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Take a Closer Look...

Dear Brothers and Friends of Theta Chi:

I trust that this letter finds you well and busily engaged as we continue the work of the Fraternity during the 2014/2015 academic year.

The past two years have been ones of historic growth and success for Theta Chi in virtually every category of measurement. With the successful completion of our 158th Anniversary Convention behind us (see pages 22-29), we now begin to align our thoughts and actions with the continued objective of enhancing the "Theta Chi Experience."

In my closing remarks at the Convention, I shared a quote that I found more than 25 years ago, penned on a piece of paper by my father's own hand. My guess is that it was quite old, dating back many years. It read:

To LOOK is one thing... To SEE what you are looking at is something else... To UNDERSTAND what you see is a third... To LEARN from what you understand is different... But to ACT on what you learned is ALL THAT REALLY MATTERS... ISN'T IT!

I have often revisited that old yellowed and worn thin piece of paper during my life and shared it with many as a statement of fact. I do so again here. I enthusiastically welcome YOU to take a closer LOOK at Theta Chi through the pages of this issue of *The Rattle*. What do you SEE? I hope as you take a closer look, you will see a new sense of excitement and a renewed and energized gait in the stride of every member in the Fraternity. We are standing up tall and leading... As you see the Fraternity growing, changing, and living our Sacred Purpose, you will begin to better UNDERSTAND today's Theta Chi and, in so doing, LEARN more of our direction and of our unconditional commitment to the values and oaths we share as members of this great organization. Whether you have been a Theta Chi for more than 75 years or have just initiated, whether you are a parent, a college administrator, or a friend, I encourage each and every one of you to ACT... for in fact that is ALL THAT REALLY MATTERS... ISN'T IT!

As you read this outstanding issue of *The Rattle* sharing stories of Convention or articles of noteworthy accomplishments... TAKE A CLOSER LOOK at Theta Chi and start thinking about your individual plan of ACTION and what you can do to improve and expand the "Theta Chi Experience" for yourself... and others. Where can you deliver an "Assisting Hand?" Perhaps as an adviser? Perhaps by volunteering at an event or gathering? Perhaps by reaching out to a brother or friend when they need help? Or, perhaps by simply sharing your resources... whether it be time, talent, or treasure?

So enjoy the LOOK, feel proud at what you SEE, UNDERSTAND a little better, LEARN something new about Theta Chi Fraternity and join in on the action... for through your ACTIONS lies our destiny.

It truly is a GREAT TIME to be a THETA CHI!

Warm Fraternal and Personal Regards,

Richard D. Elder
National President



National President Dick Elder leads a Q&A Session for National Volunteers during the 158th Anniversary Convention.



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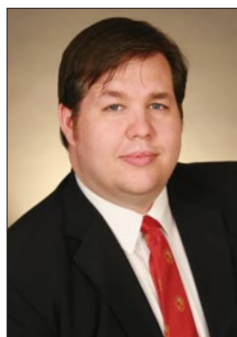
On the Cover: The Coat of Arms stands at the entrance to the new International Headquarters. Take a tour of Theta Chi's new home starting on **page 8**.



A special smartphone app was just one of many things that helped to make this one of our best conventions yet! Convention coverage starts on **page 22**.

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From the Editor



I certainly believe that decades from now, members will look back at the 2013/2014 academic year as an exciting time in the history of Theta Chi Fraternity. Record initiations, a new International Headquarters building, a national partnership with the USO, the launch of our Sacred Purpose movement and so many other incredible moments will, no doubt, immortalize this as one of the banner years for the Fraternity.

The staff at *The Rattle* does its best to document and preserve our history so that Theta Chi's accomplishments can be recorded for all time. We look to you to continue to share your good news and report the achievements of fellow brothers. If your chapter is seemingly missing from the chapter news updates, kindly encourage them to submit updates on the good work they are doing.

The relationships we form are meant to last a lifetime. I encourage you to reach out and connect with a pledge brother or another member you have not spoken to for far too long. Connect with fellow alumni from other chapters. It is by celebrating and maintaining these bonds of brotherhood in the present that we, indeed, make Theta Chi history each and every day.

—Ben Hill



Dear Brothers,

When was the last time you reflected on the ways in which your Theta Chi experience has enhanced your life?

In my work on behalf of our Fraternity, I have the privilege to speak with multiple alumnus members on a daily basis. In casual conversation, I will often ask our alumni to tell me how their Theta Chi experience has benefited them throughout their life.

Of course, the first response I get to this question is almost always an acknowledgment of the lifelong friendships formed as a result of membership in the Fraternity. When I press further, alumni will typically credit those friendships with helping them to form social skills, leadership ability, and a solid support network. To nearly everyone reading this article, this should come as no surprise.

A new report released by Gallup provides very compelling data that supports what we have anecdotally known all along: that membership in a fraternity/sorority enhances the quality of life of its members. The Gallup study found that college graduates with fraternity/sorority affiliation are much more likely to thrive in what it defines as the five critical elements of well-being: Overall Well-Being, Workplace Engagement, Support, Experiential Learning, and Alumni Attachment.

I invite you to download the full Gallup report at:
<http://products.gallup.com/170687/fraternities-sororities-understanding-life-outcomes.aspx>

This new research has done much to validate the good work Theta Chi continues to do. It provides much encouragement for us to further enhance and refine our educational programming and chapter experience.

As you read this issue, I encourage you to consider how Theta Chi's current events will impact the well-being of our members for years to come. We are doing good work that changes the lives of members for the better.

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There's no better time to reconnect with Theta Chi—Share the great news from Gallup and this issue of The Rattle with your chapter brothers!

Monroe Caper initiated into Theta Chi Chapter



Support Staff members are recognized during summer 2014.

Monroe Caper has served as an administrative assistant at the International Headquarters since 2012. He has assisted with events and the Chapter Specific Scholarship Funds. Due to his fine work and appreciation for the Fraternity, Monroe was initiated as the sixth member of the Theta Chi Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity on July 2, 2014. The Theta Chi Chapter was established to honor deserving men who did not have the opportunity to join the Fraternity as undergraduate members.



Keelie Souders was recognized with the Mabel Oswaldt Service Award on June 23, 2014. The award is presented to any non-member employee who has demonstrated service and support to the Fraternity who is worthy of recognition. The award is named after Mabel Oswaldt who served as an administrative assistant at the Executive Office from 1932–1989. Keelie joined the staff on a part time basis in 2011, and currently serves full time as a registration & database specialist, managing the registration for Fraternity events and undergraduate member reporting for both new members and initiates.

Former IHQ Purchased

We bid farewell to 3330 Founders Road. The former IHQ was purchased by Kappa Alpha Theta Women's Fraternity in July, 2014.



The following members of the Field Staff were recognized for their efforts during the entire 2012/2013 academic year: David E. DeVol Awards were presented to Chris Barker, Tom Sisco and Tanner McCullough. Alex Nunchuck, completing a second year on the road, received the Citation of Honor.

New Field Staff

Darien Key

Gamma Theta/San Diego State 2014

Before his time on staff, Darien served Gamma Theta as Vice President, Treasurer, and was part of the Brotherhood and Standards Committees. He also served on five different Associated Students boards and as the Treasurer of his Hall Council. He is a charter member for the recently reinstalled Gamma Theta Chapter as well as the San Diego State Chapter of Delta Epsilon Iota, a professional fraternity. Darien was a history major with a minor in Arabic and Islamic studies and worked as a lead college peer adviser for local high school students and accomplished this all in three years, thus graduating early.

Sean O'Donovan

Zeta Upsilon/University of Hartford 2014

Before his time on staff, Sean served Zeta Upsilon as Vice President, Risk Management Chairman, Recruitment Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, and Social Chairman. He also served on the University of Hartford IFC for two terms as the Vice President-Standards & Practices and as President. He also served as a University of Hartford Orientation Leader and an Assistant Director of Orientation. Sean was a double major in English-creative writing and communication-advertising & public relations. He worked as a writing tutor and a reader/scribe for students with disabilities.

Brandon Younkin

Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg University 2014

Brandon Younkin is a graduate of East Stroudsburg University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in history. At his alma mater, Brother Younkin served as the 2013/2014 Interfraternity Council President and held an executive board position within his chapter for three years. Brandon was involved with many organizations and clubs such as Campus Activities Board, Council for Exceptional Children and the planning committees for the Special Olympics. He is a graduate of UIFI; Iota Gamma class. Brother Younkin is a Baltimore, Maryland, native and enjoys watching the Baltimore Orioles.

Additional members of the 2014/2015 Field Staff include returning members Chris Barker, Epsilon Zeta/Tampa 2013; Tyrone Brooks, Iota Lambda/Longwood 2012; Corey Esquenazi, Iota Theta/Central Florida 2011; Tom Sisco, Gamma Rho/Florida State 2013; and Alex Nunchuck, Iota Theta/Central Florida 2012, who will be starting his third year on the road.

Other Updates

Assistant Director for Recruitment and Expansion **Joe Macko** resigned in August 2014 to pursue a Master's in Public Affairs at Indiana University.

Field Executive **Tyrone Brooks** resigned in October, 2014, to pursue a career as a staff accountant with Lin Media, a CBS affiliate. ■



Theta Chi recognized at Fraternity Communications Association Annual Meeting

In May 2014, during the awards banquet of the Fraternity Communications Association annual meeting held in Atlanta, Theta Chi Fraternity placed third in the category of Social Media-Campaign. Theta Chi was recognized for its efforts on social media during August 2013 for its promotion of our broken record for total men initiated in one school year. You can visit the Official Theta Chi Facebook Fan Page and on the right side of the page—click 2013 and then August to scroll down to re-view the campaign. You can also take a look at the official press release from August 23, 2013, by visiting <http://ow.ly/CfWur>.

We'd also like to thank former Director of Communication Bart Zino (Iota Theta/Central Florida 2008) for joining us at the Awards Banquet.

The Fraternity Communications Association, formerly the College Fraternity Editors Association (CFEA), is a professional association, composed of fraternities and sororities, affiliates and associate members.

Each year FCA receives hundreds of entries from more than 50 member organizations. The best of the best are recognized during the Annual Conference, for outstanding effort in writing, design and communication categories.

Theta Chi returns to Reno; Texas State installed



After a 43-year absence, Theta Chi proudly returns to the University of Nevada.

Beta Phi/University of Nevada

Reinstalled: May 18, 2014

Theta Chi traces its roots at Nevada to Phi Gamma, a local fraternity established in 1922. Phi Gamma became the Iota Chapter of Beta Kappa Fraternity in 1925 and, after the merger with Theta Chi, was installed as Beta Phi Chapter on October 31, 1942. Beta Phi Chapter was active until January 1971 and had initiated more than 350 members.

Forty years later, two juniors at the University of Nevada, Reno, Kyle Fleury and Kyle Yamauchi, set out to re-establish Theta Chi on their campus. Inspired by Theta Chi stories from Kyle's father (Theodore Fleury, Delta Pi/Indiana State 1980), the two decided to contact International Headquarters about forming an interest group in October 2011.

On Oct. 20, 2012, Theta Chi welcomed 21 pledges to the Beta Phi Colony. As a colony, the members participated in the Adopt-a-Park program at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park and worked to assure that the park grounds and facilities were clean for community use. They also held a "Hugs and Kisses with Theta Chi" event to raise money for the Reno Women's Shelter, and invited speakers to campus to educate students on topics related to the Sacred Purpose Initiative.

The members were also active in campus and Greek life activities such as Gamma Delta's "Anchor Splash," Tri Delta's "Frats at

Bat," and Delta Sigma Pi's "Mr. GQ," and Greek Week and the University of Nevada's "Wolf Trot."

On May 18, 2014, 33 men were initiated into the Beta Phi Chapter during the reinstallation ceremony held at the Harry Reid Engineering Building. National President Dick Elder presided.

In attendance were National Vice President Bill Palmer and International Headquarters staff members Joe Macko, Assistant Director of Recruitment and Expansion, and Tyrone Brooks, Recruitment and Expansion Specialist.

The original Beta Phi Chapter was also represented. Bruce Krater, Beta Phi/Nevada 1952, had previously met the new undergraduate members when they had celebrated his 84th birthday in April and presented him with a gift and an invitation to the reinstallation of Beta Phi.

Chief Peter J. Mulvihill, Epsilon/WPI 1978, a Nevada State Fire Marshal, was also in attendance. Chief Mulvihill is currently serving as Beta Phi's Health and Safety Adviser.

Theta Chi fathers Theodore Fleury and Wayne Hauptman, Jr., Eta Omega/Chico State 1990, were on hand to pin their sons Kyle Fleury and Lucas Hauptman.

In a luncheon that followed, guest speakers Wayne Hauptman, Theodore Fluery, Kyle Fleury, Kyle Sproul, Tyrone Brooks, William Palmer and Dick Elder took to the podium.

Iota Upsilon/Texas State University

Installed: May 31, 2014

In 2011, after hearing about Theta Chi from a member at Sam Houston State University, Roman Peterson began discussing the prospect of bringing Theta Chi to Texas State with his friends. Soon an interest group was formed, and in 2011 the group petitioned to become a colony of Theta Chi. In April 2012, Texas State Interest Group became Texas State Colony.

Despite numerous challenges and obstacles, the men secured campus recognition and membership in the IFC. The colony worked to help reform Greek life at Texas State University by participating in community events like the Bobcat Build and the San Marcos River Cleanup. They were also active in campus events winning Greek Week and placing first in the Spirit Award in 2013. They placed second during Greek Week in 2014, were the winners of the Greek Knowledge Bowl in 2014, and won the Greek God competition two years in a row.

On May 31, 2014, 41 pledges were initiated into Iota Upsilon Chapter during a ceremony held in the LBJ Student Center Ballroom on the Texas State University Campus. National Marshal Tait Martin presided and was assisted by National Chaplain Doug Miller. The International Headquarters staff was represented by Senior Director of Development

Philip Thornton, Assistant Director of Recruitment and Expansion Joe Macko, and former Leadership and Education Consultant Jason Howeth. Counselor Clarence Frank, Jr. was also in attendance.

Brothers from other chapters were also in attendance: Spencer Cardwell, Epsilon Tau/Stephen F. Austin State 2017; Kevin Silva, Theta Kappa/Texas Tech 2016; Philip Spaulding, Delta Phi/North Texas 2011; Timothy Rye, Theta Rho/McNeese State 2010; James Puglisi, Beta Chi/Allegheny College 1984; Donald Hawkins, Theta Eta/Sam Houston State 1989; and Rayburn A. Fulks, Delta Phi/North Texas 1963. Richard Gassman, Delta Phi/North Texas 1980, pinned his son, Tim Gassman.

Alumnus initiates included Iota Upsilon Faculty Adviser Corey Wheeler, a Residence Director at Texas State, and Mark Chambers, father of Iota Upsilon initiate Marshall Chambers.

A luncheon followed the ceremony at Railyard Restaurant. Chapter President Travis Medlin and Founding President Roman Peterson both spoke briefly about the achievements of the colony and how far they had come in the past couple of years. Jason Howeth, Tait Martin, Doug Miller, Ray Fulks, and Joe Macko all said a few words as well.

Located in San Marcos, Texas, Texas State University was established in 1899 as

New Colonies

The spring of 2014 was successful in establishing several new colonies:

Zeta/New Hampshire	Long Island University-Post
Epsilon Pi/Northern Illinois	Rochester Institute of Technology
Theta Chi Colony of Spokane, WA	

In June, the Grand Chapter approved a Petition for Colony status from a group of young men at the **University of South Carolina**. These men were pledged at a colony ceremony held August 24, 2014.

These men join our current colonies who will soon submit their petition to the Grand Chapter for re-installation:

Zeta Psi/Western Illinois	SUNY-Binghamton
Eta Upsilon/Texas A&M	SUNY-Cortland

The 2014/2015 year will be an aggressive year for expansion as we seek to recolonize at:

Alpha Sigma/Oregon	Theta Tau/Western Michigan
Epsilon Eta/IUP	Theta Psi/Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Theta Chi has also been invited to establish a new colony at the **University of Texas-El Paso**. Fifteen men at UTEP pledged Theta Chi on September 22, 2014.

If you are interested in assisting as an adviser for any of these projects, know young men whom you could recommend to join or are aware of other expansion opportunities, please contact JD Ford, Sr. Director for Recruitment and Expansion at jdford@thetachi.org.

Southwest Texas State Normal School. The school opened its doors in 1903 as a teaching school with 303 students, and has since grown to the fifth largest university in Texas with more than 34,000 students. In 1930, Texas State's most notable alumnus, President

Lyndon B. Johnson, graduated from what was then known as Southwest Texas State Teachers College. The university underwent two more name changes before becoming Texas State University in 2003. Texas State University is home to 21 fraternities and 12 sororities. ■



Iota Upsilon charter members along with members of the Chapter Installation Committee.

The New IHQ

The Fraternity's new International Headquarters building was dedicated at a ceremony held on April 26, 2014. More than 150 members and guests attended the function. Speeches were given by National President Dick Elder, Executive Director Mike Mayer, and Jim Brainard, the mayor of Carmel, IN. Citations of Honor were presented to Norwich Housing Corporation President Mike Kistler, Associate Executive Director Jim Powell and Office Manager Cindy Billman for their efforts in securing and preparing the building for the Fraternity. The ribbon was cut by National President Dick Elder and Mayor Brainard, who were assisted by all Past National Presidents, current Presidents of The Norwich Housing Corporation and The Foundation Chapter, and past/present brothers who served as Executive Director.

To provide a glimpse into the building and events of that day, two alumnus and two undergraduate brothers were tapped to share their memories of the event:

Kia Sepassi

Beta Iota/Arizona 2001

My journey to witness this historic event actually started about 15 years ago in the warm desert of southern Arizona. During the late '90s, I was part of the then-Beta Iota Colony working to bring Theta Chi back to the University of Arizona. During my first year of pharmacy school in the fall of 1997, I was introduced to Theta Chi by a classmate who was an alumnus from another chapter helping the colony get established. I had never been part of a fraternity and saw this as a great opportunity to be a part of something special. The ideals and values I learned then helped shape me become the person I am today. It resulted in me living my life according to our Creed, living what I call the Theta Chi way of life. Although the colony disbanded and I was not initiated, I continued my interest in Theta Chi affairs. It became my goal and obsession to fulfill my membership at my old alma mater.

As many of you know, Beta Iota was reinstalled in 2011. In the summer of 2012, I reached out to then-Chapter President Brad Novak (Beta Iota/Arizona 2013) and he in turn put me in touch with Beta Iota's past Graduate Adviser, Philip Thornton (Gamma



Kia Sepassi felt at home at the new Headquarters.

Theta/San Diego State 2005). Through Philip's efforts and dedication, I was initiated as an alumnus initiate at my old alma mater in the fall of 2012.

My Theta Chi experience as an initiated member, although brief thus far, would not be possible without IHQ support. Within the last year, I joined the Gamma Theta Alumni Board at San Diego State University; currently, I'm the assistant chapter adviser.

In many ways, traveling from San Diego with my fellow Gamma Theta Alumni Board members to attend dedication was the least I could do for our Fraternity. I truly believe



Theta Chi has given me far MORE than what I have given in return.

I remember driving up to the new building in my rental car on that Saturday morning. The weather forecast was for rain that day, but luckily, all I could see were beautiful blue skies. After I parked and walked up to the building, I was completely overcome with emotions. I thought to myself, "I've been walking the desert aimlessly for many years looking to find my way home." "I couldn't believe it," I kept telling myself, "I made it home!!!"



The speeches were concluded with the ribbon cutting ceremony. As soon as that ended, I went inside and started out by touring the museum. The museum was unbelievable!!! I spent an hour just looking at every single item. You could tell that a lot of thought had gone into setting up the museum. After touring the museum, I met up with Al Zale, Gamma Theta Alumni Board President. Together, we spent about two hours going through the rest of the new building; we even checked out the beautiful big pond in the back.

In my opinion, a “can’t miss” item are the three Old South Barracks bricks incorporated into the outside of the new building, located on the left-hand side by the museum entrance. I stood mesmerized staring at these bricks. All I could do was stand and reflect on what these bricks stood for. These bricks, representing the ideals and principles Theta Chi was founded on, are helping to shape and strengthen the new building. The ideals of our past are ever present and valid even after 158 years.

The next day I was on an early morning

flight back to San Diego. I was so excited to talk about my trip and what I had experienced that as soon as I landed, I was on my way to attend the chapter meeting. I addressed the brothers prior to the start of the meeting and shared the excitement I had experienced.

You see, those of us who attended the IHQ dedication attended for various reasons. For me the trip was a spiritual experience and a rite of passage. It helped me understand and stay resolute in this life I live, this Theta Chi way of life.

Brandon Taylor

Delta Omega/Ripon 2012

Theta Chi Fraternity has had such a large impact on my life, I knew I wanted to be a part of the Dedication Ceremony of our new International Headquarters on April 26, 2014, in Carmel, Indiana, symbolizing our continued growth as an international organization and the culmination of hard work from every member of our beloved Fraternity. I viewed the dedication ceremony as a chance to witness a historic moment for Theta Chi, an opportunity to reconnect with brothers from my chapter, whom I had not seen for more than a year, and an opportunity to reconnect with some of the IHQ staff whom I had kept in touch with after my undergraduate career.

The ceremony was a great introduction to brothers from across the country as well as the four brothers from my chapter. As soon as I received the invitation for the ceremony, I knew this was an event I wanted to attend. I contacted my closest friends in the chapter and starting planning our mini-reunion. I started researching flights and hotels for my trip from California while coordinating travel plans with my family in Indianapolis and my friends who were traveling from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Chicago, Illinois.

After booking my flight and confirming my transportation to the airport, I contacted Brother Ray Vanlanot. I met Brother Vanlanot in 2012 at the 156th Anniversary Convention



Author Brandon Taylor, the 2012 Shug Jordan Award winner, located the Shug Jordan Award plaque and snapped a photo.



Built in 1999, Theta Chi occupies 60 percent of the 31,000+ square foot building and leases the remaining portion to local businesses. The new IHQ contains a museum, conference rooms, the Chapman-Alter Library, and a chapter room that holds nearly 200.

in Palm Springs, California, and we had kept in touch over the years. Ray was gracious enough to pick me up from the airport on my arrival and house my friends and me for the weekend. Upon my initial arrival in Indianapolis, I stayed with my family for a few days and later met my friends. My friends and I caught up at one of the local restaurants Friday night and prepared for the ceremony on Saturday morning.

Our arrival to the ceremony was slightly delayed thanks to some road construction, but that did not deter our enthusiasm or excitement for the day's festivities. Upon arrival and check-in, I introduced my chapter brothers to a few members of the staff and we proceeded to the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Meeting brothers who had made similar cross-country trips as I had was intriguing as there were a number of people in attendance from both coasts. It was great re-establishing old friendships and introductions as well as making new connections, which is one aspect of our Fraternity that never seems to lose its allure.

The significance and symbolism of the new Headquarters really stood out during the ribbon-cutting ceremony as we learned of our Headquarters' history, the hard work and dedication of the people responsible for the new Headquarters, and the growth of our Fraternity in recent years which ultimately led up to this relocation and expansion.

After the ribbon was cut, my friends and I were eager to tour the new building. Having visited the previous headquarters building on Founders Road on a number of occasions, my

first impression of our new building as I walked in was one of awe and amazement as there was so much more space than before. It was incredible and inspiring knowing the Fraternity had invested in a space that would easily accommodate the continued growth, development, and expansion of our Fraternity.

During the tour, I tried to take in every aspect of the new facility—I examined all of the offices, the new board rooms, the pictures on the walls depicting countless years of history, and selfishly, I had to take a picture next to the Shug Jordan Award. I will have to admit that the museum was one of the highlights of the office tour. Seeing the history of the Fraternity and the progression from where we had started to where we are as an organization today gave me an optimistic feeling of continued growth. The chapter room was another great addition to the new Headquarters especially since it can, and hopefully will be, utilized by chapters to welcome and initiate new members.

