theta Chi Fraternity owes its strength and success to countless brothers who have labored for its welfare since 1856. Every day our beloved brotherhood enriches the lives of men on college campuses across North America.



The college environment has grown more complex, and with this complexity arises new challenges and new opportunities. Theta Chi 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.

The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi serves to develop and provide financial resources to promote the academics, leadership, and service ideals of Theta Chi Fraternity by providing scholarships and leadership education to our collegiate brothers.

The Legacy Society of Theta Chi is a collection of men who have a vision for a perfect brotherhood to grow and thrive. These brothers cherish their Theta Chi experience to a degree of selflessness, and they desire to see the values and friendships of this Fraternity live on forever. When joining the Legacy Society, you will know the good works you do today will continue tomorrow.

To learn how to join the Legacy Society go to www.thetachilegacysociety.org

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These loyal, generous Theta Chi alumni share why they give to the Foundation Chapter:

Jim Durkin (Alpha Delta/Purdue University 1982)

As an engineering graduate, I like numbers. There are three reasons why I give to Theta Chi. One, connectivity. I arrived for my freshman year at Purdue with no family or friend connections. Theta Chi provided the brotherhood that helped me navigate and thrive. Two, professional success. I started my company, The Martec Group, with two Theta Chi brothers and am still a partner almost 40 years later. We have served our clients well and provided career opportunities for hundreds of young people. Three, lifetime friendships. Some of my closest friends are brothers whom I have known for over 40 years. We tailgate, golf, celebrate at weddings, grieve and reminisce at funerals, and are always in touch.

This is why I give.

Jimmy Cox (Alpha Delta/Purdue University 2009)

I've been fortunate to be the recipient of scholarships and leadership experiences from the Fraternity as a student and an alumnus. I've also been able to develop strong relationships with brothers throughout the country. Giving to help others with their education and development as a leader is one way I express my thanks to the Fraternity and help others benefit just like I did and still do.

Al Calarco (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1978)

I am often asked why I bother to give my time and resources to my Fraternity. The answer is quite simple. I have acquired so much

more from my Fraternity experience than I could ever repay. I have made lifelong friendships, meaningful professional connections, and had more laughs and great times than one person should be allowed to experience. I have benefitted from unconditional personal support, and I am truly Better Because of Theta Chi. My hope is that I can help make my Fraternity available for future collegians to have a similar life-enriching experience.

David Scotto (Eta Omega/Chico, CA 1989)

Theta Chi was not only instrumental in shaping my entire college experience but has also forged lessons that I can continue to utilize. I give back to Theta Chi so others may have the opportunity to benefit as I have and to help promote the excellent work and investment in our Fraternity.

Elliot Rose (Gamma Pi/Buffalo 1969)

My collegiate years in Theta Chi were a very impactful period in my life. Lessons learned have guided me through a successful career and taught me to be thankful for life's blessings and to give back when possible. Supporting the Foundation Chapter gives me a chance to be supportive of younger generations of Theta Chi men. Life poses many opportunities and challenges. There is no such thing as being overprepared. Our brotherhood experience gives us a good tailwind in the marathon of life!



Gifts to the Foundation Chapter help support leadership education training for Theta Chi brothers and chapter officers.

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Meet Maddie

Maddie Whipple began her new role as Executive Administrator for the Foundation Chapter in December 2022. She oversees state registration and distribution of all Chapter Funds and works with the Foundation Chapter's scholarship program. She graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 2022 with a degree in marketing with a minor in political science.



Scholarships

During the 2022/2023 academic year, the Foundation Chapter gave more than **\$300,000** in academic scholarships to **over 100** Theta Chi brothers. Six scholarship recipients share how their scholarships impacted their lives:

Brett Cooke (Chi/Auburn 2020)

By receiving scholarships from the Foundation Chapter three out of my four years at Auburn, it not only lessened my financial burden, but also allowed me to focus more heavily on my academics, leadership positions, and volunteer work. I am continuing my education as a student at the UAB School of Medicine—I have dreamed of becoming a physician my entire life and I am so excited to be this close to reaching my goal. Along with this excitement, there is also a lot of stress associated with starting medical school. This scholarship will allow me to worry less about my finances as I navigate through a rigorous curriculum, continue to volunteer in my community, and conduct research.



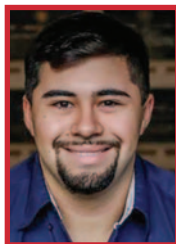
Kaleb Seyoum (Delta Mu/Texas 2025)

Coming into my second year in Theta Chi and my senior year in college, I was faced with multiple financial hardships. Being an immigrant from Ethiopia, I relied on working to subsidize my education. With this scholarship, I can finally afford to pay my tuition, books, and other miscellaneous fees that will help me complete my degree debt free. This scholarship is significant for me because it really showed me that Theta Chi has my back wherever I go. Being a first-generation immigrant, I didn't have much financial help from my family, but during this hard time, Theta Chi stepped up to lend a Helping Hand!



Zac Compean (Delta Mu/Texas 2024)

This scholarship serves as a checkpoint in my collegiate journey and ensures I'm going in the right direction. I am thankful to be a part of such an amazing international organization with alumni who are willing to invest in the future of the next generation. By receiving financial funding, I am now able to focus more time on academics and my chapter. Earning a scholarship motivates me to keep pushing through the tough times and always remain a Resolute Man.



Rafael Vasquez (Gamma Xi/San Jose State 2014)

I am currently a graduate student at the University of Florida, where I'm working towards my master's degree in higher education while also working as a graduate assistant within the office of Sorority & Fraternity Life. In this role, I have the chance to work with and advise students across all councils and organizations and this perspective has continued to show me the immense impact Greek life has on college students and their development outside of the classroom. This scholarship is significant to me because it is reassuring that my own Fraternity believes in my abilities to make a difference in the work I am doing, and it will allow me to complete my last year of graduate school without worry of personal expenses or student fees.



Justin DuBusschere

(Delta Eta/Colorado State 2025)

This scholarship enables me to pay for my membership in the Fraternity and helps me take time away from additional hours working so I can focus more on school and the chapter. It truly is a Helping Hand to assist me in accomplishing my dreams.



Shivam Desai (Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 2022)

I applied for a scholarship from Theta Chi Fraternity because it was Theta Chi that helped me become the Resolute Man I am today. Theta Chi has enhanced my college experience by helping me to excel in academics, hold leadership positions in various organizations, and contribute back to our surrounding communities. This scholarship enables me to continue pursuing my education while exploring my passion for community service. The members of this organization have given me the ability to flourish academically, professionally, and socially. I am honored to receive this scholarship.



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Brothers bond during some downtime at the Entrepreneurship Experience in Newport Beach, CA, hosted by Playtika, Ltd. President & CFO Craig Abrahams (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1999).



Above Left and Below: Brothers travel to Chicago to learn about the engineering and construction industry from Justin Brown (Alpha Delta/Purdue 1997), CEO of Skender Construction.





Networking, Professional Development, and Brotherhood: The Resolute Man Experience Track

BY BRYAN ALIG, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

After completing The Resolute Journey (Theta Chi's pledge education program) and becoming an initiated brother in Theta Chi Fraternity, what's next? Some brothers will take on leadership roles focusing on recruitment, health and safety, philanthropy, or pledge education. Whether they take on a specific role for their chapter, or they are elected to an Executive Board position, we want all our members to become Resolute Men.

The Resolute Man is Theta Chi's premier membership experience. It helps guide our young brothers to get the most out of their college experiences and prepares them for life after graduation.

There are three tracks available to become a Resolute Man. Our Individual Track allows members to document their involvement in the chapter, on campus, and in the community. Completing proficiencies in the areas of Leadership Development, Professional Development, and The Assisting Hand will earn them the distinction of Resolute Man.

Attending an event like our Initiative Academy will focus on the same three areas as the Individual Track, but members will have the opportunity to work in an intense workshop model with a cohort group.



Brothers visit Louisiana to learn about marketing and entrepreneurship from Past International Presidents Dr. Tait Martin and Darick Brown.

What is truly unique to Theta Chi is the third Resolute Man track: our Experience Track. This is an immersive professional experience. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to spend time with prominent alumni who are experts in their fields. This is a career-specific track.

Experience opportunities change each academic year. We are always looking for new hosts who have the time and resources to support interested collegians. The goal is to offer a wide range of experiences that support many different majors and potential career paths.

Our first Resolute Man Experience was in October 2021 in Lafayette, LA. Past International President **Dr. Tait J. Martin** (Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 1997) hosted 10 collegians interested in marketing and entrepreneurship. The selected applicants learned about developing and bringing a product to market and presented their own business ideas which led to professional conversations. With the feedback we received from the attendees and the host, we knew we had started something extremely valuable for our members.

We've hosted two Capitol Hill Experiences in Washington, D.C. with former U.S. Congressman and Foundation Chapter Director **Dennis Cardoza** (Alpha Psi/Maryland 1981) focusing on careers in law and politics. Thirty-nine men have attended these experiences to date and many have gone on to find internships and jobs in political arenas. **Andrew Nettels** (Iota Kappa/Northern Arizona 2022) said, "The Experience Track was the single most formative event of my life. I remain in contact with Congressman Cardoza; he remains a close mentor of mine." Nettels is currently a law student at George Washington University and attended the second Capitol Hill Experience as an alumni panelist. "It was a surreal experience listening to my brothers articulate their ambitions having sat in their exact position a year prior."

Foundation Chapter Director **Eric Jayaweera** (Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1991) hosted the Wall Street Experience in New York City, introducing our members to executives from Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, and Cantor Fitzgerald who spoke of careers and internships in investment banking, asset management, and trading.



Theta Chi's future business leaders on Wall Street.



Brothers learn about songwriting from country music star Phil Vassar (Eta Kappa/James Madison 1984).



