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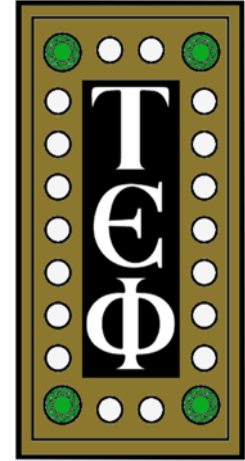
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THE CONSUL'S CORNER



Our Consul's Final Report

As I write my final Consul's Report, I find myself reflecting on what an incredible privilege it has been to serve Tau Epsilon Phi as your National Consul. In October, I will have the honor of passing the gavel to a new leader, confident that our Fraternity's future is brighter than ever.

When I first accepted this role, I knew it would require time, energy, and commitment. What I did not fully appreciate was what I would receive in return.

Like many of you, I joined TEP because of the men in my chapter. Those friendships shaped my college experience and remain some of the most meaningful relationships in my life. Serving on the national level has taught me that those same bonds extend far beyond the walls of any one chapter.

Over the past decade, I have had the opportunity to meet remarkable brothers from every corner of our Fraternity. They come from different generations, different professions, different backgrounds, and different chapters. Yet they all share something unmistakable: the same values, the same spirit of brotherhood, and the same desire to leave Tau Epsilon Phi stronger than they found it. These men have become true friends, and I know they will remain every bit as important to me as the brothers with whom I first wore our letters.

Along the way, I have also learned something I wish every chapter understood about National (BTW... it's National, not "Nationals." When did this start?). National is not some distant organization looking for ways to tell chapters what they're doing wrong. National is made up of brothers... volunteers and staff... who care deeply about every chapter and every member. They work for you, not against you. When challenges arise, as they inevitably do from time to time, our first instinct is never punishment. Our responsibility is to protect our members, protect our chapters, and help them succeed. Every decision is guided by the question, "How do we preserve and strengthen the brotherhood?" That perspective may not always be visible from the chapter level, but I can assure you it is very real.

Consul Report

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As I conclude my service as Consul, I do so with enormous pride in where Tau Epsilon Phi stands today. Our Fraternity is stronger than when I began this journey. According to the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), we are the fastest growing fraternity in the country. That achievement belongs to all of you... our undergraduates, alumni, volunteers, staff, and every brother who believes in what TEP can be.

For more than a century, generations of TEP brothers have entrusted our Fraternity to those who followed them. They built traditions, established values, and created opportunities that we continue to enjoy today. It has been our responsibility to carry that legacy forward, and I am confident we have done just that. More importantly, I believe we have positioned Tau Epsilon Phi to thrive for the next hundred years and beyond.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me. Thank you for your friendship, your support, and your dedication to our Fraternity. Serving as your National Consul has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

Fraternally,



Arthur "JR" Benning, Jr.
National Consul



Executive Director's Report

Dear Brothers,

I hope you are all enjoying the warm summer weather. As I sit down to think about both our past and our future, I couldn't be more excited for this upcoming year. We have for the first time in our history since our restructuring in 2011, six (6) expansion opportunities over the course of the next academic year. Some are a continuation of effects started last spring and some are new opportunities we've secured. The opportunity with the most immediate impact is at the University of Michigan where we have cleared quite a few hurdles with the administration to work with an interest group that approached us earlier this year. We are now in the tail end of interviewing the individual students to make sure they are a solid fit for our organization, but I'm excited that this looks very promising. Additionally, I'm also particularly excited for our spring 2027 expansion opportunity at the University of South Florida. This particular effort also came to reality by the hard work and enthusiastic efforts of our Phi Beta alumni. If it wasn't for their continued hard work and effort, (that originally started in 2017,) there is a strong possibility that we wouldn't have been welcomed back. I can't wait to see what we are able to accomplish, as we will be begin generating interest this fall with a planned re-founding fathers class initiation targeted for the spring semester. You can learn more about these two opportunities along with our other four (4) campuses elsewhere in this edition of the Plume.

I am also looking forward to our 2026 Grand Chapter Cruise and Convention leaving from Brooklyn, NY, and returning to Bermuda this October. We received such positive feedback from doing this in 2024, the Grand Council overwhelming decided we had to do it again. We have decided to change cruise lines and I'm excited to see how our new modified format will come together. This will be a great opportunity for our undergraduate leaders to meet their counterparts from around the country along with getting to know members of our Grand Council and alumni brothers alike. They will receive training around risk management, financial management, drug and alcohol abuse, rush and recruitment, and Narcan training among others. They will also have an opportunity to review and vote on proposed legislative changes to the National Constitution and ultimately elect the 2026 – 2028 members of the Grand Council. The highlight of the convention (aside from making new friends and seeing new places) will be the awards banquet where we will celebrate the accomplishments of our chapters, provisional chapters and individual members. I can't wait to set sail.

Reflecting back on the 2025 – 2026 school year, we had a challenging one to say the least. We were successful in the establishment of a new provisional chapter at Byrant University.

Executive Director's Report

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Unfortunately, we also saw the closure of one of our chapters for risk management violations, as well as having our largest chapter being placed on cease and desist for hazing violations in November that continued throughout the entire spring semester. I am very happy and relieved that over the summer we have successfully resolved the matter with the university and the chapter will be returning to operations this coming fall. My team and I will be spending additional time supporting this chapter and the soon to be newly elected leadership. It's imperative that they are given all the tools possible to navigate a safe and successful return to campus. I'm also excited to announce that two of our provisional chapters have been granted their charters this summer. Congratulations to our Rho chapter at the University of Pennsylvania and our Phi Eta chapter at Johns Hopkins University. I look forward to visiting both of them with members of the Grand Council to present them their charter this fall.

Finally, I want to thank our devoted headquarters team. Our most recent addition, Will Gray who joined the team in January, has hit the ground running. Will has been a great addition, formerly serving as the Chancellor of our Epsilon Phi chapter at Penn State University. I'm particularly excited to see what he is able to accomplish this fall as he will be leading our recruitment efforts at Purdue University and the University of Illinois. Matt Tursi continues to shine as our Director of Chapter Services. Matt has spent a lot of time developing positive relationships with our chapter leaders and stands ready to assist wherever he can. Finally, Jonah Anderson has been instrumental in leading the efforts to add additional campuses to our expansion calendar. As previously mentioned, we have six opportunities this coming academic year and Jonah will be focusing on our recruitment efforts in the South while also working to add additional campuses to our growth plan in future years. I'd like to thank all three of these guys for their continued efforts and dedication to Tau Epsilon Phi. Further, I would like to thank the entire outgoing Grand Council for all their support these past two years. I couldn't have done it without you!

As always, your national office is here to help wherever possible. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at tsmith@tep.org.

TEP's are TOPS!

Fraternally,



Timothy A. Smith, MBA
Executive Director



Director of Chapter Service's Report

Brothers,

As our chapters and their leaders prepare for a new academic year, I want to take a moment to recognize the tremendous work accomplished in 2025–2026. Every semester brings its own set of challenges, and this year was no exception. We began the fall 2025 semester celebrating the chartering of the Eta Tau chapter at the University of Central Florida, while also navigating the difficult closure of my first chapter as staff. Through every high and low, one constant has remained: the true greatness that continues to emerge from within our brotherhood.

This past year, our chapters raised over \$170,000 for various philanthropies and completed more than 6,000 hours of community service. These numbers reflect far more than just hard work; they show our collective commitment to our pillar of service. Looking ahead, with chapters coming off probationary status and new expansions on the horizon, I am confident that we can exceed last year's results.

The upcoming semester will involve more hands-on support than usual from myself. Many chapters are confronting the realities of challenging campus recruitment climates and the effects of poor officer transitions. When transitions are weak, chapter leaders are left constantly guessing how best to operate. To address this, Will Gray has been assisting me throughout the summer in working directly with several chapters, ensuring they have the resources, training, and preparation necessary for success. As a result, chapters have revised their governing documents, updated budgets, identified new alumni advisors, and begun planning recruitment and candidate education as early as July. While this level of preparation may feel daunting or even frustrating in the middle of summer, we know that once the semester begins, these chapters will have a distinct advantage over their peers.

We are also beginning this fall with two newly chartered chapters: Rho at the University of Pennsylvania and Phi Eta at Johns Hopkins University. Rho was one of my first provisional chapters, and I have had the privilege of working with them since their re-founding, while Jonah Anderson has worked closely with Phi Eta. Both groups have demonstrated remarkable progress, resilience, and strength during their time as provisional chapters, and I look forward to continuing our partnership with them in the years ahead.

This year's Grand Chapter convention will mark my fifth convention and my second as a staff member. Bringing undergraduates together for these gatherings remains one of my favorite aspects of working for the national office. I still vividly remember attending my first convention in 2018 as a chancellor and how it expanded my understanding of our fraternity. I look forward to seeing that same spark in the eyes of the brothers we welcome on board this year.

Director of Chapter Service's Report

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The Director of Chapter Services role continues to evolve. As I have grown in this position, I have worked to shape it beyond the minimum “mandatory” tasks and toward truly understanding what each undergraduate brother needs and where additional education can make a difference. Last year, it became clear that many brothers struggled to articulate to potential new members (or “rush”) what it means to belong to a national organization. In response, I created a document outlining the benefits, responsibilities, and opportunities that come with national affiliation. We also redesigned our sample governing documents to provide chapters with a strong, modern baseline when updating their own materials. When chapters fail to use their governing documents actively and effectively, those documents quickly become outdated. A solid foundation in governance strengthens every aspect of chapter structure and operations.

From the beginning of my tenure, I have wanted to bring our alumni advisors together for a conversation about what it truly means to be an advisor and to answer their questions directly. Over time, we have unfortunately seen some advisors become less engaged. If you are interested in getting involved and live near one of our campuses, your support is both welcome and needed. Alumni advisors and associations serve as life rafts for our chapters, often in ways chapters may not immediately recognize. Alumni bridge the gap between college and the professional world, offering invaluable experience and perspective. Even something as simple as maintaining an open line of communication with chapter leadership, undergraduates, or parents can make a meaningful difference.

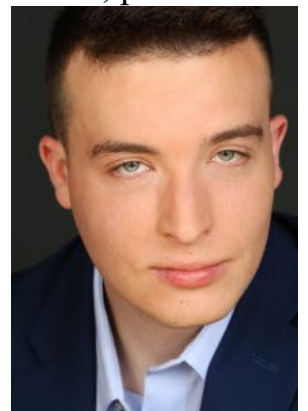
One of the greatest internal challenges our chapters face is officer transition. Those chapters that have implemented intentional, structured transition processes consistently see stronger outcomes than those that effectively “start from scratch” every January. We are actively working to enhance this transition period and partner with chapter leaders to ensure a successful spring semester and beyond.