I believe this was a historic moment in Theta Chi's history that will be remembered for years to come by those who attended and by those who plan to visit the new Headquarters. This ceremony marked a record-breaking achievement in terms of recruitment and expansion and I am excited to re-visit the Headquarters in the coming years to continue to see the growth of our Fraternity and hopefully continue to be a part of this history. As Dick Elder, our National President, so aptly stated during the ribbon-cutting, "It is a great time to be a Theta Chi!"



National President Dick Elder jokes with author Joe Weber (second from left) and Alpha Iota members as they arrive.

Joe Weber

Alpha Iota/Indiana 2016, Chapter President

Brothers, if you were lucky enough to attend the official dedication ceremony of the new Theta Chi International Headquarters this April, I'm sure you'll agree with me: the building is incredible.

But as fraternity men, we know that structures only go so far. Some of us have three-story chapter houses, others have chapters in apartment complexes. It honestly doesn't matter. We all understand that no matter how great the building, it's the quality of men that makes an organization worth joining.

So, while I give you my account of the dedication ceremony, forgive me if I focus on the details of the fellow brothers who surrounded me more so than the Headquarters itself.

I pulled into the parking lot in Carmel, Indiana, for the start of the ceremony with four other brothers. In total, our chapter shipped three cars worth for the quick journey from Bloomington to the Indianapolis suburbs. As an Alpha Iota from Indiana University, you can imagine we were expected to make a significant presence. We were late.

National President Dick Elder greeted me first. He grinned smugly down at his watch and grabbed my shoulder.

TOP LEFT: Executive Director Mike Mayer thanks guests. TOP RIGHT: National President Dick Elder (right) and Theta Chi's Grand Old Man Dave DeVol reconnect.

"You're late, brother. Might as well head back home."

If I were a year younger and hadn't met Brother Elder before, I may have experienced a moment of incontinence. Luckily, you learn quickly that Dick enjoys a good laugh like any active member.

After joining the rest of the party, the ribbon-cutting ceremony began the day's festivities. Executive Director Mike Mayer gave a brief speech. So did Dick Elder. Both were great.

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The museum displays many original artifacts from the Founders, making it a destination for all brothers.



More than 150 brothers and guests gather to dedicate the new Headquarters and tour the facility.

From Joe Weber (continued)

As early as 10 years ago, I have a feeling our Grand Chapter and full-time staff would laugh if we told them about the facility and resources we now have. It is totally worth seeing in person. Trust me.

As the ribbon-cutting ceremony began—I stood in the back next to Jimmy Cox (Alpha Delta/Purdue 2009), a chapter adviser for Purdue University and friend of mine through various national events. As Executive Director Mike Mayer begins his address, less than a minute went by before fellow Alpha Iota and Senior Director for Collegiate Services Ray Vanlanot sneaks up behind Jimmy.

“You hear that Jimmy? Mike is speaking words right now. They don’t teach those in tractor school.”

Jimmy loses it at this point and starts laughing. People are starting to stare. Keeping in line with the long-standing IU-Purdue rivalry, this isn’t the first time I’ve heard the two insult each other’s intelligence. It’s all in good fun of course. [Editor’s Note: At least we think so...]

The hallway that leads to staff offices is filled with pictures of old chapter houses, memorable alumni and past award recipients and chapter accomplishments.

I run into National Vice President Bill Palmer. We snap a quick picture together.

“I’ll put this on Facebook when I get home,” he says.

If you’ve met Brother Palmer, you’ll know that behind family, career and Theta Chi, Bill loves sharing pictures on Facebook. Send him a friend request if you haven’t already.

A few of the freshman brothers who joined me were much quieter. Wide-eyed and impressed by the new building, I don’t think they were expecting such a laid-back and friendly atmosphere at a formal suit-and-tie event.

For these brothers, and many others across the country, I’m sure the International Fraternity doesn’t seem significant when your chapter is so far away from Headquarters. But for the same reasons we’ve all joined Theta Chi, I’ve grown to care about our Fraternity as a national organization because of the quality of



Brothers enjoy the memorabilia adorning the halls.

men involved. From National Counselor Joseph Couch’s soft-spoken Southern demeanor to the slightly louder laughs and Kentucky drawl of Chapter Adviser Darick Brown, visiting IHQ is a chapter away from home.

No matter the quality of the walls that bring us all together, whether they be a new facility in Carmel, Indiana, or a meeting room in a student union, the quality of brotherhood will be the one thing we all remember about Theta Chi.

Bryce Ellis

*Alpha Rho/Washington 2015,
Chapter President*

My name is Bryce Ellis and I am the current Chapter President of Alpha Rho at the University of Washington in Seattle. This past April, I attended the grand opening of Theta Chi's new International Headquarters in Carmel, Indiana. For those of you out on the West Coast, you probably know that flying out to Indy isn't exactly the easiest trip to make, and for those of you back East, just know it's quite the trek. Regardless though, there were several reasons that just about guaranteed my attendance at this monumental occasion no matter what.

First of all, this was an experience I was not going to miss, plain and simple. This was my organization—our organization—making history and bringing about a new, greater era of Theta Chi. As was noted at the ceremony, each move of IHQ has ushered in a more robust, prosperous Fraternity and as is readily apparent, this move will be no different than its predecessors. Second, and to my disappointment, I am unable to attend Convention this year, and thus IHQ's grand opening was the best chance I had to meet and talk with brothers from around the nation. Now, on a daily basis, my chapter reminds me in multiple ways why I joined Theta Chi, and this cannot be understated; yet, experiencing Theta Chi beyond my chapter stands alone in a league of its own. Deranian Presidents Conference, MYLC, all of these events are awesome not only because of the learning and growth they provide, but because of the opportunities they provide to truly begin to explore our brotherhood. This sense of opportunity to explore was amplified tenfold at the grand opening. To experience the generations of triumphant, passionate, dedicated, hardworking brothers, and friends who have continually channeled their energy into Theta Chi was inspirational and unlike anything else I have felt throughout my time as a Theta Chi. Our new IHQ is the direct result of this hard work and dedication and to walk down its halls with brothers initiated well before my parents were born was humbling, and left me with a sense of confidence in our organization unlike any other. Theta Chi is an organization you join not for four years, but for life and this experience cemented that fact, making IHQ's move all the more sweet. We have a new home that will continue to foster lifelong brotherhood, and our staff and our Grand Chapter could not have picked a

better place to call home (and I'll admit this even despite the lengthy travel times from out West).

I really have to take a second here to give a special thank-you to Brother Joe Macko, who housed me for two nights and let me borrow his car for the weekend.

Rolling up to the new IHQ in Carmel, it was immediately clear just how special this event was for Theta Chi. The sheer numbers pouring out from the building radiated a sense of excitement that more than justified my decision to make the 2,247-mile trip. Brothers from Indiana, Florida, Michigan and even California—special recognition to the other West Coast brothers who made the trip—greeted me within a minute of getting out of the car. The sense of brotherhood was contagious, and I could feel the anticipation in the air. For those of you who haven't had a chance to see the new IHQ, let me just say, wow. The building is simple and elegant, with perfectly placed letters that suggest that Theta Chi is here, and here to stay.

Seeing the red ribbon draped across the IHQ and hearing the inspirational words from National President Dick Elder and Executive Director Mike Mayer was surreal. These esteemed brothers and many others worked tirelessly at making this new home a reality and it showed through the enthusiasm in their words. The kind words of Carmel Mayor James Brainard made it clear that Theta Chi is the type of organization that communities want to welcome and embrace. His presence was both exhilarating and humbling.

I'd never been to a ribbon-cutting ceremony before and I highly doubt that any future ceremony will match the energy in the moment that ribbon was cut. This was it—this was our past, our present and our future condensed into one moment, and that moment was perfection: A reminder that Theta Chi is capable of anything it puts its heart and mind to.

Our new IHQ building is just that, new. It had a fresh, welcoming feel that had me wandering the halls and talking with brothers for hours. Despite this newness, what was perhaps most striking about IHQ, and the one thing I would say that absolutely no brother can miss, was the history of Theta Chi that lined the walls. From the Theta Chi museum displays devoted to the original artifacts of our Founders, to the old photographs of different chapters, all of this history made me even more proud to be a Theta Chi. The images and items on display are a connection to the



Bryce Ellis (far right) listens to opening speeches.

generations of brothers who have come before us and helped to shape our organization. A testament to the values we hold dear and the brotherhood we hold sacred as members of Theta Chi.

One of the most memorable parts of the experience were people's reactions when I told them where I had come from. Brothers were legitimately shocked that an undergrad had made the journey from Seattle to Carmel to see a ribbon cut and a brand new IHQ opened. I totally understood where they were coming from, and yet I was convinced that many of them would have chosen to do the same. Sure, it was physically far to come, but man, it was worth it.

I traveled to the grand opening because of the opportunities it presented to experience our brotherhood and especially, to witness history. I emphasize history because our history is of paramount importance to the future of this Fraternity. Ritual, values, tradition—all of these foundational elements are rooted in our history, and the significance of these moments throughout our Fraternity's 158-year life is undeniable. As Theta Chis, we have been blessed by the tremendous leaders who have chosen to pursue the betterment of our Fraternity, a reflection of the history that has come before them. It was noted in the ceremony that with each new Theta Chi IHQ, the Fraternity has grown to be a more prosperous, successful organization. The story of this Headquarters will be no different. This was an opportunity to embrace and engage with past, present and future leaders, the individuals who have and will continue to become an integral part of our history. And so, this was an opportunity that 2,247 miles could never get in the way of leading to an experience that will continue to shape my life in the way that only being a brother of Theta Chi could. Here's to our history, our future, and the brothers who will shape the two for generations to come.



Theta Chi memorabilia adorns the walls and hallways of the new Headquarters, offering hours of browsing.



REALIZING OUR SACRED PURPOSE

OUR COMMITMENT
TO ONE ANOTHER

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BY SHAWN BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMMING

The theme for the second full day of National Convention celebrated and served as a ribbon cutting for Theta Chi's Sacred Purpose movement. Theta Chi's health and safety movement, called Sacred Purpose, officially launched in January of 2014. In just a few short months, we have made marked progress and impact beyond our expectations. This is my personal reflection on our first six months. I hope it will give you a glimpse into how it is transforming our Fraternity and our members.

What is Theta Chi?

At its core, Theta Chi is relational. Theta Chi is a promise that we make to each other. It is a promise that says, "I am here for you and I have your back." If we allow it, that seemingly simple promise changes everything. It is about helping each other have better lives. It is the Helping Hand. It is about our commitment to one another. Unless it changes the way we relate to one another, Theta Chi means nothing at all.

Theta Chi is a spirit. Nothing is more important—not chapter meetings, not socials, not service projects, not philanthropy, not committee meetings, not campus leadership, not intramurals. Although all of these are essential to the work of the Fraternity, they are not the Fraternity.

That spirit was alive and well at the Convention. As we looked around, we saw it everywhere. It was in the warm smiles, strong embraces, deep conversations, and I can't forget the belly-laughs.

What is Sacred Purpose?

At Convention, we agreed that Sacred Purpose is all around us. We affirmed that the Sacred Purpose movement is a modern and relevant expression of who we have always been. Just like it is clearly declared in the Creed of Theta Chi, we are truly "ennobled by high and sacred purpose." Inspired by its potential, we recommitted to being there for one another. And, we studied and practiced the essential skills so we can be there when brothers need it the most.

How did we get to this point?

In 2012, National President Dick Elder decided we had to do more in order to support and protect today's brothers. It was clear that the challenges and issues facing undergraduate members transcended simply creating a new program or writing a new handbook. We wanted to inspire a renewed understanding of what it means to be a Theta Chi, so we started to use the word "movement." We also knew that the movement must have the face of the undergraduate to be considered relevant and lasting and therefore required us to consider changing our under-

graduate leadership structure so we would have the foundation for lasting change.

We also knew that it must be more than our existing risk management policies. It had to address the other health and safety challenges facing our brothers and the Fraternity, such as mental health, fire and life safety, relational health, alcohol and drug abuse, hazing, non-consensual sexual activity, nutrition and exercise, and financial health, among others.

Finally, we knew that it must inspire a renewed attitude and culture in Theta Chi—something that would transform the way we all think and act... something that transforms the way we see each other.

The foundation of what would become the Sacred Purpose movement is the creation of a new undergraduate leadership position called the Vice President of Health and Safety. We knew that deep and permanent transformation required a significant level of leadership, so that role was elevated to the third ranking undergraduate officer.

We knew that this kind of change was momentous and had to be communicated clearly to more than 8,000 undergraduate members and 100,000+ alumni, so, in October 2013, we launched the Sacred Purpose movement with a new logo, a six-part video series, and a new website. The word was out. There was no going back! I received dozens of e-mails, most of them overwhelmingly positive. I would often receive e-mail from undergraduates that said something like, "I didn't know that my Fraternity cared about me like this. Here is what is going on in my life. What should I do now?"

Our first goal was to help our chapters and colonies elect their first Vice Presidents of Health and Safety. The Fraternity made a significant and essential investment by inviting those first Vice Presidents of Health and Safety to attend the Sacred Purpose Launch Event held in Indianapolis in January.

I am so proud of those men. They courageously stepped into the gap and said, "Send me." In many cases they were not even sure what they were getting themselves into. But, they aligned with the idea of a more intentional commitment to one another. They have been pioneers for the Fraternity and were honored at Convention with a standing ovation.

That gathering in January was perhaps the most meaningful Theta Chi gathering I have ever had the pleasure of attending. Our goals were simple. We wanted to inspire them, equip them, and connect them. It happened beyond my grandest expectations.

Nearly 150 brothers gathered in a room, unfamiliar to one another. I spoke about "Our Sacred Purpose" with the goal to share a vision so that everyone would know why we are doing what we are doing. I also shared parts of my own personal story and was quite vulnerable with them. I told

of the gut-wrenching challenges in my own life and of the amazing men who were there for me when I needed it the most.

At the end of that first night, we asked if there was anyone who would also like to tell their personal story to the group. More than 30 men raised their hand. The next day, we carved out time so guys could share their stories with one another. There were times when there was not a dry eye in the room. In fact, time did not allow for every brother to share, so we had to set up a video camera so men could share their story by video during breaks in the schedule.

Dozens of stories were shared that weekend that highlighted the diverse realities of our lives and reminded us that we need each other. Those stories reminded us why we must have a Sacred Purpose movement. During the Convention, I shared footage of one of those courageous and vulnerable brothers. It touched and inspired all of us.

We learned together that weekend that we are not alone in our challenges. We also decided that we had to do a better job of being there for one another, and that the Fraternity could be more than we imagined it could be. On Sunday, January 12, the men returned home to begin their work.

The Vice President of Health and Safety has four distinct roles:

- Cultivate relationships with campus professionals and understand the resources that are available for our members. They are to serve as connector between our men and the campus professionals who can help.
- Inspire and equip our chapter brothers to recognize the needs of brothers and to do something to help one another.
- Organize campus-wide health and safety programs that provide leadership to the entire campus community.
- Identify a dedicated Health and Safety Adviser who helps guide the long-term success and relevance of Sacred Purpose. That adviser would also be equipped to help identify the needs of brothers and find appropriate resources for them.

The Impact of Sacred Purpose

Although statistics like these allow us to measure our progress, it is important to look beyond the numbers. What are people really saying? What does it mean to them? When we apply that deeper measure to Sacred Purpose, we get a glimpse at its humanity and true impact. After all, our goal is not to simply host guest speakers and sponsor programs. Our real goals are deepened relationships, transformed lives, and a greater love for Theta Chi.

Celebrating the Fraternity's Impact: the Data

Campus-Wide Programs

Alcohol/drugs	36
Mental Health	35
Non-consensual Sexual Activity	25
Fire and Life Safety	11
Exercise/Nutrition	12
Total	119

Guest Speakers..... 218

Health and Safety Advisers..... 63

*119 of 146 chapters/colonies reporting activity from Spring 2014



Past-National President Paul Norstrom (r) presents the inaugural Westol Award to Beta Phi/Nevada. Peter Mulvihill, Epsilon/WPI 1978, (l), a Nevada State Fire Marshal, serves as Health and Safety Adviser.

During the Convention, we shared testimonials from undergraduates, alumni, university administrators, and parents. It was evident that Sacred Purpose is transforming our brothers, their chapters, and their campuses.

The Dave Westol Sacred Purpose Award

At Convention, the Fraternity presented the new Westol Award to recognize the chapter that most exemplifies the spirit of Sacred Purpose. Beta Phi/Nevada was selected as the inaugural recipient. Beta Phi learned from guest speakers on sexual harassment and mental health and hosted a campus-wide program on the dangers of drinking and driving which attracted 130 students.

The award is named in honor of Past-National Vice President and Executive Director Dave Westol, Beta Zeta/Michigan State 1973, who has devoted his life to the health, safety, and protection of fraternity and sorority members. Westol selected a quote for the award that eloquently captures the spirit of the Sacred Purpose movement:

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our very own"

—Edwin Markham 1852–1940

We will never, ever give up!

In her famous quote, Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." I believe Theta Chi is on the verge of something special that will forever impact the world. A miracle is happening in Theta Chi. I could not be more proud of our brothers. ■

Learn more about Sacred Purpose at <http://sacredpurpose.thetachi.org/>

To learn more about serving as a Health and Safety Adviser, please contact Shawn Bennett at sbennett@thetachi.org or call 317-848-1856.

Reginald E. F. Colley Award

Named for past Grand Chapter member Reginald E.F. Colley, this award is the Fraternity's highest undergraduate honor which recognizes distinguished service to their alma mater, Fraternity and Chapter. The 2014 recipient of the Reginald E.F. Colley Award is **Steven J. Vesey**, Beta Lambda/Akron 2014.

The First Runner-Up is **Layton J. Cox**, Beta Iota/Arizona 2013 and the Second Runner-Up is **Akshay Kapoor**, Theta/Massachusetts 2013. The winner and two runner-up each receive academic scholarships from The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi.

Vesey majored in construction engineering technology earning a 3.986 grade point average. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Gamma Sigma Alpha Honorary Fraternity.

He was a member of the Society of Students in Construction and served as the Public Relations Chair; the American Institute of Constructors, and was involved in Construction Management Association of America, where he served as the Director of Community Service.

He was recognized as the recipient of the Robert C. Weyrick Outstanding Student Award, the A-Key Blue Award, the Certificate of Excellence for Achievement/STEM Award, and the Outstanding Student Award in Construction Engineering Technology.

At Akron, Vesey served as a Student Assistant on two separate occasions for two different professors. He was a member of several service organizations, including the Student United Way and the Choose Ohio First Stem Program.

Vesey was a strong contributor to the greater Akron community. He assisted 14 different charities at more than 44 events for a total of almost 178 hours of documented service. Some notable events include the Campus Programming Network, University Residence Life, and several trips for Alternative Spring Breaks. He balanced his school and his service endeavors by participating in several intramural events, including volleyball, football, basketball, and dodgeball.

Interfraternally, Vesey served as the IFC representative for his chapter for two years, collaborating with different groups on campus and organizing his chapter's participation in several events.

Within Beta Lambda Chapter, Vesey served as Risk Manager, Vice President, and finally as President. As the Vice President, he successfully managed and oversaw the operation of the committee structure within his chapter, and organized several chapter events such as Relay For Life, Up 'til Dawn, and other community service events. He served on several committees within Theta Chi, including bylaw revision, budget, recruitment, chapter house remodeling, and campus relations committees. His chapter brothers recognized his leadership and scholarship by awarding him the Scholar of the Year Award and the Active Chapter Service Award.



Executive Director Mike Mayer (the 2004 Colley Award Winner) joins Past National Vice President Bill Palmer (r) in presenting the Colley Award to Steven Vesey.

Vesey participated within the National Fraternity by traveling to and participating in several initiation and leadership events at nearby chapters. He also participated in the installation of Iota Tau Chapter at Northern Kentucky University in the fall of 2013. He attended several national events, including National Convention, Deranian Presidents Conference, and the Initiative Academy.

Craig Wise, Associate Professor for Construction Engineering Technology, wrote, "Steve is an excellent, highly motivated student evidenced by his GPA, work experience, and many awards and scholarships. Steve is a balanced, hard-working young man and is well liked by students and faculty."

Sr. Director for Recruitment and Expansion JD Ford shared, "As an alumnus of Beta Lambda and serving on the IHQ staff, I have had multiple opportunities to work with Brother Vesey. From my interactions with him, he is one of the nicest guys I know. Furthermore, his work ethic is superb. I am elated that he was chosen as this year's Colley Award winner."

Congratulations, Brother Vesey!

2013/2014 Award Recipients

Presented at the 158th Anniversary Convention and
36th School of Fraternity Practices, July 16-19, 2014



National President Dick Elder and Executive Director Mike Mayer present the Fraternity's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award to Past Grand Chapter member Rich Partridge (#132 at left) and Past National President Doug Allen (#133 at right)

Distinguished Service Award

Richard I.L. Partridge, Theta/Massachusetts 1991

Douglas M. Allen, Delta Beta/Georgia 1990

Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi For Life Award

James D. Hardwick, Phi/North Dakota State 1987

Richard W. Leland, Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1997

Michael P. Maloney, Delta Upsilon/Arizona State 1987

David A. May, Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls 1970

James S. McEachern, III, Beta Psi/Presbyterian 1982

James J. Moylan, Gamma Lambda/Denver 1969

Paul R. Norstrom, Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1986

B. Harry Strack, Jr., Chi/Auburn 1965

Wesley K. Wicker, Alpha Phi/Alabama 1979

George T. Kilavos Alumni Award

Joe L. Clack, Eta Sigma/Arkansas Tech 1980

Dr. Jon L. Fleming, Alpha Mu/Iowa State 1975

JD Ford, Beta Lambda/Akron 2005

Dr. William A. "Tony" Lake, Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1995

Robert E. Leitch, Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 1996

Philip P. Pappas, II, Beta Chi/Allegheny 1979

Charles J. "CJ" Vanstrom, II, Gamma Epsilon/Western State 1982

Joel M. Wendland, Zeta Beta/Adrian 1996

David E. DeVol Award

Thomas L. Axon, Delta Kappa/Ball State 1978

James A. Baumann, Delta Psi/Kansas 1983

Christian P. Chace, Epsilon Gamma/Widener 1998

Mark Hillis, Gamma Rho/Florida State 1964

David J. Hubler, Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1999

Daren W. Jensen, Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1995

Royce A. Keehr, Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls 1988

Tyson Y. Lai, Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1989

William E. Lucas, III, Epsilon/WPI 1998

Herbert W. Morgan, Jr., Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1988

Peter J. Mulvihill, Epsilon/WPI 1978

Nicholas J. Osenberg, Delta Omega/Ripon 2011

Kevin F. Reilly, Jr., Tau/Florida 2008

Thomas J. Rossley, Jr., Gamma Tau/Drake 1982

Alejandro Ruiz, Epsilon Psi/NJIT 1998

Kia Sepassi, Beta Iota/Arizona 2001

Brent D. Skaja, Zeta Delta/St. Cloud State 2001

Robert H. Stine, Delta Kappa/Ball State 1986

Chad R. Strelow, Theta Psi/Wisconsin-Oshkosh 1999

Christopher E. Swan, Gamma Tau/Drake 1986

Thomas R. Van Cleave, Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan 1972

John M. Wenger, Eta Omega/Chico State 2009

Reginald E. F. Colley Award

RECIPIENT: Steven J. Vesey, Beta Lambda/Akron

1ST RUNNER-UP: Layton J. Cox, Beta Iota/Arizona

2ND RUNNER-UP: Akshay Kapoor, Theta/Massachusetts

James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award

Derek C. Kay, Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan

Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence

Epsilon Kappa/Idaho

Zeta Rho/Kentucky

Iota Sigma/Towson

Grand Chapter Scholarship Award

Delta Eta/Colorado State

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National Secretary Doug Miller presents the Lewis Award to Dale Hetland.

