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Theta Chi National Awards

Celebrating Excellence

The Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity is proud to announce a historic milestone in our journey of growth and brotherhood. For the first time in our chapter's history, we have been awarded the Howard R. Alter Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence, the highest honor a chapter can receive. This recognition, often called the "Chapter of the Year Award", is presented annually to only a select few chapters that demonstrate unparalleled achievement across all areas of chapter operations. Out of 152 active chapters nationwide, only eight earned this distinction in 2025, and Zeta Alpha proudly stands among them.

This award was presented during one of the three Initiative Academies hosted by Theta Chi Nationals, where Brothers Nathan Waugaman and Cole Clary were honored to accept the recognition on behalf of the chapter.

A Legacy of Achievement

Alongside this monumental achievement, our chapter also proudly earned the following national awards:

Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award – Recognizes outstanding chapter recruitment efforts and dedication to welcoming quality men into our brotherhood.

Henry B. Hersey Award (Runner-Up) – Together with the Randall Award, this distinction recognizes the recruitment efforts of Theta Chi chapters and their dedication to maintaining and preserving Theta Chi Fraternity for the generations of brothers to come.

Each of these honors represents the hard work, dedication, and passion of every brother in Zeta Alpha. With 130 out of 131 points on the national scorecard, a remarkable 99.24%, we have demonstrated our commitment to excellence in every area of chapter life.

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Setting a New Standard

Our achievements this year are proudly displayed in the new chapter house as a reminder of what can be accomplished when brothers commit themselves fully to living out the ideals of Theta Chi. These awards are not just decorations, but symbols of the discipline, unity, and determination that define who we are.

While we celebrate these victories, we also recognize that this is just the beginning. We have set a new standard for what is possible, but there is still more we can achieve. As a chapter, we remain committed to improvement academically, socially, and in our service to others.

What It Means to Be a Theta Chi

Brotherhood is more than a word, it is a way of life. Winning these awards is a testament to the hard work of every brother who has dedicated himself to living out the values of Truth, Temperance, and Tolerance. Through leadership, service, scholarship, and unity, Zeta Alpha has shown what it means to be a true Theta Chi.

Moving Forward with Pride

We could not be prouder of the men who make up this chapter and the legacy we are building together. The Howard R. Alter Jr. Award, the Phil S. Randall Award, and our recognition through the Henry B. Hersey Award will serve as guiding milestones for years to come.

But above all, we know the work is not done. We will continue to challenge ourselves, uplift one another, and honor the bonds of brotherhood. The best is yet to come for Zeta Alpha.