We will also continue our GoPro initiative for chapters and alumni hosting events and willing to capture content themselves, or invite staff to assist with content creation. Increasing and elevating our social media presence is a priority, and it cannot happen without authentic content from our brothers. If you or your chapter would like to participate in this effort, please reach out to me.

Thank you all for an inspiring and productive 2026 so far. I am excited to see what we will accomplish together in the coming year and look forward to connecting with many of you soon.



Matt Tursi
Director of Chapter Services
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Associate Director of Growth's Report

Brothers,

Looking ahead to the fall semester, our expansion efforts continue to build significant momentum. We will be continuing recruitment at both the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Ψ) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County ($\Gamma\Delta$), where we are excited to continue developing strong groups of future brothers.

In addition, we are launching several new expansion projects this fall at the University of South Florida (ΦB), Georgia Southern University, Armstrong Campus ($\Phi\Delta$) and Purdue University ($\tau\Delta$). These opportunities have been made possible through the continued efforts and support from our esteemed alumni and expansion team. These campuses present exciting opportunities to introduce Tau Epsilon Phi to outstanding student leaders and continue strengthening our national presence.

We are also thrilled to announce the activation of a 40-man interest group this fall at the University of Michigan (X). This marks a major milestone for the fraternity and demonstrates the growing interest in Tau Epsilon Phi at one of the nation's premier institutions. We look forward to working with these students as they build a strong foundation and begin the journey toward becoming one of our newest re-founded chapters.

With multiple expansion projects underway and several others in development, the future of Tau Epsilon Phi has never looked brighter. By remaining focused on intentional recruitment, strong mentorship, and values-based leadership, we are confident these efforts will lead to sustainable growth and lasting success for our Fraternity.

Beyond our expansion efforts, this semester also brings one of the most anticipated events on our Fraternity calendar, Grand Chapter. This October, brothers from across the country will come together once again aboard Virgin Voyages' Valiant Lady as we set sail to Bermuda for another unforgettable convention. Grand Chapter provides an incredible opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments, conduct the business of the Fraternity, recognize outstanding chapters and brothers, and of course strengthening the lifelong bonds that make Tau Epsilon Phi so special. I look forward to reconnecting with so many of you while also welcoming our newest members into the national brotherhood.

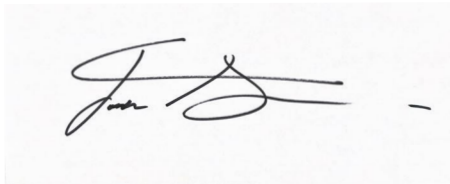
With multiple expansion projects underway, new interest groups emerging, and Grand Chapter on the horizon, the future of Tau Epsilon Phi has never looked brighter. The excitement

Associate Director of Growth's Report

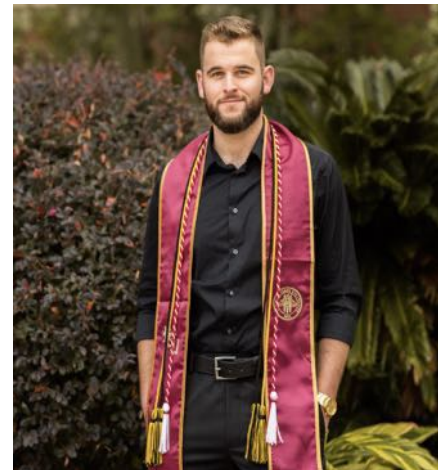
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surrounding our Fraternity continues to grow, and I am confident that the work being done by our undergraduate brothers, alumni volunteers, Grand Council, and National Office staff will continue to strengthen our organization for years to come. Thank you to everyone who dedicates their time and energy to advancing our mission. I cannot wait to see what we accomplish together this fall and I hope to see many of you in Bermuda!

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonah Anderson', followed by a small horizontal line.

Jonah Anderson
Associate Director of Growth
Jonah@tep.org



STAFF REPORTS

Chapter Development Coordinator

Brothers,

After working in my position for over half a year, I have had a great time. As Chapter Development Coordinator, I have utilized my time by working in many areas of the job including expansion, chapter services, and alumni relations, as well as a few odd jobs here and there. So far, the biggest part of being the chapter development coordinator has been working on our expansion efforts at University of Illinois and University of Maryland at Baltimore County.

This last semester, I jumped between Baltimore and Urbana-Champaign to get their expansions off the ground. Unfortunately, neither campus was able to gain enough traction to start a founding class. However, both campuses recruited multiple students that accepted their bids and are going to help recruit in the upcoming semester.

I also participated in the AFLV West Conference in Anaheim, California and the FEA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. I was so excited to meet with different vendors to see what programs, resources, and merchandise we can provide to our undergraduates and alumni.

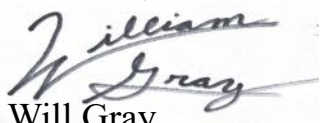
I was able to see how TEPs can come together from across the nation without knowing anything about each other and still have that bond of brotherhood we all share in our hearts through undergraduate and alumni events such as the Will G Golf tournament hosted by the Phi Upsilon Chapter at the University of Buffalo and the Tau Omega Alumni Association Golf tournament.

As far as expansion is concerned, we have a very busy upcoming fall semester. We will have a record-breaking six (6) active expansions going on, and my focus will be specifically on our new expansion efforts at Purdue University and continued expansion efforts at the University of Illinois.

What I am most excited for is TEP's upcoming Grand Chapter in October. I can't wait to meet all of the representatives from the undergraduate chapters and our alumni associations. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Bermuda.

And remember, as always, TEPS ARE TOPS!!!

Fraternally,



Will Gray

Chapter Development Coordinator

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How can you help?

1) We need alumni to help with our expansion efforts. Universities today are more stringent on how we can open a chapter on a new campus or one we have previously been on. We need alumni advisors, and by simply throwing your location and hat in the ring we can create a database of alumni willing to be advisors and nurture our future brotherhood.



2) We can get you in contact with your chapter or alumni association to participate as an alumnus. Remembering great times with your brothers is a breath of fresh air, and making new ones with others that were, and are, in your shoes. Often times the first step of starting a new page in your journey after college is by creating new memories by attending homecomings, alumni events with your chapter, recruitment events or going out with some alumni nearby for some appetizers and drinks. If your Chapter doesn’t have an Alumni Association, see the next page on how to start one!



3) Inform us of your kids or friends that are going to any of our campuses, and we can let our chapters know to recruit those quality men.

Reach out to Executive Director, Tim Smith, at tsmith@tep.org to learn how you can get involved!



BECOME A RECOGNIZED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In 2023 the Grand Council determined that any alumni association (formally known as alumni “club”) who would like to have recognition, need to complete an application and include a flat \$787.50 fee to include all the members of the group. The process is simple and the online form to use can be found at - <https://tep.org/alumni-associations/>. New and first-time groups will need to be approved by the Grand Council and renewing groups just need to pay the invoice that will now be automatically generated via GreekTrack, our online member management system.

What are the Benefits of being a recognized Alumni Association?



1. All recognized and approved alumni associations as permitted and encouraged to send a delegate to Grand Chapter to vote on legislation and other matters that come before the Grand Chapter. This includes the biennial election of Grand Council Directors and Officers.

2. All recognized and approved alumni associations will be included under the national fraternity’s directors and officers’ liability insurance. The association will still be responsible for any deductibles should a lawsuit be filed, but you will have this added layer of protection which is especially important should you have an active chapter.



3. All alumni association leaders and chapter advisors will have access to our online training platform through our partnership with Plaid. This is particularly valuable for those brothers who are serving as alumni advisors. It will be necessary for the alumni association to inform us who the leaders and advisors are, so we can make sure the training is available to them. The training courses available are included on page 38.



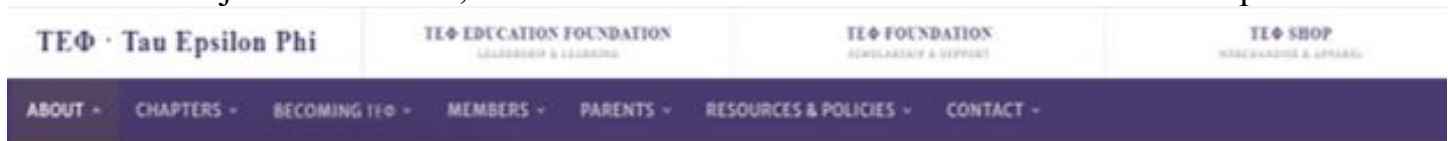
Reach out to Executive Director, Tim Smith, at tsmith@tep.org to learn how to get started!

NEW SITE, SAME TEP

After nearly 10 years, we are finally *rebuilding* and *modernizing* the tep.org website.

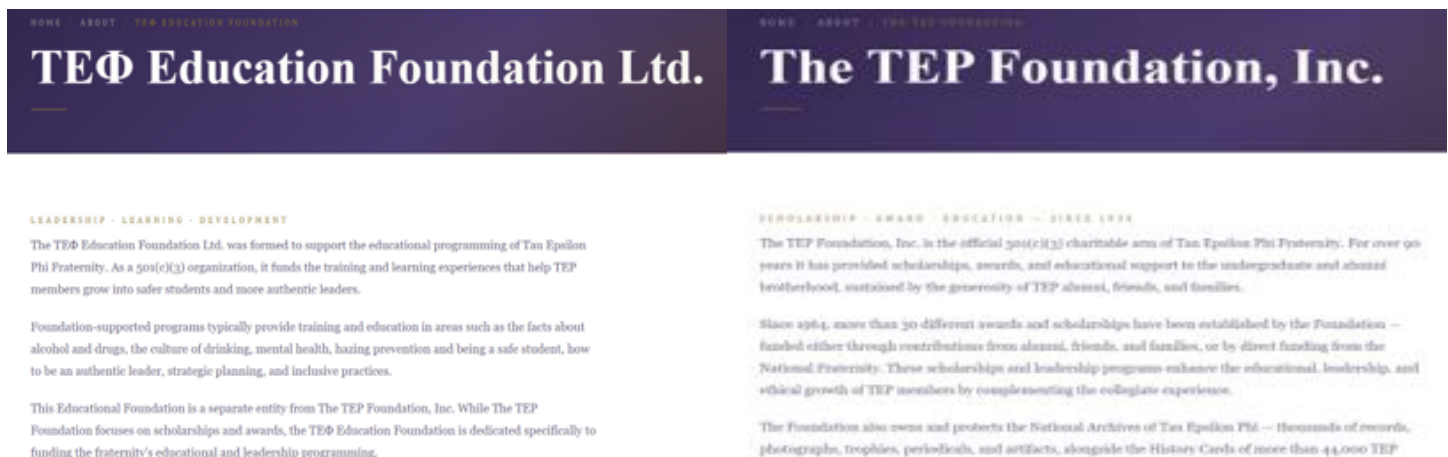
Our goal with this rebuild is to create a narrative that our current website lacks; we want to show that we are member-first by improving the flow and feel of navigation, thus making the site more user-friendly.