Lewis Memorial Trophy

The 2013/2014 Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Award recognized **Dale J. Hetland**, Phi/North Dakota State 1992, for his commitment to helping others in need. When Dale learned that the life of fellow chapter brother, Jon Kragness (Phi/North Dakota State 1992), was being threatened by kidney failure, he decided to be tested to see if he was a match. The tests revealed that he was a suitable donor, and arrangements were immediately made for him to donate a kidney to a brother he had not seen in many years.

Shortly before the transplant surgery, Dale contacted his friend, Past-National President Doug Allen, to let him know that he would be in a Minneapolis area hospital for a few days. Dale just wanted Doug to know, but didn't think he would need anything.

Doug Allen shares, "After a great deal of concerned prodding, Dale finally relented and told me the reason he would be in the hospital. His reluctance to share his wonderful offering is demonstrative of his humility and unassuming nature."

The transplant was a success and Brother Kragness and his family are doing well.

Brother Hetland has never sought any recognition for his selfless act. He only consented to be nominated for this honor because Brother Kragness encouraged him to use their story to promote organ donation. Our brother gave of himself to save the life of a brother. His actions not only exemplify our motto of "An Assisting Hand," but also reinforce the concept of "Theta Chi for Life."



National Historian Tom "Bo" Tinnin (right) presents the Holland Award and the Randall Award to Kevin J. Hanney, Jr., President of Gamma Rho/Florida State University. During the 2013/2014 academic year, Gamma Rho initiated 68 members.

Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy

Dale J. Hetland, Phi/North Dakota State 1992

Most Improved Chapter Award

Zeta Upsilon/Hartford

David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award

Beta Phi/Nevada

James M. Holland Award

RECIPIENT: Gamma Rho/Florida State

RUNNER-UP: Alpha Iota/Indiana

Philip S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

Delta/RPI

Iota/Colgate

Omicron/Richmond

Rho/Illinois

Tau/Florida

Phi/North Dakota State

Chi/Auburn

Psi/Wisconsin

Alpha Gamma/Michigan

Alpha Delta/Purdue

Alpha Iota/Indiana

Alpha Kappa/West Virginia

Alpha Phi/Alabama

Beta Iota/Arizona

Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan

Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH)

Gamma Rho/Florida State

Gamma Tau/Drake

Delta Alpha/Linfield

Delta Rho/NC State

Delta Upsilon/Arizona State

Delta Phi/North Texas

Epsilon Psi/NJIT

Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State

Zeta Pi/Old Dominion

Zeta Rho/Kentucky

Zeta Phi/Cal Poly

Eta Gamma/Morehead State

Eta Omega/Chico State

Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz

Theta Xi/VCU

Iota Beta/Missouri State

Iota Theta/Central Florida

Iota Mu/Missouri

Iota Omicron/FIU

Iota Pi/LSU

Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award

RECIPIENT: Epsilon Psi/NJIT

HONORABLE MENTION: Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls



USO Partnership: Service over Self

The members of Theta Chi have already made an impact to the USO by hosting events that both bring a monetary benefit as well as raising awareness in the community.

—USO Sr. Relationship Manager, Kyndele Cooke



Marine Corps Veteran Erik VanDenBerghe shares his personal experience with USO.

To learn more about how you can get involved with Theta Chi's partnership with the USO, visit www.thetachi.org/USO.

Our National Partnership with the USO is off to a great start as evidenced by the participation by several of our chapters. We highlighted several GI Theta Chi events during the National Convention and heard from Kyndele Cooke, the USO's Sr. Relationship Manager, Clubs and Organizations. Kyndele shares: "This July I had the pleasure of attending Theta Chi's National Convention and I was given the opportunity to present at a General Session as well as host three breakout sessions. The General Session was an exciting solidification of this partnership, now in its second year, and it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to share the stage with National President Dick Elder and Executive Director Mike Mayer. While holding the breakout sessions I was impressed with the level of interest, excitement and pre-planning that the Theta Chi members in attendance had put into events for the coming year. They were able to come to me with ideas and questions on making existing or new events successful.

I was impressed by the overwhelming amount of young men that stopped by the USO table to discuss events they had planned for the 2014/2015 school year. The members of Theta Chi have already made an impact to the USO by hosting events that both bring a monetary benefit as well as raising awareness in the community. I look forward to continuing to aid in the ongoing efforts Theta Chi will make in the years to come with the USO through their events and relationships built in the field with our Centers."

The Convention also provided the opportunity for members to share how the USO has made a difference in their lives.

Zeta/New Hampshire Colony member Erik VanDenBerghe, a Marine Corps veteran, shared a powerful story:

My encounters with the USO ranged from getting a hot meal or a place to nap between flights, but what impacted me the most was seeing firsthand the willingness of their VOL-UNTEERS to put aside THEIR lives to help us who serve cope with personally and morally challenging times. USO volunteers empathize with the experience of those serving in the military and appreciate the brotherhood and camaraderie that is developed. When I was on reserve status, I was asked to be a part of an honor guard to escort a fallen Marine home. A USO volunteer was on hand to provide support and I quickly saw firsthand their commitment to us. Whenever I asked our driver to do something, he complied—and even stayed with me for certain traditions that I knew he didn't have to. He wanted to make sure he was there if we needed anything. No words can do that day or my feelings any justice.

After my encounter with the USO, I realized that everyone needs help at some point in their lives. The USO gives unquestioning support to those who serve our nation. While the USO's selfless service to others may seem menial or even trivial to outsiders, the impact to us on the receiving end is immense.

As a Theta Chi, I have tried to emulate these selfless actions in the aid of all my brothers and to assist them, those who have served, and those that help those who serve. By supporting the USO we are supporting our brothers who served and our tradition of lending a Helping Hand to those who need it. It is not the sole charge of the USO to do this work and, as I've learned, the smallest things often mean the most to people. I hope that all my brothers feel the same, because our relationship as brothers is the same image that we should represent between those who secure our freedom and those who help them.

Army veteran Brent Skaja, Zeta Delta/St. Cloud State 2001, shared:

Having spent over three years stationed overseas, I know what it's like to not see your family for extended periods of time and not experience the comforts of home. The USO really offers the troops a connection back home to the U.S. through their various hospitality programs.

I was headed back to Germany from leave in Minnesota when I missed my connecting flight in St. Louis. I was stuck in the airport with no money for a hotel or even food; I had foolishly spent all my money while visiting friends and family back in Minnesota. The next connecting flight to Germany was in two days. Luckily, I located the USO facility within the airport and shared my story. They graciously let me stay with them and fed me. I will always be grateful for the hospitality that they showed a young soldier in need.

I'm sure this is one of thousands of similar stories of how the USO supports our troops stateside and around the world extending their helping hands to the military and their families that actively defend the Constitution and our Country. God Bless America and The USO.

158TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION



Above: Brigadier General Stan Cherrie (Beta Delta/Rutgers 1964) speaks about leadership and teamwork. During Operation Desert Storm, Brother Cherrie was the architect of the largest armored offensive since World War II.



Right: The Convention celebrated Theta Chi's achievements from 2013/2014.

All convention photos by Will Chiang, Beta Tau/Southern California 2007.



DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS proved to be a wonderful host for the 158th Anniversary Convention and 36th School of Fraternity Practices which was held July 16–19, 2014, at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. Many thanks to the Twin Cities Alumni Chapter leadership for providing the backbone of support that made the city so welcoming to our members. Special thanks to Creig Andreasen, Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1990, Brent Skaja, Zeta Delta/St. Cloud State 2001, Cory Olsen, Beta Kappa/Hamline 2001, Past National President Paul Norstrom, Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1986, Past National President Doug Allen, Delta Beta/Georgia 1990 and the undergraduates of Alpha Pi/Minnesota and Beta Kappa/Hamline for all of their efforts—whether manning a table at the airport or just showing brothers where to go and what to experience—it was very much appreciated.

The Convention enjoyed the musical talents of the Theta Chi National Quartet composed of National Secretary Joe D'Amore, Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1977; Clarence Frank, Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 2000; Bob Thomas, Gamma Psi/Puget Sound 1976; and Kyle Weaver, Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls 2004. The National Quartet provided music



*Minnesota State Supreme Court Justice David Stras
(Delta Psi/Kansas 1995)*



A great night out at the ballpark.



*Above: Another epic Convention debate. Left:
National President Dick Elder delivers his address.*





throughout the event and also performed the winning song from the 2014 Theta Chi Song Contest, “A Theta Chi’s the Man You Need” by Andrew Manson, Delta Phi/North Texas 2008. As a major surprise to all attendees, the National Quartet performed the national anthem at Target Field during the Rays vs. Twins game on Friday, July 18. In honor of the quartet’s revival of Theta Chi songs, all brothers in attendance at the ball game sang “Dear Old Theta Chi” during the 7th Inning Stretch!

We bid farewell to Grand Chapter members Doug Allen, Joe D’Amore and Bill Palmer and thank them for their dedication and service. We welcome Brothers Darick Brown (Eta Gamma/Morehead State 1989), Herb Morgan (Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1988) and Chad Strelow (Theta Psi/Wisconsin-Oshkosh 1999) to the Grand Chapter and thank each of our candidates for running. We hail our re-elected National President, Dick Elder, and our new National Vice President, Joseph Couch.

We heard from wonderful keynote speakers including Brigadier General Stan Cherrie (Beta Delta/Rutgers 1964) who spoke about teamwork and our commitment to one another. Mike Green (Zeta Omega/West

Chester 1974) challenged our members to consider the role alcohol plays in their lives and to watch out for one another. Jeff Hiller of JobBound provided excellent tips to help brothers craft their resumes and make the transition from college life to the business world. Justice David Stras (Delta Psi/Kansas 1995) of the Minnesota State Supreme Court spoke to alumni about how Theta Chi had influenced his life and career. We also heard from descendants of Phil S. Randall, one of the brothers who helped to save Theta Chi from extinction in 1881: Theta Chi Chapter members Judge R.A. “Jim” Randall and his son, Jim Randall, were on hand to present the Randall Award and Judge Randall provided stunning commentary for each recipient.

Thursday focused on Theta Chi’s National Partnership with the USO and discussed “Why the USO?” and celebrated those chapters that successfully contributed to the USO over the past year. The USO graciously provided camouflage hats with the logos of both organizations for all attendees and shared information on how Theta Chi members can engage in this new partnership. Several breakout sessions further stressed the importance of this partnership and how to remain involved.

Friday’s programming from keynotes to breakout sessions emphasized our Sacred Purpose movement—its origins, its impact and its future. Testimonials were shared from parents, faculty, college administrators and undergraduates from other national fraternities about the benefits of Theta Chi’s Sacred Purpose. Beta Phi Chapter at Nevada was awarded the inaugural David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award for their efforts on their campus to promote health and wellness among their fellow students.

Finally, we congratulate our 2014 Colley Award recipient Steven Vesey, Beta Lambda/Akron 2014 and our new recipients of the Fraternity’s highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, #132 Richard I.L. Partridge and #133 Douglas Allen. You can read more about them and our other award recipients on pages 18–20.

Our Thanks to the faculty and alumni participants and to all of our undergraduate attendees—Convention is a success because you make it so. Two undergraduates served as Convention Correspondents and shared their thoughts of attending Convention. We encourage you to read about their experiences at Convention on the following pages.

LEADERSHIP ALONG THE JOURNEY



BY EVAN WILEY SMITH, ETA PSI/UAB 2015

FOR MANY MEN, joining a fraternity is motivated by an innate desire to be a part of something larger than themselves. For Theta Chi, it is a sacred purpose. Nothing brings this “bigger-than-me” feeling into a deeply profound tangibility than driving 16 hours, walking into a crowded convention hall with 400 of my brothers, seeing the banners of countless chapters across the country, and listening to our combined voices lift the Creed of Theta Chi to the heavens above Minneapolis.

Even then, it had not exactly sunk in—what had I gotten myself into when I accepted a bid into (what was at the time) an interest group of Theta Chi?

At lunch of the Convention’s first day, I stepped onto the streets of a new city to orient myself and find somewhere to eat. Before I could venture off on my own, a group of brothers approached me, and with sincere interest in getting to know me, brought me along with them. These brothers demonstrated true fraternity through how they treated each other and how they treated me and were the first step to understanding why I was there. Sitting at lunch, and then later sitting in

their hotel room, I could not help but to think, “these guys really have it together.” Hours later, it came as no surprise to me when these brothers of the Zeta Rho Chapter at Kentucky were awarded the Alter Award for the year.

We heard from General Stan Cherrie (Beta Delta/Rutgers 1964), whose courage in service to his country and fellow man exemplifies a true perpetuation of this Fraternity’s ideals. We met Judge Dan Fleetham, Sr. (Alpha/Norwich, 1934) who, at the age of 102, was a Theta Chi 50 years before my chapter was founded. And we heard from Mike Green (Zeta Omega/West Chester 1974), whose personal testimony and guidance reflects what I saw in so many men at Convention—a willingness to make oneself vulnerable to your brothers, even the ones thousands of miles and decades apart. The transparency and ability to connect with our brothers, regardless of the traits that make them different, is, in my mind, what the Sacred Purpose of Theta Chi truly means.

Our National President Dick Elder often speaks about standing up and leading. He speaks about the journey that is being a Theta Chi. At my church in Birmingham,

Alabama, we have a segment in our services called ‘Grace Along the Journey.’ I would like to borrow that phrase here and submit to you that all of these men are ‘leading along the journey.’ They have truly led me to a better understanding of what I’m doing here in Theta Chi, and I am sure many of us could say the same.

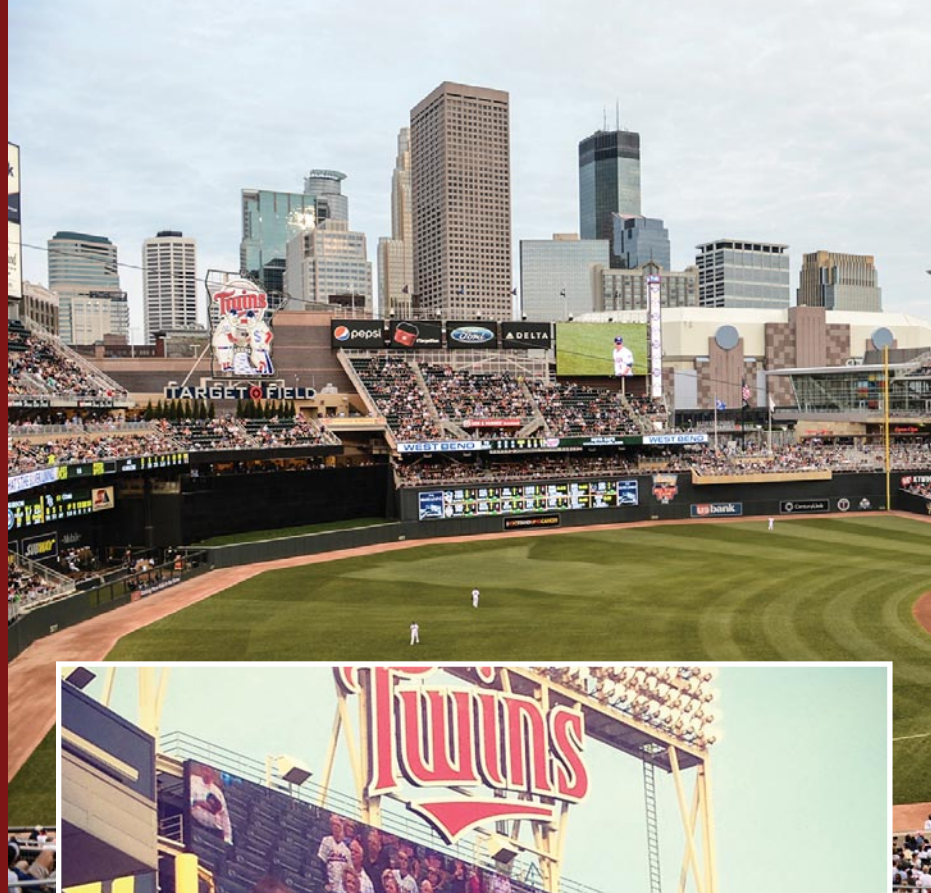
For every thing that I understand more, there is always something that leaves me dumbfounded, whether it is life, this Fraternity, or the things that go into each. In this way, I was struck with emotion as the names of all of our brothers lost in the last two years were read aloud. The sheer enormity of what those names meant hung heavy in the air, even after their echoes had ceased. Every name carried a story. Every name contributed to their chapter. They contribute to this day. Through this, yet again, the grand purpose of Theta Chi was further revealed to me.

No words could ever be sufficient, although I will certainly try, to describe the experience of a first National Convention. I became aware that I had just become the first delegate for my chapter in nearly 20 years. The significance of that cannot be quantified or



qualified in any vocabulary that I possess. But if I had to pick one word to describe the 158th Anniversary Convention, it would be fulfilling. The faculty gave to the attendees powerful equipment with which we may, God willing, improve ourselves, improve our chapters, thereby improving our campuses, and thereby improving the world.

When it was all said and done, when we had clapped and cheered and went on our ways, I had a 16-hour car ride home to ponder what this great event meant to us. My mind kept coming back to Dick Elder's quote, "To look is one thing, to see what you look at is another, to understand what you see is a third, to learn from what you understand is still something else, to act on what you learn is all that really matters." I will not presume to be able to say it better, and even as I write, I am unsure of a response. I can only give you my word that, after attending Convention, when I look at my beloved Theta Chi, I see a brotherhood that is great, I more fully understand what our Purpose is, I have learned how to be a better brother, and I give you my solemn vow to act on those things. It is my sincerest hope that my brothers will do the same. ■



O Say Can You See: The Theta Chi National Quartet performs the National Anthem.



FRATERNAL SEEDS AND VOLTAGE



BY CLAY PARLETTE, ETA MU/FINDLAY 2017

IT HAD BEEN A LONG JOURNEY for the small town country boy: ten and a half hours in an '03

Buick all the way from Northwestern Ohio to Minneapolis. I stood in front of the Marriott City Center finally ready to step foot into my long-anticipated destination. The bellhop greeted me with a friendly smile and nod. "Theta Chi?" he asked. After I had affirmed his question, he pressed the button on the elevator and responded right away with a "Fourth floor. Can't miss it." I was ready to experience some of the greatest four days of my life.

Almost instantly, I was approached by brothers from across the country, engaging me in conversation about everything from where I hailed, to my thoughts on LeBron returning to C-Town. Already I could feel the atmosphere charged with a positive energy.

Seated in the ballroom for the Opening Ceremony, I studied the reverent portraits of Brothers Freeman and Chase positioned behind the podium. The side wall was filled with banners of chapters across the country. One could hardly sit there and not be overcome with awe...

The gavel was struck and in short order I was jotting down pages of notes. It was exciting to see what Theta Chi is doing across our great nation, with brothers eager to answer my questions, excitedly sharing their own experiences, giving fresh perspective.

One big focus of Convention was the new Sacred Purpose movement. To an outsider, such a thing may seem silly or even unnecessary, and my chapter was particularly guilty of feeling as such. Being at Convention, though, really showed me that Sacred Purpose is more than an idea, and more than a campaign; Sacred Purpose is every one of us. To quote Shawn Bennett, Director of Health and Safety Programming, "... we are the Sacred Purpose. We owe it to our Brothers, our universities, and our communities to do everything in our power to extend the Helping Hand in any possible way."

Okay, I thought, 'How do we make an effort to extend the Helping Hand?' In our breakout session for Sacred Purpose, I asked a similar question. Some chapters had partnered with national organizations like Active Minds to promote awareness and offer help for people who struggle with mental disorders, anxiety,

or addictions. Other chapters sponsored campus-wide "Stress Buster" events. Some chapters combined Sacred Purpose programming with the idea of "brotherhood bonding" events like "Honest Hour" or "Candlepass." Yet, some chapters kept it relatively simple by partnering with local police, fire, and wellness clinics to allow paid professionals to do the bulk of the work.

Either way, when describing his own experience, every brother had an urgent excitement in his voice—a certain passion that could only be sensed by being there at Convention and talking with them in each breakout session. And for me, knowing very little about the movement and hardly ever really thinking about my Brothers beyond my own chapter, words cannot give justice to how rewarding it was to be able to sit in a circle and talk about these things with people who cared, people I know I can contact at any time when I need a Helping Hand.

Another major benefit of attending Convention was being able to speak with the leaders of our Fraternity and representatives from our new partner organization: the USO. During the presentation, the speaker asked



Brothers open the 36th School of Fraternity Practices with the Creed of Theta Chi.

that anyone who personally had an experience with the USO to share for everyone to hear. By the time the microphone had been passed to all who wanted to share, the whole room was nearly in tears. Hearing such heartfelt stories that made grown men cry was definitely one of the most inspiring moments of my life—something you just don't get by simply going to your weekly chapter meetings.

Having the opportunity to meet and connect with alumni, Grand Chapter members from the past and present, and flooded with

brothers' input, rooms full of brotherly love and respect, videos of the accomplishments of fellow brothers and chapters, and our particularly motivating National President challenging us to "Stand Up and Lead," there forms a certain spark in your heart, an electricity within your soul that who you are matters—that you are part of something huge doing great things! This kind of energetic voltage, at least for me, could only be experienced with 400+ other brothers in a place where each piece of the puzzle comes together. In my

opinion, in order to be the best Theta Chi, you have to be able to see the full picture at Convention and I am extremely grateful that I was able to do it as early in my life as I did.

In Minneapolis, I harvested new fraternal seeds—seeds of inspiration and virtue created by positive ideas that will surge into a new energy focused around the values of our Creed: Truth, Temperance, and Tolerance. I can't wait to spread them on the University of Findlay's campus and into the world beyond. *Carpe Diem, Brothers.* ■



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Lastly, I want to share with you the great success we've had with the Deranian Presidents Conference in recent years. The Presidents Conference started in 1995 during my tenure as National President has grown to become the premier leadership school of the Fraternity and the Foundation Chapter plays a crucial role in its funding. Across the country our chapters have aligned their chapter elections to elect officers in November, then take office in December. Thus, at the beginning of their term, all Chapter Presidents travel to Indianapolis for a three-day intensive leadership training. This training is essential for their success at the chapter level to grow strong chapters and perpetuate the values of Theta Chi.

All of these experiences are not possible without the strong financial support of our alumni. It is loyal donors like you who make Theta Chi great! I hope we can count on your support this year and years to come.

Fraternally,

Carlton Bennett

President, The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity



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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$510,954
Prepaid expenses	5,969
Other assets	6,524
Investments-Market	4,574,519
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	5,734,278
Charitable remainder trusts	13,550
Total assets	\$10,845,794

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable	\$9,030
Scholarships payable	280,900
Payable to Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc.	76,572
Liability under charitable remainder trusts	2,843
Funds held for others	109,884
Total liabilities	\$479,229

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$689,423
Board Designated	1,690,091
Temporarily restricted	142,103
Permanently restricted	7,844,948
Total net assets	\$10,366,565

Total liabilities and net assets: \$10,845,794

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN
NET ASSETS****Revenues and support**

Contributions	\$432,129
Interest and dividends	102,082
Realized gain on sale of investments	387,239
Royalties	20,482
Investment income- perpetual trusts	257,401
Change in value of perpetual trusts	431,234
Change in value of charitable trusts	(1,915)
Other	165
Total revenues and support	\$1,628,817

Expenses

Scholarships and grants	\$390,004
Alumni programming	9,822
Management and general	170,284
Fundraising	190,208
Total expenses	\$760,318

**Change in net assets before unrealized
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Change in net assets

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The National Board of Trustees of the Theta Chi Fraternity was legally incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on March 11, 1929. This year marks the 85th anniversary of the NBT's incorporation—an event that has had a substantial impact on our Fraternity, and it continues to do so today.



