

THE CHI PHI chakett news

Spring 2019



CHI PHI PARTNERS WITH THE MAX GRUVER FOUNDATION

On a chilly February morning in Roswell, Georgia, undergraduates, staff members, and Friends of Chi Phi joined more than 600 other runners to support the Max Gruver Foundation at the first annual Stop the Hazing #FlyHighMax 5k. The race, held at Blessed Trinity High School, raised

money to help the Foundation in the effort to stop hazing nationwide.

The Foundation was born out of tragedy. Stephen and Rae Ann Gruver lost their son, Max, in September 2017 after a hazing incident at LSU, just a month after beginning his college career. Max's parents quickly realized that they were not alone in their grief; in 2017, there were four high-profile hazing related deaths. These tragedies were preventable. The Gruvers, like other parents of hazing victims, have channeled their grief to create change.

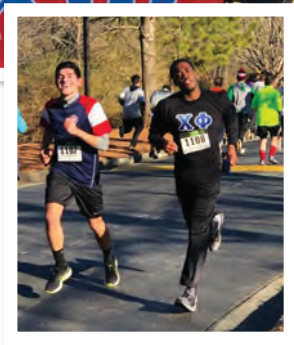
Throughout their many speaking engagements at institutions across the country, the Gruver family is spreading their message in an effort to eliminate hazing from college campuses. At our annual Alphas and Thetas Academy this January, Chi Phi was honored to host Stephen and Rae Ann as keynote speakers.

Continuing Chi Phi's partnership with the Gruver family and the Foundation, our Psi Delta Colony hosted Stephen and Rae Ann at UNC Charlotte this March, and the Delta Pi Chapter at Georgia Southwestern held a fundraiser for the Foundation.

Along with their message to students to look out for one another, Stephen and Rae Ann are actively working with state governments to strengthen hazing laws. They recently helped the state of Louisiana create a felony hazing law known as the Max Gruver Act.



Above: Chi Phi was proud to sponsor the first Stop the Hazing #FlyHighMax 5k. Right: Runners from the Rho Delta Chapter at Oglethorpe University competed in the race.



The 5k event was a great success for all parties, especially for the Foundation, which raised over \$25,000. The Chi Phi Fraternity and Educational Trust came together to serve as Lead Sponsors for the event, and Chi Phi runners came out to compete as well. Our runners included undergraduate members of the Rho Delta Chapter Arman Niknafs, Tyrell Snagg, Steve Myers, Chandler Robinson, and Luis Pereira-Hernandez. Alumnus and staff member John Fisher of the Delta Pi Chapter and his wife Danielle also ran the 5k. Rho Delta Brothers embraced the mission of the event when they ran their final lap twice in order to stick with and support Brothers still in the race. True Brotherhood means looking out for one another, whether that be while running a 5k, on campus, or throughout life.

If you are interested in bringing the Gruvers to speak with your Chapter, campus, or Alumni group, contact Assistant Executive Director Danny Zayas to learn more about how to make it happen.



WHAT AN EXCITING TIME TO BE A CHI PHI!



This academic year has seen many successes for Chi Phi and for our Brothers. While many campuses have paused expansion opportunities, we have celebrated the return of Iota Delta at Indiana University, Chi Delta at Georgia State University, and Psi Delta at UNC Charlotte.

Many of our Chapters have faced new challenges when recruiting New Members, in no small part because of the rising costs associated with higher education and Greek Life. In an effort to help alleviate these costs, the Educational Trust launched the Founders Day Campaign in November, aimed at bringing in unrestricted funds to support – among other things – scholarships awarded directly to our Brothers. This spring, the Fraternity launched its Loyalty Campaign in a similar effort, this one directed at bringing in Alumni donations to fund the 75% of Fraternity operations which cannot legally be funded by the many grants from the Educational Trust – a cost which previously had fallen almost entirely on our undergraduate Brothers.

