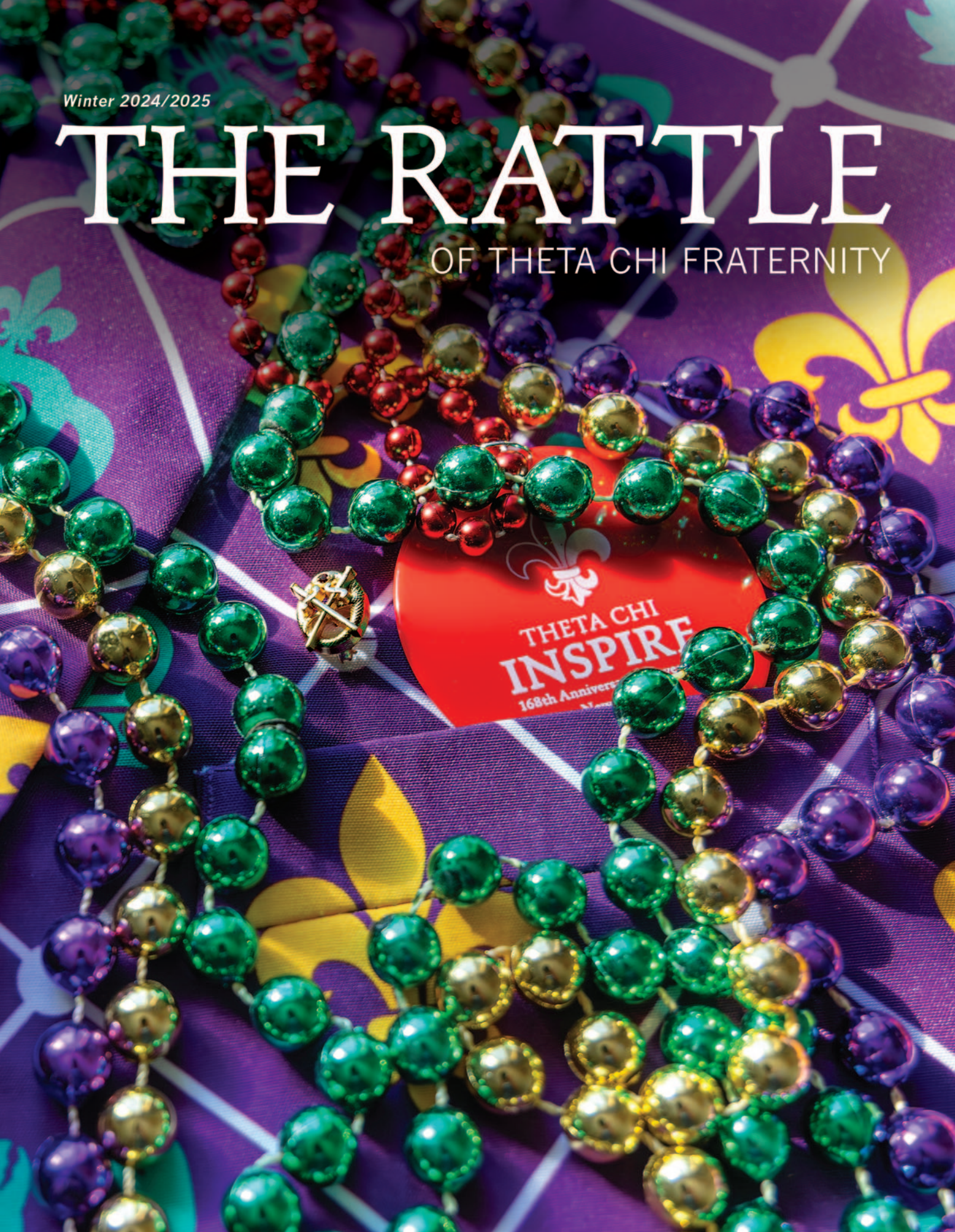


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# Theta Chi for Life



Toby Roth

my fellow Grand Chapter members and the three International Presidents with whom I served: Tait Martin, Darick Brown, and Creig Andreasen. Just as their service has made our Fraternity better, I know it will make me a better President as well.

My focus for our Fraternity during my term as President and beyond is to protect and enhance the fraternity experience so that it can have a major influence on your life's path, just as it has had on mine. During my time as a collegiate brother in the Alpha Phi Chapter at the University of Alabama, Theta Chi gave me a lasting brotherhood, it helped me develop leadership skills I still utilize today, and it is where I met my wife almost 40 years ago! As life's journey takes you on your own path, I am confident that Theta Chi has played, is playing now, and will continue to play a big part in your development and preparation for that journey.

As part of our vision to provide the premier men's fraternal experience, Theta Chi's current strategic plan states that our mission is to develop college-age men into successful students, good citizens, lifelong brothers, and resolute leaders. To that end, as your International President—and with the dedication and support of the Grand Chapter and the other leaders of Theta Chi—please know that we are committed to providing the resources necessary for your chapter and you as an individual to be successful.

Thank you again for electing me as your International President. I believe our best days are ahead. I believe in Theta Chi!

Fraternally,

Tobin (Toby) Roth  
International President  
[troth@capitolresourcesllc.com](mailto:troth@capitolresourcesllc.com)

Brothers:

Thank you to our alumni and collegiate delegates for placing your confidence in me during our 168th Anniversary Convention in New Orleans. I am deeply honored and humbled by my election to serve as your International President for the next two years! Once again, our leadership and staff put together an excellent Convention, as evidenced by the consistent remarks I heard from alumni and collegians alike that they left New Orleans "inspired" to lead our great Fraternity forward.

As I look ahead to the next two years as your International President, I want to first acknowledge the foundation of fraternal leadership I gained over these past six years from



Alpha Phi Chapter's Vice President in 1989.

- INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
Tobin B. Roth (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1990)
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Steve W. Gonzalez (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion 1998)
- INTERNATIONAL CHAPLAIN**  
Kelly J. Linster (Phi/North Dakota State 1991)
- INTERNATIONAL HISTORIAN**  
James J. McMahon (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 1979)
- CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (EX-OFFICIO)**  
Michael J. Mayer (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 2004)



Coincidentally on her birthday, International Treasurer Tom Thompson pays his respects to Toby Roth's Aunt Joan. Joan Lewis was a woman full of love and grace, always ready with a laugh or hug. Before she passed away from cancer, she requested that her final resting place be at Pat O'Brien's so her friends and family could always come visit. A wooden urn in the shape of their signature hurricane glass bears her name and her quote, "I am only as strong as the cocktails I drink, the hairspray I use, and the girlfriends I have." Per Toby, "She was the 'Belle of the Ball' at Convention!"

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LEFT: Our photographer Andrew T.E. Voss (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 2021) used a Badge, event souvenirs, and Tom Thompson's exuberant suit coat to represent Convention in New Orleans. **Get Inspired on page 6!**

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**The 2024/2026 Grand Chapter**

2024/2026 Grand Chapter and CEO Mike Mayer. (L-R): Mayer, McMahon, Copeland, Gonzalez, Roth, Linster, Santoriello, Black, Thompson.



# EXPANSION

## Reinstallation



Delta Epsilon/Miami (FL)  
Reinstalled: 12/7/2024

## Current Colonies



Alpha Upsilon Colony/Nebraska



Delta Kappa Colony/Ball State



Eta Delta Colony/Babson



York Colony

## -New Colonies



Zeta Omega Colony/West Chester  
West Chester, PA  
Recolonized: 11/9/2024



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



Boca Raton Colony  
Boca Raton, FL  
Colonized: 10/26/2024

## Redevelopments



Rho/Illinois



Alpha Zeta/Rochester



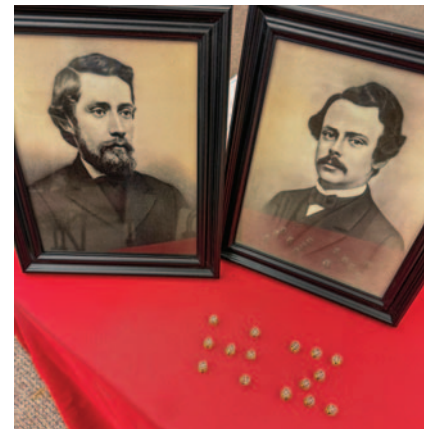
DELTA EPSILON/MIAMI (FL)

Following reinstallation, officers of Delta Epsilon/Miami (FL) show off their new charter alongside the original from 1950. Delta Epsilon returns to Miami after a 61-year absence.



ETA ZETA COLONY/EDINBORO

Returning to his alma mater, Jim Abbey (1992) pins his son Logan (2026), the new Colony President, during the Eta Zeta Recolonization Ceremony at Edinboro.



Visit [www.thetachi.org/news](http://www.thetachi.org/news) for additional stories on our (re)installed chapters and new colonies. Please contact Director of Growth Sam Terry at [sterry@thetachi.org](mailto:sterry@thetachi.org) if you are interested in becoming involved with these groups.