Brothers go behind the scenes on Gameday during the Colts Experience.

Ryan Partridge (Psi/Wisconsin 2024) said, "A few weeks after the experience, I accepted a sales and trading internship at Citigroup in NYC for 2023. I encourage anyone interested in a career on Wall Street to apply as it can certainly open many doors."

During the Entrepreneurship Experience in Newport Beach, CA, collegians met with **Craig Abrahams** (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1999) and pitched their best business ideas in front of a panel of successful brothers in their respective fields. **Kode Banwart** (Alpha Mu/Iowa State 2024) commented, "Without a doubt, one of the best experiences of college for me. I had the opportunity to follow up with our hosts about my pitch; it was Theta Chi that brought us together."

The Experience Track is not just about networking and professional development, it is about brotherhood. These experiences have brought brothers together from all over the country. We toured the Library of Congress, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Brothers hit golf balls, went to an NFL game, and even surfed together. These experiences forge relationships that will last a lifetime.

Each experience concludes with an official ceremony celebrating these collegians as Resolute Men. Those who attend leave inspired by what they have learned and go back to their chapters with renewed confidence and passion for Theta Chi. One attendee said, "I had very little confidence in myself as I approached graduation and a new chapter in my life. After the experience, I left as a brand-new man."

Here are the experiences that we have offered thus far:

Marketing and Entrepreneurship Experience - Lafayette, LA
Dr. Tait J. Martin (Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 1997)
President & Chief Marketing Officer, Wildcat Brothers Distilling

Capitol Hill Experience - Washington, D.C.
Hon. Dennis Cardoza (Alpha Psi/Maryland 1981)
Director of Public Affairs, Chair of the Federal Government Practice at Foley & Lardner LLP

Colts Experience - Indianapolis
E.J. Tolentino, CPA (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1998)
Chief Financial Officer of the Indianapolis Colts

Wall Street Experience - New York City
Eric Jayaweera (Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1991)
Senior portfolio manager at Emso Asset Management

Music Industry Experience - Nashville, TN
Phil Vassar (Eta Kappa/James Madison 1984)
Singer-songwriter

Entrepreneurship Experience - Newport Beach, CA
Craig Abrahams (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1999)
President & CFO, Playtika Ltd.

Engineering and Construction Experience - Chicago
Justin Brown (Alpha Delta/Purdue 1997)
President & CEO, Skender Construction



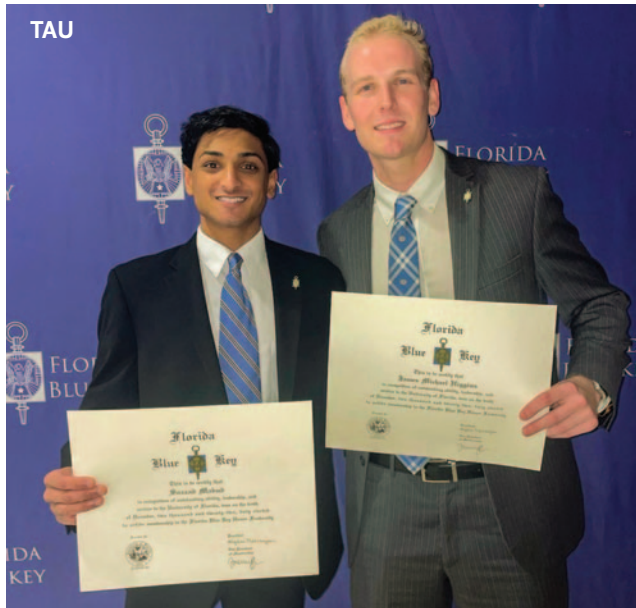
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CHAPTER NEWS



TAU/FLORIDA

Michael Higgins (2023) and Sazzad Mabud (2024) were tapped for Florida Blue Key, the oldest and most prestigious leadership honorary in the state of Florida.

PSI/WISCONSIN

We currently have 157 brothers in the chapter and held our annual Ski For Cancer event at Alpine Valley Resort in Elkhorn, WI, with nearly 220 attendees. The week prior, we shaved our heads in support of those who battle pediatric cancer. We had an incredibly successful year, with two full weeks of fundraising events. We raised more than \$100,000 and will potentially cross the \$1 million threshold in cumulative donations.



OMEGA/PENN STATE

We won the homecoming competition, taking home prize money which will be gifted to the USO. Our float was based on Jurassic Park, complete with a dinosaur stomping through the Penn State gates with the slogan "Chomp the Comp." The entire float took five days to construct with the help of Gamma Sigma and PLL.



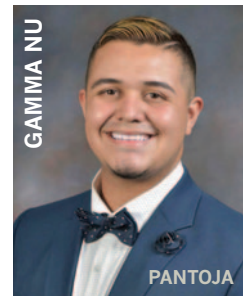
ALPHA TAU

ALPHA TAU/OHIO

We spent a day picking up litter on a highway close to campus.

GAMMA NU/NEW MEXICO STATE

Andrew Pantoja (2024) was elected president of the NMSU IFC.



GAMMA NU

GAMMA TAU/DRAKE

We donated nearly 50 items and volunteered our time to the Des Moines Area Religious Council to help feed the community.



GAMMA TAU

EPSILON DELTA/YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Fourteen brothers received Order of Omega scholarships.





EPSILON KAPPA/IDAHO

In 2022, we received 11 different awards from our university, including the Richard D. Gibb Award for Fraternity Chapter of the Year, the chapter's 4th consecutive win. Additionally, the chapter received the Excellence in Scholarship Award; Excellence in Member Development Award; Excellence in Recruitment, Intake, and Retention Award; and the Excellence in Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Award. **Joseph Bideganeta** (2023) received the Fraternity Member of the Year Award, while **Seth Bowen** (2023), **Zack Bridges** (2025), **Aaron Guevara** (2026), and **Keegan Webb** (2023) also received individual awards. **James Trayford** (2020) was awarded Chapter Adviser of the Year.

Our chapter had the highest IFC GPA during fall 2022 with a 3.43 GPA.



EPSILON KAPPA



ZETA KAPPA

ZETA KAPPA/OHIO NORTHERN

We received the Standards of Excellence – Gold Chapter Award from ONU.

ZETA PSI/WESTERN ILLINOIS

Two-term Chapter President **Mike Hunger** (2023) received the 2022/2023 Gordon A. Taylor Student Leadership Award from WIU.



ETA PI

ETA PI/EAST STROUDSBURG

Since fall 2022, we have nearly doubled in size! This spring, we recruited our largest pledge class since COVID. Each brother also averaged nearly 20 hours of community service last semester and we hope to meet or exceed that mark again this spring.



ZETA PSI



IOTA LAMBDA

IOTA LAMBDA/LONGWOOD

Alex Thompson (2024) and **Adam Story** (2025) were awarded "Firefighter of the Year" and the "Chief's Award," respectively, for extending the Helping Hand to the Farmville Volunteer Fire Department. *(continued)*



IOTA BETA/MISSOURI STATE and KAPPA ZETA/ARKANSAS
For Veterans Day, both chapters again teamed up to fundraise for the USO by running the United States flag from Springfield, MO, to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

IOTA LAMBDA/LONGWOOD (continued)

We contributed nearly 20 hours to the FACES Food Pantry and raised more than \$3,000 for the USO with our golf tournament.

KAPPA NU/COLORADO

We received multiple awards from IFC on The Hill, including the Outstanding and Innovative Recruitment Award. **Tiger Schwartz** (2023) received an individual Academic Success Award and **Henry Greene** (2023) received the Outstanding Senior Award.

KAPPA OMICRON/TENNESSEE

We received the "Pillar of the Community: Service to Others & Self Award" from IFC.



KAPPA OMICRON



KAPPA NU



IOTA LAMBDA



SACRED OUR COMMITMENT TO ONE ANOTHER

THETA CHI PURPOSE

BY DR. COREY ESQUENAZI, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY



What does it mean to live out our high and “Sacred Purpose”? This phrase, until recently, may have been interpreted differently by brothers throughout our Fraternity’s history. Over the past 10 years, Theta Chi has attempted to clarify this phrase into a set of principles and focus areas centered around the idea of health and safety: educating oneself, our brotherhood, and the campus community about the importance of looking out for each other’s health and well-being. A noble pursuit to be sure, but a pursuit that has seen many iterations and changes.

The initiative is grounded in its mission “To protect our brothers, and the broader campus community, by providing health and safety education.”

Sacred Purpose is centered around five different topics that are common issues affecting collegiate men.

- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Fire and Life Safety
- Hazing
- Sexual Misconduct
- Suicide and Mental Health Awareness

Through these five areas, Theta Chi seeks to empower collegiate men to better themselves and those around them by prioritizing the health and safety of brothers and pledges and the campus community.

Why does this matter to both collegians and alumni of Theta Chi? To continue to stay relevant and address the needs and issues of today, we must prioritize the concerns that most affect men. The five focus areas are critically important issues that men face both in and out of their time at college. Theta Chi is committed to providing an experience that matters to its members and Sacred Purpose plays an integral part in this experience.

