Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Corporation

Brothers,
The Alumni Bylaws direct the Alumni Board to present an Annual Report to the membership on May 1 of each year.

A copy of this report shall be posted on our website at **http://www.zachapter.com** under the Alumni Board Section of the site.

Results of the Election of Directors and Officers by the Secretary

I would like to begin with reporting the results of the election to fill the three (3) vacancies that needed to be filled effective June 1, 2024.

Advance notifications of vacancies to be filled for 2024-2025 were announced to the membership earlier this year soliciting nomination of candidates to fill identified vacancies. Per the Alumni bylaws, nominations were due by April 1st, 2024.

An announcement providing information on each candidate nominated and a ballot was distributed on April 10, 2024. The balloting occurred by electronic ballot between April 10 and April 25, 2024 by members of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, in good standing, no longer attending Slippery Rock State College/University or enrolled in a school with no collegiate chapter of Theta, Chi, Honorary members voted in by the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, and Initiates of any Theta Chi collegiate chapter voted into the corporation by the Board of Directors.

Each person voting could cast a ballot for up to 3 of the 3 candidates running. The results of the balloting is as follows:

- Brother Cooper Collins received 41 votes 82% of the votes cast.
- Brother John Farrar received 39 votes 78% of the votes cast.
- Brother Andrew Auth received 40 votes 80 % of the votes cast.

A total of 50 ballots were cast.

Brothers John Farrar, Andrew Auth, and Cooper Collins were elected to fill the three Director positions for the period of June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026.

Congratulations to these three brothers!

Following the election, a meeting was held on April 28, 2024 with the newly constituted members of the Directors who would hold their positions as of June 1, 2024 and an election of officers was conducted. At that meeting, the following officers for the period of June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025 were elected:

- President Brother Sky Pederson
- Treasurer Brother John Farrar
- Secretary Brother Dillon Pusateri

With the election of the 3 new Board members, comes the retirement of Brothers Logan Tupper and Dan Pennell. The Board expressed its appreciation to the Brothers for their service.

Dillon Pusateri
2023-24 Secretary

Report of the President

We are now just 38 days away from the 31st annual golf outing.

What started out as a small group of brothers getting together for golf, has now turned in to 50+ brothers from all around the country flocking to Tam O'Shanter for a weekend of fun. I want to give a shout out to **Brothers Chuck Boylan** who started this tradition over 31 years ago and **Brother Joe Suprano** who took the reins and keep it going! I am really looking forward to seeing everyone this year for what is transpiring to be a great weekend.

Please mark your calendars for **June 8th, 2024 at Tam O'Shanter golf course**. We encourage you to reach out and bring at least one other brother, so we can make this outing the biggest ever!

ALSO, please mark your calendars for Friday June 7th. What's going on, you might ask?? The chapter will be hosting a cook out Friday before the golf outing at the Chapter house in Slippery Rock. Join the current chapter members to kick off a fun filled weekend starting at 5pm!

The house is located at 244 Elm Street Slippery Rock PA 16057. The event is BYOB but Brother John Farrar has kindly committed to providing food. I hear he might get a few subs from Bob's Subs. You'll have to attend to find out!

The alumni board has been hard at work over the past several months. Please take some time to read about the accomplishments below.

The 31st Zeta Alpha Theta Chi Golf Outing is planned for June 8, 2024 at Tam O'Shanter golf course in Hermitage, Pa. Mark your calendars, and make sure you have done what you need to do by MAY 25, 2024 to attend the golf outing!

You can register online by clicking here!

Anyone attending needs to register by then, submit money for T-Signs and what you want on the sign in by then, let us know if you want to play golf by then or if you are just planning on attending by then so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Brother Sky Pederson is coordinating T-signs this year. You can indicate your interest in purchasing a T-sign when you register or email Brother Sky at pedersonsky@outlook.com. He will let you know where to send your donation and gather the information you would like on your T-sign. He will also be reaching out to those who purchased T-signs in the past. We have Venmo account available for T-sign payments that will go directly into the Alumni Board bank account.

At the same time, each of us who have contributed to the fund (many who have been highlighted in previous newsletters) should be proud of our unselfish efforts in offering an "Assisting Hand" to brothers in need.

Like last year, you will now be able to register directly on line, just click on any register online link to register. We are **NOT** asking for any money in advance.

We are believing in the tenants of Theta Chi and believe your word is your bond. If you say you are coming and say you are going to pay, we expect you to keep your word. So tell us what you would like to eat and bring either cash or a card.

Like last year, the cost for golf is $49 and the cost to eat dinner is $22. More details are outlined below in the newsletter.

As President of the Zeta Alpha Alumni Chapter Board I want to thank the entire brotherhood for their support throughout the year. This was a much more normal year for everyone and we have seen that not only for the Alumni but also for the Chapter.

