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## THE FOUR PURPOSES

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- (1) TO HONOR THOSE OUTSTANDING MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE DEVOTED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO THE MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS AT THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE CHAPTERS.
- (2) TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS AT THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE CHAPTERS.
- (3) TO ADVANCE MUSIC TO ITS PROPER PLACE AS AN EDUCATIONAL SUBJECT.
- (4) TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AMONG MUSICIANS EVERYWHERE.

# Chrissy's Corner

Chrissy Fleming, National President  
Alumni Association / Mu Chapter



I consider myself to be an “infrastructure president,” in that I believe if you focus on getting the little pieces working well together—like form submissions, dues payments, national committee meetings, etc.—the hard work of communication becomes much easier. Since Convention, I have been busy laying the groundwork for the next year with all of our officers and national committee chairs. We’ve only just gotten started, but I can already tell you that we have an ambitious slate of goals this year for each officer and each national committee. In the coming weeks and months, I’m excited to see our fraternity leaders tackle these goals, especially those that require collaboration. For example, our National Information Technology Committee Chair will be working with our Acting National Secretary, National Treasurer, and National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance to bring all of our submission forms online. Another example: our National Historian and Acting National Secretary are planning a workshop for the chapters this fall. I’m encouraging collaboration wherever possible as a means of making us a stronger set of officers by learning from each other.

The National Executive Committee met on April 14th to approve the creation of three ad-hoc committees for the year. The Clef Advisory committee is charged with assisting the National Editor of The Clef in the creation of this very publication. The Centennial Stories committee will be helping our National Historian to gather interviews with Brothers and do additional research in preparation for our centennial celebration in nine years. Finally, the Election Procedures committee will be reviewing everything we currently do to elect our national officers to see if there might be a better way; one which uses time efficiently while also ensuring an informed electorate.

This is bound to be a busy summer for all of our officers as we digitize more of our fraternal infrastructure and prepare for Fall Semester. I hope you are as excited as I am for the year ahead! 🎉



*I'm encouraging collaboration wherever possible as a means of making us a stronger set of officers by learning from each other."*



Chrissy Fleming and daughter Kaylee



Chrissy Fleming leading the Conflict Resolution workshop at Convention 2016. Picture courtesy of Andrew Fleming

# Maintenance & Expansion

*Danielle Booms, National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance  
Alumni Association / Zeta Chapter*



It's been a busy time since Convention! I have successfully had conversations with all reps and even a few other Brothers from many chapters. New reps are typically elected at the end of the school year, and so I am now in the process of making connections with the new reps. We had our first NCCM meeting on April 12, which I was excited and nervous to host. Overall, I think things went well, and I'm happy with how open and honest the chapters are being about both their successes and areas for improvement.

In addition to the meeting and getting-to-know-you discussions, I have been able to do some goal-setting with our National President. As your NVPCM, my goals this year are as follows.

- Revise the NCCM submission form to be more streamlined and contain as much relevant information as possible
- Conduct Intranet meetings on a monthly basis - use the summer months to teach and learn new things with the NCCM since chapters are significantly less active during this time.
- Throughout the year, work with the NCCM and/or other national officers to produce informational materials (blog posts, workshops, or even videos) relating to some or all of the following:
  - Brother's Court - When and how should you use it?
  - National Policies - Where are they? What information do they contain? How do they apply to me?
  - Robert's Rules - How to enhance your meetings using Robert's Rules (after all, it was established to be a tool, not a hindrance)
  - Diversity - Why it's important and ways to make it a priority
- By January 2017: Work with NCCM to reassess and potentially propose changes to Mu Beta Psi's behavior policies:
  - Sexual Harassment Policy
  - Substance Abuse Policy
  - Hazing Policy
- By January 2017: Work with the NCCM to review the NCCM Policy and propose updates
- Work closely with Andy Bronson to ensure a smooth transition of our potential Upsilon Chapter from the guidance of the NVPE to the guidance of the NVPCM.

Some of these tasks will require me to work with other National Officers, and others will require me to work with the NCCM. These goals are in addition to the everyday expectations of the NVPCM and the NCCM. ↗

*Andy Bronson, National Vice President of Expansion  
Alumni Association / Nu Chapter*



We're still working very hard in Oneonta to get a petition done. The deadline is May 6, and we're hoping to have a group of dedicated, active students to begin training in the fall.

We're also trying to gauge interest in reactivating Kappa Chapter which is at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. With the school year winding down, we'll have to wait until the fall to see if there is enough interest to continue further. ↗



Nu Chapter takes a visit to SUNY Oneonta.

# Insight from the National Secretary

Sarah Guthrie, Acting National Secretary  
Alumni Association / Mu Chapter



I accepted the appointment of Secretary from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and have started working with our President, Chrissy Fleming, to ensure a smooth transition this summer and into the coming year.

I have been working closely with Benjamin Hendrick and can share that his hard work means the minutes were distributed on time! I am missing several chapter reports that I anticipate the NEC will assist me in collecting.

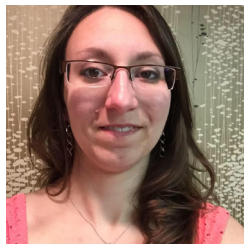
I am working with Julie Kester to further automate reports; hopefully, that will be done for the next submission deadline. Thank you very much for your assistance. ↴



Sarah Guthrie and Chrissy Fleming at Convention 2016. Photo - Andrew Fleming.

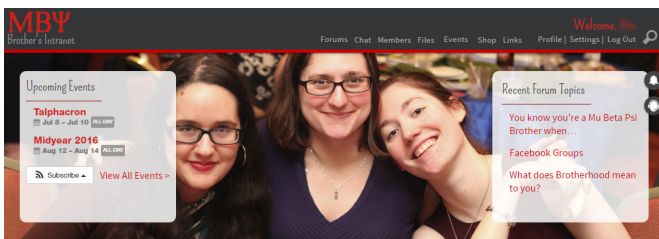
## Updates from the C-NITC

Julia Kester, Chair of the National Information Technology Committee  
Alumni Association / Nu Chapter



Since my last article in *The Clef* back in Fall of 2015, the intranet has gone through a major overhaul. I rebuilt the site using WordPress as a framework, with a few key goals in mind: to make the intranet more user-friendly, to give the design to a more modern look, and to put the intranet in a format easily update-able by my future successor regardless of skill. I released the new intranet to the Brothers in early March, a few days before Convention. Overall, the site received great reviews, and I continue to get positive feedback.

The website also moved to a private server at the end of March, which doesn't mean a lot for users, but will greatly benefit the C-NITC position. It allows for complete control over what is done with the website, key being that more can be automated instead of done manually – making my job much easier. One benefit that everyone will see, though, is a new chat interface that I am working on. Once it is running correctly, users will be able to log in for meetings in a variety of ways. The standard web interface will still be available, but people will also be able to use chat clients such as Adium and Pidgin, or even phone apps, to access the chat and private message each other without logging into a website at all (think a glorified version of AOL Instant Messenger for those of you that have been around that long).



Now that the new intranet is up and running, I have several new goals that National President Chrissy Fleming and I came up with for this coming year: Convert all submission forms from document-based to digital, provide an online payment option for National dues and submissions, and redesign our public-facing website. I have already started to work on these goals.

With the assistance of National Secretary Sarah Guthrie, the Initiation Report is now available for each Chapter to submit online. Additionally, Initiation Fees can be paid online as well. Next, after talking with National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance Danielle Booms, I have started creating the online Pledging Report.

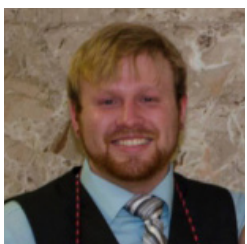
The NITC itself has been fairly quiet. In January, we put into place a policy change that allows both the Webmaster and the National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance to send emails to each Chapter mailing list in cases of emergency. Other than that, I've discussed the option of each Chapter using WordPress for their own websites, and have received interest from a few Chapters on moving to this framework. ↴



The new Intranet, where Brothers can meet to discuss national and chapter issues.

# Finances with Tyler

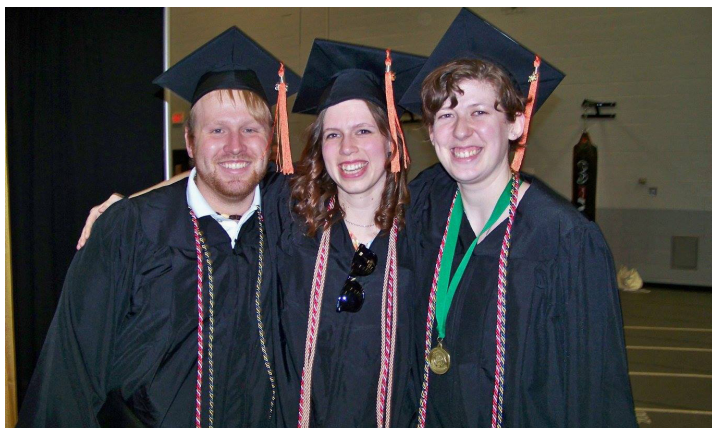
Tyler Jensen, National Treasurer  
Zeta Chapter



Currently, everything has been a game of cat and mouse as I work to find and fix missing bits and pieces. I have to say that I cannot appreciate enough the help and support I have received since taking on the position. The condition of the store is better than initially anticipated!

As of now it is looking to be an early May launch of the store with updated information and images! I promise to make a big announcement including the whole nine yards (who doesn't like wacky waving inflatable arm flailing tube men?).

I have started solving the on-going shingles back-order problem and would like to be caught up by next Convention. This task will take time, and I appreciate everyone's hearty patience and cooperation as we set things straight. One of my personal goals this year is to get Brothers excited about finances! Although that last statement sounds like a poor joke that your professor probably said during your first day of economics, I assure you that I'm dead serious. I have a full routine of check writing, ledger updating, and detail excel-filing that will mold everyone into finance-savvy superstars. Now I just need to go figure out what that elusive regimen could possibly be. In the coming summer months, I will be working with the NFC more frequently to really look at our finances as an organization. This year is definitely turning out to be full of excitement and financing, and let's be honest, who doesn't look forward to going home and reviewing statements/balancing check-books? I know it's my jam! In all seriousness, I am super stoked about what the organization will be able to accomplish over the next year. If you have any questions, comments, or interest in just someone to chat with, feel free to hit me up! I promise I'm not scary and I am more than happy to talk about anything, even something as "boring" as finances! ⚡



Zeta Graduates. From Left to right: Tyler Jensen, Jessica Montgomery, Katelynne Bauer



## INTER-CHAPTER TRAVEL PROGRAM

All active Brothers can use the Inter-Chapter Travel allocation to reimburse a portion of costs traveling to initiations or service projects at other Chapters, as long as your Chapter is in good standing.

