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The Time Is Now!

Brothers,

For most of us, the last year seemed like five years. Hopefully, we have seen the worst of the pandemic as life appears to be returning to normal.

During this challenging time, Theta Chi Fraternity asked its collegians to focus on three things: recruitment, operations, and brotherhood. I could not be any prouder of our men for how they handled the past year. With most universities holding classes virtually, we knew recruitment would be challenging for our chapters. I am happy to report that our membership numbers as of April 10, 2021, are only off slightly from the same time last year. This is an incredible accomplishment. Financially, our organization's collections are better than last year. As I speak to our members, they tell me that our brotherhood is stronger than ever and how excited they are to return to school this fall.

Now is the time to take bold actions. I encourage our collegians to continue that same focus and intensity as last year. Each chapter should go into the new school year with a great plan for recruitment. There will be more men than usual looking to build friendships and find social outlets. Choose the best for membership. Concentrate on improving your operations and strengthening our brotherhood.

Due to the pandemic, we now have brothers who have been in their chapters for more than one and a half years who may have never had a face-to-face chapter meeting or attended an in-person initiation. Now is a great time for our alumni to help coach and train. It is a great opportunity to volunteer as an adviser. If you cannot volunteer your time or talents, then consider supporting the Fraternity through a financial contribution to the Foundation Chapter.

The Grand Chapter has used the past academic year to plan for Theta Chi's future. During our strategic planning sessions, we discussed all aspects of our organization's operations. To ensure our plan is relevant, we surveyed our collegiate and alumni brothers and conducted focus groups with the Chapter Presidents Advisory Council and our Equity and Diversity Advisory Council. The results are a strategic plan that will take us through our 175th Anniversary. This aggressive plan will address growth, membership development, chapter performance and advocacy, communications, infrastructure, and finance. This bold plan will be shared at this summer's 165th Anniversary Celebration in Lexington, KY.

I am so excited for the future of Theta Chi! Brothers, NOW is the TIME to move Theta Chi forward! Let's do big things!

Fraternally,



Darick H. Brown
International President

PS: I welcome your ideas—please send me a note at darickbrown@outlook.com.



International President
Darick Brown





International President Darick Brown receives the COVID-19 vaccine and encourages all Theta Chi alumni to extend a Helping Hand to our collegiate brothers as they all return to campus.



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on the cover

Our throwback cover uses *The Rattle's* masthead and style from the late-1960s to highlight Dick Fosbury's (Sigma/Oregon State 1972) Gold Medal Flop at the 1968 Summer Olympics held in Mexico City. Read more about Brother Fosbury **on page 6**.

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EXPANSION



Iota Alpha Colony/UNC-Wilmington

Please contact Sr. Director of Growth Zack Brown at zbrown@thetachi.org if you are interested in becoming involved with these groups. Visit www.thetachi.org/news for additional stories on our (re)installed chapters and new colonies.

Reinstallations



Theta Nu/Rowan
Glassboro, NJ
Reinstalled: 6/26/2021



Current Colonies

Gamma Nu/New Mexico State



Long Island-Brooklyn

New Colonies



Iota Alpha/UNC-Wilmington
Wilmington, NC
Recolonized: 4/24/2021



Boston University
Boston, MA
Recolonized: 1/30/2021



Redevelopments

Omega/Penn State



Boston University Colony



Delta Rho/NC State

Goodbye 2020, Welcome Home in 2021

BY JOHN H. WENDEL (DELTA RHO/NC STATE 2009)

2020 was a year of brotherhood for the young men of Delta Rho. The colony started 2020 with uncertainty and challenges but persevered through delays and quarantines on the way to reinstallation. Being adaptable and innovative helped brothers build the relationships they will have for years to come.

The colony's April 18 reinstallation date had been postponed to August 29. Throughout the summer, the colony did their best to stay connected though the members were states apart.

In August, when the men of Delta Rho Colony excitedly returned to NC State after spring 2020's pandemic-shortened semester, they were greeted with classes moving online and a large COVID outbreak. As colony members were tested and quarantined, the university shut down campus life, social restrictions were put in place, and it became clear that things would not be easy in fall 2020.

Activity slowed down but the men held firm. After a lengthy quarantine, brother-

hood returned to the new normal and embodied Theta Chi's Sacred Purpose. The colony supported and held each other accountable through hard conversations and true friendship. As **Dylan Inman** (2023) put it, "[the group was] able to find ourself again."

With the restriction of the colony's main activities, brothers focused on building strong relationships. New communication tools were utilized and events with social distancing were held. **Aemon Barber** (2023) called each brother every week to check in on them. Zoom meetings were held every Thursday. Outdoor movie nights were established with a projector.

Struggles and challenges created positive determination within the men. Though reinstallation was postponed yet again, brothers never gave up and continued to look forward. Finally, on October 17—almost a year after its Recolonization Ceremony—Delta Rho was reinstalled at **Sean Lloyd's** (Delta Rho/NC State 1996) family farm. Following the reinstallation, the semester ended quietly, and the men

looked forward to 2021 with strong ambition and a solid foundation of brotherhood.

To kick off the new year, brothers moved into the new Delta Rho Chapter House at 3421 Avent Ferry Road. Purchased by the Delta Rho Alumni Corporation in 2018 in anticipation of Theta Chi's return to NC State, the 10,525 square foot home sits on 1.7 acres and can house up to 40 brothers.

In January, the men held an online fundraiser for the USO. Once again using innovative and flexible ideas, the brothers went virtual with a five-day raffle. In February, the Community Service Chairman set up weekly volunteer opportunities at a Raleigh Salvation Army store for brothers to sort and stock donations.

COVID is not gone but that is not stopping Delta Rho. The men adapted and overcame significant challenges and remain determined to perpetuate Theta Chi's ideals. Welcome back and Welcome Home, Delta Rho!



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Special Collections and Archives Research Center, Corvallis, OR*



My Roommate Who Flopped

BY BRYON VAN FLEET (SIGMA/OREGON STATE 1967)

When I was a senior, I had two roommates in Theta Chi who were high jumpers at OSU: **Steve Kelly** (1969) and **Dick Fosbury** (1972). Both were great guys and, since I was a big track fan, it was pretty cool as no one was jumping 7' in those days.

At the time, Sigma Chapter was loaded with guys from Medford, OR, so Fosbury pledged Theta Chi. He was a goofy kid, a free spirit who was loved by all. While Fos was a great guy, nobody believed he high jumped backwards and upside down. In fact, during his freshman year, he tried to show us his style by jumping over a chair in our living room and broke his wrist! He couldn't compete for most or all of a season—which really didn't sit well with his coach, Berny Wagner!

Dick was a lanky kid who was never a remarkable athlete. The young Dick Fosbury was the novelty act at track meets. He was odd. He was quirky and he was just **WRONG**. He couldn't run very fast, wasn't that strong, and didn't really have "hops." Coach liked to say he had a discus thrower who had a better jump-reach than Dick Fosbury.

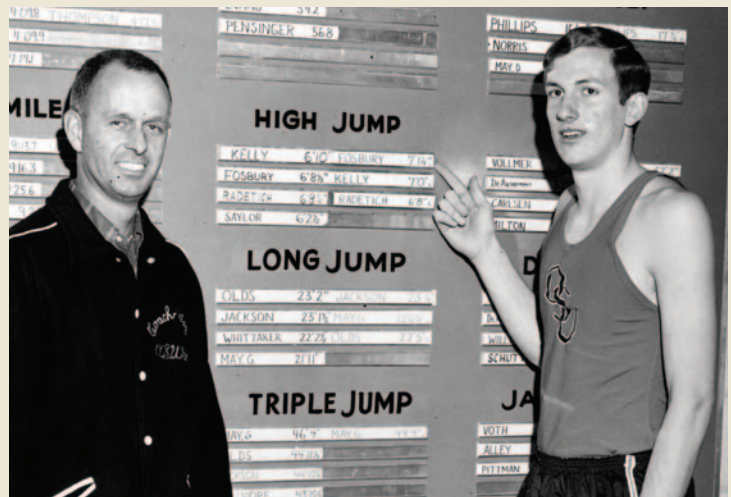
Though Fos somehow figured out that by lifting his hips, laying back and upside down he could clear the bar, he was an embarrassment to Coach Wagner, who kept trying to teach the straddle technique that Steve Kelly could do so well. Eventually, Coach agreed to let Fos "flop" at meets.

The first time I saw him jump, I was simply astonished. **NOBODY** had ever done anything so revolutionary in the history of sports—all sports, any sport—not just track and field. However, to most observers, Dick was simply a joke. As I stood by that bar snapping pictures for the OSU paper, I heard the snickers, the guffaws, and the derision and seethed with anger. Dick Fosbury was not only **our** high jumper, but he was **my** friend, **my** roommate.



Fos as an incoming freshman

Fos heard them, too, and was all alone as he perfected his new technique despite laughter, derision, and doubting dismissiveness. Looking back, my goofy roommate had nobody. He had worse than nobody. His high



OSU Coach Berny Wagner and Fos. Photo from Berny Wagner Scrapbooks, Oregon State University Special Collections and Archives Research Center, Corvallis, OR



Fosbury and other brothers roughhouse at the Sigma Chapter House. Photo courtesy of Bryon Van Fleet

school and college coaches were against him doing what he was doing. I can't think of another athlete who not only had no support but active opposition!

In 1967, Dick discovered that instead of always planting his takeoff foot in the same place as the straddlers do, he needed to move it away from the bar a little farther each time that bar was raised.



Fos lends a Helping Hand with a banner in front of the Sigma Chapter House.

Photos courtesy of Bryon Van Fleet.

The next year, Fos cleared 6' 10" and finally gained Coach's full support—all he had to do was break the OSU high jump record—all by himself.

In 1968, Dick perfected his technique and won the PAC-8 meet, then the NCAAs, and was invited to the Olympic trials in Los Angeles. Fos, the guy who helped me clean up our messy room in Corvallis, had a chance to be an Olympian!

Dick amazed everybody by winning the trials with a jump of 7' 1". He overcame adversity again when the Olympic Committee, citing the altitude of Mexico City, forced another set of qualifiers in South Lake Tahoe, CA. During this second round, Fos and three others cleared 7' 2". However, Fos was in fourth place after missing more attempts at lower heights. The bar was raised to 7' 3", a height none of these jumpers had ever cleared. If Dick could not clear 7' 3", he would lose his spot on the team.

Fos thrived on pressure. He went through his pre-jump routine as he psyched himself up. He clenched his fists while rocking back and forth, and then charged the bar. He cleared the height and, after three misses from another competitor, secured his spot on Team USA.

In Mexico City, the Soviets were the gold medal favorites. On the day of the qualifying round, ABC's television producers were well aware that when that oddball American kid jumped, everyone took notice. So, on October 20, 1968, ABC could feel the drama building and they were determined to milk it for every ounce of tension and trained their TV cameras for the entire world on Dick Fosbury.

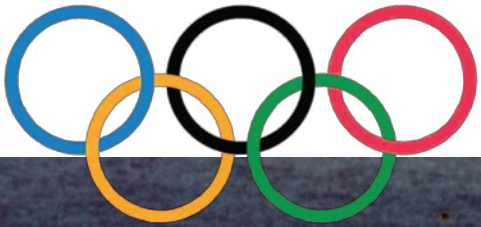
During the qualifying round, Mexico City had snickered and laughed when Fos jumped. But during the finals, there was no more laughing, just astonishment. There is usually quite a murmur in the crowd during track meets as the multiple events are contested. Mexico City was different. Every time Dick jumped, all 83,000 fans went silent. It was eerie. Fortunately, Dick fed on silence. He knew exactly why



you could hear a pin drop. All eyes were on him. He knew it and he thrived on pressure.

As Dick faced that gold medal attempt at 7' 4¼", it was again silent in that stadium—probably throughout the world. I know there was not a sound to be heard in Medford or Corvallis and especially in the living room of the Theta Chi house. As improbable as anything could ever be, I was watching with wet eyes as my friend stood there with USA blazing across his chest as he clenched those fists and rocked back and forth.

Dick took that first step backward and then charged the bar and lifted off, carrying his country—and the entire free world—on his shoulders. He also carried his friends, he carried all Oregonians, and I know he carried me, too. I'll never forget it. It was the greatest Olympic moment of my lifetime. As Fos launched, he turned, twisted, laid-out, and sailed up and over that golden bar. The stadium went NUTS! Dick erupted out of that pit with his arms raised to the



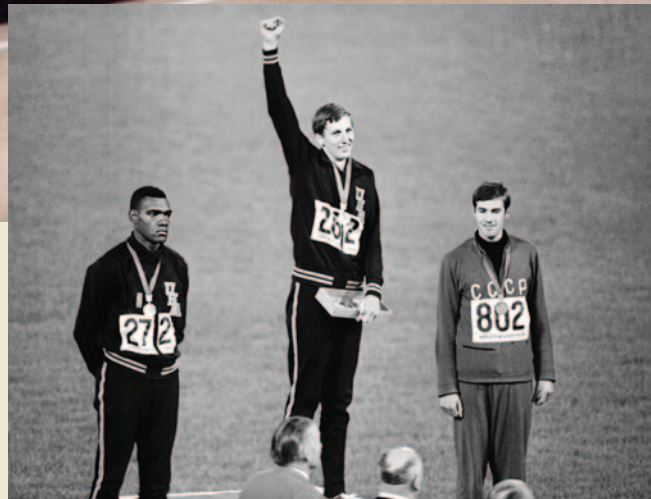
Berny Wagner Scrapbooks, Oregon State University Special Collections and Archives Research Center, Corvallis, OR

sky and a grin I'll never forget. He had done it. All those years being laughed at, all those years being told to change his style, to conform, all those years when he alone believed in himself. He had done it. My roommate had just beaten everybody in the entire world.

No other human on the planet was as popular the last half of October 1968. This really nice young man from Oregon was still a college boy and all by himself he had reinvented the high jump. He had revolutionized a sport more than any other human ever had.