All said and done, both campaigns – thanks to Alumni like you – far exceeded their initial goals! The Founders Day Campaign, with the added incentive to donors of receiving limited edition Chi Phi

dress socks, blew past its \$20,000 goal and reached over \$35,000 by December 24. The Fraternity was able to also exceed its initial \$30,000 goal for the Loyalty Campaign, with contributions nearing \$40,000 by April. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our Brothers and Friends who stepped up to make a difference. Thank you!

We have also seen a transition in leadership at the Educational Trust. **Mike Dever, Eta 1978**, finished his term as Chairman at the fall meeting in New Orleans. We have certainly enjoyed working alongside Brother Dever for the past two years, and look forward to his continued involvement as a Trustee.

The Fraternity welcomed another member to the Grand Council this spring in **Jerry Blakeslee, Rho 1970**, who now serves as a Member-at-Large. You may recall Brother Blakeslee from the 153rd Congress, where he received the William M. Byrd Alumnus of the Year Award.

The Educational Trust and the Fraternity held a productive Joint Meeting this March, and we look forward to seeing each other again at the 9th Annual Watts Gunn Memorial Golf Tournament and the 154th Congress in Indianapolis this June. We hope to see you there as well!

Fraternally,

Robert K. Walker, Iota Delta 1970, Grand Alpha

David L. Skelton, Omega 1980, Educational Trust Chairman

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WATTS UP *with jumping the Gunn?*

It's okay to jump the gun and reserve your spot at the annual Watts Gunn Memorial Golf Tournament today!

Now in its 9th year, the Tournament honors **Watts Gunn, Omega 1928**, a golf legend recognized in the Georgia Tech Athletic Hall of Fame, Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, Georgia Golf Hall of Fame, and Southern Golf Association Hall of Fame. This year, the Tournament will take place on Thursday, June 20 (right before Congress!) at The Fort Golf Course in Indianapolis.

Player spots are available on a first come, first served basis with proceeds from the Tournament to benefit the Educational Trust's continued efforts to provide scholarships and leadership development programs to our Brothers.

Registration for players and sponsorships are now open! Visit chiphil.org/watts-gunn for more information or contact the Educational Trust at 404-231-1824 or educationaltrust@chiphil.org today!



HOW CAN A GIFT BENEFIT MY CHAPTER DIRECTLY?

Wouldn't it be great if your Alumni Association had an endowment that would provide an academic scholarship to members of your Chapter? Or a funding source that would help send every undergraduate member to a Regional Leadership Alliance? Or funds to help send the Chapter President and New Member Educator to Alphas and Thetas Academy?

The Educational Trust recognizes that to Build Better Men, we must build better Chapters. Chapter strength has a direct impact on the quality of one's undergraduate experience. Beginning in 2001, the Educational Trust established a Chapter Excellence Fund (CEF) for every active Chi Phi Chapter for these exact purposes!

A CEF is a separate account held within the umbrella of the Chi Phi Educational Trust that is restricted for the exclusive benefit of an individual Chapter and its members.

A Chapter Excellence Fund can be used in three primary ways: (1) by awarding scholarships, (2) providing travel or program grants for any educational purpose consistent with IRS regulations (like RLAs or Alphas and Thetas Academy), or (3) for educational space improvements in the Chapter house.

All funds need to achieve a minimum principal balance of \$5,000 before the money can be used and each fiscal year, 4% of the fund balance is available for spending.

To request funds from the CEF or with any questions about the status of your Chapter's CEF, contact the Educational Trust at EducationalTrust@chphi.org.

CHI PHI BUILDS LEADERS FOR LIFE



The Chi Phi Educational Trust proudly supports leadership development programs, including Regional Leadership Alliances, which are Chi Phi's most widely attended events.

By providing grants that fund these leadership programs, our undergraduate Brothers are given the opportunity to develop leadership skills that they will carry with them throughout their professional and personal lives. These programs are critical to our mission of Building Better Men, and thanks to the generous donors to the Educational Trust, we can continue our goal to make it possible for as many Brothers to attend as possible.