All the pages from our current website will still be on our new page, with a bit of a lift. This website is not just a makeover; we've added new features to create a better user experience.



DUAL NAV BAR

We added a dual navigation bar to highlight our foundations above the site navigation headers. Additionally, we made changes to the layout of the main navigation bar to improve site flow and feel, making it more intuitive to use.



FOUNDATION PAGES

We added pages that highlight both the TEP Foundation and TEP Educational Foundation on our website, rather than only providing links to the foundation websites. Each page describes each foundation's purpose and mission and provides the link to its website if users wish to visit.

These are just two of the updates to the website. Continue to check for the official launch scheduled to occur by the end of August!

2026 EXPANSION EFFORTS



This fall, Tau Epsilon Phi will be recruiting to bring back our Psi Chapter at the University of Illinois!

If you are an alumnus of the chapter, live nearby, or know someone on the campus, we'd love to hear from you! We hope to get a minimum of 10 men who will form the class of re-founding fathers and be initiated later this fall.

After extensive efforts from the National office as well as our alumni, Tau Epsilon Phi has received the green light to return to the University of Maryland in Baltimore County for the first time since the late 1990's! Please let us know if you live near the Baltimore, MD area or know of any current or incoming UMBC students!

This fall, Tau Epsilon Phi will be working to revitalize our Tau Lambda chapter at Purdue University! If you live near the Indianapolis area, or are an alumnus of Tau Lambda, we would love to have you contact us to get involved!

Contact us at Expansion@tep.org if you have possible expansion opportunities!

2026 EXPANSION EFFORTS



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**UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN**

This fall, Tau Epsilon Phi will begin its efforts of bringing back the Phi Delta chapter at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong Campus. This campus is looking to develop their Greek life community and the school has fast tracked our expansion to help promote this goal.

This spring, Tau Epsilon Phi will officially begin recruitment at the University of South Florida to bring back the Phi Beta chapter. The local USF alumni have played a huge part in getting this campus put onto our expansion calendar. The school invited us to begin our efforts by getting on campus and reaching out to students starting this fall, but we won't officially be taking a class until the spring '27 semester.

We are very excited to announce that we had an interest group at the University of Michigan reach out to our National office wanting to re-found our Chi chapter. We are currently in the process of interviewing 40 members of an interest group to ensure all the potential members align with the ideals of Tau Epsilon Phi, so we can proceed with their new member process at the start of the fall semester.

Contact us at Expansion@tep.org if you have possible expansion opportunities!



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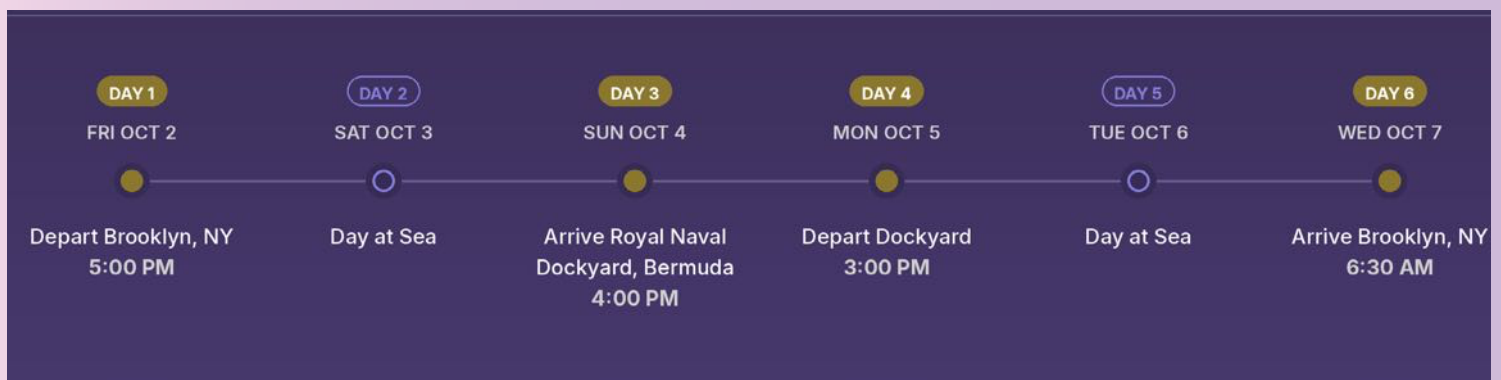
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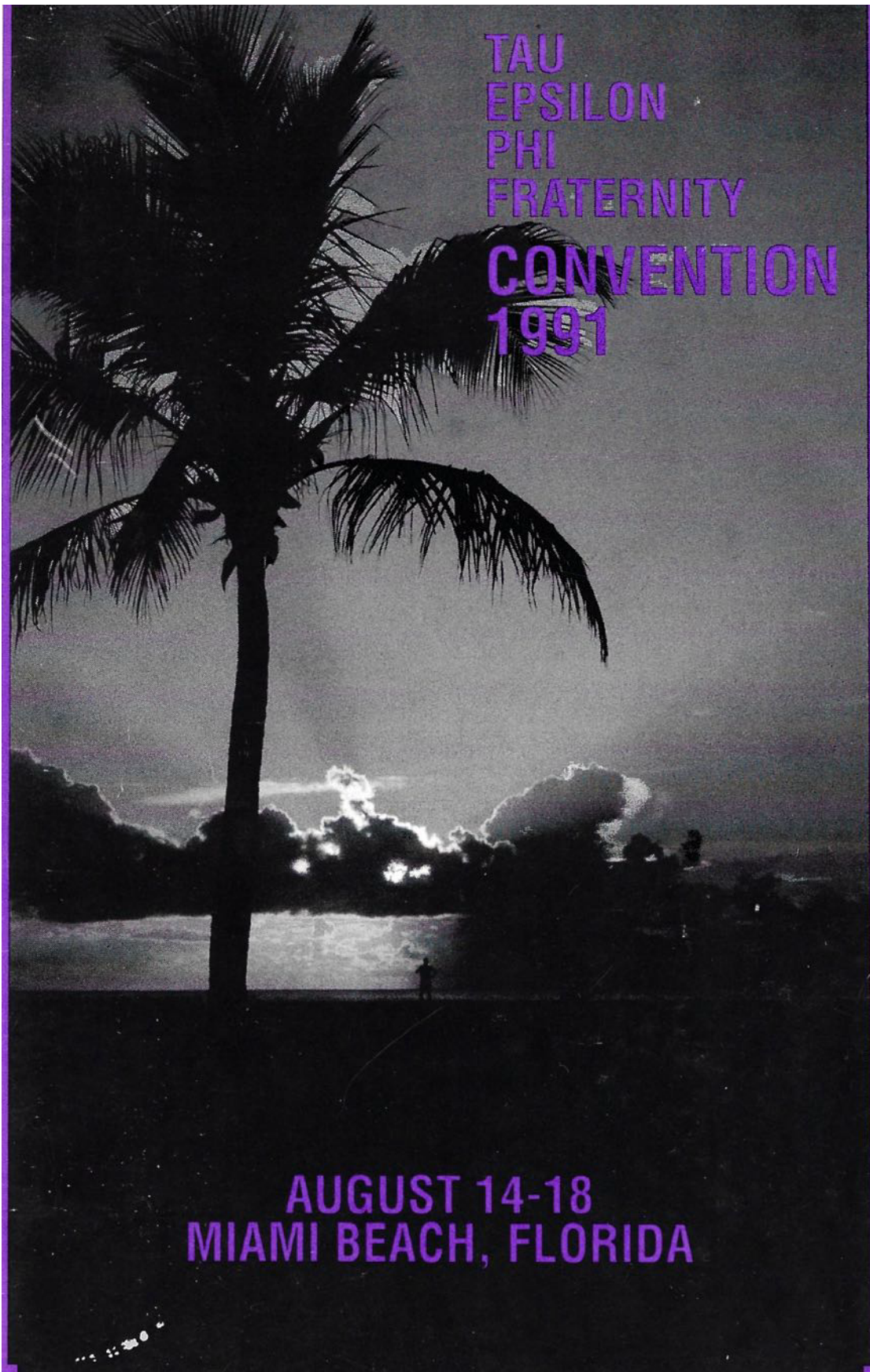
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Dear Brothers, Families, and Friends:

It is hard to believe that two years have gone by since I took office in Baltimore. What a marvelous yet emotional term of service this has been for me. Each of the goals that I set for myself and the Fraternity were achieved. Tau Epsilon Phi is now ready to springboard itself into a period of expansion knowing that its National office is stronger than it has ever been.

As we look down the road we see a flow of young leadership that insures the Grand Council stability for the next 10 years and beyond. There is now an understanding between National and the brotherhood as to what Fraternity is all about.

There is no such thing as a perfect world and we still have problems existing in some chapters, but they are being addressed by officers, staff and alumni.

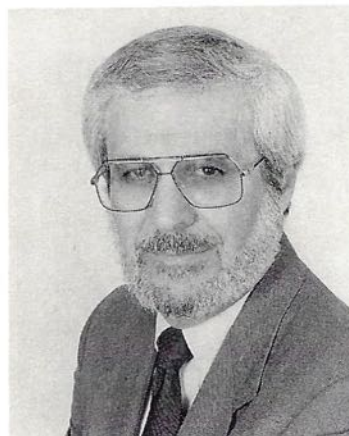
We continue to promote friendship and brotherhood because these remain cornerstones of our Fraternity, but there is more to being a TEP. We have a responsibility to turn boys into men; to send mature individuals out into the world of business; to prepare them for family life; but it is also important to focus as well on the role of Fraternity and its place on the college campuses and communities throughout the United States.

My only regret is that my mentor, Sidney Suntag, is not here to bask in the glow of what we have all achieved in the past two years, but he can rest peacefully knowing that his beloved Fraternity is in good hands.

