

HOMECOMING 100!



**September 28 through
October 5, 2019**

Homecoming Week at Penn State will be September 28 through October 5, 2019, the Penn State Homecoming Executive Committee recently announced.

The annual Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, Oct. 4 starting on the Penn State campus and continuing through downtown State College. Homecoming week activities will be crowned by a home football game with Purdue on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Alumni activities are being planned throughout the week. "Penn State Homecoming is very excited to continue our tradition of welcoming home alumni. We are very excited to celebrate 100 years of Penn State tradition and pride," said Isabella Webster, Executive Director of 2019 Penn State Homecoming. "We look forward to honoring our undergraduate and graduate students, as well as university members and alumni through our various courts."

Watch our website, www.ixapsualums.com, for future announcements about Lambda Chi Alpha Homecoming activities. It's a great time to connect with old friends and meet our undergrads. Let's make Zeta Zeta a real presence at Homecoming!

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Are you getting our monthly eLetters from Zeta Zeta? If not, you're missing out!

To sign up, just send a quick note to connect@affinityconnection.com and let us know to add you the Lambda Chi Alpha at Penn State alumni emailing list!

STATE COLLEGE, PA. — SPRING 2019



The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

SPRINGING INTO A NEW ERA AT ZETA



This year will be providing something we haven't seen in thirty years – NO mortgage on our Fraternity House. The current \$480,000 mortgage will be paid off in October of this year. Quite an accomplishment and something we can all be proud; Moreover, we recently completed over \$300,000 of improvements to the facility because of the water damage from the sprinkler break. Some of these improvements included a new boiler and upgraded wiring in addition to the cosmetic improvements.

Unfortunately, I must also report that our yearly dues contributions have been decreasing

in recent years. Our organization is financially sound, but I encourage all of us to do what we can to make sure we can remain fiscally sound in years to come. Some of the necessary future projects on our agenda are a new roof and new bathrooms on the second and third floor - projects that will cost an estimated \$250,000. 2019 is a new year that is providing a positive future for Zeta Zeta of Lambda Chi Fraternity, Inc. Let's make the most of it together!!

Yours in ZAX,

Michael L. Park, Z1150

President

4TH ANNUAL CHARLIE ZENDT MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

The 4th Annual Charlie Zendt Memorial Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, July 20 at the Mountain View Country Club. Tee time is 1:30. As usual, golf will be followed by dinner at the chapter house.

And, by popular request, this year we will have an activity for the non-golfers! Details to be available soon.

We will have a block of rooms reserved and those details will also be worked out in the near future.

I wanted to get the word out to everyone in advance so that you can hold the date. Please spread the word to others.



The event last summer allowed us to make a \$1000.00 donation to the Greater Center County Habitat for Humanity which was chosen by Charlie's family.

Last year we had 26 golfers and 35 for dinner. Let's try for a larger turnout for 2019!

Please call or email if your questions or suggestions. Hope to see you there!

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MENTORING IS A GREAT WAY TO GIVE BACK



Rocky had his trainer Mick, Luke Skywalker had Obi-Wan and the Karate Kid had Mr. Miyagi. When starting out, we all need help – a guide, a coach, a teacher, a mentor to help us avoid the pitfalls and navigate our way to success. Mentorship and networking have long been recognized as important aspects of the collegiate and fraternity experience.

At some point in our lives most of us have had a mentor who stepped in and helped guide us. This may have been an informal mentor, the uncle or aunt who helped us with our college choice. Later, we may have found ourselves in the role as mentor, guiding a mentee from the next generation in the same way we were guided. What is easy to see in retrospect, is that we have all benefited from someone who took the time to help us succeed in meeting our personal or professional goals. And in turn, we have also reached back to help those who could benefit from our experience, stability, guidance, 'tough love' or just our willingness to listen.

The days of depending upon a single chapter advisor to assist all of the undergraduate officers in order to cover all of the bases are gone. While the High Pi is, and will continue to be the Chapters' Advisor, to successfully maintain the needed continuity and institutional knowledge, we must have additional alumni assist him with the undergraduate chapter. In a word, Mentors. We need alumni who are willing to take on the role of mentor to individual officers.