When Dick returned from the Olympics, he was so in demand it was obvious he didn't have adequate time to do justice to his engineering dream and he began taking sociology classes. In 1969, he again won the PAC-8 and the NCAA, but was physically and mentally drained. He just felt "done" with high jumping as there wasn't much left to prove. Later that year, Oregon State's School of Engineering offered Dick a chance to finish up his degree—with one catch—no high jumping. Dick focused his efforts and earned his B.S. in civil engineering technology in March 1972.

Dick moved to Ketchum, ID, where he later became owner of Galena Engineering and served as the president of the World



A Gold Medal moment as seen on Dick Fosbury's Instagram.

Olympian's Association. He has organized track camps and taught legions of kids how to flop. He has been an Olympic ambassador to the world and is enshrined in just about every Track and Field Hall of Fame. In 2018, he was elected as a county commissioner for Blaine County, ID.

Dick Fosbury didn't give up. Of every human being I ever met in this life, I have never known anybody who faced worse odds, with less support, but with more drive and determination than Dick Fosbury. I learned a life lesson from that kid and I have never forgotten it. I have always been proud to say that Oregon State's most famous athlete ever was my friend, my roommate: Dick Fosbury. And now, I can proudly say he is officially my brother in Theta Chi. ■



Initiating an Olympian

After moving back to Corvallis, Bryon Van Fleet did his best to stay connected to Sigma Chapter and was invited to formal dinners at the chapter house to share stories of Sigma's lore. During one dinner, he brought photos and shared stories about high jumpers Dick Fosbury and Steve Kelly and explained that although Dick had lived at the house for two years and was most certainly "one of the guys," he had not made grades, and was never initiated.

The collegiate brothers were impressed and amazed to learn Dick Fosbury was part of Sigma's history and dreamed up the idea that maybe the chapter could still initiate him. Van Fleet contacted Fosbury and "Fos got a kick out of the idea" so Sigma Chapter moved forward with their plans.

In April 2017, Fosbury returned to Oregon State to accept the OSU Alumni Association's prestigious E.B. Lemon Distinguished Alumni Award and plans were made for a side-stop at Theta Chi.

On the afternoon of April 21, Dick and Bryon arrived at the house. The initiation was held down in the chapter room with Sigma President Chris Coatu (2018) presiding over the ceremony. Van Fleet recalled, "During a solemn moment, just as Fos was about to finally become a brother, his cell phone rang. Dick was a bit embarrassed, but the guys exploded in laughter. It was hilarious and a very rich moment."

Chapter Vice President Dominic Fio (2019) requested permission to have the honor of pinning the Badge on Fosbury. "I took a lot of pride in that... it meant a lot to me," said Fio.

After the ceremony, the chapter, with the assistance of house parent Tracy Krevanko, hosted a reception in honor of Dick, complete with cake.

Krevanko recalled, "While we were in the living room, he told a great story about how he was never injured on the field while he was at OSU and the only time he got hurt was when he was goofing off in the living room."

Fos and Van Fleet gave a "late-1960s" tour of the chapter house, pointing out rooms they lived in, while stopping at others to share funny and moving stories. Fosbury discussed his training and what it was like to win the gold medal.

Brothers took selfies with Fos and gathered for a group photo at the front of the house before he had to leave. Fio recalled, "I remember he was very humble and down to earth. He almost seemed a little overwhelmed by all we did for him." Krevanko added, "Dick was generous with his time and signed pictures that the OSU 150 Project had printed of him high jumping at OSU. He was so kind and affable."

Van Fleet said, "The guys were just jazzed beyond belief. I had no end of fun watching them as they were so jacked up at what had just happened. I must admit my eyes were a bit wet thinking of all the good times I, too, had at this place with my friends, though it was 50 years ago."



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Finally initiated, Fos gathers with his new brothers at Sigma/Oregon State.



Fos shares the story of his injury while jumping over the chair in Sigma's living room. "Someone bet me I couldn't clear a stuffed leather chair. Not only did I lose the bet, I also broke my hand in the crash landing."



ABOVE: Carter Krevanko (2018) and Dick Fosbury post-initiation. Photo courtesy of Tracy Krevanko.

LEFT: Fos and then-Sigma Vice President Dominic Fio (2019). Fio's April 21, 2017, Instagram stated, "Today I pinned the Badge of Theta Chi on an Olympic legend, Dick Fosbury. What a great opportunity to meet the man who revolutionized the high jump and to now call him a brother."



Honoring an Olympian

On October 19, 2018, the day before the 50th Anniversary of his gold medal jump, Oregon State University dedicated and unveiled a bronze statue outside of the Dixon Recreation Center on campus.

Sculpted by Ellen Tykeson, the statue features two basalt columns that support a true-to-height depiction of Fosbury's jump of 7'4¼". The statue was unveiled at a special ceremony as part of Oregon State's 150th Anniversary 15-month-long celebration.

Former Sigma house parent Tracy Krevanko recalled, "Sigma Chapter was in force, wearing bright orange T-shirts featuring a high jumper logo and the words 'Dare To Jump'."

OSU President Ed Ray said Fosbury's innovation was a good representation for how the university and its students have moved the world forward.

As he humbly came to the podium, Fosbury said, "Seeing this is like standing on the podium at the Olympics, watching your flag go up, playing the national anthem and the emotions just roll over you, and you really don't know whether you can speak or not. I'm speechless, but I want to thank Oregon State University... and all of the people responsible for putting this together."

During his speech, Fos recognized Theta Chi and mentioned the shirts. Bryon Van Fleet said, "The guys whooped and hollered an appropriate amount as Brother Fosbury acknowledged them." Sigma Vice President Dominic Fio added, "We wanted to be respectful on his day and make sure the event was more about OSU and Fosbury's accomplishments than the Fraternity, so we held back. But when he mentioned that we were there, we couldn't help but give a very loud and echoing cheer that turned a lot of heads!"

During his remarks, Fosbury shared, "I was not an exceptional student. I was a barely eligible student that got my degree in civil engineering technology thanks to my professor... Because of my teammates on the track team and the students that I was here with, this was an amazing experience for me... For you students and student athletes: whatever you're studying—take the opportunities to learn. Broaden your education and your experience. Expand and enjoy your extracurricular activities... As an Olympian, we learn to train for life. It's about our body, our mind, and our spirit. Our body needs training to be able to live a long and happy life. Our mind needs to be trained to be able to control our emotions and learn how to behave. And our spirit that we've been given, is important to help to drive us and encourage us to find what our place is in the world."

Following the dedication, brothers gathered for photos with Fosbury, obtained copies of his book, and presented him with a T-shirt. Sigma held a reception at the chapter house for guests later that day.

Reflecting, Fio shared Sigma's pride of Fosbury and the statue. "The statue is in front of OSU's gym, so it's always a talking point with the guys going in and with newer initiates," he said. "It's one of those moments of pride: 'You see that guy? He's one of ours.'"



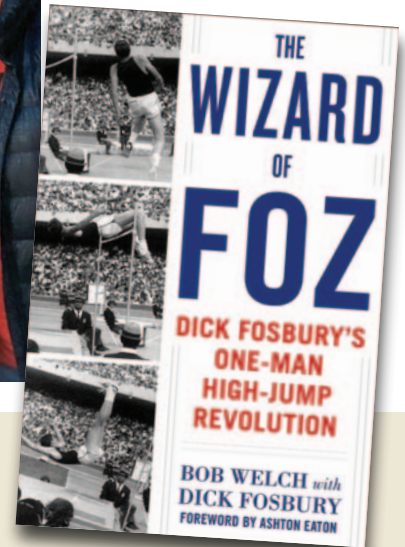
“...[and] here at Oregon State, I became a Theta Chi—(acknowledges the brothers cheering in the audience.)—with the ‘Dare to Jump’ T-shirts, that’s awesome!”

—Dick Fosbury.



Sigma celebrates Fos' statue dedication and presents a "Dare to Jump" T-shirt. (l-r): Nick Winetrout (2022), Martin Downs (2021), Fos (1972), Carson Smith (2020), Hasan Baquar (2021), Rob Altman (2021), Carter Krevanko (2018), and Cheryl Giblin (Sigma's chef).

Photo courtesy of Tracy Krevanko.



Fosbury's biography recounts his growth as an athlete and as a man. The Wizard of Foz is available at www.dickfosbury.com/shop/ or amazon.com.

Olympic Persistence

"I am convinced there is only one reason the recognition for Dick Fosbury exists today: Bryon Van Fleet," said Past *Rattle* Editor and classmate Ed Jacobson (Sigma/Oregon State 1967). "He was outraged that his former roommate, who won a gold medal in Mexico City, was not recognized by the Beaver Nation. He set out to do something about it and succeeded."

Sigma house parent Tracy Krevanko echoed, "After Bryon joined us for dinner at the house, we discussed how something should be done to recognize Dick Fosbury and wondered if it could coincide with the upcoming OSU 150th birthday celebration—which was starting in 10 months!"

Despite the challenge, Bryon was not deterred and started contacting OSU officials and cutting through the red tape. He relentlessly twisted arms, started a fundraising campaign, helped find the sculptor, and lobbied hard to get the statue's location as perfect as it could be—close to the site of OSU's old high jump pit where Dick had practiced and perfected his technique. He pushed to have all work completed in time for the 50th anniversary of Dick's gold medal flop.

Krevanko said, "It was a Herculean feat and Bryon takes little credit for how instrumental he was in accomplishing this to honor his Fraternity brother and his alma mater."

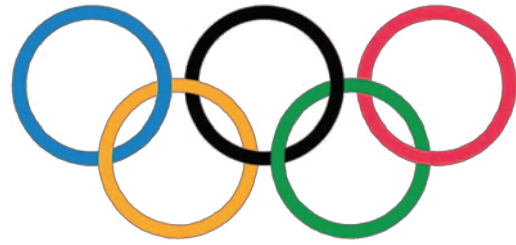
Dick Fosbury shared, "When I pledged Theta Chi my freshman year in 1965, Bryon was one of my 'Big Brothers', who helped guide us as "Rooks" to keep us studying, providing class resources, and providing discipline we needed away from home. He was also smart enough to let us have fun, play games, and tell stories to take the edge off of a challenging engineering curriculum. He is an exemplary Theta Chi brother!"

Roommates Reunited: Fos and Van Fleet. Photo courtesy Bryon Van Fleet
Inset Headshots: Beaver Yearbook Photographs, Oregon State University Special Collections and Archives Research Center, Corvallis, OR.





Photos from Dick Fosbury's Instagram. Follow Fos @dickfosbury68



Other Theta Chi Olympic Medal Winners from 1968 Summer Games

James E. Henry (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1970)
3 Meter Springboard (Bronze)

George Young (Beta Iota/Arizona 1959)
3000 Meter Steeplechase (Bronze)

Additional Theta Chi Olympic Medal Winners

Daniel Ayrault, Jr. (Alpha Epsilon/Stanford 1956)
Rowing (Gold, 1956 and 1960)

Peter Donlon (Mu/California 1929)
Rowing (Gold, 1928)

Michail M. Dorizas (Kappa/Pennsylvania 1916)
Competed for Greece
Stone Throw (Bronze, 1906 Intercalated Games)
Javelin (Silver, 1908)

James T. Fifer (Alpha Epsilon/Stanford 1952)
Rowing (Gold, 1956)

James Hunt (Beta Mu/Middlebury 1958)
Yachting (Gold, 1960)

H. Kent Mitchell, II (Alpha Epsilon/Stanford 1961)
Rowing (Bronze, 1960; Gold, 1964)

Jim Parque (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1998)
Baseball (Bronze, 1996)

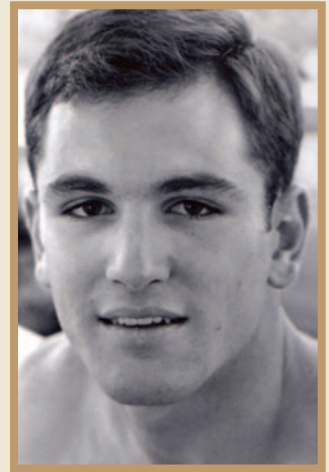


Coincidentally, The Rattle's Winter 1969 story on George Young ran this photo of him with fellow Arizona Wildcat Ed Caruthers, the High Jump Silver Medalist bested only by Dick Fosbury.





Jim Henry 3 Meter Springboard



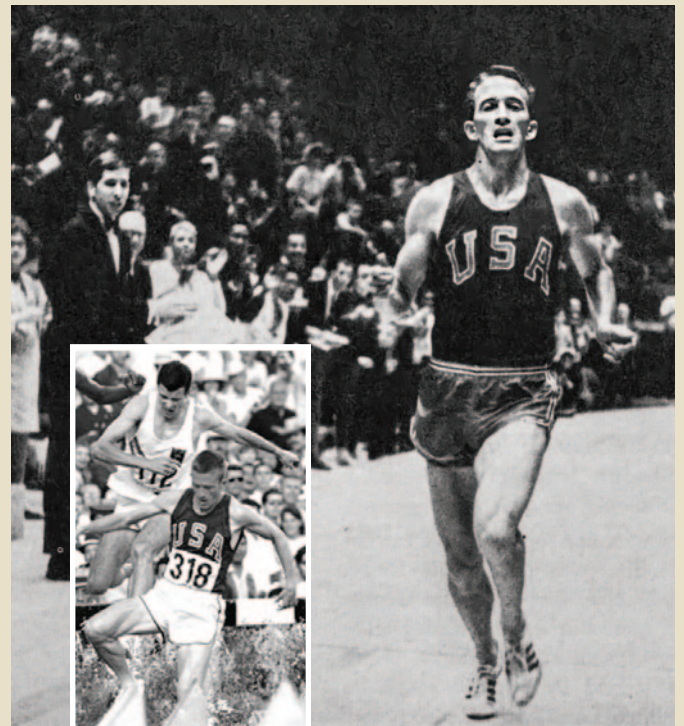
Former Alpha Iota/Indiana Chapter Secretary Jim Henry also won four Big 10 championships, five NCAA titles (in multiple events), and 10 AAU indoor and outdoor championships.



George Young 3000 Meter Steeplechase



Beta Iota/Arizona's George Young competed in four Olympics (1960–1972) and held several U.S. records in events ranging from the two mile to the 5000 meter race. Following his 1968 Bronze (inset), he set world records in the indoor two mile (8:27.2) and three mile (13:09.8; far right) events.





