

Consul's Corner

Worthy Brothers,

With the spring term coming to a close, I am overcome with feelings of pride and accomplishment for the Zeta Theta B Chapter. First and foremost, the spring marked a series of life changing events for 10 bright, motivated, and promising young men which culminated in their initiation. Our chapter had a flawless execution of the new Preparation for Brotherhood Pledge Program. Throughout this process I was impressed with the effort and dedication of the pledges and brothers alike, and we still managed to keep some Zeta Theta B traditions alive with the revamping of Post Initiation Training. With the chapter at 40 brothers strong for the coming fall, I am looking forward to seeing the new members of PC17 quickly step into leadership roles within the house.

Another aspect of this past term that cannot be overlooked is the achievements of our graduating seniors. All 7 graduates are setup to do extremely well in their respective disciplines and they represent the overall goal for every undergraduate. We wish them all the best, and we are sincerely grateful for all the contributions and memories made along the way.

The chapter continued to push its involvement on campus and in the community to new heights, with 81.5% of brothers being involved in some sort of club or activity. Fall 2017 will mark the 2nd consecutive term that Zeta Theta B will hold Director's positions in all 4 branches of Kettering Student Government. Other areas of growth included involvement with the newly formed Habitat for Humanity chapter through its Founder, brother Harschal Patel ('19). I am proud to say that our chapter continues to be the go-to source for help with the University efforts to beautify the Flint community. The chapter participated in multiple efforts to repaint and clean up houses around the school, dedicating multiple Saturday mornings to improve the appearance of the outlying community. This exceptional commitment to service reinforces the fact that Sigma Chis get things done, and I look forward to pushing the limits of our positive influence in the coming months. In addition, our brothers participated in events sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity and the chapter-wide Adopt-A-Highway initiative as a part of Derby Days 2017.

While maintaining this fantastic presence on campus, Zeta Theta B also excelled in the classroom, posting an average GPA of 3.26 for spring 2017. We continue to hold numerous executive positions in exclusive Honors Societies such as Pi Tau Sigma, Order of the Omega, Tau Beta Pi, and the Robots Society. Our brothers recognize the importance of both involvement and grades, and I look forward to continuing our scholastic momentum into the fall term.

The 2017 Derby Days week was outstanding, with approximately \$5,000 being raised for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The week featured events such as a car bash, relay races, Road Rally, and our most successful Brotherhood Auction to date. Taking Derby Days into account, the chapter was able to donate a yearly total of \$13,700 to Huntsman. This unprecedented total could not have been reached without generous contributions from our alumni network, and the entire chapter is very appreciative for the willingness to give back. The new Philanthropy Team is in the process of planning our summer fundraising events, which are sure to include the return of Bowling Night as well as brand new ideas to contribute to our goal.

Additionally, Zeta Theta B once again had two Horizons attendees for the 2017 sessions. Our Recruitment Chair, Will Houtman ('20) and our Public Relations Chair, Thomas Eschelbach ('20) both had the honor of experiencing a one of a kind week in Snowbird, Utah. Zeta Theta B is honored to continually send two participants to this very exclusive program, and we are looking forward to the impact Will and Thomas can make with their honed leadership skills.

Last, but certainly not least, our chapter sent 7 brothers to the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in Bowling Green, Ohio for the first weekend in August. While we had time to plan our strategy for the next year, the weekend was also a very special one. At the closing awards ceremony, Zeta Theta B was awarded with our first ever Gold Peterson. This is the highest recognition that the International Fraternity can give to a chapter, placing us in the 97th percentile for overall chapter operations amongst all of Sigma Chi. We were one of 6 chapters out of over 240 to receive Gold level distinction placing 4th in overall score, and I could not be more proud of seeing our hard work pay off.