This year, Brothers from seven Chapters found that they did not have enough money in their Chapter Excellence Fund (CEF) to guarantee their travel to an RLA. The Educational Trust was able to award special travel grants for each of these Chapters. These grants

would not have been possible without donors who have given to the Educational Trust's unrestricted fund. RLAs continue to be an opportunity for Brothers to grow themselves, become more effective leaders in their Chapter, and develop themselves into true Fraternity gentlemen.

Alex Hicks, Epsilon 2020, is one of the nearly 500 Brothers who attended an RLA in 2019. He reflected on RLA as "a great opportunity for me to grow as a Brother and as an Officer in the Chi Phi Fraternity. RLAs are a great way for young men from different Chapters to come together and share their knowledge on issues within Greek Life with one another. This year's RLA gave my Brothers and I the knowledge and experience to handle certain situations so that the Chi Phi Fraternity will thrive. My Chapter's visit to the RLA was only made possible through the generosity of the Trust."



Chapter SPOTLIGHT



ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER AT PENN STATE

There have been a lot of activities and events here at the Alpha Delta Chapter at Penn State that I would like to share with you.

Recently, our Philanthropy Chair and philanthropy events have been very successful. In total we raised \$4,817 in March through three events. Our first event was a fundraiser that attracted people by letting them play with puppies for a couple hours as well as have the opportunity to buy and eat baked goods we made for the event.

The second event we ran was a 3v3 Ice Hockey event that had a lot of different local chapters and other organizations eager to join. It was super fun for our Brothers and everyone else who participated since we were able to use the ice rink we made. At this event, we raised \$1,404 from everyone who came.

The last event that I will tell you about was one of my personal favorites and our most successful. We raised \$3,200 during a Casino event. It was super fun and so many people came out to the event, which made it meaningful.

There are many more things that our Brotherhood plans to do to keep aiding the community through our philanthropy events and more. We have had a very successful month of giving back to the community and it could not have been done without the help of the Philanthropy Chair, Mason Critchfield. On behalf of all of the Brothers of Alpha Delta, we hope you have a great rest of the year and I hope we can stay in contact as well.

Fraternally,

Matthew De Fonte, Alpha Delta 2021

Zeta of the Alpha Delta Chapter



TAU ZETA CHAPTER AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Last semester, the Tau Zeta Chapter at Boston University left a strong and powerful impression in terms of giving back to the community. After three semesters' worth of hard work and dedication, we are happy to tell you that we have held our biggest philanthropy event to date: The Chi Phi Fun Run.

This 5k took place along the famous Charles River in the city of Boston. Everyone was able to join, whether to get a workout in, or just to casually stroll along the beautiful scenery the city of Boston has to offer. We raised a little over \$3,000 to help the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Special thanks to the **Lambda Theta Chapter** at UMass Dartmouth and the **Beta Chapter** at MIT for their participation and support! The magnitude of this event has set the bar high in terms of what philanthropy events mean for Tau Zeta. We realized that with enough preparation and participation, we can benefit our society beyond what we can imagine.

From seeing Lambda Theta and Beta taking part in our event, we learned that the best and most valuable outcomes are achieved when we come together as one. So we urge you to work with other Chapters if you can.

This is just the tip of the iceberg for us in Tau Zeta. Expect to hear many more great things from us - and hopefully in conjunction with other Chapters too!

Fraternally,

Alp Yalçinkaya, Tau Zeta 2020

Zeta of the Tau Zeta Chapter





Brothers and participants in their annual Powder Puff Football tournament. Below: The Chapter came together to raise money for the Red Cross's efforts after Hurricane Irma.

OMICRON THETA CHAPTER AT SUNY PLATTSBURGH



This current school year has been going great for the Omicron Theta Chapter at SUNY Plattsburgh.