Resilient. Resourceful.

Bob Coughlin.

(Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH) 1983)

BY STEVE DAVIS (GAMMA KAPPA/MIAMI (OH) 1974)

Theta Chi brothers come in all shapes, sizes, and personalities. From among this diverse group of men, there are those who navigate their way through the obstacles placed before them and find a way to weather the storms of life before sailing into calm waters. Paycor Founder/Former CEO Bob Coughlin found his way to a better place. Let's take a look at the impact of Theta Chi on Bob's life through the lens of our Creed.

Born of sturdy manhood ...

Bob describes his early years as a middle-class upbringing with supportive parents who dealt with tremendous challenges. He grew up with two disabled sisters and they moved to Cincinnati so one could have surgeries that persisted for many years. The stress this placed on his parents led to health problems for both and a divorce during his senior year of high school. The family house was also sold that year. In summers between years at Miami, Bob had no place to call home and slept on a lot of floors and couches. There were no relatives in the area to help with the situation.

During his sophomore year, both parents were hospitalized and he was forced to drop out a semester to take care of the family as best he could. He made up for the lost semester by adding summer school classes to graduate in four years. His father had serious heart attacks with surgery performed many times. At the same time, Bob's mother developed mental illness and at times became homeless. Bob searched the streets of downtown Cincinnati looking for her and when he found her, she was in such poor condition he had to place her in the hospital. His father passed away from cancer at the age of 55 and his mother followed after a long battle with leukemia.

Today, Bob is the guardian for one of his sisters and does his best to support both.

Nurtured by Resolute Men...

Bob's description of Theta Chi is timeless: a house full of a lot of good guys from many different backgrounds who found a way to create a close brotherhood. While he helped out as much as he could at Theta Chi, he never held an office. He lived in the house for two years and then moved to a nearby apartment complex with eight other brothers during his senior year.

For Bob, Theta Chi was a respite during a time of a lot of family stress. He enjoyed the activities at the house, played in intramural sports, participated in Greek Week, and had a bunch of fun. He remembers worrying about having no money and working most of the time he was in college by delivering campus mail, working in the marketing department as a work study student, cooking and cleaning dishes at a restaurant, etc.

One year the chapter had a "fly me" party where the prize of a reverse raffle was a flight for two to Miami, FL, for the weekend. Bob had visited his father in the hospital the Friday before the raffle and joked as he told his dad if he won, he might not see him again until Monday. Having

his father and sister in the hospital and a mother with mental illness was always in the background during his collegiate years.

The night of the event, Bob won and the brothers took Bob and his date right to the airport after the party and the two spent the weekend in Florida. All these years later, Bob still suspects that a brother had pinned his name to the bottom of the hat so it would be the last one left, as the brothers knew what he was dealing with in caring for his ailing family.

Extols virtue, exacts harmony ...

During his junior year, Theta Chi won the all-campus basketball championship. After winning, a celebration commenced uptown despite the fact that three of the brothers had a statistics exam the next morning at 8 a.m. Fortuitously, their statistics teacher (and academic adviser) joined them and bragged about his skills, talents, and abilities in certain bar contests, so the brothers obliged and kept him occupied as long as they could. The following morning, Bob and his two cohorts dragged themselves off to the exam. When they arrived, they were informed by the teaching assistant that their professor could not make it to class for the test because he was "a little under the weather."

Resolute.

During a graduation celebration at a tavern with the brothers from his apartment, Bob recognized Aaron Pryor, who had just won the world welterweight boxing championship. They invited Pryor to a party at their apartment later that night—and he showed up! During the party, Bob asked him how he got into boxing and Pryor mentioned how fast he could run. After a few more drinks, Bob challenged Pryor to a 100-yard dash. The whole party went outside to watch. Even though he cheated by taking off for the finish line early, Bob still got smoked.



A builder of character...

Bob met his wife Jeanne at a Theta Chi powderpuff football party and the two formed a true partnership building their business, raising a family of four great kids, and creating an enviable prosperous life. Bob remains a devoted father and continues to spend countless hours attending his kids' activities. One fond memory was the time his son threw out the first pitch at a Cincinnati Reds game and Bob was behind home plate to catch it.

Enabled by high and sacred purpose...

Bob started Paycor with a small business loan and the idea that caring for his customers would lead to success. For 12 long years, it was a serious struggle. Bob and Jeanne got by and could keep the lights and heat on—but there was little left for personal savings. Had he stayed with his previous employer and moved up the corporate ladder, there would have been

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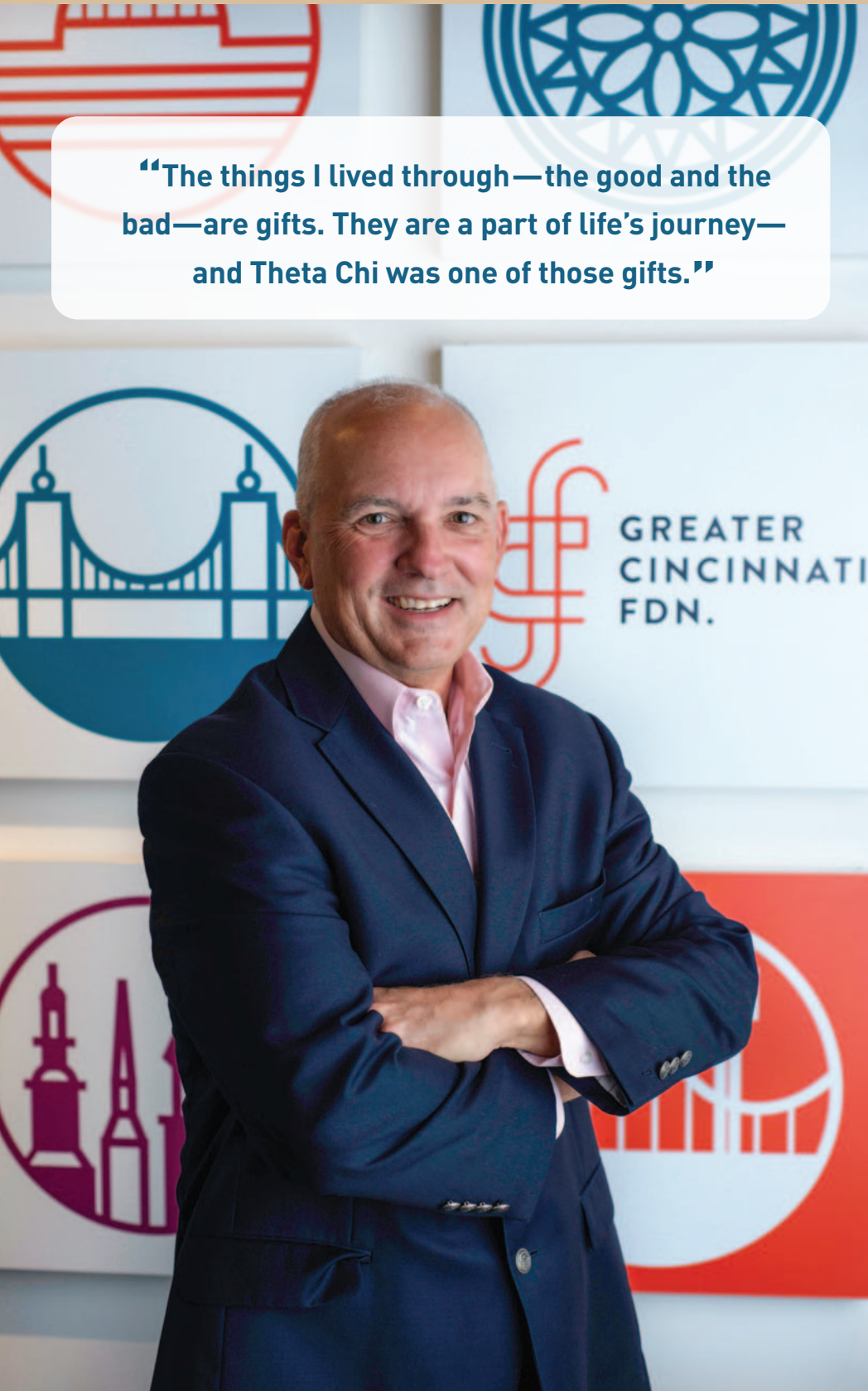
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1982/1983
senior photo



“The things I lived through—the good and the bad—are gifts. They are a part of life’s journey—and Theta Chi was one of those gifts.”



• CINCINNATI •



**FLYING PIG
MARATHON**

Bob Coughlin’s creation of Cincinnati’s Flying Pig Marathon may have ties to the Theta Chi Mile Relays that he developed for Gamma Kappa Chapter.

less financial angst. But the risk to strike out on his own finally paid off.

Determination, persistence, and sometimes working around the clock was what it took to create success. With a small business, there aren’t enough hours in the day and the money isn’t there to hire outside help. A very key element for success is the faith that it will be profitable if you make the needed sacrifice and do the right things. It paid off: within nearly three decades, Paycor grew to 1,800 employees and \$300 million dollars in sales.

Thereby serving my fellow-man ...

For more than 10 years, Bob served on the board of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden and the Flying Pig Marathon. During the pandemic, Bob gave financial support to these organizations and many others. In the ‘90s, four years after the start of Paycor, Coughlin created the Flying Pig Marathon as an annual charitable event taking place in downtown Cincinnati. Gamma Kappa brothers suspect that the idea for this marathon had its roots from Greek Week at Miami when Bob replaced an unpopular AOPie eating contest with the “Theta Chi Mile Relays.” While never a runner as a kid, his race against Aaron Pryor must have gotten Bob hooked on



Helping Hand: Through Bob Coughlin's charitable efforts in the Bahamas, Thane Maynard, director of the Cincinnati Zoo, speaks with students at St. Andrew's Anglican School. Bob is working with others to assist in establishing Moriah Harbour Cay National Park.

running. For an eight-year period, he ran in five NYC marathons and in 10 marathons overall. Though he has since switched to biking, he found the people and comradery that comes with participating in both types of events a big plus.

He and his wife have also focused on youth development by supporting inner city school initiatives and they support a mural painted by young artists in downtown Cincinnati. Bob belongs to several professional affiliations, including YPO (a global leadership community of extraordinary chief executives) and actively helps the Greater Cincinnati Foundation promote philanthropy to business owners with their succession plans.

Finally, there's "The Friends of Exuma." Jeanne's knack for finding nontraditional vacation spots was what led them to Exuma (365 cays in the Bahamas). Bob went above and beyond extending a Helping Hand when he established a nonprofit charity in Exuma, where the Coughlins now have a second home. Help is given in the form of food vouchers, rent assistance, utility assistance, conservation, and youth activities. The charity will also be supporting perma-

culture farming to benefit this local Bahamian community.

To perpetuate its ideals ...

Bob retired in 2019 after 29 years at Paycor to reach out and grab on to a new dream before it was too late and to continue to make a difference as a positive problem solver helping others. Bob has done a whole lot better handling his considerable personal challenges than most and thoughtfully said, "The things I lived through—the good and the bad—are gifts. They are a part of life's journey—and Theta Chi was one of those gifts." The tribulations made him realize things can always be worse and life has no guarantees. His difficulties also gave him empathy for people in need. His advice is to remain focused on what you need to accomplish and continue to strive to excel when trials come your way.

Inspires true friendship ...

As he began his career after college, Bob lived in Cincinnati with **Rob Shiff** (1983) one of his roommates from senior year. Later, he lived in a house with another roommate, **Scott Miller** (1982), who went

on to become his neighbor in Newport, KY, and is still serving on Paycor's board.

As happens to too many of us after graduation, Bob got involved with his new life and fell out of touch with the other brothers. When asked who he'd like to get in touch with the most, Bob said, "I miss all the brothers. I'd love to hear about their life journey and spend time with each one individually, without distractions."

This past January while in Tampa at the Super Bowl, Bob was true to his word and caught up with some brothers he hadn't seen since college. Bob shared, "It was amazing to realize almost 40 years had gone by! I regret not having connected sooner with the brothers... the payoff for renewing past fraternity friendships is priceless." ■

[Editor's Note: Brother Coughlin will be providing the keynote address at Gamma Kappa's reunion this fall. Gamma Kappa alumni are encouraged to contact the author, Steve Davis, at sdprowriter@gmail.com for more information.]



Have questions?

I'd be happy to speak with you at any time. You can reach me at 317-848-1856 or via email at jberghoff@thetachi.org.

Leave a Legacy

BY JOHN BERGHOFF, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Dear Brothers,

Theta Chi Fraternity owes its strength and success to countless brothers who have labored for its welfare since 1856. Every day, our beloved brotherhood enriches the lives of men on college campuses across North America. Since 1953, the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. has provided leadership experiences, scholarship opportunities, and fraternal bonding for our men.

We can support Theta Chi beyond our lifetime by providing our future brothers the resources to lead us forward. Please consider adding Theta Chi as part of your estate. Theta Chi's Legacy Society is a collection of men who have a vision for a perfect brotherhood to grow and thrive. These brothers cherish their Theta Chi experience and selflessly desire to see the ideals and friendships of this Fraternity live on forever. These men will truly leave a Legacy for Theta Chi.

By making a planned gift, you'll be joining brothers in the Legacy Society, including giants within Theta Chi who have joined the Chapter Eternal such as...

Howard R. Alter, Jr. (Omega/Penn State 1941)
Sherwood Blue (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1926)
Dr. P. Alan Bulliner (Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1965)
Willis P. Lanier (Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 1927)
Earl D. Rhodes (Delta/RPI 1921)
Dale A. Slivinske (Gamma Sigma/Duke 1968)

... as well as these members who recently made their commitment to leave a legacy:

Hon. Dennis A. Cardoza (Alpha Psi/Maryland 1981)
Gary E. Elmore (Eta Kappa/James Madison 1969)
Royce A. Keehr (Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls 1988)
Cory C. Loveless (Phi/North Dakota State 2012)
W. Nicholas Nolf (Alpha Rho/Washington 2003)
Nicholas J. Osenberg (Delta Omega/Ripon 2011)
Carl V. Raysin (Eta Phi/Oakland 2003)
Thomas N. Thompson (Rho/Illinois 1998)

Here are some common ways to leave a legacy. How will you be remembered?