In Baltimore I accepted the gavel of leadership by issuing the following challenge: "Lead, follow or get out of my way." I now pass the gavel of leadership to Leo Gordon and ask that he issue the same challenge as we continue to head towards TEP 2000.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Stuart L. Blumberg
International Consul

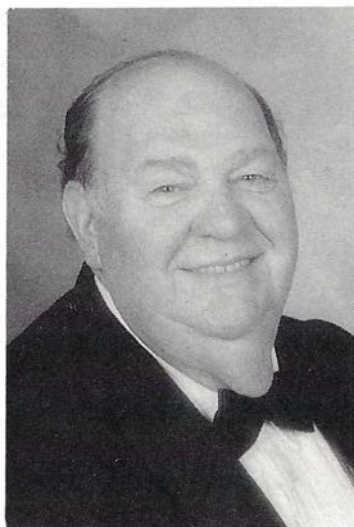


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Dear Brothers, Families and Guests:

Welcome to the Sunshine State—the home of southern hospitality, sun-drenched beaches, the world's greatest tourist attractions, mouth-watering citrus, and the friendliest TEPs to be found anywhere!

The members of the Convention Committee, with the skillful assistance of Jonathan Seidel and his staff, have been hard at work planning a full calendar of exciting events to make your stay in South Florida a memorable one. Even our beloved brother, Sid Suntag, had some valuable advice to pass along.

From the fast-paced action of Jai Alai to the elegance of the closing banquet, there is something for everyone to enjoy. In fact, you don't even have to leave the hotel grounds to have a fabulous time—

not when you're staying at the incomparable Fontainebleau Hilton Resort and Spa!

I can't think of a better place to have our fraternity's 39th National Convention, and I'm sure that you'll agree by the time we say our good-byes at Sunday's brunch. Don't be a stranger while you're here. Let me know if you're having fun.. I'm not hard to spot: Just look for the big TEP pin.

Have an enjoyable time, make some great memories, and "CATCH THE WAVE"!

Fraternally and sincerely,

Leonard Wolf
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Leonard Wolf, Tau Alpha 124
Chairman, 1991 Convention

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From the Consul-Elect

Dear Brothers, Families and Friends:

Welcome to Miami Beach and the 1991 Grand Chapter Convention of Tau Epsilon Phi.

Many thanks to Leonard Wolf, the Convention Chairman, Jonathan Seidel and the rest of the National Headquarters Staff, and Consul Stuart Blumberg for their hard work in making this Convention a reality. Because of their efforts, the 1991 Convention will be as enjoyable and memorable as the previous Conventions in Miami Beach where the South Florida area alumni served as our hosts.

It is indeed an honor and privilege to be asked by the undergraduate and alumni brotherhood to serve as the 40th Consul of our Fraternity.

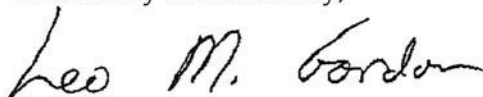
Since entering the Portals of Tau Epsilon Phi in 1970, I have had the good fortune and pleasure to meet and work with many undergraduates and alumni. The common bond that links one generation of TEPs to another and one chapter to another is the spirit of brotherhood. Your presence here at this Convention is a reaffirmation of the continuing vitality of that common bond and your commitment to TEP.

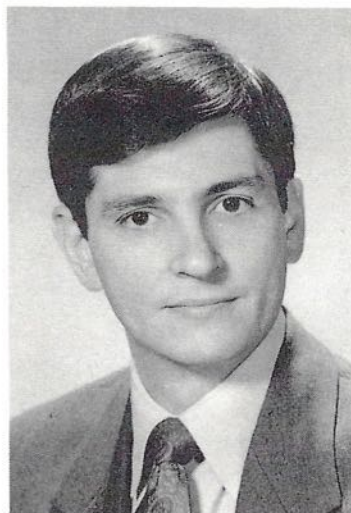
Tau Epsilon Phi is a proud and rich Fraternity—proud of its undergraduates and alumni—rich in its history and traditions. That pride and richness will serve us well as we look to the future. There are many challenging issues that confront TEP and the fraternity world today. The collective leadership of this Fraternity is prepared to meet those challenges. We have adopted TEP 2000—a framework that will guide us as we ready our Fraternity for the 21st century.

During the next two years, many opportunities will present themselves to continue “building the bridge” for the future of our Fraternity. TEP has given of itself to you. Work with us to strengthen that bridge for a bigger and better TEP. It is sure to be a rewarding and worthwhile experience.

Enjoy the Convention. Rekindle old friendships and make new ones. TEPs ARE TOPS.

Fraternally and sincerely,


Leo M. Gordon



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Brothers, Families and Friends:

WELCOME TO MIAMI BEACH! We are pleased to have you in attendance at the 1991 Convention and Grand Chapter Meetings of Tau Epsilon Phi. On behalf of our entire National Headquarters staff, I wish to thank you for your participation in TEP's celebration of its 81st year.

Our program theme, "Catch The Wave," was selected because of the excitement those of us involved with TEP National feel about the future for our Fraternity and because of the beautiful surroundings of our host city, Miami Beach.

As we begin the last decade of this century, it is amazing to note how far Tau Epsilon Phi has come from the early days of its founding. I encourage both our undergraduate and alumni brothers to CATCH THE WAVE and become involved.

A special thanks is extended to the outgoing 1989-91 Grand Council and Foundation Board of Trustees for their work and dedication over the past two years. The combined leadership of our Fraternity has established plans for the next few years that will truly make for an exciting time in Tau Epsilon Phi.

Additional thanks go out to our National Staff: Marie Garofalo, Cindy Newport, Joe DeGearo, Richard Kaplan, Gary Feinberg, Sean Atkins, and John McArdle for their extraordinary efforts in making this Convention a reality. The program we have developed is one which we feel combines the discussion of the important issues we must face in our everchanging fraternal world with the sun, fun and relaxation of South Florida.

So kick back, relax and enjoy our 1991 National Convention. CATCH THE WAVE!

Fraternally,

Jonathan M. Seidel
Executive Director

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Dear Brothers:

TEP Conventions are a particular highlight for The TEP Foundation's Scholarship and Awards Program—scholarship award recipients are able to receive their honors in the presence of undergraduates, alumni, family and friends at a special awards luncheon.

Other highlights provided by The TEP Foundation are the seminars, workshops and educational materials which support the convention's education program.

For those of us who devote our time and means to The Foundation, it is a great delight to see our Foundation goals "in live action".

I welcome you and look forward to sharing with you a great convention!



Fraternally and sincerely,

Alfred C. Versacci, President
The TEP Foundation, Inc.

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1990-91 Sidney S. Suntag TEP Man of the Year (Co-Recipients)

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Grand Council of Tau Epsilon Phi honors Dr. Samuel Proctor, University of Florida, '41 and Leonard M. Wolf, University of Florida, '40 as co-recipients of the first

LEONARD M. WOLF

Leonard Wolf, a long time resident of the State of Florida, is a well-known and respected leader in the citrus industry and is President of the Nat Wolf Corporation in Lakeland, Florida. He is also a noted philanthropist and very active in community affairs.

Mr. Wolf has always found time for his fraternity and his Tau Alpha Chapter at the University of Florida. In 1975 he was the recipient of the "Tau Alpha Distinguished Alumni Award" in recognition of the outstanding service to his chapter. He is also a past recipient of the Michael C. C. Lilienfeld Award as the fraternity's most outstanding alumnus.

Mr. Wolf has two children and resides in Lakeland, Florida with his wife, Rhoda.



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S. Suntag TEP (Co-Recipients)

SIDNEY S. SUNTAG "TEP MAN OF THE YEAR" award. Both of these brothers have exhibited their outstanding devotion to family, community and the three ideals of our Fraternity: FRIENDSHIP, CHIVALRY and SERVICE.

DR. SAMUEL PROCTOR

After graduating from the University of Florida in 1941 and receiving his Ph.D. from the University in 1958, Dr. Samuel Proctor has served as University Historian, Director of Oral History Program as well as Curator of History for the Florida Museum of Natural History, to name a few accomplishments.



His professional activities and experience spanning almost 50 years reads like a "Who's Who" in the field of History Preservation for the State of Florida. As well as being a member of numerous professional organizations throughout the state, he has served on various University Committees and Posts throughout his illustrious career. He has served as a consultant and has lectured throughout the world as well as conducted workshops throughout the country.

He served as an expert witness for the State of Florida and Historical Consultant for Florida Attorney General in the Florida Bay Case (State of Florida v. United States of America).

He has received numerous awards and grants including a Grant for Oral History Work in Eastern Mexico, 1973 to present, from the National Geographic Society.

He has authored more than 80 articles, contributed to professional and popular journals, periodicals and encyclopedias, as well as completed a video film for PBS in 1984.

He has two children and resides in Gainesville, Florida with his wife, Bessie.

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1991 Tau Epsilon Phi Recipient of the Michael C.C. Lilienfeld Distinguished Alumnus Service Award

Stephen C. Chorna

Brother Chorna, an alumnus of the Tau Gamma Chapter at the University of Southern California, was chosen as the 1991 recipient of the Michael C.C. Lilienfeld Distinguished Alumnus Award for his unwavering commitment and dedication to the reactivation of the chapter after several years off campus.

In 1988, Brother Chorna agreed to take the helm of the revived Southern California Alumni Association which had been dormant for quite some time. Steve embraced the challenges ahead and along with a group of dedicated alumni helped reactivate the undergraduate chapter and complete extensive renovations, allowing the students to reoccupy the house in the Fall 1990 term.

A native of Southern California, Brother Chorna graduated from USC in 1964. He has remained a diehard USC fan attending almost every major home sporting event hosted on the Southern Cal campus. He has long been called the "spirit chairman" for the USC alumni, successfully rallying the alumni together in support of the newly reactivated chapter.

Brother Chorna is the President of Cal Pro Sales, a wholesale fruit and produce company, based in Los Angeles. Aside from his business and family, Steve has spent numerous hours at the chapter house and on the phone counseling the members and working as a liaison between the chapter alumni, undergraduates, University and TEP National.

He truly "Serves for the Love of Service."

