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Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter

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2027 Golf Outing Weekend



Plans are in the works for the 2027 Zeta Alpha Chapter Golf Outing Weekend.

The golf course has been booked for June 12, 2027.

The following are the tentative plans for those who register:

- You do not have to golf to participate. But, even if you do not play, we still need everyone who plans to attend to register.
- This is a closed Official Theta Chi Event open only to initated brothers.
- Online Registration will be open in early February 2027.
- Plans are for a "welcome" at the Theta Chi house at 115 Kiester Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057 on **Friday, June 11, 2027** beginning about 5:00 p.m.
- Plans are set for the Golf Outing to be held at the Slippery Rock Golf Club & Events Center please arrive by 12:15 p.m. The scramble tee time will be 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, June 12, 2027.**
- After the outing at approximately 6:00 p.m., everyone will gather at 115 Kiester Road for awards, food and beverages including presenting Golden Guard Certificates for 50 years of membership to attendees.
- There is no end time for the event Saturday.
- If you do not register in advance access will not be permitted. The collegians are required by Theta Chi Fraternnity to have a participant list for any event where alchohol is served on hand for their protection.

- Individuals will be responsible for their own housing during the event. To get an idea of hotels available and pricing **click here**. Curently the pricing listed is between $106 and $173 a night.
- We will again be offering T-signs for the outing. Consider using them to remember a brother, a pledge class or any unique ideas tht promote Theta Chi and the Chapter. They will again be available for $100 each and will benifit the Helping Hand Fund and the Chapter.

Helping Hand Scholarship Fund

In 2018 the Zeta Alpha Helping Hand Scholarship Fund was created. The funds are managed on our behalf by the Slippery Rock University Foundation. In 2021 the fund reached $25,000 and achieved endowment status creating the Principle Account. This gave us the opportunity to earn interest on the fund. Funds raised above the $25,000 are placed in what is called the Award Account. (We earn interest on the combined total of both accounts.)

Each year interest earned on the account is deposited into the Awards Account. We are averaging a little over $1,000.00 a year in interest.

The scholarships are granted from the Award Account and an additional $1,000 a year is made available for use. If funds during a year are not used, they are rolled over and are available for use in the future.

Since its inception, ten (10) awards have been made totaling $5,025.77 and the chapter still has $4,000 in unused funds. In January 2027, another $1,000 will be added to the unused available funds.

The SRU Foundation provides an annual report in November covering the period of July 1 - June 30 of the previous year.

Below is the report for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 supplied by the SRU Foundation.

The generousity of brothers and friends of the Zeta Alpha Chapter is appreciated and we hope we can add additional donations to support the chapter in 2027. For more information about the Helping Hand Fund and those who have contributed **visit this link**.

Principle Account Opening Balance
7/1/25 - $25,150.00

Award Account Opening Balance
7/1/25 - 10,31.86

Principle Account Closing Balance
6/30/26 - $25,150.00

Award Account Closing Balance
6/30/26 - $11,362.10

of which $5,000 wil be committed as of January 1.

Homecoming 2026



The Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity held another successful homecomings since recolnoization. This year they partnered with AΞΔ (Alpha Xi Delta.)

Highlights include:

- Painting of the North Country Brewery Pub windows.
- The float submission in the Saturday morning parade in downtown Slippery Rock.
- Tailgating between 11:00 am and 1:00 p.m.
- Slippery Rock Football crushed Lock Haven 66-7 to be listed as the #1 in super region 1 and #2 overall in Division II.
- Brothers returned to the new Theta Chi House at 115 Kiester Road for brotherhood late into the evening.

We did not want to fill this newsletter with pictures of this one event - they can be found on the website by clicking here!
Though there are a few below.

All of the recent and historical information about the chapter can be found by clicking here.



























We would like to thank Brother mark Hoffman and Jerry DeRosa for thier financial contributions to the chapter during Homecoming.

Warning!!!!

With the Rock cruising through the season and currently listed as No. 2 in the NCAA Division II Power Index (NPI) there is a possibility that SRU could make the Division II Football Finals December 19, 2026! The game is played at McKinney ISD Stadium in McKinney, TX.

For those of you not familiar, it is a high school stadium pictured below.

If SRU makes the DII finals and you may be planning to attend, consider contacting the Delta Phi Chapter of Theta Chi. They may have some floors to sleep on! Bring Food and beverages!

Their address is 1015 Maple Street, Denton, TX 76201 it is only about 19 1/2 hours away!

Make sure you bring lots of SRU stuff to sell to cover the cost of your trip!



Academics - Dean's List

In the Fall of each year, GPA reports are provided by the University for the Spring semester. The same happens in the Spring with the release of the Fall GPAs.