Bequest a Will

By making a will, you appoint your own administrator; you minimize applicable taxes; you can create a family or charitable trust; and you can share your resources with your family, fraternity, or other organizations as you choose. A bequest in a will can take the form of a set amount of money, a percentage of an estate, a specific asset, a trust, or the naming of the Fraternity as a contingent beneficiary.

Sample language for including Theta Chi Fraternity in your estate might be:

"I give, devise, and bequeath (state amount, asset, or percentage of the estate) to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. (Tax ID: 21-4014559) to be used in the area of greatest need as the Foundation Chapter Board of Directors deem appropriate."

Beneficiary and Life Income Gifts

Naming the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. as a primary or secondary beneficiary for various retirement accounts will provide meaningful support for our future brothers. For an IRA, 401(k), TIAA-CREF account, and many other types of retirement accounts, you can often go online

to your account and name the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. as a beneficiary. Beneficiary designations and “transfer on death” accounts may be handled outside of the probate process; they are often distributed before the assets in the will—a much simpler and quicker process than waiting for the entire estate to settle.

Appreciated IRAs can be one of the costliest assets to transfer to heirs. Even if the estate doesn’t hit the minimum for paying estate tax, IRAs may be a tax-deferred asset, meaning that your heirs may get hit with a big income tax bill in the year they receive the inheritance. It may be better to leave the remainder of the IRA, and other tax-deferred assets, to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. Consult a tax adviser for details.

Gifts of Real Estate, Appreciated Securities, and Gifts of Life Insurance and Retirement Accounts

Life insurance is another way to make a sizeable gift to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi. For example:

1. You can purchase a new policy and make the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. the owner and beneficiary of the policy. This enables you to “leverage” your gift, ultimately making a much larger gift than otherwise possible.
2. You can make the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. the owner and beneficiary of an existing policy. Contributions to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. to pay the ongoing premiums may be tax deductible. The current value of the policy may also be tax deductible, as are future premium payments.
3. You can make the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. a contingent beneficiary of an existing policy or name the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. to receive the proceeds of the policy if the designated beneficiaries predecease the insured. Also, the remainder value of many retirement accounts can be heavily taxed when left to friends and family but may pass tax-free to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. upon your passing.

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Fraternally,



John

PS: Please make your gift today by using the envelope provided in the center of this issue or by visiting thetachi.org/give!



Going once, going twice, SOLD!

Foundation Chapter Auction

BY EMMA MACDOUGALL,
PROJECT MANAGER

Due to the positive response and success of our inaugural auction during 2018’s 162nd Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas, the Foundation Chapter will be hosting another live auction during Justify Theta Chi—this summer’s 165th Anniversary Celebration event. The auction will be facilitated by licensed auctioneer Fred Wiese (Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls 1992).

There will again be a variety of prizes and price ranges available for bidding. Smaller items include special Theta Chi commemorative items while larger items consist of experiences such as a boat cruise on the Potomac River, a fishing trip, a hunting trip, college football games and other sporting events, etc. Many of the experiences will be hosted by Theta Chi brothers and will be a great chance for brothers to get to know one another, share stories and experiences, and create memories together.

The Foundation Chapter will accept early bidding for items at the auction. Look for promotions of auction items on Theta Chi social media.

For early bidding or if you are interested in donating an item or experience for this or future auctions, please contact Auction Chair Dave May at 612-961-2889.



Del Calzo

My Baseball Story

BY WESLEY K. WICKER, ED.D., PRESIDENT, NORWICH HOUSING CORPORATION

Nick Del Calzo (Gamma Mu/Bowling Green 1960) is a best-selling author and award-winning photographer who is gifting the royalties of his next book to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi. Nick is asking for your help: He wants your Baseball Story!

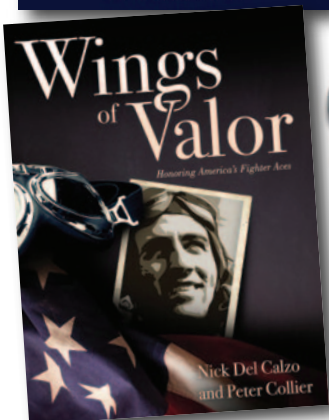
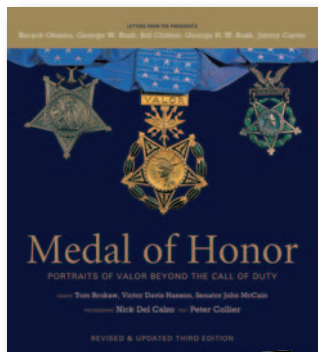
Baseball is part of the fabric of America. Every boy has a baseball story, whether it was playing in Little League or going to his first Major League game with his dad. Nick is inviting you to tell *your* story.

Theta Chi will receive the royalties from the book sales. Brother Del Calzo has graciously decided to contribute the royalties of *My Baseball Story* to the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi, Inc.

"It's my legacy gift to the Fraternity," Brother Del Calzo commented. "I had such a great fraternity experience as an undergraduate. Many years later, I was asked to speak at the 150th Anniversary Convention. It was such an honor and a pleasure that I decided to give back to the Fraternity one day in some meaningful way."

Nick Del Calzo is the author of three other non-fiction works: *The Triumphant Spirit*, stories of Holocaust Survivors, *Medal of Honor*, *Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty*; and *Wings of Valor—Honoring America's Fighter Aces*. His three works have sold more than 400,000 copies.

Coincidentally, Nick's editor is one of his pledge brothers—Larry Kauffman (Gamma Mu/Bowling Green 1960)!



Brother Del Calzo spent much of his career in the newspaper business and as a founder/owner of a public relations firm. He worked for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and later on the Viking Mars Lander program for Martin-Marietta Corporation. He owned and managed his own public relations firm for 17 years, prior to becoming an award-winning photographer and best-selling author.

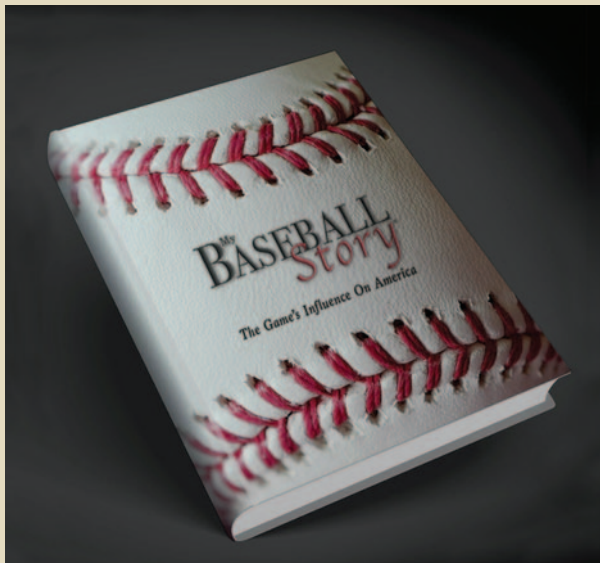
The book is dedicated to the late Peter Collier, an astonishing and gifted author, who passed away November 2019. He was the inspiration for this book. The following text reflects his vision and passion for baseball:

This commemorative book on baseball reinforces the game's historical status as our national pastime. Much has happened to our world. COVID-19 has gripped our country. There's been too much political strife and division in our society. I believe it's a good time for a big and beautiful book, featuring the hopes and desires of the fans who have continued to love baseball through good and bad times.

Baseball is so much a part of our history: Soldiers played baseball at times when the guns were silent during the Civil War. Immigrants arriving in the U.S. at the turn of the century learned to love it, just as they learned to love and be part of this country. Burrowing into our history, baseball became part of the linkage between generations—"fathers playing catch with sons," as poet Donald Hall wrote of the fabric of our national life. Presidents have inaugurated baseball's new seasons for nearly a century.

While basketball and football have challenged baseball's supremacy over the last 50 years, neither has the possibility of becoming part of American mythology in the same way as baseball.

Baseball fans are a breed apart. Their dedication shows why the root word of "fan," in fact is "fanatic." Baseball addicts fans because it's a game of statistics to be memorized and argued about; a game whose historical epochs are to be analyzed and whose players are to be compared; and a game whose past is always prologue to its present. More than its competitors, baseball always has belonged to the fan: Generations of kids who saw their first game as part of a "knothole gang"; who played the game themselves in sandlots or on crowded city streets where manhole covers served as bases; and who maintained their loyalties to teams and players in later years as a way of keeping faith with the dreams they once dreamed in their younger years.



Submit your baseball story at:
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Visit www.MyBaseballStory.com to submit an intro to your story, up to 500 words. A juried panel will select the Top 200 stories for his book. Selected storytellers will be asked to further develop their story and submit photographs—one of you today, and one of you at the time of the story (if possible).

This book will put the focus back on the fan, where it belongs. It will function as a sort of trip's log of where we've been as a culture. It also will be a journey through the nation's dreams. It will show people in the midst of their active lives thinking about baseball, what it means generally and what it specifically means to them. These are people who hold onto their dreams and have refused to let baseball die.

The completed product will be a coffee-table book. As envisioned, it will be a photographic/short-essay publication that poses the question to people of all walks of life—"What does baseball mean to me?" Designed to capture the transcendent qualities unique to baseball, this book will feature several uncommon elements that will contribute to its appeal to a wide audience.

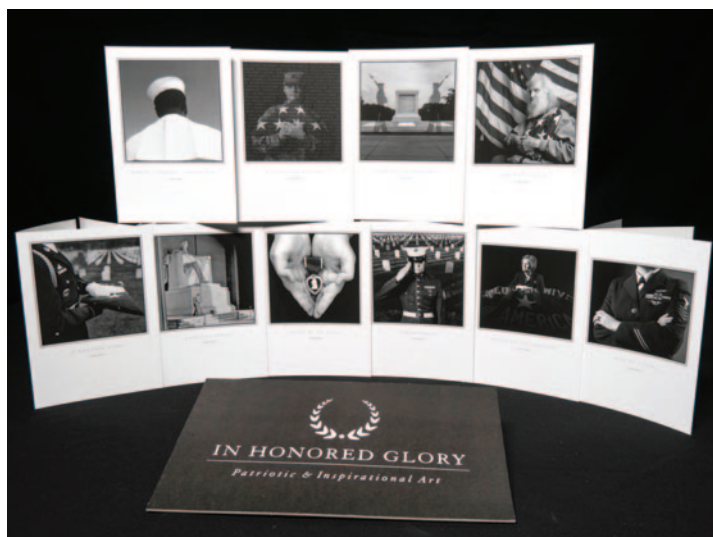
The stories will be from a cross section of men and women reflecting a wide and unusual range of fan interest—from average individuals who have made baseball a central focus of their lives to prominent and notable Americans whose passion for the game is legendary. We anticipate uncovering hundreds of riveting and informative narratives.



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Del Calzo's In Honored Glory honors America's heroes and spirit of freedom.



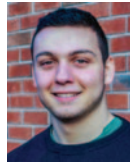
EPSILON KAPPA/Idaho's Gregory Reyes (2021) is crowned Homecoming King.



GAMMA CHI/Randolph-Macon brothers shave their heads to raise more than \$4,000 for Stand Up To Cancer. **RIGHT: ETA CHI/George Mason** brothers help install 149 lights around campus to improve the safety of students.

EPSILON/WPI

Ardavasd Ardhdaldjian (2022) was elected President of IFC. He is a Data Science major and the VP of the Armenian Student Association.



NU/HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

Tyler Puhlick (2021), **Bjore Samard** (2021), and **Brennan Vaught** (2021) were inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa.

ALPHA LAMBDA/OHIO STATE

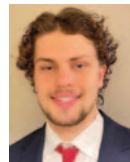
During BuckeyeThon, 64 members participated and helped us raise over \$8,600 for the Nationwide Children's Hospital.

ALPHA PHI/ALABAMA

John Connell (2021), **Matthew Randel** (2021), **Hunter Scott** (2021), and **Brett Tomlinson** (2021) were inducted into Order of Omega. John Connell and Hunter Scott were also initiated into the 107th class of Jason's Senior Men's Honorary. **CJ Pearson** (2024) was nominated to represent the Georgia Electoral College for the 2020 election, making him the youngest member of the Electoral College in American history. **Andrew Weisenfeld** (2023) was elected Secretary of the Alabama IFC.

BETA ZETA/MICHIGAN STATE

We collected more than \$400 in food donations for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. **Henry Cramer** (2023) was elected VP of Programming for IFC.



BETA RHO/ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

We had the highest GPA of all fraternities for the fall 2020 semester, which included 29 brothers making the dean's list.

BETA PHI/NEVADA

We raised \$1,639 for the Renown Children's Hospital.

BETA PSI/PRESBYTERIAN

We volunteered at Lauren's County Trail Association as a part of MLK Service Day.

GAMMA NU COLONY/NEW MEXICO STATE

Xavier Dominguez (2024) was named by PBS Newshour Student Reporting Labs as one of the 20 under 20 storytellers of the year.



GAMMA PI/BUFFALO

We raised over \$300 for the USO.

GAMMA RHO/FLORIDA STATE

We partnered with ZTA to raise over \$2,000 for Toys for Tots of Tallahassee.

GAMMA TAU/DRAKE

Evan Del Carmen (2022) was elected VP of Recruitment and **Jake Lamont** (2022) was elected Executive VP of IFC.

GAMMA PHI/NEBRASKA WESLEYAN

We achieved a grade point average of 3.55 for the fall 2020 semester, with 11 brothers having a 4.0. **Said Mendez** (2022) was named fall 2020 Athletic Training Student of the Semester.

GAMMA CHI/RANDOLPH-MACON

Conor Brennan (2022) earned the ECAC Player of the Fall Season Award for Rocket League.

DELTA PI/INDIANA STATE

During Indiana State's FSL Leadership Awards ceremony, we were recognized with awards for Academic Achievement; Excellence in Operations and Administration; Excellence in Council Leadership;



ETA GAMMA/Morehead Brother **Luke Kirk** is crowned Homecoming King.

and Campus Involvement. **Jack Keimig** (2023) was elected VP of Marketing & Public Relations for IFC.

