

CHI PHI RETURNS TO UT AUSTIN, ESTABLISHES AT TAMPA

Our Fraternity's legacy continues at one of our oldest Chapters, Nu at the University of Texas at Austin, and has found a new start at the University of Tampa. Established this academic year, Chi Phi's latest Colonies are well on their way to becoming permanent Chapters.

The men who will carry on Chi Phi's legacy at UT were Initiated into our Brotherhood by the men at the Psi Zeta Chapter at the University of Texas at Dallas. They join a very active fraternity scene on campus and are backed by an extensive network of Nu Alumni. Alpha **Wade Smith**, **Nu Colony 2021**, says he is most excited about having "a chance to reestablish our presence on campus and become an influential organization. I hope we can expand our Brotherhood as this school year goes along, and I hope we are able to positively impact our campus and the Austin community."

Chi Phi has a presence for the first time at the University of Tampa. Our Tampa Founding Fathers were Initiated by the Brothers of the Xi Delta Chapter at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida. The Colony is now one of thirteen fraternities on campus and the latest in Chi Phi's long legacy in the State of Florida.

The Alpha at the University of Tampa, **Nick Scozzari, Tampa Colony 2022**, says that our Brothers at Tampa hope "to establish an environment that is accepting and community-driven in the coming future. The Colony and I look forward to recruiting New Members and growing our brand as Chi Phi."

Reflecting on the successful establishment of Chi Phi at Texas and Tampa, Director of Growth and Alumni Services **John Fisher, Delta Pi 2013**, says that he looks forward to "continuing to support and work with these men as they grow and their Colonies grow in knowledge, numbers, and influence on campus and in their communities. **Chi Phi** has a bright future with these men."

As they work to establish their mission, vision, and goals for the coming years, Chi Phi is built for success with Brothers on both campuses from diverse backgrounds and interests, and who represent an array of academic fields, including environmental engineering, chemistry, finance, marine biology, and exercise science. We are excited to see what lies ahead for the newest additions to our Brotherhood.



TO OUR BROTHERS AND FRIENDS,

We hope that this magazine finds you, your family, and loved ones safe and healthy. Our hearts go out to not only those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, but everyone affected by it; those who are quarantined, their families, our incredible medical teams that are working tirelessly across the country, and our undergraduate Brothers, especially our seniors whose time on campus has been cut short. The list is endless, as all of us have been affected in ways we could not have dreamt of a few short weeks ago. We hope the Spring 2020 edition of The Chi Phi Chakett News can bring you some enjoyment during these uncertain times.

Brotherhood looks very different now than it did at the beginning of the semester. Our Chapter leaders have been faced with the challenge of continuing Chapter operations virtually. We know that, as we go to print, some of the future plans and hopes for the spring semester you will read about in these pages will not come to fruition, at least not in the time or manner we expected. National programs are facing changes as well. We made the difficult decision to cancel our popular Regional Ritual Retreats (RRR) this summer. The loss of our annual Ritual training and the camaraderie experienced at RRR will be felt by members across the country.

Before much of the country saw social distancing measures enacted, the Grand Council and the Educational Trust met in Atlanta for our annual Joint Meeting and enjoyed a productive weekend together. We are pleased to report that our organization has remained healthy throughout this time. Measures have been taken to ensure that the future of our Brotherhood

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is bright, and although it may look different, we are working together to continue to make a positive impact on our Fraternity.

Let us continue to offer support to each other, while still exercising caution and following the recommendations from health officials. As members of this great Fraternity, we should never feel isolated. Reach out to one another. Connect often through virtual meetings, regular conversations, and social interactions in a safe manner. This is the purpose of our Brotherhood, and the reason we joined this outstanding group of men.

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that two of our youngest Brothers entered Chapter Eternal this spring. Please join us in recognizing **Tucker Niedermayer, Xi Theta 2022**, of Southern Utah University and **Alex Cawood, Alpha Zeta 2022**, of the University of West Georgia as we dedicate this issue of The Chi Phi Chakett News to their memory. The support our undergraduate Brothers at Xi Theta and Alpha Zeta have received from each other, from our Alumni, and from members of nearby Chapters has no doubt provided comfort as they mourn these losses and clearly show what it means to be a Brother of Chi Phi.

