



## Message from the President

A lot has happened since my last Alumni newsletter and I wanted to give everyone an update on several things that are happening in the Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity brotherhood.

First on January 1, Brother Joe Suprano, who has been relied upon for years for conducting successful golf outings, announced the 27th Annual Golf Outing to be held June 8th at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Hermitage, PA. with a shotgun start again this year and a scramble format. If you are planning on attending, please let Brother Joe know at his email [jssuprano@juno.com](mailto:jssuprano@juno.com) or text/call his cell at 412-592-6156. He will be following up in the months to come with more information so stay tuned!

As all you golfers probably know, most outings have signs on the tee's from sponsors supporting the outing. The Alumni Board is promoting the posting of Tee signs this year to support the Alumni Association and ultimately the Chapter.

Brother Saboo will be heading up this effort and please read the following for details. To kickoff this campaign, the 6 members of the Alumni Board: John Farrar, John Merski, Doc Hannon, Rick Fox, Joe Suprano and myself, are making personal donations to purchase the first sign. Let's give Saboo our support.



Dear Brothers:

Well Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow which means an early spring is in the forecast. The Polar Vortex is over and hopefully good weather is on the horizon.

In 15 Weeks Summer will be here and we as brothers will be gathering for our annual Theta Chi Golf Outing. This year will mark the 27th year and we plan to make it even better.

How, may you ask can it be better than before?

Well, this year we plan to do it a little different. **Brotherhood Golf Tee signs.**

Each hole will have 2 or more tee signs sponsored by you, the brothers. This sign can be sponsored by your golfing 4 some, your business, or by you with a personal saying. God Bless  $\Theta X$ , or Zeta Alpha making  $\Theta X$  great again.... It your choice. Some people are taking signs with their pledge class brothers. The choice is entirely up to you, within reason!

Each sign is approximately the size of a political campaign lawn sign. It can include a, business logo, family photo or a past college day photo. The cost is \$100.00 per sign per hole. Our goal is 40 signs @ \$100.00 for a total goal of \$4,000.00.

This is a tremendous amount to be raised by our chapter, but I believe we can do it!. Now is the time and I ask you as fraternity brothers to step up to the plate, and knock home runs over the center fences, and lets make Zeta Alpha Chapter great again, ΘX brotherhood even greater.

We all graduated almost over 30 years ago and over the past years have forged wonderful and long lasting friendships. We have raised families, watch are children grow, and go off to college and yes most of us, are now grandparents.

We recently reestablished our chapter ZA at SRU. They are a group of fine young men who can use our help. In one years time, they have the largest active fraternity. Recognized as the best fraternity on campus. A true leader with great socially and poignant campus causes. Also one of the highest group GPA on campus.

The money we raise will go to the Alumni Association to eventually support the Chapter. In the past we have established Brotherhood Brick fund for deceased brothers, Book Scholarship to recruit potential brothers and now a Helping Hand Scholarship Fund.

In the next couple of weeks I will be contacting you to participate in the ΘX Golf tee sign program. All money will be due by April 28 so that we can give enough time to the printer and have the signs ready for the golf tournament.

Please send your check, made out to **ZA Chapter Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi**, to the following address:

John Farrar  
11801 Riverpark Way  
Chesterfield, VA. 23838

Please help me so that we can help Zeta Alpha chapter of ΘX be the greatest chapter of all time.

Fraternally yours,

Gary SABOO Sablowsky "78  
Above is a sample of the golf tee sign.

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### **Brother Dan Van Wie**

I would like to share with everyone with our deepest sympathies that Dan Van Wie's sister recently passed away. Please include Dan in your thoughts and prayers. You can send a note to brother Dan at [kkvw@aol.com](mailto:kkvw@aol.com) or his address 6 Gayridge Road #6 Waterbury, CT 06705

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### **Bylaws Amendments**

I would like to thank and congratulate the Brotherhood for overwhelmingly approving the changes in our Bylaws. The revised Bylaws were approved by over 96% of the votes cast of the Brotherhood. More brothers voted for the revisions than for the initial proposed bylaws!