EPSILON KAPPA/IDAHO

For the fifth consecutive semester, we had the highest GPA of all IFC fraternities.



My Smile Is on Bags of Lay's Potato Chips. Here's How I Got There.

BY BRADY HISHMEH (ETA/RHODE ISLAND 2020)

In early February, I received a much unexpected email.

Operation Smile's own Jennifer McKendree—who runs Student Programs—was reaching out to share some exciting news. If you aren't familiar, for the past three years, Lay's has changed the packaging on their bags of potato chips to feature the smiling faces of individuals in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Operation Smile. This year, just like the last, Lay's wanted to feature individuals who brought smiles to their communities on the bags, and Jennifer had written explaining that my contributions to Operation Smile's student programs had led them to choose me as one of the "Lay's Smilers." Overwhelmed with both excitement and curiosity, I wrote back expressing the honor and humility I felt in accepting this nomination.



Hishmeh shares his smile.

As a student volunteer of around seven years, I have found myself involved in Operation Smile as often and in as many ways as I could.

My journey started when I attended the International Student Leadership Conference (ISLC) in Limerick, Ireland, where my love and admiration for Operation Smile was born. Having been born with a bilateral cleft lip and palate myself, I found a new world of acceptance and understanding there. I knew then that I wanted to do anything and everything I could to contribute and give back to this incredible organization.

In doing this, I founded a fundraising club at my high school and attended each ISLC for my years in high school as a member of the Student Leaders team. At these conferences, I noticed a number of attendees with cleft conditions. In 2015 in San Diego, with much-appreciated assistance from the founder of Student Programs, Brigette Clifford, we organized a luncheon to gather participants with cleft conditions.

At this meeting, there were seven of us in attendance. The following year in Los Angeles, 12 participants had cleft conditions.

And then at ISLC 2017 in Italy, something magical happened that became one of my fondest memories with Operation Smile.

I had been slotted into the schedule to speak to the conference as a whole about my experience growing up and living with a cleft condition. The day before my presentation and our annual luncheon—this time with more participants than ever—I came to a realization.

My story was only a small fraction of the experiences to be had with cleft conditions. I asked our group if they would feel comfortable joining me on stage for a question-and-answer panel in order to represent a larger portion of the population with cleft conditions. Following their excited acceptance, I hastily edited my presentation to the bare-bones stories and descriptions of surgeries. The panel after my presentation is easily one of my happiest and most emotional memories of my life.

While this was the final ISLC I would attend, I am incredibly excited to know that the panel has continued each and every ISLC following Italy. While my contributions may have led to a nomination for Lay's Smilers program, I believe that I have only ever done what each and every Operation Smile volunteer has and continues to do: anything they can to support and help this wonderful and beautiful group of people dedicated to changing the world for the better.



Hishmeh (top right) connects with friends at ISLC.

EPSILON MU/ EASTERN MICHIGAN

We were crowned 2020 Greek Week Champions.

ETA GAMMA/MOREHEAD

Luke Kirk (2021) was crowned Homecoming King. We donated food to families in need through the Rowan County Youth Service Center.

ETA PHI/OAKLAND

Kyle Gross (2021) was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.



ETA PSI/UAB

Brandon Woodard (2022) graduated basic training and advanced individual training.

IOTA ETA/PACIFIC

Connor Lemmon (2021) was elected IFC President.

IOTA THETA/ CENTRAL FLORIDA

Jake Vazquez (2022) was elected President and **Yaniv Ovadia** (2022) was elected VP of Judicial for IFC.

IOTA KAPPA/ NORTHERN ARIZONA

Andrew Nettels (2022) was elected Vice President of IFC.



PSI/Wisconsin's Miles Brengle (2021) donates stem cells to give the gift of life.

Gift of Life

BY NICK HOKE, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Founded in 1991, the Gift of Life Marrow Registry is a public bone marrow registry in the United States that is dedicated to saving lives by facilitating bone marrow and blood stem cell transplants for patients suffering from nearly 100 diseases, including blood cancer, immune disorders, and sickle cell. Every year, they try to help facilitate matches in bone marrow throughout the country that help those fighting these horrendous diseases.

In September 2018, the Gift of Life team stopped by Psi/Wisconsin's weekly chapter meeting and handed out swab kits so brothers could provide a sample from their inner cheek. Psi Chapter was told that members would be notified if anyone was a match.

Fast forward to August 2020. **Miles Brengle** (2021) received a call from Gift of Life. He was a match with a woman in her late 30s with Hodgkin Lymphoma. Right away, Miles knew he wanted to donate his stem cells. "My brother went through this process with his fraternity and proceeded with the donation. I already knew I wanted to donate, but being familiar with the process made it that much easier to say yes."

In four months, Miles was flown to Boca Raton, FL, for a week. To prep for the donation, an in-home nurse visited twice a day to administer shots of Neupogen to facilitate the process of releasing stem cells from bone marrow into the bloodstream.

The six-hour donation process took place on the fifth day when an IV was inserted into each arm. Blood was drawn from one arm and ran through a machine that separated the stem cells from the blood. Once it went through the machine, the blood was returned to the body through the other arm. Brengle shared that it took him about a week to fully recover from the donation—he had mild side effects such as muscle aches and headaches.

Brother Brengle recently graduated, double majoring in economics and environmental studies. When asked about how it felt to donate, he stated, "It felt good. It's an incredible feeling knowing that you're literally saving someone's life."

Thank you, Miles, for epitomizing the true definition of an Assisting Hand.

For more information on Gift of Life Marrow Registry, and to get swabbed yourself, check out giftoflife.org.



IOTA OMICRON/FIU

Three members were elected to IFC: **Bryan Gomez** (2023), VP of Administration; **Andrew Sachs** (2023), VP of Membership Development and Scholarship; and **Maverick Weidenbaum** (2022), VP of Membership Recruitment. **Nick Callison** (2021) was named Homecoming Prince, **Marcio Lau** (2023) was crowned Homecoming Duke, and **Rafael Vazquez** (2021) was crowned Homecoming King.

IOTA SIGMA/TOWSON

Mark Fulton (2022) was elected VP of Programming and **Lucas Villareale** (2022) was elected VP of Recruitment for IFC.

IOTA TAU/ NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Will Knipper (2022) was selected as VP of Standards/Risk for IFC.

IOTA PHI/SOUTH CAROLINA

Evan Kang (2021) was selected to be an active-duty infantry officer.

KAPPA BETA/ LONG ISLAND-POST

We collected 659 canned goods through our Thanksgiving food and hygiene drive for RockCanRoll.

KAPPA GAMMA/ NORTH FLORIDA

Alex Anderson (2022) was selected as VP of Standards for IFC.



IOTA THETA/Central Florida participates in the UCF Greek Council toy drive for the Boys and Girls Club.

LONG ISLAND-BROOKLYN COLONY

Jadore Mattis (2014) was awarded the Advanced Practice Student Nurse of the Year Award by the Greater New York City Black Nurses Association.



Emerging From the Basement

BY ALAN SHTRAHMAN (ALPHA TAU/OHIO 2022)

Over winter break, **Lucas Reynolds** (2022), **Ethan Rosenberger** (2022), and **Alan Shtrahman** (2022) embarked on a month-long project to completely renovate the chapter house basement into a home movie theater/entertainment room. First they removed all trash and random items, tore up old carpets, and then laid down self-leveling concrete to make the floor even. Alan laid down ceramic tile on half the room and hardwood flooring on the other half. Meanwhile, Lucas and Ethan took down all the walls in the room. New drywall was cut, installed, and painted with the Fraternity colors. Next, a television was mounted on the wall and a bar area was built near the back. Finally, the men procured some furniture from Goodwill and took it downstairs, completing the room in around three weeks. Working 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week was an amazing brotherhood bonding experience for them since they did not have much prior remodeling experience. The brothers relied on teamwork to solve problems, truly symbolizing our motto of An Assisting Hand. Plans are underway to continue future upgrades and remodeling projects involving the entire chapter to further develop bonds of brotherhood.

Stratodyne Soars Thanks to Iota Mu Seniors

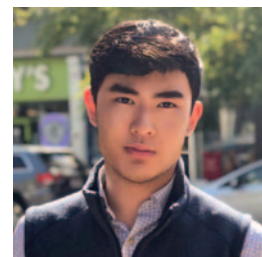
BY BRYCE EDMONDSON (IOTA MU/MISSOURI 2021)

Ed Ge (2021) and **Bryce Edmondson** (2021) co-founded St. Louis-based Stratodyne, a venture-based startup that uses high-altitude balloons to capture detailed image datasets for machine learning. By using balloons, Stratodyne can capture images with lower cost and better detail than traditional methods that use drones or satellites.

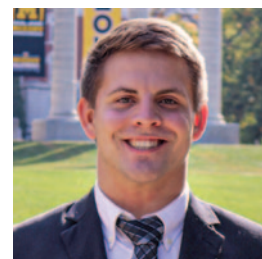
Since starting July 2020, Stratodyne has been mentioned in *Forbes*, won a grant from the St. Louis Arch Grants, participated in Alchemist Accelerator, and secured investment from a major venture capital firm in the San Francisco Bay area.

Initially developed to help farmers predict yield and detect crop disease, Stratodyne is scaling its applications into the broader geospatial market with hopes and plans to supply data to the Department of Defense and large enterprise companies like Google Maps and L3Harris.

During their startup journey, Ed and Bryce recalled lessons instilled in them by older members of the Fraternity to be creative, open-minded, and to focus on leadership. Thanks to their Theta Chi experience, Ed and Bryce have formed a diverse team that develops cutting edge technology that will benefit the local community.



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Two Theta Chis Tapped for Forbes List



Each year, *Forbes* honors the top 30 individuals under the age of the 30 who are making significant impacts on their industry. In 2021, Theta Chi was represented by two brothers in two different fields. The healthcare category featured EnsoData cofounder **Chris Fernandez** (Psi/Wisconsin 2014). EnsoData uses artificial intelligence to diagnose medical conditions. **Fabrice Guerrier** (Gamma Rho/Florida State 2013) and his company, Syllble, were recognized in Art & Style. Syllble is a sci-fi and fantasy production house.



EPSILON/WPI

Alex Caracappa (2016) and his company, Draft Top, were featured on the February 12 episode of ABC's *Shark Tank*.



ZETA/NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cam Kenney (2018) was reelected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives for District 6.



TAU/FLORIDA

Jason Brodeur (1997) was elected to District 9 of the State Senate of Florida.

PHI/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

After a decade at Microsoft and 343 Industries working on the Halo franchise, **Joel Gifford** (2009) is now working at Epic Games as a producer on the Fortnite team.

ALPHA DELTA/PURDUE

Former LEC **Jimmy Cox** (2009) was elected to District 1 of the Westfield Washington School District (IN).

ALPHA IOTA/INDIANA

EJ Tolentino (1998) was named the Sr. Vice President of Finance for the Indianapolis Colts.



ALPHA UPSILON/NEBRASKA

Colten Zamrzla (2016) received the Young Professional of the Year award from the Lincoln (NE) Independent Business Association.

ALPHA CHI/SYRACUSE

Peter Choi (2019) was tapped as an inaugural member of Syracuse's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs Alumni Ambassador Program.

ALPHA PSI/MARYLAND

Chris Meinig (1988) was a part of the group recognized with the Department of Commerce's 2020 Ron Brown Excellence in Innovation Award. His team at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration completed a 13,670-mile mission around Antarctica using an Autonomous Surface Vehicle (sail drone) that provided innovative information about the role of the Southern Ocean in the global carbon budget.



BETA ALPHA/UCLA

Dr. Tom McCoy (1991) was named superintendent of the Oxnard Union High School District (CA).



GAMMA MU/BOWLING GREEN

Mark West (1990) was appointed the interim associate director and entrepreneur in residence of the Paul J. Hooker Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership at BGSU.



GAMMA RHO/FLORIDA STATE

Joe Gruters (2001) was reelected to the Florida State Senate District 23. He previously served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2016 to 2018.



GAMMA TAU/DRAKE

Michael Rohl (2013) was elected to South Dakota State Senate District 1.



GAMMA TAU *continued*

Raymond Starks (2016) was appointed to the Marshalltown, IA, City Council as first ward council representative.



GAMMA PHI/NEBRASKA WESLEYAN

Ryan Post (2008) was appointed by the governor of Nebraska to be the next Lancaster County district court judge.



DELTA KAPPA/Ball State's Scott Adkins (2006) is recognized in Nashville Business Journal's 40 under 40.



LEFT: **EPSILON TAU**/ Stephen F. Austin's **James Miller** (2011) is named 2019 Manager of the Year for The Bellevue Hotel in Philadelphia, part of The Unbound Collection by Hyatt. Miller was previously named Manager of the Year in 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines in Austin, TX.

ALPHA ETA/North Carolina's Peter Hans (1991) is elected by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to serve as president of the University of North Carolina system. He previously served as the ninth president of the North Carolina Community College system as well as on the State Board of Community Colleges (1997–2003) and the UNC Board of Governors (2003–2015).



Coaching Legend Leaves Lasting Footprint on New England Baseball

In September 1965, North Reading High School (MA) hired **Frank Carey** (Eta/Rhode Island 1965) to teach science. Three years later, he was handed the reins to the school's baseball program. While most expected Carey to have a successful coaching career, they probably didn't expect it to be one of the finest high school baseball coaching careers in the country.

Carey retired in 2014 after leading the baseball team for 46 years. He'd won a state record 736 games and five state championships. He was elected to the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame and was named National High School Coach of the Year in 2012. Some of his other accolades include:

- Lifetime 73%-win percentage
- Named District One New England Coach of the Year 7 times
- Only coach to win state titles in Division 1, Division 2, and Division 3
- Member of the National Baseball Coaches Association, North Reading High School and St. Mary's High School Halls of Fame

At his retirement party, Carey explained that, "I never got into coaching with the thought of winning 100 games or a state championship. I got into coaching because I had high school coaches who helped me along the way. I wanted to help kids get into college and direct them and to help them become the best baseball players they could become. I wanted to help these kids indirectly with life's lessons."