Fraternally,

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Robert K. Walker, lota Delta 1970, Grand Alpha

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David L. Skelton, Omega 1980, Educational Trust Chairman



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

The Educational Trust is proud to offer both undergraduate and graduate scholarships to our deserving Brothers. The online application is now live and will be available for Brothers through May 3, 2020. More information and the application link can be found at chiphi.org/scholarships.

Alumni and Advisors: Each applicant is required to submit one letter of recommendation, and many of our members ask you to write that letter, which is worth 10% of their overall application score. No application will be evaluated without the letter of recommendation.

Please help our Brothers out by submitting any requested letters of recommendation prior to the deadline at 11:59 PM Eastern on May 3, 2020. Uncompleted applications will not be evaluated.







The Bellevue Hotel. Any changes to Congress will be announced when information is available.

WE BELIEVE IN MEN OF VIRTUE.

The Results are In.... 2019 FOUNDERS DAY!

With much gratitude, the Educational Trust would like to thank the 233 Brothers and Friends who supported the 2019 Founders Day Campaign. It is because of these individuals, the Trust raised over \$46,000 in unrestricted support!

These funds help provide educational program grants to the Fraternity, provide scholarship support to our undergraduate and graduate school Brothers, support Fraternity staff through grant requests, and so much more. Your support and commitment to our Fraternity through donations to the Educational Trust make all of this possible.

We would like to send congratulations to the Omega Chapter at Georgia Tech for having the most Brothers donate to the Campaign, with the Eta Chapter at the University of Georgia and the Theta Delta Chapter at the University of Florida close behind! Which Chapter will take these top spots in 2020? We look forward to our next Founders Day Campaign, which will kick off in November, and we hope you will help us continue to make a difference in our Fraternity for years to come, and of course, wear your Chi Phi socks proudly!



Brothers from across the country showing off their 2019 Founders Day socks!



Chapter SPOTLIGHT

ALPHA-PI CHAPTER AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Alpha-Pi Chapter at Iowa State continues to do great things, both internally and in the broader community. The Chapter raised our GPA once more to 3.19, giving us the 6th highest GPA among thirty-two IFC fraternities. Also, for the first time since our Chapter's founding, there are no Founding Fathers on our Executive Council. This is an exciting time for our Chapter, as it shows that we are continuing our existence and passing the torch over to a new perspective.

For our Chapter's involvement in the broader community, we continue our commitment to giving back to the residents of Ames through serving food, helping out local organizations, and participating in Greek Week, which raises money for The Special Olympics of Iowa. This year we look forward to not only continuing our commitment to helping our community but expanding our service.

Last semester we also held our philanthropy called Chi Phis and Loaded Fries, where we served french fries with different toppings. We raised \$1,060 for the Boys and Girls Club of America, which is a national organization that provides after-school programs for young people.

This is an exciting time to be a Chi Phi at the Alpha-Pi Chapter. We have done many great things within our Chapter in the last year, and look forward to not only continuing those great things this year but expanding upon them, and making better men out of it.

Fraternally, Joshua Thater, Alpha-Pi 2023 Zeta of the Alpha-Pi Chapter

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IOTA CHAPTER AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY



The lota Chapter at The Ohio State University raised more than \$5,000 for BuckeyeThon this February.

PHI LAMBDA THETA CHAPTER AT BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Here in Lewisburg the Brothers of the Phi Lambda Theta Chapter have stayed busy in the classroom and with our campus involvement. This involvement is something that we have always taken great pride in. We have Brothers holding positions such as school president, orientation leaders for incoming first-years, admissions ambassadors, TEDx speaker coaches, volunteer firefighters, and residential advisors. Our Brothers are able to do all of this while still maintaining a strong academic performance.

We have spent the last couple of months preparing for our annual Special Olympics philanthropy event which is on April 7th. This has always been a fantastic event and we are hoping to build upon the success we had with it last year. Our Chapter has always placed a high importance on giving back and this is evident based on the fact that we had a total of 1,421 community service hours last semester and donated \$1,984 dollars to various charities and organizations.