We wish to extend our congratulations to the Collegiate Brothers who were recognized on the Dean's List for Spring 2026 and special congratulatins to those 6 Brothers who achieved a 4.0!

Johnny Grimm - 4.0
Luke Jordan - 4.0
Logan Pfaff - 4.0
Daniel Babinsack - 4.0
Jack Nalevanko - 4.0
Logan Pfaff - 4.0
Rocco D'Ambrosio
Cole Clary

Adam Fisher
Rob Grassinger
Caleb Hankee
Cole Morozan
Nate Murin
Blake Naeger
Michael Ninness
Kaan Ozdemir

Rho Pledge Class

The Fall Rush was completed and the chapter pinned 7 new Zeta Alpha pledges. The initiation of the pledge class was held on **Sunday, November 8 at 12:00 NOON.** Initiated Brothers received an invitation to attend by the chapter in its recent newsletter.

The event was held on the 3rd floor of the Robert M. Smith Student Center (SSC).

In addition to the Rho Pledge Class, **Jerry DeRosa** who pledged in the 80s but was never submitted to the IHQ to be included as an initated member was installed. Jerry worked with the Chapter Advisor, the Alumni Board President and the Chapter to complete the forms, the initation fee, interviewed with the chapter and his Alumni Initiate application was approved and submitted to the IHQ. It was a long journey, but welcome Brother Jerry.









This is our 2nd Rho pledge class. The first being the spring of 1972 with this list of initiated brothers:

- Bob Baudoux, Jr.
- Bill Blose
- Mark Cicotello
- Gary Donelli
- Frank Gorshin
- Larry King
- Dennis Kopicki
- Greg Lusardi
- Rod Nicholson
- David Remmel
- James Seagriff
- Larry Stilner
- Kenneth Sturm
- David Yacubovich

Each new pledge class is intrested in the one that went before. They can always use mentors and would welcome a connection with a brother from the same pledge class from 54 years ago.

Pay attention to who you are picking. Pick men. Don't pick someone who would allow themselves to be hazed. We want honorable men we want leaders.

Knuckles Visit

Theta Chi Fraternity Field Representative **Zack Knuckles** visited the chapter October 3 - 8, 2026.

During the visit he met with each member of the Executive Committee, participated side-by-side with the brothers and he shared positive comments about the efforts of the Zeta Alpha chapter and enjoyed being included in everything happening!

His comments: Primanti Brothers is my new favorite sandwich place, need one in Indianapolis. Sheetz is worth every appetizer sampler. Northeast charm and Midwest courtesy. Northern Kentucky University, Slippery Rock University, and Pennsylvania Western University - Edinboro. Great food, destinations, beginnings, and memories.

Zack Knuckles is a 2023 initiate of Delta Pi Chapter. Brother Knuckles graduated from Indiana State University in May 2026 with a bachelor’s degree in finance, and joined the International Headquarters staff as a Field Representative in June 2026.

Thanks for visiting and challenging the chapter to continue to maintain standards and to do good things!





Chapter Advisor Report

This semester has been one for the books. The brothers entered the school year with an Alter Award and are finishing it on an excellent path to win yet another.

I will let the chapter's report speak for itself, with all of the amazing work they are doing both internally and externally.

But since I have the floor, I might as well take advantage of it.

My charge to all of you is to try to make it to a homecoming, a golf outing, or any type of visit back to the brothers at Slippery Rock within the next few years.

SRU is the place we all can and did call home, and the brotherhood is something that will live on eternally.

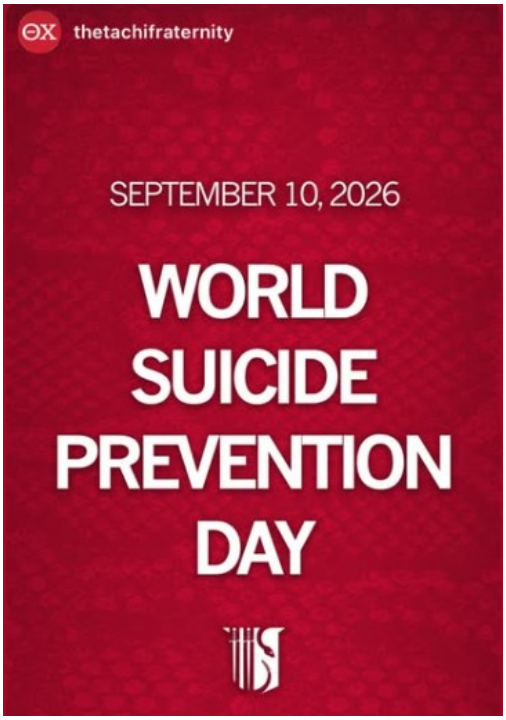
I can promise you that the active members don't bite. They're eager to get to know alumni of all ages. Be a resource for them as they go through their undergraduate journey and start their careers.