All in all, I am thrilled with our success to date and excited for what lies ahead in the coming year. I am already eager to be back at school and build upon our success to advance our presence on the campus and in our community. Again, I would like to thank the continued presence of our extensive alumni network. The undergraduates will always welcome your visits to the house, and we are always looking for new ways to keep you engaged. With that in mind, feel free to come and check out what the house is up to. We are prepared for a bright year ahead.

In Hoc Signo Vinces,

Andrew Prina ('18) Consul 2017-2018 248-928-3591



Congratulations Brother Predmore!



The Zeta Theta House Corporation would like to congratulate Brother John Predmore on being inducted into the 2017 Order of Constantine class. As a reminder, the Order of Constantine recognizes a group of Sigma Chi brothers each year for their commitment, dedication, and service to the Fraternity. Brothers who enter this order require a minimum of 20 years of active alumni involvement. John is the second Zeta Theta alumni to be inducted into this order joining charter member Frank MacDonald. Since the founding in 1948, only 720 alumni brothers who have earned the right to wear the Order of Constantine lapel pin. I got a chance to talk with John about his Sigma Chi Journey from a Zeta Theta undergraduate to one of the highest honors a Sigma Chi can achieve. This journey has bounced him back and forth between Rochester NY and Flint MI, helping with many Sigma Chi activities along the way. When I asked John how he got where his is today, he simply stated it was by saying yes when asked to help, and by keeping his word when committing to do so. John's outstanding alumni career includes the following:

- Member of the Zeta Theta House Corp (Treasurer and President)
 - Charter member of the Rochester NY Alumni Chapter
 - Cornerstone Mentor for the University of Rochester
- Participant in forming 4 colonies (Syracuse NY, Rochester Institute of Technology, Hobart College, and Binghamton University)
 - Grand Praetor since 2011

John can attribute most of his involvement to answering the call when asked to help with the Fraternity. Through the Rochester NY Alumni chapter and working at the GM Rochester Products Division, John got to know then Grand Praetor and Zeta Theta charter member Barry Van Vleck. Barry played an early part in the opportunity that John received when he was in New York, asking him to be part of the Cornerstone program and to help with the Syracuse NY colonization. John stepped up on both occasions and was successful in both endeavors. John is the third Zeta Theta Alumni to hold the Grand Praetor position in Northwestern NY. He says being Grand Praetor has got to be the greatest job in the Fraternity because he gets to work with the undergrads. John mentioned that when graduating he didn't have aspirations to have the alumni career he's enjoyed so much, but by living up to the values of Sigma Chi he was able to answer the charge when asked to help by his fellow brothers. It's amazing to see how such a simple concept, when properly applied, can elevate one of our own to be included in one of our Fraternity's highest honors. Thank you John for your service to the Fraternity in a manner the Founders would have commended. It is truly inspiring to see what is possible when you say yes when called to help and keeping your word when doing so.

Some fun facts about John:

- Favorite room in the house is the attic (now renamed the Penthouse)
 - Pledge Class project was to build the 4-man Deck
 - Helped build the current Fire Escape
 - Member of Tau Beta Pi and the Robot Society
- Nicknamed "Pred the Head" after a visit to the famous Treehouse

John asks that Brothers remember to express appreciation to the many alumni volunteers and donors who support the Fraternity, who have contributed to our individual growth and opportunities, along our course in life. See http://sigmachi.org/Alumni-Awards for other ways to recognize Sigma Chi's dedicated volunteers.

Gary O'Brien ('07) House Corp Secretary



Recruitment Update

The Brothers of the Zeta Theta B chapter are looking forward to another stellar recruitment term this fall. We have many great ideas that we plan to implement this fall to improve our current events and create new events. One of our main goals is to have at least one more on-campus recruitment event to draw out more guys and help our Brothers build more connections early in the term. We want to show the freshmen why we are the best fraternity on campus through our high standards, self-accountability, and ideals by which we live our lives. The recruitment team will make sure to involve the entire brotherhood; working to utilize each brother's individual skillset in the recruitment process. I am very excited to work with PC '17 and see what new ideas and skills they bring to the table. We are going to work as hard as possible to recruit the best freshmen that come to Kettering University. We will continue to stay focused on seeking out new members based on our standards and values. I refuse to let ourselves become complacent and will work endlessly to motivate our chapter to recruit the best men of the incoming class.