This past fall we volunteered for the second year at the

local Plattsburgh Art House. Brothers helped out with a variety of tasks to aid the renovation process of the newly acquired Art House. This helped create a strong bond not only with the owners of the Art House, but the local community as well.

Last semester we also held our annual Powder Puff Football event to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club. We also came together to raise money to help the victims affected by Hurricane Irma. All proceeds were given to the Red Cross to help relief efforts. In total last semester we had over 137 hours of community service.

Brothers are excited about welcoming eleven New Members this spring. We are also looking forward to celebrating Omicron Theta's 10th Anniversary.

Fraternally,

James Flaherty, Omicron Theta 2020

Zeta of the Omicron Theta Chapter

Get monthly updates and Chapter Spotlights by subscribing to our electronic newsletter, *The Grapevine*. Update your email address with the National Office to receive this and other important news!

PI THETA CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-La CROSSE

Another year has passed and as we look back as a Chapter, we can reflect on all the things that we accomplished. This past spring the Pi Theta Chapter at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse conducted our annual philanthropy event, Sara Softball. This year was a record breaking one as we passed the \$40,000 mark for our funds raised for the Sara Hougom Foundation since 2013. The Chapter managed to raise \$12,000 of that total just this year.

As we approach the end of the spring season, the Chapter reflects on another great year of involvement. Community involvement is something we pride ourselves in as a Chapter. Whether it is our own philanthropy events, other Greek organizations' events, or other things on campus and in the community, we are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Another thing we hold near and dear is a strong Alumni base. This fall we held an Alumni tailgate which was a great opportunity to reconnect with some of the older guys. It was also a great chance to introduce our New Members to the guys that came before them. Keeping strong Alumni connections is something we value here at the Pi Theta Chapter and something we continue to expand on each year.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, are the relationships and Brotherhood we create within our own Chapter. Whether it's watching a football game, going on a bluff hike, or even having a chili cookoff, the bonds we make with each other are the pride of Pi Theta. Whether on the road or in the Chapter house the bonds we have created are always present.

Fraternally,

Reid Gerber, Pi Theta 2021

Zeta of the Pi Theta Chapter





Why We GIVE BACK

The importance of supporting the Chi Phi Fraternity and Educational Trust is not a new revelation to us, but the Alumni support we receive annually is perhaps more relevant now than ever before.

Though they are two entities, the Fraternity and Trust very much live symbiotically. The Trust annually awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to the Fraternity and merit-based scholarships to accomplished undergraduate and graduate Brothers. The grants awarded to the Fraternity provide critical funding for staff salaries, Chapter visits, educational programs, and technology upgrades. All told, these grants cover nearly 25% of the Fraternity's annual operating costs. Additionally, the annual Trust scholarships awarded to our Brothers provide direct, financial relief from the ever-present pressures of college tuition and expenses.

Other costs associated with Fraternity operations – expansions, Ritual, insurance premiums, and Congress, to name a few – cannot legally be funded by the Trust and are covered almost entirely through billing our undergraduate membership each semester.

The recent successes of the Trust's Founders Day Campaign and the Fraternity's Loyalty Campaign show that Alumni and friends still believe in the Fraternity experience and our Core Values of Truth, Honor, and Personal Integrity. **Collectively, these Campaigns raised more than \$70,000 to support Trust grants and scholarships and Fraternity operations.**

Through donations made to the Trust in support of educational programs, scholarships, and staff resources – in addition to contributions made to the Fraternity that ease the dependence on our Brothers' National Dues – your support has provided countless opportunities for young men across the country to become involved in Greek Life, who otherwise may not have been afforded the opportunity.