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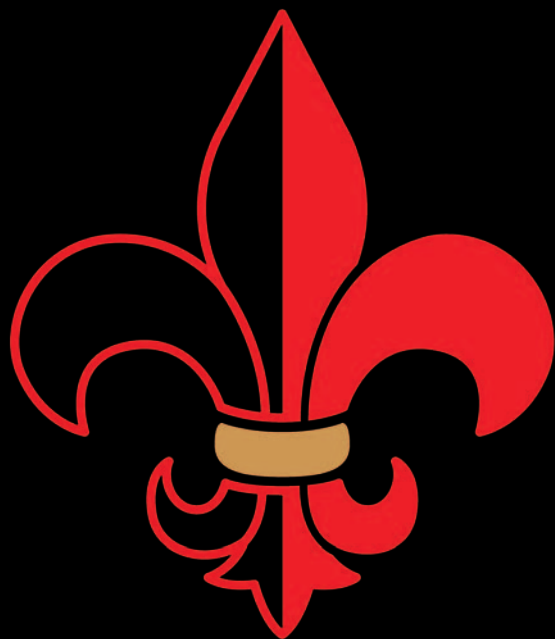


ETA ZETA COLONY/EDINBORO



ZETA OMEGA COLONY/WEST CHESTER

*Alumni are critical to the success of Theta Chi's expansion efforts. Zeta Omega/West Chester and Eta Zeta/Edinboro alumni continue to extend a Helping Hand and provide guidance to collegiate men seeking to resurrect their chapters.*



# THETA CHI INSPIRE

## 168th Anniversary Convention New Orleans



International President Toby Roth leads the Resolute Man Ceremony.



The Black Magic Drumline kicks off the event.

**The 168th Anniversary Convention and 41st School of Fraternity Practices** hosted at the New Orleans Marriott Canal Street was attended by more than 550 collegiate and alumnus brothers. Brothers were guided through the event by emcee Chief Operating Officer Ray Vanlanot and New Orleans native, International Marshal Steve Gonzalez.

Beginning with a powerful drumline performance by the Black Magic Drumline, the event continued over the next four days with 50 breakout and general sessions and two inspirational keynote speakers: Coach Alan K. Saunders (Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1969) and Dr. Richard W. “Doc” Leland (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1997).

Delegates reelected brothers Jim McMahon, Toby Roth, and Tom Thompson to a second term on the Grand Chapter and Kelly Linster to his first. Toby Roth was elected International President and Alan Copeland was elected International Vice President.

Awards were presented throughout the event and all saluted our retiring International President, Creig Andreasen. Appreciation and

gratitude were also extended to Hon. Dennis A. Cardoza (Alpha Psi/Maryland 1981), M. Walt Davis (Delta Upsilon/Arizona State 1965), Richard D. Elder (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1971), and David A. May (Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls 1970) as well as President Joe Clack (Eta Sigma/Arkansas Tech 1980) for completing their terms of service on the Foundation Chapter and the Norwich Housing Corporation, respectively.

In addition, 42 collegiate brothers came to New Orleans one day early to participate in the Resolute Man Event Track—an intensive workshop focusing on leadership development, professional development, and extending the Assisting Hand. These brothers explored professional habits and personal leadership styles, worked with mentors, and problem-solved under pressure. The hard work and dedication of these 42 brothers were celebrated publicly during the Resolute Man Ceremony led by the Grand Chapter.

Participants also had the opportunity to participate in a service event with Theta Chi’s national partner, the USO. During Operation Back 2 School, attendees assembled and packed backpacks full



Proud Alter Award recipients.



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Alumni Luncheon keynote by John Shertzert.

of school supplies to support the families and children of a local U.S. Army unit based in New Orleans. This project would not have been a success without the support of nearly 150 brothers and friends of the Fraternity who generously gave more than \$15,000.

With New Orleans being the home of the National World War II Museum, the Fraternity knew it wanted to recognize the brothers who participated in WWII and plan a visit. First, staff Archivist Emily McMath conducted research, pulled several items from the Fraternity archives, and developed a robust exhibit honoring these brothers. Next, an alumni luncheon was held at BB's Stage Door Canteen inside the museum, complete with a performance by the Victory Belles, a vocal trio who brought the 1940s to life with classic songs that defined the WWII generation. Many brothers were inspired as the singers wandered down into the audience. A keynote address was delivered by Johnathan E. Shertzert (Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH) 1998), executive director of the Medal of Honor Foundation who compared the values of Medal of Honor recipients with the ideals of Theta Chi. Following the luncheon and

the arrival of the collegiate brothers from their USO service project, all enjoyed an afternoon exploring the museum.

Brothers also ventured out into New Orleans and explored (nearly) everything the city had to offer, including music, entertainment, and cuisine. In addition, the Foundation Chapter hosted another successful auction and, in total, raised more than \$62,000 for leadership education and scholarships. To conclude the event, brothers visited Mardi Gras World and gathered at the Grand Oaks Mansion to celebrate 168 years of Theta Chi.

We thank our alumni volunteers who served as faculty and gave their time and talents to lead breakout sessions. We are grateful to the men and women of the International Headquarters staff for their efforts in developing an inspiring and educational experience. We appreciate brothers, young and old, for taking the time to get inspired. **We hope to see you at the 172nd Anniversary Convention in San Antonio on July 28-31, 2026!**



# THETA CHI INSPIRE

168th Anniversary Convention  
New Orleans



Brothers are all smiles after touring Mardi Gras World.

RIGHT: Inspiration from Doc Leland.



Alex Linster (Phi/North Dakota State 2025) congratulates his dad, Kelly J. Linster (1991), on his election to the Grand Chapter. RIGHT: Brothers and friends celebrate at the Grand Oaks Mansion.



Coach Al Saunders Inspires.



Chief Operating Officer Ray Vanlanot serves as Master of Ceremonies during the Convention Banquet. A few in the audience extended a Helping Hand and laughed at his jokes from time to time.





Theta Chi WWII exhibit developed and curated by IHQ Archivist Emily McMath.



Intl. President-elect Toby Roth (L) presents the Grand Chapter Service Plaque to outgoing Intl. President Creig Andresen.



The Victory Belles sing the U.S. military theme songs.



Touring the National World War II Museum.



Operation Back 2 School is a success!



International Marshal Steve Gonzalez shares New Orleans wisdom.



Gamma Phi's back-to-back Colley Award recipients: 2024's Michael Biertzer and 2023's Kyle Goodban.

### 2023/2024 Reginald E.F. Colley Award

#### Michael T. Biertzer

(Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 2024)

Brother Biertzer served Gamma Phi as IFC Representative, Community Service and Philanthropy Chairman, and President, where he revitalized all remaining activities and operations that had slowed or stopped during the pandemic. He also worked with the Scholarship Chairman to establish plans to help academically suspended brothers return to good standing.

He served on the Fraternity's Chapter Presidents Advisory Council, participated in the recolonization of Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska, and earned the Resolute Man distinction. On campus, he was IFC President and Greek Week Director. He was named the 2022 Greek Emerging Leader, the 2023 Outstanding Greek Achiever, and 2024's Greek Man of the Year.

Biertzer participated in Global Service Learning, student government, student orientation, and other clubs and organizations on campus. He was also a member of the men's varsity swim team where he was a three-time letter winner and nominated in 2024 for Academic All-Conference honors. He assisted Meals on Wheels, volunteered as a tutor, and volunteered at a local hospital and a local hospice organization where he spent nearly 20 hours each month providing support and companionship to individuals nearing the end of their lives.

Biertzer also spent two summers completing a biomedical research experience at the University of South Dakota where he studied Batten disease, a rare neurodegenerative disorder.

Biertzer was inducted into Blue Key Honor Society (where he also served as president), Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society, Order of Omega, and Phi Kappa Phi. He graduated in 2024 with a 4.0 grade point average and two bachelor's degrees in biochemistry and molecular biology. He plans to attend medical school.

Biertzer is Gamma Phi's fifth Colley Award recipient. With Gamma Phi's Kyle R. Goodban (2023) tapped in 2022/2023, this is only the third occasion when brothers from the same chapter received the Colley Award in consecutive years.



Gamma Phi develops leaders: Vice President of Health and Safety Evan Klingelhoef (2026), back-to-back Colley Award recipients Biertzer (2024) and Goodban (2023), Chapter President Louis Gilmore (2025) with the chapter's 2023/2024 Alter Award, and Chapter Adviser Dustin Bartley (2003).



### Distinguished Service Award

(See this page right.)

#### Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award

Sean M. DonCarlos (Gamma Upsilon/Bradley 2003)

James R. Grissinger (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1990)

Michael J. Kistler (Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1973)

Stanley N. Mayer (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 1977)

Peter J. Mulvihill (Epsilon/WPI 1978)

#### Reginald E.F. Colley Award

Michael T. Biertzer (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 2024)

#### 1st Runner-Up:

Garret B. Towe (Zeta Rho/Kentucky 2024)

#### 2nd Runner-Up:

Walker D. Piles (Iota Mu/Missouri 2024)

#### James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Awards

(See page 12.)

#### Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence

Phi/North Dakota State

Gamma Tau/Drake

Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan

Epsilon Kappa/Idaho

Eta Gamma/Morehead

Eta Lambda/Virginia Tech

Iota Lambda/Longwood

Iota Tau/Northern Kentucky

Iota Psi/RIT

#### Grand Chapter Scholarship Award

Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech (3.50 GPA)

#### James M. Holland Award

Alpha Phi/Alabama (67 initiates)

#### 1st Runner-Up (tie):

Alpha Lambda/Ohio State (61 initiates)

#### 1st Runner-Up (tie):

Gamma Rho/Florida State (61 initiates)

#### Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

48 chapters initiated 25+ men

#### Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award

Epsilon Theta/Tufts

(62.50% From 40 to 65 members)

Honorable Mentions:

Omega/Penn State

(61.54% From 39 to 63 members)

Alpha Psi/Maryland

(60.98% From 41 to 66 members)

## Distinguished Service Award

Authorized and established by the Grand Chapter on December 17, 1938, the Distinguished Service Award is the highest award Theta Chi Fraternity may confer upon a member. By means of this award, the Fraternity is able to show its official appreciation and to publicly recognize and properly honor those alumnus members of the Fraternity, who by reason of outstanding International service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions to the lasting good and general welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity.