As an Alumni Board we have been able to achieve some big things for which we can all be proud and have been working hand-in-hand with the Chapter and Theta Chi International.

See you at the golf outing!

Homecoming 2023

On October 21, 2023, the chapter hosted alumni and friends at Slippery Rock University for Homecoming 2023 in the upper parking lot near the stadium. Over the course of the morning between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. the chapter hosted over 40 participants with food, drinks, camaraderie and brotherhood.

The tailgate was decked out with two tents, plenty of food, and the Theta Chi flag flying high.

After the tailgate, several Alumni joined current chapter members off-campus at their unofficial "chapter house" on Elm street. The chapter brothers showed the Alumni around the house and exchanged stories and memories. It was a great way to wrap up the festivities!

Chapter President Tyler Ross and Chapter Sweetheart Kaylee Klein were elected to the 2023 Homecoming Court. Congratulations to both.

The alumni board appreciates the effort put forth by the chapter to organize the event.

Alumni Board Elections for year 2024-25

As noted by Secretary Pusateri, the annual Alumni Board Elections were just completed and Brothers John Farrar, Andrew Auth, and Cooper Collins were elected for a two year term. I want to extend a hardy welcome to our new Alumni Board members, Brother Collins and Brother Auth.I want to thank John for taking on an additional term as Treasurer.

I would also like to thank retiring Board members Logan Tupper and Dan Pennell. Your efforts on the board very greatly appreciated.

I am heartened to see more and more brothers step forward to help us in our vision of developing the Alumni Association to continue to advance the goals and objectives of the chapter, enhance the cooperation between the Chapter and the Alumni and to encourage more and more involvement in the Alumni Association by the collegians as they graduate to assume the role of running the Alumni Association in the future.

Treasurer Report

We continue to work hard to maintain the books of the organization and work with the SRU Foundation on the accounting for the Scholarships. A report is part of every Board meeting and included in the minutes that are posted on the http://www.zachapter.com website after every Board meeting to keep the finances of the Alumni Association as transparent as possible.

All expenditures are approved by the Board and checks must be signed by two members of the Board before being issued. The Scholarship funds are kept by the Slippery Rock University Foundation, regularly reported to the Treasurer and are tax exempt donations and expenditures must be authorized by the Board. The Brick Fund and the General Fund are accounted for separately.

Helping Hand Scholarship Fund

Balance as of May 1, 2024 = $31,982.56

- Total Endowment Account = $ 25,000.00
- Total Interest Account = $ 6,982.56

Now that the Theta Chi Helping Hand Fund is an Endowment, the Slippery Rock University Foundation will prepare each year a Scholarship Report. The Scholarship report will be distributed to the Alumni Board and will be reported to the membership in the newsletter that is distributed after the Board receives the report. The Scholarship Report covers the period of July 1 – June 30 of each year. Please note the report though covering July 1 – June 30 usually is not distributed to the BOD until November.

Now that the fund has reached endowment status it is broken down into two accounts. The endowment account and an interest account. Both are combined to generate interest for the account. But any interest is placed into the interest account and the interest account is used for awards. The endowment account is not touched.

Any interest earned is deposited into the interest account each year by the end of July.

The chapter is allotted $1,000.00 each year 1/1 - 12/31 to award scholarships. The scholarships can be in any amount from $5.00 to a maximum of $500 per student per calendar year. If the chapter does not spend the money during the year the money rolls over to the next year.

Brick Fund

Balance as of May 1, 2024 = $ 2,031.00

The Alumni Association ending balances in the Brick Fund used to purchase Bricks at the Alumni House at Slippery Rock is $2,031.00 dollars. There were no additional funds raised for the Brick Fund in 2023 as the balance was deemed sufficient by the BOD to cover obligations for the coming year. The funds are used solely for this purpose, and was started by Brother Suprano at the Annual Golf outing by passing an empty coffee can among the brothers in attendance to make cash donations. Annually the Secretary orders a brick to be placed at Slippery Rock Alumni House Patio to honor Brothers who has passed on to the Chapter Eternal.

General Fund

Balance as of May 1, 2024 - $3,336.01

The Alumni Association General Fund is used on any expenditures approved by the Board of Directors (BOD) for the purpose of supporting Alumni events, Chapter events and cost of operating the Alumni Association.

The Board of Directors feel we are operating at a comfortable level and thank anyone who has donated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

John Farrar
Treasurer
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Chapter Advisor Report

Greetings Zeta Alpha Brothers,

I hope this message finds you well and thriving as we continue our journey through the semester. I'm excited to officially introduce myself as your new Chapter Advisor, succeeding the remarkable Kevin Krepinevich. Kevin's dedication and guidance have left an indelible mark on our chapter, and I'm honored to step into this role.