We have always maintained a strong presence on the intramural fields and courts. Specifically we have always had a strong soccer team which led to a second place finish in the general intramural season, and we walked away with a victory at the Kappa Klassic (a philanthropy event held by a sorority at Bucknell). We currently have teams competing in the intramural basketball league playoffs and are hoping we can add some more hardware to our collection. Intramural games are always some of our favorite events to attend, and is a great way to show support to our Brothers.

This academic year has been a great success for our Chapter so far. Our New Members have integrated themselves very well and are true embodiments of the Core Values Chi Phi sets forth, as well as our own Phi Lambda Theta values. Personally I look forward to watching our Chapter continue to thrive and flourish at Bucknell.

Fraternally, Nick Dagnino, Phi Lambda Theta 2022 Zeta of the Phi Lambda Theta Chapter



UPSILON CHAPTER AT HOBART COLLEGE

This school year has been nothing short of amazing for the Upsilon Chapter at Hobart College.

This semester, Brothers and Friends did volunteer and philanthropic work at Fetch-a-Friend animal rescue shelter in Seneca Falls, New York. Our Brotherhood gathered forty-one donations, totaling \$400 for supplies such as food and toys for our furry friends. In addition, Brothers volunteered in person to take the animals on walks and play fetch! It was great to see that we brought just as much joy to them as they did to us.

This past fall we participated in Day of Service. This is an opportunity for volunteers to travel to different sites in the local community and offer help with repairing community amenities, putting together donation bags for families in need, and visiting the elderly, among many other caring acts. A large group of our Brothers offered their help in Lyons, New York, to provide general upkeep on a church for the Migrant Ministry. Our tasks included picking up trash, weeding gardens, cleaning gutters, and clearing out basement window wells. This was a great opportunity to give back to the community and set the precedent for what it means to be a true gentleman.

On November 14th we celebrated Upsilon's 159th Founders Day. All Brothers attended a long-table feast, where we shared food, drinks, and lots of laughs while discussing the longevity of such a noble organization! We look forward to celebrating our 160th and upholding the traditions and values which our Founders held so dear to their hearts.

Fraternally, Nassir Whitley, Upsilon 2022 Zeta of the Upsilon Chapter



SIGMA THETA CHAPTER AT TOWSON UNIVERSITY

This past year has been a busy one here at the Sigma Theta Chapter at Towson University. Involvement has been great; Brothers volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club, putting in more than 250 hours aiding the community. Regarding some of our organized Philanthropy events, one included our third annual Holiday Honey Pageant. Our Philanthropy Committee is planning a dodgeball tournament later this spring as well.

Another thing our Chapter has been involved with is maintaining a strong Alumni base. This past fall we organized an Alumni tailgate for the homecoming football game. This gave our Alumni a chance to meet our eight New Members. We look forward to our Second Annual Crawfish Boil in April which will give us a chance to introduce our spring New Members. Building strong connections between Alumni and undergraduate members is something we hold to be very important within our Chapter.

Lastly, involvement has been most evident in the Brotherhood found here at Sigma Theta. Whether playing paintball, watching football, or simply eating meals together the engagement could not be better, and I look forward to another productive year.

Fraternally, Anthony Capparuccini, Sigma Theta 2021

Zeta of the Sigma Theta Chapter

RHO THETA CHAPTER AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY



The Rho Theta Chapter at Arizona State University donated \$1,500 and 1,000 books to Pi Beta Phi's philanthropy this spring.



On Thursday, July 30th the 10th Annual Watts Gunn Memorial Golf Tournament will take place at Merion Golf Club, East Course in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the 155th Congress.

This historic course, designed by Hugh Wilson, has been host to more USGA Championships than any course in America and is home to some of golf's greatest moments. This course continues to challenge the world's best golfers and now is YOUR chance to PLAY the course!

Currently, sponsorship opportunities are available and range from title sponsorship, lunch sponsorship, breakfast sponsorship, gift sponsorship, virtual hole sponsorship and more. Becoming a sponsor today will guarantee your player spot before individual and team registration goes live! For more information on sponsorship packages, visit chiphi.org/watts-gunn.