In Hoc, Will Houtman ('19) Recruitment Chairman 2017-18

Philanthropy Update

Last year the philanthropic efforts to support The Huntsman Cancer Institute pushed this chapter to an unmatched \$13,700 over Kettering's Greek community; almost doubling the previous year of \$7,300. A large success this past year came from our newly implemented Troy bowling fundraiser, netting \$1,200. Derby Days raised a record setting total of \$4,850 with \$1,950 going to charities around Flushing and \$2,900 going toward Huntsman. We have a monetary goal of \$15,000 this year. Our plan is to refine the existing programs, introduce new events, and implement new micro-fundraising strategies throughout the year. By reaching out to the community, major fundraising opportunities such as bowling events, the Haunted House, and a newly established golf outing and car wash will help our brotherhood reach new heights. We are excited to put on new events for the community and alumni and we will strive to improve the position during this coming year.

If you are an alumnus looking to become more involved in our philanthropic events such as the golf outing this summer, please feel free to contact us at philanthropy@ztsigs.org.

In Hoc, Sam Geiser ('20) Philanthropy Chair

Logan Snider ('21) Assistant Philanthropy Chair



Project Manager Update

Spring term consisted of yet another successful project weekend. Over the weekend a lot of large tasks were accomplished that helped bring the house to her full glory. These tasks could not have been accomplished without the help of some of the fathers of our brothers. One of the largest tasks was erecting a new 30' flag pole. The task was made easy with the help of our alumni brother Cody Cochran and his father. Cody's father brought an excavator in which we used to dig the hole for the cement base of the flagpole as well as a trench to the house to run electricity to the flagpole to project lights on it.

Another large project tackled was laying new tile in the entrance of the house. Brother Bill Schaub lead this project with his father. The crest on the chimney of the house was refurbished by brother Zach Balogh and his father. The penthouse windows received new trim with the help of brother Jack Sabelhaus and his father. Zac Coblentz and his uncle led a project to build a nice woodshed next to the fire pit behind the house. PC'17 was tasked with planting bushes and cleaning up the landscape of the yard on the west side of the house.

The garage next to the house is being planned to be rebuilt, therefore the graduating seniors were in charge on cleaning out the garage and beginning the demolition.

Project weekend was very successful this spring term and a good number of large projects were tackled. Involving fathers with project weekend has proved to be a very positive addition. Not only is it a great chance for them to meet some undergraduate brothers and bond with their sons, but we are able to accomplish much more with their guidance (and equipment).

We are looking forward to another great year here at Zeta Theta B and are excited to see what we could improve in the coming project weekends.

In Hoc,

Trent Haigh ('21)

Project Manager

Public Relations Update

This 2017 Spring term provided us with a lot of different service opportunities for our Zeta Theta B Chapter to give back to our community. This Spring term has been extremely productive which is a big change from that in years prior. We had a great turnout at both our Adopt-a-Highway and Adopt-a-Park events early this Spring and those who weren't present at these events were working with Habitat for Humanity helping the community in a different way. Many brothers also set aside time from their Memorial Day weekend to help put flags by the graves of veterans at the local cemetery. Other events have been geared towards helping the Flushing and Flint communities alike, including painting houses in Flint to improve the visual appeal of the

community, and helping Student Alumni Council with Homecoming events. We have starting branching out to help the Genesee County Animal Control with walking dogs which provides a great stress relief for those brothers involved. With all our Chapter's efforts this Spring term we were able to accumulate over 350 hours, with an average of 7.3 hours per brother. I am extremely excited to continue in our efforts to branch out and build upon our relations with the Flushing community, as well as continue to make a positive impact on the Flint community. We are looking forward to USA cares this summer and as always we are striving to do great things in the community.