DELTA XI/VALPARAISO

Dr. Michael Allen (2006) was named the 2020 Elementary Principal of the Year (North Cook Region) by the Illinois Principals Association.



EPSILON GAMMA/WIDENER

Hunter Tower (2014) was appointed to the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.



DELTA RHO/NC STATE

Frank Williams (1993) was re-elected to another term on the Brunswick County (NC) Board of Commissioners.



EPSILON SIGMA/WAGNER

Matt Stanisci (2017) was elected to the Green Brook Township Committee (NJ).



DELTA EPSILON/ARIZONA STATE

Steve Kaiser (2003) was elected state representative for Arizona's 15th District.



ZETA EPSILON/LONG BEACH STATE

Ernie Paulson (1993) was the recipient of the 2021 Drum Major for Justice Award, which is presented by the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. **Steven Spielberg** (1969) was announced as the 2021 Genesis Prize Laureate.



DELTA OMEGA/RIPON

A documentary has been released about the life of former Hollywood press agent **David Mirisch** (1959).





Gainesville community donates to help with Suzette Riggins' medical expenses

Tau brothers lend An Assisting Hand to former House Cook

[Editor's Note: The following January 6, 2021, story by WCJB TV20 has been reprinted with permission.]

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (WCJB) - A community in north central Florida is donating money to help a woman that has fed hundreds of people throughout the years.



Gainesville Police Department's Public Information Officer **Graham Glover** (Tau/Florida 1996) created a GoFundMe page to help cover the medical expenses for Suzette Riggins. Riggins, 66, was recently diagnosed and hospitalized with COVID-19 and is in the ICU. Riggins has worked at the Reichert House Youth Academy as a cook for the past 15 years.



Graham Glover (Tau/Florida 1996)

Glover said he met Riggins in the fall of 1992 as a freshman at UF and she served as a cook for the Theta Chi Fraternity for decades at the University of Florida serving hundreds of young men and families every year.

"The brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity Tau Chapter wanted to reach out and to help a woman who did so much for so many of us when we were undergraduates here at UF," Glover said.

The goal was initially set at \$20,000 and has grown to \$25,000.

Glover said he wants the opportunity for anyone to donate to remain open.

"We're just going to keep this open as long as we can and hopefully be able to get her as much support as we can," Glover said. "It's just a small token of our love and appreciation for this mom who's taken care of college students and also the youth here in Gainesville."

Gainesville Police Department's program coordinator and former teacher at the Reichert House Youth Academy, Sharla Head-Jones, shared the times she spent with Riggins. Head-Jones said her relationship with Riggins was a mother-daughter relationship for 10 years. Head-Jones met Riggins in 2010 when she was hired as a family liaison specialist for the Reichert House Youth Academy.

"I've gotten to know her really closely these last few years," Head-Jones said. "She is more than deserving for every dollar that is being raised right now."

Head-Jones said family and friends were planning a birthday for Riggins Dec. 13 but were not able to do so. She said the GoFundMe has exceeded what they had hoped to do and thanked those who donated.

"Having served hundreds of young men from Theta Chi to the Reichert House Youth Academy and their families," Head-Jones said. "It is just really amazing how everyone has come together for this such deserving jewel and angel in our community."

Head-Jones also mentioned that the fraternity's house kitchen and dining hall are named after Riggins in honor for her service.

The GoFundMe has received over \$20,000 to help Riggins. "Let's keep extending a helping hand to her, keep helping her," Glover said. "Thank you all for doing so much to help a woman that we love and it means so very much to us."

[Editor's Note: As of press time, the GoFundMe effort has raised more than \$28,000.]



ZETA RHO/KENTUCKY

Former Director of Recruitment and Expansion **Taylor Dahlem**



(2015) and his startup company, Pickle, were selected for Y Combinator's Winter 2021 batch.

Two times a year, this Silicon Valley-based accelerator hand picks the most promising startups in the world to fund.

ZETA SIGMA/ WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS

Former LEC **Kyle Weaver** (2004) was named 2019 Barbershopper of the Year by the Great Northern Union Chorus.

ZETA OMEGA/ WEST CHESTER

Steve Brenoskie (2006) is now commander of the 45th Security Forces Squadron which is responsible for security and law enforcement on Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Station in Florida.

ETA GAMMA/MOREHEAD

Rodney Creech (1999) was elected state representative for District 43 of Ohio.





GAMMA XI/San Jose State's **Ed Attanasio** (1979) establishes the "Pandemic Pet Project," an art campaign designed to raise money for animal shelters around the world. In just four months, he raises more than \$25,000.



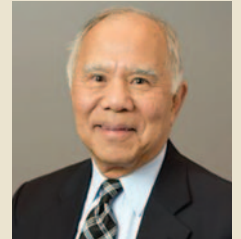
ZETA PSI/Western Illinois' **Mike Wagner** (1971) is inducted into the Pittsburgh Steelers Hall of Honor.



ETA BETA/Eastern Kentucky's **Andy Pollard** (2005) is a part of the NFL Films team that captured Super Bowl LV.

Beta Rho Alumnus Evaluates COVID-19 Vaccine

Jon Suzuki, D.D.S., Ph.D. (Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan 1968) was recently appointed to the Food and Drug Administration's Immunology Devices Panel and Medical Advisory Committee which is responsible for evaluating the COVID-19 vaccine applications, interpreting the vaccine clinical trial data, and ultimately approving the vaccines for use.



Prof. Suzuki is a world-renowned immunologist and is one of the most published academicians in medicine and dentistry. He has published more than 200 papers, chapters, and symposia, 200 abstracts, and one textbook in Medical Technology. He holds Clinical Professorships at the University of Maryland, the University of Washington, and Nova Southeastern University. He is also on the faculty of the U.S. Navy Walter Reed National Medical Center.

No stranger to the FDA, Dr. Suzuki is the current chairman of their Dental Products Advisory Panel and holds this position until 2022. Most recently, he has been at the forefront for the treatment regimens of peri-implant disease, especially with the use of Nd:YAG lasers (Millenium).

Dr. Suzuki is Professor Emeritus of Microbiology and Immunology (School of Medicine) and Professor Emeritus of Periodontology and Oral Implantology (School of Dentistry) at Temple University. He served as chairman and director of Graduate Periodontology and Oral Implantology, and Associate Dean for Graduate Education at Temple University. He also served as Dean, Chief of Hospital Dentistry, and CEO of the Faculty Practice Plan at the University of Pittsburgh.

He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, Fellow of the American and International College of Dentists, Specialist Microbiologist and Past Board Examiner of the American College of Medical Microbiology, and Diplomate, Fellow, and Past President of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists.

Dr. Suzuki received his D.D.S. from Loyola University of Chicago and Ph.D. in microbiology from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He completed an N.I.H. Fellowship in Immunology at the University of Washington, and a Clinical Certificate in Periodontics at the University of Maryland. He earned an MBA from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Suzuki is the current Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the National Honorary Dental Society, and has served in this position for three decades.



Gamma Chi Alumni Dominate Randolph-Macon's All-Time Soccer Teams

In December 2020, Randolph-Macon College Athletics announced their all-time men's soccer teams. Three teams were named consisting of 34 previous players, 15 of them being alumni of Gamma Chi Chapter. The first team is led by Randolph-Macon College Athletics Hall of Famers Matt Bitsko (1994), Jeff Burns (1987), Mark Cola (1997), Mike Henning (1996), Tetsu Kimura (1981), Ryan Traynor (1996), and also featured Peter Morris (1983).

SECOND TEAM:

- Dima Brodsky (1997)
- Kang Lee (1991)
- Bryan Lutz (2018)
- Mike Thorell (1994)
- Nick Warner (2006)

THIRD TEAM:

- Mike Anderson (1985)
- Brian Breslin (2019)
- Jacob McHugh (2018)

Randolph-Macon also announced the all-men's soccer team for the 2010s, which included a number of Gamma Chis.

FIRST TEAM:

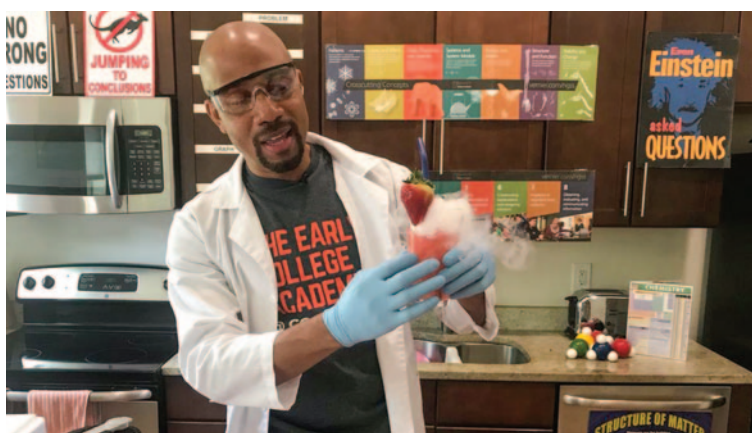
- Brian Breslin (2019)
- Ethan Cornelio (2012)
- Bryan Lutz (2018)
- Jacob McHugh (2018)
- Peter Nelson (2018)
- Andrew Oakes (2016)

SECOND TEAM:

- Josh Beeker (2020)
- Sam Bowen (2017)
- Peyton Chichester (2019)
- Andrew Gyimesi (2019)
- David Lynch (2011)
- Isaac Myers (2020)
- Greg Noordanus (2016)
- Andrew Schaefer (2016)
- Jake Tyler (2018)
- Mike Urbanik (2011)



THETA PSI/Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Jesse Booker (2005) leads *Santa Does Exist*, an annual campaign that raises thousands of dollars every year for families in need to ensure that they have a joyous holiday season.



IOTA DELTA/Southeastern Louisiana's Jonte Lee (2003) is appointed to the Carolina Biological Next Generation Science Standards Advisory Board. Carolina Biological has been providing classroom materials since 1927 and curriculum for more than 30 years.

ETA KAPPA/ JAMES MADISON



Scott Pitts (2001) is the new executive director of Loudoun County Homeless Services in Virginia.

ETA RHO/CENTENARY (LA)

Dr. Marco Rajo (2010) started a new position as Bariatric Surgery Fellow at AdventHealth in Tampa, FL.



IOTA LAMBDA/LONGWOOD



Travis Lyles (2015) was named the Instagram Editor for *The Washington Post*.

ETA OMICRON/ NORTHWESTERN STATE

Jeff Breaux (1993) was inducted as the 41st member of the College Media Association Hall of Fame.



Van Erikson (2014) is the director of recruiting for Northwestern State University (LA).

ETA PHI/OAKLAND

Joseph Javier (2019) won the 2021 Wayne State APhA-ASP Patient Counseling Competition.



IOTA PSI/RIT

Dr. Reginald Rogers (2020) was the recipient of the Paul F. Roth Fund for Faculty Excellence in the Biomedical, Biological, and Chemical Engineering Department at the University of Missouri.





ETA OMICRON/Northwestern State reports that former LEC **Clarence Frank** (2000) was appointed the first African American conductor of the Baytown Symphony.



IOTA GAMMA/Grand Valley State's **Luke Copley** (2019) establishes a recycling program in his community that takes glass and melts it down to use for sustainability projects across the country.

Theta Chi Authors



LOCKHART

A Certain Man's Daughter
Timothy Lockhart (Chi/Auburn 1977)



BONE

The Road to Bama
Andrew Bone (Alpha Phi/Alabama 2007)

How to Talk to a Tiger... And Other Animals
Jason Bittel (Beta Chi/Allegheny 2006)



BITTEL

Brotherly Love
Dr. Michael Allen (Delta Xi/Valparaiso 2006)

Pharaoh
Ty Cobb (Eta Kappa/James Madison 1997)

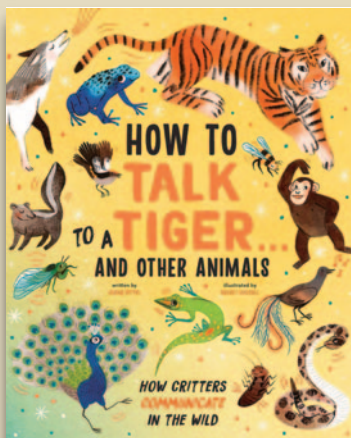
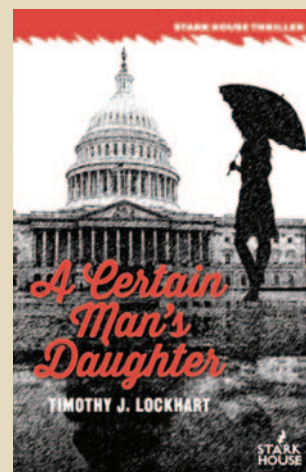
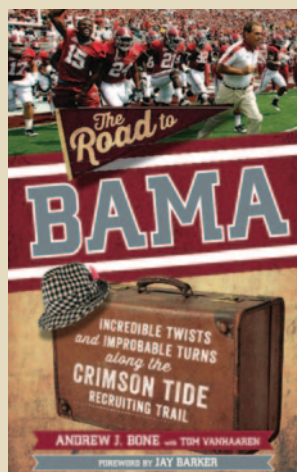


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Delta's Keystone

By Bill McIntyre (Delta/RPI 1974)

Remembering Rich Boroway (Delta/RPI 1973)

November 6, 1951–August 18, 2020

Delta Chapter of Theta Chi lost a valued treasure when Rich Boroway recently joined the Chapter Eternal.

Rich was a true believer in Theta Chi and all that it stood for. He never wavered or questioned the value of the brotherhood or his association with the Fraternity. Theta Chi was as much at the core of his person as his love for all things Ohio (where he grew up).

Rich certainly grasped the idea of friendship and lived it every day. I sometimes wondered if Rich had cloned himself as he always seemed on the go, showing up someplace to golf, go for a hike, or just visit for a while. These visits inevitably got around to his photo albums that he always traveled with. Some of the photos were ancient, allowing us to reminisce and laugh at our younger selves. Some were recent; chronicling his comings and goings with so many other brothers that it knitted us all closer together. **Bob Baker** (1973) shared, "Rich was at the center of it all. He intentionally visited all of us. He was the glue that kept all of us connected, even though we were separated by distance and life. I learned of all the important events in brothers' lives because Rich made a point of keeping me connected with his visits and photos." **John Lippold** (1973) agreed. "Rich was the Theta Chi internet, LinkedIn, and Facebook well before any of those existed."



