

# Alumni Newsletter



## *The Boilermaker*

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### 2023... Summer

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2023 Summer	<h1>Theta Chi Alumni Newsletter</h1>	
	<b>We're Seeking To Provide A Platform For Participation (P4PaaS)</b>	
<b>Chapter Report</b>	<p>For the 2022-2023 school year, Theta Chi had over seventy brothers living in-house both semesters. The chapter's growth in brothers living in-house and on-campus has increased our opportunities for leadership experiences, involvement across campus, and contributed to a dynamic and robust group of young men living the fraternity experience at Purdue University. The cost is \$5,500 for those living in a two man room per semester and \$5,000 for those living in a three man room. Additionally, upper classmen can get \$400 off per semester after completing four semesters in-house.</p>	
<b>Campus Leadership</b>	<p>Our growing number of members is driving Alpha Delta's involvement in campus leadership. There are many examples of upper classmen extending the helping hand to underclassmen, bringing them into leadership roles in campus organizations. Purdue University's Dance Marathon for Riley Children's Hospital has Theta Chi's Jacob Hill as Vice President on the leadership team, raising between \$500,000 and \$1,100,000 annually for children's medical needs. Purdue Student Government has Theta Chi's Evan Patterson as Elections Director. And Theta Chi's Joe Haemmerle is Director of Main Stage on the Purdue Student Union Board. Purdue's Old Masters Club, connecting prominent business leaders with the student body, has Theta Chi's Nick Atkins as Programming Chairman. Theta Chi's Brandon Verone has founded a Purdue club, The Network for Engineering &amp; Business, serving as it's president.</p>	
<b>IFC Leadership</b>	<p>Traditionally, the Alpha Delta Chapter has developed leaders who have served on Purdue's Interfraternity Council (IFC). In 2023, our presence is seen throughout IFC. Leo Dagon is IFC's VP Risk Management. Jett Stad is IFC's Director of Scholastic &amp; Leadership Development. Colton Lenen is the AVP of Programming &amp; Education. Brother Chris Galle serves on IFC Judicial Board. Our chapter's current leadership involvement in IFC and other campus organizations is great to see and is reminiscent of past decades.</p>	




<b>RUSH Report: Boiler Gold Rush</b>	<p>The desire and demand from potential new members to receive a bid from Theta Chi and to live in the house (a four semester commitment) is back to historic high levels. This is a testament to the men who have worked diligently to create a culture of high quality at Alpha Delta. This fall, there will be over fifty new members moving into 800 David Ross Road. The fall class initiated 26 new members and the spring class had 30.</p>	
	<p>2023 Fall Rush begins on August 20th and ends on August 30th. There will be seven (7) events at the house. Please visit the website or Facebook for updates and details.</p>	
<b>Dean Of Students FSCL Report</b>	<p>Theta Chi's Alpha Delta Chapter had a 3.09 Semester GPA and holds a 3.24 Cumulative GPA. While semester academics dropped in the Spring, the chapter's 3.24 Cumulative GPA is above the All Men's Cum (3.23), Interfraternity Council (3.2), and All Undergrads (3.14) as reported by Purdue's Dean of Students for Fraternity, Sorority, &amp; Cooperative Life. Thirty percent of the chapter was recognized for Dean's List &amp; Semester Honors with 40 brothers out of a total of 132 on campus achieving academic honors.</p>	
	<p>FSCL also tracks and reports on Service Hours and Philanthropy. Theta Chi had 493 service hours reported by the brothers. And they raised \$13,221 for philanthropies.</p>	
<b>Philanthropy</b>	<p>As a chapter, the men have chosen to focus on building community service and philanthropy programs. One new community service and philanthropy project is a Habitat for Humanity building project in nearby Lafayette. Brothers led a house building project for a family in need by raising money and assisting in the labor to build the house. A new "retro" philanthropy is bringing back an old signature event of the Alpha Delta Chapter held for many years called Spring Rally. The event involves a week long of competitive events between Greek organizations for the benefit of the USO.</p>	