William W. Drummey (Beta/MIT 1916) was the first President of the National Board of Trustees, precursor of the National Housing Corporation.

The establishment of the NBT was accompanied by the establishment of the National Endowment Fund. The NBT's purpose was to administer this fund, as well as the *Rattle* Life Subscription Fund, and originally, all money received by the Grand Chapter was divided into two parts and deposited into the funds.

The *Rattle* fund was used to finance and perpetuate *The Rattle* by investing and re-investing the money in the fund.

Although 10 percent of the endowment fund was used for making student loans, its primary purpose was to assist local house corporations in obtaining chapter

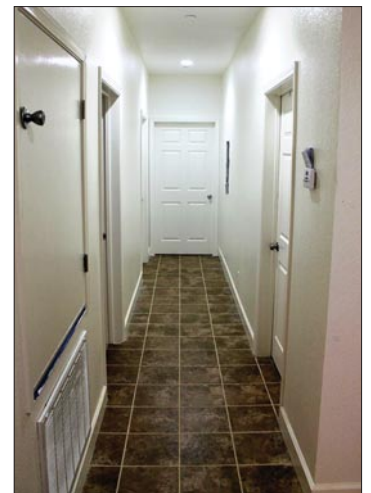
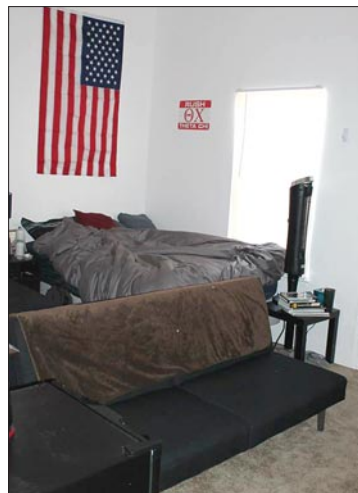
houses, which was accomplished by offering mortgage loans to the corporations. Eighty-five years later, the fund is still being used to develop chapter housing in the Fraternity, and the endowment could reach \$9 million by the end of 2014. (Keep in mind that the majority of the endowment reflects money that is currently being borrowed. Approximately \$950,000 is currently available to lend.)

The endowment fund and NBT have undergone significant operational changes over the years. In 1998, the NBT was restructured and named "The Norwich Housing Corporation" (NHC).

Today, the NHC manages the endowment for housing-related purposes, almost exclusively through mortgage loans. The NHC is self-perpetuating—it no longer receives any money from undergraduate or chapter dues. Also, the NHC no longer offers student loans, as undergraduate financial assistance is one function of the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi.

Our Fraternity took an important step 85 years ago, and those involved with the decision should be remembered and commended today. For more information about the NHC, please visit www.thetachi.org/norwich.

For more information about applying for a loan from The Norwich Housing Corporation, please contact Director of Housing William Toothaker at 317-848-1856 or via e-mail at William@thetachi.org.



Alumni were able to compete several renovations and updates to the Eta Omega Chapter House at Chico State through funds loaned by the Norwich Housing Corporation.



Nu Chapter Celebrates Centennial

“THETA CHI HOLDS A BLOWOUT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION” was the headline in the school newspaper.

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The campus was swarming with Theta Chi brothers during the week-end of January 14 as Hampden-Sydney's Nu Chapter celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding. Nearly two years of planning came to fruition with celebrations at the fraternity house and around campus.

Theta Chi Brother Chris Stockinger (2014) organized the weekend and could not be happier with the results, including getting many older alumni back on campus for the fraternity event, which started on Friday night with an oyster roast at the Theta Chi house and a DJ playing music until late into the night. Saturday's festivities began with a formal ball in Kirk Athletic Center's Snyder Hall before moving back to the house later that night, where the band Carbon Leaf rocked Fraternity Circle.

Chris says more than 200 brothers and their guests attended the ball on Saturday night.

“One of our goals was trying to get as many of our older alumni to come back for the celebration. Bill Brown (1985) made a lot of calls and convinced a number of brothers from the '70s and '80s to come to the event. A lot of the older guys who came said they were excited about coming back for Greek Week and homecoming now. I think we created some great synergy.”

Hampden-Sydney's Theta Chi Chapter is the oldest in the South, beating the installation of the University of Virginia's [Xi] Chapter by two days. Even the National President of Theta Chi Fraternity, Dick Elder, attended this year's centennial celebration, no doubt a nod to the Chapter's installation ceremony in 1914, which was attended by Theta Chi National President Robert Irish.

The Nu Chapter spared little expense for the centennial celebration. Chris says, “It was a \$40,000 weekend, so we had to rely on a lot of donations. Curtis Colgate (2001) sponsored the Carbon Leaf performance. When he found out about the celebration, he asked, ‘What can I do?’ I told him about the different things we had planned and he said he wanted to pay for Carbon Leaf. Guests did have to pay to attend the formal on Saturday to help cover that cost, but Friday's oyster roast was provided by Chris Rhodes (2012), so that was free for guests.”

The centennial weekend energized Hampden-Sydney's Theta Chi Chapter and showed all of the College's students how exciting it can be to belong to a fraternity.



More than 200 brothers and guests, including National President Dick Elder and Executive Director Mike Mayer, attended Nu's centennial ball on January 14, 2014.



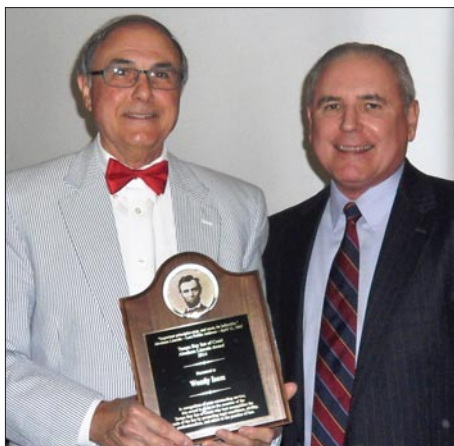
National President Dick Elder takes a moment to connect with current Nu undergraduate members and their dates. (l-r), Salem Lowdermilk, Alton Brieske (2016), Elder, Tucker Bulleit (2015), and Kelsey Gibson (a ΣK from Tennessee-Chattanooga). Brother Bulleit and other members led the efforts to create the special centennial cummerbunds, which were produced by Smathers & Branson.

Chris says, “When people ask me about the state of fraternities at Hampden-Sydney, I always tell them, ‘It was good when I got here, but every year it has gotten better and better.’ I definitely recommend Greek life for any student. People are always welcome at the fraternity house, so it's a lot like a big party, but we also get the chance to participate in leadership groups or head a committee. I am the Vice President now, so in many ways the fraternity system has given me more confidence. Another big part of our Fraternity is philanthropy. We've worked with FACES (a local food bank) a lot and every semester we run the blood drive on campus. Different guys take responsibility for events throughout the year and those are great learning opportunities.”

Theta Chi is looking forward to the next 100 years at Hampden-Sydney.

To view the original article, visit:

<http://www.hsc.edu/The-Record/2014-April/Theta-Chi-Celebrates-Centennial.html>



A. Woodson Isom, Jr., (left) and Judge John Conrad

Sigma/Oregon State

Larry Kampfer (1966), president and principal broker of Kampfer Enterprises Inc., has been awarded the Willamette Association of Realtors' 2014 Realtor of the Year award. Kampfer started his career in pharmacy after graduation, building and running his own business in Philomath, OR, for several years before transitioning to real estate in 1992.

Tau/Florida

A. Woodson Isom, Jr., Esquire (1967) was recently announced as the winner of the 2014 Abraham Lincoln Award by the Tampa Bay American Inn of Court. The annual award is given to the member who best exemplifies the goals of the Inn in promoting legal excellence, civility, professionalism, and ethics in the practice of law. Isom joined the Tampa Bay Inn of Court in 1990 and has held leadership roles as the Parliamentarian 1994–1995 and Secretary 1995–1996. Since his admittance to the Florida Bar, he has served in many leadership roles with the Hillsborough County Bar Association. His services include: Board of Directors, Executive Counsel for the Trial Lawyers Section, Chairman of the Medical-Legal Committee, and Chairman of the Florida Bar's Grievance Committee for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Isom is also a founding member and former president of the American Board of Trial Advocates, Tampa Chapter. Prior to that, Isom served as a captain and avionics officer in the United States Air Force.

Chi/Auburn

Past National President **Pat O'Connor** (1978) was sworn in as Secretary of the State Bar of Georgia.



Zeta Pi Co-Adviser Keith Evans poses with brothers from the chapter: From left: Bill Hewitt, Zeta Pi '15; John Zydron, Omicron '71; Brett Castelet, Zeta Pi '14; Cody Agolini, Zeta Pi '14; Sean Zewe, Zeta Pi '14; Carlton Bennett, Zeta Pi '72; Keith Evans, Omega '65; John Teeuwen, Zeta Pi '92; and AJ Aminrazauri, Zeta Pi '14.

Omega/Penn State

Keith Evans, (1965) serves as co-adviser to Zeta Pi Chapter at Old Dominion University. On May 7, 2014, he received the Golden Guard of Theta Chi at the Theta Chi Hampton Roads Virginia area monthly luncheon in Virginia Beach. (pictured above)

Alpha Xi/Delaware

After serving as mayor of Newark, DE, for nine and a half years, **Mayor Vance A. Funk III** (1964) stepped down last fall due to health problems relating to his blood pressure.

During his career as mayor, Funk oversaw numerous Newark projects such as the Main Street redevelopment, the Taste of Newark was implemented, and the city's relationship with the local university was also improved. Funk has resided in Newark since 1959, and continues to serve the Newark community through his law practice.

Alpha Phi/Alabama

Dr. Don Overstreet (1952) was recently featured in an article in the *Montgomery Advertiser*. The article touched on Overstreet's career as a country doctor and highlighted the teaching program that he created and used to train more than 70 others to be country doctors. Overstreet is now retired and currently resides in Selma, AL.

The U.S. Senate has confirmed President Obama's appointment of **Gordon O. Tanner** (1970) as the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of the Air Force.

Tanner was serving as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, a position he had held since 2013. Prior to that, Tanner

served as the Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Air Force, and served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Reserve Affairs from 2011–2012. From 2008–2011, he served as the Deputy General Counsel of the



Gordon Tanner

Air Force for Environment and Installations, and from 2000–2008 he was the Associate General Counsel of the Office of the Air Force General Counsel. Before that, Tanner worked in the private sector, and he has 27 years of service in the Air Force, including active duty from 1973–1977. Tanner received a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and his Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University.

Alpha Chi/Syracuse

Josh Koopman's (1999) film, *The Golden Scallop*, was released for digital distribution in May. The film is now available for purchase on iTunes, Amazon and Hulu in addition to On Demand. Koopman's latest project took him to Paris last spring where he had the lead role in a 22-minute short film, *3 Suicides of Paul Hamilton*.

Ian Dickerson (2013) and **Michael Smith** (2012) opened a start-up company called Centscere which uses social media for social good. The concept is a donation platform that allows participants to make a set donation to a charity of their choice each time they send a tweet via Twitter, like something on Facebook, or just update their status. The brothers also won first place in Syracuse StartupLabs competition and won a grant for \$150,000.

Alpha Psi Alumni Honored at Maryland's Greek Centennial

BY KELLY JONES, ASSISTANT EDITOR

A reception to honor the Centennial Honor Roll at the University of Maryland was held April 27, 2014, on Fraternity Row. More than 400 alumni, undergraduates, and family members attended the event. The Centennial Honor Roll recognizes alumni who have contributed to the community during the 100-year history of Greek Life at the University of Maryland. Each fraternity and sorority was able to elect one alumnus/a for each decade that the chapter had been chartered at the university. Theta Chi was chartered in 1929. Here is the list of Theta Chi nominees:

Warren G. Myers	1930 (deceased)
Jim Hodges	1969
Anton C. Krucky	1974
Bob Gottschling	1977
Andrew Miller	1978
Bill Van Dyke	1979
Greg Derby	1988
Mark Miller	1988
P. Saad Saba	1989 Alumni President
Sean M. Bailey	2002

The Greek Awards Reception followed at the Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom. This annual reception is held to recognize chapter accomplishments. Theta Chi's **Bob Gottschling** (1977) was named Chapter Adviser of the Year. The brothers of Alpha Psi nominated Gottschling for his assistance with developing an academic plan for the chapter and for his implementation of the "Career Development Program." Gottschling was also credited with saving the chapter from expulsion, creating the Chapter Advisory Board, and has been an instrumental part of the many changes that have been made within the chapter. The winner of the Chapter Adviser of the Year award is selected by the DFSL staff, with the criteria weighing heavily on who has made a significant contribution to the chapter and the development of the members over time.

"As the IFC adviser, I could attest to the fact that Bob has helped to completely turn this chapter around and help them move from a chapter in danger of losing its recognition to one that, I would say, is easily one of the most improved in the community," said Brian Golden, Interfraternity Council Programming & Advising Coordinator, Department of Fraternity & Social Life, University of Maryland. "He has been a great support for the men and has gone above and beyond by helping to arrange career networking and professional development opportunities for them," he continued.

"I was both surprised and excited when I found out that I had been nominated," said Gottschling. "I've been fortunate to be able to work with a really great group of guys, both undergraduate and alumni, and to me, this serves as a recognition of our progress. The newly formed Chapter Advisory Board, the Alumni Association and the Alumni Outreach Committee have been working closely with the brothers on a number of projects and it's exciting for us to be recognized for our accomplishments," he said. "The support I've received from the Counselor, Dustin Dwyer, and



Former Leadership and Education Consultant Sean Bailey (2002) and his family attended Maryland's Greek Centennial Celebration. Bailey's wife Melissa is also an alumna of Maryland and Kappa Delta Sorority.



Maryland's Centennial Garden. Theta Chi can be found in the third row from the top.

all the people at National—they have all been a tremendous resource and I draw on them quite a bit to help with our efforts," Gottschling added.

When asked what he thought made him stand out as a chapter adviser, Gottschling had this to say.

"I've only been working with the chapter for a short time, but the one thing I realized early on is that to be effective you have to develop a close working relationship with the chapter. Getting to know the details of the chapter's operations and what's really going on, is very important to being able to help," said Gottschling. "The Alpha Psi undergraduates are terrific guys and are very much open to support and guidance. It's also important to me to make sure they are making the decisions that are so important to the Fraternity. Everything from rush to chapter finances to the pledge



Former Field Representative Bob Gottschling was named Maryland's Chapter Adviser of the Year.

program to simply having parties, should be in the hands of the undergraduates and I'm simply trying to facilitate where I can," he continued.

Of the things he has accomplished as chapter adviser, Gottschling is most excited about two programs.

"I'm most excited about our Alpha Psi Career Program and the newly updated chapter newsletter. The career program in particular is going to be an important part of the chapter for years to come and I'm proud to say that I helped create it and get it going. And our newsletter is moving into the 21st century," he said. "Being an old 'field rep,' I keep Dale Slivinske and Howard Alter in my thoughts as I work with the chapter," Gottschling said. "They were instrumental in helping me to understand just how good Theta Chi was as a national organization many years ago—and to understand our emphasis on the well-being of the undergraduate. Theta Chi nationally and locally at Maryland has a long tradition of excellence and I'm committed to doing the best that I can to help Alpha Psi return to greatness," he said.

Currently, about 200 people are using Centscree and are donating to 30 charities.

Another brotherhood start-up is the brainchild of **Marcus Baron** (2015), **Adam Day** (2013), and **Mike Choi** (2013). At the beginning of the year, the brothers acquired office space in downtown Syracuse. The focus of their work is brand development. Their most prevalent venture is Ponix, a portable hydroponics growing system that allows anyone to grow fruits and vegetables year round no matter the climate they live in.

Beta Iota/Arizona

Layton Cox (2013) was named director of retirement plan consulting at Pathways Financial Partners. Cox started as an analyst with Pathways in 2012, creating financial models and investment metrics.

Cox is a re-chartering member of Beta Iota Chapter, and helped to secure the chapter housing on the corner of East Sixth Street and North Campbell Avenue. He served as IFC President and was Greek Man of the Year as a senior.

Cox is a member of the Tucson Young Professionals, Theta Chi Alumni Board and Oracle Board at the University of Arizona.

Beta Nu/Case Western

Louis Campbell (1999) participated in the World Series of Poker Event #21, No Limit Texas Hold'Em. More than 2,000 entrants participated. Campbell finished 15th. This was his first time playing in the World Series of Poker and at times, he was the chip leader in the tournament. Outside of the poker world, Campbell is a full-time patent litigator for a property law firm.

Beta Tau/USC

Michael Sugarman (2009) has joined the Law Offices of Steven Goldsobel as an associate. Prior to that, Sugarman served as a law clerk in the United States District Court, Central District of California. Sugarman also writes a legal blog to be used for informational purposes, www.michaelsugarman.com

Gamma Rho/Florida State

Bob Sasser (1973), president and CEO of Dollar Tree Inc., was recently named to *The Hampton Roads Business Journal's* Power List of the 75 People who Shape and Influence Hampton Roads. In 2013, the retail store reported profits of \$2.8 billion and opened 51 stores.



Gamma Theta/San Diego State

National President **Dick Elder** (1971) (left) had an opportunity to play for a team from Des Moines, Iowa, in last year's Men's Senior Baseball League World Series tournament in Phoenix, AZ, in the 45+ Division. Dick reports, "My 'battery mate' as catcher turned out to be Tim Kirgan (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1984), who is a pledge brother of National Historian Tom 'Bo' Tinnin... small world! We got a photo together with a Theta Chi baseball cap that I took with me."

Delta Beta/Georgia

Mark Rebillot (2001) was recently named Chapter Adviser of the Year by the University of Georgia IFC. Rebillot helped to restructure the chapter that has continued to grow it in a positive direction over the last two years.

Delta Theta/Toledo

Scott M. Kuboff, Esq. (2004) recently joined the law firm of DeMarco & Triscaro, Ltd. in Cleveland, Ohio, as a trial attorney where he focuses his practice on business litigation, personal injury, family law, and criminal defense. Brother Kuboff served as Alumni Chapter President from 2009–2011.





Gamma Tau Chapter leaders break ground for the new chapter house at Drake.

Gamma Tau/Drake

A Vietnam War veteran returned to Gamma Tau to finish something he started 47 years ago, and a group of undergraduate brothers helped make it happen.

Bob Fagan went to Drake and pledged Theta Chi in 1966. Before being initiated, he was drafted into the Army and sent to Vietnam at the height of the war. In combat, Fagan was awarded the National Defense Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and received a Presidential Unit Citation with his Army unit. Upon returning home, he continued his studies at Drake and received his bachelor's degree in 1971. However, he was never initiated.

About a year ago, Fagan's pledge brother, Jim Neylon, invited him to the chapter house for an alumni gathering. That experience of meeting many Theta Chi brothers brought back many fond memories. Later realizing that Fagan had never been initiated, the undergraduate brothers decided to fix that. He was initiated on Saturday, April 26, and proudly wore the Badge of Theta Chi for the first time that day.

"We didn't want to forget about it. We thought he deserved to be initiated," said Sean Duncan, an active Theta Chi member at Drake. "It's something that I think will mean a lot to him, and it means a lot to us to show that we care about him."

"It's kind of like a thing of belonging to somebody," Fagan said. "It's a special bond that you have with each other."

The large alumni gathering at which Fagan was honored also celebrated the fact that Gamma Tau raised nearly \$1.6 million to build a new Fraternity house. The new house is to be completed and ready to open for fall 2015.

Bob Fagan receives his Theta Chi Badge from Shawn Bennett (1992), Director of Health and Safety Programming at the International Headquarters.



Delta Iota/Northwestern

A \$16 million gift from alumnus and trustee **Christopher Combe** (1970) and his wife, Courtney, will strongly boost the momentum of Northwestern athletics and help secure sustained leadership of the department. The Combes' gift also will be used to enhance the Kellogg School of Management's focus on social entrepreneurship and sustainable solutions to global problems.

Combe has been director of Northwestern's Alumni Admissions Council for Westchester County, N.Y., since 1975 and served on his class reunion committees.

Delta Chi/Lenoir-Rhyne

Brett Wilson (1995) has started a non-profit organization, Walking Miracles, Inc., a West Virginia non-profit, that provides travel assistance to families whose children have been diagnosed with cancer. The organization also provides services that help educate and connect the families to a resource and referral network of professionals and services. For more information, visit www.walkingmiracles.org.

Epsilon Mu/Eastern Michigan

Dr. John E. Peterson (1970) is entering his 16th season as a professional scout in the National Football League. Brother Peterson was formerly with the Seattle Seahawks (and some of his "recruits" played on the Super Bowl winning, World Championship team) and he is a member of the scouting staff of the Carolina Panthers, a 2013 NFL playoff team. He also played and coached football as part of his diverse background.

Zeta Beta/Adrian



Theta Chi's 2002 Colley Award recipient **Pat Kilbane** (2002) was recently appointed to the Jacksonville Aviation Authority by Governor Rick Scott. The diversified airport system serves the commercial, business and recreational aviation needs of the city of Jacksonville, northeast Florida and southeast Georgia.

Members of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority Board are all appointed. Seven of the ten board members are appointed by the governor and can serve two consecutive terms. The other three members of the board are appointed by the mayor of Jacksonville.

Kilbane graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Juris Doctor in 2005.

Kilbane was a shareholder/partner at Gray Robinson, P.A., prior to joining Ullmann Financial in 2013. He and his wife Kathy have resided in Jacksonville since 2005.

The Zeta Beta Alumni Association, chaired by **Jim Grissinger** (1990), has been planning the chapter's 50th anniversary celebration, set to take place Oct. 23–26, 2014. Brothers are welcome to register all weekend. The chapter room will be transformed into a museum, containing Fraternity photos, documents, and other memorabilia collected over the years. Adrian College will hold its annual President's Dinner on Oct. 23. On Oct. 24, brothers will meet at the local country club for a round of golf. Light appetizers will be served at the chapter house that evening. A house rededication ceremony will be held the morning of Oct. 25 followed by a barbecue. Prior to the evening dinner program, brothers will reaffirm their oaths at the chapel.

Zeta Pi/Old Dominion

In June, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe announced his appointment of **Carlton Bennett** (1972) to the Board of Visitors for Old Dominion University. The Board of Visitors is the governing board of directors of the University. The board establishes policy and hires the president.



Bennett is a law partner at Bennett and Zydron, P.C. He resides at Virginia Beach, VA.

Trout River Dry Kiln, LLC, owned by **John Barber** (1975), will open a major hardwood kiln operation in Crewe, VA, located in Nottoway County. The company, which will dry lumber to be made into hardwood flooring, will invest more than \$5.5 million to build nine new kilns and create 40 new jobs, making it the biggest industrial job creator for Nottoway County in recent years.

Jim Gardner (1977) retired from a 28-year career with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) in 2006 as a captain. He spent the majority of his career working in Nautical charting, mapping the sea floor and producing the nation's nautical charts. For the past seven years, Gardner has been working on offshore supply boats in the Gulf of Mexico, delivering supplies to oil and gas drilling rigs. He is currently senior captain on the 225-foot *Odyssey Titan*. During his time off the supply boat, he teaches sailing classes and runs sailing charters on the Chesapeake



Captain Matt Smith, Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 2007 performs with Charles Kelley of Lady Antebellum during "The Academy of Country Music's All-Star Salute to the Troops," which aired May 20, 2014. Photo courtesy of Getty Images/Courtesy of Academy of Country Music.