All proceeds from the tournament directly support Chi Phi's leadership development programs that benefit our Chi Phi Brothers across the country. Do not miss the opportunity to play at Merion Golf Club East Course – become a sponsor today. Individual player and team registration are anticipated to go live in late spring/early summer and will be limited – only 48 total player spots are available for the tournament and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

CORONAVIRUS

The Educational Trust will continue to monitor the situation around COVID-19 and federal and state guidelines. Any changes to Watts Gunn will be announced when information is available. Please email EducationalTrust@chiphi.org for more information.



Sponsorship Opportunities

*For a complete detailed list of all sponsorship benefits, visit the website at chiphi.org/watts-gunn

Title Sponsorship - \$10,000

- Tournament entry fees for one team of four players
- Recognition as the Chi Phi Educational Trust Watts Gunn Memorial Golf Tournament presented by **Company Name**
- Company name and logo featured on all Tournament communications, promotional materials including invitations, tournament signage, schedule of events, recognition on Watts Gunn website, social media and in publications
- Opportunity to distribute promotional materials and speak to all attendees at the Tournament banquet lunch

Lunch Sponsorship - \$8,000

- Tournament entry fees for two players
- Recognition as the sponsor for the Tournament banquet lunch including company logo on all invitations and promotional materials
- Half page ad in the Chakett and dedicated posts on social media channels
- Opportunity to display, distribute promotional materials, and speak at the banquet lunch

Breakfast Sponsorship - \$5,000

- Tournament entry fee for one player
- Recognition as the sponsor for the Tournament breakfast
- Half page ad in the Chakett and dedicated posts on social media channels
- Opportunity to display, distribute promotional materials, and speak to all players during breakfast

Halfway House Sponsorship - \$3,000

- Tournament Entry fee for one player
- Recognition as the sponsor of the Halfway House
- Quarter page ad in the Chakett and dedicated posts on social media channels
- Opportunity to speak to those in attendance and hand out promotional materials

Tournament Gift Sponsorship - \$2,500

- Tournament Entry fee for one player
- Recognition as sponsor of one promotional item to be gifted to all Tournament players (items to include but not limited to umbrellas, golf towels, divot tools and will be determined by the Educational Trust).
- Quarter page ad in the Chakett and dedicated posts on social media channels
- Opportunity to distribute promotional materials in welcome bag

Virtual Hole Sponsorship - \$1,500

- Tournament Entry fee for one player
- Recognition of virtual hole sponsorship through event program (no actual tee signage will be on display on the course)
- Quarter page ad in the Chakett and dedicated posts on social media channels
- Opportunity to distribute promotional materials in welcome bag

For questions or more information, contact the Educational Trust at educationaltrust@chiphi.org.

& alumni news NOTES

Share your news and updates with the Brotherhood! Email Director of Member Engagement Dan Coutcher at coutcher@chiphi.org or visit chiphi.org/chakett to submit your story.



Proving that Brotherhood does not end after graduation and, in fact, spans beyond just your Chapter, three Chi Phi Brothers celebrated Valentine's Day 2020 with love for their spouses and love for their Fraternity Brothers, as well. The three couples enjoyed the day at their church - St. John Neumann in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Left to Right: Hank Hartz, Psi 1960, and his wife Nena; Ron Carpenter, Alpha Delta 1964, and his wife Carol; and CAPT Andy Button, USN, Epsilon 1965, and his wife Janet.



Above, Left: Chapter Beta Ben Justus, Lambda 2022, with Grand Alpha Walker and Brother McCleary. Above, Right: The banquet is among the largest Chi Phi events each year, making for one packed event hall.

The Lambda Chapter at UC Berkeley and its Alumni hosted their annual Lambda Alumni Banquet on Friday, February 7, 2020, with more than 150 Brothers and guests in attendance. **Grand Alpha Bob Walker, lota Delta 1970**, made an appearance and gave an address on Chi Phi and the latest occurrences on the National level. Other speakers that evening included Chapter Alpha **Chase McCleary, Lambda 2022**, who gave Alumni an update on the Lambda Chapter and their goals moving forward.

