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A Theta Chi hero's return,
40 years in the making.

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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Strive to be Resolute Men



Brothers,

I am truly honored and humbled to have been elected as Theta Chi's International President at the 160th Anniversary Convention this summer. My journey began in January 1992, when I received an invitation to join Chi Chapter at Auburn University. Although we did not formally have initiatives, such as Sacred Purpose or The Resolute Man, the underlying values associated with these initiatives were alive and well. After graduation, I began my career and became involved with Chi Chapter again in 2000. I presided over Chi's house corporation for several years and became increasingly involved with the International Fraternity during that time. I served as a Counselor for six years and was elected to the Grand Chapter at the 154th Anniversary Convention in 2010.

This entire decade has been a very successful time for Theta Chi and I am grateful to the outstanding leadership that has been in place during that time. Brothers Doug Allen and Dick Elder each served admirably as International President. I want to thank them for their hard work and dedication, but more importantly, for their friendship and counsel. I also want to thank Executive Director Mike Mayer for his leadership in the interfraternal space and for the outstanding job that he and his staff do in running the day-to-day operations of the International Headquarters.

While I am very proud of Theta Chi's many accomplishments, there are two in particular that I want to mention. Theta Chi took a position of leadership in the interfraternal community by developing and articulating Sacred Purpose to our chapters. Discussing topics such as alcohol and drug abuse prevention, mental health issues, sexual assault prevention, and life safety can be very challenging, but our chapters have met that challenge. More importantly, our chapters have demonstrated leadership by sharing their sessions, workshops, and knowledge with other organizations at their respective institutions. This work has not gone unnoticed, as Theta Chi was awarded the North-American Interfraternity Conference's Laurel Wreath Award earlier this year, a distinction recognizing impactful programs within the fraternal world.

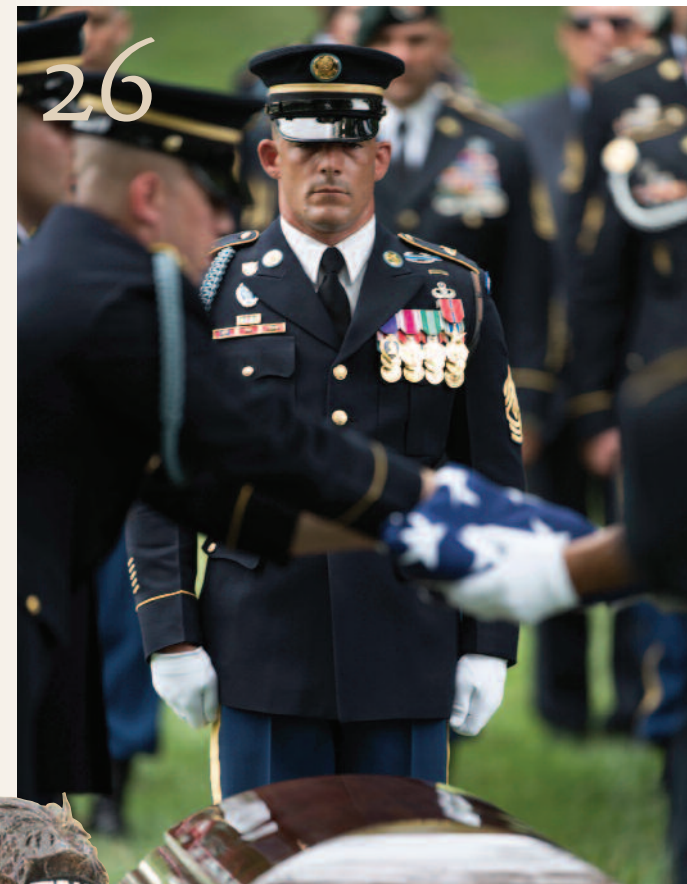
I was very excited to witness the official unveiling of The Resolute Man at the most recent Convention. We have always stated, "Theta Chi is for Life," but we now have The Resolute Man as a concise framework to ensure pledges, collegians, and alumni get the most out of their fraternal experience. I often tell my brothers that Theta Chi is more valuable to me now than it was when I was a collegian. Watching younger brothers grow from being wide-eyed freshmen to graduating from college and accomplishing amazing things in their personal and professional lives is absolutely my favorite part of being a Theta Chi. I hope that The Resolute Man can help many more brothers realize that same sense of satisfaction.

Brothers, we must seize the opportunity and momentum that we have at hand and make them habits. We must strive to be Resolute Men.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph S. Couch
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International President



Iota Lambda/Longwood

Epsilon Mu/Eastern Michigan



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Gamma/Maine



The Norwich Housing Corporation is charged with assisting house corporations in the providing and financing of housing for their collegiate chapters.

THOUGHTS ON HOUSING

BY PETER S. MACKEY, COUNSELOR, NORWICH HOUSING CORPORATION

Your chapter is doing great. The alumni are quite impressed with what they're seeing. Chapter membership is at an all-time high and Theta Chi is seen as a leader on campus in student government, philanthropy, and scholarship. Your house corporation sees this as the perfect opportunity to either build a new house or renovate the old one. You want to strike while the iron is hot, right? While there are a lot of positive factors that militate in favor of building new or renovating, several things need to be considered before a decision is made.

First, the house corporation needs to be realistic. As we all know, being at the top does not mean you stay there. Do not assume that growth is continuous. In fact, experience tells the opposite—that chapter size and performance goes up and down over time. In other words, develop a plan that you know you can afford and either a new home or addition that you can keep filled.

Before you get too far into the planning process, engage the collegiate leadership. It is important that they have a voice in the new house or the reconfiguration of the old one. If they do not have the opportunity to offer input, they may not fill the house to capacity in the coming years. Things that were important to you as an 18–22-year-old may not be very relevant today. Find out what the collegians see as important to them.

Make sure that the financial plan works. Do not set yourself up to fail. Will the increased rental income cover the costs of the project? Will it also cover operations, utilities, insurance, and taxes? What type of capital fundraising campaign do you have in place? You can defray the overall project costs by raising money from alumni, but you cannot pay construction invoices with pledges that you have yet to receive.

When those pledges do start coming in, however, consider setting up a maintenance fund so that you have money saved up when those necessary expenses arise. A capital campaign presents a great opportunity to reconnect with alumni who have not been involved for a while. As we all know, jobs and family take priority in your 30s and 40s, so it is natural to have brothers who get further away from the chapter. It also gives you a platform for creating a chapter advisory board, an alumni association, or both, if you have not done so already.

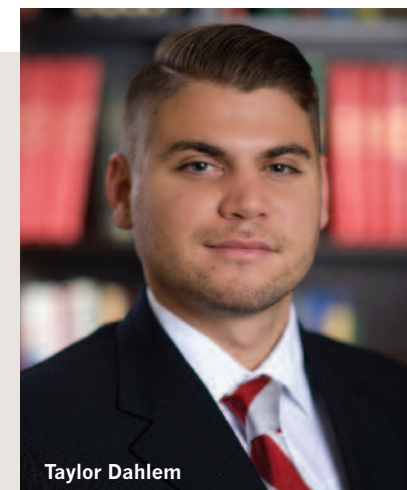
Once the house corporation and the chapter leadership are in accord, make sure that you get at least three bids on the architectural planning and general construction contracting. Obtain input from your potential architects and contractors on what their vision is and what they think works and does not work in a fraternity house. Make sure that both the architect and the general contractor are familiar with the scope of the endeavor. A fraternity house is not a big box store, a residence, or even a dormitory.

Remember when deciding on professional services, you generally get what you pay for, so when it comes to fraternity house construction, you need to watch closely. If a brother is hired to do the work, the system of checks and balances that you would have with a general contractor/distributor/architect/framer in the open market is different. It can easily move down his priority list, because it is a "favor." If you opt to contract a brother for work, keep it professional for both sides' benefit. This should be established at the very beginning.

Understand that you are dealing with 18-22-year old fraternity men. Cinder block walls will last longer than sheetrock. Hanging panel ceiling tiles may save you money, but you will be replacing them often, as they do not last as long as the sheetrock ceiling. Individual or multiple bathrooms may be a good marketing tool, but will really spike construction costs. With every component, consider maintenance. The more items that are built in, the less there is of moving heavy furniture that can damage walls, floors, and doors.

If you have questions about building or renovating a chapter house, feel free to contact the Norwich Housing Corporation at Theta Chi International Headquarters at 317-848-1856 or email us at housing@thetachi.org. ■

Staff Updates



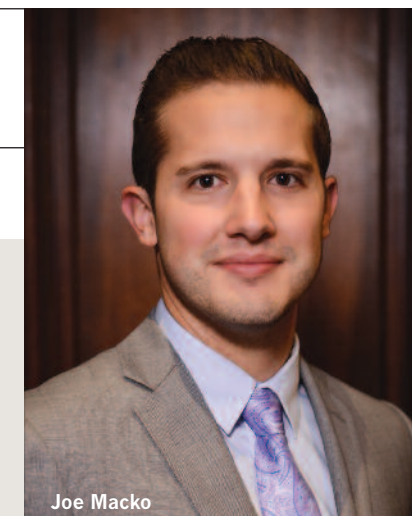
Taylor Dahlem

After traveling through 20 states as a Field Executive, **Taylor Dahlem** (Zeta Rho/Kentucky 2015) now serves as the Associate Director of Recruitment and Expansion. Taylor will oversee the Fraternity's growth initiatives through establishing expansion projects and working with interest groups, colonies, and chapters nationwide.

Jordan McGee (Iota Beta/Missouri State 2015) also recently transitioned from Field Staff, now serving as an Associate Development Officer. Brother McGee meets with alumni across the country to support the mission of The Foundation Chapter.

Jack Turner (Epsilon Tau/Stephen F. Austin 2016), **Drew Marsh** (Zeta Tau/Michigan-Flint 2016), and **Matt Lynch** (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion 2016) began as Field Executives this past summer, bringing the Field Staff to a 10-man team. Jack and Matt worked on redeveloping Beta Psi/ Presbyterian University this past semester while Drew focused on an expansion project at Epsilon Delta/Youngstown State.

Another addition to the International Headquarters staff this past year was **Joe Macko** (Zeta Tau/Michigan-Flint 2012). Joe previously worked as a Leadership and Education Consultant and as the Assistant



Joe Macko

Director of Recruitment and Expansion before beginning graduate school at Indiana University in the fall of 2014. Brother Macko received a Service Corps Fellowship to help fund his education, and he graduated in 2016 with a Masters of Public Affairs (MPA) degree from the top-ranked School of Public and Environmental Affairs. In July he was hired as the Director of Development for The Foundation Chapter, managing the annual mailings, scholarships, and incoming gifts.

Jordan Carter (Iota Beta/Missouri State 2015), who served as an Associate Development Officer, recently accepted a technical recruiter position with Experis IT in Indianapolis. We thank Jordan for his dedication for supporting the fundraising needs of The Foundation Chapter, and wish him the best of luck going forward. ■



Jordan McGee



Jordan Carter



Pictured (L-R) are Field Executives Will Maher, Jermaine Merritt, Drew Marsh, PJ Ricketson, Matt Lynch, Nick Hoke, Jack Turner, Kevin Kutner, Bob Eberling, and Marc Bodine.



Expansion Updates

Theta Chi continues to add new chapters on a continuous basis. 2016 saw Theta Chi's return and establishment at many campuses. Please contact Associate Director of Recruitment and Expansion Taylor Dahlem at 317-848-1856 or tdahlem@thetachi.org if you are interested in becoming involved with these groups in any way. Involvement could include advising the chapter on various items, attending local alumni events, or simply referring men who attend these institutions to Theta Chi. As Chief Programming and Volunteer Officer Bill Russo explains on page 8, just because it is not your alma mater, doesn't mean you can't help!