Fortunately, the mentorship program is not something new and there is a robust system in place to provide alumni a means to participate. This includes training and access to all of the undergraduate officer information, much of it on line. We currently have almost a full slate of alumni mentors working with undergraduate officers. We are however looking forward to the future and want to build a robust pool of alumni volunteers. Simply put, greater involvement benefits the Chapter by bringing new ideas to the table and making sure a small

cadre of alumni are not overused and burn out. All of the Mentors are part of a group known as the Alumni Advisory Board (AAB).

If you are interested in being a mentor, here are some specifics.

- We would like Mentors to commit to two years as a mentor to a specific undergraduate officer.
- You do not need to live in State College, (most of our current mentors do not).
- Complete Mentor training offered on line by the General Fraternity (referred to as IHQ, International Headquarters).
- Complete Mentor background check.
- 'Meet' with your assigned officer weekly either in person, by phone, by Skype, etc. and discuss current chapter operations, officer activities and required reports, etc.
- During the course of your mentorship provide general professional development advice to your mentee.
- Report activities to the AAB Chair (High Pi).
- Attend two AAB meetings annually, (ideally in person, but other means are also okay).

The current group of alumni are heavily engaged with the Chapter Officers. We look forward to additional Brothers joining us in assisting the undergraduate Brothers of Zeta Zeta. If you are interested in becoming a Mentor or have questions, please contact Alumni Advisory Board Chairman **Mike Park** at psu4800@aol.com or 443-540-3817.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

We often ask our members to share their stories and memories about their days with Zeta Zeta but with so MANY things to reminisce about, it is hard to decide what to share. These days, thanks to our great alumni website, lxa-zetazeta.2stayconnected.com, we can go online any time we feel like it and let our brothers know what is going on in our lives. When you post your stories and updates to our alumni website, you may find yourself re-connecting with old friends you haven't been in touch with for years.

That's what this whole alumni program is about – engagement and connection with our oldest and dearest friends from some of the best years of our life. Please keep us updated. We want to hear from you!



2018-19 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank You!

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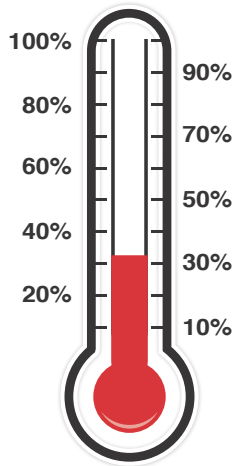
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ANNUAL FUND UPDATE – A CALL TO ACTION

GOAL: \$10,000



Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong

Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on September 1, is half over with \$3,151.00 collected from 40 brothers. We want to thank those 40 brothers (you can find them above and under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who made a contribution to Zeta Zeta so far this giving year!

Our 2018-19 giving year goal is \$10,000. Last year, only 86 of our 1,232 active alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. **We still have the potential to meet our**

goal - but we need your immediate help!

Giving Online is Easy!

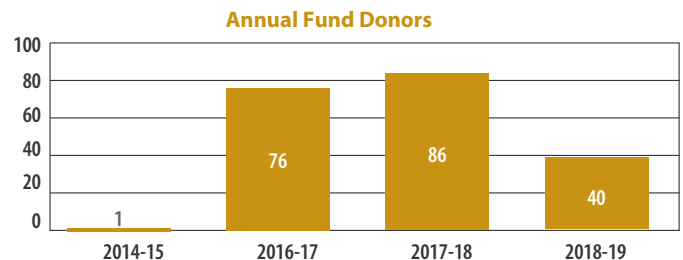
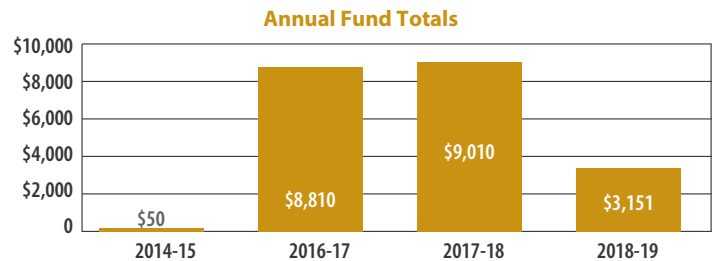
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**Lambda Chi Alpha
Penn State University
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P.O. Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007**

Our college days came and went, but the real Zeta Zeta experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift **Today!**

"My experience with Lambda Chi Alpha has been so valuable to me that it only makes sense to support the Annual Fund."