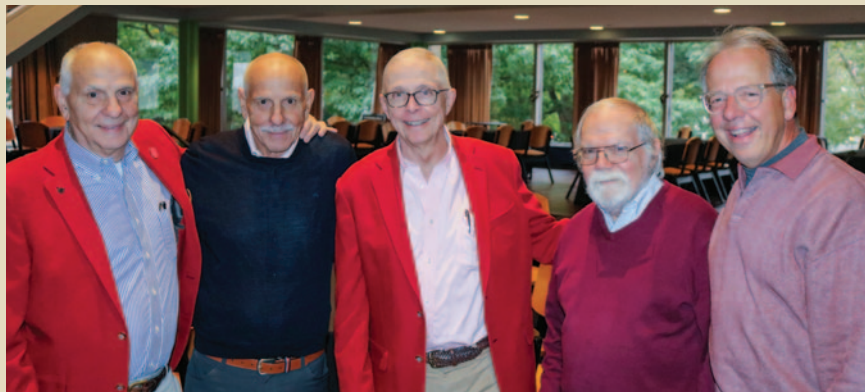
As the Director of Health and Safety, I desire to create a vision of how best to center our members’ well-being in all aspects of our Fraternity. First, I want collegians and alumni to know the International Headquarters staff is here to be a resource to them as they face any health and safety-related concerns. Second, the International Fraternity plans to provide relevant programming and resources to our collegians. To assist in developing this initiative, we have partnered with an external organization that specializes in health and safety programming. Finally, I have the expectation that all of our initiatives in health and safety matters are grounded in data and best practices. We will continue to evaluate and assess our programming on an ongoing basis. We hope to engage our collegians, alumni, and university partners in these efforts.

Theta Chi is strongly positioned to provide an experience grounded in the well-being of its members. **That is our Sacred Purpose.** ■



Beta/MIT Celebrates Chapter House Centennial

BY RYAN ANDREWS (BETA/MIT 2010)



Our house is a very, very fine house: Beta alumni return to MIT to celebrate 528 Beacon Street.

From September 30–October 2, 2022, nearly 100 brothers of Beta Chapter and guests gathered together to celebrate 100 years of their chapter house—a century of brotherhood in the same four walls of its beloved brownstone at 528 Beacon Street. Rain and cloudy skies didn't put a damper on the festivities in Boston.

The weekend began with an informal reception, with alumni from the 1960s–2020s in attendance. Collegians were eager to show visiting alumni all the renovations that had been completed over the past 10 years, including a totally rebuilt roof deck and brand-new third-floor bathrooms and showers.

On Saturday, a small group of dedicated alumni toured the MIT campus. One of the newest additions to MIT is the nanotechnology laboratories. Outside of the lab space are large mosaics of the MIT Great Dome and the MIT seal. At first glance, these seem purely decorative, but at a closer glance, you will find the names of over 320,000 MIT faculty, staff, students, and alumni who were at MIT from 1861 to November 2020! After the MIT tour, the festivities continued with lunch at a local Mexican restaurant.

The highlight of the weekend was the cocktail hour and dinner at the MIT Lobdell Dining Hall attended by nearly 75 collegians, alumni, and special guests including MIT Associate Dean of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups Liz Jason, Sr. Editor of the *MIT News*, Alice Dragoon, **International Secretary Al Copeland**, **International Chaplain Dr. James Black**, **Chief Development Officer John Berghoff**, and *Rattle* Editor Ben Hill. Beta Chapter was represented by brothers ranging from the class of 1957 to the class of 2025.

International Secretary Al Copeland and International Chaplain Dr. James Black presented a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter in honor of the Beta Chapter House Centennial and then bestowed a brick from Theta Chi's founding site at the Old South Barracks in Norwich, VT, to the officers of the Beta Chapter Alumni Corporation to install within the chapter house as a way to further connect Beta to Alpha Chapter and the Founders. Following some additional remarks, attendees returned to the chapter house for a dessert reception and additional reminiscing.

On Sunday, **Ricky Ramirez** (2009) and **Ryan Andrews** (2010) combined forces to cook a copious amount of high-quality brunch food, which was enjoyed by all.

Overall, the weekend was a great success, and we encourage all alumni to return home to 528 Beacon Street!



528 Beacon Street in Boston.



International Chaplain James Black presents a resolution from the Grand Chapter honoring the chapter house's centennial.



Collegiate brothers of Beta Chapter attend the festivities on campus.



Above and Below: Beta alumni take a journey down memory lane.



ALPHA GAMMA/MICHIGAN Last September, following the homecoming game vs. Maryland, 1960s and 1970s alumni attended a dinner reunion at the Barton Hills Golf Club in Ann Arbor. **Bill Diefenbach** (1972) reports, "The pandemic had disrupted several annual reunions, (Ann Arbor in the fall, and Sarasota, FL, in the winter), but now we are back in strength."

DELTA/TROY, NY



Graduate student **Joe Deptula** (2022) was a captain on the 2022 RPI football team and was named Liberty League Defensive

Performer of the Week twice, All-Liberty League First Team, D3football.com All-Region Third Team, and All-ECAC Second Team. The Watertown High School Gridiron Club Hall of Fame presented him with the College Player of the Year Award.

EPSILON/WPI

Ryan Burke (1994) was inducted into the WPI Varsity Athletics Hall of Fame. Playing men's soccer, Burke anchored a defense that allowed just 1.5 goals per game during his final two seasons. He amassed 43 career points (15 goals, 13 assists) from his central defender position. He was a two-time All-America (1991, 1992) and was the 1993 Conference Player of the Year.

Chris Seveney (1997) is founder and CEO of 7E Mortgage Note Investments. Prior to investing in

mortgage notes,

Chris built a multimillion-dollar portfolio of assets through new construction and rehabilitation of existing properties in his own portfolio along with having managed over \$1B in new construction in his professional career. Chris has been actively buying and selling mortgage notes since 2016 and also hosts the podcast "Creating Wealth Simplified" and is a top-ranked contributor on the site Bigger Pockets.



MU/CALIFORNIA

Last fall, **Stan Nielsen** (1968) and **Bob Britz** (1984) received the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award from the Mu Chapter Alumni Association for 54 years and 38 years of service, respectively.

ALPHA DELTA/PURDUE

President of American Structurepoint **Rick Conner** (1976) has been elected to the National Academy of Construction, class of 2022, for his outstanding, lifelong contributions to the design and construction industry.





A Look at Alpha Upsilon's 1965 Pledge Class at Nebraska

BY ROBERT D. MCCARTNEY, M.D., MACP (ALPHA UPSILON/NEBRASKA 1969)

Surviving members of the 1965 pledge class of Alpha Upsilon Chapter have all just turned 75 and our class produced successful professional men. Additionally, our class was involved in Theta Chi's reestablished presence on the University of Nebraska campus and were the first pledges in the newly acquired fraternity house. An incident in the 1950s resulted in the closure of the campus house and a ban on participation in Greek activities including Rush Week. The strategy of the leadership in the chapter during the reorganization was to focus on scholarship; this proved successful as Alpha Upsilon ranked consistently in the top two slots for every semester while I was a collegian. I think the strategy was also successful based on how our class turned out!

Loren Amalang (1968)

One of the early programmers in C++ in Silicon Valley; later worked programming robotics for semiconductor manufacture and agricultural sensors.



delegate to the AMA for 10 years. He was a trustee of the American Society of Internal Medicine for nine years, and after the merger was a regent of the American College of Physicians. He was honored in 2012 with a Master of the American College of Physicians. Bob is also a clinical professor of geriatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Currently a clinical associate professor of geriatrics at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine.



Dr. James A. Conroy (1969)

Attended medical school at UAB and had an office-based practice from 1975–1992 before relocating and pursuing locum tenens and emergency medicine practice.

Dr. William T. Meshier (1969)

Following his deployment to Vietnam as a Naval officer, he went to medical school and served as a Navy physician for 14 years. Later practiced anesthesiology, pain management, and management of PTSD.



Allen R. Matthews (1970)

Joined the Army Reserves and earned a master's in engineering in 1973. Spent career at Becton Dickinson medical supply manufacturer; developed metallurgy needed to create the skinny needles for diabetic use, allowing both the thin gauge and ability to prevent clogging.



Dr. Thomas E. Novotny (1969)

Served in the Peace Corps in Samoa; practiced family medicine as a U.S. Public Health Service officer in Guerneville, CA, for six years, where he saw some of the first reported cases of HIV/AIDS. He served as a CDC epidemiologist in the Office on Smoking and Health and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He co-directed the Joint Ph.D. program in Global Health at SDSU/UCSD from 2009–2015, and he has done extensive research on tobacco and the environment. In 2010, he founded the Cigarette Butt Pollution Project, a research, educational, and advocacy non-profit organization that addresses tobacco's impact on the environment.



Dr. Robert D. McCartney (1969)

Served in the Army; ran his practice of internal medicine and geriatrics for 17 years, an academic experience as Chief of Geriatrics for three years, and then practiced long-term care for 16 years. Served as the president of the Colorado Society of Internal Medicine, president of the Denver Medical Society, and a director of the Colorado Medical Society. He was an alternate

**Dr. Rickie R. Sitzman** (1969)

Served in the Navy as a corpsman and lab tech. Earned D.V.M. at the University of Minnesota and worked for over 30 years as a companion animal veterinarian.

Dr. Bruce E. Taylor (1969)

OBGYN; retired in 2019. Active in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, serving as a state delegate and as a committee chairman.

**Dr. Jerry Wallin** (1969)

Joined faculty at LSU and Louisiana-Lafayette. Started a business with his son, Jaws Offshore International, an oilfield safety company centered in Thailand.

Additionally, there were two other brothers who were in the Class of 1969:

Dr. Craig B. Stucky (1969)

Joined the Air Force; later established a successful pediatric practice.

**Gregory G. Megrue** (1969)

Joined the Air Force; taught middle school for 36 years.

As I reflect on my Theta Chi experience, I believe a fraternity, first and foremost, is a suitable and affordable alternative for men's housing. Next, its membership should consist of men committed to the university and the Fraternity, and remains focused on earning an undergraduate degree. It should be a brotherhood that is tolerant and interpersonally devoted based upon the mentorship of upperclassmen and upon the character of all the members and offers social opportunities that are appropriate, emphasizing maturity, safety, and respectfulness.