Epsilon Eta/IUP

(Re)installations

-  **Kappa Gamma/North Florida**
Jacksonville, FL
Installed: April 9, 2016
-  **Kappa Delta/UTEP**
El Paso, TX
Installed: April 23, 2016
-  **Theta Tau/Western Michigan**
Kalamazoo, MI
Reinstalled: April 29, 2016
-  **Epsilon Eta/IUP**
Indiana, PA
Reinstalled: April 30, 2016
-  **Alpha Sigma/Oregon**
Eugene, OR
Reinstalled: October 22, 2016



Kappa Delta/UTEP



Kappa Gamma/North Florida

Recent (Re)colonizations

-  **SUNY Oswego**
Oswego, NY
Colonization: January 23, 2016
-  **Epsilon Mu/Eastern Michigan**
Ypsilanti, MI
Recolonization: March 12, 2016
-  **Theta Psi/Wisconsin-Oshkosh**
Oshkosh, WI
Recolonization: March 13, 2016
-  **Salisbury**
Salisbury, MD
Colonization: May 14, 2016
-  **Alpha Lambda/Ohio State**
Columbus, OH
Recolonization: September 24, 2016
-  **Beta Zeta/Michigan State**
East Lansing, MI
Recolonization: November 19, 2016
-  **Epsilon Delta/Youngstown State**
Youngstown, OH
Recolonization: November 19, 2016
-  **University of Arkansas Colony**
Fayetteville, AR
Colonization: December 6, 2016



Epsilon Mu/Eastern Michigan



SUNY Oswego

Current Chapter Redevelopments

Chapter redevelopments are projects at chapters that may have recently undergone a membership review, or need supplemental recruitment and membership support for a period of time. The International Headquarters understands that some chapters struggle from time to time and is committed to every group's success. During a chapter redevelopment, staff members are sent to campus to provide active recruitment support.

-  **Alpha Delta/Purdue**
West Lafayette, IN
-  **Alpha Tau/Ohio**
Athens, OH
-  **Beta Iota/Arizona**
Tucson, AZ
-  **Beta Psi/Presbyterian College**
Clinton, SC
-  **Iota Gamma/Grand Valley State**
Allendale, MI



Theta Tau/Western Michigan



Not your chapter? No problem!

BY BILL RUSSO, CHIEF PROGRAMMING AND VOLUNTEER OFFICER

Now is the time to volunteer for Theta Chi Fraternity, even if you no longer live near your chapter.

Over the years and across hundreds of universities, one thing remains true when it comes to fraternities: A major factor for the long-term success of a chapter is consistent local alumni support. Our collegiate brothers have a strong desire to have alumni with whom they can discuss ideas and receive guidance. Even though the collegiate membership changes year to year, alumni advisers provide consistent support to the group over a much longer period.

Theta Chi chapters across the country are constantly searching for local volunteers to mentor and advise by serving as an adviser, or by joining a chapter advisory board (CAB) or house corporation.

Even if it has been a long time since your collegiate fraternity experience, you still have invaluable insight and life experiences to provide. Additionally, the International Fraternity will provide in-depth training and resources to any alumnus who chooses to volunteer.

Recently, we asked two alumni brothers, Eric Shapiro (Gamma Rho/Florida State 2011) and Dr. Philip Pappas (Beta Chi/Allegheny 1979), to share the how, why, and what of volunteering with a chapter different from theirs. Brother Shapiro worked with Iota Pi/LSU and Kappa Beta/Long Island-Post. Brother Pappas currently advises Beta Iota/Arizona.

How did you get started? Who contacted you and why did you agree to volunteer?

Eric: "I always wanted my Theta Chi experience to extend beyond my four years as an undergrad. I was fortunate enough to be selected as a graduate adviser when I decided to get my master's degree from LSU. That really opened the door for me to help volunteer in a couple of different capacities both locally and nationally."

Philip: "I was sitting in my office one afternoon in 2010 when I received a phone call from someone who identified himself as Philip Thornton, a brother with Theta Chi, and asked if I could possibly spare a little time to speak with him. I was a little surprised and intrigued. It had been about 30 years since I had done anything for Theta Chi. I said sure why not! It dawned on me . . . it really was time to start giving back and I have not regretted it for one moment."

During the six years I have worked with the chapter, I've met some incredible young men.

— Dr. Philip Pappas



... watching the chapter develop a plan, implement it, and have it succeed is very rewarding.

— Eric Shapiro

How has the chapter received you? Were they appreciative?

Eric: "Initially, I think the chapter was a little cautious and unsure. There was a learning curve on both sides. Just because certain things worked at my alma mater, doesn't mean they were right for the school I was advising. Communication and developing trust was critical to making the relationship work."

Philip: "Some may wonder what a nearly 60-year old man may find rewarding in doing this, after all I am at least as old as their fathers (and in one case, their grandfather), but these gentlemen have welcomed me into their life as a mentor, a teacher, an adviser, and above all, a friend and a brother."

What have you enjoyed the most about your time volunteering for Theta Chi?

Eric: "I found watching the chapter develop a plan, implement it, and have it succeed to be very rewarding. This was particularly true in recruitment. It can be a stressful undertaking. Celebrating their wins and working through the challenges was enjoyable to be a part of."

Philip: "During the six years I have worked with the chapter, I met some incredible young men. I have been with them as they struggled through adversity, as they recognized their accomplishments, and as they developed into the future leaders with the promise we continually tell them they should become. This has given me the opportunity to reconnect to a part of my life that had been lost and to re-embrace the ideals and gain a far greater understanding of brotherhood than I have ever had."

Want to learn more about volunteering for Theta Chi Fraternity and get connected with a local chapter? Contact Bill Russo, Chief Programming and Volunteer Officer, at 317-848-1856 or via email at bill@thetachi.org. ■

The 160th Anniversary Convention and 37th School of Fraternity Practices

The four days spent in Atlanta this summer were made up of learning, leadership, and brotherhood. All attendees were able to experience the College Football Hall of Fame on the final night and partake in the vibrant downtown of Atlanta. The 160th Anniversary Convention and 37th School of Fraternity Practices also witnessed several milestones for Theta Chi Fraternity. Most significant of these highlights was the official launch of **The Resolute Man**, Theta Chi's new membership initiative. Every Convention attendee received a hard copy of *The Resolute Man* guidebook (available at www.thetachi.org/resoluteman) and learned about, for the first time, the program's expectations and obligations. Those who attended were able to complete portions of **The Resolute Man** curriculum, positioning themselves to become some of the first Theta Chis to be recognized as Resolute Men.



War I veteran and past member of Theta Chi's board of directors, the Grand Chapter. As a member of Phi Chapter, Brother Colley developed a celebrated reputation as a campus, community, and civic leader. Today, the Colley Award is treasured as the Fraternity's most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon a collegiate member.



Man Mile Award
Alpha Rho/
Washington



James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award



Alter Award: Chi/Auburn



Alter Award: Delta Eta/Colorado State

Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award that the Fraternity can bestow on a member. It recognizes outstanding international service, personal effort, and distinguished contributions to the lasting good and general welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity.



2015



2016

ABOVE: Executive Director Mike Mayer (L) and Past International President Dick Elder present the 2015 Distinguished Service Award to Marvin McConaghy (Alpha Phi/ Alabama 1972) during the Awards Banquet. LEFT: Joseph D'Amore (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1977) is the 2016 recipient of this top honor.

As is tradition, we also recognized our Fraternity's most outstanding members and chapters over the past two years.

The Reginald E. F. Colley Award Aditya Rengaswamy (Beta Nu/ Case Western 2016)

First presented in 1929, the Colley Award is named for Reginald E.F. Colley, a World



2016 Colley Award

The "Shug" Jordan Award Connor Bohlken (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 2016)

The James Ralph Shug Jordan Award is named in honor and memory of Brother James Ralph "Shug" Jordan, of Chi Chapter at Auburn University, who served as Auburn's head football coach from 1951 to 1975. The Grand Chapter created the Shug Jordan Award in 1996 to honor the scholar-athlete who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership, citizenship, academics, brotherhood, loyalty to alma mater, and commitment to excellence in intercollegiate athletics.

The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award

The Alter 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 13 categories, including recruitment, scholarship programming, risk management practices, member and new member education, and others. The Alter Award may only be presented to active chapters.

To view the complete list of Chapter Achievement and Excellence Award Recipients, as well as more information on the award winners, head to www.thetachi.org/convention2016.



Alter Award: Iota Psi/RIT



Alter Award: Iota Tau/Northern Kentucky

Recruitment Awards

James M. Holland Award

The Holland Award is presented to the chapter that initiates the most members throughout the previous academic year. Three chapters were recognized for their efforts:

Winner: Alpha Iota/Indiana (56)

First Runner-up: Zeta Rho/Kentucky (54)

Second Runner-up: Tau/Florida (53)

Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

The Randall Award is presented to chapters that initiate 25 or more new members during the previous academic year. Thirty-four chapters were recognized this year. Head to our website to view the list of recipients!

Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award

The Hersey Award is presented to the chapter that demonstrates the greatest overall percent increase in membership. Head to our website to view the recipients.

David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award

Alpha Mu/Iowa State

Presented annually, the David L. Westol Sacred Purpose Award goes to the chapter that most exemplifies the spirit of our Sacred Purpose movement. Launched in the fall of 2013, the Sacred Purpose movement is Theta Chi Fraternity's Health and Safety initiative. The award is named in honor of past Executive Director David L. Westol (Beta Zeta/Michigan State 1973).



Each attendee walked away with a souvenir Resolute Man Coke bottle to commemorate his visit to Atlanta, home to the 2016 International Convention and to Coca-Cola's corporate headquarters.



More than 500 collegiate brothers took part in the educational sessions at the 37th School of Fraternity Practices.



Past International President Dick Elder presents Iota Sigma/Towson with both USO Awards.

USO Award

Iota Sigma/Towson

\$19,336 raised, 1,616 hours served

In 2015, Theta Chi Fraternity launched a competition between chapters known as "Operation Military Red." The competition tracks the dollars raised and the hours served in support of the USO. Two separate recognitions were developed for Operation Military Red: The USO Service Award and the USO Fundraising Award, both of which were won by Iota Sigma.

Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Award

Iota Mu/Missouri

Today, the Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Award recognizes Theta Chi members and chapters that most exemplify lending a helping hand to their campus



International Secretary Doug Miller presents the Lewis Award to Iota Mu/Missouri.



Iota Lambda/Longwood wins the Grand Chapter Scholarship Award: This award is given to the chapter that has the highest cumulative GPA throughout all of North America.

and community, matching the true Theta Chi spirit demonstrated by Dr. Irish and Upsilon Chapter's desire to help Brother Lewis in his time of need.



Former US Navy SEAL Steve "Ponch" Gonzalez (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion 1998) taught several sessions on leadership during Convention.

This year's Convention also boasted several remarkable keynote speakers, including recent Distinguished Achievement Award recipient Col. Duane Lamb RET. (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1976) who retired from the military after 30 years of service and a highly decorated career. "I had the distinct honor of attending and providing one of the keynote speaker presentations at Theta Chi's Convention in Atlanta," said Lamb. "Let me report to those who were unable to attend what an outstanding Convention this was for our young leaders of Theta Chi. The breakout sessions, award ceremonies, speakers,

community projects, fellowship, mentorship, and banquet were all first class. I spoke to approximately 500 young brothers in attendance, and I challenged them to all be life-long Resolute Men in our communities, states, nation, and even globally. I was truly impressed with these young men; we, Theta Chi, are in good hands for the future! "Other keynote speakers included radio/TV personality Adam Ritz, All-American NCAA football star and NFL player Barry Krauss (Alpha Phi/Alabama 2016), and Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr (Delta Beta/Georgia 1995).



Wicker (L) and McEachern welcome attendees.