Bay and in the Caribbean. He and his wife Jane live in Olney, Maryland, but plan to move to Florida in the near future.

Steve Gonzalez (1998) was awarded his second Bronze Star, with "V," on Nov. 19, 2013. Gonzalez, a Navy Seal, has had multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Bronze Star is awarded to those who distinguish themselves by heroism in a combat theatre. When the act is for heroism or valor, a bronze "V" device is affixed to the ribbon holding the Bronze Star.

Zeta Psi/Western Illinois

Brian O'Connell (1987), president, Live Nation in Nashville, TN, won the Talent Buyer/Promoter of the Year award during the CMA's Standing Room Only (SRO) Awards Ceremony. O'Connell was also honored as the Promoter of the Year by the International Entertainment Buyers Association.

O'Connell produced tours for Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton, Keith Urban, Rascal Flatts, Brad Paisley and Toby Keith. He created and produced the three-day Faster Horses Country Music Festival in Michigan and the Watershed Festival in Washington State. O'Connell also created the Country Music Mega Ticket which provides country music fans with tickets to concerts featuring the biggest names in country music at Live Nation venues across the U.S.

Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky

Marine Captain Matt Smith (2007) was one of 12 service members selected to fly to the MGM Garden Arena in Las Vegas and perform in "The Academy of Country Music's All-Star Salute to the Troops," which aired May 20, 2014, on CBS. Smith, and fellow Marine Captain John Ed Auer, performed with country band Lady Antebellum, playing the band's chart-topping hit song, "Compass."

Smith has been on active duty with the United States Marine Corps for seven years. He has done two deployments in the Operating Forces and served as a Scout Sniper Platoon Commander for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines in Camp Pendleton, CA. He is currently stationed at Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. (famously known as "8" and "I" referring to the street corner where it is located.) At Marine Barracks Smith has served as a Ceremonial Platoon Commander, the Silent Drill Platoon Commander, and he is currently serving as the Assistant Director of Operations Officer.

Bret Hopkins (2004) was recently cast in a feature film, *The Ultimate Throwdown*, which is due to start filming in the Fort Wayne, IN, area in May 2014. Brother Hopkins also had a lead role in an episode of "Killing Couples" on the Oxygen channel.

The University of Kentucky's Greek Community named **Robert Leitch** (1996) "Chapter Adviser of the Year." Leitch was presented Outstanding Chapter Adviser Award, for 2014, at the UK Greek Awards Banquet held April 13, 2014.

Eta Chi/George Mason

Officer **Michael Abate** (1999) was part of the Park Police helicopter crew, Eagle 2, that rescued a man and his two dogs from an icy Prince William County Lake in February 2014. According to reports, the man had gone into the lake in a canoe to rescue the dogs when his canoe flooded. Fire rescue crews had already gone into the water in an attempt to rescue the man but were unable to because of unstable ice. When Eagle 2 arrived on the scene, Sgt. David Tolson lowered down from the helicopter to reach the victim, and then Abate hoisted both men into the helicopter. The helicopter then flew the victim to shore where EMTs were waiting and returned to the lake to search for the dogs.

Luke Hancock (2011) recently signed a non-guaranteed contract with the Memphis Grizzlies which assures Hancock a spot in the Grizzlies training camp.

Eta Kappa/James Madison Celebrates Milestone

BY LARRY SHORT, ETA KAPPA/JAMES MADISON 1969

On April 21–23, 2014, 22 of the original Charter Members and several spouses and friends gathered in historic Williamsburg to commemorate the 44th anniversary of Eta Kappa's formal colonization.

Upon arrival, brothers were presented gift bags created by Dick Manson and his wife, Jo. The bags included a short history of the Fraternity, an assortment of snacks and Theta Chi memorabilia. The highlight of Friday evening's entertainment was a slide show featuring selected pictures of Fraternity activities that dated back to the early '70s. Due to the number of comments and roars of laughter the pictures generated, there was little time left for the other activities that were planned for the evening. Quite late and very reluctantly, the "party" broke up.

Saturday was spent touring the restored area of the city, shopping at many of the fine stores and outlet malls in the area and visiting Jamestown, the first English settlement in the New World. Just in time for Happy Hour, a Fraternity meeting was held which gave us an opportunity to brainstorm ways we can assist the active brothers and options for future reunions. In lieu of a formal banquet, the brothers chose to have dinner on their own to allow more time for celebration Saturday evening. And what a celebration it was with several surprises! Spouses and friends supplied a smorgasbord of delicious finger foods to snack on through the evening and **Gary Watson**, outstanding DJ that he is, provided vintage background music. Honored guest for the weekend was **Dr. Clive Hallman** (1970), Fraternity adviser and trusted friend since the chapter was colonized. Equally exciting was having **Mike Lewis** (1973) and **Tom Saunders** (1974) present whom few had seen in 40 years. Making the event even more memorable, **Jeff McEnteer** (1974) surprised us all with two pieces of chapter history: a red and white sign that was used at a second house when the chapter had grown too large to accommodate all the brothers; and a huge wooden plaque bearing the names of all the active brothers, presented by the spring 1974 pledge class.

Sunday morning saw the brothers reluctantly bidding farewell with promises to keep in close contact. We now await our next year's reunion when we return to our roots, James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.



Mark Davidson with the red and white sign used when Eta Kappa acquired an additional house.



Eta Kappa Charter Members: (Back Row) Mike Lewis, Gerry Bunting, John Mercer, Gary Little, Mark Davidson, John Davis, Scott Hall, Dick Manson. (Middle Row) Steve Lacy, Ron Buchanan, Hubert Doughty, John McClain, Tom Saunders, Gary Watson, Wayne Barbour. (Front Row) Randy Sheffield, Whit Paris, Clive Hallman, Frank English, Larry Short, Bob Taylor, Kevin Frankel.



Dan Faill (right), Iota Alpha/UNC-Wilmington 2002, receives the CAMPUSPEAK Recruitment Boot Camp Facilitator of the Year award.

Theta Kappa/Texas Tech



2003 Colley Award winner **Zach Edwards** (2005) was recently nominated to the annual list as one of the *Dallas Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 Business Professionals. Edwards was selected for the list from 242 candidates.

The honorees were featured in the *Dallas Business Journal*.

Edwards currently holds the position of senior associate at Gensler Dallas and has served the company as a project manager and architect. He currently serves as a member of the company's Project Manager Steering Committee, and led this year's Industry Leader PM Roundtable. Edwards is also the Client Relationship NextGen initiative leader, and serves on the regional Client Relationship Steering Committee. Within the Commercial Office Building practice area, Edwards is the South Central regional leader for the firm-wide Practice Area research initiative.

Iota Alpha/UNC-Wilmington

Former Leadership and Education Consultant **Dan Faill** (2002) recently received the CAMPUSPEAK Recruitment Boot Camp Facilitator of the Year award. Dan is currently the assistant director of student leadership & development at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. ■

Par Excellence

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Theta Chi Linksmen pose for a photo and Al Zale celebrates his victory.

BY THE NATIONAL GOLF COMMITTEE

Al Zale, Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1954, became the first double champion at the Sixth Annual Theta Chi National Golf Tournament in Mesquite, NV, on May 3, 2014. Brother Zale outlasted a field of nine golfers, firing a gross score of 94, net 76 on the Casablanca Golf Club course, despite high winds and 100 degree plus temperatures.

Zale's winning scores secured both the Medalist and Champion trophies, awarded for the low gross and net (after handicap) totals. No golfer had won both trophies in the same year in the history of the Tournament.

The three-day event yielded other winners in the preliminary tournaments. On Thursday, May 1, 2014, **Chris Graham**, Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 1969, and **Jim Powell**, Delta Pi/Indiana State 1981, took the prize in the Two-Man Scramble event by firing a 2 over par 74 on the Palms Golf Club course on a sunny but mild afternoon. Then on Friday, **Ken Arena**, Gamma Pi/Buffalo 1968, **Herb Morgan**, Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1988, and **Mike Kistler**, Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1973, met the challenge of the very difficult but beautiful Wolf Creek Golf Club course with an even par 72. The band immediately struck up "Who the Hell Would Have Thunk It?"

Golf was not the only entertainment available as the group lodged at the Casablanca Hotel and Casino where many games of skill and chance could be tried. Coincidentally, the Kentucky Derby was run on Saturday, May 5, 2014, giving those with a knack for picking winners a chance to increase their net worth. Unfortunately, as of press time, no one had confessed any such luck.

The weekend was rounded out by the Foundation Chapter, which hosted its initial Advisory Board meeting with a dinner on Friday evening and meeting on Saturday morning at the Casablanca Hotel. Executive Director Mike Mayer and Director of Development Philip Thornton gave an informative presentation detailing the numerous positive advances taking place around the country for Theta Chi. Also in attendance were all the golfers, including the winning team members **Harry Strack**, Chi/Auburn 1965, **Jeff Anderson**, Beta Alpha/UCLA 1989 and **Pat O'Connor**, Chi/Auburn 1978. In addition to Brother O'Connor, Foundation Board member Mark Hillis, Gamma Rho/Florida State 1964, traveled to Nevada for the meeting.

The Theta Chi Annual Golf Tournament, once again, hit a hole in one for fun, fellowship and networking. The National Golf Committee, consisting of Brothers Powell, O'Connor and Paul Norstrom, Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1986 (who missed the tournament this year with a foot injury), are already at work planning the Seventh Annual Tournament. Details will be published soon and the Committee hopes to see more and more alumni taking part in this great event. **Save the Date:** April 30–May 3, 2015, in Pinehurst, NC.



2014's 33rd Annual Ski Bums

Mountain Men

BY CHRISTIAN CHACE

On February 28, 2014, eight enterprising men of Theta Chi arrived in Park City, Utah, for the 33rd Annual David E. DeVol National Ski Trip. Among them, veteran **Herb Morgan** (Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1988) is especially appreciated for planning and executing the trip this year. He did yeoman's work guiding the men through Deer Valley Resort on skis and through Park City on foot.

Other veteran participants included Al Zale, (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1954), Mark Manlove, (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1969), Jeff Anderson, (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1989), and Dave Atkinson (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1970). Rookies Tyson Lai (Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1990) and Christian Chace (Epsilon Gamma/Widener 1998) rounded out the group of robust adventurers.

Not only did this intrepid crew enjoy three full days of skiing on fresh powder the likes of which the area had not seen all year, they also explored the culinary delights of the best restaurants of the city, as well as a random libation or two, hither and yon. The full breadth of fraternal camaraderie was on display, and all participants eagerly await next year's excursion with hopes of even more inductees into the annals of national ski trip lore. Join us Feb. 27–March 3, 2015 in Lake Tahoe, NV!

Theta Chi Fraternity salutes its 2013/2014 Outstanding Seniors

It is time to once again recognize the graduating members who made remarkable contributions to their chapters with the Outstanding Senior Award.

Each chapter was asked to nominate one individual for this honor—a brother who went above and beyond the call of duty for Theta Chi. This year, 64 brothers were submitted for recognition as Outstanding Seniors.

These brothers were described as trustworthy, reliable, dependable, hard workers, dedicated and motivating. They have served their chapters as officers and have served their brothers as role models and mentors. The influence of these scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen will be seen in the years to come as their brothers continue their work in the undergraduate chapter.

Please join us in thanking and congratulating the 2013/2014 Outstanding Seniors!



David F. Bridges

Gamma/Maine | Biology

Chapter Secretary during rebuilding process.
Won Mr. Fraternity with the most votes & most money raised.
Donated bone marrow.



Christopher Levine

Rho/Illinois | Computer Science

President, Secretary, Alumni Chair, Historian and Social Chair. Led the chapter to passing the All Men's average GPA. Organized a memorial fundraiser to honor a lost brother. Organized a large reunion for alumni and actives of Rho Chapter.



Scott M. Egglinger

Delta/RPI | Mechanical Engineering

President, Secretary.
Center, varsity football team.
Ultimate Grinder Award.



Scott Salzman

Tau/Florida | Finance

Stepped up to be interim-President during challenging time for the chapter, Social Chair.
Chairman for Student Government Productions.
Florida Blue Key.



Max Shuchman

Theta/Massachusetts | Sports Mgmt, Operations/Information Mgmt

Risk Manager, First Guard, & Assistant Treasurer.
SGA Senator, IFC VP of Member Development.
Several Scholarships and the Operations and Information Faculty Award for Distinctive Achievement.
Started a Greek wide community clean-up initiative, co-chair for Greek Week, steering committee for UDance.



Eric Canillas

Phi/North Dakota State | Computer Science

Campus Attractions Coordinator, Association for Computing Machinery.
Order of Omega.
3.7 GPA, five semesters on the Dean's List.



Charles D. Boles

Omicron/Richmond | Business Administration

Charter Member for reinstalled chapter.
Treasurer, House Manager, and Social Chair.
SGA Senator.
Treasurer & Team Captain of the University Rugby team.



Steven K. Sawyer

Chi/Auburn | Health Services Administration

President, Vice President, Recruitment Chair, House Manager.
Chapter exceeded 120 members while President.
Served on IFC Court and SGA.
3.38 GPA.

**Anthony J. Trenzeluk**

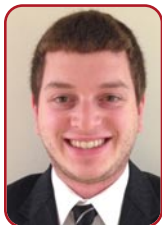
Psi/Wisconsin | Political Science, International Studies, History

Vice President, Risk Manager.
Implemented a new risk management plan.
Green Committee.
Established a working relationship with Madison Police Dept.

**Charles D. O'Hare**

Alpha Pi/Minnesota | Chemistry

Charter Member for reinstalled chapter.
Philanthropy Committee.
Works as an Emergency Room scribe.
Interning at Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation.

**Kyle B. Sussman**

Omega/Penn State | Economics

Vice President, Treasurer, IM Chair and Risk Manager.
As Treasurer he built the surplus from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Created a planning committee to help the chairs connect, created a fire emergency plan, an anti-suicide protocol and an emergency action plan.

**Carter D. Case**

Alpha Rho/Washington | Environmental Studies

Helped to re-establish Alpha Rho Chapter.
Works for UW Treasury, Co-President of the Student Association for Green Environments, UW Earth Club.
Authored environmental education curriculum that is being developed into a Pipeline Seminar and was awarded the Husky Green Award for this project.

**John A. Fiocca**

Alpha Delta/Purdue | Genetics

Vice President, House Manager.
MYLC Coordinator when Purdue hosted in 2013.
Boiler Gold Rush Team Leader for two years, Tour Guide for Lilly Hall, Teaching Intern for Freshmen Orientation course, and Teaching Assistant for an Upper Division Genetics course.

**Nathan Naylor**

Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska | Accounting

Charter Member of reinstalled chapter.
President during reinstallation, Vice President, Secretary, Scholarship Chair.
Redesigned the committee system.

**Najja Marshall**

Alpha Iota/Indiana | Physics, Mathematics

President, Alumni Relations Chairman, Standards Board.
Under his leadership, the chapter earned the Excellence in Intellectual Development Award, increased alumni involvement through house events, retreats and an improved newsletter and updated website.

**Chad D. Dolan**

Alpha Phi/Alabama | Marketing

President, Rush Chairman, Social Chair.
Jason's Mens Honor Society, Order of Alpha, Order of Omega and Phi Eta Sigma.
Honors Program Student Association.

**Junior Mwiroti**

Alpha Mu/Iowa State | Management

Secretary, Marshal, Brotherhood Chair, House Manager.
Member of the African Student Association.
Hope for Africa.

**Alexander Jimenez**

Beta Alpha/UCLA | Geography

Vice President, Recruitment Chair, Risk Management Chair.
Member of Pediatric AIDS Coalition; raised \$17,151 for Pediatric AIDS research, Illustrator with the *Daily Bruin*; awarded 2011 Illustrator of the Year. Vice President, UCLA Club Baseball team, Ad Manager and Social Media Manager at UCLA Trademarks and Licensing. Field Manager at Jackie Robinson Stadium, UCLA Hawaii Club.

**Joshua Partridge**

Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech | Mechanical Engineering

Rush Chair, First Guard.
Greek Week Chair, Manager for Georgia Tech Men's Basketball team, AΓΔ's Sweetheart, Member of Connect with Tech, Georgia Tech paintball team.
3.06 GPA, Co-oped at Porex Technologies, Interned at Southern Nuclear.

**Anthony J. Melon**

Beta Delta/Rutgers | Political Science, Philosophy

Marshal, Risk Management.
Provided the new Marshal with the framework through which the new member program should be administered.
4.0 GPA while employed at on-campus rec center.
Will attend George Washington University Law School.

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Brian Levin

Beta Theta/Drexel | Accounting

Rush Chairman, House Manager.

The chapter grew from 20 to more than 50 members when he was Rush Chairman.



Maher Eltarhoni

Gamma Zeta/Oklahoma State | Civil Engineering

Vice President.

Organized the chapter's inaugural participation at Homecoming, Recruitment Chair for Relay for Life, Lead Teaching Assistant for Statistics. ConocoPhillips SPIRIT Scholars scholarship.



Layton J. Cox

Beta Iota/Arizona | Business Administration

Charter Member of reinstalled chapter.

Vice President, Marshal, Secretary.

2013 IFC President, 2012 IFC VP of Finance, Delegate to the Oracle Board.

Founded the IFC Charity Golf Tournament and finalized a new recruitment schedule.



Darien K. Key

Gamma Theta/San Diego State | History

Charter Member of Reinstalled Chapter.

Vice President, Treasurer, Standards Board.

Associated Students committees: Audit, Finance, Good Neighbor. Served as Hall Council Treasurer.

3.57 GPA; graduated in 3 years.

2014/2015 Field Executive.



Enrique M. Ortega

Beta Kappa/Hamline | History, Music Arts

President, Treasurer, Assistant Recruitment Chair.

New Student Mentor Program, Stage Manager at Sundin Hall, Feed My Starving Children Organization.

Instrumental in starting the chapter's Trick-or-Canning philanthropy.



Justin A. Casey

Gamma Rho/Florida State | Marketing, Finance

Marshal, Scholarship Chairman.

3.993 GPA, President's List, Dean's List, Phi Eta Sigma, The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Honors Student Association, Sigma Alpha Lambda.

Organized a fundraiser for two brothers diagnosed with cancer.



Sean Jaroch

Beta Lambda/Akron | Mechanical Engineering

Historian, Treasurer, Scholarship Chair, Chaplain,

Community Service Chair.

Eagle Scout, 3.7 GPA.

Introduced incentive program for good grades and started scholarship dinner for chapter.



Kevin M. Riley

Gamma Tau/Drake | International Business

Vice President.

3.0 GPA.

Adams Academy, Emerging Leader model.

Presidential Scholarship, Jon P. Newsome Scholarship, Insurance Scholarship.



Abbott M. Veldhuizen

Beta Nu/Case Western | Astronomy

Secretary, Standards Board Justice, Chaplain, Social Chair, First Guard. Coordinated annual VOX chapter philanthropy event in 2012. Stepped up as interim Rush Chairman. Active Chapter Service Award. Cast member in a production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.



Matthew C. Sernett

Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan | Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Vice President of Health and Safety, Vice President, Marshal.

Created a working vision document for the chapter.

Order of Omega, founding member of Human Resources & Networking on campus.



Adam Ravotti

Beta Chi/Allegheny | Political Science

Vice President.



Andy Kall

Delta Gamma/West Virginia Wesleyan/MBA

President, Chaplain.

3.7 GPA, Dean's List, Lambda Pi Eta.

Captain of Cross Country Track team.

2014 Greek Man of the Year.

**Mark N. Olalde**

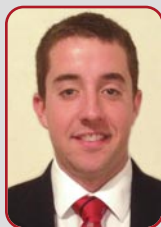
Delta Iota/Northwestern | Journalism

Marshal, Recruitment Chair, Standards Board, Public Relations Chair, Social Chair.
Marching band, basketball band, feature writer with *North by Northwestern* and in depth reporting with *The Medill Watchdog*, Sheil Catholic Center.
Greek Emerging Leaders.

**Brandon Clancy**

Epsilon Pi/Northern Illinois Colony | Business Administration

Philanthropy Chair. Led the chapter to involvement with the local Junior Achievement program, Baskets for a Better Easter, Relay for Life. U.S. Army Veteran, NIU Bold Futures Facilitator, Career Services intern, Proposed Military Student Career Success program at NIU.

**Jarrod D. DeVries**

Delta Kappa/Ball State | Landscape Architecture

President, Secretary, Public Relations Chair, Social Chair, Standards Board, Philanthropy Chair, Alumni Golf Outing Chair, Designed Brotherhood Memorial Garden.
Charlie Ray Excellence Award, Alpha Man of the Year and Most Outstanding Member for four years.
Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Lambda Sigma Alpha, Dean's List.

**Alex E. Valdez**

Epsilon Tau/Stephen F. Austin | Nursing

Vice President, Second Guard.
SFA Nursing Association, Freshman Orientation leader.
3.75 GPA.

**Stefan A. Coreth**

Delta Rho/North Carolina State | Aerospace Engineering, German

Vice President, Alumni Relations Committee Chair.
Student Intern for The Flying Bulls vintage aircraft group.
Worked on campus as ITECS Help Desk Consultant.
Delta Phi Alpha German Honor Society.
Snowboard Club, represented NC State at many snowboarding competitions.

**Jonathan A. Weiss**

Epsilon Psi/NJIT | Mechanical Engineering

Social Chair, Standards Board Chair, Student Senate President—two years, Education Opportunity Program, Society of Automotive Engineers, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society, Eagle Scout, Bylaws committee.
3.746 GPA, Albert Dorman's Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society.

**Mark D. Yocius**

Delta Omega/Ripon | History

President, Vice President, Awards Chair, Alumni Relations Chair.
Student Senate, The Blue Mountain Project, Greek President of the Year, Class of 1991 Award.
Order of Omega, Laurel Society, 3.78 GPA, Dean's List.

**Derek Jackson**

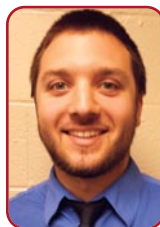
Zeta Beta/Adrian | Spanish K12

Secretary.
President Sigma Tau Delta and Sigma Delta Pi, ResLife, Campus Activities Network (CAN), Feminism Empowerment Movement (FEM), Adrian College Choir, IFC's VP of Programming, Fulbright Study Abroad in Peru.
Dean's List, Michael Kelly Thompson Award, Alpha Chi Honor Society.

**Hunter Tower**

Epsilon Gamma/Widener | Political Science

President, Marshal, House Manager, Chaplain, Alumni Relations Chair.
Accountability Board, Greek Housing Committee, CREW Committee, Freshman Orientation Leader, Chosen to lobby Congress on CHIA, Dean's List, 3.94 GPA, Pi Sigma Alpha, Vice President of Pi Gamma Mu, President of the College Republicans.

**Brandon M. Hayzlett**

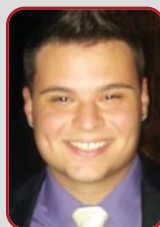
Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern | Pharmacy

Vice President, Historian, Public Relations Chair.
Compiled the chapter's binder system & helped to organize various chapter events.
ONU Marching and and Symphonic band.
3.18 GPA.