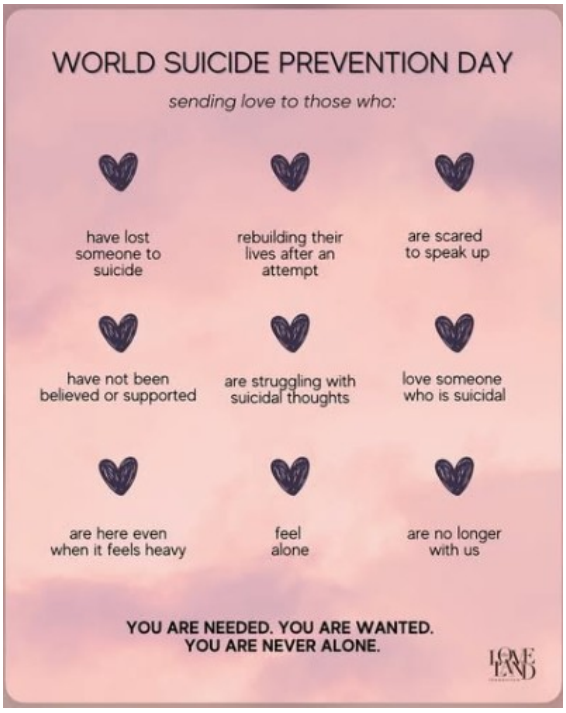
I challenge you all to reach out to a brother from your pledge class, or from your time in the chapter, to check in and see how they're doing.

I wish you all a happy holidays and a safe winter. Hope to see you all at the golf outing in the summer.

The Zeta Alpha Chapter has been involved in a variety of acivities this fall semester including Homecoming and the installation of the Rho Pledge Class. The items below highlight some of the other successful activities completed by the chapter. To see all of the activities of the chapter in cronological order, visit the zachapter.com website or **click here**

September was Suicide Prevention Month and as part of the Sacred Purpose Program the Zeta Alpha Chapter was a major participant in the activities including on September 10.





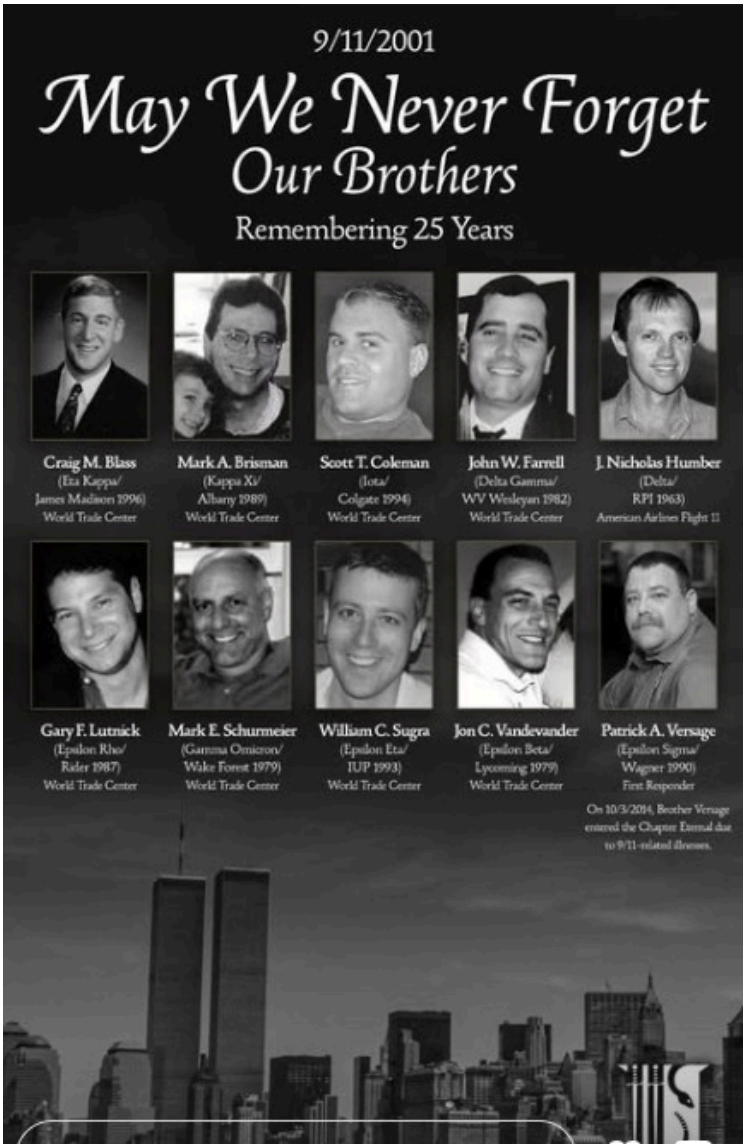
Remembering 9/11

For a generation born after 9/11/01, honoring this history isn't only about looking back… it's about understanding the world we inherited and carrying those lessons of resilience into the future. The Brothers of the Zeta Alpha chapter shared many posts related to the day.