Atlanta locals Wes Wicker and Jim McEachern, who serve as the Treasurer and Vice President of the Norwich Housing Corporation, respectively, welcomed attendees the first night and participated in numerous educational breakout sessions throughout. "When I briefly reminisce over all the long-term friendships renewed, and the new ones created at Convention, I must share special thanks to Chief Administrative Officer Joel Wendland for his expertise in building what evolves into Convention every other year," remarked McEachern. "From start to finish, it was a tremendous pleasure hosting our 160th Anniversary Convention here in Atlanta." ■



2016-2018 Grand Chapter

International President:
Joseph S. Couch
(Chi/Auburn 1996)

International Vice President
Tait J. Martin, Ph.D.
(Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 1997)

International Secretary:
Douglas A. Miller
(Zeta Beta/Adrian 1990)

International Treasurer;
Chad R. Strelow
(Theta Psi/Wisconsin-Oshkosh 1999)

International Counselor:
Darick H. Brown
(Eta Gamma/Morehead State 1989)

International Marshal:
Herbert W. Morgan, Jr.
(Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1988)

International Chaplain:
Creig L. Andreasen
(Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1990)

International Historian:
Brad S. Burk
(Delta Kappa/Ball State 1991)

A very special thank you goes to retiring International President Dick Elder (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1971) and retiring International Historian and past International Vice President Thomas "Bo" Tinnin (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1984) for their years of unwavering service and dedication to Theta Chi Fraternity.



Through your support of **The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi**, we have been able to impact the lives of thousands of Theta Chi brothers at hundreds of campuses across North America.

Travis Medlin (Iota Upsilon/Texas State 2015)



“As a Charter Member, active duty military member, and volunteer, I am always looking for ways to extend an Assisting Hand. The GOLD Society allows me to give what I am able to now, with the knowledge that my money is going towards helping a brother continue his education. I encourage all recent graduates to join me as a member of the GOLD Society and ensure that we continue to be promoters of knowledge.”

This year we have revamped our annual giving societies to better recognize our annual supporters of Theta Chi’s Excellence Fund. Two of our newest giving societies make it easy for our alumni to support our students while maximizing their impact on our brotherhood. Each year, The Foundation Chapter awards more than \$400,000 in academic and leadership education scholarships to our members. However, we need to increase the support we provide our students and YOU can impact our brothers at any level. The two newest ways our members can support our brothers are through the **GOLD Society** and the **GRAND Society**.

Gerry Latasa (Iota Eta/Pacific 2010)

“Joining Theta Chi was one of the greatest decisions of my collegiate career. My brothers continue to be some of my closest friends, and the leadership skills I learned in the Fraternity are helping me advance in my chosen career. I joined the GOLD Society in order to give back to the organization that has given me so much. By giving back to Theta Chi, I can help new generations of brothers have the same great experiences I did.”



GRAND Society

In our post-college lives, we all become busy with our careers, and/or starting a family, or being involved in our communities. One thing that never waivers is our love for Dear Old Theta Chi. For Theta Chi to succeed, we need all of our alumni to give of their time, talent, and treasure in order for our members to grow and thrive. The GRAND Society recognizes those brothers who want to have a greater impact on our members by increasing our academic scholarships and leadership grants. This can be accomplished by making a tax-deductible annual gift of \$1,000 or more to the Excellence Fund. A \$1,000 gift can have an incredible impact on our brotherhood, allowing our men to enhance their Fraternity experience. We must honor our alumni who have increased their support of our students by joining the GRAND Society.

GOLD Society

When a brother completes his collegiate experience and begins his first job out of college, his love and commitment to the Fraternity is very strong. This is a time in a young brother’s life when he wants to give back but may have limited resources with a burgeoning career. However, these Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) want to make a difference in the future of Theta Chi. By making a modest monthly gift, a GOLD Society member can have a significant impact over the course of a year. The GOLD Society asks our young alumni to make a tax-deductible gift of \$18.56 a month, in support of Theta Chi’s Excellence Fund. We want to honor our young alumni who have completed their college degrees within the last 10 years, and who have taken the first step in supporting the future of our brotherhood.

- Tau/University of Florida**
Jonathan A. Fernandez (2008)
- Phi/North Dakota State**
Cory C. Loveless (2012)
- Alpha Phi/Alabama**
Marcus Gibson (2015)
- Beta Iota/Arizona**
Christian Zoe Reed (2012)
- Beta Kappa/Hamline**
Coleton J. Hanson (2013)
- Beta Lambda/Akron**
Steven J. Vesey (2014)
- Beta Nu/Case Western**
Matthew R. Richter (2011)
- Gamma Lambda/Denver**
Jackson T. Stevens (2013)
Matthew T. Watwood (2014)
- Gamma Xi/San Jose State**
Joseph M. Gavidia (2012)
- Gamma Rho/Florida State**
James A. Black (2008)
Eric Shapiro (2011)
Patrick J. Wolfe (2013)

- Gamma Upsilon/Bradley**
James W. Kirchhoff (2010)
- Gamma Chi/Randolph-Macon**
Jason D. Carmichael (2007)
- Delta Kappa/Ball State**
Matthew Ryan Bowlin (2016)
Joshua A. Wilson (2003)
- Delta Mu/Texas**
Marc Segal (2014)
John Forrest Walker (2013)
- Delta Phi/North Texas**
Blake E. Hamilton (2010)
Sean R. Smallwood (2013)
Alexander A. Dello Stritto (2009)
- Delta Omega/Ripon**
Alec S. Jalovec (2013)
Eric C. Radke (2014)
- Epsilon Psi/NJIT**
Shoumajit Banerjee (2012)
Brian J. Evans (2014)
- Zeta Beta/Adrian College**
Robert S. Lambert (2012)
Joshua Kanous (2008)

- Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach**
Sean M. Meusch (2006)
- Zeta Pi/Old Dominion**
Matthew Stephen Buckley (2013)
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On Saturday, April 2, 2016, the Fraternity honored a number of outstanding Theta Chi alumni with the Distinguished Achievement Award. It was during this celebration that The Foundation Chapter unveiled its Donor Recognition Wall, which highlights the largest contributors to the Cornerstone Capital Campaign, a \$1,500,000 campaign that now endows the annual Sasser Presidents Conference. The Grand Chapter, The Foundation Chapter Board of Directors, and the Norwich Housing Corporation Board of Directors gathered alongside the honorees and numerous brothers at the International Headquarters for the celebration.

The Distinguished Achievement Award recipients also became inaugural inductees to Theta Chi Fraternity's Hall of Honor, a recognition wall that now adorns the museum at the International Headquarters. "The Hall of Honor serves as a symbolic honor for our

members, as well as a physical 'hall of fame' at the International Headquarters," explained Executive Director Mike Mayer. "The men selected for the Hall of Honor now have their photos prominently displayed in the hall, being honored for years to come."

The Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes alumni for extraordinary accomplishments outside of the Fraternity, which may include success in business, government, academia, athletics, entertainment, the community, and/or any other appropriate field. The Hall of Honor serves as a means to recognize those men in our brotherhood who have been honored with the Fraternity's Distinguished Achievement Award. To date, out of our 180,000+ brothers, only 66 have received the award. For a complete listing and biography of the Distinguished Achievement Award recipients visit www.thetachi.org/hallofhonor.



LEFT: Chief Programming and Volunteer Officer Bill Russo explains some of the historical artifacts housed in Theta Chi's museum. BELOW: The Hall of Honor which now adorns the museum notes milestones for the Fraternity and highlights the Distinguished Achievement Award recipients."



The Distinguished ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS (Recognized April 2016)

Maj. Gen. W. Russell Todd Ret. (Alpha/Norwich 1950)



Maj. Gen. Todd has had an established military career and education. Starting in the Armor Officers Career Course, Todd went on to attend Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and Navy War College. Maj. Gen. Todd served in Korea from 1950-1961 earning the Silver Star, Bronze Star for Valor, Combat Infantryman Badge, and a Purple Heart. He also served in Vietnam from 1969-1971 earning a Distinguished Service Medal, Air Medal, Joint Services Commendation Medal, and two Combat Infantryman Badges. Following his service, Maj. Gen. Todd served as the President of Norwich University from 1982-1992.

Dr. Melvin D. George (Delta Iota/Northwestern 1956)



Mel was President Emeritus of the University of Missouri System as well as President Emeritus of St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. After graduating from Northwestern, Brother

George received a doctorate in mathematics from Princeton University. Prior to these roles, George served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and professor of mathematics. He also worked at the University of Nebraska as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

In a 1987 *Rattle* article, Brother George notes his passion for his profession. "After 26 years in higher education, I am more than ever convinced of its importance to America's future. It is an investment, not merely an expenditure." Throughout his longstanding career, Dr. Mel George was consistently recognized among educators as one of the nation's best. He was known to put his students above all else, at one point going so far as to move into a dormitory to better understand student life. Brother George passed away shortly after receiving the award. Head to page 44 to read more.

Bruce P. Bagge (Gamma Upsilon/Bradley 1959)



Brother Bagge spent 43 years in the investment business and was recognized repeatedly as a leader in his field. He was named Outstanding Broker of the year by *Registered Rep* magazine and also

earned a place in *Research Magazine's* Brokers Hall of Fame for placing his client's first. Bruce co-authored the book *Ask the Conservative Investor*, co-created/produced the publicly televised Chicago area show "The Conservative Investor," co-hosted "Straight Talk on Money" on the 38-state WMAQ-NBC radio network and for 27 years co-hosted the television show "Ask an Expert."

Bruce was named a philanthropic leader and received the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago's "Champion for Children" award for his efforts on behalf of poor, sick and abused children while serving as Chairman of the Children's Care Foundation. Bruce spent more than 30 years as a Board member and Chairman of Wyler Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago, where he founded and built their Ronald McDonald House. Bruce also served on the Board of Directors for the University of Chicago Hospitals & Clinics for many years.

In 1999, Bruce proudly received the prestigious alumnus award of Theta Chi Fraternity for his outstanding humanitarian efforts followed in 2002 by the honor of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Bradley University and Bradley's Centurion Award.

Marvin R. Baxter (Beta Upsilon/Fresno State 1962)



Justice Baxter retired last year after serving as a California Supreme Court Justice for 26 years. While earning a degree in economics at Fresno State, he was active in student government, served as

Student Body President, and was awarded an Outstanding Senior Award. He was then selected and served as a Coro Foundation Fellow in San Francisco.

While practicing law in Fresno, Justice Baxter was active in bar association activities. He served on the board of directors of the Fresno County Bar Association, Fresno County Young Lawyers Association, Fresno County Legal Services, Inc., and California

Young Lawyers Association, and was president of the Fresno County Bar Association and Fresno County Young Lawyers.

In January 1983, Justice Baxter became appointments secretary to Governor George Deukmejian and was the governor's principal advisor on all gubernatorial appointments made to the executive and judicial branches of government. He served in this capacity for six years and assisted in the appointment of more than 700 judges.

Justice Baxter was appointed and confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeal, in December 1988. He was elevated to serve as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California in 1991, serving until January 2015.

Ernie Accorsi (Gamma Omicron/Wake Forest 1963)

Brother Accorsi was the General Manager for the New York Giants from 1998 until his retirement in 2007. Prior to this, he was the General Manager of the Baltimore Colts and Cleveland Browns. Combined, his teams had nine playoff seasons, including six divisional championships and 143 wins.

After graduating from Wake Forest University, Accorsi served in the U.S. Army. Following his service, he began a professional career as a sports writer for the *Charlotte News*, *Baltimore Sun*, and *Philadelphia Inquirer*. His transition to the NFL came after working in the Athletic Departments for St. Joseph's University and Penn State.

He was inducted into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame, in the same class as Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs. Accorsi is also an inductee of the Penn State Sports Hall of Fame, a recipient of the George Young Award from the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, and the 2009 winner of the Pete Rozelle Award from the Touchdown Club of New Orleans.

Arnold Hansmann (Beta Phi/Nevada 1966)



Hansmann spent a large part of his career as a leader in the world's largest fast food company: McDonalds. In a very short amount of time he was able to develop a worldwide organization of financial professionals capable of

supporting double digit growth and large returns as partners. After ten years with McDonalds, he became the Assistant Vice President of Corporate Development. Currently, Hansmann works with MIRUS Information Technology Services, Inc. the leading provider of Business Intelligence applications for multi-unit restaurant chains.