**Cody Lopez**

Epsilon Kappa/Idaho | Psychology

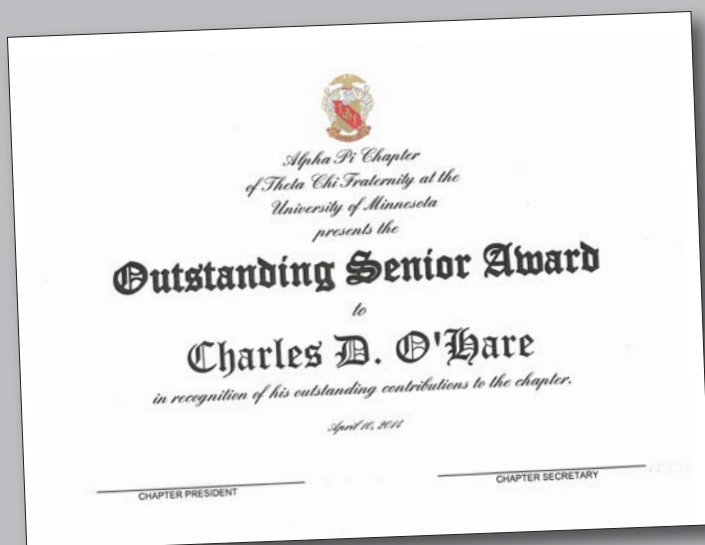
President, Recruitment Chairman, Marshal.
Student Ambassador with Vandal Reps, Brian Murphy Award, Donated bone marrow to a child with Leukemia.
President of National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Eta Sigma, Dean's List.

**Derek A. Pollice**

Zeta Lambda/Westminster | Psychology

President, Philanthropy Chair, Recruitment Chair.
SGA Senator, IFC Representative, Psychology Club.
Interned at Aerotek.
1852 Founder's Grant recipient.

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Michael D. "Dillon" Roy

Eta Omicron/Northwestern State | Anthropology

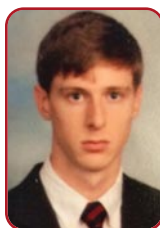
President, Secretary, Recruitment Chair, Fundraising Chair. President, Vice President of the Anthropology Club, Programming and Campus Relations Director for the student radio station, IFC VP of Scholarship. Distinguished Senior Award, Alpha Lambda Delta, Blue Key.



Michael Longmire

Eta Psi/UAB | Biochemistry, Molecular Biology

Social Chairman for two years. President of the American Chemical Society, taught Chem Lab as part of Chemistry Scholars, American Physician Scientist Association, Science and Technology Honors Program Executive Committee. Beckman Scholars, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key International Honour Society, Dean's List



Sean C. Zewe

Zeta Pi/Old Dominion | Public Administration, Marketing

President. Attended Initiative Academy. Led the creation of Sorority's Best Dance Crew philanthropy event. Held first chapter retreat in 5 years. American Marketing Association, Ski and Snowboard Club, College Republicans.



Richard D. Hernandez

Theta Eta/Sam Houston State | Accounting

President, Marshal, Recruitment Director. SGA Senator for College of Business Administration, Society for Human Resource Management, IFC Athletics Director, Campus Outreach.



Brandon J. Kanter

Zeta Rho/Kentucky | Electrical Engineering

Charter Member of reinstalled chapter. Vice President, Secretary, Scholarship Chair. 3.90 GPA, Dean's List, Zeta Rho's Scholar of the Year in 2011, 2013 Academic Excellence Award from UK Fraternity/Sorority Affairs.



Cameron M. Scallan

Theta Rho/McNeese State | Psychology

Secretary, Chaplain, Second Guard, Alumni Chairman. Psychology Club, Volunteer at an Autism Clinic. President's Award for having a GPA of 3.5 or higher from Fall 2011 to Fall 2013.



Eric D. Westerman

Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls | Psychology

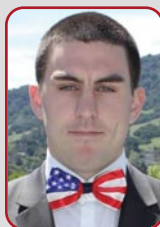
Recruitment Chair for two years, doubled the size of the chapter. Greek Rep. on Student Counsel, rugby team. Senator of the Year Award.



Joshua B. Rhodes

Theta Omega/Appalachian State | Marketing

President, Vice President. Appol Corps Orientation Leader, Vice President of Legal Issues for *Split Rail Records*. Order of Omega, Beta Gamma Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi, 3.78 GPA.



Cory Souza

Zeta Phi/Cal Poly | Mathematics

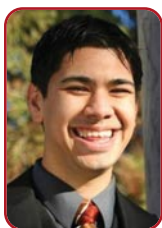
President, Marshal. Athlete of the Year, Co-Sports Chair, IM softball and coach and captain flag football team. Led teams in Hoops for Heart, S.L.O. Bowl, and Frats at Bat Softball Tournament.



Ryan J. "Graham" Gilyard

Iota Beta/Missouri State | Public Relations

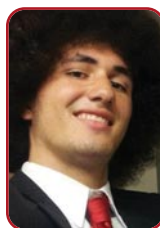
Social Chairman, Greek Week Chairman, Homecoming Chairman. IFC Director of New Member Education, SOAR Leader, Senior Class President. 3.1 GPA, Interned at 92.9 FM.



Trust A. Hilton

Iota Eta/Pacific | Psychology, Religious Studies

Alumni Relations Chair, Standards Chair. IFC VP of Programming; Delta Phi Epsilon secretary; Chancellor, Joint Campus Climate Subcommittee; Service Coordinator for ALANA Center; Multicultural Graduation Chair; MLK Peace and Justice Awards/Nominations Chair Dean's List, Changemaker Fellowship, Outstanding Man on Campus Award.



M. DeVon Williams

Iota Rho/Southern Poly State | Software Engineering

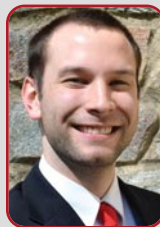
Charter Member. Vice President, Recruitment Chair, Greek Week Chair, Volunteer at Kennesaw National Battlefield Park, Built garden at Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church. National Society of Leadership and Success.



Anatoliy Korzhuk

Iota Theta/Central Florida | Molecular Biology, Microbiology

UCF Swim team, ER and ICU volunteer, Volunteer Touch Program, Junior Achievement tutor, Habitat for Humanity volunteer, SGA Senator, Executive Board Housing Manager, Assistant Housing Manager, IFC Delegate. Order of Omega, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Dean's List, President's Honor Roll.



Benjamin Caffey

Iota Sigma/Towson | History

Charter Member. President, Marshal. Outstanding Junior, Brother of the Year. Towson University Club Soccer team.



Steven F. Sommer

Iota Lambda/Longwood | Communication Studies

Recruitment Chair, Historian, Initiation Chairman. SGA Vice President and Secretary, Sports Director at WMLU radio, Peer Mentor for two years, Board of Visitors Student Representative, Student Selection Panel to choose university President. Chi Commendation, 3.3 GPA, Lambda Pi Eta.



Micah Pugh

Iota Tau/Northern Kentucky | Entrepreneurship, Marketing

Charter Member. President at installation. Northern Kentucky University Leadership Mentors.



Ross C. Daniel

Iota Xi/Georgia College | Theater

Social Chair. Mr. Georgia College 2011/2012. Alpha Psi Omega, Graduated Summa Cum Laude. Received full scholarship to FSU to continue his education.



Philip A. Murtagh

SUNY Cortland Colony | Communication Studies

Secretary. Club member of CSTV.



James Harden

Iota Omicron/FIU | Business

Charter Member. Chaplain, Social committee. SGA Comptroller. Phi Alpha Delta Treasurer and Council to the Chair. Order of Omega.



Wallace Sevin

Iota Pi/LSU | Management

Charter Member. Vice President of Recruitment, set up Chapter Advisory Board, Alumnus Delegate to National Convention. Living Creed Award. 3.0 GPA.

Just like these two members of Theta Chi's Colony in Spokane, WA, many of these Outstanding Seniors attended Theta Chi's national leadership events and learned the skills necessary to become leaders in their chapters and on campus. Your financial support helps to make these Fraternity leadership events possible. To make a gift, please visit www.thetachi.org/make-a-gift



Updates From the Undergraduates

Delta/RPI

The brothers at Delta Chapter raised \$2,092.50 at their annual Lift-a-Thon for Relay For Life. **Dan Sugrue** (2015) also spent a semester abroad in Australia.

Epsilon/WPI

Epsilon Chapter celebrated its 105th anniversary March 29, 2014. The Epsilon brothers were excited to receive a gift from a brother currently serving in Afghanistan. He dedicated a flag to the chapter that had flown in Afghanistan.

Theta/Massachusetts

Brother **Vinayak Rao** (2015) was elected student government president at the University of Massachusetts. **Garret Shetrawski** (2016) is currently running for Massachusetts State Representative in Worcester's Second District.



Garret Shetrawski

Iota/Colgate

Brothers **Ricky Marquardt** (2015) and **Will Stabler** (2015) spent a semester abroad in Copenhagen. In April, the chapter hosted "Hilarity for Charity" comedy event benefiting the Alzheimer's Association. The chapter's own **Liam Friar** (2015) performed in an Improv Group called Charred Goose Beak. Improvements to the chapter house are on the agenda for this summer.

Phi/North Dakota State

Brother **Kyle Mason** (2015) was the recipient of the "Dale Brostrom Student of the Year Award" for his services on campus. **August Nuutinen** (2017) received a scholarship through the Army ROTC program, and the chapter was recognized with awards for Scholarship Development and Greek Relations. **Zach Thelen** (2015) won the "Mr. NDSU" talent competition, and **John Narum** (2017) won first place in the "Bison Brevities" talent show. **Henry Anderson** (2016) was elected president of Circle K International, **Corey Haller** (2015) serves as chair of the Advisory Board for Student Affairs, and Brother **Joe Lutovsky** (2013) founded and serves as president of the Bison Abroad Club. **Chris St. Amant** (2014) and **Ben Tang** (2014) served as



Brothers of Psi Chapter take a break from the slopes of Cascade Mountain to gather for a photo during their annual Ski for Cancer event March 1, 2014. The event raised more than \$41,000 for the Midwest Athletes against Childhood Cancer Fund.

president and vice president, respectively, for Campus Attractions, and **Kyle Mason** (2015) won "Student of the Year" at the Memorial Union Student Employees Awards. The brothers also hosted a campus-wide blood drive at their chapter house, and they hosted a meal in honor of Dean Bresciani, president of North Dakota State University.

Chi/Auburn

The brothers of Chi Chapter established a September 11 Memorial Philanthropy where the brothers would sell American Flags on the concourse. Chi was also the leading fraternity in the Dance Marathon fundraiser and helped collect shoes for the "Soles for Souls" charity. As Director of Freshman Forum and a current Plainsman, **Kohl Weir** (2015) set a high standard for future leaders, and **Eddie Seay** (2015) and **Clayton Carter** (2017) were elected Vice President of Administration of IFC and Assistant Risk Manager of IFC, respectively. **Joe Warren** (2015), **Sean Craig** (2015), and **Sam Wade** (2016) have been accepted and are participating in various Auburn Study Abroad programs across Europe. The chapter has also been working to increase their alumni involvement by hosting at least one alumni weekend per semester. The brothers want their alumni to feel like they are welcome at any time and strive to keep them involved by being the best chapter they can be.

Psi/Wisconsin

Continuing the tradition that started in 1969, Psi Chapter held its annual philanthropy event, "Ski for Cancer," on March 1, 2014, at Cascade Mountain. More than 100 brothers were joined by Theta Chi alumni, members of other Greek organizations, members of other Theta Chi chapters, family and friends. When it was over, Psi Chapter donated more than \$41,000 to the Midwest Athletes against Childhood Cancer Fund.

Alpha Iota/Indiana

Brothers of Alpha Iota Chapter painted houses for Habitat for Humanity on March 29, 2014. **Nick Hoke** (2014) received the IFC Unsung Hero Award, an award that recognizes a brother who lives out the values of their fra-



In March, 12 brothers of Alpha Iota Chapter joined Alumnus Al Proctor to paint houses for Habitat for Humanity in Monroe County.



Alpha Kappa brothers raised more than \$2,000 for WVU Children's Miracle Network Hospital at the WVU Dance Marathon. Twenty of the brothers were on the dance floor for 12 hours or more.

ternity every day without expecting recognition. During March Madness, the brothers held "Pick N' Roll for the Cure," an online NCAA Bracket Challenge in which the participants donate to the Sarcoma Foundation of America. The brothers were able to donate \$6,605 to the Sarcoma Foundation in honor of Wendy Walker, the mother of **Jon Steinberg** (2015) who had recently lost her life to the disease.

Alpha Kappa/West Virginia

This semester the Alpha Kappa brothers participated in the WVU Dance Marathon and raised more than \$2,000 for the WVU Children's Miracle Network Hospital. The brothers placed fourth overall in the dance marathon, and raised more funds than any other organization participating in the event. The brothers also participated in the WVU Greek Week Blood Drive in March. For the Blood Drive, Alpha Kappa donated more pints of blood and had more volunteers. The brothers went on to win Greek Week 2014. More recently, the brothers of Alpha Kappa hosted their inaugural Theta Chi for Fitness event in accordance with the Sacred Purpose launch. **Thomas Jamal McLean** (2013) hosted a boot camp style of fitness program for participants at the local student recreation center. The event was featured in the local newspaper, the *daonline.com*. To view the article, visit: http://www.thedaonline.com/news/article_b8e840ec-c9e1-11e3-8066-0017a43b2370.html.

Alpha Mu/Iowa State

The brothers of Alpha Mu hosted a dinner for Iowa State basketball guards Naz Long and Matt Thomas and forward Georges Niang at their chapter house, April 23, 2013. The dinner offered the brothers a chance to get to know the players and talk one-on-one with them about their winning season.



Then-National Counselor Joseph Couch, Executive Director Mike Mayer, and then-National Treasurer Doug Allen congratulate Iota Beta Chapter on their third NIC Award of Distinction.

Iota Beta Named NIC Chapter of Distinction

Theta Chi's Iota Beta Chapter at Missouri State University was named one of five recipients of the North-American Interfraternity Conference's Chapter Award of Distinction. The chapter was presented the award at the NIC's annual meeting April 6, 2014, in Atlanta.

The Chapter Award of Distinction recognizes "the undergraduate chapter which is highly functioning in compliance with NIC Standards, seeks to educate others about the benefits of a values based fraternity experience, and works to maintain a healthy relationship with their inter/national organization."

This is the third time that Iota Beta has received the award. The chapter had previously received the award in 2012 and in 2008. Our Iota Beta Chapter joins Georgia Tech's Delta Chi Fraternity chapter as the first fraternity chapters to have received this honor on three occasions. Delta Chi Fraternity at Georgia Tech received its awards in 2004 and 2010.

Iota Beta maintains its hold on the quickest "turn-around" time between awards amongst all prior recipients, having previously received the award two years ago in 2012. They held the previous record of four years between awards.

Installed on Nov. 13, 1999, Iota Beta is one of Theta Chi's most consistently high-performing chapters. It is an 11-time recipient of the Fraternity's most prestigious chapter honor, the Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award, including nine consecutive wins since 2004/2005.



Alpha Mu brothers pose with Iowa State basketball guards Naz Long and Matt Thomas and forward Georges Niang after dinner at their chapter house, April 23, 2013.



Alpha Rho's Ethan Ludlam (2016) shows the trophy he received during the Mr. Greek Pageant at the University of Washington.

Alpha Rho/Washington

The brothers of Alpha Rho hosted their first Red Carnation Brunch March 1, 2014, to honor the housemothers at the University of Washington. The 17 housemothers were treated to a house tour, a catered brunch and thank-you gifts. The next day, March 2, 2014, Alpha Rho Treasurer **Ethan Ludlam** (2016) placed second out of 17 fraternities participating in the Mr. Greek Pageant. Alpha Rho is setting the standard for green initiatives in fraternity houses on campus. **Carter Case** (2014), co-leader of four different environmental clubs on campus and a champion for Alpha Rho's sustainable initiatives, won the Husky Green Award on April 22, 2014. Carter has promoted connectivity in the environmental community across campus, leading organizations such as Divest UW, EcoReps, UW Earth Club, Student Association for Green Environments, as well as organizing community activities for brothers to take part in, like working at the UW Farm or cleaning up invasive plant species. The Husky Green Award is awarded annually to only five entities/individuals spanning UW's Seattle, Tacoma, and Bothell campuses, in recognition of exemplary leadership, initiative, and dedication to promoting the University of Washington's commitment to Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship.

Alpha Chi/Syracuse

The goal may have been 600, but brothers of Alpha Chi helped to make 1,815 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in a Greek life



The brothers of Alpha Rho Chapter hosted their first Red Carnation Brunch to honor the 17 housemothers at the University of Washington.



While in NYC for a spring break with Campus Crusade for Christ Build for Habitat for Humanity, Alpha Chi/Syracuse's Jacky Xu (2016) was randomly placed in the same group as Tate O'Connor (Chi/Auburn 2015), (right) son of Past National President Pat O'Connor.

competition held at Syracuse University. The sandwiches were donated to a local soup kitchen for the homeless of Syracuse. The brothers placed first during Greek Week events, and they also hosted a campus-wide blood drive on April 16, 2014. The goal was to collect 60 units of blood and the brothers surpassed that goal by collecting 66 units. On April 19, 2014, Alpha Chi held their annual Street Soccer Tournament to benefit the



Alpha Psi/Maryland's Eric Tien shows the bike he rode from Baltimore to Seattle to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The brothers sold food items and offered a "Pie-a-Chi" game. In all, a little more than \$800 was raised at the event. Some of the brothers also



Beta Alpha brothers capture the American Cancer Society Relay For Life trophy for a second consecutive year, raising a record \$10,732 for the fight against cancer.



Members of Beta Delta Chapter gather in front of their chapter house following their G.I. Theta Chi event.

spent their spring break participating in the Campus Crusade for Christ Build for Habitat for Humanity.

Alpha Psi/Maryland

The brothers of Alpha Psi worked to bring the Out of the Darkness Walk back to the University of Maryland campus this year. The walk was last held at the campus in 2012. In June, **Eric Tien** (2015) biked 4,000 miles from Baltimore to Seattle in honor of his aunt who died of cancer, and to help raise money and awareness for the cause.

Beta Alpha/UCLA

Beta Alpha Chapter topped all 122 other UCLA teams in the 2014 American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Beta Alpha claimed the Relay For Life Trophy for a second consecutive year, raising a record \$10,732 for the fight against cancer. **Chris Spencer** (2014) did an excellent job rallying more than 50 of his brothers to participate in this year's relay. Since February 2013, Beta Alpha has raised more than \$40,000 for AIDS and cancer research and prevention.



The brothers of Beta Omicron are joined in the stands of a Cincinnati Reds baseball game by Red's mascot, Mr. Red Legs.

Beta Delta/Rutgers

The brothers at Beta Delta Chapter placed second in this year's Rutgers University Dance Marathon, raising more than \$20,000 for pediatric cancer patients. In April, they hosted G.I. Theta Chi to raise money for the USO. The brothers have since focused their efforts on supporting their brother, **Nexhmi Klobucista** (2015), who was recently diagnosed with cancer. The brothers started a fundraising campaign, "Pledge for Nexh," and have raised nearly \$7,000 in just a few weeks. The brothers have also shaved their heads in support of Klobucista, and the pancake breakfast they recently hosted with Sigma Delta Tau sorority raised more than \$800 in just three hours. *[Editor's note: we are saddened to report that Brother Klobucista passed away in August.]*

Beta Iota/Arizona

The brothers of Beta Iota held their second annual "Cut-the-Chi" philanthropy. For two weeks prior to the event, interested bidders were able to go online and place their bid on the head of a Theta Chi brother who they wanted to design a new hair style for. On May 2, 2014, a makeshift barber shop was set up at the chapter house, and the highest bidders were allowed to cut the brother's hair any way they wanted. Overall, the brothers raised more than \$6,500 for Students Supporting Brain Tumor Research (SSBTR). For the spring 2014 semester, Beta Iota Chapter earned a 3.043 GPA, second highest of all fraternities on campus.

Beta Omicron/Cincinnati

Beta Omicron participated in their first homecoming since reinstallation and built their first homecoming float modeled after Peter Pan and Captain Hook. As brothers started to look for summer internships and jobs, **Megh Desai** (2015) organized a five-day resume building workshop and mock interview session with the alumni to help brothers

gain an edge over the competition. The brothers also worked with local not-for-profits to “lend an assisting hand.” One memorable experience was helping plant flowers and mulch with Grannies Gardens. The brothers also enjoyed several football tailgates with their alumni and a special fire truck, and they partnered with Iota Tau/Northern Kentucky University to host the inaugural “Border Bowl,” a powder puff football event. The highlight of the year took place over Founders Weekend when the brothers and their dates went to Gatlinburg, TN, to celebrate.

Beta Psi/Presbyterian

Renovations were on tap for the Beta Psi chapter house. The house received two new swings for the front porch, the ΘΧ letters were painted on the living room floor, and new letters were placed on the fireplace mantle. The chapter also threw an 1856 party to honor their alumni, and hosted a Grill and Chill outing for their fathers. During a Goodwill drive, the chapter gathered 300 articles of clothing to donate, and they are currently in the process of adopting a highway and starting an Active Minds Chapter on campus.

Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH)

Along with Sigma Pi and Kappa Alpha Theta, Gamma Kappa Chapter hosted their inaugural “Dropping the Puck on Cancer” event May 7, 2014, at Steve Cady Arena. The brothers faced Sigma Pi in a hockey game where they defeated them in a shootout. The event raised more than \$2,000 and awareness for the American Brain Tumor Association.

Gamma Omicron/Wake Forest

Philip Weinstein (2016) was elected SGA Treasurer at Wake Forest. **David Song** (2015) and **Nick Chrones** (2015) were initiated into Sigma Delta Chapter of the Order of Omega.

Through their “Puppies on the Quad” philanthropy, the brothers were able to raise more than \$600 for the Forsyth County Humane Society.

Gamma Rho/Florida State

Mickey Scheerhorn (2016), brother and offensive lineman for the Florida State Seminoles football team, wanted to ‘lend an assisting hand’ to a young girl battling cancer by giving two Rose Bowl tickets to the girl and one of her parents. To assure that the trip was all expenses paid, Scheerhorn set out to raise \$5,000 to cover expenses. Brother Scheerhorn ended up raising \$10,948. The extra money was donated to the Children’s Cancer Center.



Delta Zeta Chapter at the University of Nebraska-Omaha received an invitation from Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Nebraska to participate in the Capture the Flag event during Alpha Upsilon’s G.I. Theta Chi. After the other teams had played their matches, Delta Zeta and Alpha Upsilon faced off in the final showdown. Delta Zeta was victorious with two games to none over Alpha Upsilon. Proceeds from the event benefited the USO.



Delta Mu brothers at Texas participate in the “Raise your GPA” event to raise Global Poverty Awareness.

Gamma Tau/Drake

Adam Graves (2016) received the Outstanding Community Service Award at Drake University’s Greek Gala 2014.

Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan

Through a mailing campaign, Gamma Phi chapter raised \$8,000 to be put toward chapter house improvements in the basement. The walls have since been painted and new carpeting is down. During Greek Week, the chapter collected 357 non-perishable items for the Canned Food Drive. A total of 1,756 pounds of food were collected by the Greek community as a whole. Gamma Phi also raised nearly \$5,000 for Relay For Life. Their Waffleman night, a philanthropy night when local legend The Waffleman makes waffles for everyone who attends, netted \$711.48.

Delta Gamma/West Virginia Wesleyan

During the heart of the frigid West Virginia winter, the brothers of Delta Gamma participated in their community’s inaugural Polar Plunge event. The brothers helped to raise \$7,500 to build a new playground for a local elementary school.

Delta Eta/Colorado State

Brother **Ryan Weir** (2013) received the President of the Year Award at the Greek Night Out Awards program.

Delta Mu/Texas

Some of the brothers of Delta Mu Chapter participated in the “Raise your GPA” event, held March 31, 2014, at the University of Texas at Austin. **Ricardo Espiti** (2014), who is a member of the BE Global Student Organization, planned the event to raise Global Poverty Awareness. Chapter Vice President **Marc Segal** (2015), who serves as president of the BE Global Student Organization, said the organization was able to raise funds during the event to secure a micro finance loan.