Alpha Upsilon closed its doors in the 1990s and again in 2018; however, as the 100th anniversary of the chapter in 2025 draws closer, the alumni look for its return for the fourth time. It is my hope that potential pledges are men who are committed to their education and who have proven themselves to be scholars, who value opportunities for community service, who want to have a social life for rejuvenation after a week of diligent study, and



"It is my hope that potential pledges are men who are committed to their education and who have proven themselves to be scholars, who value opportunities for community service, who want to have a social life for rejuvenation after a week of diligent study, and wish to create an enduring memory of college life and brotherhood."—Dr. Robert McCartney



wish to create an enduring memory of college life and brotherhood. I believe any potential pledge should be able to clearly state what he intends to do with a college degree.

I encourage my brothers at Alpha Upsilon (and from all other chapters!) to schedule an online reunion via Zoom and to explore involvement in your local alumni corporation or as a chapter adviser or mentor to a collegiate brother. For those brothers whose chapter is currently inactive, please reach out to the International Headquarters to express interest and/or financial support to help reinstall your chapter. It is my hope that future brothers of Alpha Upsilon consider replicating my efforts and, at various crossroads in their lives, report to one another on the successes of the pledge classes. It is my hope that you may do the same for your own chapter as well — I can only wonder whose pledge class became the 'most successful'! ■



Cyclone Centennial

BY MOSES BOMETT (ALPHA MU/IOWA STATE 2013)



Alpha Mu's Cyclone of activities: Bottom: Longtime Chapter Adviser Dr. Jon Fleming is recognized; Top Left: Emcee Moses Bomett welcomes attendees; Top Right: Brothers gather for the pre-game tailgate.

Seven events over four days were highlighted by the marquee centennial banquet at the Iowa State University Memorial Union, which was enjoyed by 320 alumnus brothers and guests. Other events included Thursday golf and reception, Friday chapter house and campus tours, Saturday Cyclone football game festivities, and a Sunday morning brunch.

Friday's banquet featured many speakers, including Theta Chi International Vice President **Toby Roth** and CEO **Mike Mayer** who presented a special centennial resolution from the Grand Chapter. They also honored longtime chapter adviser **Dr. Jon Fleming** (1975) with a resolution from the Grand Chapter for his selfless dedication to Theta Chi and Alpha Mu Chapter.

Although it was a bit wet Saturday morning for the pre-game tailgate, the event was attended by 250 guests. The weather cleared in time for our Cyclone football team to dazzle us with a big victory over Ohio University, 43-10.

The weekend of September 15-18, 2022, will forever live in our Alpha Mu hearts as a most memorable time celebrating our chapter's 100 uninterrupted years on campus.

Attendance by alumni spanned multiple decades, from **Reiny Friedrich** (1956) to the current collegiate members. Three alumni—**Roger Hansen** (1972), **Ted Peters** (1974), and **J.R. Matulac** (1989)—and 2013/2014 graduate student adviser Aja Holmes, all from the California Bay Area, traveled the farthest. Aja is an alumna of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., from Illinois State University. She advised Alpha Mu while earning her Ph.D. at Iowa State.

Brothers reuniting with brothers, in many instances after decades of pause, was incredibly special to observe.

Alpha Mu Alumni Corporation Board President **Ted Hovda** (1973) summed up the weekend, "It is celebrations like this that highlight the difference between the fraternity experience and life in the dorms. The bonds of brotherhood forged during collegiate years live on forever." He added, "I am grateful that the members of the Mohawk Club chose to affiliate with Theta Chi all those years ago. My decision to join is one of the best I have made in my life. I hope that our Fraternity will continue to provide a great experience for future brothers, and I hope future celebrations are as enjoyable as our 100th was."

The success of our celebration was predicated on a multi-year planning process with attention paid to every single detail. We thank the following brothers who served on our centennial planning committee: **Moses Bomett** (2013), **Larry Buss** (1968), **Brian Deets** (2001), **Dr. Jon Fleming** (1975), **Ed Gschneidner** (1983), **Ryan Hunwardson** (2019), **Dave Matulac** (1993), and **Andy Nelson** (2007).



BETA TAU/SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 Rechartering Member **Dr. Jason Goldman (2007)** has reported on and written articles on animal behavior, wildlife biology, conservation, and ecology. His reporting has taken him around the world, resulting in stories about endangered animals.



Former Foundation Chapter Board Member and FSU Board of Trustee Member **Mark Hillis (Gamma Rho/Florida State 1964)** and his wife **Nan** endow a \$50,000 scholarship benefitting the Theta Chi and Tri Delta chapters at FSU. See more below!

ALPHA PHI/ALABAMA

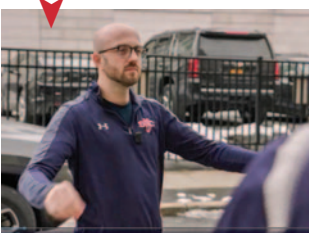


Dr. John Ward (1977) was interviewed by The Task Force for Global Health for his new position as director of

the Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination. Previously working for the CDC over the past three decades, Ward has directed efforts against AIDS and viral hepatitis.

BETA TAU/SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Dr. Mitchell White (2017) is a music educator and the band director for the St. Mary's College of California sports band. Brother White and the St. Mary's spirit team were featured on a "March Madness Confidential" short when they performed across from their hotel at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albany, NY, during the 2023 NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament.



BETA CHI/ALLEGHENY

Marcus Webster, II (2015) was appointed by Governor Hogan to join the Maryland Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council. Webster is a certified peer recovery specialist and program advocate with Voices of Hope, Inc., a community organization that supports individuals in recovery.

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GAMMA KAPPA/MIAMI (OH)



John Shertzer (1998) has been appointed executive director of the Medal of Honor Foundation.

GAMMA XI/SAN JOSE STATE

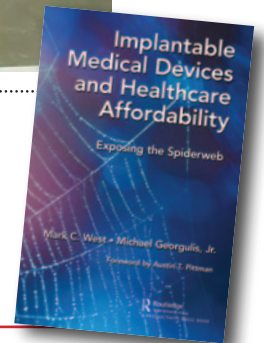
Al Saunders (1969), a former National age group record holder, National and Junior Olympic Champion, and Prep All-American swimmer, will be inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame at their 39th Annual HOF Banquet in September 2023.



GAMMA MU/BOWLING GREEN

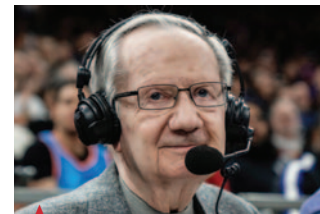


Mark West (1990) co-authored *Implantable Medical Devices and Healthcare Affordability: Exposing the Spiderweb* which explores how certain challenges arose and continue to be deepened by the current healthcare ecosystem and offers a foundation for solutions.



GAMMA RHO/FLORIDA STATE

Former Foundation Chapter Board Member & Former FSU Board of Trustee Member **Mark Hillis (1964)** and his wife **Nan** endowed a \$50,000 scholarship benefitting the Theta Chi and Tri Delta Chapters at FSU. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Gamma Rho as well as \$2,000 to an FSU Tri Delta. Hillis intends to make additional contributions to this special endowment over time. (See photo above)



retirement after 51 straight years as announcer for the Phoenix Suns. Known as The Voice of the Suns, McCoy is the longest-tenured broadcaster in NBA history.

Dan Daley (2010)

was sworn into the Florida State House of Representatives as part of the state's 91st Legislature representing District 96.



GAMMA TAU/DRAKE

At the young age of 89, Distinguished Achievement Award recipient **Al McCoy (1954)** announced his

GAMMA PHI/NEBRASKA WESLEYAN

Hawaii native **Laird Akeo (2020)** recently co-starred in *Paradise City* with Bruce Willis (in one of his final films) and John Travolta. Akeo was initiated as a freshman in 2019 but did not return to NWU due to COVID, and



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Spirit of Theta Chi Remains at Monmouth

BY JOHN CARLSON (BETA PI/MONMOUTH 1974)

Photo Credit: Monmouth College



Beta Pi alumni gather to keep the spirit of Theta Chi alive and well at Monmouth College.

Last fall's homecoming at Monmouth College was "a Theta Chi" weekend as brothers returned to campus to participate in a myriad of activities.

I am currently on the college's alumni board and our chapter's alumni still return to campus for each homecoming to stand on the front lawn of our old chapter house and wave the Fraternity flag during the parade. Despite the chapter closing in 1990, our brothers are active in alumni events, have a Facebook group, and stay in close contact after all these years.

The college recently made efforts to recognize fraternities and sororities that are no longer active on campus. For example, the library displayed memorabilia of different organizations and, for the past two spring alumni events, the college opened up our old house for tours. In spring 2022, we even had the Theta Chi flag flying on the house's flagpole!

I asked if the library would be willing to do a display of Theta Chi items and reached out to Beta Pi alumni who gathered pictures, paddles, and other memorabilia. The International Headquarters also loaned items from its archives. The library exhibited two display cases full of memorabilia and these items remained on display throughout fall 2022!

We also hatched an idea to place a sign outside of the house to commemorate the history of Theta Chi on that site. Beta Pi alumni sent letters, emails, and made phone calls to the college to express their interest and support. I rallied our alumni to secure gifts to cover the entire cost of the sign and worked with the college to bring the plan to fruition once the idea was endorsed. **Jim Braun's** (1983) company produced the sign!

During homecoming, Beta Pi alumni, friends, and special guests gathered at 727 East Broadway to formally dedicate our new sign on the front lawn. The plaque honors the history of the house and Theta Chi's contributions to the college. Monmouth's Vice President of Development and College Relations Hannah Maher delivered remarks on behalf of the college and local historian Jeff Rankin provided a detailed history of the house.