For those born before 9/11/01, this date has been a big part of our lives. We saw what the world used to be. We felt the pain of being in this time.

On that day we lost 10 Brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity.

We honor. We reflect. We will never forget.



On September 17, 2026 the Zeta Alpha Chapter attended along with other Greek organizations: The Trial of Hazing facilitated by Derwin L Webb ESQ highlighting the consequences of hazing.



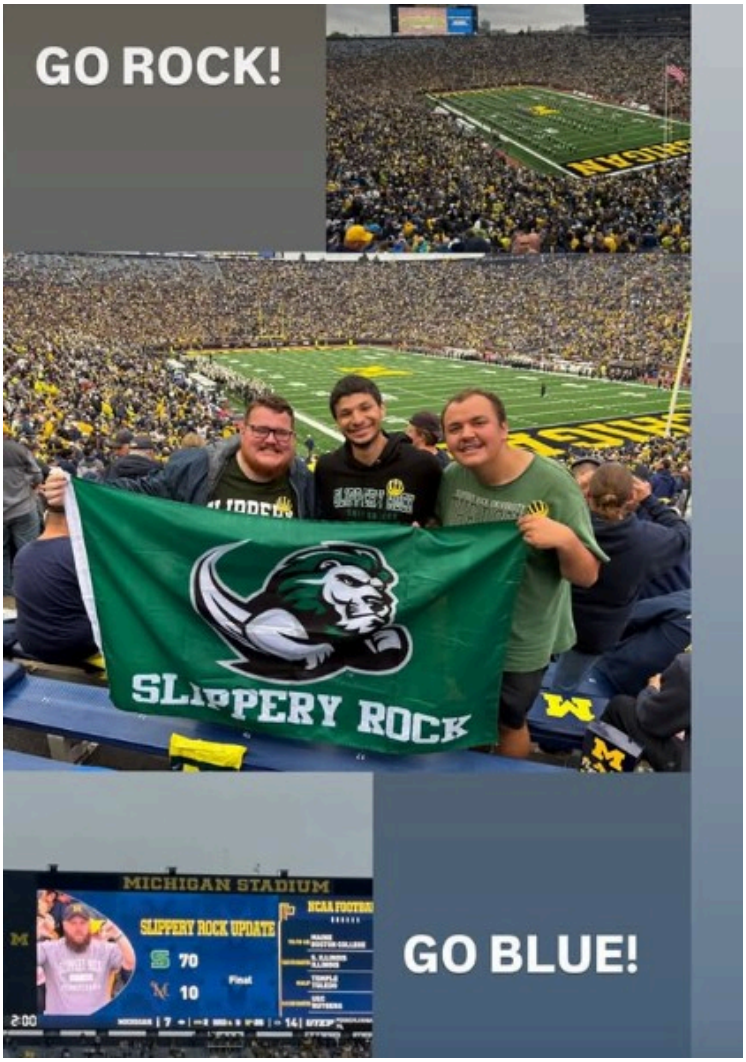




Congrats, @alphaxideltasru and @thetachisru for winning SRU annual National Hazing Prevention Week Chalk Wars!

Each of these chapters won $100 to donate to a philanthropy of their choosing!

Brothers Nate Naeger (left) and Dan Rodenbeck (right)went to Michigan Stadium this semester to confirm that Slippery Rock is still held in high regard!


GO ROCK!
SLIPPERY ROCK
MICHIGAN STADIUM
SLIPPERY ROCK UPDATE
70
10
Final
GO BLUE!



Julia Rismiller Tangeman, Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Practices, shared Greeks Give Back, featured on the front page of the Butler Eagle!

"This story highlights the incredible impact our students are making in the communities around them and showcases the positive things happening within our Fraternity and Sorority Life community.

Thank you for continuing to support our students, encourage their growth, and challenge them to be the best versions of themselves. Your guidance and dedication make a difference, and moments like this are a wonderful reminder of the impact we are making together."

Click here for a copy of the article.