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1991 TAU EPSILON PHI Fraternity 50-Year Service Commendations

This award marks the 50th Anniversary of membership and continued service in Tau Epsilon Phi for the following distinguished brothers:

Bernard G. Blanck, University of Florida, '30
Seymour Brown, University of North Carolina, '41
E.J. "Mutt" Evans, University of North Carolina, '28
Bernard A. Frank, University of Miami, '37
Arthur M. Kahn, University of Florida, '38
Aaron Kanner, University of Florida, '28
Irving "Doc" Lebow, University of Miami, '41
Harold Leviton, University of Miami, '40
Louis L. Manes, Ohio State, '29
Morris S. Salomon, University of Florida, '27
Arthur Shandloff, University of Florida, '37
George Wolly, University of Florida, '40

The Grand Council of Tau Epsilon Phi wishes to commend these brothers on their continued involvement and dedication to the Fraternity. They truly "Serve for the Love of Service".

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TAU EPSILON PHI FRATERNITY 1991 GRAND CHAPTER CONVENTION SCHEDULE MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1991

1:00 -4:30 p.m.	Check-in and Registration Free Time - Poolside
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Opening Grand Chapter Business Session and Committee Meetings
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Convention '91 Welcome Reception
7:45 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1991

8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 12:00	GRAND CHAPTER BUSINESS SESSION I
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.	Buffet Luncheon
1:45 - 5:00 p.m.	The TEP Foundation Speakers' Series: "How to Market Your Fraternity"
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	Educational Discussion Sessions
6:45 p.m.	Bus Ride to Dania Jai Alai
7:30 p.m.	Evening of Dinner and Entertainment at Jai Alai

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1991

8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.- 12:00	GRAND CHAPTER SESSION II
12:15 - 2:00 p.m.	THE TEP FOUNDATION AWARDS LUNCHEON

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2:15 - 5:15 p.m.	TEP Foundation Speakers' Series (Part II)
5:30 p.m.	Undergraduate Volleyball Tournament
7:00 p.m.	UNDERGRADUATES - FREE NIGHT ON THE TOWN
7:00 p.m.	CONSUL'S ALUMNI RECEPTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1991

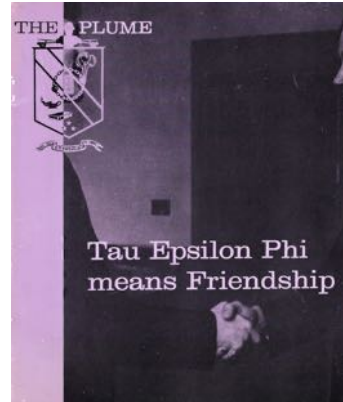
8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.- 12:00	GRAND CHAPTER SESSION III
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Buffet Luncheon
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.	Educational Discussion Sessions (Part II)
3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	FREE TIME * Volleyball Tournament * Small Group Discussions * Meetings with National Officers
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	1991 GRAND CHAPTER RECEPTION
7:45 p.m.	GRAND CHAPTER BLACK-TIE BANQUET

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1991

9:00 a.m.	Convention Evaluation Session and Wrap-Up
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Farewell Brunch
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Meeting of 1991-93 Grand Council
noon	CHECK-OUT AND DEPARTURE

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DIGITIZING HISTORY



In March, we launched an exciting initiative to bring more of our archived Plumes out of storage and into the digital spotlight. Each week since, we've been unveiling selections from across our history—offering readers a chance to rediscover these pieces in a whole new way. And we're just getting started. With many more Plumes still to come, be sure to check our website regularly for the latest releases.

Click on the covers to go to that edition or head to www.tep.org/the-plume/ to see them all!

Which is your favorite?



BROTHERHOOD

THE INTERSECTION OF BELONGING & LEADERSHIP



Since October 10, 1910, Tau Epsilon Phi has shaped the lives of 50,000 brothers through friendship, chivalry, and service. From college to careers and communities, the TEP experience has helped members build meaningful connections and develop the skills needed to succeed long after graduation.

For generations, members have understood the value of belonging to Tau Epsilon Phi. Today, more than 20 research studies continue to reinforce what many fraternity men already know: membership provides leadership development opportunities that positively impact student success; fosters belonging, strengthens peer accountability and promotes positive mental health and wellness; supports academic and professional achievement, and provides a network of alumni to call on throughout one's life.

BELONGING & MENTAL WELLNESS

One of the strongest predictors of student success is a sense of belonging — and research shows that fraternity membership provides exactly that.

Recent findings from the Joining Insights project show the top reason students join fraternities is to “find a place to belong,” followed closely by professional and alumni networking opportunities. In fact, interest in networking opportunities increased year over year, highlighting the growing importance students place on mentorship and career preparation.

Research also shows fraternity members are more connected to their campuses than nonmembers. They report higher levels of satisfaction with their college experience, stronger relationships with peers and faculty, and greater loyalty to their alma mater after graduation. Studies indicate fraternity members experience stronger mental health and wellness outcomes, including lower levels of anxiety and depression and a greater overall sense of support and community.

BROTHERHOOD





LEADERSHIP, LEARNING & CAREER SUCCESS

Fraternity membership is not just a social experience — it is a developmental one.

Research from the Learning Outcomes of Fraternity Member project found that across five key learning domains, fraternity men consistently scored highest in communication, critical thinking and leadership development across multiple semesters. These findings help validate that the fraternity experience cultivates transferable skills tied to academic achievement and career readiness.

Leadership roles within chapters further amplify those outcomes. Members serving in chapter leadership positions reported significantly higher gains across all learning domains, particularly in organizational management, empowering others and navigating complex group dynamics.

Fraternities also create equitable opportunities for growth. Research found similar learning outcomes between first-generation and multi-generational students — reinforcing the role of membership in supporting and promoting success across diverse student populations.

Those experiences translate beyond graduation.

Studies show fraternity men are:

- 3 times more likely to obtain an internship while in college
- Nearly twice as likely to have a job waiting for them after graduation
- More engaged in campus leadership, volunteerism and community involvement

PEER ACCOUNTABILITY, PERSONAL GROWTH & LIFELONG CONNECTIONS

At its best, fraternity membership challenges men to become better friends, leaders and citizens.

Research shows that fraternity men are more comfortable holding peers accountable in areas such as academics, personal goals, professional development, and health and safety. Members also report a stronger sense of responsibility to support the growth and success of those around them.

This culture of accountability reflects the deeper purpose of brotherhood: creating communities where members encourage one another to lead with integrity, serve others and continue growing throughout their lives.

The fraternity experience does not end at graduation. Research consistently shows fraternity members maintain stronger lifelong ties to their peers, campuses and communities. Studies show fraternity men are:

- Twice as likely to encourage others to attend their alma mater
- Five times as likely to give back financially to their institution
- Nearly five times as likely to report satisfaction with their lives as alumni

Even as the number of fraternity chapters on college campuses nationwide has declined in recent years, collective fraternity membership has reached a record high — demonstrating demand for the experience and emphasizing the need for more human connection, community and personal development.



COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Recent research also challenges many common misconceptions about fraternity life.

Findings from the Fraternity Assessment of Norms: Hazing and Bystander Intervention project revealed that most fraternity members highly approve of bystander intervention and believe in stepping in during high-risk situations. While many students incorrectly perceive that others would not intervene, the reality is that most fraternity men support accountability, safety and looking out for one another.

Similarly, while students may perceive hazing behaviors to be widespread, most fraternity members report that they are not experiencing hazing. Researchers note that understanding and correcting these misconceptions can play a powerful role in positively shaping behavior and chapter culture.

Fraternity men also report stronger support for safer, more inclusive environments than nonmembers do, with research showing members are more likely to:

- Intervene when someone is behaving unsafely
- Understand and promote consent education
- Moderate alcohol consumption
- Reject hazing because it conflicts with their values and causes harm to others

ENDURING BROTHERHOOD

Today's fraternity experience continues to evolve alongside the needs of current and future students. But the core outcomes remain clear: membership fosters belonging, develops leadership, strengthens accountability and creates lifelong connections that extend far beyond college.

For Tau Epsilon Phi members, these findings reinforce what generations of brothers have long understood — fraternity is more than an organization. It is a community that helps shape men into leaders, professionals and engaged citizens for life.

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MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Key Highlights from Two Years of Data



For two years, the National Office has required new candidates to complete a survey through our partners at Plaid, LLC. This survey gives us insight into the type of people joining our organization – and why they wish to join.

1

SENSE OF BELONGING

Brothers are more likely to cite *belonging* as their most important reason for joining. They are less likely to cite networking.

2

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Brothers are more likely to be concerned about *cost*. They are less likely to be concerned about Health and Safety related concerns.

3

EXTRACURRICULARS

Brothers are more likely to be involved in academic honor society, community service/volunteer organizations, and have experience with sleep away camps.

4

ATHLETIC PROFILE

Brothers are more likely to play soccer, baseball, golf, and bowling.

5

POLITICAL IDENTITY

Brothers are more likely to categorize themselves as moderate, less likely to identify as very liberal or very conservative.

Profile of Who is Likely to Join



Less Likely to Join

- Very liberal
- Academic/arts-based HS background
- First-gen
- Single-parent or non-traditional households
- Racially: Asian or Black respondents



More Likely to Join

- Conservative
- Religious
- Interscholastic/Intramural athletes
- Not first-gen
- Traditional 2-parent household



WILL G GOLF TOURNAMENT



On May 2, 2026, more than 100 brothers, alumni, and friends gathered in Buffalo, New York, for something far greater than a day on the course. The fifth annual “Live Like Will G” Golf Tournament transformed SUNY at Buffalo’s Phi Upsilon Chapter into a place of remembrance, connection, and purpose. The weekend began with a lively Friday night happy hour, where brothers over the course of many years reconnected and shared stories, setting the tone for what has become a deeply meaningful tradition. At the heart of it all is the enduring impact of Will Gottheld, Phi Upsilon’s 2020 Chancellor, who passed away on September 9, 2021, at just 21 years old. During his time as chancellor, Will envisioned a golf tournament that would unite brothers across eras while giving back to causes larger than themselves. Today, that vision lives on through “Team Will G” and the rallying call to “Live Like Will G,” a message carried forward by his family, friends, and fraternity brothers. Most of the undergraduate chapter never knew Will, which shows how instrumental his legacy has become.



This year’s tournament was filled with energy, camaraderie, and purpose. Participants came together not only to compete, but to contribute \$3,000 for [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#). There were raffle prizes, great food, and shared moments which made the day memorable for all. Will’s parents and close friends were present, bridging the gap between his family and his fraternity in a powerful display of unity and love. National staff members Matt Tursi and Will Gray also attended in support, and a video recap capturing the day’s spirit is available via @tepfraternity on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).



The impact of “Live Like Will G” extends far beyond Buffalo. Additional events, including an August golf outing at the Pompey Club and participation in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention walk in Syracuse, continue to grow the mission. A scholarship in Will’s name, established through [The TEP Foundation](#), offers another way to honor his legacy and support future generations.