Delta Psi/Kansas

Twelve brothers of Delta Psi Chapter were recipients of scholarships made possible from donations by an alumnus from the University of Kansas. The scholarships, in amounts ranging from \$250–\$1,000, were awarded based on academic performance as well as leadership and service within the chapter and community.



For several weekends in February 2014, Epsilon Tau brothers at Stephen F. Austin helped their local Habitat for Humanity ReStore move everything from their former location into their new location.

Delta Omega/Ripon

Zuzaks was the setting for Delta Omega's fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Foundation. The brothers raised \$214.

Epsilon Gamma/Widener

In April 2014, Brother **Hunter Tower** (2014) received the "Outstanding Fraternity Man Award" presented by the Office of Student Life at the Student Life Leadership Awards. This was the second year in a row a Theta Chi has won this award.

Epsilon Zeta/Tampa

Two hundred guests turned out for Epsilon Zeta's Date-a-Chi Auction held Feb. 11, 2014. The event raised \$860 for Sal's Soldiers, a foundation started by **Salvatore De Gaetano** (2015) to honor his father who passed away in December. Brother **Molham Krayum** (2016) won best comedy during the University of Tampa Movie Fest for his film *The Social Creep*.

Members collaborated with **Ryan Harvey's** (2015) mother to surprise him at a chapter meeting with the return of his father, Tech Sgt. Troy Harvey, from Afghanistan.

Epsilon Kappa/Idaho

Not only did Epsilon Kappa win homecoming this year, they also received the Richard D. Gibb Award for Chapter Excellence, the

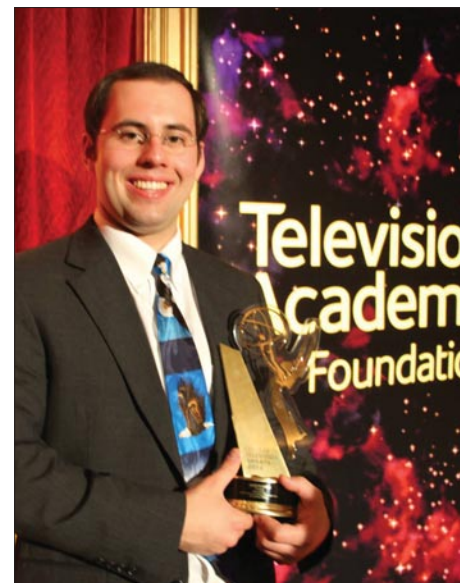
Outstanding Alumni Relations Award, and the Outstanding Philanthropy Award. The chapter also organized "You're Beautiful Day," and handed out more than 750 roses to women all over campus to remind them that they are beautiful no matter what. Epsilon Kappa also held their inaugural "Hoops for Shoop" philanthropy in honor of their brother who was injured in an accident last summer. Proceeds from "Hoops for Shoop" benefited USO.

Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri

Chapter President **Curtis Wilson** (2015) was selected for Order of Omega.

Epsilon Psi/NJIT

Epsilon Psi Chapter took away two Amy Vojta awards in the categories of Excellence in Membership Recruitment and Excellence in Public Relations during the Northeast Greek Leadership Association Conference held Feb. 27, 2014, at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown. Over spring break, March 16–20, 2014, 17 brothers of Epsilon Psi participated in Alternative Spring Break. Recruitment Chair **Evan Tyerman** (2016) was the leader of a team of students who assisted setting up facilities for a long-term volunteer effort in the Monmouth County location. **David Silva** (2014) took the lead in helping build Sand Dunes at the Sea Bright location, and



Zeta Lambda/Westminster's **Joe Ligo** (2014) was nominated for a college Emmy for his work titled, "The Unfortunate History of the AMC Pacer." His documentary placed third at the 35th Annual College Television Awards, held April 23, 2014, in Hollywood, CA.

President **Brian Evans** (2014) helped in the Headquarters. On April 4, 2014, brothers of Epsilon Psi shaved their heads in support Christina Marie. Christina is the god-child of a friend of one of the brothers and she suffers from cancer. She was being bullied at school because her hair was falling out due to her chemo treatments. Brothers at Eta Beta and Epsilon Chapters also shaved their heads. In addition, pictures to support Christina were taken by Theta Chi chapters at Tampa, Linfield, Eastern Kentucky, and Northern Kentucky.

Zeta Beta/Adrian

The chapter participated in Adrian College's Rake-and-Run, Adopt-a-Highway and events at Hope Community Center. **Derek Jackson** (2014) spent the fall semester doing a Study Abroad in Peru.

Zeta Rho/Kentucky

Zeta Rho brothers gave back to their community by cooking and serving an Italian meal to the patients and caregivers at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Lexington, KY. The chapter also sponsored "Shake the Stress 2014" where participants relieved stress by petting puppies. More than \$1,650 was raised.

Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls

Casey Doten (2014) was the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from Order of Omega. Vice President of Health and Safety **Nicholas Doten** (2015) started a new initiative, "Safe Walk Home." The program allows students who feel unsafe walking home to call a member of Theta Chi to escort them home. This free service has been well received on campus. The chapter's Red Carnation Formal was also a huge success.



Casey Doten

Zeta Upsilon/Hartford

Zeta Upsilon's charter was lost in the '90s and this year's class of 2014 purchased a replacement as a surprise parting gift. Two of Zeta Upsilon's charter members, First President **Sheldon B. Yarmovsky** (1969) and **Robert Guyon** (1969) were in attendance and presented the chapter with a reproduction of Zeta Upsilon's first composite.



As a surprise parting gift, Zeta Upsilon's graduating seniors purchased a replacement charter. The chapter's original charter was lost in the 1990s.

Zeta Phi/Cal Poly

The chapter participated in "1 Week 100 Cheeks," and held a carnival to benefit Big Brothers & Big Sisters.

Zeta Psi/Western Illinois Colony

The brothers of Zeta Psi Colony held a Pancake Breakfast March 30, 2014. The breakfast raised \$500 and will benefit Honor Flight for Hospice veterans. The members also placed first in a campus variety show held April 9, 2014. During Greek Week, the brothers won first place for Best Spirit and Best Theme (Nickelodeon). Zeta Psi also won an award for Outstanding GPA, and they raised \$40 for the USO through a bake sale held in Morgan Hall.

Eta Kappa/James Madison

Brothers **Chris Scroggins** (2015), **Russ Gibson** (2014), and **James Fey** (2014) spent their spring break assisting at an orphanage and working in a feeding center in Nicaragua.

Eta Omicron/Northwestern State

The brothers of Eta Omicron were the recipients of awards at the Office of Greek Life Awards ceremony. Individual awards included: Greek Man of the Year, Distinguished Senior, Greek Scholar and New Member Greek Scholar. The chapter was also recognized with Chapter Commitment to Excellence Awards in six areas: Alumni Relations, Community,



Brothers of Zeta Kappa Chapter at Ohio Northern show off their hair styles they got during their annual Cut-the-Chi philanthropy event on March 29, 2014. Brothers offered the highest bidder the opportunity to cut and color the brother's hair any way they wish. The \$558 raised during the Cut-the-Chi event were donated to USO.

Educational Programming, Risk Management, Scholarship and Service and Philanthropy. Additionally, the chapter was recognized as having the highest fraternal GPA for the previ-

ous spring and fall semesters with a 3.2 GPA, and for having the highest new member class GPA for the previous spring and fall semesters.

Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg

The brothers of Eta Pi, along with members of the six other fraternities on the East Stroudsburg campus, collected 500 stuffed animals to be donated to “Teddy for Tykes.” The program gives first responders a stuffed animal to give a child at the scene of an accident, fire, or other traumatic event in hopes of providing comfort and making the event less frightening.

Eta Tau/CSU-Stanislaus

Eta Tau brothers participated in a 36-hour Row-a-Thon for Asthma March 10–11, 2014. The annual philanthropy, which was started in 2004, raised \$700 for *Californiabreathing.org*.

Eta Chi/George Mason

Scott Stewart (2015) participated in a Study Abroad in Switzerland. Eta Chi Chapter participated in Relay For Life on April 5, 2014, with the ZTA sisters.

Eta Omega/Chico State

The brothers of Eta Omega participated in a Blood Drive in mid-February and held a week-long philanthropy in April. We also held a Father’s Weekend Golf Tournament April 4–5, and the second floor of our chapter house will be renovated over the summer.

Theta Omega/Appalachian State

Drew Cook (2014) participated in the USCSA Regionals in Hunter Mountain, N.Y., in January. Cook places sixth in the Giant Slalom, first in Slope Style and second overall.

Iota Beta/Missouri State

Iota Beta’s Vice President of Health and Safety, **John Jurss** (2015), has worked diligently to establish the Sacred Purpose movement at Missouri State. The chapter was able to bring Miss USA 2009, Kristen Dalton-Wolfe, and her husband, who just happens to be Iota Beta’s first President (**Kris Wolfe** 1999), to campus for their Relationships 101 event which addressed relationships in our culture, and was attended by an audience of nearly 500. The chapter was also featured on the local news for the event.

The chapter also approached local businesses to donate to a local women’s shelter called Harmony House, raising nearly \$500 in monetary donations and supplies. They spoke to the sororities and fraternities, the football and volleyball teams on campus about their Sacred Purpose movement and to some businesses outside of campus.



Iota Mu brothers pose by The Columns at the University of Missouri.

The brothers hosted a banquet for their parents at the University Plaza Hotel and raised \$2,900 in donations, and their Rent-A-Theta Chi philanthropy raised \$730 for the USO.

In addition, the Student Body President for the 2014/2015 school year will be a Theta Chi, and two brothers are on the Missouri State University IFC Executive Board.

The chapter also placed first in homecoming and second overall during Greek Week. They were first in grades for both semesters (.4 higher than all men’s) and second in New member GPA in the spring.

Six of the brothers are SOAR Leaders (Student Advisement and Orientation) and will be helping with the incoming freshmen. Two of the brothers are on the leadership team and will speak in front of the freshmen.

If that weren’t enough, the chapter completed 987 Spring Community Service Hours!

Iota Zeta/Radford

Iota Zeta was active with a blood drive in February. First the brothers registered people to donate Feb. 10–13, and Feb. 19–20 they assisted with checking donors in at the blood drive, and by providing snacks. **Chris Stefano** (2014) shaved his head for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation.

Iota Theta/Central Florida

Lucdwin Luck (2015) was first runner-up in the Mr. UCF Pageant, receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. He also received the \$150 Fan Favorite award and the \$100 Advertising award. **Jimmy Palmer** (2016) was recognized by the Knights



Lucdwin Luck

Write Showcase. His paper was published in *Stylus*, a freshman writing journal.

Lucien Charland (2015) did an internship at the U.S. Embassy in Spain. Charland and **Michael**

Stokes (2015) participated in the Clinton Global Initiative the weekend of

March 21, 2014, and received a grant to build hydroponic shade houses on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts and Nevis this summer. **Justin Pruse** (2016) currently holds the world’s record for landing a successful back flip in water skiing. The brothers of Iota Theta raised a total of \$10,893 during their annual G.I. Theta Chi philanthropy in February. In March, **David Castro** (2015) and **Ryan Whittington** (2016) coordinated a contest to see which fraternal organizations on the UCF campus could create the best “Patriotic Care-Basket” for veterans. The baskets were delivered to the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center.

Iota Lambda/Longwood

Members of the Iota Lambda Chapter were recognized January 26, 2014 during the annual Greek Awards Ceremony for the following achievements: **Ryan Pereira** (2014), former Chapter President was recognized as the IFC President of the Year. **Taylor Anderson** (2014) was the recipient of the Ed Cunningham Panhellenic Award. The chapter earned awards for Outstanding Chapter of the Year, New Member Education Award, Outstanding Social Programming Award and Outstanding Academic Programming Award.



Lucien Charland

Iota Mu/Missouri

Iota Mu Chapter placed second in their first-ever homecoming, and their Greek League basketball team won the championship for the second year in the row. The chapter also placed in the Top 10 for grades for the fall semester and was awarded an academic banner. Iota Beta held its Big Man on Court philanthropy on March 7, 2014, and on March 14, 2014, they held their annual "Bowling for Breast Cancer" event at AMF Town and Country Lanes. More than 120 people participated, and more than \$2,054 was raised at the event. Through T-shirt sales and other donations, the brothers have pledged \$15,000 to the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center. In April, the brothers raised more than \$500 for Relay For Life. The chapter will be moving into its first chapter house, located at 607 S. 4th St. in Columbia, for the 2014/2015 school year. (*Iota Mu group photo is shown on page 65.*)

Iota Nu/South Florida

On March 27, 2014, the brothers of Iota Nu held their second annual "Singing for Shriners" competition, an "American Idol" like format where fraternities and sororities on campus compete. This year's competition raised more than \$4,000 for Shriners Hospital for Children. The brothers also participated in Relay For Life with members of Kappa Delta April 12, 2014, and raised more than \$1,000.

Iota Omicron/FIU

David McCluskey (2016) was the recipient of The CUFI on Campus Scholarship and will represent FIU students at the annual "Christians United for Israel Political Summit" in Washington, D.C., this summer.



Iota Sigma/Towson

Feb. 22, 2014, Iota Sigma Chapter made 253 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for a local food bank. Chapter Treasurer **Kevin Kutner** (2015) was elected President of Towson SGA. In April, members of Iota Sigma auctioned off their heads to the highest bidders to raise money for the Finch 4K. The brothers raised \$4,333 for the event. Also in April, the brothers helped to clean up the streets in Baltimore. They also raised \$7,103 for Tiger-Thon, \$497 for Relay For Life and \$575 for their Out of the Darkness Walk. Iota Sigma was also recognized as Chapter of the Year during the Greek Awards Ceremony held



March 28, 2014, 40 brothers of Texas State Colony (now Iota Upsilon Chapter) participated in their community's Bobcat Build. For five hours the brothers did yard work, helped to install a water gathering tank, and dig a garden. More than 3,000 Texas State University students participated in the event.



Members of SUNY Binghamton Colony helped organize a benefit concert for the American Diabetes Association. Indie rock band NGBRS performed, and the event raised more than \$500.

May 7, 2014, President **Jack Dunlop** (2016) was awarded Greek Man of the Year, and **Austin Braswell** (2014) was awarded Outstanding Chapter Delegate. The chapter also won awards for Executive Board of the Year, Outstanding Educational Program, Outstanding Service Project, and an award for Campus Involvement.

Editors note: The following message was received from Matthew Lenno, M.Ed., Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Towson University:

I just wanted to let you know that in my 12 years as a director of Greek life, this is the best chapter that I have ever worked with. Nothing but great young men who contribute to the community and want to be the best at everything. It is nice to have a chapter that cares as much as them. They make my job easy when it comes to changing the culture at a university. As they lead...all follow. It is quite nice to watch.

Iota Tau/Northern Kentucky

The brothers of Iota Tau held "Border Bowl" in April with the brothers of Beta Omicron/Cincinnati. The powder puff football event, which the brothers plan to make an annual event, was won by the Northern Kentucky team.

Iota Upsilon/Texas State

On March 26, 2014, we held our "Yo So Cool" philanthropy. We also participated in the community's Bobcat Build on March 28, 2014. We held our first G.I. Theta Chi April 17–19. The brothers also spent a day at De Zavala Elementary School mentoring third and fourth grade students who are members of the Junior Achievement program. The brothers taught six different classes and played games with the children to teach them about money and business.

SUNY Binghamton Colony

SUNY Binghamton Colony sold candy at a Relay For Life event. The chapter also teamed up with Kappa Sigma and the student group Deeds for Diabetes to organize a benefit concert for the American Diabetes Association. Indie rock group NGHBRs performed, and the colony members provided all aspects of the production to include sound, lighting and engineering. After covering the costs, the event raised more than \$500.

SUNY Cortland Colony

Members of SUNY Cortland Colony hosted a charity hockey game March 1, 2014, against Kappa Sigma. About 250 students, community members, and faculty turned out at Alumni Arena Rink for the event that raised \$714. Half of the proceeds benefited the Wounded Warrior Project. ■

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We look forward to seeing you at MYLC!

Alma Mater First . . .

Throughout the 2013/2014 Academic Year, staff members worked with undergraduate leaders to compile a list of brothers who are living our maxim of "Alma Mater First and Theta Chi for Alma Mater." These brothers, both undergraduate and alumnus, deserve recognition for living out one of the objects of the Preamble of the Original Constitution which states "the advancement of any measure... at the institution in which it shall be established which shall be of importance to its members..."

Undergraduate Brothers in Student Government

Fourteen chapters and colonies reported having members serving in Student Government positions on their campus. The following brothers served as Student Body President:

Akshay Kapoor, Theta/Massachusetts (past)
Dan Mikesell, Delta Omega/Ripon
John Weiss, Epsilon Psi/NJIT
Amir Baz, Zeta Tau/Michigan-Flint
Vikhyath Veeramachaneni, Theta Xi/VCU

IFC Involvement

More than 90 brothers from 66 chapters and colonies reported having members serving on the Interfraternity Council/Greek Council on their campus. The following brothers served as IFC President:

Carter Hawkins, Chi/Auburn
Chris Fernandez, Psi/Wisconsin
Immon Shafiei, Beta Delta/Rutgers
Layton Cox, Beta Iota/Arizona (past)
Kaalid Omar, Beta Kappa/Hamline
Mike Nalepka, Beta Lambda/Akron (past)
Austin Culver, Beta Xi/Birmingham-Southern
Trey Webber, Beta Xi/Birmingham-Southern (past)
Sam Fisher, Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan
Kyle Crombie, Delta Omega/Ripon
Zach Schrum, Epsilon Gamma/Widener
Michael Remini, Epsilon Sigma/Wagner
Royce Jeeco DeRivera, Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State
Marqus Koranteng, Zeta Lambda/Westminster
Derek Novosad, Zeta Rho/Kentucky
Sean O'Donovan, Zeta Upsilon/Hartford
Dan Vissari, Eta Zeta/Edinboro
Matthew Spence, Eta Omicron/Northwestern State
Brandon Younkin, Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg
Jordan Sangalli, Eta Rho/Centenary (LA)
Wilson Schumacker, Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz
Shane Sullivan, Iota Beta/Missouri State
Joseph M. Longo, Iota Zeta/Radford (past)
Brandon Malantis, Iota Xi/Georgia College
James Harden, Iota Omicron/FIU

If you know of brothers who are missing from this list, please send their name, chapter and position to Kelly Jones at the International Headquarters at kjones@thetachi.org.

Alumni Involved with Their Alma Maters

Joseph Moro, Theta/Massachusetts 1963–
Alumni Association Board of Directors
Otis Brown, Omicron/Richmond 1956–
Former Board of Trustees
Dr. William G. Durden, Pi/Dickinson 1971–
Former President of Dickinson College
Michael Berghoff, Alpha Delta/Purdue 1985–
Vice President of Board of Trustees
Randall L. Tobias, Alpha Iota/Indiana 1964–
Board of Trustees
Richard E. Yahnke, Beta Pi/Monmouth 1966–
Board of Trustees
John R. Strangfeld, Jr., Beta Omega/Susquehanna 1975–
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Edward R. Schmidt, Beta Omega/Susquehanna 1969–
Board of Trustees
Allan Bense, Gamma Rho/Florida State 1972–
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Mark Hillis, Gamma Rho/Florida State 1964–
Board of Trustees
Gordon M. Hull, Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 1959–
Board of Governors Emeritus
Dr. Richard Legge, Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 1982–
Board of Governors
Larry Ruth, Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 1967–
Past Chairman of Board of Governors
F. Thomas Waring, Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 1953–
Board of Governors Emeritus
Christopher B. Combe, Delta Iota/Northwestern 1970–
Board of Trustees
James L. Banks, Jr., Delta Omicron/Gettysburg 1980–
Board of Trustees
Larry D. Walker, Delta Omicron/Gettysburg 1976–
Board of Trustees
Dante A. Houston, Delta Omega/Ripon 2001–
Past President, Alumni Association Board of Directors
Philip L. Rinaldi, Epsilon Psi/NJIT 1968–
Chairman, Board of Overseers
Carlton F. Bennett, Zeta Pi/Old Dominion 1972–
Board of Trustees
Willard O. Brodie, III, Eta Iota/Newberry 1977–
Past Board of Trustees
Dr. Joe B. Castles, III, Eta Iota/Newberry 1994–
Board of Trustees
David A. Rexrode, Eta Kappa/James Madison 2001–
Board of Visitors
Jason Sfaelos, Eta Kappa/James Madison 1996–
Past Alumni Association Board of Directors

We are honored to call these men our brothers. The condolences of Theta Chi's extended worldwide family are offered to the family and friends of these deceased brothers. This listing includes all deaths reported to the International Headquarters between November 26, 2013, and June 13, 2014. To report news of a brother who has passed on to the Chapter Eternal, e-mail ihq@thetachi.org.

- BETA**
MIT
Arthur E. Bergles, 1957
Malcolm J. Blair, 1953
Frank E. Brown, 1944
Thomas J. Dunn, 1947
Lucien R. Jones, 1944
John R. Joy, 1949
G. Bruce Kline, 1948
James L. Phillips, 1945
Francis D. Russo, Jr., 1960
Richmond W. Smith, Jr., 1938
George E. Stewart, 1946
- GAMMA**
University of Maine
John H. Daley, Jr., 1958
John M. Donovan, Jr., 1924
Joseph S. Esposito, 1958
Keith W. Gardiner, 1986
William S. Hemmens, 1967
Samuel P. Smiley, 1943
- DELTA**
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Jerome V. Burchett, 1959
William P. Campbell, 1951
Theodore P. Capron, 1945
J. Andrew Lange, 1948
Richard D. Marchant, 1950
James O. Murray, Jr., 1948
Henry A. Newton, Jr., 1941
Robert M. Peterseim, 1958
George H. Plate, 1948
Clement W. Sharek, 1948
Carl Zillig, 1952
- EPSILON**
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
John W. Chandler, 1943
James L. Viele, 1967
- ZETA**
University of New Hampshire
Harold A. Sweet, 1940
- KAPPA**
University of Pennsylvania
George S. Cox, IV, 1954
William S. O'Brien, 1959
- MU**
University of California-Berkeley
William C. Broocks, 1943
Donald G. Hamlin, 1948
Robert B. Lamb, 1949
- NU**
Hampden-Sydney College
Philip G. Padgett, Jr., 1963
- XI**
University of Virginia
John E. Jenkins, Jr., 1947
- OMICRON**
University of Richmond
Frank W. Brown, Jr., 1928
- RHO**
University of Illinois
Laurence S. Greene, Jr., 1948
William C. Leipold, 1942
Robert E. Paulson, 1946
- TAU**
University of Florida
Ronald G. Acree, 1960
- UPSILON**
New York University
William G. Bulakites, Jr., 1949
- PHI**
North Dakota State University
Craig J. Kubik, 1970
- CHI**
Auburn University
W. Ray Bean, Jr., 1964
Robert A. Hardekopf, 1962
James R. Howle, 1971
Paul W. Phillips, 1969
Bobby L. Sanderson, 1965
Irvin B. Smith, 1961
Timothy L. Webb, 1972
- PSI**
University of Wisconsin
Keith A. Christiansen, 1965
Richard V. Falck, 1950
William G. Wilson, 1955
- OMEGA**
Pennsylvania State University
Charles F. Douds, 1953
William R. Kress, III, 1960
- ALPHA GAMMA**
University of Michigan
Stanley L. Redding, 1965
Louis G. Siuniak, 1979
- ALPHA DELTA**
Purdue University
Donald E. Schrader, 1944
- ALPHA EPSILON**
Stanford University
Arthur W. Brown, 1951
William A. Hon, 1949
Charles T. Terry, IV, 1967
- ALPHA ZETA**
University of Rochester
Edward H. Leighton, 1937
- ALPHA IOTA**
Indiana University
William R. Armbruster, 1944
Arnold J. Bachmann, 1949
John Bochnicka, 1945
George R. Buckley, 1946
Richard H. Buskirk, 1948
Thomas L. Byram, 1953
George C. Coleman, 1945
Jack D. Deafenbaugh, 1944
Paul J. Devine, 1940
- James A. Ellenwood, 1940
Richard S. English, 1943
Ralph E. Faucett, 1938
Lawrence F. Fisher, Jr., 1939
Ronald I. Friedline, 1935
Carl E. Hardin, 1924
Gerry S. Harris, 1950
Richard W. Hinz, 1969
Philip L. Hitchner, 1958
Max E. Hobbs, 1954
Thomas D. Hoffman, 1971
Gerald W. Holden, 1947
Richard C. Hornberger, 1946
James H. Judson, 1939
Harry J. Keyes, 1948
Robert J. Lancaster, 1949
William J. Mankin, 1945
Robert E. Marsh, 1939
Joe T. Maxwell, 1941
Allen W. McKinney, 1941
- Phillip P. McNabb, 1950
Bernard A. Mirich, 1945
C. Eugene Moore, 1941
Jay K. Palmer, 1952
Robert C. Perrotta, 1939
Paul A. Reams, 1949
Donald A. Russell, 1930
Melvin W. Schaefer, 1937
Thomas L. Schuessler, 1963
Samuel F. Sickenberger, 1942
Richard F. Simons, 1929
Herbert A. Sims, 1939
Edward M. Skinta, 1939
John K. Slack, 1925
Robert H. Slinkard, 1944
Frank H. Snyder, 1936
Charles W. Sonnenberg, 1941
Jack A. Stone, 1942
Rodney G. Stone, 1964
Wm. M. Summers, 1942
- Townsend J. Taylor, Jr., 1943
Clinton A. Temme, 1948
Russell W. Terhune, 1945
Russell L. Thuermer, 1950
Harvey O. Wellnitz, 1940
Ralph D. White, 1938
Benjamin I. Woodhull, 1942
- ALPHA KAPPA**
West Virginia University
Leroy C. Gainer, 1954
James L. Schmidt, 1957
- ALPHA LAMBDA**
Ohio State University
Howard E. Shoup, 1949
Donald F. Stauffer, 1947
Brian S. Young, 1993
- ALPHA MU**
Iowa State University
Donald A. Wallestad, 1960

Jack L. Joyce, Alpha Sigma/Oregon 1964

[Editor's note: After the Winter 2014 issue of The Rattle hit mailboxes, we received a letter from Jack Joyce on Rogue Ale letterhead. It read: "Ironically myself (1964) and Bob Woodell (1965) started small distilleries in Portland and Newport, Oregon, like Brother Chris and Thomas mentioned in the last Rattle." We responded with an invite to set up an interview, and were also providing answers to Brother Joyce's questions regarding the upcoming (re)colonization of Alpha Sigma/Oregon when we received the unfortunate news.]