### (1) Talk to your Chapter President

Prior to your trip, your Chapter President authorizes travel reimbursement by emailing approval to the National Treasurer, [treasurer@mubetapsi.org](mailto:treasurer@mubetapsi.org).

### (2) Meet New Brothers

Get ready to experience Brotherhood in a whole-new place! They'll want to know you're coming, though. Contact Brothers at your destination in advance, so they can help you find a place to sleep.

### (3) Get Reimbursed

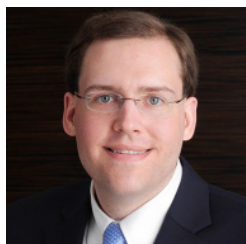
Keep your receipts. For trips over 120 miles, expenses like gasoline, rental cars, train tickets, and highway tolls are all reimbursable.

### » More Information

For full details, access the Brothers' Intranet from [mubetapsi.org](http://mubetapsi.org) using your username and password. As of now, it's stored in Knowledgebase > Policies, Manuals and Guides > Inter-chapter Incentive.

# Historian News

Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian  
Alumni Association / Xi Chapter



I'm happy to share that this was another productive year. First, working with Julia Kester, progress has been made on the establishment of the Electronic Archives on the Knowledgebase. In May 2015, the NEC approved the addition of documents and photographs which are fully in the public domain of our

Archives. I can now say that there is at least one document or item currently on the Knowledgebase from every Chapter in our 90 year history. The process of uploading files will continue this coming year.

Secondly, I engaged in discussions with the Permanent Members of the Board of Trustees and others about the question of Archives transparency. The discussions were very productive and provide a framework upon which to build additions to existing policy. However, I've not made as much progress on the drafting of policy this year as I had hoped. Over the course of the coming year, I plan to move forward with this process and have proposals to present to the National History and Archives Committee for their consideration.

Third, tremendous progress was made on the scanning and preserving of the hard-copy documents in the Archives. The Christian D. Kutschinski and Ralph W. Daniel papers are now in protective sleeves. I can also report that the following sets of documents now have the same protection:

- Alpha Chapter Correspondence (1930s-1940s)
- Beta Chapter Correspondence (1929-1935)
- Gamma Chapter Correspondence (1930s)
- Delta Chapter Correspondence (1930s-1960s)
- Epsilon Chapter Petition (1965)
- Epsilon Chapter Correspondence (1960s-1980s)

Fourth, I've remained very busy with the Facebook page. Now with well over 200 Members, I'm continuing to add postings as frequently as possible, although I will admit that this has slipped in recent weeks. However, this is NOT due to a lack of material! All Brothers are welcome to join the Facebook page, if you have not already done so, and everyone is welcome to pass along documents and photographs which they would like to see featured.

Fifth, since last year's Convention, I've done a lot of extra research about past Brothers and I've made contact with several individuals. Of particular note:

-Jane Parks McKay, the daughter of Bill Parks -- an Alpha Brother from the late 1940s and Marine/pilot during World War II

-Louise McNamee, the daughter of Charles O'Hagen Horne, Jr., an Alpha Brother who lost his key at Okinawa during WWII

-Richard Hartgrove, a founding Brother of Epsilon Chapter at Washington & Lee -- I wrote to him and three other founders to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of their founding

-I reached out to a Brother from Iota Chapter to inquire about his experiences at Duke University

-I spoke with the family of Robert Manuel, one of our National Vice Presidents, and worked with them to put together a memorial tribute on the Facebook page

-I reached out to a few of the founding Brothers of Eta Chapter at VMI to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of their founding, although I did not receive any responses.

-I've started to maintain regular communication with older Brothers, including Ralph Daniel and Carol Liberty, and they, in turn, have started to share their insight and thoughts about their time in the Fraternity -- knowledge that spans over 40 years

Sixth, I provided some updates to the Mu Beta Psi Wikipedia page -- including a more detailed history and a list of our National Presidents. My hope is to try and add more information, plus some photographs, in the coming year.

Finally, the 2016 edition of the Mu Beta Psi Prospectus was approved on a unanimous vote. This edition of the Prospectus includes more information and pictures of most of our past National Presidents. My hope is to continue to build on this format in future editions.

Looking ahead to the coming year, I have reviewed the existing NHAC Policy and will be drafting Amendments and Additions for the committee's consideration. The Amendments will help to bring the policy more in-line with 21st Century submissions and the Additions will look to provide the framework for sensitive documents in the Archives, including their storage and availability. I will be working with the other National Officers to help with a review of all of our policies, to ensure that the most recent versions take into account all approved Amendments from the past several years.

Finally, I look to move forward with the Centennial Stories Ad Hoc Committee, created for the purpose of conducting further research and oral history interviews with Brothers, to gather further information about our history, heritage, and noteworthy individuals, in preparation for our 100th Anniversary. †





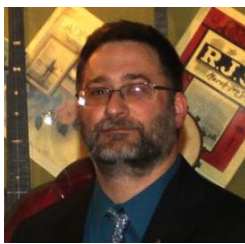
Left: Xi Goat

Right: National Executive Committee at Convention 2016. Tyler Jensen, Danielle Booms, Matt Zander, Chrissy Fleming, Andy Bronson, Natalie Holbrook.



# Chairman of the BOT

Matt Zander, Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Alumni Association / Zeta Chapter



As you may know, the Permanent Members of the Board of Trustees (PBoTs) rotate through the Chairman role, with each serving no more than four consecutive years at a time. After a six-year hiatus from my last term as Chair, I am glad to be taking up this position again for the 2016-2017 fraternal year.

The stars aligned at this year's Convention in Detroit: for the first time since we expanded the permanent membership of the Board to five members in 2009, all five positions were full and all five PBoTs (Andrew Fleming, Bryan Reamer, Ben Griffeth, Chris Ciarlariello, and myself) were personally in attendance.

The most significant change for the Board this year has been the development of new types of Board members called Special Advisory Positions. These would be individuals outside of the current PBoT and Chapter President members who have specialized knowledge and skills necessary to the functionality of the Board as the long-term planning and goal-setting body of the Fraternity. Furthermore, with updates to the National Constitution and Board Policy Manual approved at this year's Convention, the first of these positions, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), has been established. The CFO has a number of responsibilities including advising National and Chapter Treasurers, budget planning, overseeing our investments, and preparing our financial statements. This position takes the place of the PBoT Financial Advisor role, which was eliminated.

Beyond the elimination of the Financial Advisor, the PBoTs will not be making any changes to their advisor roles this year. They continue to be:

- Membership Advisor - **Chairman Matt Zander**
- Risk Management Advisor - **Ben Griffeth**
- Records Advisor - **Bryan Reamer**
- Standards Advisor - **Andrew Fleming**
- Unassigned - **Vice Chairman Chris Ciarlariello**

I'm very much looking forward to this year, and am pleased to be serving the Fraternity in this capacity. ✨



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Pictured left: Board of Trustees  
From left to right: Andrew Fleming, Christopher Ciarlariello, Matt Zander, Ben Griffeth, Bryan Reamer.

# From the Archives

A request for an additional key leads to the story of Charles O'Hagan Horne, an Alpha Chapter Alumni who served in World War II.

*Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian  
Alumni Association / Xi Chapter*

Within the correspondence of Christian D. Kutschinski, housed in the Mu Beta Psi National Archives, is a letter dated January 5, 1947 to the L.G. Balfour Company. The letter, specifically addressed to Mr. Frank Shoaf, requests that an additional Key be added to an existing order of three. It specifically requests the following engraving:

**Alpha  
1943  
C.O. Horne**

Kutschinski goes on to explain the purpose of this additional Key:

***It is for an alumnus who just called me as he was passing through Raleigh, requesting that I order him a new key, as he lost his on Okinawa. He requested that it be made up as a pin so his girl could wear it."***

Upon some preliminary research, I learned that C.O. Horne refers to Charles O'Hagan Horne, Jr., a 1943 graduate of NC State from Greenville, NC. He earned his degree in Electrical Engineering and served as the Treasurer of Alpha Chapter his senior year. However, I wanted to learn more and decided to continue my investigation. I quickly learned that the Horne family was very active in the city of Greenville, NC. In an effort to learn more, I reached out to the local historical society to see if there was any additional

information I could obtain.

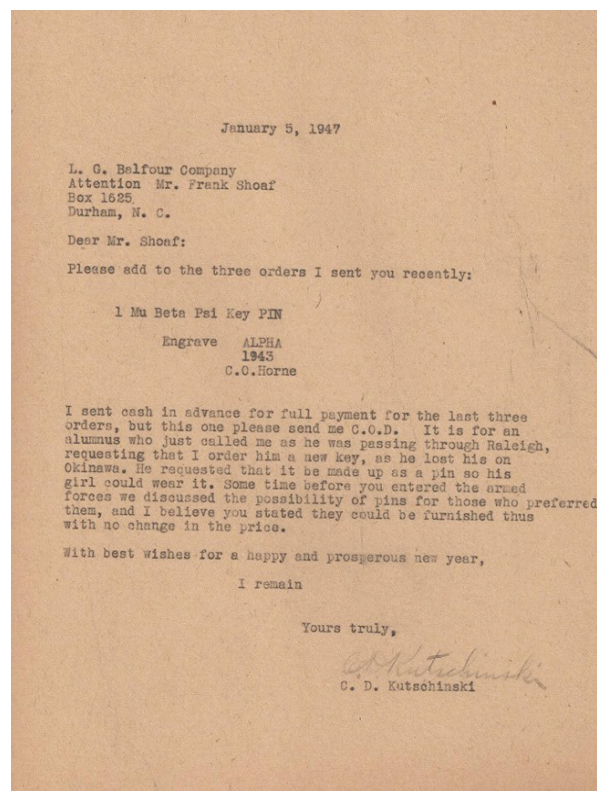
The Greenville Historical Society was very prompt in responding to my initial inquiries about Charles Horne and proceeded to put me in touch with his oldest daughter, Louise McNamee. She quickly responded and expressed an interest in sharing more about her father's life. She compiled a number of different sources together and sent them to me. She also included a picture of the front and reverse sides of his Key Pin – which was requested in Kutschinski's letter from 1947! What follows is an overview of the life and achievements of her father and our Brother:

Charles O'Hagan Horne, Jr. was born in Greenville, NC on March 3, 1921. He was educated in the Greenville City Schools and graduated high school in June 1938. As a teenager, he worked in his father's business delivering coal. In 1939 and 1940, he attended the East Carolina Teachers College – which is now East Carolina University. In the fall of 1940 he entered North Carolina State College -- now North Carolina State University. He graduated with honors on March 24, 1943, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

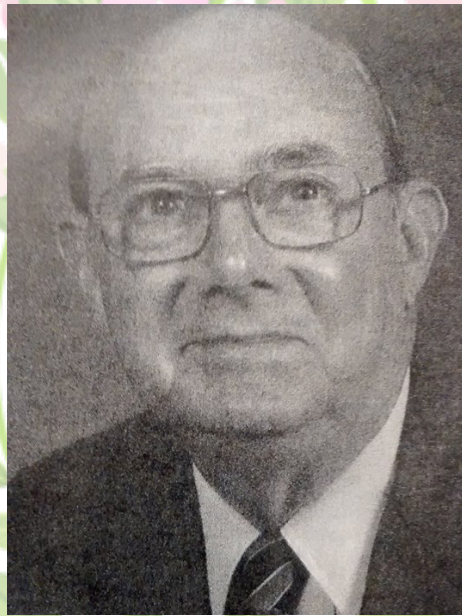
Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Signal Corps of the United States Army and served in the Pacific during World War II. His tour of duty took him to several locations, including Japan and the Philippines. In August 1946, his overseas tour ended and, upon learning the date of his arrival back in North Carolina, he sent a

telegram to his parents. The telegram read, "Arriving Bragg Thursday. Home about Friday. Put watermelon on ice and start frying chicken. Ask Bill (his brother) come Greenville for weekend. Love Charles." He was honorably discharged from the Army with the rank of captain on October 30, 1946.

Charles accepted a position with the Watson Electric Company. He became engaged and later married Dorothy Louise Pearsall of Wallace, NC on January 25, 1947. They began their married life in Wilson and later returned to Greenville, where Charles opened the Horne Electric Company. Charles and Dorothy had two daughters: Louise Council and Margaret Cathryn.



Letter from Christian D. Kutschinski to Mr. Frank Shoaf of the L.G. Balfour Company, dated January 5, 1947



Photographs of Charles O'Hagan Horne, pictured as a senior in college and a senior citizen..

The Horne Electric Company grew and expanded to include the sale of lighting fixtures. He sold the company in 1962 and joined the firm of Rivers and Associates as an associate engineer. Six years later, he accepted the position of Director and General Manager of Greenville Utilities. This was the realization of a childhood dream, as he was fascinated by the Water Treatment Plant which was near his home growing up. During his tenure, he oversaw the building of a new Water Treatment Plant and Operations Center. The facility was dedicated in his honor in 1983. He retired from his position in 1985, having held it for seventeen years.

Charles was a very active citizen in the Greenville community. He was a member of the local Jaycees and a charter member of the Greenville Lion's Club. In 1951, he helped found an organization called Greenville Industries, a development agency dedicated to securing land for the city's industrial park. He served as the agency's president and was an active member of the Executive Committee until his death. He was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, serving as a vestryman, lay reader, and taught Sunday school. Following his retirement, he served the Episcopal Diocese of Easter Carolina during the construction of the Trinity Center at Pine Knoll Shores.

He was active in politics as well. A staunch Democrat, he campaigned for candidates on all levels, including the 1958 State Senate campaign for

Robert Lee Humber. Two years later, he co-chaired the committee that organized the campaign visit of John F. Kennedy to Greenville. He also served as a delegate for the State of North Carolina to the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

During his retirement years, Charles became an active volunteer in Habitat for Humanity. In appreciation of his service, the Charles Horne Volunteer of the Year Award was established in January 2000, and he was the first recipient.

In 1999, the Greenville-Pitt County



Chamber of Commerce named Charles their Citizen of the Year in recognition of a lifetime dedication to the betterment of his community.

Charles Horne died on August 25, 2000 at the age of 79. The local newspaper, *The Daily Reflector*, penned an editorial tribute entitled "A True Citizen, Horne's Life One of Unselfish Service." The editorial stated in part, "The true measure of a citizen is that upon his death, his life will have rendered the place he called home a little brighter, a little nicer, and a little more secure. Greenville has lost such a citizen."

### Catch a Glimpse of the Archives

The National History and Archives Committee has an active account on Facebook. All Brothers are welcome to join. If you would like to join the group, contact Nathaniel Kulyk at [historian@mubetapsi.org](mailto:historian@mubetapsi.org)



This is the Key Pin which belonged to Charles O'Hagan Horne, Jr. and replaced the one that he lost on Okinawa during World War II.



## Following Convention 2016, have the perceptions and views of Detroit changed? Brothers talk about their experiences before and after visiting Motor City.

Detroit Vs. Everybody. It's a phrase many Detroit natives use frequently. "We don't care what you think about Detroit," says Brother Alex Dimitrijeski (Zeta/AA, Spring '03), "So go ahead and make your jokes and believe your stereotypes. We've heard them, and we won't hear them anymore. We'll just be here, working hard, doing our thing."

Alex was born and raised in the city of Hamtramck, MI – a city contained entirely within the Detroit city limits. He knows all too well about the problems Detroit has had before and during his lifetime. The riots of the 60s, a corrupt mayor, the title of "Murder Capital," another corrupt mayor now in federal prison,

the bankruptcy, the abysmal conditions in the schools. But if there are two words that describe Detroiters, they're "tough" and "resilient." "Detroit made this country what it is, gave it the automobile, and got it through World War II," continued Alex. But through it all, Detroit is a city that is on the comeback trail, and Detroiters don't care if you don't see it yet.

When Detroit was announced as the location of Convention 2016, there were many different responses. For many of the local Detroit-area Brothers, it was important to showcase Detroit in a positive light. How did they do?

Some Brothers had little-to-no concern about traveling to the



# Detroit vs. Everybody

*Except, Mu Beta Psi*

**By Chris Valliere, Alumni Association / Zeta Chapter & Natalie Holbrook, Rho Chapter**

home of Motown. Ashley Ford (Alpha, Spring 2013) had some general big city concern. "I was concerned about my personal safety given that I was not going to have a car and walking would be my main mode of transportation. As a young woman, these are concerns [for me] in any large city."

Many Brothers are professionals when it comes to navigating a big city. Marley Cook's (Tau/AA, Spring 2011) previous experience helped lower initial reservations about Detroit. Marley was comfortable since she had "gone to school in a city, I was not too concerned for my safety [at Convention], since I know how to play it safe in that setting." Adam Gardner (Omicron/AA, Spring 2007) had a completely different concern, "My biggest concern was transportation. Going in under the impression that there are big holes in the system, I wasn't sure how I was going to get

around without carpooling with Brothers."

Although some Brothers weren't as concerned, the bad press Detroit has received over the years resounded with many of the Brothers that made the trek. Of course, the city has its fair share of problems, the corruption, the high crime rates, the bankruptcy, the water crisis just an hour away in nearby Flint. Katelynne Bauer (Zeta, Spring 2012) reflected many of those media biases she had heard prior to coming here, "Honestly, all I knew about Detroit was that it was the city of the Tigers and it was dangerous."

"Detroit doesn't deserve the reputation that it has," said Adam Gardner. "The rhetoric that we use to describe what Detroit is like currently is just wrong and it misses the point." Originally from rural Virginia, but now residing in Minneapolis, Adam

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has had some experience in a big city, but this was his first trip to Detroit. "I had heard mostly a lot of hearsay about what a terrible place Detroit is. Lately, most of the media makes Detroit seem like a burnt out husk of a city," he continued. Ashley Ford elaborated on some of the negative media coverage as seen down in her home state of North Carolina, "I heard that Detroit was a city sprawling with poverty and lack of funds. I saw many pictures of schools, specifically all over social media, where there were ceilings and walls crumbling but students were still being required to use those classrooms."

|| I think being in the city helped me develop my own perception of it, and being with Brothers made me more comfortable because I knew we were looking out for each other."

—Katelynne Bauer

But the bad press couldn't stop Brothers from enjoying their time while they were here. Many Brothers participated in a city-wide scavenger hunt, which allowed them to explore the city. Adam Gardner and Ashley Ford thoroughly enjoyed seeing all that Detroit had to offer. "The city was full of colorful attributes that gave the city a pretty artistic vibe, which I was not expecting. We



Second Place team with Shadow Klan. From left to right: Marley Cook, Veronica Tabor, Lucia Soltis, Britta Anderson, Katelynne Bauer.

were also taken to see Belle Isle. Here we saw Marine Museum, the oldest aquarium in North America, and a really awesome conservatory that contained thousands of beautiful plants. We were able to see Canada from the museum and were even able to get the Ontario geotags on Snapchat!" Marley Cook said that her favorite part of Detroit was being able to "stand outside the RenCen and see a different country across the river! Also, Shadow Klan. Needs no explanation."

The scavenger hunt, designed by native Brothers, was meant to send Brothers all across Detroit, so that they could experience the city and form their own opinions. "It all adds up to create a gem of a place and it's completely overlooked because of the media. Detroit is definitely a hidden gem," said Adam Gardner, a member of the winning scavenger hunt team. Marley Cook told us that she loved being able "to explore with the scavenger hunt and see the city for myself - it looks like it is picking up the pieces and moving in a positive forward motion."

Some of the destinations that Brothers explored included: Comerica Park, Hard Rock Cafe Detroit, Belle Isle Park and Aquarium, the Renaissance Center, Spirit of Detroit statue, Detroit Riverwalk, MGM Grand Detroit, and many other cogs in the Motor City machine.

After all the meetings, workshops, and exploring, Brothers walked away with their own experiences of Detroit- not the ones that the media feeds us. Two Detroit natives in particular, Chris Valliere and Alex Dimitrijeski, helped their Brothers feel more comfortable in their city. Marley Cook's experience in Detroit was definitely enhanced by these Brothers. "I knew if I was



Brothers standing outside Hard Rock Cafe in Detroit



First place team standing outside the statue at Comerica Park. From left to right: Adam Gardner, Hannah Kowalesky, Rebekah Kettler, Jackie Shikora, and Beth Chen. Not Pictured: Zach Hansen

surrounded by Brothers, I would be okay. Also, I stayed with two Detroit citizens who could show me the way," said Marley. Ashley Ford says that "These two individuals obviously love where they live and could have chosen to live anywhere else but haven't. They were very quick to show off Detroit and anytime someone brought up a negative concern, it was responded to realistically and followed by something great about the city."