TAU OMEGA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Tau Omega Alumni Association (TOAA) hosted its annual golf tournament on June 6th at Elmridge Golf Club in Pawcatuck, Connecticut. The TOAA invited members from all stages of the Tau Omega chapter, both active and alumni, and extended the invitation to national staff members, like myself. They welcomed me with open arms, and I had a fantastic day playing golf and talking about the different experiences we've all had as brothers.



The tournament kicked off around noon, with groups staggered 10 minutes apart. The 4-man scramble included fun extras, including two closest-to-the-pin competitions and a longest drive contest during each group's round. Every group had a blast, especially after arriving back at the pro shop to find a "putt for a prize" mini-game waiting for us.

Once each group returned to the pro shop, we met in the banquet room to socialize and have dinner. Prepared for us was a freshly cooked steak on the grill and a loaded baked potato bar.



This annual outing means so much to the members of the TOAA, as it is a way to stay connected with the brothers they made lifelong memories with, and bond with the younger generations of the Tau Omega chapter. This year's outing raised over \$3,700 for educational and developmental opportunities for the undergraduates of the Tau Omega Chapter through various fundraising efforts.

CHAPTER UPDATES

Eta Tau Chapter

University of Central Florida

Since January 2026, we have stayed active through building brotherhood and campus involvement. One of our biggest highlights this spring was that our chapter began the project of fixing up the backyard of our house. We set up a fundraiser that raised over \$11,000 in order to help fund this project. Using this money, we were able to put in a fence surrounding the backyard, concrete grounds, and much more. Additionally, we hosted the Tep Cup philanthropy tournament, which raised over \$1,500 while bringing together brothers and friends of the chapter for a fun, competitive event. Over the past four semesters, we have grown to 50+ brothers, reflecting the strong momentum and culture within the chapter.

Looking ahead to the fall semester, our chapter is focused on continuing that momentum, both socially and academically. We're planning a strong recruitment, additional brotherhood events, and more philanthropy events and initiatives to keep members engaged. We are proud to share and congratulate our brother Jorden Streisfeld for being awarded IFC New Member of the Year. This recognition represents the growth, leadership, and opportunities that Tau Epsilon Phi provides.

His involvement on our executive board as Chaplain, with OFSL, and through IFC Judicial Board, reflects the values, brotherhood, and personal growth that make TEP a place where brothers can thrive. Academically, the chapter is proud to hold the top GPA among all IFC fraternities for another semester.



Gamma Tau

Indiana University

The Gamma Tau brothers had an eventful spring semester. Our bike team qualified for the Little 500 race for a second consecutive year, marking our second qualification in the team's young history. Additionally, the brotherhood returned to the top of the IFC GPA list with a 3.45 average. This summer, the brothers have stayed busy, interning at several different companies including Grainger, Baker Tilly, Altman Greenfield and Selvaggi, and many others. In the fall, we look forward to moving into our new house, located at 1640 North David Baker.

CHAPTER UPDATES

Sigma Epsilon Chapter Rutgers Camden

The gentleman of Tau Epsilon Phi - Sigma Epsilon Chapter here at Rutgers Camden stayed busy this past spring with a fruitful rush and big philanthropy semester. We started our recruitment off with our signature pizza night event hosted at Little Slice of N.Y. Pizzeria, where potential new members had a chance to introduce themselves and meet the brothers. We then had our Bonfire/Grill Night where we further bonded with the potential new members. Rush week was capped off with our invite-only Alumni event, where potential new members were able to network with our fantastic alumni association and help bridge their present to their future with these relationships. Overall, rush was a success, crossing five (5) gentleman into our halls of brotherhood, each eager to leave a lasting legacy. Philanthropy was a big part of the semester for the Sigma Epsilon Chapter brotherhood, we had two notable events; first our week long tabling and tie-dye event for Autism Speaks where we raised over \$500. Our last philanthropy event was far more personal, we helped one of our brothers raise funds to cover the funeral expenses of his late veteran step father. Not only were we happy to support our brother but we were also thrilled to help the family of a veteran. Our semester was capped off by the Mueller Classic, a friendly baseball game between undergrads and the alumni. We are happy to report that the undergrads crushed the alumni in a competitive 17-14 ball game, the River Sharks would've been proud



Sigma Alpha Sigma Hofstra University

The spring semester for the Sigma Alpha Sigma chapter at Hofstra University saw substantial growth, more than doubling in active membership compared to the previous semester. The brothers participated in multiple charity efforts, including organizing a fundraiser to support mental health for P.S. I Love You Day. With growing membership numbers, the chapter is regaining both its presence on campus and as a premier organization within the campus IFC community. The brothers intend on building upon the momentum gained this spring to secure a healthy future for SAS!



CHAPTER UPDATES



Omega Alpha

Johnson and Wales University

From the hilly tops of Maine, to the peaks of Yellowstone, the brothers at the Omega Alpha chapter have successfully barreled through a meaningful spring semester, setting up new officers and priming ourselves for a massive Fall of 2026. This past spring, we locked in on our internals—focusing on what we could do for ourselves as brothers, what we could do for others, and how we could pave the way for the incoming fall ‘26 class.

Once the books were closed, we chased the horizon. We traveled up to Maine to relax around bonfires that are now permanently etched in our memories, even fighting fires and

smoke that were prevailed through Canada, the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast. Since then, the brothers have been grinding and getting ready for the upcoming semester, scattered from the rural New Jersey hills to the high peaks of New Hampshire and New York, and of course, right back to the lobster coast of Maine.

But, as we look forward, we also take a moment to look back and remember the shoulders we stand on. This fall, we will be holding a special memorial to honor and celebrate the life of one of the legendary founders, Derrick “DJ” Jones, of our Omega Alpha chapter, keeping his legacy and spirit alive in everything we do.

With our foundation strong, we are ready to bring all that summer energy and brotherhood back to campus. We’re putting our mission into motion right away in Providence, Rhode Island, hitting the coast for our Bay Clean Up and pulling together to support the local community with an upcoming church drive. We had a great spring, but with this tribute to our roots and major service events on the horizon, this fall is shaping up to be unforgettable.

Tau Delta

The Ohio State University

The Tau Delta Chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi returned to the campus of The Ohio State University in the fall of 2022, with 47 founding brothers. The chapter has seen exponential growth over recent years, and brought in nearly 30 new members in the spring of 2026. Over the past year, the chapter has been involved in many aspects of campus life, including intramural sports, producing teams that competed in ice hockey, soccer, softball, basketball, and flag football leagues. We are looking forward to continuing growing and are excited for what’s to come.

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Tau Alpha University of Florida

This past spring was a memorable semester for the brothers of the Tau Alpha chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi. Our annual TEP Touchdown philanthropy event raised over \$2,500 for the SADS Foundation, bringing our campus together for a great cause. This summer, our brothers have been representing TEP through internships and professional opportunities around the world, from Nayax in Israel to real estate consulting in Miami. Looking ahead to the fall, we're excited to welcome a new class of brothers and host our annual Nose Bowl flag football game, where we'll raise money for Eli's Lasting Impact while continuing to strengthen our brotherhood and make a positive impact in the community.



Tau Omega University of Rhode Island

This spring, the Tau Omega chapter at the University of Rhode Island completed a great semester, with both exciting events and academics in mind. The chapter was able to enlist 32 brothers on the deans list, a new record for the chapter. We give a big thanks to Dylan "The Agent of Change" Farr, our academic chair for keeping everyone on track. The Tau Omega chapter also hosted a very successful 5K to raise money for Ovarian Cancer. With a huge help from Philanthropy Chair Lucas "Buzz" Byers, we raised over twelve hundred dollars! Lastly, we welcome our five (5) new brothers from the Pi class. Great things are continuing to come from the boys at the University of Rhode Island.



CHAPTER UPDATES

Alpha Sigma SUNY at Albany

This past spring semester, we had the privilege of initiating five (5) new brothers, compiling around 900 community service hours, and raising over \$350 for charity. For this summer, we have had brothers further their careers with finance and medical internships, as well as planning for the fall and discussing recruitment strategies. This next fall, we are putting together our first specified alumni weekend!



Lambda Phi Epsilon Clarkson University

This past spring was an exciting and rewarding semester for the Tau Epsilon Phi chapter at Clarkson University. Our brothers stayed active on campus through recruitment, philanthropy, brotherhood events, and community service, while continuing to strengthen our presence within the Clarkson community. We hosted our semesterly highway cleanup along with our IGA food drive

for the local neighborhood center. We maintained strong relations with other Greek life organizations and hosted a bake sale in collaboration with the Delta Zeta chapter at Clarkson University. We also welcomed three (3) new members: Samuel Reynolds, Julien Puttlitz, and Nick Button, who have already made a tremendous positive impact on the chapter and helped build momentum heading into the new academic year.

This summer, eight (8) brothers have internships and preparing for a successful fall semester! Some of the companies being Baker Construction, General Dynamics, and Smurfit Westrock. We also had the opportunity to host our 59th Annual Alumni Weekend, which brought together alumni and active brothers for a weekend of reconnecting, sharing memories, and celebrating the continued growth of our chapter. We had live music, barbecue and it served as a great reminder of the strong lifelong bonds that Tau Epsilon Phi creates.

Looking ahead to the fall, we're excited to welcome students back to campus with a strong recruitment season, expanded brotherhood programming, philanthropy events, and social activities. We ensure a smooth transition for incoming freshmen by participating in the move in crew! We're looking forward to building on the momentum from last year, continuing to grow our chapter, and creating an even stronger brotherhood throughout the semester.

CHAPTER UPDATES



Phi Psi

University of Delaware

As we move into the fall 2026 semester, it is important to look back at the great semester we had during the spring. We started off the semester with a great recruitment process that went very well. Throughout the semester, the new members spent lots of time with the current brothers to get to know each other better, and to learn the history and values of the chapter. Later in the semester, the new members got the chance to meet their big brothers and got closer with them and made some great connections and memories. Aside from recruitment, the brothers had an eventful semester. At the end of the semester, the brotherhood enjoyed our annual beach weekend in Ocean City, Maryland. Moving into the fall, we hope to have a smooth recruitment and an exciting bid night in Philly.