Coincidentally, our little ceremony could trace its roots back one century to 1922, when the Monmouth College Senate agreed to lift its 1874 ban on fraternities. Xi Gamma Delta, a local fraternity founded in secrecy in 1914, stepped out of the shadows, and four years later was installed as the Pi Chapter of Beta Kappa Fraternity, which would become the Beta Pi Chapter when Beta Kappa merged with Theta Chi in 1942.

Meanwhile, champions from the 1972 Monmouth College football team also returned to campus to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their 9–0 undefeated season. Twenty-two members of that 1972 team, including the three co-captains, **Charlie Goehl** (1973), **Steven Rueckert** (1973), and the late **Dave Brinker** (1973), are brothers of Beta Pi Chapter. The team and their coach, Bill Reichow, were honored during the inaugural Fighting Scots Champions Club ceremony.

Finally, **Col. Joel Hillison** (1983) was named as Monmouth's 2022 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Hillison is the Gen. Colin Powell Chair of Military and Strategic Studies at the United States Army War College and serves as the director for its "National Security Policy and Strategy" course. Prior to becoming an award-winning teacher, Hillison was comptroller and deputy chief of staff of resource management for multinational forces in Iraq for one year. He also held a three-year post as comptroller for NATO's Combined Joint Planning Staff in Belgium, overseeing a \$118 million budget as he worked with all 19 NATO countries. During his remarks, Hillison noted he wouldn't have attended Monmouth if not for his brother, **Robert Hillison** (1982)!

It was thrilling to see the heart of Theta Chi beating once again throughout Monmouth's campus. The college library even reported our exhibit sparked much interest from students and visitors to the library. The time may be right to approach the college again about bringing our chapter back, and, after this past homecoming, I certainly know there would be strong support and a Helping Hand offered by the alumni of Beta Pi Chapter.



On October 18, 2022, the inaugural Houston Area Alumni Networking Luncheon was held at Del Frisco's Steakhouse in the Galleria. The event was coordinated by **Rich Menzel** (Delta Upsilon/Arizona State 1995), **Andy James** (Delta Upsilon/Arizona State 1998), Past International Secretary **Doug Miller** (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1990), and **Gary Bras** (Beta Upsilon/Fresno State 1983). Fifty-two brothers across seven decades representing 36 chapters were in attendance, including Past International Vice President **Brian Hall** (Theta Eta/Sam Houston 1988). The three-course meal was scheduled for 90 minutes, but open networking and brotherhood continued for nearly three additional hours. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with plans to establish the luncheon as a regular, quarterly event.

began to actively pursue acting professionally.

**GAMMA CHI/
RANDOLPH-MACON**



Since 2020, **Greg Ridout** (2007) has been the assistant coach of the Johns Hopkins women's soccer team. This fall, the team had

an undefeated season and won the Division III national championship game.

**DELTA ZETA/
NEBRASKA-OMAHA**



Podcaster **Dan Morris** (1996) is the founder of Audience Industries, an audience-building company. He and his partner

host workshops around the globe and also run BC Stack every June and Podcaster's Kit every October. He hosts a podcast, "Tracing the Path," and is an author and director of gadgets, gizmos, and gear at Podcast magazine.

DELTA RHO/NC STATE

Rechartering Member **Josh Cooper** (2022) and two additional NC State mechanical and aerospace engineers developed a manufacturing tool

intended to make CNC automation more compact and user-friendly. The trio's CN-Seamless is a lightweight and entirely mobile CNC oxy-acetylene torch-cutting product that includes an electromagnet base that mounts directly to any steel workpiece, tunable gas control that streamlines finding the perfect fuel ratio, and a user-focused touchscreen controller.



ZETA PSI/WESTERN ILLINOIS

Our Alumni Board officially named our scholarship fund in honor and memory of past Chapter President, **Jon Slater** (1970). [See page 39.]

ETA KAPPA/JAMES MADISON



Chris Scroggins (2015) was hired as director of West Virginia University's esports academic program and will serve as an assistant

professor in the College of Applied Human Sciences. Coming from Shenandoah University where he had been an esports instructor since 2019, Scroggins has also co-founded EDGE Consulting to assist organizations looking to grow in the esports scene.



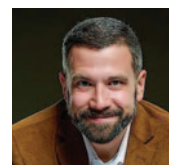
IOTA LAMBDA/LONGWOOD **Travis Lyles** (2015) was named to Forbes' 30 Under 30 List as one of 30 Media pioneers under the age of 30. He currently serves as deputy social director at The Washington Post, having joined their team in 2017. In 2021, he became WaPo's first Instagram editor and, under his leadership, the organization's main account grew from 675,000 followers to almost 6 million. He is WaPo's youngest-ever senior editor.

THETA BETA/TCNJ

Dennis Chavis (1987) is a developer and systems analyst, and also a movie producer. The first of his three movies, *Pay the Lady*, is a thriller and is now available to watch on Amazon.

**IOTA ALPHA/
UNC-WILMINGTON**

Charter Member **Sam Prestipino** (2002) authored a new book titled *The Floor 3 Plan For Building Award Winning Organizations*. Brother Prestipino says, "Theta Chi is



mentioned throughout the book since it was a major contributor to my leadership-learning journey. As a part of getting the book published, I started my own company, Floor 3 Consulting, as well."



Delta Rho Celebrates Platinum Anniversary

BY DR. CHAD HUNTER (DELTA RHO/NC STATE 2009)

Installed May 17, 1952, Delta Rho celebrated their 70th anniversary during Homecoming Weekend, November 4–6, 2022, at NC State. The event kicked off on Friday when collegiate brothers and pledges gave tours of the new chapter house. Brothers then spent the afternoon working on their golf shots at Drive Shack, close to campus. That evening, brothers, pledges, and guests celebrated at The Terrace at Lonnie Poole Golf Course and enjoyed North Carolina BBQ and drinks. Chapter President **Will Sherrill** (2023) provided a State of the Chapter including an update on fall recruitment (21 pledges). **International Counselor Rich Santoriello** provided a State of the Fraternity and other updates. Finally, Alumni Corporation President **Charles Townsend** (2015) acknowledged numerous guests, including former Field Executive **Kofi Ladans**, who was instrumental in the reinstallation of Delta Rho in 2020, and multiple recipients of the Golden Guard and Silver Legion. The night wasn't complete without a visit from our very own mascot, Mr. Wuf.

The next day, brothers tailgated and celebrated a Wolfpack football victory over then-#21 Wake Forest by a score of 30 to 21. It was a great celebration highlighting that Delta Rho Chapter is back and stronger than ever! A huge thank you to homecoming chairs **Chad Hunter** (2009) and **John Tucker** (2012).



Two chapters celebrate 40th Anniversaries

Eta Psi Celebrates 40 Years at UAB

The collegiate chapter, along with some last-minute support from alumni, put together an amazing 40th anniversary celebration in December 2022. Many alumni, including several Charter Members, and collegiate brothers were in attendance. Remarks were provided by Eta Psi's original organizer, Colley Award winner **Mike Martin** (1982), who reflected on the earliest days and spoke about **Don Holmes'** (1983) (who had joined the Chapter Eternal a few days before the event) influence on the start-up of the chapter and credited him with doing the lion's share of the work to lead Eta Psi to installation. Additional remarks were provided by Colley winner and former Field Representative **Marvin McConaghy** (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1972), who along with **Tom Griffin** (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1970) and Colley winner **Pete Derzis** (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1975), met with Mike Martin and Don Holmes and other early members and provided guidance to the emerging fraternity. An impressive State of the Chapter was delivered by Chapter President **Roshan Dahale** (2023), who stated the chapter had recruited the largest pledge class on campus. We look forward to our next alumni gathering!

Eta Omega Celebrates 40th Anniversary

BY MIKE SHEEHAN (ETA OMEGA/CHICO, CA 1989)

Nearly 200 alumni brothers and guests descended upon the hallowed environs of California State University, Chico on November 11–13, 2022, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Eta Omega's Installation in 1982. **Mark Geenan** (1983), who was initiated at Gamma Xi/San Jose State and transferred to Chico State and began recruiting, was joined by five of his original nine initiates and 26 additional Charter Members. Early arrivals gathered at some of the local establishments, particularly Riley's, which Barstool Sports named Best College Bar of 2021. The official festivities began with our traditional Friday afternoon "Yacht Club" gathering at Parkside Tap House.

Saturday began at the chapter house with breakfast and house tours with the active chapter. The alumni were excited to meet the actives and to experience some flashbacks from back in the day. Next, an alumni meeting was held, with everyone getting up to speed with the current



Decades of Stories: Getting the Guys Back Together

BY GORDON HUGHES (ZETA EPSILON/LONG BEACH STATE 1966)

Somehow, I was convinced by my brothers that heading up a reunion committee for the Charter Members of Zeta Epsilon Chapter would be both easy and fun. Fun—yes. But from 3,000 miles away in New York City, easy? Somehow, I pulled it off. And the stories, oh the stories...

Just how did college and starting Theta Chi work out for our band of early brothers? Well, we had three brothers who were Olympic athletes, a professor at Johns Hopkins University, several college deans, one guy who snuck into the lot at Universal Studios and directed an episode of *The Twilight Zone* with Joan Crawford because no one wanted to work with her—so **Steven Spielberg** (1969) stepped in and had his first directorial experience. The rest is history. One brother (who to this very day is an amazing entrepreneur), in his junior year, bought a train tanker car full of corn—for one cent on the dollar—and had the brothers offload it to a dump truck which he then drove to East LA where he sold that corn to a tortilla factory and restaurants. Amazing! He is still doing that kind of thing today and making a few bucks more than he did back then. Then there is me, a Broadway investor/producer who had a 25-year career at CBS before Broadway.