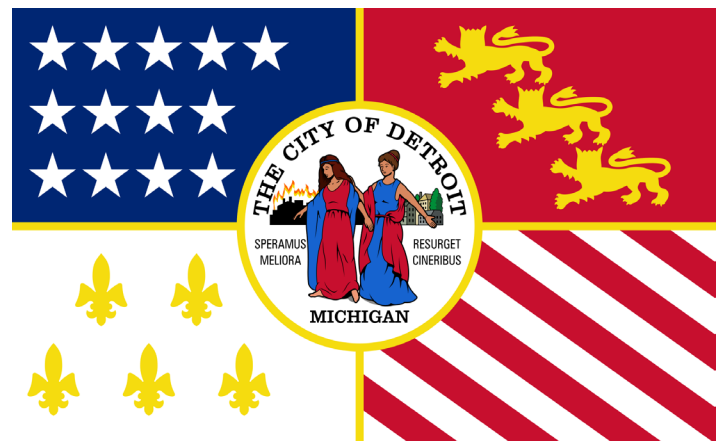
**// You need to experience a place before you can judge it or make snarky comments about it," —Marley Cook**

Katelynne Bauer was one of many Brothers who also felt more comfortable thanks to Brothers. Kate said, "Exploring the city with Brothers helped decrease those fears. I think it's ok (and even beneficial) to have a certain level of discomfort because it promotes alertness, but the more time I was walking around, I found myself focusing less on my worries and more on what I was seeing and experiencing." This is a typical experience when visiting any big city. As is the concern of transportation, which Adam Gardner learned very quickly was not a problem during Convention! "Over the course of Convention, I was picked up from the airport by Brother Katie Mazurowski, used Lyft to get around during the scavenger hunt, and otherwise I walked,"

However, Adam also noted that, "For someone to visit Detroit without a car or a Brotherhood to lean on, they may have some issues getting around."

Not only were Brothers' concerns lessened after experiencing Motor City for themselves, but most Brothers left with a positive impression of Detroit! "Whether the mistakes of the past are from local corruption, Wall Street, automotive blunders... The city is going through a renaissance for all of those reasons and more, and it's time to pay attention to what's going on there. They're doing a lot of great things right now," said Adam Gardner. Ashley Ford left with a completely changed opinion as well. "Detroit is much more than it's reputation. People who don't like Detroit and are likely worried for their safety due to the poverty and level of corruption in the city... haven't actually been there."

"You need to experience a place before you can judge it or make snarky comments about it," Marley Cook reminds us. This doesn't just ring true for Detroit, but anywhere that you travel. Convention 2016 was definitely a success, and the natives did an awesome job showing Brothers the true Detroit and not just what the media shows. "Detroit vs. Everybody" was proved wrong- Mu Beta Psi is definitely the exception! ⚡



Flag of Detroit. Source: Wikipedia

First place team continuing the scavenger hunt: Jackie Shikora, Adam Gardner, Hannah Kowalesky, Zach Hansen, Beth Chen, and Rebekah Kettler.



# Chapter Reports

## Alpha Chapter — Raleigh, NC

Fall 2015 saw the finished renovation of our beloved Talley Student Union and the Stewart Theatre, which allows us much easier access for entering the building as well as moving equipment to and from the theatre when concerts are held. We also collaborated with Arts NC State during Packapalooza, an event welcoming students back to the new school year.

In the fall, we had initiated a new Pledge Class, the WOO PLEDs: Travis Cothran, Amanda Lay, Fredi Reyes, and Glenn Wagstaff. They worked hard through the process and still continue to amaze us with what they have to offer to the Brotherhood.

November 5, 2015, marked the 90th Anniversary of the Fraternity's founding. To celebrate, we threw a big party with cake walks, selling all sorts of goodies, and of course, music. Our biggest event was "Pie the Professor." With that headliner, we were able to raise a good amount of money for AcapellaFest.

In the spring semester, Alpha Chapter decided to make one of our ad-hoc Committees, the Scholastic Committee, a permanent one. We believe that though the Fraternity is a part of our lives now, we are first and foremost students and it is important to be able to find a balance between school and Psi. Hopefully, with this Committee and the Chairs that will run it, both can be integrated even more seamlessly.

We also initiated Dr. Peter Askim, Director of Orchestral Activities, an Honorary Brother. He had been an immense help to us when it was needed and exemplifies our Purposes. In later news, our Music Department has finally found a new Department Head. We'll be ready to welcome him come July 1st.

We were able to hold some other fundraisers this past year, thanks to our Treasurer, Azlyn Arnett. Our first fundraiser was

with World's Finest Chocolate where we sold chocolate bars for \$1 each. Our next fundraiser was Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup. Both were great successes, and we intend to keep that momentum rolling through the next year as well.

Throughout this past year, we have been trying to keep each other accountable for all things Psi-related. We wrote down goals that we would like to achieve by the end of the semester, such as Mu Beta Band and at least 50% attendance to Brotherhood events. Though some of our goals were not met, we saw what we are capable of and intend to continue to work to accomplish those goals.

During the last week of March, we hosted A Capella Fest, our annual benefit concert for VH1 Save the Music Foundation. We had 10 groups from different schools around North Carolina as well as some non-collegiate groups. We were able to use our concert venue Stewart Theatre this year instead of the ballroom bringing the even to a whole other level. Overall, it was a huge success, making over \$1600.

A great amount of our Active Brothers and a few Inactive Brothers took a road trip to Omicron Chapter to attend their Initiations for their Alpha Alpha Pledgeclass this spring. Even though we were only able to stay for half of the process, it was a valuable experience for many Brothers of our Chapter.

The next week, we had our own Initiations. We initiated our little Pledgling, Indira Gutierrez, into the Brotherhood.

The day after, we had our elections for the new year! Congratulations to all our newly elected officers! President Tu Vo; Vice President Victoria Padiaditakis; Secretary Fredi Reyes; MAL Kristen Young; Treasurer Ariana Betts; Service Coordinator Travis Cothran; Historian Ashley Ford; Rules Chair Sawyer Walters; and NCCM Rep Justin Althizer. Our installations happened after Brothers came back from Retreat.

We have seen a lot happening this past year and the next year will continue to give us just as many ups and downs. Though many issues have come up, we are getting through them as a Chapter and are making progress in our internal and external communications.

-Tu Vo

## Share Your Creativity

Your talent is worth celebrating! Whether you have a neat doodle hanging around, or if you want to write a few Brotherhood Limericks, you are always welcome to contribute. Send your attachments to [theclef@mubetapsi.org](mailto:theclef@mubetapsi.org) anytime.



The Brotherhood of Alpha Chapter (and visitors) following Spring 2016 Initiations.



## Zeta Chapter - Houghton, MI

Zeta has been quite busy at the end of this semester. We recently gained six new Brothers from the pledge class 'The Knights (Who Until Recently) Said Ni': Christian Pirie, Aaron Christianson, Brian Terry, Ryan Ralph, Glory Creed, and Rachel Duffy. We can't wait to see all the amazing things they will accomplish!



Ushers at a show in the Rozsa. From left to right: Patrick Gillman, Ryan Coert, Glory Creed, Zachary Hansen, and Sarah Binkow.

This year we participated in MDOT's Adopt-A-Highway for the 25th year in a row. We also participated in Relay for Life, and our team raised \$640. A non-Brother recipient was selected for our \$250 John MacInnes Memorial Scholarship, and the award was presented at the Visual and Performing Arts department's end of the year banquet.

We would like to congratulate the 13 seniors graduating this spring: Matthew Pirkola, Angela Small, Michael Middleton, Tyler Jensen, Jessica Montgomery, Andrew Markel, Ashley Lobe, Tessa Burgess, Katelynne Bauer, Jacqueline Harms, Zachary Evans, Emily LaPine, and Benjamin Hendrick.

On April 16th we held our first alumni formal, which featured gifts, dinner, and mock awards. Here we also inducted our new advisor, Michael Christianson, who is the Director of Bands here at Tech, as well as the Faculty Director of the Huskies Pep Band. The Spirit of Brotherhood award and the Brother of the Year award were both presented to Sarah Binkow.

The new officers for our chapter are:

Richard Carpenter - President and Member-At-Large Elect  
Sarah Binkow - Vice President and Historian  
Ryan Ralph - Secretary  
Christian Pirie - Treasurer  
Lauren Bushong - Member-At-Large  
Philip Spillman - Pledgemaster

-Lauren Bushong

## Nu Chapter - Oswego, NY

What's New at Nu?

This has been a whirlwind of a semester for us here at Nu! In April, we completed the annual Polar Plunge fundraiser, and we raised a whopping \$395! Major thanks to the Flemings' for donating \$100 on their own!

This spring, we initiated our six new Brothers. Jackie Shikora is spearheading the scholarship to be set and ready for next semester, which is amazing news since we haven't been able to give one out for a while. Our services and tabling fundraisers are going as normal. As for an excellent community outreach opportunity, we had a big group of Brothers perform at a local assisted living facility for the elderly at the end of April. We were asked to perform to help raise their spirits!

We also just had the honor of initiating a new Honorary Brother, Dr. Eric Schmitz, director and of Jazz Ensembles. Caren Morris has been spearheading a fundraiser to continue after she had organized her "Women in Music" concert, which was popular and went super-duper well. The fundraiser, "Change for Change," that had followed this concert is being donated to the Girl's Rock Camp Alliance, which helps girls build self-esteem and find their voices through unique programming that combines music education and performance, empowerment and social justice workshops, positive role models, and collaboration and leadership skill building.

— Andrew Pullen



Spring 2016 Pledge Committee left to right; New Brother-Samantha Grogon, Old Brother-Rachel Bortin, Assistant Pledge Master- Aaron Caraco, Pledge Master- Derek Holden

## SHARE YOUR MOMENT

The moments that make our Brotherhood strong are happening every day. You can help others experience what matters most to you. Capture your moment and send it to the official publication of our fraternity. Send your pictures and captions to [theclef@mubetapsi.org](mailto:theclef@mubetapsi.org) anytime.