Also present for the banquet were **Grand Gamma John Christian**, Lambda 1980, and past Grand Epsilon Stuart Jones, Lambda 1979. Brother Jones took the occasion afterwards to remark on how much progress Lambda has made since their reorganization in 2009. He admits bias but believes that both the Chapter and Alumni are in good hands and looks forward to what the future brings for Lambda.



Guy Seabrook, Eta 1969, recently announced the publication of his first novel, "In the Nam," a work which he has dedicated to the 2.7 million who served their country during the war in Vietnam and the sacrifice which many of them made. Brother Seabrook himself served in Vietnam between 1971 and 1972.

The novel follows a young pilot who arrives in Vietnam for his tour of duty, but who soon encounters the reality of war and the impact it has on servicemen. For those interested, it is available in digital format through Amazon.





The New York City Chi Phi Club (top) and the Philadelphia Chi Phi Club (bottom) at their first meet-ups in 2020.

Chi Phi Clubs across the country have been thriving over the past year. Though concerns over COVID-19 have left many of their future events in question, our Brothers have remained connected over social media, phone, and video conference happy hours. The National Office welcomes anyone interested in forming a Chi Phi Club in their area to reach out and learn more about continuing Brotherhood well beyond graduation.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

Chi Phi staff members who welcomed their firstborns this year!

Adam Andersen, Phi Lambda Theta 2010, and Educational Trust Development Coordinator Erin Andersen welcomed their daughter Evelyn on February 14.

Director of Growth and Alumni Services John Fisher, Delta Pi 2013, and Danielle Fisher welcomed their daughter Cecelia on February 27.

2019-2020 Legacies

Although Chi Phi has no "official" rules governing what a Legacy relationship is, every year Chi Phi welcomes sons, grandsons, cousins, and brothers of members into our Brotherhood.

Please join us in welcoming these 2019-2020 Initiates, who join their families in Chi Phi:

Thomas Bennett, Eta 2022, son of Michael Bennett Jr., Eta 1992 Jacob Bloomstein, Delta 2023, son of Daniel Bloomstein, Delta 1995 Mike Brown, Tau 2023, son of Jeffrey Brown, Psi 1995 Daniel Cetera, Delta 2023, son of Anthony Cetera, Delta 1993 Teddy Frain, Alpha Delta 2023, son of Theodore Frain, Alpha Delta 1994 Drake Frederick, Tau Theta 2023, son of Brent Frederick, Alpha-Tau 1995 Preston Hedrick, Omega Zeta 2022, stepson of Rick Egger, Omega Zeta 2001 Sean Ostergren, Delta 2023, son of Steve Ostergren, Delta 1987 Jack Rood, Mu Delta 2022, great-grandson of Jack Fraser, Eta 1943 Marshall Wiesner, Lambda 2023, grandson of Don Wiesner, Lambda 1964



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RITUAL & HERITAGE

This summer we are printing the 8th edition of the Custom Book (which many of us refer to as the "Three Star Book"), a nearly threeyear effort led by the Fraternity's Ritual Committee. The Three Star Book is our Fraternity's most treasured document, and, despite cultural changes, it is the one constant that provides us with the inspiration and guidance to keep us on course for continual existence, making this one of Chi Phi's most important projects in recent years.

Within the pages of our Three Star Book is our sacred Ritual. Through a series of oaths and historical lessons, the Ritual we perform teaches us about the life-long commitment we promise to the Fraternity, shows the historical context of our organization, and - most importantly - lays out the standard to which we hold ourselves.

The reprinting of the Custom Book could not have become a reality without the unbelievable generosity of our Alumni donors. The Fraternity launched The Three Star Campaign this fall to fund the publishing of this edition without burdening our undergraduate members with the cost. Space was reserved for twenty-four donors giving \$1,824 or more on a special dedication page inside the new edition of the Custom Book.

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Within a month, all twenty-four spots had been filled! This includes two group gifts made in memory of George M. MacDonald, Kappa Delta 1971, lota Zeta 1989, Eta Theta 2011, and Kyllan Purdon, Delta Zeta 2010, whose names will appear in the book.