# NEWS FROM NATIONAL





<p><b>News From National: Leadership Conf</b></p>	<p>Each January in Indianapolis, Theta Chi hosts over 500 collegian officers for two days of leadership and personal development training. 4 of our officers received valuable tools to recruit quality brothers, improve health-safety or risk management, better manage finances, etc.</p>	
<p><b>News From National: Scholarships</b></p>	<p>National awards over \$300,00 each year. In just the past 3 years Alpha Deltas received 6 scholarships totaling \$8,000</p>	
<p><b>News From National: Alpha Delta Connections</b></p>	<p>For those who do not know, the National Chapter is located in Carmel, IN. This proximity allows for engagement by Indy area alumni to help shape the direction of our national organization, and for our National organization to engage with the Alpha Delta Chapter with fewer logistical constraints.</p>	
<p><b>News From National: Resolute Man Program</b></p>	<p>We have established an elite membership destination level called Resolute Man. Theta Chi is the only fraternity doing this. They attend an immersive professional experience in their chosen field hosted by a prominent alumnus. These include Washington, DC hosted by a former US Congressman, Wall Street, and Entrepreneurial hosted by a successful hedge fund manager and this Spring a Construction Engineering experience hosted by Justin Brown (Alpha Delta/1997) at Skender Construction in Chicago. (see pictures) and LinkedIn Resolute Man Construction Engineering Skender. All four of these experiences I listed an Alpha Delta was chosen to attend.</p>	

# THE WEBSITE





<b>Website Updates: Composites</b>	<p>We are seeking to get older composite pictures from Alumni. One company we've used for many years, Vantine, has many digital versions for us to purchase website licensing to be able to publish, but they are missing many. You will see a "Yearly Composites: section soon (once we get past some Copyright stuff) and will clearly see which composites we are missing.</p>	
<b>Website Updates: Emails</b>	<p>We WILL NOT Spam You, but we will be sending out email updates approximately once per month regarding upcoming events, recent happenings, etc. As well, we will seek your engagement! Check out the Newsletter and Communications page under the Alumni section.</p>	
<b>Website Updates: Sponsorships</b>	<p>We're considering a new way of funding some initiatives... via Brother, Alumni, Parent, or Alumni Business sponsorships. Why not get something of direct value for your contributions!!! For example, website licensing of digital composites will run upwards of \$ 200 each... Would you pay \$200 to have your name on the 1989 Composite... Think Stadium naming... The 1989 Composite: By Steve Fero!</p>	
<b>Website Updates: Newsletters</b>	<p>You'll notice older versions of Alumni/Boilermaker Newsletters, undergrad newsletters, and soon you'll see a section for Rattles. It's a great way to revisit happenings... let's take advantage of digital!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://purduethetachi.com/alumni-newsletters/">https://purduethetachi.com/alumni-newsletters/</a></p>	
<b>Website Updates: Input From Alumni, Parents, and Community</b>	<p>We're providing sections for Parents, Alumni, and even Community Leaders to provide content. We'd like parents to comment on Why Theta Chi and the impact of Theta Chi on their sons; we'd like brother to provide "Topical Musings" on concepts like Brotherhood, OX For Life, Community, Involvement, etc; we'd like community leaders or organizations like Habitat for Humanity to comment on how Theta Chi helped their cause.</p>	

<b>Website Updates: Updates to Contacts</b>	<p>Please go to the website and update your contact info. If you know of someone who you believe has not been involved for a while and YOU KNOW THEIR CONTACT INFO, would you please enter as much of their contact information as you have at:</p> <p><a href="https://purduethetachi.com/alumnicon tactupdate/">https://purduethetachi.com/alumnicon tactupdate/</a></p>	
<b>Website Updates: Pictures and Content</b>	<p>One of the goals of Theta Chi is involvement. It's never too late to re-engage in the Theta Chi COMMUNITY! You will be greeted with a smile, handshake, or a hug!! We all have gained tremendous wisdom over the years. This wisdom can bring immense value to OUR community, and we can gain tremendous value from others. Please engage!!</p>	
<b>Website Updates: Notable Alumni</b>	<p>We're looking for success stories of our Brothers and Alumni!!! When Doodler becomes POTUS, you'll read about it here and on the website!!</p>	

# EVENTS




<p><b>Events Completed:</b> <b>Grand Prix</b></p>	<p>Our Grand Prix team did not make the race, but great improvements have been made and several team members are returning next year. For the past three years, Brian Schuman and Brian Duncan have worked with the Scuderia Theta Chi Kart #56 team, investing time, knowledge, and financial support. Each year, the team gets closer. We're hoping their hard work pays off in 2024.</p>	
<p><b>Events Completed:</b> <b>Alumni Dinner @ The House: Frank Pulice</b></p>	<p>This past semester there were a few Alumni Dinners where undergraduates had the opportunity to meet and hear from alumni on the value of Theta Chi. On April 10th, Frank Pulice addressed the chapter about his experience and Theta Chi's impact on his life. Through a wide ranging open discussion, Frank related that joining Theta Chi was one of the best decisions of his life!</p>	
<p><b>Events Completed:</b> <b>Alumni Dinners The House: The Conners</b></p>	<p>This past semester there were a few Alumni Dinners where undergraduates had the opportunity to meet and hear from alumni on the value of Theta Chi. On February 23rd, Rick and Greg Conner spoke at the chapter house following dinner. It was a great discussion about two former Chapter Presidents, father &amp; son, who represent the type of legacy our chapter has had for several families.</p>	
<p><b>Events Completed:</b> <b>Alumni Dinner @ The District Tap (Indy)</b></p>	<p>On February 16th, thirty or so alumni and a few undergraduates met at The District Tap in Indianapolis for a social gathering and to watch a Purdue basketball game. Maryland beat up on the boilers, and would leave a blueprint on how to beat our team with a fast and athletic team.</p> <p>For anyone who has not attended one of these, you are really missing out. This was my first in over 30 years and what a nice time... If you think its been too long, it hasn't! If you're unsure of who will be in attendance, you will know someone and make someone's day with your attendance. Give it a try!</p>	