In Hoc, Thomas Eschelbach ('20) Public Relations Chair

Scholarship Update

Last fall, the Zeta Theta B chapter continued to increase our cumulative GPA to 3.23, and maintained our position as the fourth highest cumulative GPA on Kettering's campus. As it stands, Sigma Chi is only 0.03 points behind Theta Xi, the highest ranking wet house on campus, and is above both the IFC and all Greek average. Our goal for the upcoming term will be to continue to grow our cumulative GPA in the hopes of becoming the dominant academic force in the Greek community; we hope to reach a cumulative 3.30 GPA by Spring 2018. Reaching this goal will take the effort of the entire brotherhood, and academic focus will be stressed in the form of increasing study table attendance, requiring study logs for those on probation, and continuously updating the crib drive.

In Hoc, Jacob Leto Scholarship Chair

Involvement Update

Brothers of the Zeta Theta B Chapter are involved in almost every organization on Kettering's campus. 81.5% of Brothers contributed to this year's involvement in the campus's organizations. In those 81.5% the average number of Brothers involved in each organization is 4.08. The Zeta Theta B Chapter would like to recognize Josh Kubicek as the most involved brother of the Chapter. Josh played a large role in the betterment of the overall campus and the nine clubs he represented. Below is a list of what the brothers are involved in and their respective positions.

In Hoc,

Ryan Grifka ('21) Involvement Chair

Habitat For Humanity

Cory Fedewa - Project Manager Harschal Patel - Secretary President Jacob Furtney -Vice President Logan Snider Josh Kubicek

Student Alumni Council

Andrew Prina - Planning
Nick Mitchell - Administrator
Zack Moore - Treasurer
Andy Deyoung - Logistics
Zach Balogh - Vice President
Sam Geiser - Philanthropy
Thomas Eschelbach - PR
Ryan Grifka

Operations Council

Zach Balogh - Assistant Director Jacob Crosby - Director Sam Geiser - Entertainment Chair Will Houtman - Activities Chair Kevin Schwarz - Athletics Chair Thomas Eschelbach - PR Chair Trent Haigh - Campus Events Chair

Finance Council

Nik Sciortino
Pete Moscone
Bill Schaub – Treasurer
Josh Kubicek - assistant Treasurer

Golf Club

Andrew Prina - Vice President/Events Coordinator
Andy Deyoung - Intern
Bill Schaub - President
Scott Campbell
Nick Tuttle
Tyler Phillips
Josh Kubicek

Society of Plastic Engineers

Zac Coblentz- President
Jacob Ebert
Cory Fedewa
Jack Sabelhaus
Nick Tuttle
Scott Campbell
Josh Kubicek

Unit Buddies

Trent Haigh
Josh Kubicek
Nik Sciortino
Logan Snider
Austin Waldrop
Jake Leto
Nick Mitchell

Academic Council

Andrew Prina Jacob Furtney - Director Adit Agrawal

Alpha Phi Omega

Jacob Furtney - Sergeant at Arms Dylan Rainko Will Houtman

Baseball Club

Nick Tuttle - Event Coordinator & Secretary

IFC

Josh Kubicek - Vice President
Nik Sciortino
Zack Moore - Social Chair
Nick Tuttle - Student Activities
Ryan Grifka – Scholarship & Awards Chair

Order Of Omega

Jack Sabelhaus - President Adit Agrawal Harschal Patel Tyler Phillips Josh Kubicek Institute of Industrial Engineers
Harschal Patel- President
Scott Campbell
Adit Agrawal - Vice President
Tyler Philips
Aaron Villano

COMPASS Crew Andrew Prina Will Houtman Sam Geiser

Kagle Leadership Initiatives Harschal Patel - Mentor

Kettering Leaders Fellow Harschal Patel

Alpha Pi Mu Tyler Phillips - President Aaron Villano - Vice President Adit Agrawal

