Rush Theta Chi

Fun, Friendships, & Service

You'll Find Your Home Away From Home at Theta Chi

Welcome, from the brothers of Theta Chi! We understand the stresses that come with college life and you don't have to face them alone. Theta Chi can be your home away from home. Many outstanding gentlemen have called Theta Chi "home." Our brothers have become very successful businessmen, doctors, lawyers, and engineers just to name a few.

Today you'll find a diversity of Theta Chi brothers studying a variety of fields and playing important roles on the Penn State Campus.

- *Majors from engineers to educators*
- *Student leaders*
- *Academic honorees*
- *Student ambassadors*
- *Academic Aids*

Our voice is heard on campus and we are recognized as an outstanding organization. Theta Chi fosters high scholastic achievement among our members, extends true charity to those who need such assistance, and trains and develops civic leaders – all while having fun! Our brothers understand the importance of service, and we look for that in our new members.

We expect the best in our brothers, and we seek out the very best in our new members.

The brothers of Theta Chi strive to be gentlemen, and we are known for holding ourselves to such standards. We seek new members that offer diversity, academic excellence, and qualities of an esteemed leader. Keep us in mind as you explore your many options at Penn State.

If you're looking for a place that offers a great group of people, awesome memories, and a lot of fun--you've found it in Theta Chi. YOU have the opportunity to take that first step by joining us at one of our many fun rush events. Our doors are always open, so feel free to stop by, say hi, and see all that Theta Chi has to offer. We hope to see you soon!

Frank Donato
Recruitment Chair

Sean Curry
Recruitment Chair

Connor DeKranis
Recruitment Chair

Recruitment Events

Sept. 9th	*Zone Night BBQ*
Sept. 12th	*Pizza Crawl/Cigar Night*
Sept 14th	*Tailgate*
Sept 15th	*Sunday Night Football*
Sept 17th	*Open House*
Sept 19th	*Open House*
Sept 21st	*Tailgate*
Sept. 22nd	*Open House*

schedule subject to change

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Theta Chi Snapshot

National Founding Date:	April 10,1856
Local Founding Date:	March 14, 1919
Motto:	"Extend the Helping Hand"
Maxim:	"Alma Mater First, Theta Chi for Alma Mater"
# Undergraduate Brothers:	46
# Living Alumni:	846
# Members:	1535
Philanthropic Emphasis:	Annual K.I.C.K.S. (Kids in Cooperation with Karing Students) Soccer Tournament benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation, FLICKS (Ultimate Frisbee Fundraiser for PA Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children) and THON
Service Emphasis:	Visiting the residents at The Village at Penn State retirement home, Neighborhood clean-up

Cardinal Principles

We value the qualities that encompass a gentleman. We understand that your primary reason for attending college is education, and we always put our alma mater first. Our core values include: scholarship, service, and leadership. We seek excellence in all we do, and we strive for the betterment of humanity.

Awards & Accomplishments

Penn State's President Cup	2011
IFC Intramural Sports	3rd overall in 2010-11, 8th overall 2011-12
IFC Chapter of the Year	2005, 2011
IFC Chapter of Excellence	2008, 2009, 2011
Most Improved Chapter	2006
Academic Excellence	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
Service Award	2005, 2006, 2007
Homecoming 1st Place Winners	1993, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013
National Headquarters Recognition awards	*2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 , 2010, 2013*

Brothers Majors

The friends you'll make and the brothers you'll have provide unlimited resources to help you with your academics. You'll know which classes to take, the professors to avoid, and you'll receive help with your exams. ***We have a very diverse group of brothers studying:***

Business	Pre-Law	Science and Mathematics
Engineering	Education	Musical Theatre
Pre-Medicine	Political Science	Journalism

Scholarship

Spring 13 GPA:	3.22
Fall 12 GPA:	3.10
Spring 12 GPA:	3.20
Fall 11 GPA:	3.12
Spring 11 GPA:	3.22
Fall 10 GPA:	3.19
Spring 10 GPA:	3.13
Fall 09 GPA:	3.22
Spring 09 GPA:	3.36
(Highest in IFC)	
Fall 08 GPA:	3.24
Spring 08 GPA:	3.40
(2nd Highest in IFC)	
Fall 07 GPA:	3.35
(2nd Highest in IFC)	

Community Service

$1000+ for Make-A- Wish Foundation

$42,600+ for THON

Over 1000 service hours

Social Events

- Formals
- Greek Week
- Homecoming
- Tailgating
- Sporting Events
- IM Sports

Is Theta Chi Right for You?