While pledging, Rich Boroway receives words of wisdom from Larry Allocco (Delta/RPI 1970).



The Mentor and Protege—Delta's Key Men: Rich Boroway (1973) and Earl D. "Dusty" Rhodes (1921) at the 116th Anniversary Convention in 1972.

With the loss of Rich, it is so important for us at Delta to acknowledge what he has done for our chapter and what a vacuum his death leaves. It was in his involvement with the alumni corporation board that Rich truly left his legacy. After graduating from RPI in 1973, Rich stayed in Troy for another year, working on campus in the Business Office, before heading off to graduate school and the corporate world. But his thoughts and heart never wandered far from 2100 Burdett Avenue. From the late '70s, he was involved in the alumni corporation board, spearheading initiatives such as closer alumni relations and renovations to the physical plant. In 1986, he was instrumental in rewriting the bylaws of the alumni corporation board, making it more representative, more active, and more helpful to the collegiate chapter. He then served on the board, including a term as President (1987–1988). Next, he became Treasurer, a position he held for over 30 years, steering the Fraternity through recessions, reorganizations, capital campaigns, and several suspensions. He also spent years as our representative to RPI's Alumni Interfraternity Greek Council, lending his experience and expertise to voicing the fraternities' concerns to the administration.

As Treasurer, he worked with each new group of officers; mentoring them in their new roles and trying to keep them on a productive path to



LEFT: Delta brothers celebrate Rich's birthday at Tony Domenicucci's (1972) wedding reception in 1982. BELOW: Delta's 1988 Alumni Weekend Carpenter Award recipients: (l-r) Rich Boroway (1973), Bill McIntyre (1974), Greg Seleman (1972), Bob Baron (1972), Ken Morris (1972), and Marty Strauss (1971).

Delta alumni gather at Myrtle Beach in 2016.

ensure the continuation of the Fraternity that he loved so much. **Stan Kaplita** (1984) said, "I met him in 1983 when he came to visit the house to help us with alumni weekend preparations. In less than three years, I went from 'Who is this guy directing us on what to do?' to 'Wow, it's great to have Theta Chi alumni who care so much about the mission, the house, and the brothers.'"

Rich's financial advising to each new group of officers was always relevant and he was able to connect to each generation effortlessly. This led to strong friendships that he nurtured for decades; friendships he would call upon in the ensuing years.

He was always assessing the talent of the officers, looking for the next key man with whom he'd stay in touch. In many ways, Rich never stopped fulfilling his role as Rush Chairman. Instead of meeting collegiate men and getting them interested in the Fraternity, he now recruited alumni brothers to serve on the alumni board. He did this not only with brothers from his era in the '70s, but drew upon his extensive friendships that he had cultivated with brothers from every era since. He was instrumental in attracting brothers of all ages and various walks of life to contribute

their time, talents, and energy to perpetuate the ideals of Theta Chi. He was smart enough to recognize how the culture and the mindset of college students changed across generations but was able to adapt to those changing circumstances because he believed the ideals of Theta Chi existed at a higher level than societal changes and trends. As recent alumnus **Kyle Gross** (2018) shared, "From the monthly visits to review financials, to the alumni meeting (where you knew he was going to ask why we were still using paper plates), to the alumni weekends where he always had a story that could relate to each brother, past or present, Rich was the embodiment of what it meant to be a Theta Chi and was a cornerstone in making Delta Chapter what it is today."

At Delta's Dusty Day celebration in 1976, Carl Westerdahl, then-Dean of Students at RPI, described our very own Mr. Theta Chi, Earl D. "Dusty" Rhodes (1921), as an "eternal sophomore"—someone who never lost the wide-eyed enthusiasm, boundless energy, and unwavering belief that anything was possible. Rich, who was

mentored for years by Dusty, possessed many of these same qualities and applied them day in and day out to help Delta Chapter. Although a realist, he maintained an optimism for the future of Theta Chi and worked tirelessly to attain that future. The concluding remarks of Dusty Day were, "With this man as our foundation, we shall go forward for the advancement of brotherhood." Before Dusty passed away a few years after that celebration, he was able to pass the baton to Rich, who kept the advancement of brotherhood as his core value. Rich was able to build on that foundation for generations of Delta Chapter brothers to come by keeping the history of Delta Chapter alive through the stories he told and the pictures he shared, allowing him to find commonality with the stories the brothers told him, reinforcing the reality it was still Theta Chi despite the passing of decades and generations. As important as Dusty was to Delta Chapter for several decades, Rich Boroway deserves equal recognition for his 40+ years of devotion to the Fraternity, earning him the title of "Mr. Theta Chi, version 2.0." ■



We share the names of our brothers reported to the International Headquarters as passing to Chapter Eternal between September 30, 2020, and April 10, 2021.



Remembering a Visionary

By Michael Laukka and Paul Norstrem (Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1986)



LAWRENCE A. LAUKKA
(ALPHA PI/MINNESOTA 1958)
March 7, 1936–May 8, 2020

Larry Laukka loved to work. At age 81, he closed out his last real estate development, kickstarted Chainbreaker®—a grassroots bike tour to raise money in support of the University of Minnesota’s Masonic Center for cancer research with the lofty goal of raising \$100M, and, as if that were not enough, he set out to start a charter school, all while battling cancer.

He was intense, he was a visionary, and a natural born leader. It wasn’t necessarily the result that drove him, but rather the experience of creating things, meeting people, helping people, confronting and overcoming challenges, and affecting change.

Those characteristics became the foundation for his career as a residential community developer where, in 1965, he built Windsor Green in New Brighton, MN. It was the first major community association in the region. He would go on to complete over 7,000 units of residential living, spearhead the design/build of the University of Minnesota’s McNamara Center, and create countless other projects across Minnesota.

His days at the University of Minnesota profoundly impacted his life. He immersed himself into the entire college experience, he learned much, developed leadership skills at his beloved Theta Chi, and made scores of friends along the way. He maintained many of those friendships—Fred Friswold (1958), Charlie Hays (1959), and Bob Engstrom (1955), to name a few—for the rest of his life.

True to his nature, he spent decades giving back to the University. He helped create the Scholar Walk (a walkway on the main campus that highlights the accomplishments of notable alumni) and also served on the Alumni Association’s board of directors and was the president of the University of Minnesota National Alumni Association in 1995.

He had a tremendous capacity to give of himself. He was a mentor and a father figure to countless people along the way. Larry served Alpha Pi Chapter as a chapter adviser and, after serving as Alpha Pi House Corporation President in the 1960s, he continued to provide leadership and guidance to other board members. He honored Alpha Pi Chapter by delivering the Alumnus Charge during their 2013 Reinstallation Ceremony. Past International President and Alpha Pi Alumnus Paul Norstrem (1986) shared, “Larry was truly a Theta Chi for Life. He remained passionate about Theta Chi until the day he died.” He added, “One of Larry’s final requests was to initiate his son as an alumnus member of our chapter, and we will work with the same determination as Larry to accomplish that task.”

BETA

MIT

- Richard C. Aquadro (1952)
- William H. Brauer (1946)
- Robert C. Clement (1945)
- Alan H. Friot (1955)
- Nicholas R. Hurst (1960)
- Arthur J. Nintzel (1959)
- Otto P. Robinson, Jr. (1960)

GAMMA

Maine

- Paul A. Townsend (1941)

DELTA

RPI

- Warren W. Ball (1945)
- Rich Boroway (1973)
- William E. Brook (1950)
- James W. Hamilton (1955)
- W. Roger Nast (1951)
- Ronald F. Silver (1954)
- Donald D. Stoltman (1948)
- William A. Sylvester (1955)
- Clifford H. Vickery (1946)

EPSILON

WPI

- Charles E. Gunn (1956)
- Guy H. Nichols (1945)

ZETA

New Hampshire

- Theodore J. Houston, Jr. (1951)
- Col. Bruce G. MacLennan (1958)
- Richard U. Palmer (1960)

ETA

Rhode Island

- Harold W. Browning, Jr. (1946)

THETA

Massachusetts

- Frederick Anderson, Jr. (1948)
- Richard J. Hafey (1952)
- William H. Richards (1956)

IOTA

Colgate

- Robert B. Husselrath (1944)

LAMBDA

Cornell

- Edward L. Griffin, Jr. (1940)

MU

California

- William T. Horton (1955)
- Pierce P. Stanley (1971)

NU

Hampden-Sydney

- Dr. Charles L. Burns, Jr. (1950)

OMICRON

Richmond

- Raymond K. Butler, Jr. (1948)
- George T. Connolly, Jr. (1966)
- James D. Dishman (1955)
- Ronald C. Mitchell (1981)

Editor's Note: Just before this issue of The Rattle went to press, International Headquarters Administrative Assistant Amber L. Ray suddenly passed away on June 12, 2021. The Winter 2021 issue will provide a special tribute to her 31 years of service to Theta Chi Fraternity.

SIGMA

Oregon State
 Charles A. Boyden (1944)
 Norman S. Brown (1974)
 Joseph K. Fisher (1951)
 Jack P. Martin (1941)
 Dr. Jack D. Over (1946)
 Ralph E. Wells (1954)

PHI

North Dakota State
 Donald E. Brayton (1959)

CHI

Auburn
 Capt. Samuel Adams (1957)
 Hugh A. Becker, Jr. (1971)
 Brandon R. Clausen (1956)

PSI

Wisconsin
 Charles G. Buttner (1961)
 Robert F. Herbert, Jr. (1967)
 Glenn A. Solsrud (1958)

OMEGA

Penn State
 Thomas D. Kiley (1965)
 Alfred Thompson, Jr. (1964)
 John W. Weldner, Jr. (1962)

ALPHA BETA

Pittsburgh
 George N. Vurdelja (1952)

ALPHA GAMMA

Michigan
 Lt. Col. George Eddy (1943)

ALPHA DELTA

Purdue
 Richard R. Blank (1946)
 Richard V. Cycenas (1950)
 Dr. Kenneth Harrison (1965)
 Howard G. Menzel (1950)
 John D. Staehle (1968)

ALPHA ZETA

Rochester
 Mark M. Lewis (1953)
 Arthur K. Satz (1951)

ALPHA ETA

North Carolina
 Bruce T. Alligood, Jr. (1955)
 Julian C. Byrd (1960) ^

ALPHA THETA

Dartmouth
 Hugh M. Chapin (1948)

ALPHA IOTA

Indiana
 Jack L. Barnett (1946)
 Joe M. Dearmin (1952)
 Coleman A. LaMaster (1951)

ALPHA KAPPA

West Virginia
 William C. John (1955)

ALPHA LAMBDA

Ohio State
 Robert S. Baker, Jr. (1968)
 Albert M. Bandman (1969)
 Paul R. Brause (1955) *+
 Donald L. Noble (1965)
 Roger H. Schauss (1965)
 Dr. Philip Schlosser (1964)
 Jerry E. Tilton (1957)

ALPHA MU

Iowa State
 Ronald B. Gill (1956)
 Dr. Jack D. Grimes (1964)
 Robert H. Kulaas (1950)
 Richard Wonderlich (1967)

ALPHA NU

Georgia Tech
 William Bennett, Jr. (1950)
 Dr. Steve Bomar, Jr. (1959)
 Maj. Marion T. Ruple (1956)

ALPHA XI

Delaware
 Walter J. Ellis (1950)
 John A. Faraone (1955)

ALPHA OMICRON

Washington State
 Richard G. Burson (1955)
 Ray A. MacCulloch (1968)

ALPHA PI

Minnesota
 Fred R. Friswold (1958)
 Lawrence A. Laukka (1958)
 Eugene R. Marah (1972)

ALPHA RHO

Washington
 George T. Langley, Jr. (1989)

ALPHA SIGMA

Oregon
 William M. Harber (1950)
 Matthew R. Kane (1980)
 Rex L. Titus (1957)
 Stanley E. Weber (1944)

ALPHA TAU

Ohio
 Kermit A. Blosser (1932)

ALPHA UPSILON

Nebraska
 Robert G. Reinhardt (1959)

ALPHA PHI

Alabama
 David R. Herring (1974)

ALPHA CHI

Syracuse
 Leslie N. Crichton, Jr. (1960)
 Greg Mathurin (2010)

ALPHA PSI

Maryland
 Gregory H. Clarke (1991)

Past Grand Chapter Member

PAUL R. BRAUSE (ALPHA LAMBDA/OHIO STATE 1955)

February 5, 1939–November 15, 2020

Brother Brause was elected to the Grand Chapter in 1966 at the 110th Anniversary Convention held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Following his election, he was appointed International Chaplain. He served one term on the Grand Chapter and stepped off the board in 1970. Prior to serving on the Grand Chapter, Brother Brause volunteered as a Regional Counselor and supported chapters in Ohio. Brother Brause was a recipient of the Citation of Honor, the Kilavos Alumni Award (from the Grand Chapter), and the Theta Chi for Life Award. Roger Obenauf (Alpha Lambda/Ohio State 1977) shared, "Paul was a loved and respected brother whose impact on Alpha Lambda spanned an entire generation. Paul was a very cool and classy mentor for us 'young bucks.' Paul's entrance and smile would light up the room and Founders Day Celebrations never officially started until he arrived."



Past Staff Member

JULIAN C. BYRD (ALPHA ETA/NORTH CAROLINA 1960)

April 30, 1938–December 26, 2020

J.C. Byrd joined the Field Staff in summer 1960 and, after traveling for Theta Chi for two years, he was promoted to Executive Assistant. Executive Director George Chapman dispatched J.C. to the University of Alberta in September 1963 to begin expansion efforts which culminated in the installation of Zeta Gamma Chapter in February 1965. Following his departure from the staff in early 1966, J.C. relocated to South Florida and worked as a travel agent. In 2010, J.C. attended the staff reunion during the 154th Anniversary Convention in Orlando and, in 2013, he served on the Iota Omicron/FIU Installation Committee.