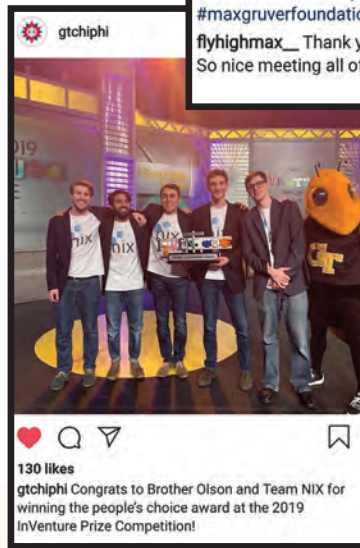
With more than 2,700 undergraduate members, Chi Phi changes lives every day. Your support of an unrestricted contribution to the Fraternity or donation to the Trust will make this impact even greater by allowing us to allocate even more funding to the greatest needs of our Fraternity, Trust, and Brothers.

Included in this edition of The Chakett News is a pre-addressed return envelope. By making a tax-deductible gift to the Trust or a contribution to the Fraternity, you reaffirm your commitment to Build Better Men through our Values of Truth, Honor, and Personal Integrity.

"I give of my time because I believe in the concept that is fraternity, I know what my organization has given to me and I have seen every day the gifts that Chi Phi has given its members. Some of my best friends in this world are a direct result of my involvement with Chi Phi, so of course when asked, I give all I can. Sometimes that is time and sometimes that is a financial gift."

-Dr. Kim Godwin, Delta Zeta Sorority, Friend of Chi Phi





With their ever growing presence on social media, our Chapters, Colonies, and yes, even Alumni organizations continue to share their latest news with the click of a button.

If you have not already, take the opportunity to follow our Chapters and @ChiPhiNational on Instagram to keep up with Chi Phi across the country!

CHI PHI IN AN INSTAnt



alumni news & notes

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

Stephan H. Andranian, Sigma Delta 1993, was named partner of the law firm of Vogt, Resnick & Sherak, LLP in Newport Beach, California.

David M. Ruchin, Rho Delta 1972, retired after 21 years of teaching World History, preceded by working more than 30 years in the business world as a credit manager for several electronics firms.

Ken Dickerson, Pi 1981, retired as COO of the Wynright Corporation in Elk Grove, Illinois.

J. Douglas Stewart, Gamma 1960, retired from the firm of Stewart, Melvin & Frost.

William Saemann, Kappa 1977, retired from Macon & CO/STANLEY Healthcare in February 2019 after 25+ years in medical sales.

Carl Dworman, Alpha-Chi 1961, shared his unique story, unfortunately much too long to print in any form and do it justice, from when he taught at the US Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Accompanied by Israeli Rear Admiral Dr. Arieh Rona, Brother Dworman flew his tiny Cessna 172 from Newport, through the Arctic Circle, and back down to Admiral Rona's home in Israel in 1984.



Brother Dworman and his reliable Cessna 172, flown from Rhode Island to Israel in 1984.

Dimitris Magemeneas, Sigma 1990, served as Delta his senior year, which prepared him well for his career as a wealth manager in San Marcos, California, where he earned the nickname "Money Man." He is currently working to establish a sports complex in his town – search "Mega Game Plex" to learn more about it.

Nicholas A Medina, Lambda Zeta 2008, began his new role in December 2018 as the Assistant Director for Records and Registration at the TCU and UNTHSC School of Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas.

Sean P. Murphy, Lambda Theta 2008, recently became "of Counsel" at the law firm Scafidi Juliano LLP, handling the firm's litigation and estate planning needs.

Nicholas Reckinger, Alpha Zeta 2002, and **Matt Alexander, Alpha Zeta 2002**, own Georgia Boys BBQ in Longmont, Colorado, and were recently featured on the Cooking Channel's "Man's Greatest Food."

Ken Davie, Delta 1968, received the Meritorious Service Award for his contributions made to the Duquesne University School of Law. Brother Davie is a partner at Cifelli and Davie in Harrison, New Jersey, and has served as the Assistant Town Attorney in Kearny, New Jersey, for 33 years.