During the evening, all attendees got to tell their stories and each and every one was interesting and diverse. These young men, now grown men, had all traveled in such different directions. They had come together to share their stories. A marvelous evening. It really was great to get to know one another again. And, that evening never could have occurred without attending college—and starting a chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

My thanks to **Chuck Hays** (1965), **Andre Oviedo** (1966), **Terry Cunningham** (1965), **Ralph Burris** (1967), **Tom Fitzgerald** (1969), **Chris Graham** (1969), **Phil Bettencourt** (1964), **Vance Carruth** (1967), **International Historian Jim McMahon** (1979), and **Alumni President Bill Kessler** (1999) for attending. It was also a pleasure to meet some of the collegiate brothers and pledges who joined up with us later.



state of the chapter and plans for the future, for both the active chapter and alumni corporation. Eighteen brothers who passed to the Chapter Eternal were also recognized. **International Historian Jimbo McMahon** addressed the group and personally awarded 120 Silver Legion awards, signifying 25 or more years of Theta Chi membership. Brothers disbursed after the meeting and smaller groups went to lunch and toured the campus, and, of course, made their way back to Riley's.

The highlight of the weekend was the reunion banquet, held at the Sierra Nevada Brewery. Along with Jimbo, **Rebecca Easterling, Senior Director of Chapter Development**, and **Mitch Nolan, Director of Development**, were in attendance representing International Headquarters. In addition to a resolution from the Grand Chapter commemorating the event and the history of the chapter, three Eta Omega alumni received special recognition. Brother Geenan belatedly received the Park Valentine Perkins award from the Grand Chapter in recognition for his commitment to expansion by starting the chapter and in recognition of the initiation of our 1,000th brother since 1981. The Eta Omega Alumni Corporation awarded **Joe Silva** (1982) the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award in recognition of his 38 consecutive years of organizing San Francisco Giants game tailgate parties

for collegiate and alumnus brothers. **Don McGuire** (1989) became just the 91st brother to receive the Fraternity's Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of exceptional professional accomplishment, career achievements, and community or public service. McGuire, senior vice president and chief marketing officer of Qualcomm, Inc., was named one of *Forbes Magazine's* Most Influential CMOs of 2022.

Special thanks to the brothers and supporters who donated items to our raffle, including our friends at Rattlesnake Napa Valley winery. Over \$5,000 was raised in a silent auction and raffle. The evening was capped by the triumphant return of Chico's No. 1 party band, The Funnels. The band was introduced by past Social Chairman **Mike Nemetz** (1985), who belatedly paid the band \$50 he had short-paid them for playing a formal way back in 1984.

All in all, the event was a tremendous success. Shout-out to **Gregg McGreevy** (1992) for designing some amazing commemorative T-shirts. Special thanks to the Reunion Committee members, **Randy Robertson** (1985), **Mike Sheehan** (1989), **Shane Pickett** (1991), **Sean Castagna** (1991) and particularly Committee Chairman **Chris Bybee** (1989), for all their hard work. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 45th Anniversary Reunion in November 2027!



ETA OMEGA



We share the names of our brothers reported to the International Headquarters between October 6, 2022, and April 10, 2023, as passing to the Chapter Eternal. We offer our sincere apologies and wish to “Welcome Back” Raymond G. Jagodzinski (Gamma Mu/Bowling Green 1966) who was erroneously reported in the previous issue.

ALPHA

Norwich
Maj. Gen. W. Russell Todd (1950)
Col. Richard E. Vanness, Jr. (1952)

BETA

MIT
Theodore H. Ansbacher (1960)
William J. Brady (1957)
Thomas G. Hagan (1951)
Joseph M. Harian (1946)
Dr. Timothy P. Karpetsky (1966)
Dr. Philip L. Smith (1965)
Paul D. Tompkins (1992)

GAMMA

Maine
Gardiner A. Hall (1955)
Roland W. Peters (1953)

DELTA

RPI
Alan S. Correll (1945)

EPSILON

WPI
Ewen A. Ross (1994)

ZETA

New Hampshire
Thomas H. Slayton (1965)

ETA

Rhode Island
Edgar L. Bessette, Jr. (1967)
John J. Cunningham (1958)

THETA

Massachusetts
John F. McGarry (1966)
Richard L. Murphy (1964)
Peter A. Santos (1957)

IOTA

Colgate
Ronald V. Coughlin (1958)
William R. Howell (1988)
Jonathan K. Smith (1999)

KAPPA

Pennsylvania
Gerald F. Metzheiser (1957)

LAMBDA

Cornell
Donald R. Buckey (1954)
William M. Reed (1965)

NU

Hampden-Sydney
Robert L. Ennis (1951)
Robert H. Walker, Jr. (1957)

XI

Virginia
H. Lee Addison, III (1952)
Steven P. Frantz (1976)
Lawrence B. Garland (1973)
Travis O. Thompson (1957)

SIGMA

Oregon State
Richard D. Fosbury (1972)

TAU

Florida
John E. Karvonen (1968)
Stephen J. Kuhn (1986)
James D. Wilkerson, Jr. (1971)

UPSILON

NYU
Harold E. Kline (1956)

PHI

North Dakota State
Warren J. Opperman (1950)

CHI

Auburn
David F. Denton (1973)
William A. Royal (1967)

OMEGA

Penn State
Richard R. Jones (1960)
Richard L. Sherwood (1956)
John D. Swift (1964)
Roderick J. Wiseman, Jr. (1954)

ALPHA GAMMA

Michigan
Richard R. Bey (1950)
James F. Bray (1979)
Charles C. Kass (1959)
Conant R. Lowe (1968)

ALPHA DELTA

Purdue
Edward J. Morgan (1966)
John T. Pence (1963)
Richard G. Sears (1961)

ALPHA ZETA

Rochester
Henry C. Porter (1957)

ALPHA ETA

North Carolina
Joseph D. Whisnant (1993)

ALPHA THETA

Dartmouth
George F. Tillson (1943)

ALPHA IOTA

Indiana
John G. Breen (1955)
Curtis R. Chapman (1976)

Distinguished Achievement Award

MAJ. GEN. W. RUSSELL TODD
(ALPHA/NORWICH 1950)

May 1, 1928–February 12, 2023

Following his graduation and service in Korea and Vietnam, Maj. Gen. Todd commanded the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division. In 1982, he was appointed president of Norwich University and served until his retirement in 1992. In 2016, in recognition of his career in the military and in education, he was named the 52nd recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award and inducted into Theta Chi's Hall of Honor.



Former Traveling Secretary

EARL MILTON GUSS
(DELTA OMICRON/GETTYSBURG 1958)

April 16, 1936–January 5, 2023

Milt Guss served on Theta Chi's staff as a Traveling Secretary during the spring of 1958 and joined the Army in 1959. He was a founder of the Yellowstone River Parks Association, a volunteer-driven organization that builds parks and trails along the Yellowstone River Greenway in Billings, MT.



Esteemed Hematologist

DR. WILLIAM L. NICHOLS
(DELTA PSI/KANSAS 1963)

November 19, 1940–September 7, 2022

Bill was a hematologist who specialized in hemostasis at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, from 1977–2022. Bill's career focused on coagulation disorders including von Willebrand Disease and inherited platelet disorders. He led the Mayo Clinic's Special Coagulation Laboratory and the Coagulation Diseases Oriented Group from 1990-2001 and also served as the Mayo Clinic Hemophilia Treatment Center site director of the World Federation of Hemophilia International Hemophilia Centers Training program. He was a superb educator and was a frequent speaker at inter/national conferences on coagulation disorders. He published numerous peer review articles, book chapters, and abstracts and established the North American Specialized Coagulation Laboratories Association and the External Quality Assurance in Thrombosis and Hemostasis.



ALPHA LAMBDA

Ohio State
William J. Rush (1958)
Thomas J. Trimbur (1965)

ALPHA MU

Iowa State
Steven J. Rickey (1960)
John L. Stalter (1968)
Stephen C. Waltens (1986)

ALPHA NU

Georgia Tech
Michael H. Diffley (1973)
Bruno R. Dunn (1972)
David D. Teed (1958)

ALPHA XI

Delaware
Michael J. Drulis (1972)

ALPHA OMICRON

Washington State
Robert L. Harris (1956)
Luke M. Tyler (2026)

ALPHA PI

Minnesota
Thomas H. Curtis (1960)
Mark F. Lofquist (1972)
Charles L. Mahaney (1963)
Capt. David H. Porter (1961)

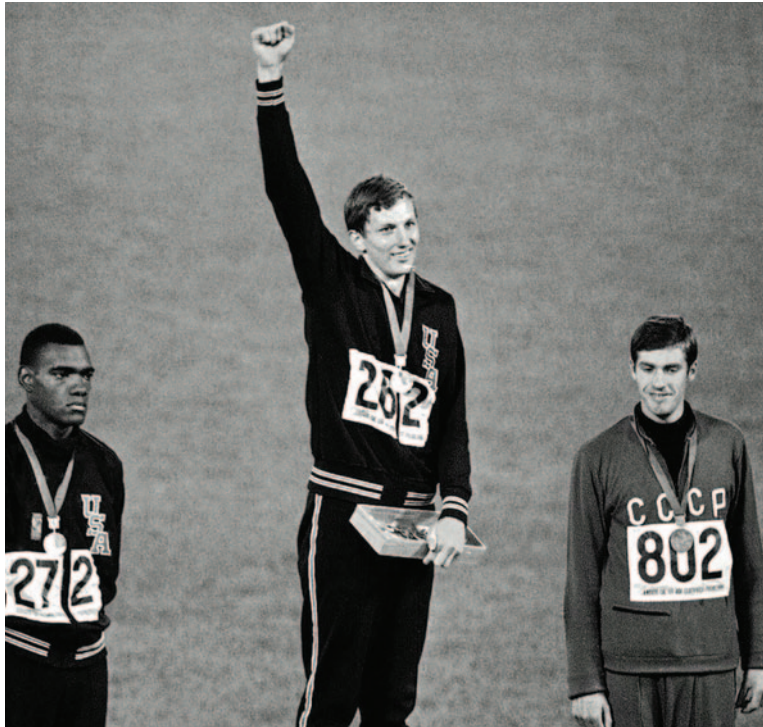


THETA CHI OLYMPIANS

Olympic Gold Medalist

RICHARD D. FOSBURY (SIGMA/OREGON STATE 1972)

March 6, 1947–March 12, 2023



Featured in *The Rattle's* Summer 2021 issue, high jumper Dick Fosbury revolutionized track & field, and indeed all of sports, when he developed and debuted his technique of going over the bar backward, now known as the Fosbury Flop. Pledging Sigma Chapter, he lived in the chapter house and developed lifelong friendships. Missing out on initiation due to grades, Fosbury focused on perfecting his high jump and ultimately won Olympic gold in 1968.