Epsilon Phi

Pennsylvania State University

This past spring semester was a very successful and impactful one for our chapter. We had the opportunity to participate in community activities including the Men Against Violence walk around the campus. We have continued to engage in intramural sports by competing in the yearly basketball tournament as well as soccer and volleyball games against other fraternities. At the end of February, we participated in THON, with members of the chapter showing up to the dance marathon to dance for a cure as well as supporting our brother Jake Doyle who stood and danced for the entire 46 hours. For THON this year, as a chapter we were able to raise over \$30,000 for children's cancer research. Our previous president James Wagner was nominated and selected as the IFC's Outstanding Executive Officer of the year at this year's Greek Column Awards. All of these achievements have been excellent reflections of the hard work and dedication to service that our chapter strives for at Penn State and we are excited to carry this commitment of brotherhood into the new school year.

Chapters that did not submit are: Phi Upsilon (SUNY at Buffalo), Epsilon Iota (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Tau Beta (University of Maryland) Phi Eta (Johns Hopkins University), and Theta Tau (SUNY at Geneseo)

CHAPTER UPDATES

Nu

University of Georgia

The spring semester of 2026 illustrated a time of substantial growth for the brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi at the University of Georgia. During this semester we achieved a University of Georgia Greek Life high GPA of 3.78, increasing 0.12 points from the Fall. On campus, we have worked to develop leaders by involving members in the Interfraternity Council, The Magellan Program, UGA Men's Football and Basketball, The Student Managed Investment Fund, and The Apollo Society. From a philanthropic lens, the brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi raised money for various philanthropies including the Matthew Friedman Foundation, The UJA Federation, and our partner philanthropy Kesem, a free summer camp for children whose parents are fighting cancer, in remission, or have passed away. We in the Nu Chapter at the University of Georgia highly value our philanthropic efforts and are proud of the intentionality and involvement we brought to service and philanthropy this semester. The brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi have demonstrated academic excellence alongside incredible involvement in campus life, and we aim to continue upholding our values throughout our time at UGA.



PROVISIONAL CHAPTER UPDATES

Sigma Lambda Provisional Chapter

Bryant University

The Brothers of the Sigma Lambda Chapter at Bryant University had a very successful past spring semester. After 15 years since the Sigma Lambda chapter was last on campus, we were able to initiate our first “student-run” pledge class that had a total of 7 members. On top of that we graduated our first brother since the re-establishment of the Sigma Lambda chapter! We have also continued to establish strong partnerships with other Greek organizations on campus. Most notably, we were able to participate with the other fraternities and sororities on campus in “Greek Week”, which was a week of competitive activities that generated bonding experiences between fellow brothers and sisters alike. Throughout the months of March and April, we were also able to donate over 300 dollars worth of school supplies to underprivileged students as well as raise over \$6,000 for Sigma Chi's Derby Days. In our first year alone, we have also earned the position of the fraternity with the highest GPA on campus. As we look toward next semester, the Sigma Lambda Chapter is striving to receive our charter. Furthermore, we continue to make meaningful progress in realizing our vision of becoming a distinguished and respected organization both within our campus community and nationally.

PROVISIONAL CHAPTER UPDATES

Epsilon Theta Provisional Chapter Queens College

The brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi's Epsilon Theta Chapter at Queens College proudly reflect on another successful year of leadership, service, and brotherhood. Throughout the academic year, our chapter remained committed to strengthening our campus community while living out the fraternity's core values. From recruiting and developing new members, to participating in campus events and leadership opportunities, we continued to build a chapter that represents Tau Epsilon Phi with pride and integrity. One of our greatest accomplishments this year, was our dedication to philanthropy and community service. Through the hard work and generosity of our brothers, the chapter raised more than \$5,000 to support our philanthropic and community initiatives. We also partnered with FreshDirect to address food insecurity among disabled veterans. Over three days, five brothers and four new members volunteered a combined 108 hours, packaging approximately 2,700 meals for veterans in need. As a result of our service, FreshDirect also donated 300 additional meals to organizations selected by our chapter, allowing us to extend our impact even further. Supporting those who have served our country is a responsibility we take seriously, and we are honored to help veterans facing food insecurity. Beyond our service efforts, the chapter continued to foster leadership, scholarship, and brotherhood by participating in campus programs, collaborating with other student organizations, and providing opportunities for personal and professional growth. As we look ahead, the Epsilon Theta Chapter remains committed to making a positive impact at Queens College and in the surrounding community. We are proud of what we have accomplished this year and look forward to building on that success in the years to come.



Rho Provisional Chapter University of Pennsylvania

It's been a great spring semester for TEP Rho here at Penn! Some of our biggest highlights included our annual retreat to the Poconos, where brothers bonded over a weekend of team-building and relaxation away from campus, along with a high-energy paintball outing that turned into one of the semester's most talked-about brotherhood events. We also celebrated Chinese New Year with a chapter-wide celebration, embracing the diversity of our brothers and giving everyone a chance to share in the traditions and festivities. This summer, the chapter is taking some time to recharge, with brothers pursuing internships, jobs, and travel, while staying connected as a group. Looking ahead to the fall, we're excited to kick off recruitment, plan new brotherhood and philanthropy events, and keep building on the momentum from this past semester.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATES



(L to R) Spencer Kaufman TA 3802, Sam Rappoport TA 3790, Eric Robinson Phi Beta 292, Jesse Oshins TA 3763 and Manny Diner Phi Beta 1

Phi Beta Alumni Association University of South Florida

Let's recognize the hard work that is paying off with an exciting announcement! **PHI BETA** has been granted permission to recruit for a spring 2027 new member class at the University of South Florida – Go Bulls!

We've been busy Bulls, meeting new friends, having fun and working hard to get back on campus. A special shout out to **TAU ALPHA** (University of Florida) Brothers for taking the time to meet with **PHI BETA** (USF) Alumni for a networking lunch and discuss rush plans for fall semester. We look forward to seeing you in Tampa as we prepare to reestablish TEP at USF.

Scott is looking forward to PHInally, finally getting a Little Brother...30 years later with the spring 2027 class. Also attending the event, Brothers Matt Jacobs, Phi Beta 358 and Eric Robinson, Phi Beta 292 – both alumni that have been actively involved in the reestablishment of TEP at USF and ongoing recruitment efforts.

If you are a **PHI BETA** that would like to be involved, reach out to:
If you know of any incoming USF student that would like to speak to a **PHI BETA**, reach out to: Associate Director of Growth, Jonah Anderson at jonah@tep.org



(L to R) Scott Popick (also know as the last Phi Beta) and Jonah Anderson, TEP Associate Director of Growth at the USF Alumni Welcome Party for incoming freshmen class.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Building Bridges for the Future

Tau Omega Alumni Association

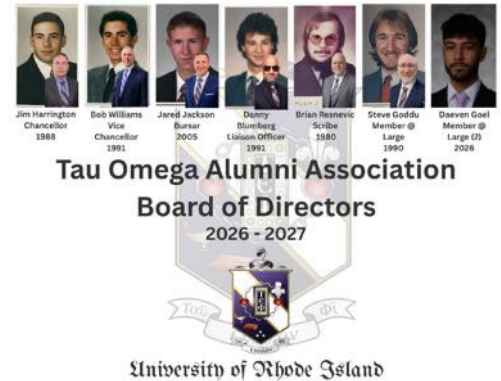
University of Rhode Island

The Tau Omega Alumni Association (TOAA) formally announced the ratification of its recent election results and the installation of a new executive officer team during its monthly meeting on July 8, 2026. The newly appointed leadership team will guide the Association's expanding alumni network, philanthropic initiatives, and community outreach.

The current Executive Board is: Jim Harrington, Chancellor (from Alumni Liaison); Bob Williams, Vice Chancellor; Jared Jackson, Bursar; Brian Resnevic, Scribe (re-elected); Danny Blumberg, Alumni Liaison (from Member-at-Large); Steve Goddu, Member-at-Large; Daeven Goel, Member-at-Large.

Jim Harrington succeeds outgoing Chancellor Brian Dungey, who concluded a highly successful 4-year tenure marked by significant organizational growth.

"We are incredibly grateful for Brian Dungey's dedicated service and the strong foundation he has built for TOAA," said newly installed Chancellor Jim Harrington. "As we move forward, our focus will be on strengthening alumni engagement, modernizing our operations, and expanding our impact through new charitable and community initiatives."



In addition to the leadership transition, TOAA finalized several key strategic decisions aimed at streamlining operations and expanding its philanthropic footprint:

- Establishment of the Bridge Builder Memorial Fund: The Board reached a consensus and intends to launch a unified Memorial Scholarship Fund later this year to streamline the Association's charitable giving pipeline.
- Operational Modernization: The association is currently updating its official governance by-laws—including comprehensive updates to its code of conduct—and reviewing its 501(c) tax status with the assistance of alumnus and CPA Andy Dieffenbach.
- Enhanced Alumni Outreach: Building on recent successes—including a 67% signup rate among graduating seniors via the recent STOLE program—the Association will continue to expand its digital presence. Upcoming initiatives include developing a new LinkedIn professional network group and localized alumni events, such as a TopGolf gathering that is currently in development.

For more information about the Tau Omega Alumni Association, upcoming events, or how to get involved, please visit us [here](https://www.tep.org).

The Tau Omega Alumni Association is dedicated to fostering lifelong connections among its members, supporting undergraduate excellence, and giving back to the community through targeted scholarship and memorial funds. We are Brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc.. We are Rhode Island born and bred, proud to be part of URI Alumni. Go Rhody!

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATES



Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association

Rutgers - Camden University

The SEAA is staying busy this Spring/Summer. During the winter months, one of our board meetings rolled into a one-day conference with Alumni and Chapter on leadership, rush planning, and brotherhood. We hope showing our support for the chapter will yield results not only for recruitment and academics but also in the lives of the Undergraduates. On April 18th, we held our annual Alumni vs. Chapter softball game. We call it the Muller Classic. This year it was a slugfest and the Alumni won 17 to 14. The next month we held our Senior Send-off event. At this event, we honor our graduates with an afternoon event at the Chapter house. The Chapter, alumni across eras and families join together to share snacks and fellowship. We are happy to help three Brothers transition from being undergraduates to eligibility to serve TEP and SEAA in a new capacity. This event is critical to maintaining members' connection to the organization after university. We continue to maintain and upgrade the Chapter House as our budget allows.

We look forward to the rest of our events including our annual charity golf outing, Turkey Bowl Flag Football Game and our 64th Muskrat Ramble semi-formal night out. If you are in the Delaware Valley and are interested in joining us, please reach out at seaa.tep@gmail.com

Submitted by Tony Triner, President of Sigma Epsilon Alumni Association

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATES



Sigma Alpha Sigma Alumni Association Hofstra University

This year, our alumni association has been working to change our approach in operations. We started collecting dues again, with 25% of all dues going to assist the local chapter. We've had one successful event this year during Hofstra's Winter Homecoming. This event is slowly becoming an annual event for us and for Hofstra University which we look forward to participating in.