Harry Alexander, Omega 1969, and his wife Sharon have been in the Knoxville/Oak Ridge, Tennessee, area since 1981 and are now both retired. They have three daughters and six grandchildren who happily occupy a lot of their time. Brother Alexander still has fond memories of times at 720 Fowler Street NW, where he first met Sharon.

Col. Gregory Beaulieu, USAF, Nu Delta 1999, assumed command of the 325th Mission Support Group at Tyndall Air Force Base on April 1, 2019.



Col. Matthew Jefson (left) relinquishes command of the 325th Mission Support Group to Brother Beaulieu (right). Photo credits: Senior Airman Javier Alvarez.

BGen Julian D. Alford, USMC, Alpha Zeta 1986, was nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Brother Alford currently serves as commander, Task Force Southwest – Afghanistan.

Andy Mosser, Omega Zeta 2014, completed Basic Training for the United States Army and will be attending Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning.

Tanner McMullen, Rho Delta 2016, and his wife Nora welcomed their second child on February 18. Brother McMullen is enlisted in the Air Force and received the volunteer of the year award at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base for 2018.

Nick Sipala, Omega Zeta 2011, and his wife Nina Romanelli welcomed daughter Siena Marie on January 28, 2019.



Since 1982, a group of Alumni from the **Epsilon Delta Chapter** at **Oregon State University** have met the Thursday before Christmas at various bars and pubs around Portland. In this past Christmas season, 15 Brothers met up at the Lucky Lab tavern in Multnomah Village. Attendees this year were Jim and Jerry Hansen, Brent and Randy Dennis, Tom Majnarich, Karl Friesen, Mike Pranger, Clay Edwards, Rich Denman, John Weisensee, Joe Shafbuch, and Craig Nomi and his son Christian Nomi. Scott Maslen came in all the way from Vietnam – though mostly to be with his family at Christmas! Lastly, I was also in attendance.

These meet-ups started out with just four or five of us, originally organized by Jim Hansen; now Jerry and I do much of the organizing and outreach. It's a great time to remember the "old days" tell stories – mostly lies – about how great we were!

We will be at it again next year!

—Gerry Williams, Epsilon Delta 1981

DELTA ALUMNUS HONORED WITH HOMETOWN STATUE

This fall, the citizens of Wall, New Jersey, dedicated a statue in honor of the life and service of **Harry J. Rockefeller II, Delta 1941**, a US Army Major General. Brother Rockefeller was a veteran of World War II, when he took part in the Battle of the Bulge and liberated the Ohrdruf concentration camp. He was three times awarded the Silver Star Medal, the military's third-highest personal decoration for valor in combat.

Before his passing in 2017, Brother Rockefeller lived a quiet life in Wall, rarely speaking of his service in the Army, which lasted until 1974. Thanks to a chance encounter with a local police officer, Mike Malone, his story has been widely shared.

Officer Malone was a key figure in fundraising more than \$200,000 for the project and veterans organizations; thanks to his work, Brother Rockefeller will be remembered for generations to come.



The **Eta Chapter** Alumni are pleased to once again award the Vic Pryles Scholarship to eight deserving Brothers. The award is made possible each year through the generosity of **Calvin Allen, Eta 1971**, in honor of **Vic Pryles, Eta 1968**. This year's recipients are: Tourner Moseley, Johnny Maier, Vincent Tiano, Raleigh Lumpkin, Charles McDonough, Ben Huckaby, Alec Clifford, and Frank Rodgers.

(below) Just a portion of the Brothers and Friends from the **Sigma Delta Chapter** who reunited this fall in Martinez, California.



On the second Saturday of October, the Brothers, friends, and significant others of the **Sigma Delta Chapter** from UC Davis met again, this time 105 strong from the graduation years of 1984 to 1990.

The thought of a reunion started at a kids' soccer game last year when **Jeff Galdes, Sigma Delta 1987**, and I came together. With the help of **Eric Mariotti, Sigma Delta 1989**; **Simo Rodich, Sigma Delta 1986**; and **Mike Babot, Sigma Delta 1985**, we found as many graduates as we could and started planning.