"I contribute financially to the Zeta Zeta Chapter because of my respect for the ideals of the Lambda Chi fraternity."



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THE FUTURE OF GREEK LIFE AT PENN STATE

Penn State has been at the center of the debate over the future of Greek life in higher education. With the creation of the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform, the university has made a commitment to leading a national conversation on meaningful reform.

Trends at the chapter level and among alumni associations show a system in flux, working hard to maintain strong connections to Greek life's founding principles, while finding ways to adapt to new challenges.

Recruitment is up

With so much negative publicity, you might think new students would be shunning Greek life in favor of other activities. In fact, fraternity and sorority recruitment at Penn State is at an all-time high, with more students participating in rush, and joining a Greek organization.

Why? Sororities and fraternities have a rich history at Penn State dating back to the 1870s, rooted in founding principles that foster academic achievement, student involvement, community service, and life-long friendships. Today's students continue to see the advantages of membership, such as:

- Finding a support group that helps with adjusting to college life
- Gaining access to resources that help students achieve their academic goals
- Learning leadership skills through hands-on experience
- Gaining confidence to get involved in other campus organizations and activities
- Dedicating time to philanthropy and community service projects

Likewise, alumni of all ages still describe their participation in Greek life as a life-changing experience that yielded lifelong friendships and exceptional preparation for work and life.

THON remains strong

Despite changing rules on how organizations can fundraise, THON hasn't lost its momentum or impact. Since banning the practice of canning, THON's total has dipped slightly, but the largest student-run philanthropy in the world—led predominantly by fraternities and sororities—still raised more than \$10 million this year. The event continues to make national headlines and illustrates the positive impact of Greek life on its members and on the worthwhile cause of curing childhood cancer.

Houses helping chapters weather challenges

As rules around Greek life activities have tightened, some chapters have struggled with compliance. As they struggle with the financial implications of suspended chapters, some fraternities have implemented innovative solutions.



When Sigma Alpha Epsilon's House Corporation Alumni Board decided to close its Penn State chapter house following a suspension by the university, the alumni board and the national organization committed to working with the university to implement new regulations. While SAE plans to reconstitute, the house has been empty and the fraternity was losing revenue from rent.

SAE's circumstance created a unique opportunity for sorority Phi Sigma Sigma. The sorority couldn't find a house with the correct zoning for a large amount of unrelated inhabitants in State College Borough. Until now, the chapter has rented a floor and a suite in South Halls, like many sororities on campus. Phi Sigma Sigma recently announced that it will move into the SAE house starting next school year. The agreement is for a three-year term but allows the SAE Alumni brotherhood use of the first floor and Mid-Century Room during each summer recess. SAE will continue raise funds and make capital improvements as it plans to reconstitute.

SAE isn't alone. Kappa Delta Rho has been renting its house to Kappa Sigma for the last 4 years. Sigma Nu is renting its house to the Western Golf Association for the next 4 years, housing Penn State students with Caddie scholarships.

Alumni giving less consistent

As housing corporations are strategically navigating to preserve and perpetuate their real estate for the next 100 years, alumni members seem uncertain about the future of Greek life. Across the board, alumni giving participation is mixed. Some groups are maintaining levels of participation, while others are experiencing a notable decline.

Alumni associations committed to consistent communication and transparency in messaging are faring best. Giving a clear indication about the critical role of alumni in the future of fraternities and sororities is more critical now than ever. Coming together in support of volunteer leaders and undergraduate chapters will be key to ensuring that the positive aspects of Greek Life, enjoyed by thousands of students across the country, will be enhanced and preserved.

Investing in reform

Penn State has pledged an initial \$2 million for the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform, with an additional \$3 million in matching funds from private donations. The goal is to establish an \$8 million endowment.

The interdisciplinary center will provide nationwide assessments to guide students and parents, and will study Greek life in order to spur national conversations about ways to improve safety. This initiative will put Penn State at the forefront of important reforms that can carry fraternities and sororities into the future.