Following the Olympics, he became an ambassador for the games and all of track & field and served as president of the World Olympian's Association. As a man who never gave up, he later returned to Sigma Chapter and was initiated in 2017.

Learn more about Brother Fosbury, his flop, his initiation, and his statue on the Oregon State campus in the Summer 2021 issue of The Rattle.



Olympic Bronze Medalist

GEORGE L. YOUNG (BETA IOTA/ARIZONA 1959)

July 24, 1937–November 8, 2022

Runner George Young was a four-time Olympian, competing in the games in 1960, 1964, 1968, and 1972, winning the Bronze in the 3000m Steeplechase in 1968. He held several records in various events including the two mile and 5000m race. He broke two world records in indoor two- and three-mile events. He is enshrined in the National Track & Field and National Distance Running Halls of Fame. He received Theta Chi's Distinguished Achievement Award in 2016. After receiving the news about the award, he shared,

"I owe a great deal to Theta Chi. Had it not been for my chapter, I could not have had the success that I had while in college. I did not have any financial aid and they allowed me to wash dishes and clean the kitchen for my room and board. When I could no longer cover all my costs, the National Office provided me with a very low-interest loan that I didn't have to pay back until after graduation. Thanks to this, I was able to graduate in four years and was selected as the outstanding graduating senior in 1959. Of course, the most important part of Theta Chi were the very close friendships I had and still have to this day."



**ALPHA RHO***Washington*

Dr. Maris A. Abolins (1960)
Col. David H. Burpee (1964)
Richard C. Redman (1965)
Hugh T. Tennant (1958)

ALPHA SIGMA*Oregon*

William A. Riedlinger (1962)

ALPHA TAU*Ohio*

George Freeman, IV (1973)
Harry P. Schrank, Jr. (1949)
James A. Strnad (1955)

ALPHA UPSILON*Nebraska*

Richard W. Hartford (1958)
Bryan K. McCarty (1967)
Dwayne W. Vanpelt (1952)

ALPHA PHI*Alabama*

William E. Abel (1958)
James D. Black (1974)
John D. Bonds (1963)
Robert A. Boyd (1971)
David H. Favor (1976)
Aubrey E. Fulford (1949)
Robert M. Heard (1993)
James E. Mackey (1969)
Earl S. Mann, Jr. (1950)
Mark L. Pyburn (1993)
Billy H. Vaughn (1959)

ALPHA CHI*Syracuse*

Thomas McLaughlin (1951)
Durando Miller, III (1967)

ALPHA PSI*Maryland*

Tyler J. Cordrey (2008)
Charles P. Grier (1954)

BETA GAMMA*North Dakota*

Ernest J. Collette, Jr. (1950)

BETA DELTA*Rutgers*

Ernest Jacob Albrecht (1959)
James R. Beattie, Jr. (1957)
Dewitt Budd (1948)
Peter A. Kline (1970)
R. G. Mills (1951)
Allen Schattschneide (1950)
Victor J. Simons (1958)
Robert S. Tatton (1941)

BETA EPSILON*Montana*

Charles A. Schwab (1945)

BETA ZETA*Michigan State*

David L. Bartlett (1978)
Alan K. Borkenhagen (1962)
Dorne A. Dibble, Jr. (1980)

Dale A. Feet (1954)
Donald G. Griffin, Jr. (1973)
Robert E. Hunter (1958)
John J. Jacobowitz (1964)
Frederick K. Jensen (1957)
Donald M. Kobman (1951)
Peter J. Lellos (1992)
Hugh I. Myers (1961)
Todd M. Olsen (1990)
Alan S. Riley (1987)
Robert A. Rogers (1989)
Kraig A. Shetler (1989)
William E. Snow (1961)
Edward E. Souders (1955)
Richard W. Spicka (1959)
Ronald D. Steffens (1958)
Blaine R. Wilkinson (1957)
John T. Woodruff (1944)

BETA ETA*Washington (MD)*

Douglass S. Livingston, Jr. (1960)

BETA THETA*Drexel*

George J. Kelly (1961)

BETA IOTA*Arizona*

Paul W. Andrews (1960)
Gilbert N. Wang (1947)
George L. Young (1959)

BETA XI*Birmingham-Southern*

David N. Hinote (1956)
James R. Pass (1967)
Mark W. Ridings (1987)

BETA OMICRON*Cincinnati*

John H. Adriansen (1957)
Norman R. Brennecke (1959)
James A. Wuenker (1951)

BETA PI*Monmouth*

Kenneth J. Franknecht (1954)
Blaine E. Shoemaker (1959)
Eddie D. Simpson (1987)
Rev. Steven H. Washburn (1963)

BETA RHO*Illinois Wesleyan*

Randall B. Aufer (1973)
John R. Fazzini (1959)
John M. Hestrom (1975)

BETA TAU*Southern California*

Brandt H. Bishop (1974)
Carl S. Maggio (1954)

BETA UPSILON*Fresno State*

Michael Crill (1953)
Joseph R. Penachio (1970)
Joseph T. Vaeth (1973)

Theta Chi for Life**DR. CLIVE R. HALLMAN, JR. (ETA KAPPA/JAMES MADISON 1970)**

October 26, 1930–November 28, 2022

Shortly after joining the faculty at Madison College, Dr. Hallman was asked by a local fraternity to serve as their adviser. He willingly accepted and began his 50+ years serving the Fraternity. In the years since his initiation and Eta Kappa's Installation in 1972, Dr. Hallman dutifully served as the chapter's faculty adviser and provided guidance to the young fraternity.

He was there as the group moved from house to house in Harrisonburg. He was there when the group settled into a new chapter facility on James Madison University's new Greek Row. He was there as the chapter grew and he was there when the men became a dominant force on the campus.

In the meantime, Dr. Hallman established himself as an expert on the history of Colonial Virginia and the Old South, teaching classes each semester and even offering educational trips to Williamsburg. Brothers would take his classes thinking it would be easier than a different course but were caught off guard by the academic rigor he required. They'd sit rapt at attention as he told stories and scrambled for an answer when he asked if someone was a 'Virginian.' They worked to impress their professor—their brother.

When Eta Kappa closed in 1989, Dr. Hallman stayed in touch with key alumni and stored the chapter's composites and other materials. A few short years later, when a new group of men emerged to bring Theta Chi back to JMU, they asked Dr. Hallman to serve as an adviser and he rose to the task once again.

Dr. Hallman was the consummate Southern gentleman. Quick-witted yet slow speaking, he shared stories of the past and dispensed advice in his Southern drawl with fatherly and then-grandfatherly wisdom. He hosted countless dinners—homecooked meals—for brothers and listened to challenges and achievements while gently guiding members to make better choices. Always quick with a joke, a pearl of wisdom, or if we said something too outlandish, he'd just shake his head and say, "Oh, Lord..."

After another adviser moved away, Dr. Hallman again returned to attending weekly chapter meetings at the young age of 75 and continued to do so as the chapter faced another challenge. He again stored all of the chapter's materials as another young group emerged to fix the mistakes of the past. He was a source of inspiration and guidance to men 50 years his junior.

He was a recipient of the Alumni Award from Eta Kappa Chapter in 2001, the Duane Deal Chapter Adviser of the Year Award from the International Fraternity in 2006, and, during Eta Kappa's 40th anniversary celebration, he was presented the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award.

Decades of service as a dedicated chapter adviser. Over 50 years of dealing with us and our problems and challenges, yet he was always there, extending a Helping Hand. Dr. Hallman was our constant at Eta Kappa. He was our professor. He was our adviser. He was our mentor. He was our brother.

Rest in Peace, Dr. Hallman. We thank you for your wisdom and counsel and example of Theta Chi for Life.





Father, Son, and Brothers

STUART G. COPELAND (ZETA BETA/ADRIAN 1964)

January 9, 1942–January 27, 2023

BY ALAN COPELAND, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY



The Copelands of Zeta Beta/Adrian. (l-r) Alan (1989), Stuart (1964), and Brian (2019).

For as long as I can remember, Theta Chi has been a part of my life. My earliest memories are of being 7 or 8 years old and visiting the “OX House” with my dad. I didn’t know what a fraternity was then, didn’t know what being Greek was, and didn’t understand why my father seemed drawn to the imposing red brick house at 315 South Madison Street. What I understood at that time was that we were in a really unique place where composites, pledge paddles, and a large stuffed moose head dominated and a lot of cool guys seemed happy to see us and talk with my dad.

Stuart Copeland (1964) was a Charter Member of Zeta Beta Chapter in 1964. He was a member of the American Commons Club and voted to join Theta Chi when the ACC disbanded. Dad served on the local alumni board throughout the 1970s and maintained an interest in the Fraternity until he died on January 27, 2023. We attended numerous homecomings, golf outings, and alumni events together. His last event was just two months before his death. He insisted on attending the fall initiation for Zeta Beta to see my Big Brother’s son become a Theta Chi. He was not well at that time, but through the efforts of several brothers, we were able to get him to the ceremony and have him participate even though he was unable to walk at that time.