A copy of the new bylaws can be downloaded by [clicking here](#) or visiting the website at <http://www.zachapter.com> and click the Alumni Corporation Link and on that page is the link to the revised bylaws.

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## Nominations for the Alumni Board

With the approval of the bylaw amendments there are some changes to the nomination and election process to the Alumni Board.

I want to announce there are three seats up for election to the Alumni Board. Brother Joe Suprano has chosen not to run for re-election this time around.

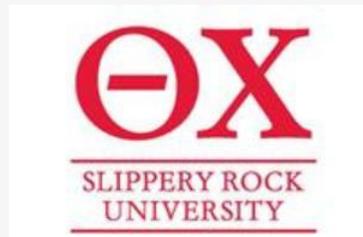
The specifics are as follows:

1. Three (3), two-year term positions are available.
2. Terms will begin 6/1/2019 and run through 5/31/2021.
3. All nominations must be submitted to Secretary John Merski at [merskijr@gmail.com](mailto:merskijr@gmail.com) by April 1, 2019 and be confirmed by those being nominated that they intend to run. Nominees are asked to submit a 1 or 2 paragraph letter briefly describing yourself and your background. (such as graduation year and reasons for running.)
4. Secretary Merski will send candidate bios and electronic ballots listing all candidates on April 10, 2019. The election will be open until April 25, 2019 when the balloting will be closed. Members will be asked to select 3 of the candidates to fill the Board positions.

I encourage anyone interested in supporting the chapter to assist it to grow and improve to run for the three open positions and I hope we get several candidates.

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## Chapter Outreach



You may have noticed the first Zeta Alpha Chapter Newsletter that was distributed on November 1, 2018. It was the chapter's first attempt to reach out and keep the Alumni informed about the activities of the Chapter. We are pleased that the Chapter has assumed this responsibility and look forward to the next newsletter that as I

understand it should be distributed in the next few weeks. keep an eye open. They have been very busy and again have been recognized for some outstanding achievements!

I am also pleased to report that I had the opportunity to speak to the Zeta Alpha Chapter Executive Board on February 5, 2019. They asked if I would attend their meeting via conference call and share some of the activities of the Alumni Board and ask questions and discuss how they could participate in activities such as the golf outing and invite alumni to participate in pledge class initiation ceremonies. I found the discussions useful and we plan to continue this on a semi-regular basis.

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## SRU Giving Day



You may remember that last year Theta Chi tied for first place in the SRU Foundation Giving Day and earned \$1,000 to supplement their chapter operations budget. No other Greek organization even came close in their efforts.

The 2019 SRU Giving day is quickly approaching and will occur on March 26th, 2019.

There are two parts to the campaign.

The first 3 student groups to reach 50 unique donors will receive \$1,000 deposited into their student self-support account. Somewhere close to midnight a URL will be released to the chapter and the chapter is going to put a plan together to try to get as many chapter members and friends to make contributions as close to midnight as possible so they can be the first to 50 and earn the \$1,000.

## Part 2

Since we assume none of us will be up at midnight to be part of this, we will be notified of the URL and will send a email to everyone about the url and if you chose to donate on March 26th you may. Donations made on that day related to the Chapter will go to the chapter and the Student Government Association is matching donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$3,000 to the student club or organization who raises the most money.

Chapter member Michael Ambrose is coordinating this event for the chapter. All donations are tax deductible.

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## One Last Thing

One last item of interest. **Brother Marshall Tuten** was recently recognized as the **JoAnn Day Business Student of the Year** by the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Employers in January. We wish to congratulate Brother Marshall. But my reason for pointing this out is that the article that was published February 11, 2019 in the **SRU Rocket** was picked up by Theta Chi International and was published on the Theta Chi website including the interview conducted with Brother Marshall.

In addition to an impressive interview, what is exciting about the interview is, of all the things Marshall could have chosen to dress in for the interview that day, he chose to wear and proudly display his Theta Chi letters.

Congratulations Marshall we are proud of you and your accomplishments and how you represent the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi.

[Here is a link to the article and the video.](#)

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