



# Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Newsletter

## Note from President Pederson

Brothers and Friends,

As we embrace the festive spirit of the season, I am honored to write the final newsletter of the year as the President of the Theta Chi Alumni Association. This year has been one of immense celebration, camaraderie, and achievement for our beloved fraternity.

### **Reflecting on 2023: A Year to Remember**

The highlight of our year was undoubtedly the 30th Annual Golf Outing at Tam O'Shanter golf course. Surpassing all expectations, the event brought together a remarkable turnout of alumni and current chapter members. The echoes of laughter and the spirit of brotherhood were present on the greens, making the occasion truly memorable.

Following this, Homecoming in October further strengthened the bonds of our fraternity. The enthusiasm and participation displayed by our alumni community made it clear that the spirit of Theta Chi is alive and thriving. It was heartening to see the interactions with between the alumni and current chapter brothers.

### **Looking Ahead: Mark Your Calendars for June 8th, 2024**

As we bid farewell to 2023, let's set our sights on the future. The next Golf Outing is already on the horizon, scheduled for June 8th, 2024, back at the familiar grounds of Tam O'Shanter. Save the date, as we anticipate another day of camaraderie, friendly competition, and the forging of new memories.

### **A Grateful Acknowledgment to the Board**

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the dedicated individuals on the Theta Chi Alumni Association Board. Your hard work, commitment, and passion have been instrumental in the success of the events and initiatives throughout the year. Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the impact of your work is felt throughout our fraternity.

### **Congratulations to the Chapter on Another Successful Year**

To the entire Zeta Alpha Chapter, congratulations on yet another successful year. Your unwavering dedication to upholding the values and traditions of Theta Chi is

truly commendable. It is your collective efforts that make our fraternity strong, vibrant, and enduring.

As we approach the holiday season, let us carry the spirit of brotherhood in our hearts and cherish the memories we've created together. Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season, surrounded by the warmth of family, friends, and the Theta Chi community.

Fraternally,

Sky Pederson  
President, Zeta Alpha Alumni Association

## 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. Enjoy the pictures below.

Some candid photos from Homecoming 2023!







## Golf Outing 2024

Mark your calendar! Arrangements have already begun to be made for the **2024 Golf Outing** which will be held at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course on **June 8th, 2024** with a 9:00 am shotgun start. This will be the 31st event held by the ZA Alumni.

We also hope to plan events for Friday June 7 for early arrivals!

Whether you play golf or not, it is a great opportunity to reconnect with brothers and friends of Zeta Alpha and we hope this year's event will be bigger and better. We plan on trying some new things to foster a more inclusive and competitive golf event for all the golfers.

There will be more information in the newsletter scheduled for early next year.

The golf outing is a special event and hope that each brother put the date on their calendar and reach out to every brother they know and encourage attendance to make this the biggest event we have ever had.

## Want To Make A Difference?

I encourage each and every one of you to consider how you can play a more active role in shaping the future of our beloved Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association Board is at the heart of our efforts to foster connections, organize events, and ensure the continued success of our fraternity. Whether you're a recent graduate or a seasoned alum, your unique perspective, skills, and experiences have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the Theta Chi community and will contribute to the growth and vitality of our association.

The success of our Alumni Association relies on the active involvement of dedicated individuals like you. Your collaboration with the Alumni Association Board is a valuable asset.

Let us work together to ensure the continued growth and vibrancy of our fraternity. Your voice, perspective, and contributions are essential to the success of the Theta Chi Alumni Association.

Email President Pederson at [pedersonsky@outlook.com](mailto:pedersonsky@outlook.com) if you would like to get involved or have any questions.

## Brother Spotlight

What have some of the Brothers been up to this year? Let's take a look at their accomplishments in 2023 and give everyone a big round of "snaps!"

If you would like to be featured in this section of the newsletter, or you know someone who should be featured, email a photo and caption to Secretary Dillon at [dillon32100@gmail.com](mailto:dillon32100@gmail.com).



Congratulations to Brother Julian Gonzalez who earned his Doctorate in Physical therapy from the University of Pitt. Julio is a Doctor now...ahh!



In September, Brothers Sky Pederson, Ben Richards, James Jackson, and friend Kyle Ditzenberger visited Grand Teton national park in Wyoming. They embarked on an incredible 3 day, 2 night, and 37 mile hike through the national park. During the hike, the guys came across several deer, a bear and her cub, and a fox. This was a true test of mental and physical strength, as they severally overpacked with their 50 pound hiking bags. They completed the trip and treated themselves to a much needed massage at the the Grand Teton Lodge.



Congratulations to Brother Lucian Dean who earned a \$1,000 "Sherwood and Janet Blue Memorial Scholarship" for demonstrating outstanding academic performance, service to the fraternity, school and community: leadership abilities; financial need and other clear personal and career goals and objectives.

This is the 11th scholarship awarded to a Zeta Alpha brother since 2018, earning Zeta Alpha a total of \$11,000 in scholarships from the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.



Congratulations to Brother Mark Beacom on his engagement to Jamie Motley. Mark and Jamie began dating in college.



Congratulations to Brother Brody McKenna on his engagement to Olivia Freed. The two began dating in high school 8+ years ago!



Congratulations to Brother Sky Pederson on his engagement to Rachel Humphreys. Sky met Rachel when he moved to St. Louis in 2021. She is a Kappa Delta from Indiana University.

## Good Luck to Brother Mitch Nolan

Brother Mitch Nolan, who had joined the staff at Theta Chi in 2017 was assigned to help recolonized the Zeta Alpha Chapter. Six months after the project began he and Patrick Zurn were able to gather 32 initiates to be installed on April 29, 2018 as the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity. Brother Mitch is an Honorary Member of the Zeta Alpha Chapter and has been a strong supporter and helper to the chapter over the years as he has risen through the ranks of Theta Chi Fraternity. As of September 28, 2023 he has accepted a position with the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas. We wish to extend congratulations to Brother Mitch and wish him well in his future.

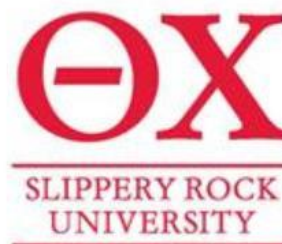




## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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### USO Fundraiser

Theta Chi International works with all the chapters in raising money for the USO. Since the inception of the philanthropic partnership nearly ten years ago Theta Chi Fraternity has contributed a cumulative total of more than \$1 million to the United Service Organizations (USO).

On October 14th, the chapter hosted a "Cornhole Tournament" fundraiser for the USO and Chapter.



There was genuine interest in the event and shows promising growth in the future.

Thank you to Chapter Secretary Advisor Brother Angelucci for providing financial assistance and guidance for this event.

## Homecoming Activities



The ZA Brothers were also involved in other Homecoming related activities including teaming up with Delta Zeta Sorority to decorate the windows of Rooster's Coffee Bar on Main Street. This year, the theme was Hershey Kisses.

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## Lambda Pledge Class Installation

On November 11, 2023 the Zeta Alpha Chapter installed the Lambda Pledge Class. We welcome the 6 newest brothers to the Zeta Alpha Chapter and look forward to their involvement in the chapter. Thank you to Brother Kevin Krepinevich for his generous gift in providing each new brother with a Theta Chi sweatshirt.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As we head into the holiday season, let us carry the spirit of Theta Chi in our hearts and reflect on the meaningful connections that make our fraternity so special.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season, filled with warmth, laughter, and the spirit of brotherhood.

Cheers to the new year!

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