CEO Mike Mayer and International President Creig Andreasen present the Distinguished Service Award to Herb Morgan.

### #149 Herb W. Morgan, III

(Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1987)

A Charter Member of Theta Iota Chapter and father of Spencer, a Charter Member of Kappa Alpha Chapter, Brother Morgan is resolute in his zealous passion and enthusiasm for freedom and the perpetuation of our ideals. His financial acumen, humor, and gift of persuasion have made a lasting impact on the Fraternity and Foundation Chapter that will be felt for generations.



Above: On the Foundation Chapter; Below: with Brad Cowan (1994) at UCSC; Left: with Spencer (Kappa Alpha/Spokane, WA 2016).





## James Ralph “Shug” Jordan Award

The “Shug” Jordan Award was created by the Grand Chapter in 1996 in honor and memory of Coach “Shug” Jordan (Chi/Auburn 1932), who served as Auburn’s head football coach from 1951 to 1975. Brother Jordan’s team went undefeated in the 1957 season and won that year’s National Championship. The award is presented to the scholar-athlete who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership, citizenship, academics, brotherhood, loyalty to alma mater, and a commitment to excellence in intercollegiate athletics. In 2023/2024, the Fraternity updated the award to allow for the inclusion and recognition of alumni who met the criteria for the award prior to its creation.

### 2023/2024 “Shug” Jordan Award

**Brigham Freeman (Delta Omega/Ripon 2024)**

*Double Major – Double Athlete*

Brother Freeman graduated with a double major in mathematics and interdisciplinary physics & computer science at Ripon, where he earned a 3.27 GPA and was a member of Order of Omega. He served Ripon’s Greek Council as treasurer and vice president, coached off-season workouts, and communicated with recruits and incoming freshmen as the swim and dive team captain. He was also a founding member for Ripon’s chapter of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. Within Delta Omega Chapter, he served as First Guard, Chaplain, Scholarship Chairman, and Vice President.

On the Ripon swim team, Freeman set all-time marks in the 500-yard, 1,000-yard, and 1,650-yard freestyles; the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly; and 400-yard IM. He was a top five finisher within the Division III Midwest Conference 12 separate times (including a medalist honor in the 200-medley relay) and named as the team’s MVP in 2023. Freeman also played on Ripon’s tennis team and received the men’s tennis Best Teammate Award for his performance and leadership.



### 2024 “Shug” Jordan Alumni Award

**Alan K. Saunders (Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1969)**

*Inaugural Recipient*

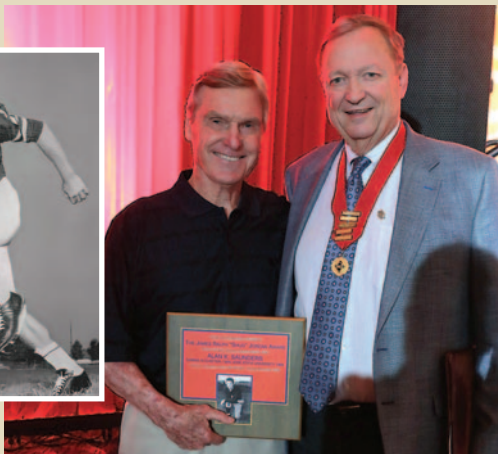
Coach Saunders was a star swimmer in high school and was inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the San Jose State University Hall of Fame. He earned Academic All-American football honors as a three-year starter and team captain at defensive back and wide receiver from 1966-1968. After graduation, he earned a master’s degree in education from Stanford in 1970.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at USC under John McKay. Within the NFL, he was part of 15 playoff teams, five division titles, and one Super Bowl championship. His offense ranked first in total offense 20 times over his career.

Coach Saunders is an accomplished distance runner who has served on the “Shug” Jordan Award selection committee for nearly a decade, contributing greatly to debates and discussions.



circa 1968



#### David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award

Eta Phi/Oakland

#### Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy

Psi/Wisconsin

Alpha Xi/Delaware

Gamma Rho/Florida State

Keenan Deaton (Iota Tau/

Northern Kentucky 2025)

Shane A. Dorsey (Alpha Xi/Delaware 2019)

Jason S. Kingsborough (Eta Pi/

East Stroudsburg 1997)

Christopher R. Rogala (Delta Psi/

Kansas 1991)

Charles F. Withuhn (Mu/California 1972)

#### Theta Chi brothers of the 'Kick'n the Asphalt out of Cancer' Pan Ohio Hope Ride Bicycle Team:

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

#### Most Improved Chapter

Iota Theta/Central Florida

#### Fleetham Convention Attendance Trophy

Zeta Beta/Adrian

Ten brothers traveled 2,074 miles round-trip from Adrian, MI, to New Orleans for a combined total of 20,740 miles.

#### Operation Military Red

USO Service Award: Eta Psi/UAB (1,722 hrs.)

USO Fundraising Award: Gamma Rho/ Florida State (\$19,414)

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them. You can use the envelope provided in the center of this issue, scan our QR Code, or visit [thetachi.org/give](http://thetachi.org/give) to make your own gift.

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Dozens of brothers have joined the Legacy Society in several important ways. Some brothers have designated the Foundation Chapter as a beneficiary of a retirement, investment or bank account, or your life insurance policy. Some individuals included the Foundation Chapter in a revocable trust or in their will. Others made gifts of Real Estate, Appreciated Securities, or Life Insurance and Retirement Stocks & Bonds. Other gifts were made via Beneficiary and Life Income Gifts, Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA), and Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT). Regardless of the specific option selected, these generous gifts ensure the perpetuation of Theta Chi and the development of future Resolute Men.

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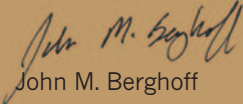
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Fraternally,

  
John M. Berghoff  
Chief Development Officer



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This year, more than **\$243,650** in Sherwood and Janet Blue Memorial Scholarships was awarded to brothers pursuing a wide range of studies. The Victor Simon Memorial Scholarship awarded **\$45,000** to brothers majoring in engineering.

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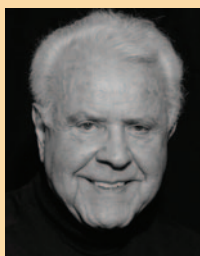


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# My Baseball Story:

## A True Gift to Baseball Lovers and Theta Chi

BY WESLEY K. WICKER, ED.D. (ALPHA PHI/ALABAMA 1979)



**Nick Del Calzo** (Gamma Mu/Bowling Green 1960) has created a memorable book, *My Baseball Story: The Game's Influence on America*. Brother Del Calzo is contributing his royalties from the book to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi to establish a leadership scholarship for

brothers who attend officer training conferences and/or our School of Fraternity Practices.

Baseball is woven into the fabric of American culture and this commemorative book reinforces the game's historical status as our national pastime. *My Baseball Story* spotlights the fans of the game who each tell their favorite baseball experiences—whether it was attending their first major league game, meeting their favorite player, or their own little league or high school exploits. You'll fall in love with baseball again, and share the passions and dreams illustrated in personal stories and photographs.

"Whether you've played baseball for years or hardly know the game at all; baseball is about life," Brother Del Calzo writes. "Baseball's essence overlaps with so much of our daily rhythms. Requiring diligent preparation and sound judgment, yet rewarding creativity and spontaneity, and laden with tradition and respect for the past, baseball is as unpredictable as life itself."

As a result of its hallowed status in our culture, baseball has seeped into all of us to varying degrees. And that is just what *My Baseball Story* is about: the stories and portraits of how baseball transcends the field and affects lives.

Brother Del Calzo is a best-selling author. His previous works include *Medal of Honor: Portraits in Valor Beyond the Call of Duty*, *The Triumphant Spirit*, and *Wings of Valor*.

*My Baseball Story* was 20 years in the making from concept to reality. A team of reviewers screened more than 300 stories submitted by fans, with 150 stories selected. The book includes more than 450 photographs throughout 350 pages of great stories. The book was produced by Oxman Publishing, a new company established by **Wesley Wicker** (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1979). Several alumni made investments in Oxman in order to publish the book,



including **Carlton Bennett** (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion 1972), **Pete Mackey** (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1978), **Jim McMahon** (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 1979), and **Pat O'Connor** (Chi/Auburn 1978).

**Ben Hill** (Eta Kappa/James Madison 2002) and **Nick Hoke** (Alpha Iota/Indiana 2014) served on the team that reviewed submissions. The book is dedicated to the late **Larry Coffman** (Gamma Mu/Bowling Green 1960) who worked with Nick as an editor on several of his previous projects. Larry is an author of one of the stories included in the book.

This book is a great gift for anyone who loves baseball. When you purchase a copy of *My Baseball Story*, you will enjoy 150 anecdotes and great photos and support Theta Chi's leadership education initiatives. To learn more and purchase a book, please visit [MyBaseballStory.com](http://MyBaseballStory.com) or scan the QR Code on the right.