## Omicron Chapter - Roanoke, VA

Things at Omicron have been changing for the better. At the beginning of the year in August, Chris Davis and Claudia James were the only active Brothers at one point, and so, in an effort to save the chapter, former President Sarah Cooperman (née Feutz) and former NVPCM Garrett Cooperman came down to Roanoke in addition to our alumni advisor, Jen Staten, and we discussed what Omicron needed to improve on and how we could rebuild. After Garrett made various efforts to contact and recruit inactives, four stepped up to help out. Those four were Sabrina McIntyre, Maggie Strakna, Jake Lee, and Kent Griffith. We worked on recruitment, voted on positions, and made a game plan for the Spring semester to get back on track as a chapter.

Once the spring semester came, recruitment began, and Omicron handed out three bids to our now new Brothers Maddie McCall, Noelle Warford, and Jonas Bouthot. They had a four week pledging period in which Pledgemaster Sabrina McIntyre educated the new pledges on our fraternity, and they did so well, showing great dedication to the process and to becoming Brothers of our beloved fraternity.

Chris Davis, Maggie Strakna, and Sabrina McIntyre were able to attend Convention this year! We had a wonderful time getting to know so many new Brothers and being able to learn how to grow our Chapter. The overwhelming support we received from so many Brothers was incredibly touching, and we don't know what we would do if we hadn't have met so many truly loving Brothers.

Back at our Chapter, we shared our Convention experiences and finished up the pledge's season by hosting a two night initiation. Alpha Chapter came up to help us out, and it was a wonderful experience to have them there. Though we did not originally plan to have a two night init, at the end of the day, our pledges became new Brothers and they have been wonderful additions so far. They are truly dedicated and excited to see Omicron grow especially as we are in a time of rebirth and rebranding on our campus. They've even taken up responsibility as we have just had elections and all of our new Brothers are on exec! From our music department, we have been regarded highly, and many of my own music professors have said that the Brothers of Mu Beta Psi are an invaluable resource on our campus. Reputation wise, we have done a pretty good job showing the campus that



Omicron Chapter with their newest Brothers.

we exist and that we are a group of people worth getting to know. Fortunately, we have accomplished many of our goals of revitalizing and coming back stronger than ever.

There have been many changes that needed to occur in our Chapter. We are thankful to our Alumni for supporting us and we hope that we're showing them that though tradition is history and shows us where we've been. It is important for us to balance tradition with growth in order to address important issues relevant to the growth of the Chapter.

-Sabrina McIntyre

## Pi Chapter —New Brunswick, NJ

Pi Chapter has remained busy from the get-go. The Chapter hosted another yet successful Snowball fundraiser, which has been in the works since fall semester. The money from the event that night went to Vh1's Save the Music Program. The theme was a black tie event, and it was a nice way to welcome everyone back for the spring semester, both Brothers and non-Brothers.

This semester was full of service activities. In February, Pi Chapter assisted JP Steven's High School with its annual Color Guard competition. From parking to escorting guards entering the school, there was no position left untouched by Brothers. The Chapter also helped with a variety of other events, such as ushering for Livingston Theater Company's various shows and assisting the school's belly dance troupe. Pi participated in Relay for Life at the end of April and will help with the Rutgers' Alumni Wind Symphony performance in May. Being on a massive campus has proven that there is no shortage of performances, and it was a bonus as some Brothers have been involved in numerous ensembles on campus such as the Symphony Band, Concert Band, and theater groups on campus. Dance Marathon was attended by a few Brothers who have already begun plans to integrate more Brothers in this wonderful annual fundraiser.

As a break from studying, one could find Brothers at some of the concerts going on throughout the semester. Strengthening the bonds of Brotherhood has been a huge goal for the Chapter this year as sometimes it proves to be difficult to balance not only being involved in Greek life, but also being a student which is the reason everyone is here. Various activities were held throughout the semester starting at Retreat where Brothers were snowed in together. Other adventures included a trip to the Gardens for bonding activities. Recently, we had our annual Alumni picnic, which despite a half marathon on the same day, went by without any hiccups and was without a doubt the best in the past couple of years. We look forward to our Pie a Pi fundraising event, as well as the always fun Relay for Life. These events, coupled by the wonderful weather finally making an appearance, are certainly leading to ending the semester on a high note.

In the middle of April, Pi Chapter welcomed six new Brothers, the Alpha Psi's (or as they like to call themselves the Alpha Pitchforks). We welcomed Rachel Ann Parsons, Pat Zazzaro, Aarona Fong, Amy Oliveria, PJ Amendolia, and Michelle Mitchell. As they progress as Brothers, we look forward to seeing what they will bring forward to the Brotherhood. We hope everyone has had a successful semester and hope to get a chance to relax this summer. Maybe even see a few faces at several National

events this summer.

-Kieran Walsh



Pi Brothers at Relay for Life. Casey Lau, Christina Vecchio, Dory Knipple, Rachel Parsons, Reuben Rios, Kelly Blackwood, Caitlyn Sullivan, Amy Oliveria, Debbie Andres, Amalia Hubal, Keri Kurpick.

## Rho Chapter — Marquette, MI

This semester has been absolutely amazing! We had a fantastic time at our winter retreat at the Marquette Children's Museum. It was a wonderful night full of shenanigans and bonding. We also had the pleasure of hosting the Zeta's for our annual Rho/Zeta mixer. Rhos and Zetas alike congregated at Marquette's Buffalo Wild Wings. After a fantastic lunch, we went to Reynolds Recital Hall on Northern's campus to watch our Brother Audra Hagan in her senior recital. After her amazing performance, Brothers glamored up for a dance. We have also started the ongoing project of making a Brotherhood blanket made from crocheted squares to use with our pledges. Thank you to everybody who made a square and sent it in!

We have been packing in all the service we can handle. This semester, along with our normal ushering and setting up/tearing down of concerts, we have volunteered with our annual Jazz Festival. Our advisor, Dr. Flaherty, even mentioned us at the concert that night, thanking us for being so helpful. Two of our Brothers have started volunteering regularly at UPAWS, Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter. A group of Brothers bundled up against the U.P. winter to help with the UP 200, a dog sled race which qualifies mushers for the Iditarod. A large group of Brothers have also been sacrificing their mornings to go tutor the music students at Bothwell Middle School. One of the more cozy service events we had was when Brothers piled into an apartment to crochet hats and headbands for the homeless. In March, we had a blast at the 24 hour Relay for Life. We raised almost \$500 for the American Cancer Society and had Brothers awake and walking for all 24 hours.

On the music front, we have been overly busy. Brothers have been performing in ensembles and lessons. Along with tutoring at Bothwell, we have been teaching each other how to music. We also had a MOMJOS (Moment of Musical Jamming on Saturday) arranged by Brother Ryan Ansoerge. A whole group of brassy Brothers got together and played an arrangement of Hymn of Acxion.

Before finals week, we held our first Performing Arts Appreciation Picnic. We co-hosted the picnic with Alpha Psi Omega, National Honorary Theatre Fraternity, to honor all professors and performers at Northern that are involved in any type of performing arts. We had reservations from actors, musicians, dancers and more. We are really grateful that we were able to show all these people how much Psi appreciates them.

Our new officers for the up and coming school year will be President Shawn DeYoung, Vice President Cassidy Berlin, Secretary Allison Udulutch, Treasurer Keylyn Reed, Historian Nicole DeMol, MAL-E Sara Uribe, and Service Chair Anna Kase. Rho can not wait to see how amazing they do in their positions!

This has also been a crazy semester for pledging. We started the semester by pinning six pledges. Because of personal reasons two of them had to drop out, but we are excited to announce we have initiated four new Brothers! The Elements pledge class of Winter 2016 consists of Katie Bennett, Sam Landreth, Kyle Mol, and Amanda VanderWall. Rho is so lucky to have such amazing new Brothers and we know they will add so many positive things to the Brotherhood.

-Sarah Gardner



Rho Chapter following the initiation of The Elements pledge class.

## Tau Chapter — Washington, DC

Everyone here at Tau has been busy throughout this semester with plenty of music, service, and Brotherhood to go around! We had Brothers perform in Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra, Chorus, Chamber Singers, Symphonic Band, Pep Band, many musical theatre productions, and many smaller groups, such as jazz combos.

We helped with organizing auditions and administering music theory entrance exams as part of our service to the Department of Performing Arts. We also held a donut fundraiser and have another one planned for the end of this semester!

We had a Brothers' pizza party in lieu of a retreat, and our Formal Banquet is planned for the end of this semester to celebrate all of our accomplishments this year at Tau and our seniors that are graduating. The Active seniors who are graduating are Kaitlyn



Psis after Kaitlyn's senior recital! Pictured left to right: Back - Nicole Cherecwich, Amanda Brenner, Alain Xiong-Calmes, Gaston Reboredo, Jonathan Skufca, Ellisa Goldberg, Val Ciskowski; Front - Sam Garzillo, Lindsay Kemp, Kaitlyn Mesic, Sarah McKellar.

Mesic, Mary Morris, and Amanda Brenner.

We had a very successful recruitment season at the beginning of the semester and just initiated our Kappa class! Our new initiates are Kim Murphy, Amanda Brenner, Lara Wilkinson, Erin Devlin, Lisa Beck, Tim Madden, Danny O'Rourke, Ellisa Goldberg, Mary Morris, Val Ciskowski, Sarah McKellar, and Tyler Stark.

We currently have plans to put on a benefit concert for next semester to showcase the musical talent of Tau Chapter and the AU community, while fundraising for a charitable organization. This will help us get more recognition on American University's campus, bond with musicians outside of the organization, and garner support from the entire Department of Performing Arts to make the event a success!

Everyone here at Tau is looking forward to the end of the semester and getting started on our summer projects - can't wait to see some of you at Talphacron soon!

- Brian Huff

## Alumni Association

The Alumni Association is currently a motley crew of 40-odd Brothers. The Chapter has been slowly growing, and we have been working to establish a distinct chapter identity. In this vein, we now have chapter t-shirts and polos! Our shirts are gray with red letters, and our polos are black with a red coat of arms.

We gathered in March to host the 2016 National Convention in Detroit, MI. As Convention Chairs, the Alumni, guided by our fearless leader Jen Staten, organized a hockey game, scavenger hunt, and a baseball-themed banquet at the Detroit Historical Society. Banquet swag included collectible baseball cards of our alumni

Brothers! The rarity of the card depended on how long ago the Brother pledged, and the ultra-rare Bryan Reamer card was a hot commodity. We sold a complete set of baseball cards at auction for the National Scholarship Fund.