SRU Up Til 2

Thank you to everyone who came to our No More Cancer Rally! 🌸 **We raised over $2,000!!** Congrats to KDR for winning the most team points 🏅 Way to go Greek Life, thank you for participating!! 🎉 **#FTK**





Theta Chi Fraternity Carnation Queen Event

Congratulations to our 2026 sweethearts!

Huge thank you to all the girls who took a chance and participated with us, as well as the brothers who made this happen. You'll always have a home at Theta Chi 🤘⬇️
#theatchifraternity #CarnationQueen

Thank you to VP of Health and Safety Brother Cole Clary for chairing this project.

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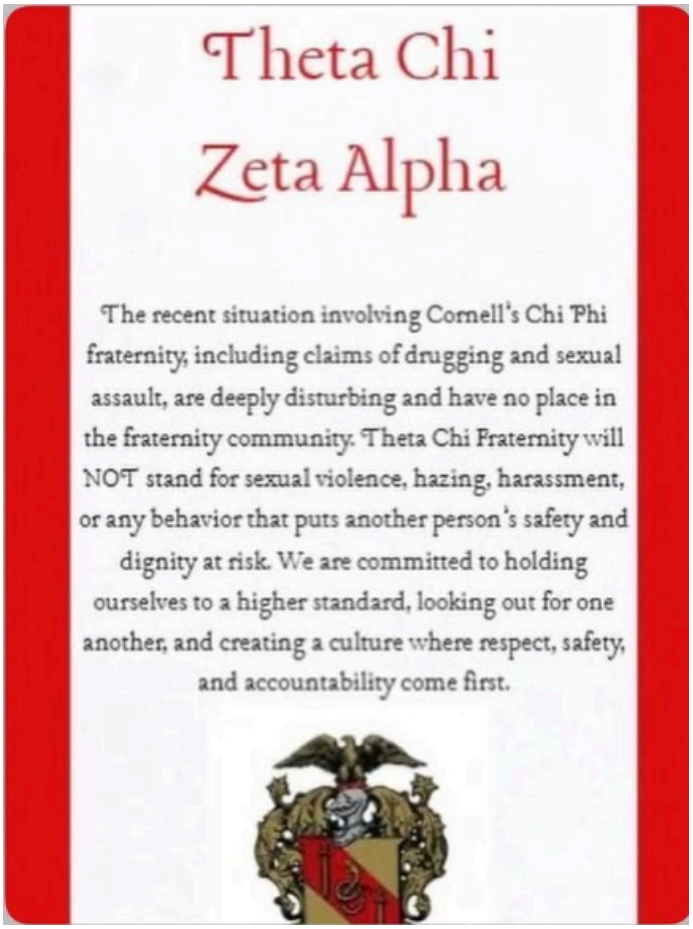
Raised $5,500 for the USO 🙌





Zeta Alpha Chpapter stepping up!

Almost immediately after the story related to the Chi Phi fraternity at Cornell surfaced, the Zeta Alpha Chapter took the first stance published at SRU related to this issue. We are very proud of the chapter's aggressive stance and congratulate them on thier efforts not to condone such activities.

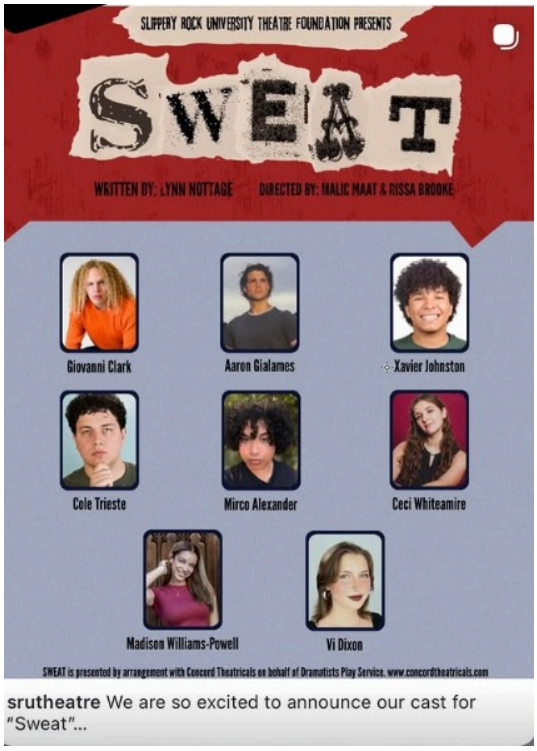


Brother Giovanni Clark, a senior acting major from Beaver Falls (Beaver Falls HS), preformed in SWEAT as dramaturg.

He perfomed on campus in the performances that ran October 23, 24, 27 and 28, 2026.

A dramaturg is a theater, opera, or film specialist who works as a literary advisor, researcher, and creative collaborator. They help the artistic team understand, shape, and contextualize a script

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srutheatre We are so excited to announce our cast for "Sweat"...