The Mariotti family generously agreed to hold the event at their home in Martinez, California, and Brothers and friends came from six different states to celebrate old - but never forgotten - friendships.

It was one of those days in life that do not come around often, yet leave an indelible impression on you. How sweet life is when you are surrounded by people you love. So many friends reconnected, some after not seeing each other since graduation. The time and distance between us melted instantly away in hugs and happy tears and gut-busting laughter of the times we spent together. We learned of many smaller groups of Chi Phis that became life-long "families" forged in the days before anyone was married or had kids to brag about and careers and lives as adults to share.

Our humble message to all of you; don't wait to do this at your Chapter. We are all still talking about it. We can't wait to do it again. October 2020 is right around the corner!

—Adam Cipriano, Sigma Delta 1988



WHAT TRULY *makes us Chi Phi?*

Regional Ritual Retreats

"I feel more connected to Chi Phi than I ever have been. I am convinced that I am/will be a better man."

Register now on Chi Phi Connect!

University of California, Berkeley – Berkeley, CA

June 7-9, 2019. Register by May 31

Oglethorpe University – Atlanta, GA

June 14-16, 2019. Register by June 7

Lehigh University – Bethlehem, PA

July 12-14, 2019. Register by July 5

It seems an odd question to pose since all of us share fond memories of our years of Brotherhood at college and as Alumni. However, these fraternal bonds are not only found in the social aspect of Greek Life. Every fraternity and sorority has their own Ritual, each of which is unique.

For any Chi Phi, learning about our Ritual and Heritage can open doors to new insights to who we are as Brothers and what has bound us together for nearly two centuries. This is why, four years ago, Chi Phi introduced our Regional Ritual Retreats. Now hosted in three locations nationwide, RRR impacts more than 100 undergraduate and Alumni Brothers every year and exposes them to a new depth of understanding of the secret meaning of our Brotherhood.

This program is provided at no cost to participants, who only need to make their way to campus for a weekend-long adventure into our Ritual. We hope you can join us this summer – you will not be disappointed!

For more information, visit chphi.org/rrr

THE 154TH CONGRESS

Indianapolis | June 21-23

CALLING ALL DELEGATES!

We hope to see your Alumni Association, Housing Corporation, or City Club as one of our represented Alumni organizations at the 154th Congress.

Ensuring that you have representation at Congress is critical to Chi Phi's continued success. Delegates to the 154th Congress will decide the future path of our Fraternity as they vote on legislation concerning Chapter standards, member education, and our financial policies.

Any Brothers and their guests unable to attend the full roster of Congressional events are welcomed to partake in individual events. The Congressional Banquet on Saturday evening, where we will recognize our 2019 award winners and celebrate our Brotherhood, always proves to be the most popular. We hope to see you there!

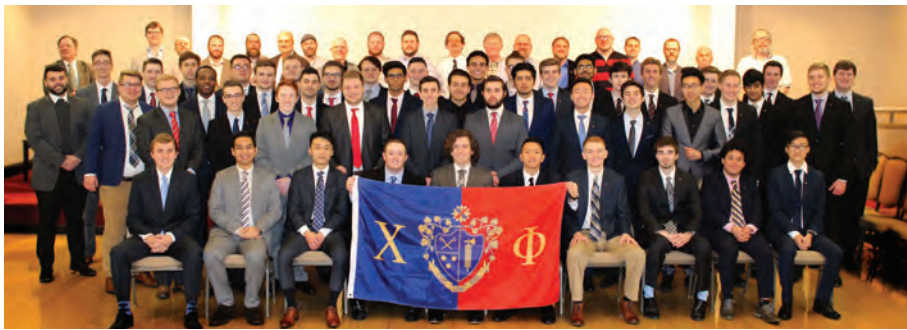
Congress will take place in downtown Indianapolis at the JW Marriott, where Chi Phi has a designated room block that closes on May 29. Registration for Congress is open on Chi Phi Connect and will close on June 9.