<b>Events Upcoming: House Work Session</b>	<p>Our next philanthropic event will take place in August when we host a Alumni work session to remove junk and try to make some small improvements. Fero with a paint brush will also be a very comical site that you don't want to miss! We're not sure on a date yet but we will keep the locals updated!</p>	
<b>Events Upcoming: FPB Outing</b>	<p>Our annual Father Phil Bowers Memorial Golf outing will take place Oct 21st! Please sign up to play or even sponsor a hole or long-drive or CTP: SEE BELOW!</p> <p><a href="https://purduethetachi.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/EventPDF-ThetaChi-AnnualGolfOuting-21Oct2023.pdf">https://purduethetachi.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/EventPDF-ThetaChi-AnnualGolfOuting-21Oct2023.pdf</a></p>	
<b>Events Upcoming: 1960's Reunion Over Wisconsin Game</b>	<p>John O'Reilly (oreillyigo2@msn.com) and a crew of brothers from the 1950's and 1960's will be having a reunion for the Wisconsin football game on Friday September 22. An event page is being created in the website for this event. This page "should" have more details by August 1.</p>	
<b>Events Upcoming: Homecoming with GHC Catered Tailgate</b>	<p>Homecoming this year will be exciting. We have the Greek House Chefs Tailgate sponsored by Bergy and National for our Undergrad's stellar fundraising performance, and then the usual Homecoming stuff. Check out the homecoming event page in the website.</p>	



# THE HOUSE

<b>Theta Chi Alumni of Alpha Delta Chapter, Inc.</b>	Contributions under \$ 1,000 should be made to the Theta Chi Alumni of Alpha Delta Chapter, Inc. This can be accomplished via the mail in form on the web or via an online donation. Please see the website and the "Donations" tab.	
<b>Theta Chi Foundation Donations</b>	Donations of \$1,000 or more may be made to Theta Chi Foundation of Alpha Delta Chapter, Inc., which is the educational foundation established by the Chapter. If this is of interest to you, please contact Greg Cagnassola at gcagnassola@defur.com to discuss how this donation may have a tax benefit. Please see the "Donations" tab on the website for more information.	
<b>The Physical House</b>	This year the house will be 57 years old. The loyal support of the alumni has been evident throughout the history of the chapter. Their cooperation made possible the construction of present chapter house, built in 1966 at a cost of \$450,000, and the million dollar (\$1,000,000) renovation of the Chapter House in 1999.	
<b>House Director</b>	Theta Chi had a new House Director for the 2022-2023 school year after Brandon Dzuba finished his PhD and moved on to research at the University of Colorado - Boulder. Cait East is a DVM Candidate in Purdue's College of Veterinary Medicine and brought experience as a former residence hall coordinator. Additionally, Cait has past experience in leadership with Greek Life & Student Engagement at the University of Evansville and is a member of Delta Gamma. Cait is a great new resource to the Chapter and Housing Corporation.	

<p><b>Kitchen</b></p>	<p>This past year also saw change in Kitchen operations as long time Director, Karen Nichols phased into retirement but still assists the Housing Corporation as needed. Former owner/operator of The Coffee Roaster in Lafayette, Sarah Stantz took over the role of Chef this year. She brought a former employee, Samiaiyah Ncube, as her assistant. Both made the adjustment to “fraternity kitchen life” and we look forward to them returning next year. They will continue to work with long time external accountant, Angela Duffy-Simons, and Karen Nichols to optimize efficient operation of the kitchen and to develop creative menus.</p>	
<p><b>Father Phil Bowers Courtyard</b></p>	<p>Discussions and planning has started to design and build a courtyard, converting the patio and surrounding area into an amenity for the chapter house. Even prior to the pandemic, the patio area has become a frequently used space for social engagements. Several styles of “fences” have been erected, but they have failed to last more than two semesters. In seeking a more permanent solution, a Father Phil Bowers Courtyard concept was developed by undergrads with much alumni interest in honoring our former mentor and advisor. The undergraduate design team consists of Brandon Verone, Jacob Deahl, Matt Williams, Alex Brafford, and Evan Berghoff. An alumni committee is needed to work with the undergrads to take this project; If you have an interest in participating, please reach out to Steve Fero, Randy Truitt, or John Berghoff.</p>	