Jerome D. Evrard (1973)
 Thomas R. Gardner (1975)
 Sydney Lawrence, Jr. (1972)
 Robert L. Luebker (1959)
 Michael R. Overend (1991)
 Richard D. Paton (1989)
 Monta H. Preusser (1955)

ALPHA OMEGA

Lafayette
 David W. Dietz (1961)

BETA ALPHA

UCLA
 Adam D. Dobyms (2002)
 Milton Johnson, Jr. (1951)

BETA GAMMA

North Dakota
 Duane A. Bye (1958)
 Gary L. Johannesson (1961)
 William L. Murray (1951)
 Douglas R. Tripp (1951)

BETA DELTA

Rutgers
 Rev. Dr. John F. Stephenson, Jr. (1952)

BETA EPSILON

Montana
 Don E. Potter (1971)
 Robert B. West (1959)

BETA ZETA

Michigan State
 Jack P. DeBoer (1952)
 Stephen M. Ryan (1985)

BETA ETA

Washington (MD)
 Robert G. Grove (1945)

BETA IOTA

Arizona
 Frank A. Allen (1966)

BETA NU

Case Western
 Bruce J. Ferencz (1946)
 T. A. Kuczumski (1967)

BETA XI

Birmingham-Southern
 Dr. Albert W. Ray, Jr. (1957)

BETA OMICRON

Cincinnati
 Steven A. Ireland (1978)
 William Leithausen (1947)
 Orie W. Spegal, Jr. (1950)

BETA PI

Monmouth
 Thomas Bollman (1961)

BETA RHO

Illinois Wesleyan
 William E. Keepper (1954)

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Hotel Industry Pioneer

JACK P. DeBOER (BETA ZETA/MICHIGAN STATE 1952)

January 15, 1931–March 12, 2021

Jack DeBoer was responsible for the creation of five extended stay/all-suites hotel brands: Residence Inn, Summerfield Suites, Candlewood Suites, Value Place, and WaterWalk hotels and apartments. He also loved aviation, flying around the world with his wife in a Gulfstream II, and setting speed records in a Learjet 24. He still holds the 3-kilometer world speed record for jet aircraft under 18,000 pounds.

Brother DeBoer was a longtime supporter of the fraternity experience, Theta Chi, and Beta Zeta Chapter. In 1990, he funded the renovation of Beta Zeta’s chapter house, served as a keynote speaker at a Theta Chi University event in 2018, and, most recently, he supported Beta Zeta’s capital campaign by making a lead gift and offering a challenge match, ultimately totaling \$318,000.

He was a recipient of Michigan State Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award and received Theta Chi Fraternity’s George T. Kilavos Alumni Award from Beta Zeta Chapter in 1997 and the Citation of Honor from the Grand Chapter in 1999.



Theta Chi Attorney

JOHN W. MORRIS, JR. (BETA UPSILON/FRESNO STATE 1964)

February 5, 1939–November 15, 2020

Working as a brakeman for the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroad while at Fresno State, John Morris later earned his J.D. from San Francisco Law School and served four decades as a fierce lawyer, trying over 100 cases to juries or the bench. He was a member of the State Bar of California and the American Board of Trial Advocates. John belonged to

the Fresno State Alumni Association, volunteered for Poverello House, and served on the board of directors for the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra. John remained active in the affairs of the Beta Upsilon House Corporation and provided legal expertise and his service as counsel. Past International President Dick Elder recalled, “John was so personally important to me as the International Fraternity worked with the Beta Upsilon House Corporation. I will be forever grateful for his insights, his honesty, and his Helping Hand of brotherhood. He was a GREAT Theta Chi and an example of what true brotherhood is all about.”

BETA SIGMA

Lehigh

John B. Lampe (1959)
Maynard Turnbull (1950)
Capt. Roger Walter (1965)

BETA TAU

Southern California

Robert Melbourne (1951)
Warren C. Miller (1948)

BETA UPSILON

Fresno State

John W. Morris, Jr. (1963)
Dr. Philip H. Sharp (1950)

BETA CHI

Allegheny

Douglas W. Dayton (1968)
James Rhinesmith (1944)

BETA PSI

Presbyterian

Scott A. Wilhide (1983)

GAMMA DELTA

Florida Southern

Hunter Lucier (2016)

GAMMA ETA

Bucknell

Walter P. Colteryahn (1949)
Kenneth M. Linger (2000)

GAMMA THETA

San Diego State

Darrin D. Detrick (1986)
Joshua L. Jensen (1998)
Neil R. Olson (1955)
Robert J. Tyler (1959)

GAMMA KAPPA

Miami (OH)

Douglas Cameron (1963)
David H. McLain (1986)
Jordan T. Pulaski (1995)
Dr. Joseph M. Smith (1991)

GAMMA MU

Bowling Green

Gerald T. Greenway (1959)
Michael R. Polonus (1959)
Neil L. Rattray (1949)
Jacob W. Schock (1950)
Lt. Col. Robert Stamper (1951)
Robert L. Steely (1965)
William J. Tully (1969)

GAMMA NU

New Mexico State

Robert E. Martin (1954)
Thomas W. Rodke (1977)
Marques Williams (1978)

GAMMA XI

San Jose State

Col. Vernon Bergstrom (1951)
Wayne A. Cox (1963)
Timothy N. Murphy (1964)
Herman E. Osorio (1954)

GAMMA OMICRON

Wake Forest

W. Lecil Henderson, II (1980)

GAMMA PI

Buffalo

Edward J. McGuinness, III (1966)

GAMMA RHO

Florida State

Ryan B. Williamson (1981)

GAMMA SIGMA

Duke

Dr. Charles MacKenzie (1957)

C. Gordon Wilson (1972)

GAMMA TAU

Drake

Randy F. Brown (1981)

GAMMA UPSILON

Bradley

John W. Johnson (1953)
Jon W. Nelson (1958)
Orville R. Pelletier (1954)
Gerald R. Smith (1954)
Ralph M. Wenk (1956)

GAMMA PHI

Nebraska Wesleyan

Roy E. Lagerblade (1961)
Wendell D. Ruth (1964)

GAMMA PSI

Puget Sound

Dennis N. Jones, Jr. (1967)
Sir John L. Rummel (1961)
Mark R. Templeman (1971)

DELTA BETA

Georgia

David M. Bowden (1993)
Thomas Byrnes, Jr. (1970)
James L. Dickerson (1958)
Charles L. Faust, Jr. (1988)
Dennis P. Fuller (1949)
Thomas E. Grantz (1972)
Ronald K. Harper (1959)
Leonard F. Hull, Jr. (1955)
Danny H. Kirtland (1974)
Raymond C. Marine (1987)
Carl W. Martin (1972)
William McDonald (1952)
Charles R. Phillips (1970)
Lance W. Rabb (1977)
Raymond Sherwood (1970)
Edward T. Sigerfoos (1968)
John C. Smith (1971)
Robert Stevens, III (1984)
Kevin J. Trainor (1992)

DELTA ZETA

Nebraska-Omaha

John Depa (1983)
Benjamin T. Nelson (2004)

DELTA THETA

Toledo

Ronald A. Benton (1952)
Lee T. Maggione (1968)

DELTA IOTA

Northwestern

Edwin J. Filipowski (1983)
Thomas L. Foster (1959)

DELTA KAPPA

Ball State

David Heironimus (1957)
Larry G. Hoffman (1963)
William D. Marohn (1958)
James McCormack (1955)

DELTA MU

Texas

Thomas N. Trimble (1965)

DELTA NU

Vermont

Samuel Cutting, III (1955)

DELTA XI

Valparaiso

Eugene Denk (1958)
John K. Freitag (1965)
Gerald W. Gott (1957)
Harvey P. Grotrian (1962)
Lewis P. Keller (1960)
Gordon C. Wicklund (1967)
Albert W. Zimmermann (1955) #

DELTA OMICRON

Gettysburg

Ronald S. Alexander (1955)
Col. Robert H. Crawford, Jr. (1966)
Dennis K. Lawson (1966)

DELTA RHO

NC State

Julian Blankinship (1961)
Howard T. Sadler (1952)

DELTA CHI

Lenoir-Rhyne

David Bethune, Jr. (1989)
Richard G. Laney (1956)

DELTA OMEGA

Ripon

James K. Meyer (1969)

EPSILON DELTA

Youngstown State

Richard D. Arnott (1965)
William T. Carnie (1958)
Renny J. Domini (1958)
John M. Izzo (2009)

EPSILON ZETA

Tampa

Edward F. Cigarran (1962)

EPSILON ETA

IUP

Allen S. Baker (1968)
Mahlon P. Beaty, Jr. (1963)
Wendell E. Bell (1963)
Dale E. Boyer (1952)
Ray G. Butterworth (1958)
Richard Chekanski (1964)
Peter N. Cubeta (1974)
Kirk S. Ebbs (1987)
Dale O. Falck (1976)

William R. Fitzgerald (1965)
 Jon E. Gross (1964)
 Michael Hanni (2015)
 Randy K. Hareza (1978)
 Joel G. Heimlich (1969)
 Clegg S. Holliday (1964)
 Jeff Howells (1980)
 Phillip J. Imbrogno (1973)
 Edwin D. Johnston (1952)
 V. Peter Jurjevich (1963)
 Dr. Fred A. Karlovich (1957)
 Lt. Charles S. King (1961)
 David D. Kling (1969)
 Thomas J. Lamb (1963)
 Thomas R. Lang (1957)
 James S. Lesnick (1977)
 Kenneth C. Liebel (1959)
 Richard F. Lisko (1979)
 Barry D. Lubitz (1980)
 Rob R. MacGregor (1972)
 Gary L. McCoy (1964)
 Thomas F. McGrath (1965)
 Dennis P. McGurgan (1980)
 Joseph D. Miron (1964)
 E. Dale Moss (1957)
 Herbert T. Nath (1958)
 Richard R. Orlandi (1964)
 Bruce W. Panfil (1982)
 Stuart J. Plitman (1974)
 David C. Rawlings (1973)
 Dennis T. Reed (1965)
 Charles Richards, Jr. (1963)
 Frederick B. Smith (1968)
 Robert E. Smith (1972)
 Edwin G. Spears (1971)
 Richard L. Speicher (1975)
 Charles V. Staiger (1960)
 Christian D. Stewart (1996)
 John M. Tekely (1977)
 Colvin G. Vogel (1963)

William G. Wardrop (1975)
 William E. Wess (1970)
 Alan J. Wetjen (1960)
 John E. Wilcox (1972)
 Thomas M. Williams (1960)
 Lt. Andrew Zacherle (1971)

EPSILON IOTA
East Carolina
 William S. Harris, Jr. (1962)
 Stephen E. Landi (1990)

EPSILON MU
Eastern Michigan
 Douglas Schumann (1961)

EPSILON PI
Northern Illinois
 Kendall R. Adams (1971)
 Louis Saloshin Adler (1959)

Kenneth L. Arndt (1973)
 James A. Bianco (1969)
 Donald A. Bimler (1961)
 David A. Brorsen (1993)

Michael T. Cameron (1970)
 Roger E. Corby (1959)
 Jim W. Crane (1968)
 John T. Goodwin (1968)

Ronald W. Guelzow (1964)
 Wayne E. Houlous (1961)
 Kenneth J. Muderlak (1967)
 Philip B. Oneil (1971)

Terrance J. Poucher (1970)
 Richard J. Puchalski (1967)
 John W. Vayo (1962)
 Alexander Wasilewski, Jr. (1969)

EPSILON TAU
Stephen F. Austin
 William McCullough (1971)

EPSILON UPSILON
Central Michigan
 Neil R. Davis (1981)
 Edward W. Wilkowski (1987)

EPSILON PHI
Central Missouri
 Dale R. Copeland (1965)
 James O. Parks (2002)
 Robert D. Winthrop (1955)

EPSILON OMEGA
Sacramento State
 David S. Defields (1963)

ZETA ALPHA
Slippery Rock
 Donald A. Heisey (1978)
 David A. Minett (1976)
 George D. Swanson (1980)

ZETA GAMMA
Alberta
 Kenneth G. Morris (1976)

ZETA DELTA
St. Cloud State
 Scott J. Henricks (1994)

ZETA EPSILON
Long Beach State
 Raymond Chavarria (1980)
 Tony Kallah (1992)

ZETA NU
Parsons
 Dr. Richard L. Cohen (1971)
 Jerome H. Palmquist (1966)

ZETA PI
Old Dominion
 Malcolm E. Mason, IV (1999)

ZETA RHO
Kentucky
 Robert A. Arnold (1969) @
 William B. Sheskin (1972)
 Lynn A. Wenrick (1976)

ZETA UPSILON
Hartford
 Daniel A. Arsenault (2012)
 Paul C. Puzzo (1966)

ZETA PSI
Western Illinois
 Harold E. Dell (1976)
 Thomas J. Kolke (1972)
 Kent A. Schroeder (1971)
 Paul D. Wiener (1986)

ETA GAMMA
Morehead State
 Gregory D. James (1992)

ETA DELTA
Babson
 Jefferson S. Caverly (1978)
 James DerMinasian (1982)

ETA KAPPA
James Madison
 John B. Davis (1973) @

ETA LAMBDA
Virginia Tech
 William T. Fowlkes, III (1979)
 Robert L. Leist (1997)
 Alexander O. Nwogu (2020)

ETA OMICRON
Northwestern State
 Ronald K. Suttle (1974)

ETA PI
East Stroudsburg
 Gary W. Dean (2015)

ETA RHO
Centenary (LA)
 Christopher G. Goetz (2011)

ETA SIGMA
Arkansas Tech
 Sean M. Fletcher (1993)

ETA OMEGA
Chico, CA
 Riley J. Christiansen (2024)

THETA EPSILON
Kennesaw State
 Logan W. Robinson (2012)

THETA IOTA
UC-Santa Cruz
 Bradley A. Cowen (1994)

THETA KAPPA
Texas Tech
 Lt. David Lemmons (1996)

BETA KAPPA FRATERNITY
 Dr. John W. Fairing (1944)
 Lloyd C. Hackett (1930)
 Dr. Thomas K. Hale (1930)
 Clarence J. Smith (1933)

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