



Your Opinions Counts - Ballot Attached

As was mentioned in the Golf Outing Edition of the newsletter in July, in accordance with Article X of the Zeta Alpha Alumni Corporation Bylaws, a proposed amendment to the Bylaws notification was sent on 7/3/25.

The change proposed is Article VI Section B and the specific change proposed is:

"After each election, once elected, between April 25 and ~~April 30~~ May 15 the newly constituted Board shall meet by conference call and the Directors shall elect three (3) officers from amongst themselves: a President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary."

This will provide the Board instead of a 5 day turnaround in electing officers for the new administrative year and will provide roughly 2 weeks to complete the task, which all feel is more reasonable.

Ballots must be completed no later than August 16 at 11:59 p.m.

[Click here to cast your ballot.](#)

OUTSTANDING!

On July 15, 2025 (Just 4 days after the 61st anniversary of the original chartering of the Zeta Alpha Chapter) Chapter President Joe Hemple shared the following email with the members of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi.

Brothers,

I hope you guys are having a great summer so far.

I wanted to reach out to share some exciting news about the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi at SRU and to highlight the significance of our recent achievements.

As many of you know, last month, we hosted our 32nd annual Alumni Golf Outing event at the Slippery Rock Golf Club near campus. Brothers from all the way back to the 1960s up to current date were able to attend for 18 holes of golf and some festivities before and after back at our chapter house. We were even recognized on Theta Chi International's Instagram page.

https://www.instagram.com/p/DLYPUesudxW/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

Throughout the summer, Theta Chi International has been hosting three separate "Initiative Academy" sessions for all active Theta Chi Chapters. Theta Chi Fraternity's Initiative Academy is a premier leadership opportunity to work in a cohort group to improve brothers' personal, professional, and leadership skills. During this experience, brothers will challenge their critical thinking through brotherhood activities, mock interviews, a community service project, a leadership assessment and discussions, and small group exercises. This intensive workshop

model will also leave brothers with the distinction of becoming a Resolute Man.

This past weekend, the Zeta Alpha Chapter was fortunate enough to send 2 active brothers, **Nate Waugman** and **Cole Clary**, to this event in Bloomington, IN, where they got to meet and collaborate with brothers from all over the country. Nate and Cole also managed to achieve Resolute Man status, bringing our total to 4 current active members and 10 total with that status. At the end of this event, the Grand Chapter (National Executive Board) of Theta Chi International presents national awards to distinct chapters.

The Howard Alter, Jr. Award is Theta Chi's highest chapter honor and is traditionally presented at the Fraternity's summer event. Consideration for the Alter Award is by application only. Applicant chapters are evaluated based on their performance in 14 categories, including chapter operations, recruitment, scholarship, chapter safety, member and new member education, alumni engagement, community service and philanthropy activities, and others. The Alter Award may only be presented to active chapters.

The Phil S. Randall and Henry B. Hersey Awards were created to recognize and honor the Fraternity's top recruiting chapters for the previous academic year. Winners were determined based on the total number of newly initiated members according to the International Headquarters files between May 15, 2024, and May 15, 2025. All active chapters are eligible for consideration for one or more of these honors. The Randall and Hersey Awards recognize the recruitment efforts of Theta Chi chapters and their dedication to maintaining and preserving Theta Chi Fraternity for the generations of brothers to come.

I am very pleased to share that the **Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity at Slippery Rock University** was **1 of 5 (out of 152 active chapters)** to receive an **Alter Award for 2024/2025**. This is our chapter's **first-time ever** receiving an Alter Award. In addition, we also brought home the **Phil S. Randall Award** and were runners-up for the **Henry B. Hersey Award** from Theta Chi International for our efforts in recruitment.

As president of Theta Chi, I am very pleased to share this information and am immensely proud of our current Executive Board and the chapter as a whole. These awards and recognitions are a reflection of our entire chapter being on the same page and working together towards a common goal of bettering ourselves and our chapter. Do not take this lightly; this is a truly historic achievement for our chapter and something that has never been done before. These awards are not handed out without diligent scrutiny, and they reflect the dedication, hard work, and commitment each of you has shown to making Zeta Alpha the best it can be. Whether you contributed through recruitment, academics, philanthropy, brotherhood events, or simply by being a supportive and engaged member, this belongs to all of us. **We've set a new standard for what's possible at Zeta Alpha.** Being recognized at the national level is a huge achievement and sets the tone for the upcoming academic year to build on the foundation we have already established.