# The Resolute

The Resolute Man® strives to guide brothers to get the most out of their collegiate experience to best prepare them for life after graduation. Since 2016, this initiative has provided opportunities for growth that are accessible to all collegiate members who wish to develop themselves as professionals, leaders, and men.

## Theta Chi offers three tracks:

### 1 INDIVIDUAL TRACK

Collegians complete three proficiencies in the areas of: Professional Development, Leadership Development, and The Assisting Hand.

### 2 EVENT TRACK

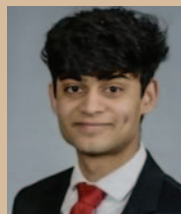
Collegians have the opportunity to apply for an intensive leadership workshop with brothers from different chapters. The Event Track includes our Initiative Academy, which offers attendees the opportunity to learn their leadership style, challenge themselves through brotherhood activities, participate in mock interviews, and extend an Assisting Hand through community service.

### 3 EXPERIENCE TRACK

Collegians who are selected participate in an immersive professional experience with a prominent alumnus who is an expert in his field. These experiences are a great mix of networking and brotherhood and are a unique opportunity to make an impression on someone who can help with internship opportunities or jobs.

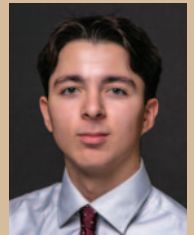
"It helped me develop skills such as teamwork, accountability, and time management. It also helped me become a more confident public speaker and strengthened my dedication to brotherhood and community involvement."

—Sheehan Nathani  
(Zeta Tau/Michigan-Flint 2026)



"If I hadn't become a Resolute Man, I wouldn't have pushed myself to get involved with foundation trustees, legislatures, and the president of my university which opened a whole new world of opportunities for my future."

—Christopher Dick  
(Phi/North Dakota State 2027)



"I am currently a Ph.D. student at Carnegie Mellon University studying mechanical engineering. The Resolute Man provided me a framework for everything that a young man should complete while in college."

—Justin Miner (Rho/Illinois 2022)

"I learned so many more ways to facilitate growth in my chapter at the Initiative Academy. I came back with a passion to want to do more, and I am now Chapter President."

—Dane Ehlmann (Iota Mu/Missouri 2026)



"During Initiative Academy, I worked with alumni and brothers from across the country who were able to share an abundance of experiences from their own chapters, allowing me to develop as a leader. Through activities like the mock interviews, I learned how to effectively communicate in professional atmospheres."

—Kyle Davis (Iota Theta/Central Florida 2026)

"The Initiative Academy had a profound impact on me. I forged lasting connections with collegiate brothers and alumni and proudly refer to them as brothers for life."

—Saketh Mamidi (Delta Mu/Texas 2026)

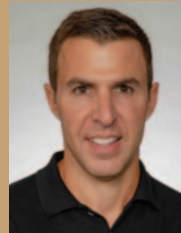




## Alumni Support

“Serving at Initiative Academy has been one of the single greatest ‘bucket-fillers’ of my Theta Chi experience. It reinvestigates the feeling I had when joining our brotherhood nearly 15 years ago.”

—**Brandon Younkin**  
(Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 2013)



“I look forward to hosting each year. I love to see the entrepreneurial drive that comes from these gentlemen as they plan their next steps post-graduation.”

—**Craig Abrahams**  
(Alpha Iota/Indiana 1999)



“You never forget your time as a collegiate brother, but it’s harder to stay connected as you build a career and a family. Hosting brothers helps bring back that fire with new energy from our future leaders.”

—**Matt Fraenhoffer**  
(Iota Beta/Missouri State 2004)

“I want students to come away with a better understanding of what it takes to work for an NFL franchise and find future careers in the sports industry.”

—**Jon Codalata** (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1999)



“Several young men who attended the Capitol Hill Experience have remained connected; it’s been rewarding to watch their professional growth.”

—**Hon. Dennis Cardoza**  
(Alpha Psi/Maryland 1981)



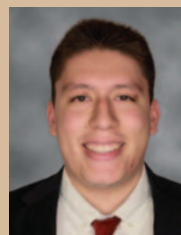
“I was impressed by their intelligence, drive, and potential. Several individuals stood out as promising candidates for future internships and employment. It’s a fantastic way to give back to the brotherhood.”

—**Devin Cooley**  
(Alpha Rho/Washington 2010)



“I attended the Fifth Third Commercial Banking Experience in Cincinnati. The networking skills I developed gave me the foundation to build meaningful connections during my internship at J.P. Morgan this past summer.”

—**Will Cumbie** (Delta Phi/North Texas 2027)



“I attended the Capitol Hill Experience with Dennis Cardoza. I learned about the legislative process and about careers in the legal profession. I am now a 2nd-year law student at Marquette University.”

—**Diego Romero** (Gamma Upsilon/Bradley 2023)



“I attended the Marketing Experience in St. Louis and strengthened my leadership skills, learned how to better present myself professionally, and gained valuable insight on other chapters and their practices.”

—**Elijah Price** (Iota Beta/Missouri State 2027)

“After the Capitol Hill Experience, I started a congressional internship with Congressman Darin LaHood. If not for the Resolute Man Experience, I would not have been so well-equipped to participate in my internship to its fullest.”

—**Chase Wildermuth**  
(Gamma Upsilon/Bradley 2025)





RIGHT: **CHI/AUBURN** brothers participate in an inaugural Trunk or Treat Halloween event in partnership with Project Uplift and the Auburn IFC. More than 100 children came from the Auburn/Opelika area to enjoy the night.



**ALPHA PSI/MARYLAND** brothers visited with alumnus **Dennis Cardoza** (1981) (front left), a former member of U.S. Congress, and Theta Chi CEO **Mike Mayer** (front right) on Constitution Day to learn more about our rights as citizens and how to take a stand for Freedom of Association and Freedom of Speech.

Throughout the fall, **Steve Broadman** (1989) and other alumni hosted professional development events with our pledges to give advice on building resumes, using LinkedIn, and tips on professional interactions.



**DELTA EPSILON/MIAMI (FL)** Brother **Joe Nicolosi** (2026) takes home the gold medal in the New Breed Jiu Jitsu Competition.



**EPSILON RHO/RIDER** brothers went to Hopewell Quarry to help a non-profit organization break down materials and clean up at the end of their season.





**EPSILON ETA/IUP** brothers pick up trash along their section of adopted highway.



**ZETA EPSILON/LONG BEACH STATE** held a week-long event in support of the USO. Alpha Phi won dodgeball while Tri Delta was the overall winner.



**ZETA LAMBDA/WESTMINSTER** brothers partnered with Phi Mu and were named champions of the Sing 'N' Swing.



**KAPPA OMICRON/TENNESSEE** brothers climbed 110 flights of stairs in honor of the first responders during 9/11 for the Fall 2024 USO Chapter Challenge. They also partnered with a local restaurant for a dine-in fundraiser.



ABOVE: **ZETA PI/OLD DOMINION** alumni host a scholarship dinner for every brother who had a 3.5 GPA or above.

LEFT: **THETA OMEGA/APPALACHIAN STATE** Theta Chis pitched in to help clean up and rebuild the community after Hurricane Helene. Brothers also utilized their OneCause USO fundraiser page to raise and send money to the USO teams supporting the National Guard in impacted areas.



## Ski-U-Mah: Hail Minnesota! 100 Years of Alpha Pi Chapter

BY CREIG ANDREASEN (ALPHA PI/MINNESOTA 1990)

Theta Chi has a long and storied history at the University of Minnesota. Its predecessor organization, the Thulianian Club, was formed in 1889. It produced two Minnesota governors: **J.A. Preus** (1902) and **Theodore Christianson** (1906), who also served as International Vice President on the Grand Chapter. By 1910, they owned a house with room for 25 men and several years later during WWI, 94 members answered the call to serve their country.

100 years is a long time. And in that time more than 1,400 men added their names to our roster. Each man came because he wanted to be part of something bigger than himself on a very big campus. They each left as better brothers, better husbands, better fathers, better men.

Not so long ago, Alpha Pi Chapter closed its doors. **Paul “Yogi” Norstrem** (1986) was serving on the Grand Chapter at the time, and he had the reluctant duty to vote to close his own chapter.

For 13 long years, it was winter for Theta Chi at Minnesota. Then, a group of Resolute Men—men of substance and character—determined that Theta Chi was not dead at Minnesota. We enlisted the help of our International Fraternity. I remember telling **Doug Allen** (Delta Beta/Georgia 1990), who was International President at the time, that my son, **Mitch Andreasen** (2018), had been given Goldy Gopher gear from the time he was 5 years old and if he went to Minnesota, there was no Theta Chi for him to join.

Though a young staffer named **Mike Mayer** (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 2004) had some initial success in 2005, it wasn't until 2012 when **Cory Loveless** (Phi/North Dakota State 2012) and **Joe Macko** (Zeta Tau/Michigan-Flint 2012) arrived on campus and established a solid foundation that we began to make significant progress toward Alpha Pi's return.

Cory and Joe don't understand how important their service was to us old guys from the '80s. To these men, and the men who came after them—the guys who reestablished our letters on this campus—for them, I am eternally grateful.

For one year Alpha Pi was a colony. Then a chapter with a meeting room in a residence hall. Then renters in a house. And now, we own that house. And we begin our second century at the U.

I am proud to be a Theta Chi and I am proud to celebrate our history at Minnesota.



