Zeta Theta House Corporation Update Planning for the Future



Brothers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well, and you and your families continue to stay safe. As you may be aware, face to face classes are starting to return under new circumstances to help limit the risk of COVID-19 spreading. Brothers have been moved back into the house and will continue to take precautions to continue to live safely while they continue to earn their degrees.

Over the past couple of months, we received great support from several of our alumni raising just over \$3,800 in one-time donations to help get us through the last term's low occupancy, as only 9 brothers were living in the house during this time. Additionally, B-Section donated \$5,000 due to a surplus fund that was not used. We cannot stress enough how much we appreciate all the support from our generous brothers, both active and alumni!! It is amazing what we can accomplish when we ban together in time of need. Like all of you, this pandemic was not planned for, and we now are resetting our sights on the remainder of the year.

As was listed in our last update we were hoping to use the down time during the 4th of July to work on the OQ bathroom and complete one major project for the year with the extra time between terms. Unfortunately, we were not able to complete this due to the budgeting shortfalls caused by the pandemic. The OQ bathroom will be a major tear up to the overall operation of the house, taking three showers out of commission for several weeks. So, our next window to complete this type of renovation will be during the winter break.

Before that time, we will need to continue and raise funds for this project to ensure that we don't dip into the endowment. We have received quotes for this and the current cost to get the bathroom up to our standards for the brothers will be \$14,760, which is less than our original estimate of \$25,000. The plan will be to gut everything down to the studs and recondition entire bathroom including three, one-piece shower units like how the addition bathroom was remodeled (see example below). We reprioritized this project during last fall, as we started to get some leaking through one of the shower units. We have temporarily fixed this, but the bathroom is something we need act on a quickly as possible.



Addition Bathroom Example - renovated 2015

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Current Conditions of the OQ bathroom:



As we start to head to the "new normal", we must get ourselves into a budgetary situation to ensure that we don't miss the winter window to kick this project off. We ask that if you can help, please do! A little bit from each alumnus goes a long way. I know all the brothers appreciate the continuous improvements and, in this case, a much-needed renovation. We have the most beautiful and unique chapter houses on campus, and unfortunately with having an older home the renovations are never complete.

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In Hoc,

Lance Wildman Zeta Theta House Corporation, Vice President 586-216-5395



Consul's Corner

Brothers of Sigma Chi - Zeta Theta B,

As one of the most unusual school terms has come to a close, I am able to confidently say that Zeta Theta B successfully navigated this term with great adaptability, determination, and passion. Despite COVID-19 changing effectively every aspect of life, our chapter was able to maintain the same level of excellence seen in past terms while finding new solutions to accomplish our goals.

For those who are unaware, Kettering University held class fully remote via virtual classrooms due to COVID-19. Being that our brothers were not in Flushing for the term, we were presented with the difficult task of pledging 15 bright young men into our chapter remotely. Due to the hard work and creative efforts of our Magister, John Cukaj, our Kustos, Ben Cooper, and the rest of the undergraduate brothers, we were able to construct and carry out an online pledge program that transformed and grew each member of PC '20. However, restrictions caused by the virus prevented us from hosting initiation this past term. Looking forward, we will be initiating this pledge class on Sunday, August 30th at the house. We are incredibly grateful to the brothers of Zeta Theta A for agreeing to vacate the house for this weekend to allow us to host our initiation.

In addition to pledging, the rest of Zeta Theta B's operations were exceptional. Our past PR chair, Charlie Harr, helped the chapter volunteer over 4000 hours of community service in the past year, setting a new record. Unfortunately, Derby Days was canceled as a result of the virus, resulting in lower than expected totals for the past year. However, our Philanthropy Team has set the ambitious goal of \$25,000 to the Huntsman Cancer Institute for the coming year and they are well on their way. Over the past term they amassed enough cans to fill the volleyball court in their Can Drive, giving them a great head start going into the 3rd Annual Sigma Chi Zeta Theta B Golf Outing this September.

Additionally, we have 3 brothers who have made the transition to alumni. Chester Essner, Peter Moscone, and Trent Haigh have all been exemplary brothers and have shown, in their own ways, how to be an honorable Sigma Chi. I wish each of them the best going forward and am excited to see what they accomplish in their eternal work term.

Looking towards Fall Term, Zeta Theta B will be 52 men strong and eager for another year of excellence. I have the utmost confidence in the newly appointed and elected Executive Committee to lead the charge toward this success. As we do not yet know if we will be attending class in person next fall, each officer is preparing for all possibilities and will be ready to take on whatever is thrown at us. As we always do, we will roll with the punches and innovate new ways to solve problems, helping each brother to grow as a leader and be ready to face the world. I am excited for the term ahead and am eager to see us conquer each challenge it presents.