Alan K. Saunders (Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1969)



Alan Saunders was a model student athlete while attending San Jose State, earning Academic All-American Football honors as a three-year starter. After graduating from his alma mater, he went on to earn a master's degree in education from Stanford in 1970. Following this, he began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at USC under John McKay.

As a coach in the NFL, Saunders has been part of 15 playoff teams, five division titles, and one Super Bowl championship. His offense has ranked first in total offense twenty times over his career. Saunders' creative and innovative playbook reportedly has approximately 700 pages of various plays. Currently, Saunders serves as the Cleveland Browns Senior Offensive Assistant.

Col. Duane A. Lamb (Ret.) (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1976)



Brother Lamb received a BS degree from The University of Alabama in 1976. In 1983, he graduated with honors from Golden Gate University, earning a master's in Public Administration with a major in Organizational Management. He is a resident graduate of four military education institutes: Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and Air War College.

Col. Lamb boasts a significant military career. He wears the Joint Chiefs of Staff badge, the master operator's missile and space badges, and the officer aircrew wings. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force

Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal with star device, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He retired after 30 years of active duty in June of 2007 and currently serves as an Assistant Vice President at the University of Alabama.

Kevin Krepinevich (Zeta Alpha/Slippery Rock 1966)



Brother Krepinevich served as the International Secretary of Kiwanis International from 1987-1994. At the time of his arrival, Kiwanis was facing a heavy decline in membership. After extensive research, he was able to drive a 9,000-member increase in just one year. As a result of these efforts, the company earned the Associations Advance America Award of Excellence. Currently, Krepinevich is working with K2 Association Management Consulting.

Dennis A. Cardoza (Alpha Psi/Maryland 1981)



Mr. Cardoza served five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from California's 18th District. His committee roles included serving four years on the powerful House Rules Committee.

Brother Cardoza also served as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture; ranking member of the Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee of Livestock, Dairy and Poultry; member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific; member of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, the Committee on Resources and its Subcommittee on Water, and the Science Committee.

Prior to his role in the House, Cardoza spent six years in the California State Assembly, where he chaired the Rules Committee. A number of organizations have honored Cardoza as Legislator of the Year for his efforts to cut taxes, help family farms and promote education and children's safety. He has also served as a council member in the cities of Merced and Atwater in California.

Marlon Longacre (Eta Gamma/Morehead State 1986)



For Brother Longacre, community involvement is his passion. In 1997 he co-founded NorthStar Church in Kennesaw, GA where he worked as a Pastor of Community Development. NorthStar was recognized as the fastest growing church in the Southern Baptist Convention, opening more than 22 since its inception. Recently, he began as the Associate Pastor at Piedmont Church in Marietta, Georgia.

Longacre has also played a major leadership role with numerous community fundraising initiatives. In 2007 he assisted in the formation of the Special Needs Development Group. To date, he has helped raise \$1.2 M for special needs playgrounds and athletic fields with concessions, giving opportunities for special needs students to gain valuable work experience. Taste of Kennesaw is an annual event Longacre was instrumental in starting, raising \$100,000 annually for families in need during the Christmas holiday. He also serves as the chairman for both Love the Lake and the Big Shanty Festival, raising \$900,000 for scholarships, children's programs, and educational programs for area schools.

Brig. Gen. Harrison B. Gilliam (Eta Gamma/Morehead State 1990)



Gilliam became an infantry officer in 1991. After an assignment as the Platoon Leader of the 149th Infantry, KYARNG, he became a Special Forces Officer where he spent over a decade of his career.

Brig. Gen. Gilliam has had deployments in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, commanding a special ops. task force in Afghanistan along with the European Engagement Group.

Brig. Gen. Gilliam has received two Bronze Stars, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Currently he serves as the Brigadier General of the West Virginia National Guard. He is responsible for managing programs and operations for the Joint Chiefs, and oversees issues that impact more than 65,000 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen of the West Virginia National Guard.



StillHANGINGon

BY KRIS TAIBL, EDITOR

Hheavy enemy fire poured down as the Bell UH-1 Iroquois helicopter, commonly known as “huey,” attempted to extract a group of soldiers from the thick South Asian forest. It was March 28, 1968, in Laos, at the height of the Vietnam War, and a covert mission was underway. Sgt. Alan Boyer (Beta Epsilon/Montana 1965) was alongside fellow Green Berets Sgt. George Brown and Charles Huston, as well as seven South Vietnamese soldiers. The chopper was unable to land due to the hostile fire, so a hanging ladder was dropped. Six of the South Vietnamese soldiers made it safely onto the huey, as the remaining men provided cover fire. While the seventh soldier climbed, ground fire became so intense, the chopper was forced to retreat. Brother Boyer had started climbing the ladder as the helicopter made its exit. With only a few more feet to go, the ladder snapped after getting caught in the brush, and Boyer fell into the foliage with the two other Green Berets still on the ground. Reports account that the men were last seen safely holding their position in the dense forest. Although a search and rescue mission was conducted in the following days, no signs of the men were ever discovered. At the time, the general public was unaware of the classified mission. This is all Judi Boyer Bouchard knew of Alan’s disappearance for more than 40 years.

The University of Montana

As his younger sister, Judi, followed Alan to the University of Montana in the sixties to study Anthropology, “I tried to do everything he did. He was the quintessential big brother,” explained Bouchard. “He taught me how to ride a bike, drive a car—everything. I just adored him. For most of my life at that point, I was just Alan Boyer’s little sister, which was wonderful.” Brother Boyer initially enrolled in classes to study forestry, having an affinity for the outdoors. “Our family was big into camping,” said Judi. “By the time we both began our studies in Missoula, we had camped in the contiguous 48 states.” Despite being



Alan can be seen kneeling in the first row, furthest to the left, with Beta Epsilon brothers in 1966.

born in Chicago, the family’s focus on the outdoors stuck with Alan, working at Yellowstone National Park for several summers while growing up. After beginning his forestry studies to further his love of the outdoors, Alan decided to join Theta Chi at the University of Montana. “I was impressed with Al from the start,” recalls chapter brother and Montana native, Charles Hubbard (1966). “He seemed like a good man—serious, mature, caring, friendly, outgoing, and a good student and friend. We were not awfully close, but we related well, as I sometimes mentored Alan as an upperclassman.” Alan was two years younger than Brother Hubbard, so, although they were in different stages of their collegiate careers, the two still became familiar as Theta Chis. “Our relationship was solid as fraternity brothers,” and, according to Hubbard, the majority of Alan’s friends were made up of Theta Chis.

At the onset of the American involvement in Vietnam, Alan had begun to reconsider his forestry career. He called his parents, Charles and Dorothy Boyer, who were still living in Illinois, and explained to them his uncertainty about college. “I don’t know what I really want to do,” Judi recalls Alan saying. “I know you’re going to be disappointed, and I’ll finish college at some point, but for now, I’m going to enlist — sorry Dad—in the Army. Charles

Boyer, Alan’s father, had served for more than three years in the Navy in various locations across North America, but he accepted his son’s decision. They were extremely supportive parents, according to Judi, and backed anything Alan or she did. They were understanding of Alan’s desire, but would hold him to finishing his degree when he came back. Unfortunately, he never was able to keep that promise.

Prior to shipping off to Vietnam, Alan traveled to Missoula to visit his sister and Theta Chi brothers. “That was the last time I saw him, in the fall of 1967,” recalled Judi. “In my mind and heart, he is frozen in time as the handsome 21-year-old Green Beret.”

Vietnam and Laos

While he was overseas, Judi and Alan remained in touch. “I wrote him almost every day,” she explained. “Amazingly, he wrote back to me as much as possible.” Alan could never actually disclose where he was or what he was doing, because many of his missions were classified. Nevertheless, he did his best to keep Judi in the loop, describing his disbelief in how far he had traveled. “I never thought I’d see this part of the world,” one letter explained. Alan also wrote of the fear that would accompany many of his highly tactical missions. “When I found out how dangerous the



In my mind and heart he is frozen in time as the handsome 21-year-old Green Beret.





missions were, and the way they were constantly on the move, I still do not understand how he found the time to write me," said Judi. In his last letter to his sister, Alan wrote, rather prophetically: "I'd just love to have someone call me Sarge before I die." He was promoted to Sergeant while still declared missing in action. To this day, the objectives of his final mission are classified.

The question remains, however, what was the United States military doing in Laos? For nine years, covert bombing campaigns were conducted across Laos in an attempt to prevent communist forces from entering Vietnam, which borders the country. Many of these secret campaigns were conducted in conjunction with the Central Intelligence Agency and their overarching objectives and details remain a secret. In total, over 2 million tons of bombs were dropped on the country. Millions remained unexploded for decades, causing hundreds of accidental deaths.

Despite the body counts from Vietnam being broadcast each night on the evening news, Judi never let it drown her positive thoughts about Alan's eventual return. As a Green Beret, he was one of the most elite and well-trained soldiers in the Vietnam War. To Judi, this was comforting.

A phone call came to Judi one night while in Missoula. It was her parents. Alan was missing. One might assume devastation to follow such a phone call, but Judi remained confident. "I kept thinking, he's bright, he's strong, he's in special ops. He's trained for these situations. This is horrible but... he's going to come back." Near the same time of Alan's disappearance, the United States was receiving reports of POWs being used in propaganda films/photos. A number of these were shown to the Boyers, but none held any sign of Alan. "Every night I prayed, Ok Lord, we didn't find him today. How about tomorrow?"

Years passed, and the Boyer family still yearned for answers. In late 1972, rumors about peace talks had begun to surface. "Finally, we thought Alan would be coming home," explained Judi. The Paris Peace Accords, after years of deliberation, were signed by all parties in January 1973. This was, in short, a treaty intended to end the war and restore peace in Vietnam. When the news reached the Boyers, they felt a sense of relief. The return of 591 American prisoners of war, known as

Operation Homecoming, followed the Paris Peace Accords and they thought Alan would certainly be on that list. The soldiers returned home, and Alan was not one of them.

The Fall of Saigon came on April 30, 1975, marking the end of all fighting amongst the Northern and Southern Vietnamese forces. It was also around this time that the Boyer family began to hear less and less on the status of those missing in action. Some communication resumed when General John William Vessey was appointed as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and became heavily involved in accounting for those missing in action. This would become known as the prisoner-of-war and missing-in-action issue (POW/MIA issue). Remains would periodically come in, but in relation to the number of men still missing, it was a drop in the bucket. At the time, 1,350 Americans were still listed as POW/MIA and another 1,200 reported as killed in action (KIA), with no body recovered. It was at this time that General Vessey compiled a list of the 81 men who were still unaccounted for, last seen in Laos. Answers were sought out from the Vietnamese as to what happened to these men to no avail. At this point, Alan was still declared MIA. Throughout the remainder of the 1980s, the United States had increased its communications in relation to the POW/MIA issue. They were able to excavate numerous crash sites throughout Vietnam and Laos, but where Alan was last seen brought no answers.

In the early 1990s, the United States opted to normalize relations with Vietnam, and for many POW/MIA families, this was difficult. "Thousands of family members were still searching for answers," said Judi. "To give up this bargaining chip was truly a large blow to me and my family, and to so many others." The years passed, and although the Boyers remained vigilant in their search for answers, the outlook continued to appear bleak. In 1994, Charles Boyer passed away on the operating table during a routine bypass surgery. "My father was not one to show grief," explained Judi. "I think the weight of Alan's disappearance played a big role in the deterioration of his health."