We have done a phenomenal job over the past year as a chapter. However, now is not the time to be complacent. You should all be proud of this achievement but not satisfied. The bar has just been set higher, and we have new standards to be accounted for within the Zeta Alpha Chapter. Use this as motivation and a reminder of what we can accomplish when all of us contribute our efforts towards creating a better brotherhood. Next semester is just around the corner and rush will be here before you know it, use this as momentum to be even better and improve in areas we can be better.

I couldn't be prouder to be your brother and to have the privilege to call myself your president. Let's keep this momentum going and continue building on this incredible legacy together.

We will be sure to celebrate accordingly and to give Mr. Howard Alter a warm welcome to Slippery Rock University.

HORNS DOWN,

Joe Hemple

attended the Initiative Academy held in Bloomington, Indiana on July 12-13, 2025 and accepted on behalf of the Zeta Alpha Chapter the Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence by Theta Chi Fraternity in 2024/2025. (One of only 5 chapters obtaining this designation.) They are pictured from left to right Executive Director Michael Mayer, Grand Chapter President Toby Roth, Brother Cole Clary, Brother Nate Waugaman, Grand Chapter Counselor Richard P. Santoriello and Grand Chapter Secretary Dr. James A. Black.

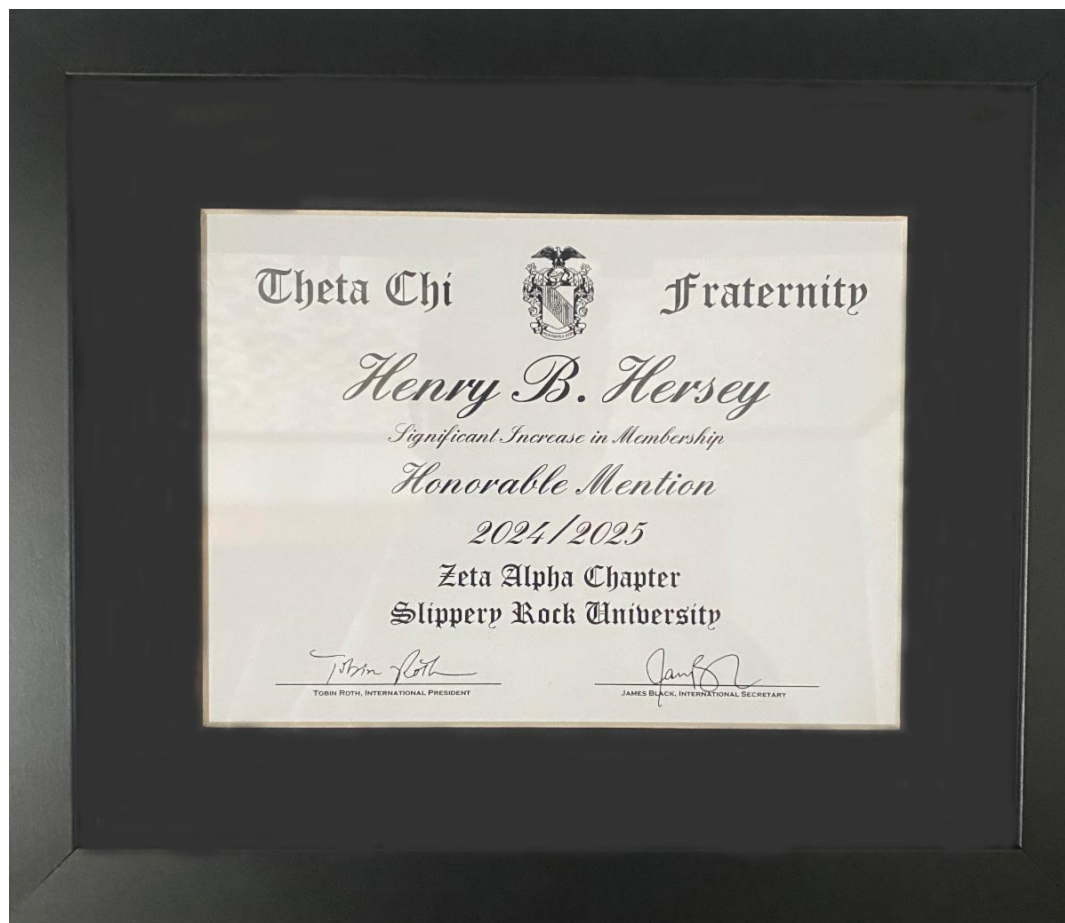




The thirteen (13) chapters including the Zeta Alpha Chapter (Brother Cole Clary next to last on right) were presented the Phil S. Randall Award recognizing Theta Chi chapters for their success in recruitment in 2024/2025 and their dedication to maintaining and preserving Theta Chi Fraternity for the generations of brothers to come.