In Hoc Signo Vinces, Aaron Diamond Consul '20-'21

Recruitment Update

As we approach the Fall 2020 rush term, we do so with excitement and eagerness to recruit the best of the best. With the world adjusting to the new COVID-19 lifestyle that we now live in, so will we in the coming Fall. We are receiving weekly updates on how our return to campus will be mandated by Kettering University policy and alternatives will be made if recruitment is going to be affected. If needed, HQ has developed online recruitment resources and sharing strategies with other chapters will allow for successful recruitment if done remotely. Come October of 2020, we hope to manage a successful recruitment term by running our events with an exceptional level of professionalism and punctuality. These actions will ensure that our chapters newest initiates will adequately observe how recruitment should be operated and will strive to meet this standard for years to come. Coming into the fall with 52 brothers, my goal is to continue down a similar path that our past recruitment chair set. Recruiting as a whole house effort will not only ensure each brother has the opportunity to do their part but will also increase the quality of our brotherhood bond. Using the Jordan Standard to vet potential new members allows us to consistently and reliably recruit and pledge the highest caliber of men at Kettering and fall of 2020 will be no different.

In Hoc Signo Vinces, Hayden Haran Recruitment Chairman '20-'21

Philanthropy Update

The Philanthropy team over the past few years has strived to raise more and more money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Two years ago our chapter was able to hit the 20k club and our past Philanthropy team had goals to hit the 25k club, however, due to current conditions and not attending Kettering on campus this past spring we were cut short. This new Philanthropy team is very motivated to continue the success the previous Philanthropy teams have already established by shooting for the 30k club.

Our first event that we have planned for this new year is our Annual Golf Outing. This past year we had two of our chapter's alumni, Tyler Phillips and Jacob Kaarto, plan the event for the Philanthropy team. We are looking forward to seeing a large turn out for this event, which will increase our funds raised for Huntsman Cancer Institute.

The biggest event that we have this coming fall school term is our Annual Haunted House. During the past few years we have gotten new decorations for the house along with new ideas for rooms in the Haunted House, however, we have slightly struggled on advertising for this event. The Philanthropy team this year is making a big push to advertise for this event, not only in the local Flushing and Flint communities, but out further into the Swartz Creek, Grand Blanc, and perhaps even the Birch Run community. This will be a huge step up from the advertising strategies we've used in past years. Our team has so many ideas on ways to improve the attendance of this event, we are very excited to see how Haunted House plays out this year.

Overall, our new Philanthropy team is looking to be one of the strongest teams this house has had in a while and will continue to strive for success for our individual chapter, fraternity as a whole, and for our goal to be the generation to end cancer.

Feel free to also contact us at philanthropy@ztsigs.org if you have any additional questions or comments revolving around the philanthropy workings of the chapter.

In Hoc,
Donovan Hoffman ('18)
Philanthropy Chair
Cory Mazure ('20)
Assistant Philanthropy Chair
Andrew Dixon ('20)
Assistant Philanthropy Chair

Project Manager Update

Unfortunately, project weekend for the spring 2020 term was cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic. However, plans for this fall's project weekend are being drafted. Two key projects will be the beautification of the front landscape, and the patching and extension of the house ethernet network. Repositioning and adding plants, along with remulching will be the focus of the landscaping changes. Patching and extending the ethernet network will take some load off the overburdened wireless network and future-proof against growing bandwidth demands. We are looking forward to the upcoming fall term and are excited to see how we can improve the house for both A and B sections.

In Hoc, Robert Harbert ('23) Project Manager

Public Relations Update

This spring term, brothers helped give back to the community by putting out memorial day flags, and by assisting brother John with his fundraising event. Due to COVID, we were only able to host two events that totaled fifty hours. While this is behind what we would like, we are looking towards the summer and fall terms to regain the hours lost. I hope to continue expanding service opportunities into the Flint and Flushing community. In the fall term, there is a possibility of working with the Flushing community to help them put on a haunted house. During the fall, I will be looking into making events more flexible. This would allow brothers to sign up for the date that works for them, or go whenever they would like. I believe this strategy will also get more brothers involved, and help recoup the hours that we lost over the spring term.