Congratulations to Brother Noah Frank for being named GREEK of the WEEK by SRU Greeks for his efforts and exemplifying Theta Chi's commitment.





As of this newsletter the Philadelphia 76ers are 10 and 3.

Brother Michael Ho, better known as Michael Ho-in-One, (while finishing up his last class on campus) works for the 76ers and has informed us that their success can be directly related to the strength program he helped develop.

We cannot think of any other reason why they would be doing so well!

Congratulations to Brother Michael in his new position.

I Believe

A century ago, The CREED of Theta Chi Fraternity made its first known appearance.

A two-paragraph version was printed in the Theta Chi Manual, dated Aug. 30, 1926. Just days later, the Fraternity formally presented its newest publication to the delegates at the 70th Anniversary Convention in Philadelphia. The expectation was clear - every pledge shall learn its words before receiving his Badge.

The Foundation Chapter has launched it BELIEVE campaign seeking to raise $22 million by 2028, to endow the Fraternity's leadership education and training programs, alumni and chapter support initiatives, and the Museum, Archives, and History Program, to provide long-term stability for the Fraternity's future generations of Resolute Men. So far since the convention in August $15,320,318 has been raised.

Click here for more information about the Believe Campaign.

To review all chapter activies so far in 2026 click here.

To review the activities of the chapter in any particuar year since 2017 including this year, **Click here**

Respectfully,

Chapter Advisor
Eric Lehman

Nominations for 2027-2029 Alumni Board

There will be 3 Board positions to be filled for the 2027-2029 terms.

Any initiated brother, including those currently serving, who would be interested in placing thier name on the ballot should provide an **email to Secretary John Farrar** at **jsfarrar1956@gmail.com**, no later than **April 1, 2027**, stating your desire to have your name on the ballot acompanied by a statement as to why you wish to be selected by the membership to be elected to the Board. This information will be used to be provided to the voters for thier information.

Balloting will ocurr between April 10 and April 25, 2027.

Brotherhood Connections and Snaps!

We continue to try to share stories we learn about brothers and right now it may be a little random. If a brother has a story to share, let a member of the Alumni Board know and we will do what we can to share it in this section.

"The preservation of our fraternity is important in the preservation of the tapestry of our nation."



August 28, 2026 we were able to connect with Brother Pat Burke. He currently resides near the Stonewall Golf Course in Gainsville, VA.

Brother Burke serve in the Secret Service in the late 70s and early 80s and eventually went on to create a company providing security services.

Brother Pat is seen here receiving his Golden Guard Award for 50 years or more as a Theta Chi!



Some of the brothers on their way to Myrtle Beach, stopped and visited Brother Rick Stafford in Reading, PA. Pictured are Brothers Ruzicki, Braides, Stafford, Nelson, Heimerdinger and DiBruno. A small group tries to visit regularly.

During the week of October 3, several brothers met again in Myrtle Beach, SC to share a few days with spouses and friends. It was reported that shopping, eating and some golf was involved during the week.

Brother Gorshin owns the Blitzburgh Sports Bar and Grill in Myrtle Beach and hosted the brothers visiting.

Brothers included Dennis Nelson, Mark "Duck" Heimerdinger, Tom Bradias, John Farrar, Gary Donelli, Bob Bolt, Gary Powell, Rod Nicholson, Stephen "Taz" Atteridge, Rick Fox and Frank Gorshin.





Unfortunately the electronic version of the Winter 2019 **Theta Chi Rattle** does not display when seleted on the Theta Chi Website. But, it was reported to us that under the TRUE FRIENDSHIP section, that was only available in the electronic version, Zeta Alpha Brother David Price was

highlighted. Below is a copy of what was displayed and we will pass along this problem to the IHQ.



DAVID W. PRICE

(Zeta Alpha/Slippery Rock '78)

Brother Nick Mote serves as the clubhouse manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates AA Clubhouse. Brother Nick was a member of the Kappa Pledge class and completed his studies in 3 years. Congratulations Brother Nick.







Brotheer Marshal Tuten has moved from California back to the east coast.

Recently he served as a judge at the Hartford Humanity School at UCONN.

There were 5 teams creating vibe coded and engineers solutions. There were 40 participants in 10 teams working for 6 hours. Each related to AI.

Brother Marshall has also become a father this year.