Check out chphi.org/congress for more information



EXPANSION: REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY



(top) Members of the Chi Delta Colony at Georgia State following their Pledging Ceremony this spring. Originally founded in 1969, Chi Delta will be celebrating 50 years of Brotherhood this year. (bottom) Iota Delta's Alumni, New Members, and the Expansion Team celebrate their return to IU after their Pledging Ceremony in March.

This academic year has been a banner one for Chi Phi in terms of expansion opportunities. In addition to Psi Delta at UNC Charlotte in the fall, the spring of 2019 saw the celebrated returns of Chi Delta at Georgia State University and Iota Delta at Indiana University.

All said, our reestablished presence on these campuses has resulted in the welcome of more than 100 young men who otherwise would not have been afforded the opportunity to become Chi Phi Brothers.

Expansion is one of the areas where Chi Phi has been most successful in recent years, especially as some campuses close their doors to bringing on new organizations. The fall of 2019 finds us returning to the University of Texas at Austin, where the Nu Colony has a long and storied history. We will also be establishing Chi Phi's presence for the first time at the University of Tampa. What could make for a better fall term than the Nu Colony and a brand new Colony?

Looking at 2020 and beyond, we have scheduled returns to Epsilon Delta at Oregon State University, Rho Iota Kappa at the University of Rhode Island, Delta Zeta at the University of South Florida, Lambda Delta at the University of Arizona, Nu Delta at Florida State University, and a new opportunity at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

In addition to this promising list, Chi Phi is always on the lookout for interested groups and opportunities on other campuses. **If you know a young man interested in establishing his own legacy on campus, have him reach out to Director of Growth John Fisher, Delta Pi 2013, at fisher@chiphil.org.**

One of our two expansion teams this spring went to Indiana University, where Chris Fernandez, Rho Delta 2017, and Jason Santiago recruited a 54 man New Member Class at the Iota Delta Colony.

Every Leadership Consultant would agree a bit of them is left behind at a campus following an expansion. This was definitely the case for Jason and myself. The men we asked to join and accepted bids are intelligent, driven, and genuine. Leaving the expansion, we were comfortable putting any of them in almost any Executive Council role within the Colony. This is an excellent and promising marker for any Colony. Many of these men are driven by the fact that they want to put an end to hazing and stereotypical fraternity culture at IU.

A key component to Colony, and eventually Chapter, success is a group of dedicated and informed Alumni. I say informed because Greek Life has changed drastically since many Brothers have graduated. The Iota Delta Alumni understand this and are using their strong Alumni network to move the Colony forward.

In a joint meeting between the potential New Members and Alumni, Alumnus and Founder of Iota Delta **Don Meyer, Iota Delta 1960, Alpha-Chi 1960**, challenged the men by saying, "don't lose your enthusiasm." This inspired many of the students to consider the possibilities of what the Colony can accomplish in the next several semesters. I have no doubt these men will accomplish far more than anyone could ever expect of them.

— Chris Fernandez, Rho Delta 2017



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Alpha Theta Chi Wins Fundraising Challenge at UNL



With the ever-rising costs of higher education and fraternity membership, our Brothers at the Alpha Theta Chi Chapter took on a fundraising challenge posed by the University of Nebraska.

Vying for scholarship funds against fifteen other student organizations, the Chapter's Alumni rocketed themselves well ahead of the pack to raise more than \$2,000, leading them to meet secondary challenges for Most Raised and Most Individual Donors, both of which came with additional cash awards. To top it off, Rick Wintermute, Alpha Theta Chi 1984, was randomly chosen as the donor to have \$1,000 added to his contribution.

In all, the Chapter found itself on the receiving end of \$3,780 for member scholarships.

When Brothers come together, the possibilities of their impact are limitless! Congratulations to our Alpha Theta Chi Brothers!

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