Visiting Laos

In 2001, Judi and her mother, Dorothy, decided to travel to Laos. A tour group was

heading to Southeast Asia and would be passing through the country. "The site where Alan was last seen was no longer accessible, and we knew that, but we felt compelled to go, regardless," explained Judi. Upon their arrival, they called the United States Embassy in Vientiane, the Laotian Capitol. Judi and her 81-year old mother didn't know what to expect as unannounced visitors, but an officer came to pick them up and the three of them went to lunch before heading to the Embassy. Incredibly, the officer realized that the office had just installed a large picture of the exact spot that Alan was last seen. Although the trip did not necessarily bring any answers, Judi and her mother left with a certain degree of comfort. Several years later, some hope came. A tooth with a DNA match for George Brown, one of the Green Berets last seen with Alan, was discovered. Nothing about Alan surfaced, and it did not bring any sense of closure, but it was a hopeful sign. It allowed them to keep holding on.

In 2013, while Judi and her mother, Dorothy, were attending a conference in Phoenix, Dorothy Boyer fractured her hip. Initially, it seemed like a rather minor incident, and they would be in and out of the hospital in a few days. Several months later, Judi's mother had yet to leave the hospital. Shortly before they were about to discharge her, a phone call came to Judi from the doctor treating Dorothy: "You need to get to the hospital. Your mother is dying."

In her final moments, Dorothy turned to Judi. "I just want to go home," she said. "Then go. Go home," replied Judi.

The last word she spoke was "Alan." "She knew. Alan was there to greet her, and she knew," said Judi.

March 7, 2016

On the night of March 7, a day after what would have been Alan's 70th birthday, a phone call came and Judi answered. A deep voice responded, "May I speak to Judith, please?"

"This is she," she replied.

"This is the U.S. Army..."

It was at this moment that Judi knew. "You guys found Alan."

"We did."

For decades, graves were looted by remains traders, the goal being to sell back to their countries of origin. In this case,



L-R is Maj Travis Brunelle, Michael Mee from Army Casualty, Jack Kull (friend and policy advisor for the DPAA), Judi Bouchard, MSG Michael Spaulding, and Michael Linnington.



Alan (L) on a hike with his pledge brother and good friend, Bill Thomas, during their time as collegians.

a Laotian peace activist had come into possession of Alan's remains and returned them to the U.S. Government. Not only were the remains a DNA match for Alan, but it was the most powerful match the military staff administering the test had ever seen. Several days after the phone call, special forces soldiers, as well as Michael Linnington, the Director of the Department for POWs/MIAs Accounting Agency (DPAA) came to Judi's Central Florida home. "For 48 years, I didn't know anything," said Judi. "Now I'm able to grieve. I never was able to do it."

While Charles and Dorothy were both alive, they made it clear that they wanted Alan to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and Judi was sure to make that happen. On June 22, 2016, Alan was finally laid to rest with full military honors. The turnout for the funeral was remarkable, according to Judi, with high school classmates and friends from over 50 years ago in attendance, as well as Special Forces soldiers from all over the country. Most significant was the turnout of Theta Chi brothers from Beta Epsilon/Montana. "You saw that it was a true brotherhood that they had," noted Judi. "He always mentioned Theta Chi in his letters to me, and the men who attended the service truly speak to how important of a role it played in his life."

The night before the service, the brothers who traveled met up for drinks and food. Bill Thomas (Beta Epsilon/Montana 1969) and his wife traveled from Europe just to attend the service. "Al and I were brothers in the truest sense," explained Thomas. Both men had found their way to Montana from Illinois, and realized that



Theta Chi brothers from Montana who attended the service were (L-R) Tony Costello (1967), Larry White (1968), John Kupke (1969), Austin Mason (1967), John Bergerson (1965), Pete Gardiner (1967), Ken Beattie (1967), and Bill Thomas (1968).

their interests and spirited personalities were identical, quickly becoming friends and moving in together. "At dinner, I stood up and said how proud I was to be a Theta Chi then, and how proud I still am to this day," said Thomas. There were six Beta Epsilon brothers from Alan's era who were able to attend the ceremony, three of which came from his same pledge class. "Those guys who were at the Arlington ceremony were my support, said Thomas. "They knew that, of all of us, Alan and I were probably the closest. So I needed to rely on them. They were there for me, they were there for Judi, and they were there for Al." Thomas went on to describe the lasting impact the Fraternity has had on his life. "Being in the Fraternity at Montana was a wonderful experience for all of us. None of us had any doubt about being in Theta Chi. It was a great experience."

Judi Bouchard is a persistent advocate on the POW/MIA issue, speaking to groups across the country. "Our country's soldiers need to know that they won't be forgotten, they won't be left behind, and they will always be accounted for," explained Judi. Prior to her passing, Dorothy Boyer was heavily involved in Vietnam, a group dedicated to assisting families with issues stemming from the Vietnam War. The Boyers also had started a scholarship fund in Alan's memory, which continues to this day. The annual fund helps students attending the University of Montana and is based on financial need and academic performance. To remember Brother Boyer, a resolution was read to the 500 attendees this past summer at the 160th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta. ■



DELTA/RPI In October, the Rensselaer Alumni Association (RAA) honored **Richard O. Bollam** (1966) with its Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given by the Rensselaer Alumni Association, was created in 1967 by the RAA Board of Trustees to recognize distinguished service by alumni or friends of Rensselaer, to a profession, to the nation, or to humanity. The criterion for this award is a continuous record of distinguished service in a chosen field of endeavor that is related to the objectives and purposes of Rensselaer.

Although the Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on any alumni or friends of RPI, and not just alumni from Greek organizations, Delta Chapter is extremely proud to have four other recipients: **Carl J. Thomsen** (1938), **C. Sheldon Roberts** (1948), **W. Robert McIntosh** (1960), and **Nicholas M. Donofrio** (1967). Since only 47 awards have ever been presented, that means that more than 10% have been given to Delta Chapter alumni—an amazing accomplishment. This just emphasizes Delta's allegiance to Theta Chi's maxim of "Alma Mater First and Theta Chi for Alma Mater."



Pictured (L-R) is Terry Jones (1966), Nicholas M. Donofrio, W. Robert McIntosh (1960), and Rich Boroway (1973).



ALPHA PI/Minnesota moved into their new house on June 15.



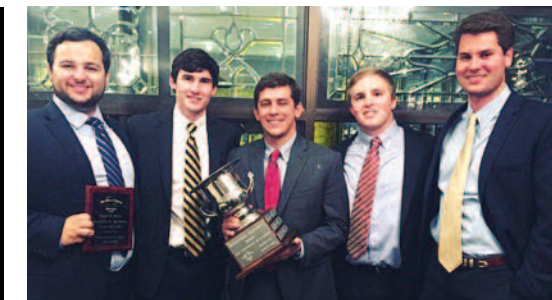
BETA DELTA/Rutgers hosted its annual G.I. Theta Chi on April 25-30, 2016. This year, brothers extended the event from one day to an entire week and raised \$4,200 for the USO.



LEFT: Pictured (L-R) is International President Joseph Couch with current Tau Chapter President Shane Hanney (2018), 2008 Colley Award recipient and Tau Housing Corporation President, Kevin Reilly, Jr. (2008), and Chief Development Officer Philip Thornton, during Tau's centennial celebration in early September.

ALPHA KAPPA/West Virginia

The chapter recently erected a bench outside of the chapter house in memory of **Paul Salisbury** (2015), who tragically passed away last summer. "We held a beautiful ceremony, and had Paul's father speak about how much it meant to him and his family," said Chapter President Drew Balkenhol (2017).



ALPHA PHI/Alabama was named the 2016 Outstanding Fraternity at Alabama. Citing a commitment to campus involvement, GPA, and community service, Theta Chi was chosen as the award winner over 31 other fraternities. In addition, Vice President of Health and Safety, **Tyler Portanova** (2018), was this year's recipient of the Most Outstanding Sophomore Award. Pictured L-R: Tyler Portanova, Will Maddox (2017), Drew Parker (2017), Chris Wagner (2018), and Adam Brandau (2017).

EPSILON/WPI

Epsilon was the recipient of several WPI Greek Alumni Council awards, including Honor Roll Community Service, Honor Roll Public Relations, Outstanding Alumni Programming, Most Improved Chapter, and Fraternity of the Year.

THETA/Massachusetts

Theta Chapter won the University's Greek Week alongside Chi Omega and Pi Kappa Phi.

MU/California

Mu Chapter hosted a Theta Chi Kids Day, intended to give the families of active servicemen and women, as well as veterans, a day of fun, food, and music. More than \$700 was raised from the event, hosted on Memorial Glade on the University's campus.

NU/Hampden-Sydney

Nu Chapter was recently awarded the 2016 Best Overall Fraternity from Hampden-Sydney College. The distinction is based on 11 categories, including overall GPA, philanthropy, and involvement.

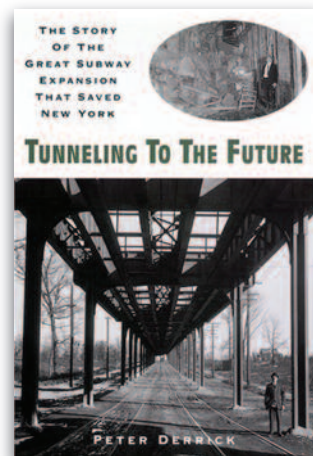


ZETA/New Hampshire signed the lease to a new house that will be the chapter's home for the next four years!

TAU/Florida

Tau Chapter celebrated its centennial anniversary this year! Brothers **Dillon Knox** (2017) and **Dakota Woll** (2016) were tapped into Florida Blue Key, the university's oldest and most prestigious honor society. **Kyle Rodriguez** (2015), a current member, was selected to speak at the induction. The chapter helped raise more than \$2,434,315 for Shands Children's

Hospital during U Florida's Dance Marathon, one of the largest in the nation. In the spring, Tau also teamed up with the Collegiate Veterans Society. "We had four separate events, and a combined 300 hours of work was put in by the brothers," says Taus' Vice President, Kyle Soch (2018). "About \$1,000 was donated, between the money we raised for the care packages and the food that we provided."



UPSILON/NYU

Peter Derrick (Upsilon/NYU 1965) is a renowned transit historian who recently had one of his books recognized as a "top 5 must-read book by New York authors." *Tunneling to the Future* takes the reader through the early 20th century turmoil of overcrowding in New York City, as its subway system expanded. It is a tale of city planning gone right and is available through barnesandnoble.com.

ALPHA NU/Georgia Tech

The chapter hosted its inaugural cornhole tournament benefiting the USO. The tournament was held at the Campanile and included food, drinks, and music. Each team paid a registration fee of \$10, which went directly to supporting the USO.

ALPHA SIGMA/Oregon

In May, Alpha Sigma alumni hosted an award ceremony to honor a number of brothers. **Steven R. Bennett** (1975) and **William R. Swindells** (1978) were presented the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award, while several collegians received scholarships furnished by the alumni corporation.

BETA OMICRON/Cincinnati

In the spring, **Stuart Small** (1987) was awarded the William R. Nester Jr. Outstanding Greek Alumnus Award from the University's Greek Affairs Alumni Council. More recently, **Ian Owens** (2016) was the recipient of the inaugural Beta Omicron Frodge-Hammel Leadership Award, an award developed by



BETA RHO/Illinois Wesleyan

In September, the chapter paired with Sigma Kappa to do a charity dunk tank on campus. Students paid per ball to try and dunk a brother of Theta Chi or a sister of Sigma Kappa. The money made was split between the USO and the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Beta Omicron alumni, recognizing a brother who displays exceptional leadership both inside and outside the chapter.

ALPHA RHO/Washington

This year, three Alpha Rho brothers biked 3,500 miles across the country to raise money for the Kyle Charvat Foundation. They traveled from Anacortes, WA, to Boston. The Kyle Charvat Foundation was started by the chapter in 2003. **Kyle Charvat** (2006) was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2003. After many operations, he was selected for a special trial treatment; however his insurance didn't cover it. Alpha Rho decided to lend an Assisting Hand and raised \$100,000. He was able to participate in the special treatment and got to enjoy school with his friends and brothers until he passed away during his senior year. The treatment bought Kyle time, and the story has left a legacy at Alpha Rho. The foundation now supports college-aged students currently suffering from cancer. This year, the men raised \$27,000 for the Kyle Charvat Foundation. More info can be found at www.cycle4charvat.com.