*After regaling him with tales of the Thulianian Club, members of the Grand Chapter convince Goldy Gopher to accept the Badge of Theta Chi.*





## Bigfoot Turns 50

BY LARRY FITZSIMONS (GAMMA EPSILON/WESTERN COLORADO 1971)

Fifty years ago, two alumni and fellow brothers of Gamma Epsilon Chapter at Western Colorado University in Gunnison, CO, started a tradition of getting together every summer for a men's camping trip. After several successful years, we decided we needed an official name for our group and, after much deliberation, we finally settled on the name Bigfoot.

Over the years, the majority of trips were held in the mountains of Colorado and Wyoming. As our group grew over the years, we had many epic adventures in several beautiful places. We took a houseboat up the Mississippi River, rented houseboats on Lake Powell (three times), rode on a pack trip on horses into the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, and took a fishing trip to Rainy Lake in International Falls, MN.

The tradition started as camping trips in tents and then over the last few years, we have progressed to renting ranger cabins here in Colorado.

This year, in honor of our inaugural trip, we met for a week at Harmel's Resort on the Taylor River. There were 13 brothers and several friends who have been involved in our Bigfoot trips over the years. We gathered together to reminisce, eat good food, and toast some wine to our friends.

Bigfoot voted this year to continue our outings, but to transition from an annual trip to holding it every two years.



Brothers of Gamma Epsilon and friends celebrate five decades of Bigfoot. FRONT ROW: Jim Inglis (1972), Larry Fitzsimons (1971), Dave Inglis (1974). BACK ROW: Mel Coleman (1972), Gary Rogers (1976), Terry McLachlan (1972), John Inglis (1971), Gary Jessen (1974), Doug Taylor (1977), Larry Klick, Greg Widmar (1972), Bill Howard (1973), Greg Coleman, Fred Iozzo (1972).

### PHI/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

**Mike Berg** (1993) received the prestigious George Warren Fuller Award from the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association. This is the highest honor a section can award to one of its members.



### ALPHA MU/IOWA STATE

**Brandon Cutler** (2004) was presented the Sue Kraft Fussell Distinguished Service Award by the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors. This annual award is presented to no more than five individuals who have exhibited outstanding achievements in service to the fraternity/sorority industry and/or to AFA.



### ALPHA DELTA/PURDUE

Chairman of the Purdue University Board of Trustees **Michael Berghoff** (1985) announced that he will retire from the board effective January 1, 2025, after more than 15 years of service as a trustee, with nine of those years as chairman. University President Mung Chiang said, "His deep passion and total dedication to Purdue is matched by the tremendous impact of his leadership for his alma mater... Every moment, Mike has the best interest of Purdue in his heart, and every moment he pours his heart into Purdue. Our university is blessed to have Mike Berghoff as one of the best Boilermakers ever."



### ALPHA SIGMA/OREGON

**Dave Petrone** (1966) and his wife Nancy made a \$4 million gift to the University of Oregon split equally between the university's Knight Campus in Portland and the Lundquist College of Business. The gift will boost entrepreneurship by adding new positions to the Center



Dave and Nancy Petrone

for Entrepreneurship and is a huge investment in the Oregon Innovation Challenge. New Petrone Entrepreneurs in Residence will expand the Center for Entrepreneurship's availability to aid more students and faculty in translating their research to industry.

### BETA RHO/ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

Illinois Manufacturers Association President and CEO **Mark Denzler** (1993) received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Illinois Wesleyan. Denzler was also named by Crain's Chicago Business as One of the Most Powerful Business Leaders in Chicago in December 2023.



### GAMMA MU/BOWLING GREEN

**Mark West** (1990) co-authored *Advancing Strategic Sourcing and Healthcare Affordability: Our Discovery of the Lacuna Triangle*, a non-fiction book that does a deep exploration into strategic sourcing, a way of doing



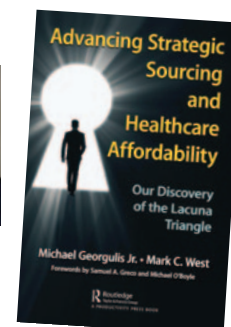
business that has been embraced and employed effectively for decades in supply chain management in various industries and in healthcare supply chain in other countries. Available on Amazon.

### GAMMA OMICRON/WAKE FOREST

**J. Stuart Rosebrook, Ph.D.** (1985) is the new executive director of the Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott, AZ. The museum engages visitors with Central Arizona's history and evolving story through interactive educational and cultural experiences.



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## Gamma Tau Celebrates 75th Anniversary at Drake

BY MICHAEL CUMMINGS (GAMMA TAU/DRAKE 2024)



LEFT: Brothers inspect decades of composites and other chapter relics. ABOVE: Over 120 attendees gather during Gamma Tau's 75th Anniversary Banquet.

Gamma Tau Chapter celebrated its 75th Anniversary on April 26–28, 2024, with fellowship, nostalgia, and renewed bonds.

The festivities began at Jasper Winery with 80+ brothers gathering for a reception. Despite unexpected inclement weather forcing everyone into the winery's bathrooms and back rooms for shelter, the spirit of brotherhood remained strong, with stories and laughter shared in true Theta Chi fashion.

The weekend culminated with a grand event at Mainframe Studios, where 125 attendees enjoyed a night filled with camaraderie. **Jack Bell** (1985) and **Michael Cummings** (2024) were honored for their efforts in organizing the weekend. Special guests included **then-International Secretary Tom Thomson** and South Dakota state Senator Hon. **Michael Rohl** (2013), who gave a keynote speech on the lasting impact of fraternity life and the importance of alumni support for the chapter's future.

As attendees reflected on the chapter's history, its triumphs, challenges, and the lives it has touched since 1949, the weekend concluded with a renewed commitment to Gamma Tau's continued success.

Gamma Tau Chapter remains a vital part of the Drake University community, fostering lifelong friendships and a commitment to giving back. The anniversary wasn't just a reflection of the past, but a celebration of a future full of growth and positive impact.







**ZETA RHO/KENTUCKY:** As the grandson of a banjo maker, **Chace Saunders** (2016) has been connected to country and bluegrass music for as long as he can remember. While in Lexington, KY, his Theta Chi band won the Battle of the Bands, and he was the front man for “The Heydays” playing regularly at college bars like Two Keys and the Stagger Inn. He has now moved to Nashville to take his first step into the music industry.

### Mayer is Fifth Theta Chi Installed as FEA President

On May 31, 2024, **Theta Chi CEO Mike Mayer** (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 2004) was installed as president of the Fraternity Executives Association (FEA). Mayer has served as CEO of Theta Chi Fraternity since May 1, 2010.

FEA is the professional association of men’s and women’s fraternity executives and is dedicated to the common interests of its members and promotes, supports, and encourages the free discussion and exchange of ideas relating to college fraternal organizations.

Mayer is the fifth Theta Chi to be elected FEA president, joining **Alfred H. Aldridge** (Pi/Dickinson 1912), **George W. Chapman** (Omega/Penn State 1920), **Howard R. Alter, Jr.** (Omega/Penn State 1941), and **David L. Westol** (Beta Zeta/Michigan State 1973).

The Grand Chapter and the International Fraternity affirm Theta Chi’s commitment to interfraternalism and wish Brother Mayer well as he executes FEA’s mission to provide for the professional development of its members while promoting the values and success of the fraternal movement.



**GAMMA UPSILON/BRADLEY**  
75th Anniversary story on page 34.

**DELTA KAPPA/BALL STATE**  
**Steven Thomas** (2005) is the new



program coordinator for the Kristen Amerson Youth Foundation, which provides suicide prevention, educational outreach, and advocacy services to children, adolescents, and their families.

**DELTA RHO/NC STATE**

**Rich Balot** (1999) built Verizon’s largest U.S. chain of retail stores over the past two decades and was named winner of EY’s Entrepreneur of the Year Southeast Award. In addition, his family helped renovate John Paul II Catholic High School in Greenville and provided \$2M in scholarships.



**EPSILON PSI/NJIT**



**Miraj Patel** (2016) was promoted from Sr. UX designer to lead UX designer at ADP Workforce.

**ZETA BETA/ADRIAN**  
60th Anniversary story on page 35.



**THETA NU/ROWAN**

**David Corsaro** (1998) has been a professional magician for more than 27 years and recently won on the hit TV show Penn & Teller: Fool Us. He is also a featured performer at “Monday Night Magic”, New York City’s longest-running off-Broadway magic show, as well as “Magic in a Bottle” and “Speakeasy Magick.” He has performed for Fortune 500 companies, top music acts, and donates his talent to a variety of charitable organizations.

**ETA DELTA/BABSON**



**Adam Sachs** (1993) received the Richard J. Snyder Distinguished Service to the College Award from his alma mater.



**IOTA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA**

Charter Member **Joe Kovecses** (2008) was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*.® Kovecses specializes in commercial litigation.



**IOTA XI/GEORGIA COLLEGE**

**Jackson Farris** (2023) and **Jake Muse** (2023) extended the Helping Hand to the other tenants in their apartment complex during the flooding from Hurricane Helene.



**ETA KAPPA/JAMES MADISON’S**  
**Joe McMinn** (2000), also known as “Barefoot Joe,” and **Danny Kensy** were awarded a *Josie Award* for Song of the Year for “God’s Got His Cowboy,” a tribute to the late *Toby Keith*. The *Josie Music Awards* honor independent music in all forms and genres and is based in Nashville.