I'm pleased to share some exciting updates from our chapter's recent activities. During Greek Week, Zeta Alpha teamed up with the wonderful ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. Together, we showcased our spirit, unity, and talent, earning an impressive second place in the competition. This achievement speaks volumes about our commitment to excellence and collaboration within the Greek community.

In other news, three of our members embarked on a memorable adventure over spring break, attending the Zack Bryan concert in New Jersey. While there, they also took the opportunity to visit our brothers at the Epsilon Psi chapter, strengthening our bonds of brotherhood beyond our campus borders.

Furthermore, several of our members had the privilege of representing Zeta Alpha at the Sassers conference in Indianapolis over winter break, held at the Theta Chi headquarters. This experience not only enriched their leadership skills but also deepened their connection to our fraternity's values and traditions.

Lastly, I am thrilled to announce that 13 new brothers were initiated into our chapter over the course of the 2023-2024 school year. Each of these individuals brings unique talents and perspectives, enriching our brotherhood and ensuring a bright future for Zeta Alpha.

As we move forward, let us continue to uphold the principles of Theta Chi and strive for excellence in all that we do. Remember, we are stronger together, and I am confident that with our dedication and unity, we will achieve great things.

Enjoy the photos from throughout the year below.

Fraternally,

Eric Lehman
Zeta Alpha Chapter Advisor

The chapter was paired up with Alpha Omicron Pi sorority during this week. They took second place overall!!

3 Chapter Brothers attended the Zack Bryan concert in New Jersey. While in town, they meet up with the Epsilon Psi Chapter and toured their house.

Spring Fraternity 101 Rush event!

Members of the executive board attending the Sassers conference at IHQ over winter break.

Homecoming 2023!

Chapter Brother Tyler Ross representing Theta Chi on Homecoming court.

Theta Chi and Delta Zeta paired up for Homecoming. This is outside of Rooster's Coffee Bar on Main Street, where they decorated the windows.

2023 - 2024 Initiation

Fall '23 Lambda Initiation

The initiation of the Lambda pledge class occurred on November 12. Six new brothers were initiated. Previous Chapter Advisor

Krepinevich challenged the chapter to expand its influence and leadership on campus and to take a hard look at the Sacred Purpose standards and planning for next year. He presented a Theta Chi hooded sweatshirt to each new initiate. Thank you Brother Kevin!

Spring '24 Mu Initiation

On April 7th, 2024, the Zeta Alpha chapter of Theta Chi threw open its doors for a night of celebration as seven brothers officially joined the ranks of the Mu pledge class. Initiation ceremony took place at the student center with celebrations at the house afterwards. With 7 brothers graduating in May, these 7 new brothers will keep the membership level steady and healthy.

31st Annual Golf Outing

Get ready to tee off for the 31st Annual Golf Outing with Theta Chi! This year, we're heading back to the picturesque Tam O'Shanter course in Hermitage, PA, for a day of friendly competition and camaraderie. The shotgun start kicks off promptly at 8 am, so be sure to arrive no later than 7:45 am to secure your spot and check in. After a thrilling round of golf, we'll gather for a delicious chicken dinner complete with all the fixings. The cost for golf is $49 and will be paid to the course, with an additional $22 for the meal, which money will be collected at check in that morning. Please bring cash or card! Bring additional cash if you plan to participate in the 50/50 raffle, closest to the pin, and farthest drive competition.

Registration will end on May 25th! Don't forget to register online using the provided link below!

You can register online by clicking here!

Current chapter members are planning to attend the 31st Golf Outing and look forward to meeting more of the Alumni and interacting and expanding relationships with brothers. Some are looking for golfing partners....please email Sky Pederson at pedersonsky@outlook.com if you wish to pair up with a younger group.

This year, the Chapter will be hosting the Friday night cook out. Usually the Friday night cook out is hosted by Brother John Farrar at the hotel patio, but this year we are switching it up. Please join us at 244 Elm Street in Slippery Rock for a night of fun starting at 5pm. Even if you can't make the outing on Saturday, you are encouraged and more than

welcome to join Friday's cook out.

Hotel accommodations and a block of rooms are being held for out of town guests. Please contact Brother John Farrar at jsfarrar1956@gmail.com if you plan to book a room.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the board members.

Look forward to seeing everyone!

This concludes the Annual Report for the 2023-24 administrative year. The 2023-24 Officers, President Sky Pederson **pedersonsky@outlook.com**, Treasurer John Farrar **jsfarrar1956@gmail.com** or I **dillon32100@gmail.com** welcome any questions.

Dillon Pusateri
2023-24 Secretary

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