Student Senate Harschal Patel - Student Body President Adit Agrawal - Multicultural Rep Robot Honor Society
Harschal Patel

Juggling Club Jacob Crosby - Treasurer Jacob Furtney

Physics Club Jacob Furtney

Gamma Sigma Alpha Josh Kubicek

Pi Tau Sigma Josh Kubicek

Tau Beta Pi Andrew Prina

Order of Engineers Adit Agrawal

Graduating Seniors

This term 7 outstanding Sigma Chi's graduated. Each and every one of them left a unique impact on this house with their many different temperaments, talents, and convictions. They will truly be missed in the future by all the current undergrads but their legacy lives on through us. Congratulations to these fine gentlemen and may they continue to have success in the future. Below are the graduating seniors and info on them as they enter work term eternal.

Derek Earle

Full Time Employee: ZF TRW

<u>Job Title</u>: Applications Engineer for Seat Belts

Location: Washington Township, MI

<u>Degree</u>: BSME



Ryley Pavlawk

<u>Full Time Employee</u>: Nexteer Automotive

<u>Job Title</u>: Associate Product Engineer in the EPS Motor and

Powerpack group Location: Saginaw, MI

Degree: BSME

Brett Crouse

Full Time Employee: Currently Seeking

<u>Job Title</u>: <u>Location</u>: <u>Degree</u>: BSME

Jon Groulx

Full Time Employee: TiAL Sport

<u>Job Title</u>: Engineer <u>Location</u>: Owosso, MI

Degree: BSME

Andrew Kreppel

Full Time Employee: FCA

<u>Job Title</u>: Transmission Calibrator

<u>Location</u>: Auburn Hills, MI

Degree: BSME

Maxwell Petit

<u>Full Time Employee</u>: Bosch Steering <u>Job Title</u>: Steering Function Developer

Location: Plymouth, MI

<u>Degree</u>: BSCE

Dylan Hett

Full Time Employee: Currently seeking

<u>Job Title</u>: <u>Location</u>: <u>Degree</u>: BSME









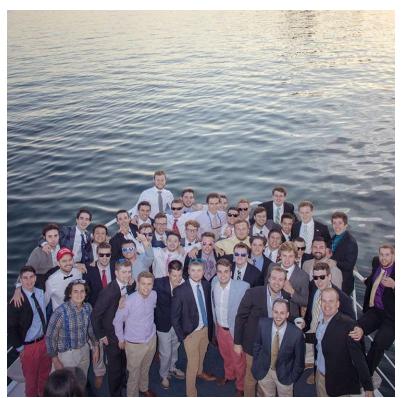
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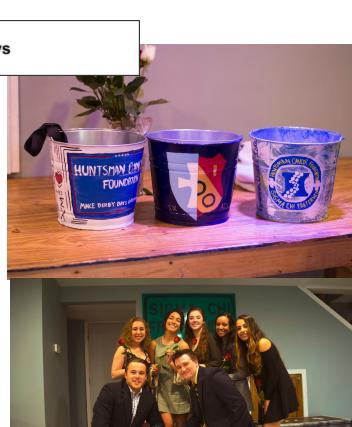
Initiation





Semi Formal in Toronto









Haus Party



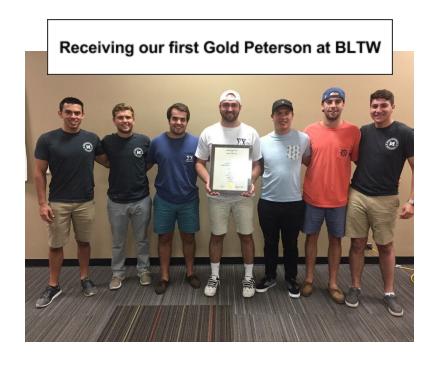












Project Weekend