**IOTA LAMBDA/LONGWOOD**

**Cameron Patterson** (2010) was elected to serve as Chair of the State Board for the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, which provides legal and fiduciary oversight, sets the strategic direction, and provides direction for the executive.



**IOTA PSI/RIT**

**Reginald Rogers** (2010) received the American Institute of Chemical Engineers Minority Affairs Community’s Distinguished Service Award.





# Gamma Upsilon Celebrates 75 Years at Bradley

BY KEN LOMBARD (GAMMA UPSILON/BRADLEY 1999)



Gamma Upsilon Chapter celebrated its 75th Anniversary on April 26–28 in Peoria, IL, with attendees from the 1950s through 2020s, including brothers from the 1970s who made it back the first time in decades.

Festivities began on Friday afternoon with a Golden Guard luncheon celebrating our alumni who have been celebrating 50+ years of membership. Many historical items and composites were on display for brothers to peruse and reminisce. Later that night, we held a welcome reception at the host hotel to greet brothers as they arrived.

On Saturday, we kicked things off with breakfast at the chapter house. Alumni were able to tour the house and connect with our current collegiate brothers. A campus tour was also held, and many brothers got their first look at campus after many years. One of the main highlights of the afternoon was when the brotherhood conducted the Memorial Ceremony and honored the many Gamma Upsilon brothers who had joined the Chapter Eternal since our last major reunion. It was both a somber and enlightening event as each brother’s obituary was read and their life stories were told. **Sean DonCarlos** (2003) was also remembered, and his Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award was formally placed and displayed in the chapter room of the chapter house.

That evening, the alumni corporation hosted the 75th Anniversary Banquet with more than 100 brothers and guests in attendance. During the program, 17 Silver Legion and nine Golden Guard certificates were presented to dedicated alumni. Special guests and speakers included Tom Richmond, the Director of Alumni Relations for Bradley University, and our former

Regional Counselor and Honorary Member of Gamma Upsilon, **Michael Friedel** (Zeta Nu/Parsons 1971). Also present were **Tom McClintick** (1953) and **Willis Hunziker** (1953), who were collegiate brothers during the very early years of the chapter and served as the primary stewards and house corporation volunteers for decades before the official formation of the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation. They were vital to the building of our current chapter house at 1308 W. Fredonia Avenue and supported the chapter through both the good and the bad times for decades.

On Sunday morning, we welcomed the alumni back to the chapter house for breakfast and an alumni corporation meeting. Alumni were able to ask questions of the board and the collegians and shared their thoughts on the weekend during ‘Good of the Fraternity.’ The meeting, and the weekend, was closed with singing ‘It Is To Thee, Dear Old Theta Chi.’





## Sixty Years of Victories

BY GREG BARTOSCH (ZETA BETA/ADRIAN 2011)

During the 168th Anniversary Convention held in New Orleans during August 2024, Zeta Beta Chapter received a Chapter Achievement Award and the Fleetham Convention Attendance Trophy. In addition, two collegiate brothers earned their Resolute Men distinction, the collegiate chapter's sixth and seventh, bringing Zeta Beta's total number of Resolute Men to 12. When the brothers returned to campus, all efforts went into rush. The chapter recruited 19 fall pledges, its most successful rush in history.

It was amidst this series of triumphs that brothers of Zeta Beta Chapter returned to Adrian College October 4–6, 2024, to celebrate the chapter's 60th Anniversary. More than 150 brothers and guests were in attendance throughout the weekend, including Grand Chapter members **International Historian Jim McMahon**, **International Counselor Rich Santoriello**, **International Treasurer Tom Thompson**, and Zeta Beta's own **International Vice President Alan Copeland** (1989).

The weekend kicked off on Friday with the 60th Anniversary Golf Outing at the Hills of Lenawee Golf Club. Twelve teams hacked their way through 18 holes before **Ben Enser** (2011), **Vince Barbati** (2010), **Johnny Weishar** (2014), and **Greg Bartosch** (2011) were crowned champions. Brothers then retired to Chaloner's Cigar House in historic downtown Adrian for a welcome reception to renew old ties.

On Saturday, the chapter organized a campus beautification event and was joined by several alumni who jumped in to lend a Helping Hand. That afternoon, the chapter hosted a tailgate at the Grand Old Lady, 315 S. Madison Street, which has been Zeta Beta's home at Adrian College for its entire 60-year existence. Brothers enjoyed beautiful fall weather with some local barbecue and games on the big screens.

That evening, brothers came together at Adrian's historic Herrick Chapel to conduct the Brotherhood Recommitment Ceremony. Next, during our banquet, Adrian College President Dr. Jeffrey Docking spoke about Theta Chi's long history and positive impact at the college and beyond, and his belief that a strong Greek community is vital to the College's long-term success. Several alumni were recognized for awards they had received over the summer, most notably **Jim Grissinger** (1990) for the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award and **Vince Crawford** (1988) and **Jim Carlson** (1989) for their joint Sydney Ann Gilpin Lewis Award for their "Kickin' the Asphalt Out of Cancer" bicycle team's noble efforts that raised \$100,000+.

One of the most poignant moments was **Rev. Dr. Terry Robinson's** (1966) presentation of framed tracings of **Michael Kelly Thompson's** (1965) name from the wall of the Vietnam Memorial to each recipient of the Michael Kelly Thompson Scholarship, which had been established in his memory shortly after the Vietnam War by Dr. Robinson. Our evening ended on a high note as brothers—one by one and completely unplanned—began pledging charitable gifts to the chapter, raising over \$35,000 for housing upgrades to sustain our next 60 years.

The Zeta Beta Chapter is full of rich history, tradition, and pride. The health of the chapter remains strong, and our brothers are more energized than ever. Cheers to the next 60 years!



*International Vice President Al Copeland introduces fellow Grand Chapter members Jim McMahon and Tom Thompson to Myron the Moose.*



*Brothers gather to celebrate after a successful golf outing.*



## 2024 Ski Bums Toast the late Downhill Dave DeVol

In February 2024, attendees of the 43rd David E. DeVol International Ski Trip converged on the snowy slopes of Steamboat Springs, CO. It was a bittersweet gathering as brothers from previous trips reunited amidst the sorrowful loss of the ski trip's namesake, Brother **Dave DeVol** (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1959), who had joined the Chapter Eternal just weeks prior to the event. Many toasts and cheers of "Hip, Hip Hooray" were given in his honor and memory.

**Jim Moylan** (Gamma Lambda/Denver 1969), despite his absence from the prior ski trip, was a wonderful host and provided the knowledge and the wherewithal to point us in the

right direction, whether on the mountain or in the restaurant. In fact, he only needed to use his skills and talents as an attorney on one occasion to assist with some legal challenges involving the timeless **Al "EZ-AZ" Zale** (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1954), who refused to give up on his claim that his family once owned a silver mine nearby.

**Tyson Lai** (1989) held forth as the senior statesman of Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz in the absence of **Herbert W. Morgan, III** (1988) and assured all that Herb would buy the first round for all attendees during the 2025 Ski Trip. The other Theta Iota brothers in attendance, **Dave Young** (1989), **Warren Schwartz** (1991), and **Harris Miller** (1988), rejected this premise, stating that Herb would buy the first AND second rounds for all attendees during the next trip. Meanwhile, Moylan and Zale continued to debate which one of them had first courted Angela Lansbury. In a tale as old as time, Zale claimed victory.

Whether Italian fare or steak and potatoes, **Rob "Real Bourbon" Leitch** (Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 1996) continued to claim to know which bourbon would pair best with the meal while **Mark Manlove** (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1969) remained keenly focused on the dessert selection and port wine each evening. Even Past International President **Dick Elder** (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1971) made a cameo during the final night's dinner and was gracious enough to waive his appearance fee. **Bob Welch** (Beta Theta/Drexel 1986) selected the cigars and nightcaps each evening and won the day's trivia contests. Warren Schwartz scribbled some notes for the *Rattle* article, but accidentally tossed them in the trash on purpose, resulting in this verbatim and potentially fictitious retelling of the 2024 trip.

**The 44th Annual Ski Trip will be February 28–March 2, 2025, in South Lake Tahoe, CA.** Attendees should plan to arrive on Thursday, February 27, and depart on Sunday, March 2. For information, contact Tyson Lai ([tyson.lai@gmail.com](mailto:tyson.lai@gmail.com)) or visit [thetachi.org/ski](http://thetachi.org/ski). You never quite know what will happen each year, but it's a guaranteed great time to connect with brothers of all generations and maintain a wonderful tradition established by a Theta Chi legend.

*Brothers refute the more than two dozen reports of our skiers posing as snow pros and offering lessons.*



*The Ski Bums enjoy a festive dinner of Italian fare. In between pasta courses, Brother Zale thoughtfully entertains patrons at the table to his left.*





We share the names of our brothers reported to the International Headquarters between April 11, 2024, and October 10, 2024, as passing to the Chapter Eternal.

