The Kevin Krepinevich Award of Brotherhood Excellence

Inaugural Award Presentation Speech

Brothers, alumni, and distinguished guests,

Before we conclude today's ceremony, I would like to take a moment to recognize someone who has made a lasting impact on the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Throughout our Chapter's history, there have been individuals who have gone above and beyond what is expected of them. Individuals who have dedicated their time, energy, and effort not because they were asked to, or because they expected something in return, but because they genuinely care about this brotherhood and the people who are a part of it.

Today, we have the opportunity to recognize one of those individuals.

Brotherhood is something we talk about often in Theta Chi. It's one of the foundations of who we are. But true brotherhood isn't measured by how many meetings you attend, what positions you hold, or how many awards you receive.

It's measured by the relationships you build, the people you support, and the impact you leave behind.

And when I think about someone who truly embodies those qualities, one person immediately comes to mind.

Kevin Krepinevich.

Kevin, your dedication to this Chapter and the brothers who have been a part of it has not gone unnoticed.

You have demonstrated what it means to be a brother long after your collegiate years have passed. Your continued commitment to this Chapter serves as a reminder that membership in Theta Chi is not simply four years of college, but a lifelong bond.

The impact you've made cannot be measured by a title, a position, or a single accomplishment. It is reflected in the brothers you've supported, the relationships you've built, and the example you've set for those who have come after you.

And while we can thank you for everything you've done, we wanted to do something that would ensure your dedication to this Chapter would be recognized not just today, but for years to come.

That is why, today, I am proud to announce the establishment of a new annual Chapter award.

The Kevin Krepinevich Award of Brotherhood Excellence.

This award has been established to recognize one graduating senior each spring who exemplifies the very qualities that Kevin has demonstrated throughout his time as a brother of Theta Chi: loyalty, leadership, integrity, service, and, above all else, brotherhood.

But what makes this award especially meaningful is that it will not simply carry Kevin's name.

It will carry his judgment, his values, and his understanding of what it truly means to be a brother.

Each year, Kevin will have the honor and responsibility of personally selecting the graduating senior who he believes best represents these ideals.

In doing so, we hope to create a tradition that not only recognizes outstanding brothers but also reminds future generations of what makes this Chapter special.

Years from now, when brothers look back at the recipients of this award, they will see individuals who have left a lasting impact on Zeta Alpha. And each of those names will be connected to the brother who helped establish that standard of excellence.

Kevin, there are many ways to recognize someone's contributions to a fraternity. We can give certificates, plaques, and words of appreciation. But those things alone can never fully express the gratitude we have for someone who has given so much of himself to this brotherhood.

What we can do is make sure that your example continues to inspire the brothers who follow in your footsteps.

So, on behalf of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, it is my distinct honor and privilege to present the inaugural Kevin Krepinevich Award of Brotherhood Excellence to the man for whom it is named.

Kevin, thank you for your dedication, your loyalty, and your unwavering commitment to our brotherhood.

Your impact on this Chapter will not be forgotten, and through this award, your legacy will continue to be celebrated for generations to come.

Congratulations, Brother Kevin Krepinevich.

At this time, invite Kevin forward and present him with the inaugural award.