In Hoc, Wyatt Moser Public Relations Chair '19-'20

Scholarship Update

This term the Zeta Theta B chapter had classes online along with the rest of our campus. This was a new challenge for brothers but I believe we excelled despite the circumstances. I look forward to continuing study tables in the fall and building on our scholarship groups in order to achieve high academic success. With 50 brothers in the house, we are not only the largest fraternity on campus but we maintain a GPA of 3.22, which will be very attractive to incoming freshmen in the fall. We started scholarship groups a few years back, where brothers are grouped together to academically support one another. I will encourage brothers to value these groups. As an academic institution, we will support each other academically and we will work to further improve our academic standing.

In Hoc. Malachi Bergman Scholarship Chair 2020-20

Involvement Update

Involvement at the Zeta Theta B chapter of Sigma Chi is very important. Even with the Covid pandemic, there were still many active brothers staying involved the best they could for a total of 28 brothers involved in a club and or organization. Three brothers were involved in six and several more with five. Below are the lists of clubs and organizations that brothers are involved with:

Habitat For Humanity

Logan Snider Doug Mulka Malachi Smith Trent Haigh

Student Alumni Council

Will Page - President Aaron Diamond - Vice President Zac Geiser Ryan Grifka Doug Mulka Joe Schmit

Operations Council

Aaron Diamond - Director Zac Geiser - Administrator Trent Haigh Robert Harbert Ben Bokulich - Philanthropy Chair Cory Mazure **Finance Council**

Hayden Haran - Director Charlie Harr Doug Mulka - Assistant Director Joe Schmit Nick Wever

Golf Club

Charlie Harr - President

Nick Wever

Logan Snider - Vice President

Society of Plastic Engineers

Ray Turner - President

Unit Buddies

Andrew Dixon
Branden Shugerts
Morgan Mitchell
Austin Waldrop
Aaron Diamond
Aidan McMaster

Curtis Bartz David Kavenagh Cory Mazure

Academic Council

Will Page John Cukaj

Institute of Industrial Engineers

Will Page

Mason Campbell Austin Waldrop COMPASS Crew

COMIT ASS CIEW

Donovan Hoffman - Director

Alpha Pi Mu

Will Page

<u>Juggling Club</u>

Malachi Smith Mason Campbell Keegan Rumph Mitchell Belka

Donovan Hoffman

Aquaneers Club

Hayden Haran Trey Pehrson

Art Club

Joe Schmit Nick Wever Robert Harbert

DECA

Morgan Mitchell - Treasurer

Nick Wever Blase Haynes

Disc Golf Club

Mitchell Belka

FIRST Alumni Association Kettering

Charlie Harr
Aaron Diamond
Formula SAE
Trey Pehrson

Nick Wever Robert Harbert

Hockey Club Joe Schmit

Trent Haigh

International Fraternity Council

Donovan Hoffman - President Charlie Harr - Philanthropy Chair Ben Bukolich - Activities Chair Michael Stublinsky - Recruitment Malachi Smith - Risk Manager

Student Senate

Morgan Mitchell - Rep Curtis Bartz - Admin Stephen Kurapati - Rep Malachi Smith - Rep

Pride Alliance

Morgan Mitchell - Treasurer

SAGE Joe Schmit

Trent Haigh

Welding Club

Ryan Grifka - Vice President

Trey Pehrson Curtis Bartz

Robert Harbert - President

Austin Waldrop Chester Essner

NSBE

Keegan Rumph

Target Club
Austin Waldrop
Kappa Mu Epsilon
Donovan Hoffman
Pi Tau Sigma
Donovan Hoffman

Logan Snider

Alpha Chi Sigma
John Cukaj
Clint Kopec
Hayden Haran

Gamma Sigma Alpha
Donovan Hoffman - President
Logan Snider

Graduating Seniors

This past term the world was greeted by 3 outstanding Gentlemen. Each of these men carry with them the passion and drive towards success that I hope all underclassmen strive to hold. Although we had only a small number graduate this term, the amount of memories that they left at the house will truly live on forever. From all the past and present brothers of Sigma Chi, we congratulate them on their success and hope that they continue to succeed in the future. Always remember where your home is and don't ever forget to visit whenever you get the chance.

Chester Essner

Full Time Employee: Cessner LLC

Job Title: Design and Manufacturing Engineer

Location: Oxford, MI

Degree: BSME



Trent Haigh

Full Time Employee: To be determined

Job Title: To be determined

Location: Auburn Hills, MI

Degree: BSIE



Peter Moscone

Full Time Employee: Alcowiz

Job Title: Chief Sales Officer

Location: Schaumburg, IL

Degree: Applied Mathematics



Photo Gallery

Philanthropy Bottle Return





Memorial Day Flag Service