**ETA**  
*Rhode Island*  
John C. Eastman, II (1962)  
Thomas W. Hemenway (1965)

**THETA**  
*Massachusetts*  
James E. Bloom (1964)  
Richard L. Farrell (1964)  
Jayden Liu (2026)  
Christopher J. Mullane (1987)

**XI**  
*Virginia*  
Jac E. Baker (1956)  
Warren M. Ballard (1932)  
Andrew B. Claytor, II (1948)  
Kenneth R. Denbroeder (1966)  
Jacob C. Diemert (1966)  
Ronald H. Ellis (1942)  
Charles B. Healy (1955)  
William M. Kabler (1936)  
Joseph W. Keating, Jr. (1961)  
Lawrence B. Laurent (1949)  
William K. Mendenhall, Jr. (1953)  
Carl S. Meyer (1955)  
James B. Mott (1951)  
Theodore M. Newton (1945)  
Joseph S. Pappalardo (1965)  
Robert H. Pettit (1938)  
Charles C. Sine (1961)  
Kenneth R. Smith, Jr. (1950)  
William E. Taylor (1967)  
Norvell W. Wellford, Jr. (1951)  
Edwin G. Wilson (1958)  
Thomas L. Woodall (1966)

**OMICRON**  
*Richmond*  
Francis I. DuPont (1967)  
Hon. Von L. Piersall, Jr. (1961)

**PI**  
*Dickinson*  
Frederick D. Giles (1956)  
Peter K. Kresge (1970)

**RHO**  
*Illinois*  
Jesse E. Roberts (1952)

**CHI**  
*Auburn*  
Arthur B. Webb, M.D. (1963)

**OMEGA**  
*Penn State*  
Thomas W. Herrala (1960)  
Lt. Col. Charles E. Leech (Ret.) (1955)  
Capt. Lamont B. Smith (1955)

Angelo M. Spinazzola (1951)  
Leo D. Sugg, Jr. (1988)  
Walter A. White (1946)

**ALPHA DELTA**  
*Purdue*  
James M. Fabrici (1966)  
Thomas J. Shaffer (1975)

**ALPHA ZETA**  
*Rochester*  
Charles W. Brown (1961)  
Donald A. Parry (1951)

**ALPHA ETA**  
*North Carolina*  
Jeffrey L. Ostendarp (1987)

**ALPHA IOTA**  
*Indiana*  
Larry D. Baker (1987)

**ALPHA KAPPA**  
*West Virginia*  
H. Brian Wilson, Jr. (1951)

**ALPHA MU**  
*Iowa State*  
Donald J. Ament (1951)  
Russell B. Boyer (1946)  
Donald M. Brown (1950)  
Juan S. Haynes (1951)  
Howard C. Hoesley (1946)  
Wendell D. Jones (1960)  
Frank S. Kinney (1942)  
Lyle W. Klein (1946)  
Russell E. Lock (1949)  
Edward J. McGinty (1962)  
Lynn W. McNeil (1946)  
William T. Oneill (1943)  
Hjalte B. Palsson (1946)  
Byron J. Reed (1949)  
Edward F. Richards (1950)  
Lawrence B. Rusk (1941)  
Dennis R. Thompson (1967)  
Richard W. Voss (1974)

**ALPHA NU**  
*Georgia Tech*  
Charles H. Aitken, Jr. (1953)  
John C. Cattaneo (1957)

**ALPHA TAU**  
*Ohio*  
Rodney S. Darling (1958)

**ALPHA PHI**  
*Alabama*  
James C. Brock (1976)  
Charles E. Compton (1967)  
Marvin F. Crabtree, Jr. (1965)  
Michael R. Farrow (1969)  
Scott T. Harless (2007)  
Herman W. Lance (1969)  
William C. Moore (1980)  
Matthew B. Sartain (2005)  
Donald T. Trawick (1966)

**Distinguished Achievement Award**  
**ALLEN L. McCOY** (GAMMA TAU/DRAKE 1954)  
*April 26, 1933–September 21, 2024*

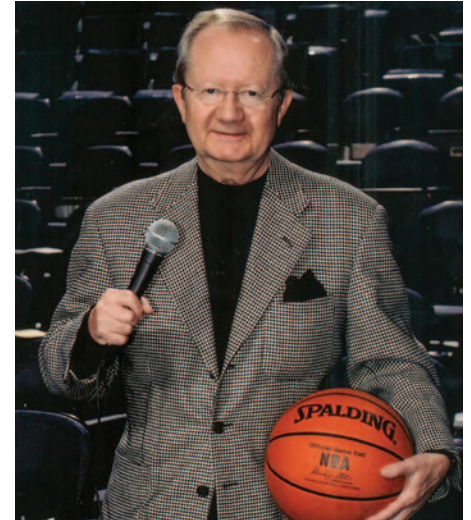
Known as the “Voice of the Phoenix Suns,” Al McCoy served as the play-by-play announcer for the NBA team for more than 50 years and served as the team’s Senior Vice President of Broadcasting. McCoy was called the dean of NBA play-by-play announcers and was known for famous catchphrases such as “Shazam,” “Zing Go the Strings,” and “Heartbreak Hotel.” McCoy attended Drake University where he pledged Gamma Tau Chapter. He graduated with a degree in drama-speech and then began his broadcasting career at KJFJ Radio in Webster City, IA, in 1951.

McCoy was the longest-tenured team broadcaster in NBA history, calling Suns games for 51 years, from September 27, 1972, through May 11, 2023. He was as synonymous with the Suns as Charles Barkley, Steve Nash, and Devin Booker and was on the sidelines during the team’s NBA Finals appearances in 1976, 1993, and 2021.

Besides working for the Phoenix Suns, McCoy also did play-by-play for the now-defunct Phoenix Giants and Phoenix Roadrunners along with Arizona State (football and basketball) and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

In 2007, he received the 18th Annual Curt Gowdy Media Award from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the House of Broadcasting and was inducted as the 15th member of the Phoenix Suns Ring of Honor in March 2021. He received an Alumni Achievement Award from Drake in 1994. Theta Chi Fraternity presented the Distinguished Achievement Award to McCoy in 2016.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said, “Al McCoy was a master of his craft. He entertained generations of fans with his distinct delivery and unbridled love for the game and was a beloved friend to so many of us in the NBA community.”



**ALPHA CHI**  
*Syracuse*  
Michael J. Cunningham (1982)

**ALPHA OMEGA**  
*Lafayette*  
Brian D. Cole (1972)

**BETA GAMMA**  
*North Dakota*  
Loren D. Hamre (1961)

**BETA DELTA**  
*Rutgers*  
P. Norman Deitch (1960)  
R. Douglas Leonhard, Jr. (1957)  
Russell L. Olsen (1954)  
Ernest F. Rutz (1961)

**BETA ZETA**  
*Michigan State*  
David L. Coplai (1959)

**BETA ETA**  
*Washington (MD)*  
Walter J. Falardeau, Jr. (1945)

**BETA NU**  
*Case Western*  
Gordon E. Rutzen (1961)

**BETA XI**  
*Birmingham-Southern*  
Aubrey T. Baugh, Jr. (1953)  
Joe D. Clayton (1954)  
James Cost (1944)  
William Deitenbeck (1942)  
Carl A. Dickson (1990)  
Mr. John F. Hanson (1988)  
Roy W. Higginbotham (1944)

Ernest H. Hollingsworth (1935)  
Kevin L. Johnston (1981)  
J.E. Keeton (1951)  
Lonnie Manning, Jr. (1965)  
James Mayfield, Jr. (1945)  
Stuart E. Nicholson (1951)  
Patrick R. Sheldon (1968)  
W. H. Striplin, Jr. (1957)  
Robert J. Sullivan (1950)  
James E. Summers (1967)  
David H. Williams (1987)

**BETA SIGMA**  
*Lehigh*  
Adam J. Brazer (2004)  
Col. Robert D. Morris (1966)  
Peter G. Tocci (1965)

**BETA PSI**  
*Presbyterian*  
James S. Murchison (1966)



### Theta Chi Auctioneer

**FREDERIC L. WIESE** (ZETA SIGMA/WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS 1992)

February 25, 1967–August 2, 2024

*As brothers gathered in New Orleans for the 168th Anniversary Convention, many were anxiously awaiting the biennial Foundation Chapter Auction and placing bids on different items and experiences. Sadly, as the Convention began, we received word that our auctioneer, Fred Wiese, had suddenly joined the Chapter Eternal.*

To further capitalize on Zeta Sigma’s annual Cornerstone Banquet to acquire gifts for the chapter’s scholarship fund, Dave May (1970) introduced an auction and procured the services of Brother Wiese, who was a trained auctioneer. Dave secured items and experiences of interest from alumni and friends and Fred called for bids, encouraged some friendly competition, and slammed the gavel. Due to their success over the years, Dave, while serving on the board of directors, encouraged the Foundation Chapter to establish an alumni auction during each International Convention, with proceeds going toward academic scholarships and leadership education.

The plans came to fruition in 2018, and once again, Fred dutifully answered the call. He served as the auctioneer at the 162nd Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas, the 165th Anniversary Celebration in Lexington, KY, and the 166th Anniversary Convention in Washington, D.C. He was set to serve as auctioneer during the Convention in New Orleans until he passed away peacefully after a three-year battle with cancer.

Fred loved his family and enjoyed traveling, trail rides, visiting antique shops, and swing and ballroom dancing. He was knowledgeable in military history and collected military figurines. Fred was fun-loving and a great neighbor, always ready to help someone in need and never stopped working until his death.

Fred was loved and held in high regard by his brothers both at the local and International levels. The 168th Anniversary Convention honored Brother Wiese and his memory with a formal resolution noting his service to the Fraternity.