Summer 2023	FALL 2023 CALENDAR	
<b>AUGUST</b>		
15th - 19th	Boiler Gold Rush	
20th	Rush Events Begin	
21st	Fall Semester Classes Begin	
30th	Rush Events Conclude	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
2nd	Purdue Football: 12:00 PM Fresno State	
5th	Labor Day	
16th	Purdue Football: 7:30 PM Syracuse	
22nd	Purdue Football: 7:00 PM Wisconsin... Reunion: 1960s Alumni Gathering (John O' Reilly and Jack Wright coordinating)	
30th	Purdue Football: TBD Illinois... Homecoming with Greek House Chefs catered tailgate provided by National HQ Foundation	
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
10th-11th	October Break	
14th	Purdue Football: TBD Ohio State	
21st	Fr. Phil Bowers Memorial Golf Outing	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
11th	Purdue Football: TBD Minnesota	
23rd-26th	Thanksgiving Vacation	
25th	Purdue Football: TBD Indiana	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1st-2nd	Alpha Delta Exec Transition Retreat	
10th-11th	Classes End	
12th-17th	Final Exams	
<b>ALUMNI CONTACT UPDATES</b>	Please update your contact info by using the link below. Please also forward this link others!!!	
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It is with great sorrow that we announce the following Brothers have joined the Chapter Eternal. Rest in Peace, Dear Brothers, and may God bless your souls. We look forward to seeing you again on the other side.


NAME	CLASS	DOB	DEATH	LINKS
Mike Stodola	1988	10/22/1965	5/15/2023	<a href="https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/michael-stodola-obituary?pid=204529243">https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/michael-stodola-obituary?pid=204529243</a>
William Oesterle	1988	9/26/1965	5/10/2023	<a href="https://www.legacy.com/news/celebrity-deaths/bill-oesterle-1965-2023-cofounder-of-angies-list/">https://www.legacy.com/news/celebrity-deaths/bill-oesterle-1965-2023-cofounder-of-angies-list/</a>

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State of The Brotherhood	Fero, Bergy, Blachly, Cags
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Alumni Coordinator	Blach, Fero, Berghoff, Cags
Undergrad Status	Miller, Hoage, Cags, Fero
National Updates	Bergy
Events	Cags, Fero, Williams, Bergy
State of the House	Fero, Truit, Cait (House Director)
Philanthropy	Williams
Kitchen	Sarah
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2023 Summer		Theta Chi Chapter Leadership			
TITLE		NAME			
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Merchandise		Joe Kloska			
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Grand Prix		Sam Karr			
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Rick Manager		Gavin Roby			
House Manager		Hudson Harrell & Matt Meyer			
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Full Roster:		<a href="https://purduthetachi.com/brothers/">https://purduthetachi.com/brothers/</a>			

**By Matthew Williams, Alpha Delta Chapter President 2023**

Alpha Delta Alumni,

Last semester in the spring I served the first half of my term as President at the Alpha Delta chapter. Going into my term, my goal was to continue our chapter's growth and impact in its community both at Purdue and in the larger Lafayette area. This began by bringing in one of the largest spring pledge classes in recent history. Thanks to a strong effort from our two co-recruitment chairs and the support of the house we were able to attract the interest of over 300 students and select a pledge class of 27, now initiated, members.

As we grow in numbers so does our influence in the community. We have brothers from all across the country and several from overseas. Within our brotherhood we have representation in almost every college at Purdue, not to mention almost every discipline of engineering, while maintaining an average cumulative GPA of 3.3. Even so, a Theta Chi brother at Purdue goes beyond representing our Fraternity in the classroom. You will often see a brother on the executive board of a club or the interfraternity council. You would likely find a brother supporting philanthropy events across campus when we are not putting on an event of our own. For me, it is easy to say that our school and community is a better place because of our brothers. Continuing this trend is imperative to the preservation of fraternities as a whole.

As I move into my second semester as President I am excited to continue to have a role in this growth. In the Fall of 2023 we are excited to be hosting a large alumni tailgate during the football season. This will be a good opportunity to visit the house and learn more about what we do and who we are for those who have stayed connected and for those who wish to reconnect. This will also be a good opportunity to learn about what you can do to help us foster growth and continue to be the best fraternity we can be. Please stop by or reach out anytime.

Fraternally,

Matthew Williams

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