For the rest of this year, we are looking to hold two (2) events - one at our Hofstra stomping grounds and another to get our brothers who have moved to the south, specifically Florida, together. During our August meeting, we had brothers attending from the east coast, all wanting to get together. Our current plan is to work with our Florida brothers in putting together a place and time to bring everyone. For our brothers up north, we are planning to hold an event around Hofstra's Homecoming in October.

Please consider joining us for our events, even if you have never been a brother of our association, you are always welcome to join us!

You can always reach us at: hutepalumni@gmail.com

ALUMNI RESOURCE



1. The Role of the Advisor – The Role of the advisor course covers advising basics, tactics and skills to mentor students. Additionally, the course establishes expectations of advisors as well as setting and maintaining advisor competencies.
2. The Inter-fraternal Experience - The Inter-fraternal Experience course provides a brief history of fraternity and sorority organizations and introduces common fraternity and sorority terms. Participants will also learn about typical characteristics of Generation Z. Finally, the course discusses some common obstacles, advisors may face and their roles.
3. Mentoring College Students – The Mentoring College Student course covers advising and mentoring today's college students. This course will also provide learners with the beneficial tools and tactics to utilize as an advisor and as a mentor to students.
4. Relationships – The Relationships course covers the different groups that work together to support the fraternity and sorority experience. These groups include: national, regional and local entities that support fraternities and sororities. Learners will also learn about helpful resources to best advise their chapters.
5. Hazing Identification - The Hazing Identification course discusses fraternity and sorority hazing. Participants will learn what's considered hazing, how to identify it and prevent it in the chapter, and what to do if an advisor suspects the chapter is hazing. The course also covers the advisor's role and responsibility in member safety.
6. Eradicating harmful behaviors - The Eradicating Harmful Traditions course helps learners determine what motivates and drives the chapter and its members' decision making. Participants will also learn tactics for eradicating harmful tradition and alumni behavior.
7. Board Governance – The Board Governance course provides learners with an overview and introduction to the basics of board governance, tactics to help members, collaborate, and preferred norms to establish efficient and effective practices.
8. Strategic Planning – The Strategic Planning course provides learners with an overview of strategic planning, and why it's important for boards. This course prepares learners for the strategic planning process using the G. O. S. T. method through relevant examples and an explanation of responsibilities.
9. High Performing Board - The High Performing Board course is a deep dive into Plaid's 10 Barometers to measure a successful board. This course includes a self-assessment so learners can analyze their board's performance in these ten areas.

Please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director Tim Smith at tsmith@tep.org should you have any questions or wish to begin the process of recognition or to take any of the training.

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beyond the fraternity
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Phired Up provides educational training and resources that empower our undergraduates to recruit and retain high-quality members. Through strategic consulting, they help chapters develop sustainable, long-term recruitment plans, supported by personalized coaching along the way. Their Chapter Builder platform further streamlines the recruitment process by organizing and managing potential new members.

GreekTrack is the official platform used by Tau Epsilon Phi and is required for all undergraduate members, with alumni strongly encouraged to create an account. It serves as the fraternity's centralized database for alumni records, undergraduate executive boards, dues billing and collection, and streamlined email and text communications. Chapters can also preserve their history through digital lineage records, launch fundraising campaigns, communicate with active and alumni members, and create custom chapter web pages. Alumni who choose to share their professional information help strengthen lifelong connections by opening doors for mentorship, internships, and career opportunities for TEΦ brothers.



MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

As the world around us seems to get crazier, please know we have mental health & crisis resources that you can use on our website. In addition, we suggest reaching out to your campus as most campuses offer students counseling for little to no cost. And of course, you can always reach out to any of us if you are in need. You can find contact information on the “National Directory” page towards the end of “The Plume”.

Below are just a few resources, but you can see the full list at www.tep.org/health/

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Call – 988 The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

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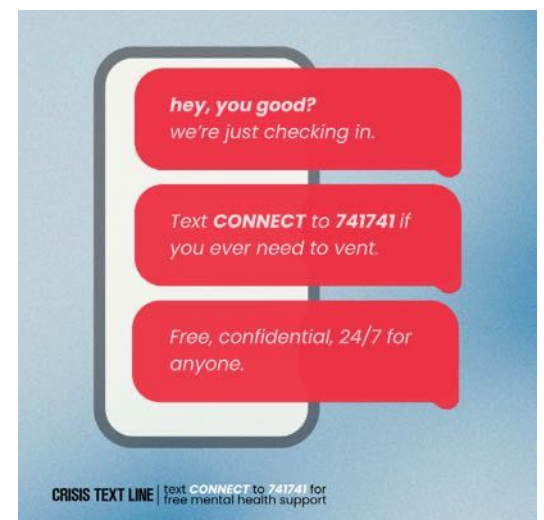
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Crisis Text Line || <https://www.crisistextline.org/>

Text HOME to 741741 from anywhere in the United States, anytime. Crisis Text Line is here for any crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. The volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.





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As we look ahead to the second half of 2026, The TEP Foundation remains committed to advancing scholarship, leadership, education, and lifelong Brotherhood. We are excited to share several initiatives that continue to strengthen our mission and support Tau Epsilon Phi Brothers nationwide.



VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 for our inaugural Virtual Meet-and-Greet.

This was the first time in the history of The TEP Foundation that we hosted a virtual event of this kind—and it was a tremendous success filled with Brotherhood, bonding, and service. Cheers to many more!



SAVE THE DATE

Halloween, 2026



2026–2027 SCHOLARSHIPS

The TEP Foundation is proud to offer the following scholarships and awards for the 2026–2027 academic year:

- William I. Klein Friendship Award (\$1,800)
- The Al Versacci Leadership Award (\$1,000)*
- Sidney Suntag Scholarship (\$600)*
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- TEP Foundation Heritage & Service Award (\$TBD)
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- Emerging Leader Award & Scholarship (\$150)
- Lawrence S. Berler Legacy Scholarship (\$100)

* These awards are in the off-season during the summer.



All undergraduates and recent alumni—please check your emails in the coming weeks for details on how to apply!



TEP TALKS: PROFESSIONAL SERIES

The Foundation's weekly TEP Talks: Professional Series continues connecting Brothers and alumni with accomplished leaders across a wide range of professions and industries.

These conversations provide valuable insight into career development, leadership, entrepreneurship, and life after graduation while showcasing the achievements of TEP alumni nationwide.

Episodes are available on the Foundation's YouTube channel.



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THE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

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Our most ambitious initiative yet is coming soon. The campaign will strengthen the Foundation's long-term financial stability and expand our ability to support scholarships, awards, and educational programs for TEP Brothers for generations to come.

Stay tuned for more details!

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Psi Chapter, '02

The TEP Foundation is proud to welcome **Matthew Johnston** (Psi Chapter) as our newest Trustee.

We look forward to his leadership, insight, and commitment to helping us advance our mission.

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TOMORROW'S LEADERS
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THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR TAU EPSILON PHI

Dear Brothers,

It's been a great six (6) months for The Educational Foundation for Tau Epsilon Phi since our last update. In the last issue, I informed you of a matching campaign started by some of our brothers and board members; Don Anspauch, Mark Abramson, Joel Kanter, and Mark Gardner. Since then, thanks to all of you, we've raised nearly 40% matching funds of that commitment, and continue to raise resources to be able to fund educational and professional opportunities for our undergraduates. I want to particularly thank Brother Leonard Minsky (Tau Zeta 142) and the Leonard and Renee Minsky Charitable Trust for making a significant contribution to help us meet our goals.

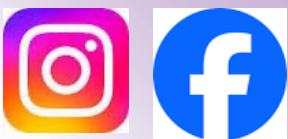
I want to encourage all of you to continue to donate so we can keep The Educational Foundation healthy and funded. Make a contribution here: <https://tep.org/tepedfoundation>.

In the coming months we have several exciting activities.

At the end of August, I am traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Foundation for Fraternal Excellence conference so I can learn how other fraternity foundations are raising money and deploying their resources for the betterment of their membership, as well as make connections to donors and vendors who can help us in our efforts. Hopefully, the information I bring back can immediately be implemented on behalf of the Educational Foundation.

In October, Tau Epsilon Phi will be holding their biennial Convention and Grand Chapter meeting aboard Virgin Voyages Cruise Lines to Hamilton, Bermuda. Though the Convention is used to elect new Grand Council members and consider legislation to our Constitution and Bylaws, it is also an opportunity to provide meaningful educational programming to both undergraduates and alumni in attendance. The Educational Foundation will help fund that programming to make sure attendees get the best experience possible.

Thank you again for your time and commitment to our brotherhood, and your contributions to The Educational Foundation. Though thanks is not a substitute for your continued support, so please click the link and help us fulfill our mission.



Fraternally,
Kirill L. Reznik (Beta Delta 53)

TEPROGRESS



Engagements

Bro. Anderson Hobart, Epsilon Phi, to
Brianna Ross

Bro. Kevin Acks, Epsilon Deuteron, to
Hunter McIntosh. (Pictured)

Births

To Bro. and Mrs. Tyler McCarthy,
Sigma Alpha Sigma, a future TEΦ
Sweetheart

To Bro. and Mrs. Yoni Steinschriber,
Sigma Alpha Sigma, a future TEΦ
Sweetheart

CHAPTER ETERNAL

"...to hold eternally before us the memory of those whom we have loved and lost..."

- ❧ Carl Ronald Elder, University of Maine, Tau Zeta Chapter
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TO LIVE in the light of friendship — to judge our fellows not by their rank nor wealth but by their worth as men — to hold eternally before us the memory of those whom we have loved and lost — to hold forth in the solidarity of our brotherhood the nobility of actions which will make for the preservation of our highest and worthiest aim — and thus be true to the ideal of friendship —

TO WALK in the path of chivalry — to be honorable to all men and defend that honor — to fulfill our given pledge at all times — to be true to the precepts of knighthood and win the love and care of the women of our dreams — and thus be true to the ideal of chivalry —

TO SERVE — for the love of service — to give unselfishly that which we may have to offer — to do voluntarily that which must be done — to revere God and to strive in His worship at all times — and thus be true to the ideal of service —

TO PRACTICE each day friendship — chivalry — service — thus keeping true to these — the three ideals — of the founders of our fraternity — this is the Creed of Tau Epsilon Phi.