The Zeta Alpha Chapter (Brother Nate Waugaman on right) was presented on behalf of the Zeta Alpha Chapter the Henry B. Hersey Awards Honorable Mention for significant increase in membership and their dedication to maintaining and preserving Theta Chi Fraternity for the generations of brothers to come.



We wish to congratulate the chapter on these accomplishments as well as additional recognition they have received during the year! We would also like to thank those alumni brothers who have supported thier activities.

A strong, positive, cooperative climate of collegians and alumni working together produces these kinds of results.

Academics



Deans List Spring 2025



Twenty (20) Chapter Brothers earned recognition for the Spring 2025 Dean's List including four (4) Brothers who achieved a 4.0.

- The chapter average for Spring 2025 was a 3.092 GPA.
- Thirty-two (32) of the forty-seven (47) Brothers had a 3.0 GPA or better!
- That is 9 out of the last 10 semesters with the chapter average GPA above 3.0.
- This was the highest average GPA of any fraternity with 20 or more members.

Congratulations Brothers for your achievement and continued academic success.

Chapter Eternal

We sadly report the loss of four initiated alumni brothers who have recently passed onto the Chapter Eternal:

- Glenn R. Jones – 240-205
- Timothy C. Aldom – 240-321
- David M. Grabosky - 240-360
- Theodore F. Disalvo – 240-364

As in the past, a memorial brick will be purchased by the Alumni Board for placement with the other memorial bricks for brothers who have passed to the Chapter Eternal and will be added to the display at the Alumni House on campus.

Their names will be read aloud at the 170th Anniversary Convention and School of Fraternity Practices in San Antonio, Texas, July 10-14, 2026

For a full list of brothers who have passed to the chapter eternal can be found on the Zeta Alpha Website.

[Click here.](#)

Zeta Alpha Theta Chi members got some face time in the Spring/Summer issue of the SRU Rock magazine.

<https://magazine.sru.edu/issue/spring-summer-2025/>

Here are the photos (Congratulations Alumni Brothers Grant Riley and Kiran Gurung and Brother Kaan Ozdemir.)





Open for Success

Successful alumni start with student success. The new Campus Success Center is where students meet with dedicated professionals to help them achieve their personal best. It's where eight certified academic life coaches engage and empower students through innovative methods that go beyond prescriptive advice, helping them design their own path.

The new space is also home to increasing opportunities for students to connect with future employers, with more than 10 hiring events featuring over 300 employers planned next year.

From career fairs and single-employer meet-and-greets to tailored sessions with coaches that optimize students for career success, the new center is the place where connections are made and dream jobs are shaped into reality.

We could use your help!

We continue to attempt to keep the searchable database current.

And YOU can help! Many of you are changing address and other contact information.

Look yourself up here:

https://zachapter.com/?page_id=505

And if any information is not correct visit this link to update your information:

https://zachapter.com/?page_id=1472

We appreciate your help. We currently have records on over 310 listings in the database..

Homecoming 2025

The Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity will be hosting Alumni during Homecoming October 18, 2025 "A Very Vintage Homecoming!"

This has been a successful event since the Chapter rechartered in 2018.

Make plans today to attend. More information will be shared as arrangements are made.



Message from the Secretary

As this year's secretary of the Alumni Association I would like to start two new sections of our newsletters e-mailed to our Alumni Brothers. The first section will be an Alumni Feature that will highlight the life and career of a member of the Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter of Theta Chi. The second sections focusing on helping us locate missing Alumni to include in our Alumni Database of Zeta Alpha Brothers.

I look forward helping our Alumni Chapter stay connected and informed about upcoming events and helping us reconnect with Brothers and Friends.

John Farrar Secretary Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity
Alumni Board

Final Thought

On September 30, 2017 the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity began the first steps to re-establish the chapter on campus after 28 years of being absent. Though the efforts of alumni and the participation of now over 100 initiates since, the chapter has grone from a colony to one of the five (5) best chapters in the entire Theta Chi Fraternity organization with over forty-five (45) active members.

This is no small accomplishment and one that we have been committed to help create a chapter that can be a role modle for others.

Congratulations and **Fraternity Honors** are given to all who in any way contributed thier time, talent or treaure to help the chapter achieve this incredible recognition. A special thank you to the members of the Zeta Alpha Alumni Board over the years and the Chapter Officer Advisors for their support of the Chapter.

But it is only a start, the chapter has challenged itself and we now challenge the alumni to help the chapter maintain this standard and continue to grow in size and influence on the SRU campus.

Each of you should be proud of your chapter.

Kevin Krepinevich President Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity
Alumni Board



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