Alumni are organizing get-togethers over the summer when we're more able to travel. This summer's agenda includes Talphacron in Roanoke July 8-10, Brotherwood near Pittsburgh July 22-24, and Mid-Year in Atlanta Aug 12-14. Mid-Year is our official summer Chapter meeting, and all Brothers (alumni, collegiate, families, and significant others) are invited to attend! Individual regional alumni networks are also busily planning events to keep alumni connected. To find your local alumni network, check out [alumni.mubetapsi.org/activities/regional-networks](http://alumni.mubetapsi.org/activities/regional-networks).

We were approved as co-Host Chapter for a potential colony at SUNY Oneonta. Alumni have also been involved in the re-colonization efforts at Wofford College. Fingers crossed that if both are successful, our Alumni will be very busy serving as Host Pledgemasters and Big Brothers.

The Chapter performs service primarily through fundraising. The Music Makers Fund has made several grants including a chair in SUNY Oswego's new Waterman Theatre, support for Northern Michigan University's Performing Arts Appreciation Picnic, and a recital in Guatemala. We are proud to help financially support music service in situations where our membership is too spread-out to help in person.

We're proud of all our graduating Brothers and, of course, invite them to join the Alumni Association. Your first year of Chapter dues are FREE, so be sure to sign up! Leaving college doesn't mean that you're done being a Brother of Mu Beta Psi. There are plenty of ways to stay involved in music and service with your fellow Alumni from all Chapters.

-Haley Vingsness

# The MBΨ Alumni Association Welcomes You

Brotherhood is for life. No matter the circumstance, you can be as involved as you want to be.

Learn more at <http://alumni.mubetapsi.org>.

## Region Networks

- Gulf Coast
- New England
- New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania
- North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia
- Southeast Michigan
- Upper Peninsula of Michigan
- West Coast

## City Networks

- Charlotte
- Chicago and Eastern Wisconsin
- Minneapolis-Saint Paul
- Roanoke, Salem, Lynchburg
- Washington DC, Baltimore



The Alumni Association hosting the convention 2016 in Detroit, Michigan.

## (1) We're a mixture.

We're comprised of brand-new graduates and old standbys from a variety of Chapters, put together into something new. We are simultaneously southern and northern; we lean this way and that. But we all love music in academia and the public square – and we love our Brotherhood.

## (2) We move at a different pace.

We don't push ourselves unrealistically; we're willing to pause and take care of life as it occurs. Our Chapter business can be accomplished over a conversation in a hot tub, if the need strikes.

## (3) We like to help.

As a Chapter, we focus on giving what we have to help others succeed. We give money toward grants and budget items that further the mission of Mu Beta Psi, and we show our devotion to music, education, and our Brothers. Many of us continue to serve music and education in daily life long after graduation, and our Chapter provides support whenever we can. As a group of mentors, we are a presence for our collegiate Brothers to provide guidance for getting through life's obstacles.

Chapter Involvement	Associate	Active
Attend Chapter meetings	♪	<i>Required</i>
Participate in Chapter Discussions	♪	♪
Vote on Chapter issues, like where to host Midyear		♪
Join a committee, like the Gathering committee	♪	♪
Chair a committee		♪
Hold an office, like Chapter President		♪
National Involvement	Associate	Active
Attend the MBΨ National Convention	♪	♪
Be active nationally		♪
Vote on national issues		♪
Volunteer as a big Brother during colonizations		♪
Staying in Touch	Associate	Active
Included in MBΨ National Address List	♪	♪
Receive a copy of Alumni Association minutes	♪	♪
Subscribe to the Alumni Newsletter	♪	♪
Subscribe to the alumtalk listserv	♪	♪
Subscribe to alumni association listserv	♪	♪
Saving Money	Associate	Active
Save 10% on purchases from the Alumni Store	♪	♪
Earn discounts on Avis Car Rentals	♪	♪
Earn discounts on Alumni Association group activities	♪	♪
Price	Associate	Active
Chapter Dues / Year	\$25.00	\$25.00
National Dues / Semester	\$0.00	\$40.00
Total Price	\$25.00	\$105.00

# Psoaking up the Psummer Psun

What should your Chapter do during the Psummer?

By Ashley Ford, Staff Writer  
Alpha Chapter

When everyone's finished their exams and moved out of their dorms, how do you keep your Chapter's spirit alive? Luckily we live in the age of technology so we're able to keep up with each other through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat, but screen-to-screen contact leaves a lot to be desired when you're used to seeing your Brothers every day.

Each Chapter is different so of course each Chapter chooses a different way to connect over the summer. Some events work for some Chapters but flop for others. Luckily, the Brotherhood has chimed in, just in time, to help us plan the most fun-filled Psummer yet!

Fraternity-wide there is definitely the want to hang out with Brothers over the summer, but planning the actual events and making sure they're successful seems to be biggest obstacle to tackle. So, how do we avoid this problem? Zeta Chapter Alumni Nick Rosencrans offers some helpful advice: "Get a list of everyone who's staying in town. Print a sheet with their cell numbers, and add local alums / inactive folks too. Make a standalone listserv (for instance, mbpsi-summer16-l@ncsu.edu or somesuch) so they can have pop-up social gatherings more easily." Making sure everyone in town (or who can be in town) is included in planning can definitely be key for a successful event. Brothers from every Chapter who participated in our survey mentioned attendance and/or interest as their biggest issue surrounding summer events. Keeping as many Brothers as possible in the loop can prevent these issues from ever surfacing to begin with.

Alpha Chapter Brother Angela White suggests to "Start the planning process for events, especially for things near the beginnings of semesters such as Rush". Getting a head start on the school year can definitely help "motivate the troops" as well as relieving some of the beginning of the year stress. We all love to talk about Mu Beta Psi and being able to do so without deadlines and other work staring



you in the face make it much easier and more pleasant to get work done while at the same time spending quality time with your Brothers.

Don't forget to take advantage of the National events going on over the summer as well! Talphacron and Midyear both offer great opportunities to bond with Brothers from every Chapter. Talphacron, hosted by Omicron Alumnus Phillip and Jennifer Staten, offers a fun, craft filled weekend with no business whereas Midyear offers the Alumni Association's annual election meeting in addition to arguably the largest gathering of Mu Beta Psi Alumni for the year. †

## MU BETA PSI SUMMER EVENTS

### Talphacron

Roanoke, Va - July 8-10

### Brotherwood

(near) Pittsburgh, PA - July 22-24

### Mid-Year

Atlanta, GA - Aug 12-14



# Living with Brothers

The good, the bad and the ugly; what is it like living with other Brothers?

By Katelynne Bauer, Technical Editor  
Zeta Chapter

As the school year comes to an end for collegiate Brothers, future plans are becoming more important. While some collegiate Brothers will be graduating, many will be continuing their education and living on or near their respective campuses. Most college students have at least one roommate to cut down on costs, and when it comes time to choose a roommate, Brothers should consider whether or not it is a good idea for them to live with other Brothers.

A survey was presented to the Brotherhood requesting insight into what it is like to live with Brothers. Respondents' living arrangements were as varied as the Brotherhood itself. From two Brothers living together to a house full of both Brothers and non-Brothers, almost any potential living situation was accounted for. Though there was a variety of living situations, there were similar mentions of both positive and negative experiences.

It seems logical that someone would want to live with a person they were already rather close to, and there are few bonds that bring people closer together than Brotherhood. Naturally, there were a lot of positive aspects mentioned as Brothers described their experiences living with other Brothers. Obviously, it is a lot easier to get business done when you live with a Brother. Brothers described the opportunities to plan events and talk about ideas for their Chapter, and the increased accessibility of chapter officers. More often, however, Brothers described the fellowship between roommates. Living with Brothers brings people who already have shared interests together. With shared social groups, coordinating get-togethers with roommates becomes a lot easier. We know our Brothers are always there for us, but having one in the room next door makes it that much easier to have them there exactly when you need them. Amanda Lay (Alpha) loves the support you can get when living with a Brother when she wrote "3 a.m., [you're] dying, you want to drop out of college, run away into the night, never explain why you left to

your parents. Then you look across the room, your pledge Brother is bouncing to a video of a bird or singing along to the stupidest meme you've ever hated. You remember how hard you both worked so far, and you hit the books again." This sense of fellowship not only helps with personal struggles but can also help when it comes to problems within the house or apartment. Because you know your Brothers so well, it is much easier to be honest about problems you are experiencing.



Roommates and Big/Little: Morgan McNeil and Kristen Young (Alpha)

No matter how close you are, issues between roommates can occur. These conflicts like pets fighting, people not cleaning up after themselves, or ground rules being ignored might amplify when they occur between Brothers. Mackenzie Hirn (Rho) pointed out that "when things happen in the house it can easily be blown up or misinterpreted as Brotherhood issues." It can also work the other way around; Brothers cautioned that sometimes, living with Brothers means that issues from meeting can be brought home. There is also the potential of never getting a break from business; it becomes tempting to talk to your Brothers about fraternity business all the time which can become overwhelming. Finally, though you may love your Brothers, it is possible to have too much of a good thing. Some Brothers mentioned that occasionally, they just needed a break from seeing each other all the time, and Britta Anderson (Zeta) said that "sometimes you can know people too well." Though there were mentions of these challenges, several Brothers mentioned that they had not had any problems living with Brothers yet, and only two of the 47 respondents said that they wouldn't live with Brothers again.

Though rooming with Brothers can be frustrating at times, this holds true for most roomie situations. Brothers shared that they were able to live happily with other Brothers by being honest about problems that arose and leaving business out of their living situation. Rooming with Brothers allows us to spend time with the people we care most about and while also sharing a huge part of our lives with them. This is made abundantly clear with the numerous thoughts Brothers shared. Cassidy Berlin (Rho) wrote about "random bonding that couldn't have been



Pi Chapter roommates: Jayna Bickle, Becky Hill, Kim Murphy, Jake McDonnell

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# Charmer Moves Forward with a Record Deal

Excited for what the future holds, Rho Alumnus Jake Edwards talks about landing a record deal with his band Charmer after only being together for about a year.