Jack Joyce, business executive, lawyer and brewer who co-founded Rogue Ales in Ashland, OR, died May 27, 2014, at his home in Honolulu. He was 71.

After graduating from the University of Oregon, Joyce worked as a criminal defense attorney. In the early 1980s, he went to work as a business executive

and an attorney for Nike, before the sneaker company had made its mark. Joyce helped to lay foundations for Nike's future growth, and led efforts to compete against Reebok, one of Nike's main rivals. He left Nike after six years of service.

In 1988, Joyce joined with two other Nike executives, Alpha Sigma Chapter Brother Bob Woodell (1966) and Rob Strasser, to start Rogue Ales and Spirits in Ashland, OR. One year later, they moved their operations to Newport, OR, and opened their first brew pub on the waterfront. Today, the brewery is ranked one of the top 25 craft brewers in the country, producing 105,000 barrels of beer. The *Portland Business Journal* said that Joyce is "one of the men most responsible for Oregon's reputation as one of the nation's preeminent beer-making regions."

Joyce is survived by his wife, Joan E. Joyce, son Brett Joyce who currently serves as president of Rogue, and daughter, Anna Joyce, solicitor general for the state of Oregon, and two grandchildren.



ALPHA NU

Georgia Institute of Technology
Samuel G. Hardy, Jr., 1949
James P. Talentino, 1959

ALPHA XI

University of Delaware
Willis F. Groome, 1949

ALPHA OMICRON

Washington State University
William A. Lloyd, 1954

ALPHA PI

University of Minnesota
Kenneth O. Aasen, 1965
Stanton C. Aby, 1929
Harold G. Aiton, 1927
Kenneth J. Allard, 1943
Erick W. Anderson, 1947
Hans J. Asleson, 1910
Roy Aure, 1922
Frank J. Babnick, 1924
Arnold P. Baker, Sr., 1930
Charles B. Bang, 1920
Marwin A. Bernards, 1945
Roger A. Boursier, 1954
Frederick C. Brown, 1944
David A. Burkholder, 1958
Allen S. Burnett, 1934
William S. Caldwell, 1943
Philip D. Carlson, 1955
Curtis N. Cherry, 1953
Curtiss C. Coleman, 1929
George N. Deach, 1956
Wesley O. Draheim, 1941
Arthur Edling, 1951
Arthur O. Edwards, 1917
Joseph R. Eikenberry, 1948
Conrad J. Eliason, 1937
Abel R. Ellingson, 1924
Henry B. Erikson, 1932
Herbert W. Estrem, 1924
Carl E. Ewert, Jr., 1948
George B. Fahlstrom, 1941
Dale E. Foe, 1943
Thomas K. Ford, 1933
Kenneth E. Fritzell, 1932
Walter L. Geist, Jr., 1937
Charles W. Grafslund, 1942
Ingolf A. Grindelund, 1916
Chadwick J. Haberstrohm, 1948
Arthur G. Haglund, 1950
Herman G. Hamre, 1924
Lloyd M. Hansen, 1936
Ronald C. Hansen, 1956
Harold L. Hanson, 1938
Leroy A. Hanson, 1952
Nels B. Hanson, 1899
Frederic S. Harvey, 1954
Paul W. Haugland, 1949
Leslie R. Hellie, 1927
David E. Henderson, 1932
William W. Hensel, 1927
Andrew D. Hoidale, 1904
Milton I. Holst, 1924
Robert O. Hoskins, 1946
Harold C. Hougen, 1937
Walter J. Houk, 1961
John C. Hubbard, 1933
Arthur R. Hustad, 1916
Gerald L. Johnson, 1949
Robert J. Johnson, 1952
William R. Johnson, 1948
Gardiner B. Jones, 1944
Lincoln B. Katter, 1957
Ernest L. Knuti, 1932
Donald C. Kruse, 1957
Phinney O. Larson, 1909
Dale G. Leathers, 1960
Charles R. Lindquist, 1949
James A. Lucier, 1942
Mark W. Maki, 1939
Robert W. Malmquist, 1939
Donald T. McCall, 1937
Joseph J. McKeivitt, 1938
Joseph V. Meyer, 1961
David K. Mulholland, 1962
Kenneth S. Nelson, 1938
Norman H. Nelson, 1923
Eugene A. Nieland, 1947
Robert J. Niess, 1933
Arvid E. Nissen, 1913
Hans M. Orfield, 1927
Donavon M. Oseid, 1959
Ralph T. Osen, 1945
Robert D. Owens, 1954
J Riis Owre, 1930
Leslie C. Park, 1923
Reuben M. Pederson, 1906
John F. Pohl, 1926
Herman A. Preus, 1920
Clement Ramsland, 1928
Rudolph J. Ripple, 1926
C. O. Rosendahl, 1901
Dennis L. Sabo, 1949
Philip M. Sautier, 1939
Merlin J. Schleuder, 1936
David A. Scott, 1946
Earl F. Seeliger, 1940
George N. Seirup, 1932
F. Martin Senn, 1935
Julian M. Sether, 1936
Charles G. Sheppard, 1937
Albert O. Sletvold, 1911
Leslie C. Smith, 1932
Mack G. Soell, 1935
Paul O. Solem, 1909
Leonard O. Sorenson, 1952
Marvin P. Spittler, 1932
Russell O. Spittler, 1931
James R. Stahmann, 1944
Russell L. Stotesbery, Jr., 1943
Lorry B. Strand, 1938
Gordon A. Sturm, 1934
William A. Swedberg, 1933
John P. Toren, 1936
Theodore Toren, 1939
Robert J. Travers, 1945
Richard L. Varco, 1936
Ingvald S. Veblen, 1920
Lawrence G. Weidt, 1954
Arthur B. Welch, 1923
Kirk O. Wels, 1949
Daniel P. Westerberg, 1951
William G. Wintheiser, 1944

Decorated Alpha Iota Alumnus Leaves Significant Gift

Ralph E. Faucett, Alpha Iota/Indiana 1938

Ralph E. Faucett, MD, 97, passed away Jan. 17, 2014, at his home in San Diego. Born July 28, 1916, he received a B.S. in medicine from Indiana University in 1938, a B.A. in biology from Earlham College in 1939, and an M.D. from Indiana University's School of Medicine in 1942.

Faucett's 32-year career as a U.S. Navy Physician began as an ensign in the volunteer medical corps in 1942. He served with the 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division as surgeon during the Marianas and Okinawan Island campaigns and in the Occupation of Japan. He later served as Director of Submarine Medicine, US Naval Medical Research Laboratory, Groton, CT, and in 1953, assumed the post of Commanding Officer of "Operation Hideout," a controlled medical study to predict, evaluate and treat responses to prolonged submersion that would be encountered by the Navy's nuclear submarine force during the Cold War. He was Chief of Medicine, Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, and medical advisor to the American Ambassador to Japan from 1962–1965.

From 1965–1967, Dr. Faucett served as executive officer, then commanding officer, Naval Hospital, St. Albans, NY. In 1972, he assumed command of Naval Hospital, Oakland, CA, and, in 1973, assumed command of the newly organized Oakland Naval Regional Medical Center. He retired from active duty in 1974 as Rear Admiral-Upper Half and continued his medical service as a consultant to the California Department of Health.

He received the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon with one star, awarded by the Second Marine Division for heroic services in the Pacific Arena, the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three operation stars, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, Asia Clasp, and the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star.

Faucett married his college sweetheart, Elizabeth Carpenter, in June 1941. Their romance lasted 65 years ending with Elizabeth's death in 2005. In August 2007, he married Joan Bowman. She survives him.

Upon his death, Faucett left an estate gift to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi for the benefit of Alpha Iota Chapter in the amount of \$50,000. At its recent meeting, the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity designated that Faucett's gift be used to establish a Chapter Specific Scholarship Fund for Alpha Iota Chapter.



Past Grand Chapter Member

Donald E. Fine, Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 1963

Sept. 14, 1936–May 6, 2014

BY DAVID E. DEVOL, GAMMA THETA/SAN DIEGO STATE 1959

I first met Don Fine in 1964 at the Theta Chi Colony at what was then Long Beach State College. He was a tall, lanky, sun-burned, tow-headed kid, who would later become known as a “surfer dude.”

On May 8, 1965, the Colony became Zeta Epsilon Chapter; Don was a Charter Member, Roster #9.



Born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1936, he was proud of the fact that growing up he was a friend and neighbor of Orville Wright. Don graduated from the University of Dayton, and moved to California in the early 1960s. He taught high school in Manhattan Beach, then went into real estate and related service in San Diego, immediately becoming involved in Theta Chi alumni affairs.

Later, Long Beach State College became Long Beach State University, known as “The Beach.” Don belonged to another beach, the Southern California beach. Although he was born in the Midwest, he loved the ocean, sailing and surfing, later becoming a founding member of the California Surf Museum.

In 1982, Don was a charter member of the Theta Chi Ski Bums, an annual tradition that continues to this day. He was a member of the Gamma Theta Century Club and

regularly attended the annual San Diego Theta Chi Founders Day banquets and monthly First Tuesday Theta Chi Lunch Bunch events.

For several years, Brother Fine served with distinction as Regional Counselor in Southern California. At the 136th Anniversary Convention in Minneapolis in 1992, he was elected to the Grand Chapter, serving as National Historian, and later National Counselor, receiving the Grand Chapter Service Plaque in 1996. He was a member of the Installation Committees for Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz (1989), Theta Sigma/UC-Santa Barbara (1994) and Theta Phi/CSU-Bakersfield (1994).

Don Fine was widely known throughout the Fraternity and was one of our most popular brothers. In later years, as his shock of blond hair slowly turned gray, he became known affectionately as “The Silver Fox.”

Over 50 years, Don Fine and I traveled down many Theta Chi roads together. He was a good and loyal friend and a great brother, the epitome of “Theta Chi for Life.”

Gordon W. Wittich, 1934
Roderick D. Wolsted, 1939

ALPHA RHO
University of Washington
Austin Grant, 1940

ALPHA SIGMA
University of Oregon
Jack L. Joyce, 1964

ALPHA TAU
Ohio University
Lewis R. Pearce, 1965

ALPHA UPSILON
University of Nebraska
Michael C. Tedesco, 1970

ALPHA CHI
Syracuse University
James F. Starks, 1950

ALPHA PSI
University of Maryland
John P. Higgins, Jr., 1981
Joseph F. Swan, 1971

ALPHA OMEGA
Lafayette College
Edwin R. Conklin, Jr., 1951

BETA ALPHA
UCLA

Robert J. Carty, 1952
Richard H. Katerndahl, 1943
Lewis B. Sims, 1932

BETA GAMMA
University of North Dakota
Dwight F. Kalash, 1968

BETA DELTA
Rutgers University
Kenneth C. Bachman, 1944
Nexhmi Klobucista, 2015

BETA EPSILON
University of Montana
Rex A. Chamberlin, 1957
Robert C. Friede, 1952
William H. Sloane, 1943

BETA ZETA
Michigan State University
Jerry F. Bellenger, 1960
Norman K. Coan, 1952
Kenneth L. Cobe, 1951
Howard C. Deeter, 1950
Thomas C. Derr, 1961
Willard S. Garwood, 1945
David L. Gerwitz, 1958
Charles H. Grams, 1964
Joseph H. Griffith, 1941
Don G. Hutton, 1948
Thomas J. Laske, 1963
Paul E. Neff, 1979
John F. Oates, Jr., 1957
Robert C. Perry, 1941
Charles E. Rein, 1955
Don A. Siegel, 1930
Richard E. Swope, 1960
Robert D. Young, 1957

BETA THETA
Drexel University
Robert A. Linde, 1951
John J. Muldowney, 1954
Eugene H. Saylor, 1951

BETA LAMBDA
University of Akron
William P. Cox, III, 1963
Warren E. Deist, 1945
Franklin A. Flesher, 1958
John S. Goehler, 1976
Roger M. Hite, 1959
Pete Nassos, 1951
William C. Sheavly, 1946

BETA NU
Case Western Reserve University
Richard L. Davidson, 1947
Edward M. Hudimac, 1957

BETA XI
Birmingham-Southern College
Joseph B. Chambers, Jr., 1965

BETA OMICRON
University of Cincinnati
Larry J. Engleman, 1968
James D. Haag, 1978

BETA PI
Monmouth College
Brian J. Medford, 1966

BETA RHO
Illinois Wesleyan University
George F. Lang, 1960

BETA SIGMA
Lehigh University
George H. Baile, 1949

BETA TAU
University of Southern California
Lynn M. Freet, 1951

BETA UPSILON
California State University-Fresno
Earl S. Rowe, 1949

BETA CHI
Allegheny College
Robert L. Smolen, 1974

BETA OMEGA
Susquehanna University
Larry Z. Smith, 1955

GAMMA DELTA
Florida Southern College
Basil G. Pegg, 1951

GAMMA ZETA
Oklahoma State University
John H. Bonner, 1952
Frank R. Clayton, 1959
Richard N. Dotson, 1951
Edward H. Thomas, 1949

GAMMA ETA
Bucknell University
Paul Y. Mc Cormick, 1977

GAMMA THETA
San Diego State University
Roger W. English, 1959

GAMMA XI
San Jose State University
Thomas A. Barton, 1955
Stephen F. Brennan, 1970
Richard J. Browne, 1976
Anthony D. Ghiossi, 1989
John B. Webb, 1959

GAMMA OMICRON
Wake Forest University
Joseph Fernandez, 1983
John A. Hutchins, III, 1987

GAMMA PI
University at Buffalo
Robert W. Knupp, 1970
Robert J. Marko, 1968
James R. Nunn, 1949
Anthony J. Penepent, 1968
Alan R. Phillips, 1972
John T. Puchalski, 1968
Thomas W. Stratton, 1968

GAMMA RHO

Florida State University

Robert W. Cooper, 1950

Thomas W. Newell, 1960

William H. Roetzheim, 1952

GAMMA SIGMA

Duke University

Noel W. Seaman, 1970

Walter K. Storm, 1947

Stephen A. Tice, 1967

William O. Wagner, 1967

William B. Weaver, 1972

GAMMA TAU

Drake University

William D. Lindsay, II, 1951

GAMMA UPSILON

Bradley University

W. Gene Stevens, 1951

GAMMA PHI

Nebraska Wesleyan University

Waldon N. McNaught, 1955

Ronald J. Philips, 1962

Donald W. Smith, 1952

GAMMA PSI

University of Puget Sound

Lewis E. Dibble, 1957

DELTA BETA

University of Georgia

Jorge A. Nobregas, 1950

DELTA GAMMA

West Virginia Wesleyan College

John E. Kennedy, 1958

Edward F. Summerfield, 1957

DELTA ZETA

University of Nebraska-Omaha

Robert J. Horak, 1951

Robert J. Mauro, 1972

DELTA THETA

University of Toledo

Stephen G. Sirotnyak, 1962

DELTA KAPPA

Ball State University

Robert S. Foster, 1957

Thom H. Spencer, 1973

Bruce J. Stringer, 1962

DELTA NU

University of Vermont

Frank R. Laing, 1952

DELTA XI

Valparaiso University

Albert F. Karnatz, 1959

DELTA OMICRON

Gettysburg College

Earl H. Alwine, 1953

Albert P. Woodward, 1956

DELTA PI

Indiana State University

Lea W. Colvin, 1971

James E. Dailey, 1952

Donald R. Naas, 1961

Daniel M. Sekulovich, 1947

Wayne F. Taylor, 1946

Lloyd L. Williams, 1939

DELTA SIGMA

Clarkson University

Robert C. Funston, 1967

DELTA TAU

Kent State University

James V. Coffman, Jr., 1966

DELTA PHI

University of North Texas

Gordon O. Dodson, Jr., 1965

EPSILON BETA

Lycoming College

Dale L. Aderhold, 1955

EPSILON GAMMA

Widener University

Richard W. Grabiak, 1955

Richard F. Yamulla, 1966

EPSILON ETA

Indiana University of

Pennsylvania

Christopher D. Jewell, 2008

EPSILON THETA

Tufts University

Eric C. Lehto, 1965

J. Peter Mangels, 1957

EPSILON IOTA

East Carolina University

Irwin J. Ainsfield, 1965

Benjamin F. Holland, Jr., 1964

Edward O'Hanlon, III, 1965

Berkley M. Stephens, Jr., 1965

Landon S. Temple, Jr., 1967

Wallace E. Thompson, 1967

Kenneth P. Trogdon, 1962

Charles O. Williams, 1962

Gerald F. Williamson, 1967

EPSILON MU

Eastern Michigan University

Randall C. Wotring, 1988

EPSILON XI

Clarion University

Peter L. Bonetti, 1966

EPSILON PHI

University of Central Missouri

Glenn H. Beste, 1970

Timothy D. Murdock, 1970

ZETA EPSILON

California State University-

Long Beach

Donald E. Fine, 1963

ZETA THETA

Troy University

Daniel E. Parker, 1968

ZETA PI

Old Dominion University

William J. Blistain, 1975

Charles L. Dodson, 1974

Dwight J. Eggleston, 1975

Richard A. Godwin, Jr., 1966

Charles C. Rayfield, 1969

Past NBT President

James L. Phillips, Beta/MIT 1947

May 10, 1923–January 2, 2013

Phillips was initiated by Beta Chapter in 1942 prior to his departure for World War II, where he served as a pilot with the 306th Bomb Group from 1942–1943 and was held as a POW in Germany during the final year of the war. He was awarded a Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

After the war, he returned to MIT and served as IFC President for two years and in a number of other organizations. Phillips was hired by MIT following graduation and served as assistant to the dean of students until June 1949. After leaving MIT, he worked in sales positions for John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. and Vance Sanders & Co. He was actively involved in the Manchester, MA community and was also a member of the MIT alumni council.

Phillips served on the National Board of Trustees 1958–1968. He served as Secretary (1958–1960), Treasurer (1960–1962), Vice President (1962–1967) and as President (1967–1968). He is a recipient of the Alumni Award given by the Grand Chapter in 1962.



Past Field Staff

Albert P. Woodward, Delta Omicron/Gettysburg 1956

March 23, 1934–January 29, 2014

Woodward was hired after graduating from Gettysburg and worked as a staff member at the 100th Anniversary Convention at Norwich University. After a brief tour in the field, Woodward was drafted and served in the Army from 1956–1958 as an information specialist, stationed in Panama. Woodward worked in the insurance industry, serving his last stint with Fireman's Fund for 20 years. He wrote International Headquarters staff over the years sharing memories of his experience working Theta Chi.



Louis R. Whitlow, 1965

Jesse F. Woods, 1975

ZETA RHO

University of Kentucky

John E. Conner, 1992

ZETA TAU

University of Michigan-Flint

Brady L. Morton, 2017

ZETA PSI

Western Illinois University

Gregory W. Castle, 1972

ETA GAMMA

Morehead State University

Randall W. Armstrong, 1993

Tony R. Becraft, 1982

Michael C. Quinn, 1971

A. Keven Strugill, 1979

Marc A. Wilson, 1984

ETA ZETA

Edinboro University

Edward R. Abplanalp, 1990

ETA IOTA

Newberry College

Milas Y. Sease, III, 1972

ETA KAPPA

James Madison University

John M. Brinkman, 1974

ETA OMICRON

Northwestern State University

Lee M. Bennett, 1980

ETA PI

East Stroudsburg University

Brian V. Belair, 1991

John C. Broo, 1984

THETA BETA

The College of New Jersey

Michael G. Carbone, 1993

THETA ETA

Sam Houston State University

Patrick M. McDeavitt, 1989

THETA XI

Virginia Commonwealth

University

Clayton D. Joyner, 2008

IOTA ETA

University of the Pacific

Jonathan H. Lin, 2007

IOTA THETA

University of Central Florida

Nicholas Sierra, 2011

IOTA XI

Georgia College

Charles Allred 2014

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PARENTS: This magazine is sent to your son's home address while he is still in college; we hope you enjoy reading it before he does. If he has left college and is not living at home, please send us his new permanent address. (Please refer to the Table of Contents.) THANK YOU!

"The Voice of Theta Chi" retires



Receptionist/Administrative Assistant Lynn Jones retired on August 15, 2014, after 18 years of dedicated service to the International Headquarters. Dubbed by many as "the Voice of Theta Chi," Lynn cheerfully greeted all callers to the headquarters and provided excellent customer service to our members.

Lynn was recognized by the staff and the Fraternity's governing boards during a meeting held during the dedication of the International Headquarters building. She commented, "Working for Theta Chi has been great. I have met so many wonderful people and I have enjoyed my job and the people I work with. It has been a fun 18 years and I will definitely miss everyone when I retire. Thank you, Theta Chi, for giving me these great 18 years."

Now that Lynn is retired, she will plan more frequent trips to spoil her grandchildren.

Thank you, Lynn, for that friendly smile that so many of us heard through the phone!

In 2008, Then-Executive Director Dale Taylor presents the Mabel Oswaldt Appreciation Award to Lynn Jones at National Convention.