To add to the legacy of these donors, surplus funds will be used to continue Ritual programs, including the annual Regional Ritual Retreats. Although the 2020 RRRs have been postponed due to concerns over COVID-19, we are very much looking forward to 2021 and continuing Chi Phi's most highly reviewed educational program.

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We have been honored by the opportunity to update our sacred Ritual book and develop it into a comprehensive educational tool. The new edition contains enhancements such as expanded direction for Ceremonies, diagrams, historical anecdotes, an explanation of our Creed and Values, a glossary of terms and equipment, and sheet music. Our overarching goal was to create a book that would thoroughly explain the meaning of our Ritual and make it more approachable for our undergraduate Brothers, and I believe we have accomplished that task.

Fraternally,

Matt Scheller, Psi 2007 Grand Zeta

Chi Phi extends a special thanks to Committee members **Dan Coutcher, Alpha-Chi 2016**; **Bradley J. Ellis, Upsilon 2003**; **Grand Epsilon Clark R. Kjorlaug, Omega 2012**; **Jonathan J. "CD" Rawls, Rho Delta 1985, Delta Theta 2017**; and **Grand Zeta Matt Scheller, Psi 2007**, who have dedicated countless hours to ensuring that our sacred Ritual is preserved and available for the coming generations of Chi Phi Brothers. OUR BROTHERS

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The loss of a Brother is never easy to truly take in or understand. This is all too often compounded when that loss is of a Brother still in his undergraduate years. In the short time we are able to call these men Brothers, they have had an immense impact on our Fraternity and our members. This spring has proven to be a difficult one, as two of our undergraduate Brothers entered Chapter Eternal.

Tucker Niedermayer, Xi Theta 2022, of Southern Utah University and **Alex Cawood, Alpha Zeta 2022**, of the University of West Georgia, are remembered today and every day for the contributions they made within their Chapters and for the immense spirit in which they enveloped their Brothers.

Brother Niedermayer was born November 17, 1999, and Initiated into the Xi Theta Chapter on March 1, 2019. He entered Chapter Eternal on January 26, 2020. A native of New Prague, Minnesota, Tucker was an aspiring pilot and is described as a "one-of-a-kind adventurer who loved exploring and seeking the fun adventures in life, whose kind, giving, and compassionate heart

has touched many lives in the community and beyond." He loved his three sisters, animals, his car, and his Chi Phi Brothers. Nothing gave him more joy than making others laugh with his goofy sense of humor and his infectious smile.

Brother Cawood was born on December 2, 1999, and Initiated into



the Alpha Zeta Chapter on November 4, 2018. He entered Chapter Eternal on February 23, 2020, after a courageous fight with cancer. Alex was a resident of Sharpsburg, Georgia, at the time of his passing. Alex is remembered for his skill on the pitcher's mound, having been an All-County first team selection in high school. He even initially signed with USC-Sumter before deciding to take a step back from baseball. Perhaps more memorable than his skill, his former coach remembers Alex's tremendous wit off the field, which also helped make him a beloved Chi Phi Brother. Despite an aggressive treatment plan, a little more than a year after his diagnosis Alex lost his battle with Ewing Sarcoma, a rare



form of cancer that affects the bones most often in teens and young adults.

The Fraternity's thoughts and well wishes go out to the families and friends of Brothers Niedermayer and Cawood, and especially with the members of Xi Theta and Alpha Zeta.

Alex Cawood, Alpha Zeta 2022

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More than 100 Brothers and guests gathered at Central Michigan University to celebrate the success of our men on campus as the CMU Colony became the Tau Theta Chapter.

Founded in the fall of 2017, Central Michigan marked Chi Phi's first expansion in the state since 1921. Tau Theta wasted no time in finding their place on campus and immersing themselves in the Greek Community. With this hard work and dedication, Tau Theta grew steadily in both numbers and performance.

The Chi Phi Fraternity is excited to see what Tau Theta will accomplish. Their dedication to our Values of Truth, Honor, and Personal Integrity has already proven their commitment to this Fraternity and the Chapter's resolve to promote these Values in their community.