By Veronica Tabor, Staff Writer  
Zeta Chapter



"It feels really cool, you know, I'm really excited. It definitely happened really suddenly... I've always wanted to play music and travel around and play my music for people, but it never really seemed like it was a feasible opportunity until I started playing with these guys".

This is what Rho Alumnus Jake Edwards had to say when asked how he feels about his band, Charmer, getting a record deal after only a little over a year of playing together.

"It's kind of been really cool to see, once I picked up on how well we connected and how much I enjoyed playing how the response of people were to what we were doing, I just kind of set the ball in motion to be like 'Alright...if we do this right we need to do what we can with it', you know? This has been something I've always wanted to do. It's really surreal, it's kind of scary. I'm at that point in my life where I've finished school and it's time to get out and get a job but I also need the time to focus on this to get it right. I'm going to be stressed out for the next

year or two...but it's going to be super rewarding and totally worth it. I just get to go have fun and experience a new place with four of my best friends"

Jake pledged Rho chapter in the Fall of 2011, and held the position of chapter Treasurer for the 2013-14 year. "I joined the [Wildcat Marching] band and there were a lot of people in the band that were in Psi, and I became friends with a lot of them really quickly and they told me what it was about and I was really interested". He says that joining Mu Beta Psi has had a huge influence on his life and his music: "Being in Psi and seeing all of the hard work that everyone puts into it and how well everyone has to work together and communicate to get things done has really impacted me. Whenever we [Charmer] set out to do things, we all make sure to communicate really well and I think that's a huge part of us being able to do what we've done".

Charmer, a band consisting of Neil Berg on guitar/vocals, Zach Riley on guitar/vocals, Jacob Kotler on bass/vocals, David "Dave"

Daignault on vocals/guitar, and Rho Brother Jake Edwards on drums, began as two friends playing music together in February 2015. Later on in May, when Jake and the other two joined, they called their new project "Charmer". "I've been going to school with our guitarist, Zach, since middle school, and he had an audio class with Dave", Edwards said. After Zach and Dave had the idea to start a band, they needed a drummer and Jake was happy to oblige. "I ended up going to a couple of their shows and meeting all of







Charmer band members: Jacob Kotler, Jake Edwards, Zach Riley, David Daignault, Neil Bergon.

push our next few releases”.

So, what’s next for Charmer? To keep moving forward as a band, the members have decided to move to Rochester, NY at the end of May. “Marquette’s a pretty big city for the UP but it’s not big enough to have a lot of people who are interested in the music scene. Our bassist is originally from [Rochester] and he has a lot of ties in the music scene out there”. Rochester is also a great option for getting the band’s name out there: “On the east coast, everything is really compact. You don’t have to drive very far to hit multiple major cities so it makes it much easier for us to reach a wider audience.”

All in all, the future looks bright for the five-piece band: “From here on out we’re pretty much looking to get settled in Rochester and get our foot in the door in the New York music scene, and hopefully by the end of the summer or early fall we’ll be able to string a tour or two together”.

To learn more about Charmer and listen to their music, visit them on bandcamp at [charmermusic.bandcamp.com](http://charmermusic.bandcamp.com), Facebook at [facebook.com/wearecharmer](http://facebook.com/wearecharmer), or wait for their upcoming album! 🎸

them, and it was a really good time”.

Once Charmer was formed, they began playing around Marquette and the NMU music scene. “Dave’s been playing music up here for awhile; he grew up here. From playing in other bands and meeting people, he was already in contact with all the people who handled booking and ran venues, so we were able to get our foot in the door really easily”.

Jake described Charmer’s style of music as “New Wave Emo”: “We’re kind of on par with Free Throw and You Blew It, or Dowsing. A lot of our early stuff that we wrote was when we were all listening to a lot of Dowsing”. The band soon began developing a fanbase of friends, other musicians, local NMU students, and of course, his fellow Rho Brothers: “We just try to get a lot of energy at our shows, and a lot of people around town like it so we’ve been able to start pulling a bit of a crowd”.

As Charmer gained popularity, they recorded an EP, “Best Worst Birthday Ever” at a studio in Escanaba, Michigan. This EP and the band itself caught the attention of Have Fun Records, a label based out of Brighton, Michigan. Edwards is thankful for bandmate Dave, who he gives a lot of credit for their record deal to: “I don’t know how to describe Dave other than he’s someone who knows how to get things done. He was very efficient about getting us a lot of coverage and attention on social media and we got on the radar of a couple pretty small labels early on. It just came down to us communicating with them and finding Zach from Have Fun Records. We’d all been communicating with him a bit and we all really get along with him, so we just decided that this was someone who we wanted to work with to try and



Rho Alumnus Jake Edwards on his drum set.

# Serving the Wayne County Health Center

Christy Sener Townsend, Assistant Writer  
Alumni Association / Rho Chapter

I recently caught up with Zeta alumni and Alumni Association member Aleksandar Dimitrijeski about how he has continued service after graduation. He has recently gotten involved with the Wayne County Health Center in his hometown of Hamtramck, Michigan.

The Healthy Communities Health Center exists to help provide quality healthcare to people who are underserved in the area, specifically those people who do not qualify for traditional health insurance, either due to extreme poverty or immigration status. The health center was recently awarded a grant to become established as a Federally Qualified Health Center, which is a federal designation that ensures strict quality standards for the health care it provides to underserved populations. However, this designation comes with many more requirements.

"In order to be a Federally Qualified Health Center, you have to jump through a lot of hoops," Dimitrijeski said. "You have to maintain a certain level of quality... all your patients have to be getting better." Although the health center can choose which metrics they want to excel in, those metrics have to increase every year. This kind of quality assurance is not uncommon in the healthcare industry, but Federally Qualified Health Centers must maintain more stringent requirements. "For example, anybody who comes in has to get a depression screening, anybody



Alex participates in a local service project.

who [is being] treated for diabetes has to have their extremities checked for loss of feeling," he said. These screenings then become part of the metrics reported to the government to maintain the FQHC standard. "There's a lot of reporting, a lot of measures to keep track of," he said.

Furthermore, although the Hamtramck center was awarded a grant to get started, part of the Board of Directors' job is to acquire funding to ensure the health center stays afloat. "We have to start trying to convert people to get health insurance so we can keep ourselves funded," Dimitrijeski said. "The challenge we face in our community of Hamtramck is that a lot of the people who live in Hamtramck are immigrants, who have lived in the country for five years or less. In most cases, you can't qualify for Medicare or Medicaid until you've been in the country for five years, even if you're legal," he said. The health center then utilizes a sliding-fee scale based on income to help impoverished patients pay for at least part of their care.

Dimitrijeski became involved with the Wayne County Health Center through a friend he met on Twitter. "She was on the Board of Directors, and she knew that I was from Hamtramck and that I had a Health IT background," he said. Alex's work background includes a stint working for CMS, the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services. "I did federal contracting for CMS... who [the Health Center] has to report to all the time, so I'm very familiar with all the reporting requirements."

Part of Dimitrijeski's concentration on community service grew from a desire to continue to help with his community in a way he didn't see happening as part of the Alumni Association. Other chapters tend to focus on how they can volunteer in the chapter's community. Since they are so spread out, the AA tends to lean more towards financial assistance. "We as an organization donate money, we don't necessarily donate a lot of hours. But there are lots of people who are alumni who don't have high-paying jobs, so they can't afford to donate, so we have to try to



Alex holding the Zeta sledge.

Photo Credit: Andrew Fleming

find a way for people that want to serve but can't afford [to donate] another way to give back." Alex thinks that finding a place to volunteer in your community can be another great option.

"It's really not that hard to find a place to volunteer. There's a non-profit for every interest group," he added. Finding opportunities is easy online at VolunteerMatch.org, and people can choose long-term volunteer work like board memberships or committees, or short-term assignments like a one-day Habitat for Humanity build. Furthermore, since he's volunteered so much in his area, Dimitrijeski said he has made many networking connections in the non-profit industry nearby.

When asked what he likes most about volunteering, Dimitrijeski said, "The thing I like the most about it is that it's my hometown. It's a good way for me to give back to my hometown. The population that we serve is really underserved, and they really need it. This is a way for me to help in an area where I have some expertise. Especially growing up poor, in a poor community, to have made it this far because of the support of my friends, my community, and my family, I feel like it's really, really important for other people to have those same opportunities, so I try to give back." ✨

# Mu Beta *Ps*uperlatives



*Best Hair*  
Alpha Chapter



*Most Likely to Survive  
the Apocalypse*  
Zeta Chapter



*Biggest Flirts*  
Nu Chapter



*Most Likely to Fall Down a  
Flight of Stairs*  
Omicron Chapter



*Most Likely to Star on a  
Reality TV Show*  
Pi Chapter



*Most Artistic*  
Rho Chapter



*Most Glamorous*  
Tau Chapter



*Most Likely to Get Caught  
Sleeping in Class*  
Alumni Association

# OUR NEWEST BROTHERS

## Alpha

Indira Gutierrez

## Zeta

Christian Pirie  
Aaron Christianson  
Brian Terry  
Ryan Ralph  
Glory Creed  
Rachel Duffy.

## Nu

Joe Kienzle  
Emily Marsh  
Tami Bullard  
Hannah Kruse  
Santa-Li Zambrano  
Krista Vann

## Omicron

Jonas Bouthot  
Noelle Warfford  
Maddie McCall

## Pi

Rachel Parsons  
PJ Amendolia  
Michelle Mitchell  
Amy Oliveria  
Pat Zazzaro  
Aarona Fong

## Rho

Katie Bennett  
Sam Landreth  
Kyle Mol  
Amanda VanderWall

## Tau

Kim Murphy  
Amanda Brenner  
Lara Wilkinson  
Erin Devlin  
Lisa Beck  
Tim Madden  
Danny O'Rourke  
Ellisa Goldberg  
Mary Morris  
Val Ciskowski  
Sarah McKellar  
Tyler Stark



Zeta's newest Brothers, The Knights Who (Until Recently) Said Ni with their pledge staff - Christian Pirie, Aaron Christianson, Brian Terry, Ryan Ralph, Glory Creed, and Rachel Duffy.



Nu Chapter's newest: Joe Kienzler, Emily Marsh, Tarmi Bullarch, Hannah Kruse, Santa-Li Zambrano, Krista Vann.



Alpha's Newest Brother, Indira Gutierrez.



The newest trio of Brothers from Omicron: Jonas Bouthot, Noelle Warfford, and Maddie McCall.