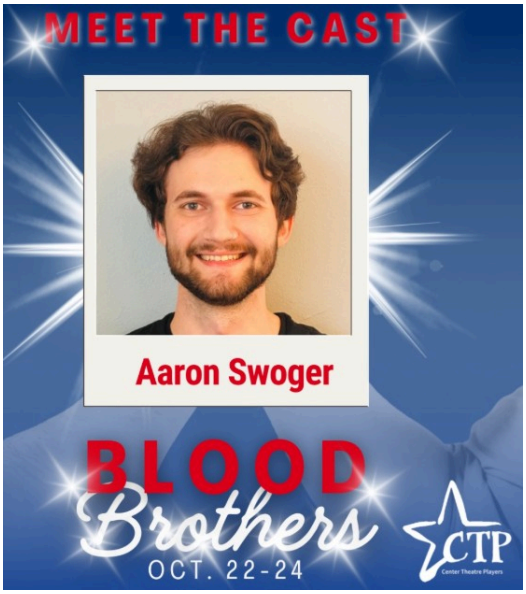
Congratulations Brother Marshall.



Speaking of becoming a father....

Brother Brody McKenna will soon be a father.

Thanks to Brother Brody and his bride Brother Joel McKenna will also become a grandfather.





Brother Aaron Swoger played Mickey in Blood Brothers. A Beaver County Native, Aaron now resides in Pittsburgh, serving coffee and selling theater tickets to his city neighbors. He last made a splash on stage as Shakespeare in Something Rotten, where he used a British accent,and as Edgar in Bat Boy, where he ALSO used a British accent! Congratulation Brother Aaron.

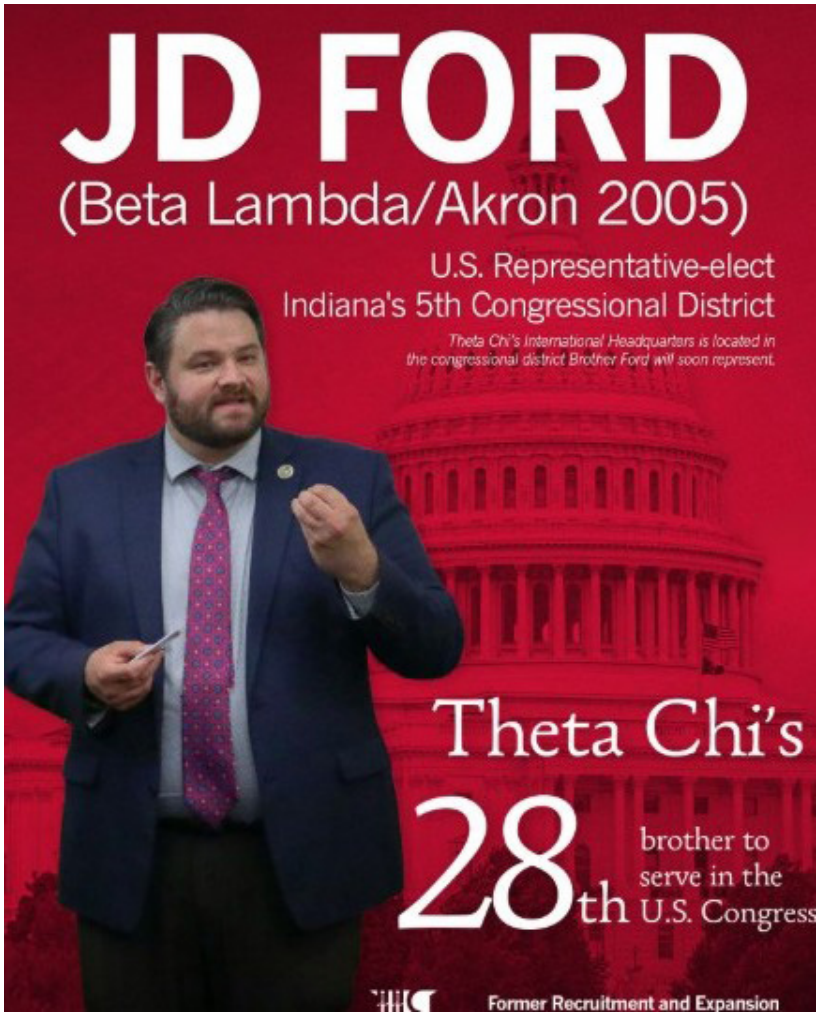
In 2016, Theta Chi Fraterniy's International's Chief External Relations Officer Brother JD Ford visited the 2016 Zeta Alpha Golf Outing with Taylor Dahlem to consider making a recommendation to move Zeta Alpha up the list of potential colonies. Based on their vist Zeta Alpha was moved to the top of the list and wheels started rolling toward our 2017 recolonization.

We would like to congratulate Brother JD Ford Beta Lambda/Akron 2005) on his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he will represent Indiana’s 5th Congressional District.