### GAMMA DELTA

Florida Southern  
John E. Douglas (1964)

### GAMMA THETA

San Diego State  
William L. White (1958)

### GAMMA KAPPA

Miami (OH)  
Gary P. Pietrangelo (1970)  
William B. Smith (1959)

### GAMMA MU

Bowling Green  
Nicholas J. Mileti (1953)

### GAMMA NU

New Mexico State  
Ty D. Hudson (1982)

### GAMMA XI

San Jose State  
Richard F. Giles (1954)

### GAMMA PI

Buffalo  
Dr. Richard Crowell (1952)

### GAMMA TAU

Drake  
Allen L. McCoy (1954)

### GAMMA UPSILON

Bradley  
Keith J. Bane (1961)  
Kenneth B. Busch (1961)  
Brian R. Jakubczak (1989)  
James J. Kelly (1963)



### Cleveland Icon & Entrepreneur

**NICHOLAS J. MILETI** (GAMMA MU/BOWLING GREEN 1953)

April 22, 1931–August 21, 2024

Nick Mileti believed in the city of Cleveland and used all his talents, networks, and business acumen to leave a legacy.

Mileti joined Theta Chi and worked his way through college as a busboy in a sorority house and as a promotion man for a band. He then worked through law school at Ohio State, often holding several jobs at the same time.

After a stint in the Army, Nick became the prosecuting attorney for Lakewood, OH, and assisted with the development of an apartment building for senior citizens. After its success, Mileti emerged as the country’s leading authority in the development and operation of independent living facilities and multi-purpose senior centers.

In 1968, he purchased the Cleveland Arena and the Cleveland Barons hockey team. Next, when the NBA began seeking expansion teams in 1970, Mileti led the group that established the Cleveland Cavaliers. Two years later, his group also bought MLB’s Cleveland Indians, helping to prevent the team from moving to New Orleans. His time as owner was short-lived, however. By 1980, he had moved on to sports journalism and writing, but Cleveland never forgot the leadership of its native son. In recognition of his efforts, Mileti was inducted into the Cavaliers Wall of Honor in 2019.

Mileti remained loyal to not only Cleveland but to his Fraternity and his alma mater. Nick donated all the funds for the complete decoration and furnishing of Gamma Mu’s new on-campus house in 1961. He co-founded the first BGSU Alumni Chapter, is rumored to have hired more BGSU graduates than just about anyone and was named one of the prominent 100 graduates of BGSU. He also served on the BGSU board of trustees, as chairman of the BGSU alumni association, and made many other contributions. He received BGSU’s Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Community Service Award, an honorary doctorate, and the alumni center on campus was named in his honor.



*Mileti unveils the proposed Coliseum at Richfield.*



Drohmer S. Korista (1962)  
 Douglas A. Lacy (1985)  
 Gary D. McElligott (1959)  
 John D. Melville (1950)  
 Jack G. Milne (1954)  
 John R. Myers (1956)  
 Andrey Pilipchak (1993)  
 Lester A. Podgorny (1954)  
 Joseph Shary (1956)  
 Gregory A. Williams (1982)

**GAMMA PHI**

*Nebraska Wesleyan*  
 David W. Baisinger (1966)  
 Rover G. Felix (1958)

**DELTA BETA**

*Georgia*  
 F. Lee Whitley, Jr. (1966)

**DELTA KAPPA**

*Ball State*  
 Billy L. Harless (1961)  
 James H. Poteet (1955)

**DELTA MU**

*Texas*  
 Jimmie N. Russell (1952)

**DELTA OMICRON**

*Gettysburg*  
 Gerald E. Bloom, III (1966)

**DELTA SIGMA**

*Clarkson*  
 Conrad Hoffman (1953)

**DELTA UPSILON**

*Arizona State*  
 Leigh R. Jascourt (1996)

**DELTA PHI**

*North Texas*  
 Robert K. Bane (1960)

**EPSILON ALPHA**

*High Point*  
 Martin Amis, II (1978)

**EPSILON GAMMA**

*Widener*  
 Joseph F. Burbidge (1965)  
 Michael V. Errico (1961)  
 Richard P. Jones (1966)  
 Frank J. Kugler, Jr. (1957)  
 Stuart H. Raub, III (1956)  
 William Rennie, Jr. (1967)  
 Emil A. Romagnoli (1965)  
 Gerald A. Satchell (1971)  
 William R. Snyder (1961)  
 Edward R. Taddeo, Jr. (1966)  
 Alan J. Toriello (1962)  
 Theodore R. Weber, III (1977)  
 George F. Wells, Jr. (1956)  
 William J. Wilson (1970)

**EPSILON DELTA**

*Youngstown State*  
 Robert M. Belick (1972)

**EPSILON ETA**

*IUP*  
 Robert E. Milliron (1970)

**Theta Chi Chapter**

**HON. R. A. "JIM" RANDALL, JR.** (THETA CHI/GRAND CHAPTER HONORARY 2005)

*August 31, 1940–August 9, 2024*



In 2004, while doing research for the 150th Anniversary Convention, Doug Allen (Delta Beta/Georgia 1990) explored the life of Theta Chi hero Phil S. Randall (Alpha/Norwich 1886), who, as an incoming freshman in 1881, convinced James Michael Holland (Alpha/Norwich 1883) to initiate him along with his friend Henry B. Hersey (Alpha/Norwich 1885), thus saving the Fraternity. Later, Randall's father, Civil War hero Col. Francis V. Randall, became a vice president at Norwich University and was made an Honorary Member of Theta Chi.

Doug read that Brother Randall moved to Minnesota and served as a judge and had remained involved in Theta Chi until his death in 1960. Living in Minnesota, Doug was curious if there were any members of the Randall family still in the area. He soon located Phil's grandson, Judge R.A. "Jim" Randall, and arranged a meeting.

Judge Randall indicated his grandfather had lived out his later years in his childhood home and the two had even shared a bedroom. "Theta Chi was very important

to my grandfather, and my grandfather was very important to me," said Judge Randall. He also shared pictures and mementos of his grandfather.

Following his graduation from Gonzaga University, Jim served in the U.S. Marine Corps and then earned his law degree from the University of Minnesota. He practiced criminal defense law in private practice and as a public defender for 17 years. Randall's passion was protecting the underserved across the state of Minnesota, and he connected with Native Americans across the Iron Range and defended them against the power of the state. Following his appointment to the Minnesota Court of Appeals in 1984, he served full time until 2008, and nine additional years as a retired judge.

As Judge Randall had not had an opportunity to join a fraternity, an invitation from Theta Chi was extended and on March 19, 2005, Judge Randall and his son, Jim, were initiated into Theta Chi Chapter and assigned roster numbers 2 and 3, respectively.

Judge Randall served as a keynote speaker at 2005's Chapter Leadership Conference held at the University of Dayton and again at the 150th Anniversary Convention held at Norwich University in 2006. During the 158th Anniversary Convention in Minneapolis, Judge Randall and his son Jim formally presented the Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award to all chapters that had initiated 25 or more men during the 2013/2014 academic year.

The Theta Chi Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity designation was set aside through legislation approved at the 132nd Anniversary Convention in 1988 and honors individuals who have been selected by the Grand Chapter for membership. Brother Randall is the first member of the Theta Chi Chapter to join the Chapter Eternal.

**EPSILON THETA**

*Tufts*  
 Warren B. Manhard, II (1957)

**EPSILON LAMBDA**

*Lewis & Clark*  
 Nicholas D. Lewis (1961)

**EPSILON MU**

*Eastern Michigan*  
 Peter G. Ballios (1964)

**EPSILON NU**

*CSU-LA*  
 Thomas L. Baker (1968)

**EPSILON RHO**

*Rider*  
 Carl M. Fischer, Jr. (1961)

**EPSILON SIGMA**

*Wagner*  
 Robert Fawcett (1981)

**EPSILON PHI**

*Central Missouri*  
 Larry A. Hanks (1972)  
 John R. Porth (1982)  
 Andrew C. Valine (2007)

**EPSILON PSI**

*NJIT*  
 George H. Devoe (1964)

**ZETA ALPHA**

*Slippery Rock*  
 Terry C. Colatriano (1971)

**ZETA BETA**

*Adrian*  
 Roger L. Hupe (1970)

**ZETA EPSILON**

*Long Beach State*  
 D.J. Flory (1990)

**ZETA THETA**

*Troy*  
 Marc A. Maslanka (1974)  
 James L. Springsteen (1984)

**ZETA PI**

*Old Dominion*  
 James M. Mauldin, Jr. (1973)  
 Stefan J. Perry (1987)

**ZETA SIGMA**

*Wisconsin-River Falls*  
 Daniel H. Gavin (1970)  
 Frederic L. Wiese (1992)

**ZETA PSI**

*Western Illinois*  
 David J. Vahldick (1971)

**ETA ALPHA**

*Clemson*  
 George R. Marett, Jr. (1974)

**ETA BETA**

*Eastern Kentucky*  
 James D. Welsh (2018)

**ETA KAPPA**

*James Madison*  
 Col. Larry Huffman (1975)  
 Scott G. Schreier (1997)

**ETA MU**

*Findlay*  
 Douglas P. Thomas (1982)

**ETA OMICRON**

*Northwestern State*  
 Robert Hutson (1973)

**ETA PI**

*East Stroudsburg*  
 P. Joseph Difeo (1979)

**THETA KAPPA**

*Texas Tech*  
 Adam B. Hall (2014)

**THETA CHI**

*Grand Chapter Honorary*  
 Hon. R.A. "Jim" Randall (2005)

**IOTA ZETA**

*Radford*  
 Brandon W. Johnson (2014)

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