Pi Chapter's Alpha Psi class: Pat Zazzaro, Aarona Fong, Rachel Parsons, PJ Amendolia, Amy Oliveria, and Michelle Mitchell.



The Elements and Pledgemasters!  
 From left to right: PM Marissa Gillett-Behrens, Sam Landreth, Amanda VanderWall, Kyle Mol, Katie Bennett, APM Anna Stanford



Tau's Kappa Class: Kim Murphy, Amanda Brenner, Lara Wilkinson, Erin Devlin, Lisa Beck, Tim Madden, Danny O'Rourke, Ellisa Goldberg, Mary Morris, Val Ciskowski, Sarah McKellar, and Tyler Stark.



Some Zeta Graduates: Matthew Pirkola, Tyler Jensen, Katelynne Bauer, Ashley Lobe, Jessica Montgomery, Jacqueline Harms.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

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## Natalie Holbrook, National Editor of The Clef



My name is Natalie Holbrook. I pledged at Rho Chapter in Fall 2012 with ¡SQUIRRELS! I just graduated with a B.S. in Public Relations. Besides The Clef and some freelance social media work, I am currently unemployed. That means I am living the dream- rolling around in six puppies all day at my parents' house near Chicago. My hobbies include watching the same movies over and over and taking long naps. I also love Disney, reading, crafts, and pizza. Hopefully I'll be employed full-time in my field by the next time The Clef comes out!

## Christy Sener Townsend, Assistant Editor

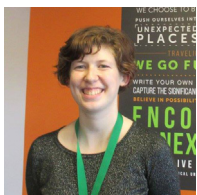


Hello! My name is Christy Sener Townsend, and I pledged Rho Chapter as part of the Founders class. I graduated in 2011 from NMU with a BS in Secondary English Education. I currently work at an Estate Planning law firm called Like Law Group. Before that, I worked as an administrative assistant for

both a non-profit and a wholesale insurance brokerage. I also worked as a Lead Teacher for Sylvan Learning's Ace-It! program, a class funded by No Child Left Behind designed to help underperforming students and/or English Language Learners improve their reading and writing skills.

I currently live in Bloomington, Indiana, where I am in two different community bands and I'm currently serving as the Secretary of the Bloomington Community Band board. I'm also in Bloomington's Figure Skating Club. I have a fantastic husband named Chris and an incredible daughter named Caroline. I am so excited to be a part of the Clef, and pumped to be taking an active role in our fraternity. :)

## Katelynne Bauer, Technical Editor



Hi! My name is Kate Bauer, and I pledged Zeta in Spring 2012. I just earned my B.S. in Chemical Engineering and will be starting a job as a process engineer in Appleton, Wisconsin. I absolutely loved my time at Michigan Tech, but I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life, especially getting

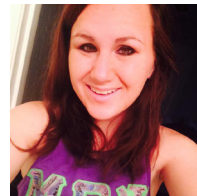
married to Ben Hendrick (Zeta, Fall 2012). In my free time, I enjoy crafting, backpacking and reading. I look forward to continuing to be involved with The Clef as the technical editor!

## Veronica Tabor, Staff Writer



Hi! My name is Veronica Tabor, and I am a Zeta alum. I pledged Zeta in Fall 2011 and graduated Michigan Tech with a BS in Social Sciences in May 2015. I am currently a grad student and work as a Hall Director at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls. I play the trombone and played in the Huskies Pep Band and Superior Wind Symphony at Michigan Tech. I studied abroad in Germany (see pic) so part of my heart is still there. In my free time, I love to bike, do artsy stuff, and spend time in nearby Minneapolis, Minnesota. I also love acting and theatre!

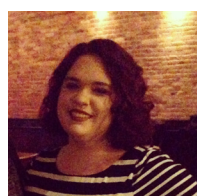
## Ashley Ford, Staff Writer



Hi! My name is Ashley Ford. I am a senior majoring in Microbiology at NC State with a minor in Music focusing on liberal arts. I have been playing flute for the past 12 years. Currently, I play piccolo in NC State's marching band, The Power Sound of the South. I pledged Alpha Chapter of Mu Beta

Psi my freshman year in the Spring of 2013 with The Galloping Turtles. Since then I've held various positions at the Chapter such as MAL, PR Chair, Historian and President. I just finished up my second term as Chapter President and will be serving as Alpha's Historian and Convention Planning Chair for the next year. In addition to being appointed as a Staff Writer for the Clef Advisory Committee, I've also very recently become a member of the Centennial Stories Ad-Hoc Committee. I am also working with NC State's Student Government as an Arts Ambassador in order to help create/build a solid student support for the arts at NC State. In the next year Alpha will be hosting Convention and then a few months later I graduate from college so I definitely have a big year coming up! I'm incredibly excited for everything the Fraternity is doing this year as well I can't wait to see what we can accomplish!

## Kim Murphy, Graphic Designer



Hello! My name is Kim Murphy, and I hail from Pi Chapter. I pledged in Spring of 2012 in the Alpha Sigma pledge class with 10 other wonderful people. I graduated last spring from Rutgers with a BA in Information Technology and Informatics. I now work as a Web Designer at Giovatto Advertising in

Paramus, NJ. I also teach color guard at Middletown North High School in Middletown, NJ. I am a member of Fusion Core (drum and bugle corps) Color Guard. I love glitter, turtles, programming, and designing. I'm super excited to be Graphic Designer for The Clef so I hope you enjoy!

# Midyear 2016



**August 12-14**



**Want to make your summer sweeter than a Georgia peach?  
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## **Meet New Brothers**

Midyear is another opportunity for us to get together. Relax, socialize, and share stories with people young and old from every active Chapter — several Inactive ones too.

## **Experience the Alumni Association**

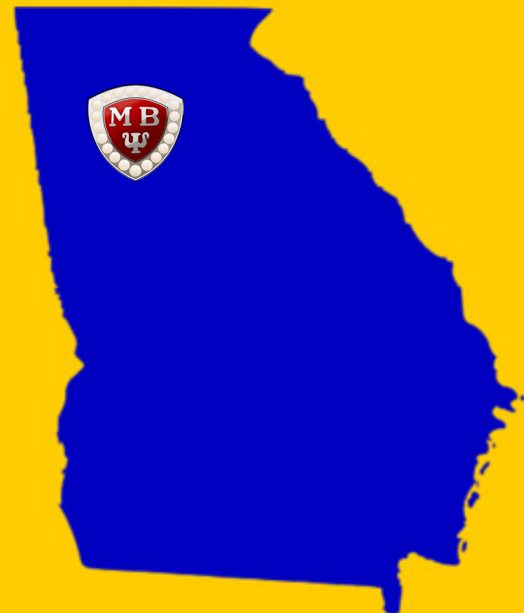
All Brothers have the option to join the Alumni Association! Midyear consists of a business meeting, elections, and the rest of the weekend is spent connecting as a Chapter.

## **Explore the City**

Is Georgia on your mind? It certainly will be after a weekend in the state's capital! Atlanta offers a ton of history to explore. The city played a large part in the Civil War, the Civil Rights Movement, and hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 1996. It will be hot, but you can cool down with a refreshing Coke at the World of Coca-Cola.

## **Experience the Fraternity's Culture**

Midyear is the Alumni Association's annual meeting. It gives you a chance to see what happens when people from every Chapter come together for a meeting. Such a diverse group means you can learn about traditions, jokes, history, and stories from other Chapters.



# Letter from the Editor

Natalie Holbrook, National Editor of The Clef  
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I am beyond excited to present my first edition of The Clef! This issue would not have been possible without the help of my Clef Advisory Committee:

Assistant Editor- **Christy Sener Townsend**  
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Also, thanks to our contributing writer for this edition, Chris Valliere. I cannot thank them enough for working as hard as they did during a very busy and stressful time of the year.

After you're done reading this spring edition of The Clef, you can look forward to a late-summer Clef Cadenza. The Clef Cadenza is a shortened version of The Clef to update you on what's happening at a national level. While collegiate Brothers take a break from school, the National Officers stay busy by planning and starting our goals so that we can make tremendous progress during the school year.

Feel free to give us feedback and let us know what you would like to see continued or added to the next issue. We are always open to any articles, stories, poems, lyrics, artwork, or anything else you'd like to submit! I know there are lots of stories out there that are waiting to be told about Brothers who are doing super awesome things in music and/or service! If you know one of these people or if you are one of these people, please let us know so that we can properly recognize all of our incredible Brothers.

We want The Clef represent the entire Brotherhood the best that we can, which we cannot do without your feedback. Thank you for trusting me to serve the Fraternity in this capacity. I hope that this Clef lives up to your expectations and I'm already working to make the next one even better! ✨

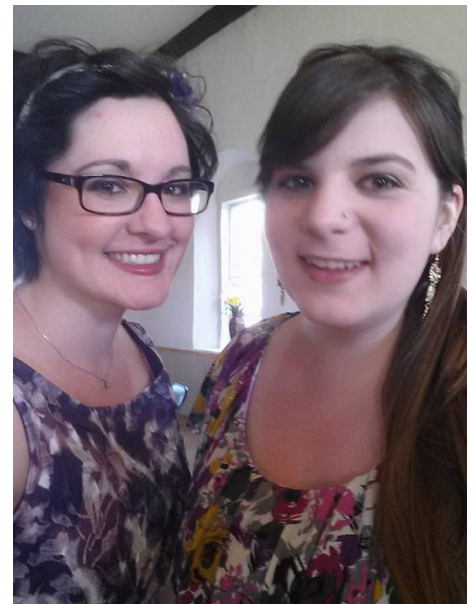


Past and present NEOTC's: Haley Vingness, Marley Cook, Nick Rosencrans, Natalie Holbrook.

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better if it was planned." Morgan (Alpha) lives with her Little and says "it's amazing having her around to talk to about everything." Ultimately, the positives almost always seemed to outweigh the potential challenges.

Living with Brothers can be an awesome experience, but it comes down to being able to separate fraternity business from living arrangements and maintaining solid communication. Be sure to check out the next Clef to get advice about having the best possible experience while living with Brothers! ✨



Zeta roommates Britta Anderson and Veronica Tabor .

## Thank You

The Clef committee would like to thank the contributors of photographs and artwork in this edition of *The Clef*. This list would include Andrew Fleming, Hannah Kowalesky, Julia Kester, Team 1 and 2 of the Detroit scavenger hunt, and the other Brothers who took pictures. This would have not been possible without your help. Thank you.







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