When I entered Adrian College in the fall of 1985, I soon determined I was interested in joining a fraternity myself. Not wanting to simply follow in my dad’s footsteps and be “the legacy,” I went to every fraternity on campus. My Dad did not push or meddle, but I soon felt the pull of Theta Chi myself. Simply put, I found a home at 315 South Madison as he had years earlier. I will never forget his smile at the completion of the Initiation Ceremony, which was repeated years later when my brother Brian (2019) was initiated as an alumnus during Zeta Beta’s 55th anniversary celebration in 2019.

As Dad’s time on earth drew to a close, I was truly touched by the number of brothers who reached out through texts, calls, emails, and cards to share their memories and stories of Dad, and how he made a positive impact in their lives and on the chapter. We heard many stories from brothers I knew well, some whom I knew casually, and several I had never met before. Those memories helped my brother, sister, and me through the grieving process.

I am grateful to Theta Chi for many things—the friendships I have made throughout my life, the leadership skills I learned, the sense of purpose it gave me, and for giving me another path to get to know and understand my dad just a little bit better. Rest in Peace Dad, you have earned your place of honor in the Chapter Eternal.

GAMMA ALPHA

Chattanooga
John W. Gillespie (1951)

GAMMA ETA

Bucknell
William K. Francis (1954)

GAMMA KAPPA

Miami (OH)
Bradford L. Butler (1960)
Richard R. Crews, Jr. (1963)
Barry E. Turvy (1994)

GAMMA MU

Bowling Green
Robert H. Grout (1957)
Ronald J. Mentel (1957)
Lowell L. Shrider (1952)

GAMMA NU

New Mexico State
Jerry L. Higdon (1953)
Richard G. McEuen (1966)

GAMMA XI

San Jose State
Barry F. Baxter (1956)
Wallace L. Dean (1972)

GAMMA PI

Buffalo
Peter M. Collins (1966)

GAMMA RHO

Florida State
Philip W. Bondank (1963)
Harold L. Stewart (1956)

GAMMA SIGMA

Duke
Myron R. Lichty (1966)

GAMMA TAU

Drake
Donald L. Freer (1975)
James W. Stockham (1950)

GAMMA PHI

Nebraska Wesleyan
Francis D. Grantski (1952)

GAMMA CHI

Randolph-Macon
Christopher B. Whisnant (1984)

GAMMA OMEGA

Vanderbilt
John E. Hermann (1952)

DELTA ALPHA

Linfield
Scott K. Ryerson (1993)
William H. Steele, Jr. (1963)

DELTA BETA

Georgia
James Q. Miller, Jr. (1971)
Johnny M. Soles (1978)

DELTA ZETA

Nebraska-Omaha
Lester E. Andrews (1950)
Peter Dosonovich (1972)

Roman L. Hruska, Jr. (1954)
Dale S. Koutsky (1954)
John M. Overton (1955)
Gary F. Robuicek (1970)
Douglas D. Shearer (1960)
Matthew M. Thomas (2007)
Gregory Thompson (1974)
Jerome C. Vaad (1961)

DELTA THETA

Toledo
Richard G. Janes (1956)
Leonard M. Kutzke (1956)
Alan C. Lane (1961)
Neil E. Webner (1960)

DELTA IOTA

Northwestern
Warren C. Hayward (1951)

DELTA KAPPA

Ball State
Donald E. Elder (1955)
Charles D. Lumpkin (1968)
Robert S. Mills (1966)
Ryan D. Muncy (2003)
Milton L. Ross (1954)

DELTA MU

Texas
W. C. Enmon (1958)

DELTA NU

Vermont
Stanley J. Tassie (1960)

DELTA XI

Valparaiso
John P. Fiesler (1965)

DELTA OMICRON

Gettysburg
Earl M. Guss (1958)+
Robert B. McGrew (1972)

DELTA PI

Indiana State
Paul E. Brill (1952)
Stephen A. Hines (1971)

DELTA RHO

NC State
Lawrence A. Coreth (1971)
H. James Garrison (1973)

DELTA TAU

Kent State
Christopher W. Williams (1997)

DELTA PHI

North Texas
Jack D. Fallin (1987)
John L. Garrett (1965)
John B. Schoolfield (1958)

DELTA PSI

Kansas
Dr. William L. Nichols (1963)

EPSILON GAMMA

Widener
John L. Byer (1960)
Chilton G. Goebel, Jr. (1966)



John P. Little (1967)
Andrew W. Patten, Jr. (1966)

EPSILON DELTA

Youngstown State
James G. Peterman (1966)

EPSILON ZETA

Tampa
Thomas M. Laugeni (1987)

EPSILON ZETA

IUP
Lynn E. Fink (1963)

EPSILON IOTA

East Carolina
Stephen E. Allen (1973)
Carlyle P. Humphrey (1961)
Ronald D. McCrea (1963)
Joey A. McGroarty (1972)
Arlen E. Mizell (1962)

EPSILON MU

Eastern Michigan
Steven J. Lebowski (1974)

EPSILON XI

Clarion
Robert F. Gill (1965)

EPSILON PI

Northern Illinois
Charles F. Gilmore (1963)
Michael J. McGrath (1969)

EPSILON RHO

Rider
Gary W. Geresi (1981)

EPSILON TAU

Stephen F. Austin
Alan L. Rose (1984)

EPSILON EPSILON

Central Michigan
Scott P. Michener (1990)

EPSILON PHI

Central Missouri
Gary R. Guildford (1965)
Patrick J. Holloway (2000)
Mark A. Johnson (1994)
R. Garrett Lash (1964)

EPSILON OMEGA

Sacramento State
Milton V. Amaral (1965)

ZETA BETA

Adrian
Charles R. Baumiller, Jr. (1960)
Alan F. Cicotte (1960)
Stuart G. Copeland (1964)
Rev. Jerry B. Layman (1960)
Paul E. Loo (1968)
James H. Martin (1971)
Frederic D. Nofziger (1952)
Scott J. Wilson (1990)

ZETA DELTA

St. Cloud State
Sean P. Butts (1992)

ZETA IOTA

Dickinson State
Thomas D. Sullivan (1971)

ZETA KAPPA

Ohio Northern
Joshua B. Schultz (2004)

ZETA NU

Parsons
Joseph Baamonde, Jr. (1972)

ZETA XI

UC-Davis
Randolph W. King (1974)

ZETA RHO

Kentucky
William D. Johnson, Jr. (1967)

ETA BETA

Eastern Kentucky
Craig T. Hafer (1977)

ETA DELTA

Babson
Edward L. Simmons (1976)

ETA ZETA

Edinboro
Gregory C. Ireland (1990)
Angelo M. Jaurez (1982)

ETA IOTA

Newberry
Thomas H. Derrick (1973)
Robert A. Wiley (1981)

ETA KAPPA

James Madison
Dr. Clive R. Hallman, Jr. (1970)
Ripley E. Marston, Jr. (1972)

ETA LAMBDA

Virginia Tech
James R. Tolson (1975)

ETA MU

Findlay
Jerry E. Gaffga (1987)

ETA PI

East Stroudsburg
Robert J. Hoffman (1986)

ETA CHI

George Mason
Raymond J. Obregon (2010)

ETA PSI

UAB
Donald S. Holmes (1983)

THETA KAPPA

Texas Tech
Shane J. Mullens (2005)

THETA MU

CSU-East Bay
Stephen G. Romines (1999)
+ former *Traveling Secretary*

Charter Member

JON E. SLATER (ZETA PSI/WESTERN ILLINOIS 1970)

December 31, 1945–December 4, 2022

The brothers of Zeta Psi Chapter thank Jon for his leadership, vision, and accomplishments for Phi Theta, which ultimately became Theta Chi.

Jon had a vision of what a fraternity should be. The existing fraternities did not measure up to his mission of more than just a brotherhood but leadership development, scholarship, and service. Jon found others who shared his perspective and recruited campus leaders.

Jon was adamant against hazing in any form and was the driving force to create a constitution, recruitment policies, member standards, a local initiation ceremony, and housing so we'd function as a fraternity. He gave the members opportunities to develop their skills through committees and leadership roles as officers.

Jon worked hard to get acceptance by the WIU administration, fighting to prove we were worthy of being a fraternity. He led the Lake Argyle cleanup and student move-in to show we were an asset for Western. Our GPA requirement set us apart and set a high standard.

Jon led us to overcome prejudice and ridicule from the other fraternities. He led us in athletics to show we could be competitive. Over time, the WIU administration and the existing fraternities believed we would make the entire Greek system better and stronger if we were admitted to the IFC.

Our experiences provided us a foundation for future success after graduating from WIU as teachers, corporate managers, VPs, and presidents. Many of us feel our achievements are a direct result of Jon's leadership.

Friendships that began in Phi Theta and continued in Theta Chi have endured all these years.

Jon, your legacy is that Theta Chi is now the best fraternity at WIU. New members of Theta Chi will forever know you were the driving force in creating this fraternity.

The Zeta Psi Alumni Board has proclaimed Jon Slater as our "President Emeritus."



Charter Member

DONALD H. HOLMES (ETA PSI/UAB 1983)

November 10, 1960–November 30, 2022

Don Holmes, along with Mike Martin (1982), was the primary originator, leader, and behind-the-scenes worker who brought Eta Psi Chapter to life. He was always proud of his role in establishing the legacy of Theta Chi at UAB, including when his older brother Ken (1983) joined the chapter. He graduated from UAB with a bachelor's in mass communications and a master's in English.

Don's great sense of humor, love for family, and knack for great story telling helped him in his career as a reporter/cameraman for two local NBC affiliates, as a bank examiner for Regions Bank, and as a teacher.



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