Nigel Hall (2018) Josh Bean (2018) Matt Gaylor (2018)



GAMMA ZETA/Oklahoma State

(Pictured left) The men placed first in Alpha Omicron Pi's Spring Sing, an annual event that raises money for Coaches vs. Cancer. It was the 50th anniversary of the event and raised more than \$20,000.

**DELTA PI/
Indiana State**

The chapter recently made a \$4,000 donation to USO Indiana. It was the largest single gift the local USO center had ever received, prompting a visit from USO Indiana's Executive Director.



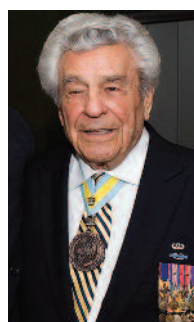
GAMMA LAMBDA/Denver

Kyle Earlywine (2008) has been working at the Portland Rescue Mission for six years. The organization is focused on assisting the homeless in developing plans to work toward getting off the street. "I love being able to settle someone, give them resources, and help them get their game plan together in terms of how they're going to address the issue," says Earlywine.



DELTA OMEGA/Ripon

The post office in Fond du Lac, WI, is being named after Lt. Col. James "Maggie" Megellas (1942), who served in the Army in WWII and became the most decorated officer in the acclaimed 82nd Airborne Division. His distinctions include the Master Parachutist Badge, six campaign stars, the Belgium Fourragere, the Presidential Citation with Cluster, two Purple Hearts, two Silver Stars, and the Distinguished Service Cross. After the conclusion of WWII, Megellas served in the U.S. Agency for Intelligence Development for over three decades.



EPSILON ZETA/Tampa

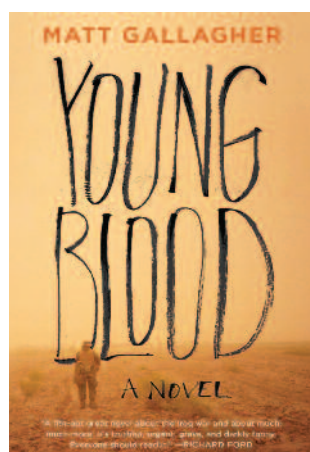
Two brothers from Epsilon Zeta have had personal battles with cancer, but in the last six months alone, four brothers have lost a relative to cancer, while three others have family members who are currently fighting cancer. The chapter decided to respond by participating in Tampa's Relay for Life. Following the kick start of the Theta Chi relay campaign, brothers reached out to local businesses and shared the story of the chapter's struggle this year. Many local businesses agreed to sponsor Theta Chi in their effort to raise money and awareness for cancer. Theta Chi raised \$5,200 and was the highest fundraising fraternity for the event. The chapter was even featured on a local news station.



DELTA OMEGA/Ripon brothers brought home several top awards from the college last spring, including (1.) Greek Artist of the Year, (2.) Greek Athlete of the Year, (3.) Greek Man of the Year, (4.) Fraternity of the Year, (5.) Greek Lifetime Achievement Award, (6.) Outstanding Chapter President, and the Emerging Leader Award.



Over Memorial Day weekend, alumni from **GAMMA RHO/Florida State** met for a beach weekend reunion.



GAMMA RHO/Florida State

Brother **Robert Holroyd** (2014) was recognized by Florida Politics as a 30-under-30 rising star.

**GAMMA OMICRON/
Wake Forest**

General (Ret.) David Petraeus recently spoke with acclaimed author **Matt Gallagher** (2005), a former U.S. Army Captain, whose Iraq novel, *Youngblood*, has drawn rave reviews from *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Esquire*, and elsewhere. He's also the author of the Iraq memoir, *Kaboom*, and was featured in *Vanity Fair* as one

of the voices of a new generation of American war literature. Brother Gallagher currently works as a writing instructor at Words After War, a literary nonprofit devoted to bringing veterans and civilians together to study conflict literature.

DELTA BETA/Georgia

The chapter is launching a campaign for a complete renovation of its 112-year-old chapter house. The campaign includes restoration of the original house, and the rebuilding of a 1960s addition. In total, the chapter is working towards raising \$1.5 million. If you

have any questions or would like to discuss the campaign, please contact Wes Wicker at 404-213-4446 or at wes@columnsfundraising.com.

DELTA ETA/Colorado State

The men hosted an event at a local country club to fundraise for the USO. They grilled food, played lawn games, and had a raffle that raised more than \$700.

DELTA PHI/North Texas

Former Chapter President **Ryan Vargo** (2014) currently works as the head student manager for the North Texas men's basketball team.



EPSILON SIGMA/Wagner brothers celebrate their 50th class reunion.

Pictured (L-R) is Bill Schroeder (1966), Paul Isler (1966), Fred Sickert (1966), Don Friedrichson (1966), and Dan Ramm (1966).

Vargo has overcome a number of life challenges, including four major surgeries and family hardships. Despite these hurdles, Vargo has remained a staple for the North Texas basketball team and is an inspiration for many of the players and staff.

**EPSILON TAU/
Stephen A. Austin**

The chapter hosted their annual alumni weekend April 22-24 which included a golf outing.

**ZETA LAMBDA/Westminster
College**

This past semester, the Zeta Lambda Chapter hosted a banquet and program entitled Westminster's Resolute Men: 50 Years of Theta Chi, to celebrate 50 years at Westminster College. In addition to dinner, brothers representing each decade of the chapter's existence offered both some history of the chapter and their reflections on what Theta Chi means to them.

Sixty-three brothers, both alumni and collegians, attended, along with many of their wives and girlfriends. Brothers from the first few years of the colony and chapter in attendance included: **David Dudgeon** (1966), **James Wertz** (1967), **David McCormick** (1967), **Michael O'Hea** (1967), **George Kingsbury** (1967), **Jim Warnock** (1967) **John Du** (1969), and **William Lynn** (1969).

ZETA PI/Old Dominion

Zeta Pi hosted its first ever G.I. Theta Chi April 18-24, raising \$2,000 for the USO. G.I. Theta Chi is an initiative chapters across the country have adopted to fundraise for the USO. In many cases, a week of subsidiary events lead up to a major community-wide field day event. The chapter also hosted a community service event called the Peanut Butter & Jelly Race Tournament. Teams competed to make the most peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, which would ultimately be donated to three homeless shelters. More than 1,000 PB & J sandwiches were



Teams race to make the most PB&Js during Zeta Pi's Peanut Butter & Jelly Race charity.

donated, as well as 20 loaves of bread and several pounds of extra peanut butter and jelly. It is the first year the men hosted an event of this nature, and they hope to build on it in upcoming years.

Two recent Zeta Pi graduates became the US Navy's newest

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ZETA RHO/Kentucky hosted one of the most successful G.I. Theta Chis of all time in the spring, raising \$15,189 for the USO.



ABOVE: Eta Pi brothers pose with the school president. Brothers received the Chapter of the Year award at the school banquet.



ABOVE: **IOTA LAMBDA/Longwood** hosted its annual G.I. Theta Chi in April.



ETA DELTA/Babson
LEFT: Alumni hosted the 4th annual bone marrow drive, co-sponsoring with Babson's Black Affinity Group. Pictured in Green is Babson College's President, Kerry Healy, with brothers and participants.



LEFT: **IOTA NU/South Florida** raised \$11,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children this past spring through their annual Cheers for Children event.



IOTA OMEGA/SUNY Cortland hosted an ice hockey tournament in the spring, benefiting the USO!

ensigns. **Josiah Hedges** (2016) will be a Surface Warfare Officer on the USS Ramage and **Eric Strobach** (2016) will be a student at the Naval Aviator Naval Air School Command in Pensacola, FL.

ZETA RHO/Kentucky
Former Field Representative, **Karl "Kip" Cornett** (1977), was recognized by the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences by being inducted into their Hall of Fame. Brother Cornett is the founder of Cornett, a successful ad agency based out of Lexington, KY.

ZETA SIGMA/Wisconsin-River Falls
Mikhael Keyser (2008) received a heart transplant in late July. He has been on the heart transplant list for over a year and is currently still in recovery.

ETA ZETA/Edinboro
In early fall, **Eric Pope** (2000) was elected to serve on the Edinboro University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

ETA OMICRON/Northwestern State
Former Leadership and Education Consultant, **S. Dwayne Jones** (1996), was in Rio for the Olympics. Jones was part of the delegation representing Los Angeles for the 2024 Olympics.

ETA PI/East Stroudsburg
Eta Pi received the Chapter of the Year award during the 27th annual Student Recognition Awards. **Sean Devine** (1997) took fifth place in the Barbershop Harmony Society's International Quartet Contest with his quartet, Throwback.



IOTA ETA/Pacific hosted their 4th annual G.I. Theta Chi and raised \$4,560 for the USO.

THETA ETA/Sam Houston State
The chapter raised more than \$1,600 for the Sam Houston State and Walker County Relay for Life in April. The dollars raised went to the American Cancer Society, helping to fund cancer research and awareness.

THETA PSI COLONY/Wisconsin-Oshkosh
The men of Theta Psi were part of the Ally March in April, which recognizes the allies of the LGBTQ+ community. Colony member, **Kurt Ness** (2017),

organized and planned the colony's participation in the event.

IOTA LAMBDA/Longwood
During the Citizen Leaders Awards Luncheon in April, several Iota Lambda brothers were recognized for their contributions to the Longwood community. **Kevin Napier** (2018) won the Emerging Leader Award, **Daishan Johnson** (2016) took home the Rotunda Award for Community Building, and **Jacob Harvey** (2016) received the Ellen Masters Award for Significant Service.

IOTA NU/South Florida
The chapter received the Fraternity and Sorority Life Chapter of Achievement Award in April. The chapter also hosted a campus-wide Sacred Purpose event, partnering with the Office of Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention Services. The group tabled outside the student center for several days, showcasing ways to fight on-campus aggression.

IOTA SIGMA/Towson
Mike Prusz (2016) recently became a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

IOTA TAU/Northern Kentucky
Troy Cornes (2018) won Sophomore of the Year from the Northern Kentucky Fraternity and Sorority Life office.

IOTA PHI/South Carolina
The chapter hosted its annual Hope for Hoge volleyball tournament in the fall. The event raised money for the Shepard Spinal Center and raised awareness about spinal cord injuries to support their



THETA EPSILON/Kennesaw State chapter saw an excellent fall recruitment, going 37/37 on bids extended to bids accepted.

brother, **Michal Hoge** (2018), who was paralyzed after a spinal cord injury last year. Thus far, Theta Chi has raised nearly \$11,000.

KAPPA ALPHA/Spokane, WA
The chapter participated in Relay for Life in Spokane, WA, this past spring. In total, the group helped

raise more than \$22,000 for the American Cancer Society, out-fundraising every other team.



Theta Chi Fraternity Salutes its 2015/2016 Outstanding Seniors

Theta Chi Fraternity would like to recognize the graduating members who made exceptional 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, 22 brothers were submitted for recognition as Outstanding Seniors.

These men have served their chapters as officers, role models, and mentors. Their influence will be seen in the years to come as they continue to serve their brothers as young alumni.

Please join us in thanking and congratulating the 2015/2016 Outstanding Seniors!