Benefits of Joining Theta Chi:

- Lifelong Friendships
- Academic Support
- Leadership Development
- Career Networking
- Home Away from Home

"Being a Theta Chi has given me an exceptional college experience, through countless friendships, involvement with campus activities, and priceless memories."
- Robert McHugh '07

"Joining Theta Chi has really helped me grow as a per- son. It has provided me with valuable leadership skills, and has given me friendships that will last a lifetime.""
- David Hartwich '09

The House

Built in the 1930's, our house has character and provides a great place to call home. The house provides a great feeling of community, all while taking it easy on your wallet. In fact, our fees are less expensive than downtown apartments and on-campus housing. We have plenty of rooms for studying, socializing, and living.

- ***Living*** – 20 bedrooms, guest rooms, library, living room, in house cook for lunch and dinner, laundry room, and several bathrooms
- ***Studying*** – quiet quarters for studying with access to two wireless networks
- ***Brotherhood*** – several living rooms provide a community atmosphere with television, gaming systems, and pool table
- ***Food*** – catered dinners five nights a week in a commercial kitchen
- ***Parking*** – free parking in a spacious lot to all in-house brothers

Executive Board

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A Message for Parents of Prospective Members

Dear Parents,

At Theta Chi Fraternity, we pride ourselves in affirming the values you have instilled in your son over the years, and in helping him to develop into a strong leader for his campus and community. We take seriously our role in supporting your son's development. We offer guidance to help our members set goals, establish best practices, and provide supportive oversight in sensitive cases.

As a parent of a college student, you have enough worries on your mind. Will my son be happy? Did we make the right choice with Penn State? Will he eat properly? We are here to help ease these worries as you and your son make the transition into college life. We like to think of our chapter as an extension of your home.

Yes, I would be remiss to ignore the news stories of hazing, binge drinking deaths, and other debauchery that proliferate the media. Sadly, this is the only news that you typically hear about modern day fraternity life. Let me assure you that the men of Theta Chi Fraternity take no part in such dangerous activities.

We focus on our principals of Brotherhood, Scholarship, Service, and Character - upon which our fraternity was founded on April 10, 1856.

Brotherhood – Theta Chi takes pride in having a tightly knit brotherhood. We develop great friendships by working on numerous projects throughout the year, notably Homecoming (the chapter won Homecoming overall in 2007 and 2008). While we are NOT a "house," our home at 523 South Allen Street provides a beautiful, safe, and fun environment to develop this sense of brotherhood.

Scholarship: Both the undergraduate and alumni leadership expect academic excellence. In the 2011 Spring semester, our fraternity finished with a cumulative average of 3.22, boasting a GPA above the all men's average. Over the last five years, the chapter has consistently been in the top 10 academically of all fraternities. A scholarship chair works to develop study hours and academic initiatives of all members. The brotherhood also works together to provide guidance, advice, and study help. Our house is an alcohol-free living facility that provides for a more suitable learning experience.

Service: Theta Chi Fraternity believes that service to others makes our members stronger, both in character and in compassion. We are committed to making our community a better place to live. The undergraduate brothers participate in numerous philanthropic activities. Furthermore, Theta Chi sponsors a major campus event each year that raises thousands of dollars for Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Character: Theta Chi has a no-hazing policy. We believe in developing character the right way. While overcoming challenges are a critical piece of you son's development, this will not take the shape of any mental, psychological, or physical hazing at Theta Chi. We have a structured 8-10 week new member education program where all new members learn about the principals and history of Theta Chi as well as the leadership and academic skills required in order to become an active member.

I know that Theta Chi at Penn State will provide your son with one of the most positive developmental and learning experiences in his college years. He will build life-long friendships and have lots of fun. I encourage you to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns that may help his decision to become a member.

Sincerely,

David Hartwich '09
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PS: Feel free to visit the alumni website at **www.thetachiomega.com** for more information.