Before entering public service, Brother Ford served Theta Chi as a Leadership and Education Consultant from 2005 to 2006, then as Director of Recruitment and Expansion from 2011 to 2013, and as Chief of External Relations from 2016 to 2017, helping strengthen and grow the Fraternity across North America.

Ford now joins a distinguished history of 27 Theta Chi brothers who have answered the call to public service in the United States Congress.
Congratulations Brother JD!

To learn more about brother JD's involvement with Zeta Alpha visit the **recolonization newsletters**. Or **check out the newletter when he was introduced.**



For more on Brother JD click here.

Chapter Eternal

We are pleased and relieved to report that since the last newsletter there have been NO reports of brothers passing on to the Chapter Eternal.

If a brother passes, please notify the **Board by completing the Chapter Eternal Board Notification Form** and 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.

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

Click here.

We Could Use Your Help!

The Chapter's website contains information available to all brothers.

One of the most used features is a searchable database that lists contact information for all initiated brothers who have provided information. The Alumni Board needs help in locating brothers not currently in the database.

We continue to attempt to keep the database current.

Unfortunately, for many of the recent graduates we only have an email and a phone number.

You can **click here to search for brothers** for which the Alumni Association has contact information. Please help us by using the database to locate all the brothers in your pledge class. If one is missing and you have contact information please complete the contact information form on the web site.

And YOU can help keep your record current!
Many of you are changing address and other contact information. Look yourself up on the database and if it is not complete or you do not appear, **you can update or provide a record by clicking here.**

Most update information is updated on the website within a week but normally less.

We appreciate your help. We currently have records on over 362 listings in the database.

Final Thought

It has been a busy time for the Zeta Alpha Chapter/Alumni so far this academic year.

The chapter continues to maintain and attmept to expand its membership and maintain the high standard they have set for themselves these last 2 years. In addition they continue to add programs, events and new initatives to make them an even more vital force on campus.

Each of you should be congratulated for your unselfish support of the collegians.

Our goal is not to clutter your inbox and attempt to plan newsletters following significant events.

When we first started we promised that the contact information would be kept confidential and woud only be used for "official" chapter and alumni association business. If you are aware of anyone using the information we collected for thier own uses (which are unofficial by nature,) please let us know and the Board will take appropriate action. The last thing we want you to do is ignore these emal newsletter because you are getting other "non-offical" stuff showing up.

When many of us "grey beards" pledged and were initated members of the chapter, in many cases, we were on our own. We did not have an organized and cooperative alumni association to support and help the chapter advisor to guide and support the chapter. It is a different time now. We not only have alumni in their senior years helping and advising but the brothers who have become alumni since 2018 are stepping up, participating in the official events of the chapter and the alumni association.

However, both the chapter and the alumni need to monitor situations that the collegians may be face whether it is issues on campus or older alumni that think it is funny to encourage over drinking or hazing by collegians. We know under the Sacred Purpose program and strict anti-hazing position the Chapter and the Grand Chapter have established, when stories of the "in the old days we ..." are shared they should be only shared when asked and offered with the cavet that those tyes of activities are and will no longer be tolerated. Those not comlying with these standards will be delt with on an individual basis.

We see articles about Greeks at Cornell, Penn State, LSU, Northern Arizona, Bowling Green, VCU San Diego State being charged and suspended or closed due to hazing and sexual misconduct. This is the last thing we wish to hear related o th Zeta Alpha Chapter. Many of us were very proud of the position the Zeta Alpha chapter took. As noted earlier, they were the first greek organization on campus to issue a condeming statement.

The history of Zeta Alpha has been shared with the collegians and multiple suspensions and eventually revocation of the charter were the result of issues related to these items and we cannot condone or encourage this behavior. We worked too hard to bring the chapter back. It is a new day.

The chapter's Executive Board and the duely elected Directors of the Alumni Board will continue to do the things necessary to enhance the brand we started with in 2017 and that was to "Redefine Fraternities on Campus." Since then we have added over 140 brothers to our roster. All reports from the students and the University continue to compliment and encourage the work of the Zeta Alpha Chapter.

We should all be proud. "The thermometer of success is merely the jealousy of malcontents."

I would like to personally thank the members of the Alumni Board its advisors, Chapter Advisor Eric Lehman, Chapter President Jake Levy and his Executive Board for thier efforts and look forward to an even more successful 2027.

Please take some time, when you have some, and visit **http://zachapter.com** click around for photos, newsletter chapter news and other features and resources available to all.

Expect the next newsletter to land in your inbox sometime in the beginning of February.

Finally, let us be the first to wish you the best the holiday season has to offer and a happy and healthy 2027!

Kevin Krepinevich
President
Zeta Alpha Chapter
Theta Chi Fraternity
Alumni Board





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