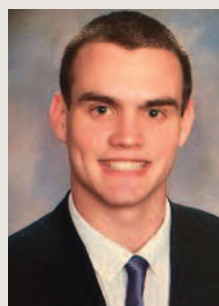
William E. Farrar
Epsilon/WPI 2016
MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering
CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: President
AWARDS: The chapter received the Fraternity of the Year Award and Most Improved Chapter Award while President



Justin L. Beauchaine
Zeta/New Hampshire 2016
MAJOR: Business Administration
CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Assistant Treasurer
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Interfraternity Council, McLaughlin Hall Council Treasurer



Luke B. Glatthorn
Theta/Massachusetts 2016
MAJOR: Political Science
CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Chaplain, Chapter Vice President, Marshal
Campus Involvement: Interfraternity Council President
AWARDS: The chapter received the Alter Award during his time on the Executive Board, 2015 IFC Fraternity Man of the Year, 2015 Chapter Brother of the Year



Niall F. Henderson
Iota/Colgate 2016
MAJOR: Peace and Conflicts Studies
CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: President, Marshal, Judicial Board Member
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Outdoor Educator, Konosioni Senior Honor Society, Organizational Advisory Committee, Student Government Association Executive Board
AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: New Member of the Year Award (Theta Chi), George W. Cobb Fellows Award



Trevor Paul Haugdahl
Phi/North Dakota State 2016
MAJORS: Psychology, Philosophy
Chapter Involvement: Philanthropy Chair, Editor for Phi Chapter's *Phi Arrow*
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Sigma Alpha Lambda Leadership and Honor Society, Blue Key Honor Society, Mortar Board College Senior Honor Society, Order of Omega, Student Government
AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: Order of the Arrow (Boy Scouts), Eagle Scout (Boy Scouts), Dean's List



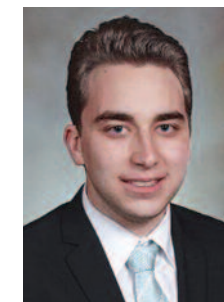
Naveen Krishna Chandran
Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 2016
MAJOR: Computer Science
CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: President, Assistant Rush Chair, Technology Chair, Public Relations and Campus Involvement Chair, Philanthropy Committee
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Freshman Orientation Leader, Freshman Activities Board Member, Student Center Programs Council Member, Startup Exchange Member



Grant Michael Magdanz
Alpha Rho/Washington 2016
MAJOR: Computer Science
Chapter Involvement: Housing Manager, Recruitment Chair, Standards Board Chair
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Computer Science Teacher's Assistant, Peer Health Educator, Washington Mock Trial Team
AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: Dean's List all four years of college



Christopher T. Amato
Beta Delta/Rutgers 2016
MAJOR: Finance
CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Philanthropy Chair, Recruitment Chair
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Planning Team for Rutgers Dance Marathon, Habitat for Humanity



Phillip Justin Weinstein
Gamma Omicron/Wake Forest 2016
MAJORS: Economics, Russian
Chapter Involvement: President, Marshal, Recruitment Chair, Historian
Campus Involvement: Student Body Treasurer, Consulting Club Director of Case Competitions, Entrepreneurship Society Treasurer



Justin P. Widd
Gamma Upsilon/Bradley 2016
MAJOR: Elementary Education
Chapter Involvement: President, Social Chair
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Student Education Association, Association for the Education of Young Children, STRETCH—Anti-bullying Group, Habitat for Humanity
AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: Sherwood and Janet Roberts Blue Memorial Scholarship

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Connor William Bohlken
Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 2016
 MAJORS: Physics, Mathematics
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: President, Treasurer, Scholarship Chair
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Math Club President, Senior Class Council President, Interfraternity Council Vice President of Scholarship Order of Omega Secretary, Cross Country Team, Track Team, New Student Orientation Leader, Blue Key Honor Society, Society of Scholars Member
 AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: Homecoming King, Greek Emerging Leader Award, Raph "Shug" Jordan Award



Brandon B. Majmudar
Delta Eta/Colorado State 2016
 MAJOR: Sociology
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Vice President, Alumni Chair
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Order of the Torch Founder, Orientation Leaders, Lory Student Center Governing Board Chair, Resident Assistant



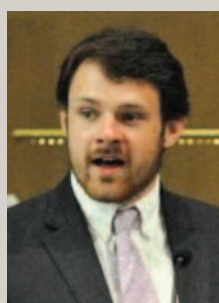
Garrison M. Anderson
Delta Omega/Ripon 2016
 MAJOR: Communication
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Recruitment Chair, Chaplain, Public Relations Chair,
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Student Senator, Student Support Services Tutor, Ripon College Radio DJ, Student Media and Activities Committee Vice President, Order of Omega, Laurel Society,
 AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: McNair Scholar, Daggeman of Kappa Delta Sorority, Dean's List



Ryan M. Farej
Epsilon Zeta/Tampa 2016
 MAJOR: Mathematics
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Treasurer, Philanthropy Chair
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Math Club Vice President and Treasurer, National Society of Leadership and Success
 AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: Outstanding New Member (Theta Chi), Dean's List



Miraj A. Patel
Epsilon Psi/NJIT 2016
 MAJOR: Information Technology
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Recruitment Chair, Public Relations Chair
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Public Relations Chair and Finance Director of Highlanderthon (the university's dance marathon), Student Senate Webmaster, Nucleus Yearbook Club
 AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: Best New Organization (Highlanderthon), Most Collaborative Dance Marathon Program (Highlanderthon)



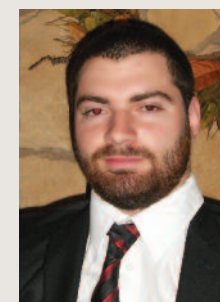
Colin J. B. Ogle
Zeta Rho/Kentucky 2016
 MAJOR: Integrated Strategic Communication
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Secretary, DanceBlue Chair, Risk Management Chair, Fundraising Chair
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Ad Club, Hockey Club, Interfraternity Council Judicial Board Member and Chair, Public Relations Student Society of America, Student Activities Board Vice President of Promotions, DanceBlue Morale Committee, UK Roller Hockey Club Founder and Vice President
 AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: Deacon of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, Serviceman of the Year



Matthew S. McClure
Eta Phi/Oakland 2016
 MAJOR: Biomedical Sciences
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: President, Vice President of Health and Safety, Secretary, Standards Chair
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Pre-Med Society, Honors College, Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society



Andrew Michael Frawley
Theta Xi/VCU 2016
 MAJOR: Business Marketing
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: President, Recruitment Chair, Philanthropy Chair, Alumni Chair, Formal Chair, Social Chair
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Student Government Association, Athletics Marketing Committee, Students Today Alumni Tomorrow Leadership Council, Advertising Club



Jace Kelly Atkinson
Iota Delta/Southeastern Louisiana 2016
 MAJOR: Mathematics
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Vice President, Vice President of Health and Safety, Secretary, Standards Chair
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: National Society of Leadership and Success, Recreation Sports and Wellness Ambassador
 AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: Man of the Year (Theta Chi)



Manuel A. Dwyer
Iota Lambda/Longwood 2016
 MAJOR: Accounting and Finance
 Chapter Involvement: Vice President, Treasurer
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Mortar Board, Lancer Student Investment Fund Sector Manager, The Big Event Director, Assistant Director, and Treasurer
 AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS: Ed Cunningham Panhellenic Award, Accounting Faculty Award, Dean's List



Patrick S. Reagan
Iota Tau/Northern Kentucky 2016
 MAJOR: Economics and International Studies
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: Vice President, Secretary, Public Relations Chair, Social Chair, IFC Delegate
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Student Government Association Senator and Chief of Staff, College Republicans President, Interfraternity Council Vice President, Homecoming King



Ian Patrick Bixby
Iota Psi/RIT 2016
 MAJOR: Finance and Economics
 CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT: President
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Financial Analyst for RIT Global Programs

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Dan Fleetham, Sr. (Alpha/Norwich 1934)

February 5, 1912–September 6, 2016

Grateful for his life and brotherhood, it is with great sadness that Theta Chi Fraternity announces the passing of Daniel W. Fleetham, Sr. to the Chapter Eternal. Brother Fleetham was 104 years old.



After enrolling in classes at Norwich University in the 1930s, he faced hardships as a result of the Great Depression. By 1934, he was forced to leave school after his bank failed and left him with no savings to continue his education. Facing an uncertain future, Brother Fleetham enlisted in the United States Navy, serving aboard the USS Lexington. It was during this time that Dan Sr., a longtime fan of competitive high diving, helped train numerous naval athletes for the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany. When World War II came, Brother Fleetham, by then a chief petty officer, trained naval gunners to bring down enemy planes.

Though he held numerous jobs throughout his lifetime, Brother Fleetham is perhaps best known for having served 30 years on the bench as a lay judge, dispensing “common sense” and ruling on minor misdemeanors, resulting in fines. Court would normally be held at his family’s inn, sometimes in the dining room, when the space got too crowded. Many in the small town of Canaan, NH, knew him as the “25-buck judge,” a nickname that he earned as a result of the typical fine given after a ruling. The lay judge system was discontinued in New Hampshire in 1982, and Brother Fleetham retired shortly thereafter.

In retirement, Brother Fleetham became a regular fixture at Theta Chi events. In 1992, he made it a point to attend the installation of the Theta Pi Chapter at Bridgewater State College when the soon-to-be initiates elected to hold their installation ceremony more than 160 miles away in Norwich, VT. Following his hosting duties at the 150th Anniversary Convention at Norwich in 2006, Brother Fleetham declared that he would continue to represent Alpha Chapter at each of the International Conventions that followed, traveling across the country by train to the 152nd Anniversary Convention in Indianapolis, the 154th Anniversary Convention in Orlando, the 156th Anniversary Convention in Palm Springs, CA, the 158th Anniversary Convention in Minneapolis, and finally the 160th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta. Brother Fleetham was also a celebrated guest at regional Mid-Year Leadership Conferences throughout New England and a fixture at Theta Chi Founders Day events held every April at Norwich University.

Brother Fleetham has been recognized many times over for his dedication to Theta Chi, having been awarded the Golden Guard in 2005, the Diamond Brigade in 2007, the Citation of Honor in 2008, and the Theta Chi for Life Award in 2012. At the 160th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta, he received a standing ovation following the passage and reading of a resolution recognizing his truly lifelong dedication.

Beyond Theta Chi, Brother Fleetham was a member of numerous service-based organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Masons, and Scottish Rite Masons. He also founded the Canaan’s Lion Club and was a member of Weld-Webster American Legion Post 55. In 2012, his service was recognized by New Hampshire Governor John Lynch, who declared February 5, 2012 as “Daniel W. Fleetham Day.”

Theta Chi members throughout the world join in prayerful support of the Fleetham family. Our Fraternity is much better for having counted Daniel Fleetham, Sr. as a member. He was the true embodiment of Theta Chi for Life.

ALPHA

Norwich
Daniel W. Fleetham, Sr. (1934)

GAMMA

Maine
David A. Elliott (1956)

DELTA

RPI
Jon K. Korber (1965)
John T. Lonati (1985)
Paul H. Silhan (1971)

ZETA

New Hampshire
Montgomery R. Childs (1955)
Robert G. Russell, Jr. (1955)

ETA

Rhode Island
John J. Christy (1938)
William M. Gates, III (1957)

THETA

Massachusetts
David B. Cave (1953)

IOTA

Colgate
William P. Munro (1943)

KAPPA

Pennsylvania
Charles H. Banks (1951)

SIGMA

Oregon State
Bryce E. Adkins (1960)
James L. Apperson (1950)
Jack R. Bailey (1940)
Robert L. Degrant (1958)
Lawrence R. Fulker (1943)
David S. Mason (1951)
F. B. Mercer (1941)
John C. O'Brien (1948)
Kenneth H. Osborn (1949)
Kenneth R. Paul (1955)
Darrel F. Williams (1951)

TAU

Florida
Jerome B. Elmore (2011)

UPSILON

New York University
Thomas F. Sarcona (1954)

PHI

North Dakota State
Donald J. Fretland (1952)
Robert B. Himmelberger (1970)
Philip J. McLernan (1951)
Donald I. Windingland (1973)

CHI

Auburn University
Richard M. Christopher (1945)
D. W. Garlock (1956)
Joe L. Rawls (1955)

Edward P. White (1948)
Earle C. Williams (1951)

PSI

University of Wisconsin
Kendall E. Barg (1953)
Lee D. Evans (1944)
Pier N. Gregersen (1984)
Robert K. Levine (1953)
Thomas O. Miller (1952)
John P. Oakwood (1963)
David W. Peters (1958)
Marvin C. Pletzke (1958)
James R. Remley (1956)
Richard J. Stalheim (1973)
William O. Stringer (1953)
Robert G. Sybers (1951)
Richard D. Temple (1958)
Steven C. Walmann (1968)
Roland C. Weber (1953)

OMEGA

Penn State
Julian C. Canaday (1952)

ALPHA PHI

Alabama
Thomas L. Allen (1955)
John O. Baites, Jr. (1932)
Ricky J. Batemen (1983)
Jack C. Bell (1933)
Philip F. Cala, Jr. (1979)
M T. Casey (1930)
William N. Chambers (1935)
J J. Coker, Jr. (1941)
H Y. Connell (1931)
Stanley A. Cook (1941)
Harvey R. Davis (1938)
Louis J. De Sabla (1944)
Sidney L. Dickey (1948)
Samuel A. DiPiazza (1946)
Joseph L. Drummond (1952)
Mason G. Easley (2000)
Thomas J. Evans, Jr. (1930)
Marvin C. Fitts, II (1981)
Harold H. Gearing (1934)
William M. George (1944)
Francis J. Graham (1933)
J. R. Griffin (1976)
E. E. Hardin, Jr. (1930)
William E. Hill (1940)
Harold A. Johnson (1943)
Fletcher C. Lamphere (1934)
Jules H. Lang (1935)
Dewey A. Lichty (1987)
Sydney J. Lightsey, Jr. (1972)
John S. Locke, III (1957)
William G. Lowery (1961)
Herbert Martin (1931)
John E. Massey (1931)
Clarence R. Moody (1941)
Clyo E. Pelham (1930)
Henry D. Perkins (1939)
James H. Rives, Jr. (1953)
Lanny D. Ross (1987)
Donald C. Sanford (1929)
Thomas M. Sheats (1949)

ALPHA EPSILON

Stanford
Peter L. Hedegard (1960)
Philip P. Maxwell, Jr. (1955)

ALPHA ZETA

Rochester
Clarence E. Avery (1943)
James A. Faber (1957)

ALPHA THETA

Dartmouth
Lewis G. Harriman, Jr. (1938)
David D. Kirkpatrick, Jr. (1945)
Robert N. Parsons (1949)

ALPHA IOTA

Indiana
Donald K. Herrman (1948)
John A. Myers, Jr. (1964)

ALPHA NU

Georgia Tech
Paul L. Bowen, Ph.D. (1973)
Robert H. Small (1944)

ALPHA XI

Delaware
William H. Matthews, Jr. (1980)

ALPHA OMICRON

Washington State
Lloyd D. Emerson (1945)
Martin F. Schaefer (1945)

ALPHA PI

Minnesota
Erick W. Anderson (1947)

ALPHA RHO

Washington
Donald E. Anderson (1945)
James A. Clements (1969)
Arthur R. McCarty (1946)
James L. McGuire (1975)

ALPHA SIGMA

Oregon
Robert H. Bloom (1944)
John C. Bryant (1940)

ALPHA UPSILON

Nebraska
Julian C. Canaday (1952)

ALPHA PHI

Alabama
Thomas L. Allen (1955)
John O. Baites, Jr. (1932)
Ricky J. Batemen (1983)
Jack C. Bell (1933)
Philip F. Cala, Jr. (1979)
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Dr. Mel George (Delta Iota/Northwestern 1956)

February 16, 1936–April 25, 2016



Dr. Mel George, who received the Distinguished Achievement Award in early April, recently entered the Chapter Eternal. Mel was President Emeritus of the University of Missouri System, as well as President Emeritus of St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. After graduating from Northwestern, Brother George received a doctorate in mathematics from Princeton University. Prior to these roles, George served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and professor of mathematics. He also worked at the University of Nebraska as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

In a 1987 *Rattle* article, Brother George notes his passion for his profession. “After 26 years in higher education, I am more than ever convinced of its importance to America’s future. It is an investment, not merely an expenditure.” Throughout his longstanding career, Dr. Mel George was consistently recognized among educators as one of the nation’s best. He was known to put his students above all else, at one point going so far as to move into a dormitory to better understand student life.

“Not only was Mel accomplished in higher education, he was also an outstanding Theta Chi,” remarked Executive Director Mike Mayer. “When we established our colony at the University of Missouri in 2007, Mel stepped up as chapter adviser. He was held in very high regard among the collegians and played a critical role in helping the colony achieve chapter status.” Mel was also a guest speaker at Theta Chi’s Presidents Conference in 2009.

Mel is survived by his wife of 57 years, two daughters, one granddaughter, and his biological brother.

Clare D. Sherwood (1943)
Christopher A. Skelton (2009)
Andrew C. Skelton (2011)
Ralph E. Slate (1948)
Alan C. Smith (1940)
James H. Smith (1927)
Mark B. Smith (1932)
James E. Smith (1932)
Thomas G. Smith (1943)
Stephen W. Smith (1958)
James L. Smith, Jr. (1940)
Everett H. Soverns (1930)
William H. Sweatman (1946)
Robert L. Teague (1934)
Earl W. Tews (1933)
Albert H. Thompson, Jr. (1973)
Phillip E. Thorson (1936)
W. C. Vail (1969)
William R. Walker (1946)
Bernard P. Weiler (1933)
Walter B. Whatley (1929)

Benton M. Wheeler, Jr. (1950)
Wilby W. Whitt (1945)
Sidney J. Wyatt (1964)
Larrie W. Yarbrough (1943)

ALPHA CHI
Syracuse
Alfred Wehrsdorfer (1953)

ALPHA PSI
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William B. Bartlett (1952)
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George A. Burch (1955)

BETA ALPHA
UCLA
Sean H. Healy (2001)
James S. Prichason (1970)

BETA GAMMA
University of North Dakota
Williard C. Rasmussen (1949)

BETA DELTA
Rutgers
James G. Beierlein (1969)
Stephen M. Kreyns (1953)
John E. Theibault (1959)

BETA ZETA
Michigan State
Raymond R. De Steiger (1951)
Horton C. Southworth (1950)

BETA IOTA
Arizona
Ralph H. Berry (1958)
Zach A. Hemmila (2016)

BETA KAPPA
Hamline University
Garth E. Hinderman (1952)



BETA LAMBDA

Akron
Kenneth R. Colling (1956)
Edward M. Hofle (1967)
Harold R. McElroy (1958)

BETA NU

Case Western
Richard V. Prucha (1947)
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Cincinnati
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Monmouth
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Illinois Wesleyan
Eugene H. Lessen (1956)

BETA SIGMA

Lehigh
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BETA TAU

USC
Chase A. Femrite (2009)

BETA UPSILON

Fresno State
Thomas C. Maloy (1951)

BETA PHI

Nevada
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BETA CHI

Allegheny College
Donald J. Riggs (1961)

BETA PSI

Presbyterian College
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Joseph H. Durkee, Jr. (1957)

GAMMA EPSILON

Western State
Larry A. Blanchard (1957)
Anton G. Pegis (1950)

GAMMA ZETA

Oklahoma State
William R. Fearnow (1951)

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San Diego State
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Allen J. Visconti (1993)

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Neil W. Guda (1957)
Norman L. Johnson (1947)

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Bowling Green State
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Kenneth A. Burke (1964)
Bernard V. Flaherty, Jr. (1968)

BETA NU

Tom W. Gaertner (1960)
Gary C. Gammrath (1966)
Robert D. Gutin (1965)

DELTA GAMMA

WV Wesleyan
Donald T. Hancock, Jr. (1957)

DELTA EPSILON

Miami (FL)
George R. Lyles (1952)

DELTA IOTA

Northwestern
Melvin D. George (1956)
Donald C. Johnson (1951)

DELTA KAPPA

Ball State
Carl W. Byer (1973)
Robert L. Gayle (1956)
Marc J. Guscott (1972)

GAMMA NU

New Mexico State
Joseph J. Horton, Jr. (1958)

GAMMA OMICRON

Wake Forest
Willard H. Upchurch (1959)

GAMMA PI

Buffalo
Carl G. Rudio (1953)
Paul H. Will (1954)

GAMMA RHO

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Joseph J. Grimail (1982)
Adam J. Jankowski (2014)
Mark A. Welch (1990)

GAMMA PHI

Nebraska Wesleyan
Daniel G. Bitner (1952)
Russell L. Rhodes (1983)

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Randolph-Macon College
Wm. J. Fink (1951)
Wayne P. Leath (1969)

GAMMA PSI

Puget Sound
Charles B. Howard (1950)
Roy A. Laplante, Jr. (1954)
Kenneth M. Walker (1943)

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Linfield College
Richard H. Alsleben (1953)
Vance F. Bingham (1951)
Robert G. Martyn (1952)
Craig C. Powell (1966)
Kermit V. Ragain (1961)

Craig E. Singletary (1954)
Meredith K. Smith (1961)
Floyd T. Zetterberg, Jr. (1954)

DELTA BETA

Georgia
Henry S. Prescott (2012)
Charles G. Shepherd, Jr. (1948)

DELTA GAMMA

WV Wesleyan
Donald T. Hancock, Jr. (1957)

DELTA EPSILON

Miami (FL)
George R. Lyles (1952)

DELTA IOTA

Northwestern
Melvin D. George (1956)
Donald C. Johnson (1951)

DELTA KAPPA

Ball State
Carl W. Byer (1973)
Robert L. Gayle (1956)
Marc J. Guscott (1972)

DELTA MU

Texas
Leonard J. Becker, Jr. (1959)
Robert J. Bice (1955)

DELTA NU

Vermont
Roy F. Misek (1952)

DELTA XI

Valparaiso
Paul O. Steinwart (1955)
Karl W. Wikelski (1953)

DELTA OMICRON

Gettysburg College
Jay A. Kappmeier (1963)

DELTA RHO

North Carolina State
Henry E. Blair (1958)
Dalmar L. Cox, Jr. (1956)
Charles L. Hamilton (1963)

DELTA SIGMA

Clarkson University
John A. Thompson (1956)

DELTA TAU

Kent State
Steve P. Turchik (1954)

DELTA UPSILON

Arizona State
Tommy N. Hill (1958)

DELTA PHI

North Texas
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Lenoir-Rhyne University
James S. Butner (1967)

DELTA OMEGA
Ripon College
Geoffrey A. Langley (1976)

EPSILON BETA
Lycoming College
Ralph D. Hindmarch (1960)

EPSILON DELTA
Youngstown State
Ronald P. Antonelli (1964)
William E. Metzler (1958)
Richard J. Parry (1980)

EPSILON ZETA
Tampa
Terry W. Hayes (1969)
Vincent L. Tata (1958)

EPSILON ETA
IUP
Girard S. Caldwell (1958)
David P. Kessock (1975)

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Anthony W. Augustino (1971)
Mark P. Lewis (1970)
William Z. Simpson (1968)
Edward Vuknic (1969)

EPSILON PI
Northern Illinois
Richard S. Henderson, Jr. (1967)
Robert F. Reule (1967)
Benny L. Rosete (1967)
George C. Sorenson (1967)
Robert J. Speros (1959)

EPSILON TAU
Stephen F. Austin
James C. Wark (1964)

EPSILON PHI
Central Missouri
John R. Weber (1963)

ZETA ALPHA
Slippery Rock
David C. Oswald (1977)

ZETA BETA
Adrian
Donald R. Rathburn, II (1980)

ZETA KAPPA
Ohio Northern
Jerry L. Franz (1965)

ZETA XI
UC-Davis
Kevin C. Lee (1983)

ETA BETA
Eastern Kentucky
Stacey L. Bryant (1997)

ETA GAMMA
Morehead State
Gene Clark (1970)

ETA ZETA
Edinboro
Patrick J. Knapp (1994)
John T. Molitoris (1977)

ETA XI
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Corwin A. Wilder (1986)

ETA RHO
Centenary (LA)
Harold L. Robinson (1976)

ETA SIGMA
Arkansas Tech
Robert C. Halasek (1977)

THETA KAPPA
Texas Tech
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