

# The Clef



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**Natalie Holbrook**  
Editor

### Letter from the Editor:

I am thrilled to present this edition of The Clef, which my team has worked incredibly hard on. A special thank you to our Guest Writers for this edition, Angela Small and Matt Wood! We are always looking to include new ideas and feature new voices in each edition. If you're interested, please consider submitting your ideas or writing to be in the next edition of The Clef.

November 16th of this year celebrates the 10th anniversary of my home Chapter, Rho. I am very excited to attend the birthday celebration, as I will take every excuse I can to see Brothers! I remember being a part of Rho during its "expansive years," where we were debating about restricting pledge class numbers so we wouldn't become too big. What a problem! It feels like just yesterday everyone was gathered in Marquette for RhoCon

2014, and I was attending regular Chapter meetings with a myriad of positions each semester. As Brothers, we will always be shaped by our home Chapters, no matter how long we are active in the Alumni Association. And as a Winter 2016 graduate (there's no Spring semester in da UP), I think I have finally adjusted to saying I'm a member of the Alumni Association.

In other news, our National Communications Committee is hard at work revamping our Branding, Style, and Identity Guide, which we have lovingly nicknamed BSIG. This year will most likely be spent setting up this ever-important foundation and shaping our National Editor of The Clef into a National Communications Officer role. It will be very policy-based and aimed at practical application making things easier for Nationals and our Chapters. A HUGE shout-out to my two hard-working committee members, Trevyn Payne and Chris Valliere. Our committee would best be described as "small, but mighty". Trevyn and Chris have really stepped up to the plate to help me develop this new role and accompanying policy.

As always, I would love to hear your feedback about this edition, national communications, or your favorite memory of Rho Chapter.



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# facebook Groups Galore!

By Angela Small

During my undergraduate years at Zeta Chapter, I always knew my Brothers were just one phone call away. Whether I needed help digging my car out of a pile of snow, putting together a resume, or just venting about my day, I always had twenty people on speed dial. I knew I could call any brother at any chapter for some brotherly TLC, but I didn't fully grasp the magnitude of the national love and support I have until I moved to Maryland in 2016. Before a trip to visit my new graduate school, I reached out to the Mu Beta Psi - Washington DC/ Baltimore Facebook group. Brothers I had never met offered to answer questions and meet up. Even though I had never lived anywhere close to the area, I quickly had advice from locals about places to live, navigating public transportation, and how to transition from being a Midwest Collegiate Brother to an East Coast alumnus. By the time I moved to Maryland months later, I had a new support network of local brothers, and I'm still meeting brothers all over the country through our many Facebook groups!

We have over one thousand brothers in our biggest Mu Beta Psi Facebook group, but we also have many smaller regional groups. From the Atlantic (Mu Beta Psi - NY/NJ/PA) to the Pacific (Mu Beta Psi - West Coast), brothers can meet up and share local advice. As Zeta Brother Christian Pirie said, "Social media definitely makes it easier to talk to basically anybody I need to across chapters or in school." However, we don't limit our Facebook advice-giving by map boundaries! We have Facebook groups for all brothers providing every

kind of support imaginable. For example, career-minded brothers can go to Mu Beta Psi Professionals for resume help; brothers hitting the gym can join Brothers Getting Chiseled to share progress pics; and brothers in need of a

digital shoulder to cry on can head over to Help for a Mentally Better Psi for a prescription-strength dose of heart reacts.

In the words of Rho alumna Katie Mazurowski, "[Help for a Mentally Better Psi] has honestly been extremely helpful in my mental health journey so far. Having a place to go to just let everything out without judgment has been so helpful to me, therapeutic even. It's great having a group where others have the same struggles as you and understand what you're going through. Being able to discuss those struggles, trade tips and advice, share coping techniques, even just having someone who can empathize with you is phenomenal, and I really hope it has helped other Brothers as much as it has helped me."

Additionally, we have Facebook groups for many chapters (The Rho Boat) and fraternity interests (Mu Beta Psi National Archives). According to Zeta Alumna Hannah Kowalewsky, having a Facebook group for the recent Centennial Committee, "stirred up discussion at times, and it is interesting to see Brothers from many Chapters chime in and give opinions." On the other hand, for those who prefer a more lighthearted Facebook feed, we have many Facebook groups dedicated exclusively to fun. We post adorable pet pictures in Mu Beta Pets, share our Pokemon Go trainer codes in Mew Beta Psyduck and obsess over the next Coheed and Cambria album in Brothers of the Fence.

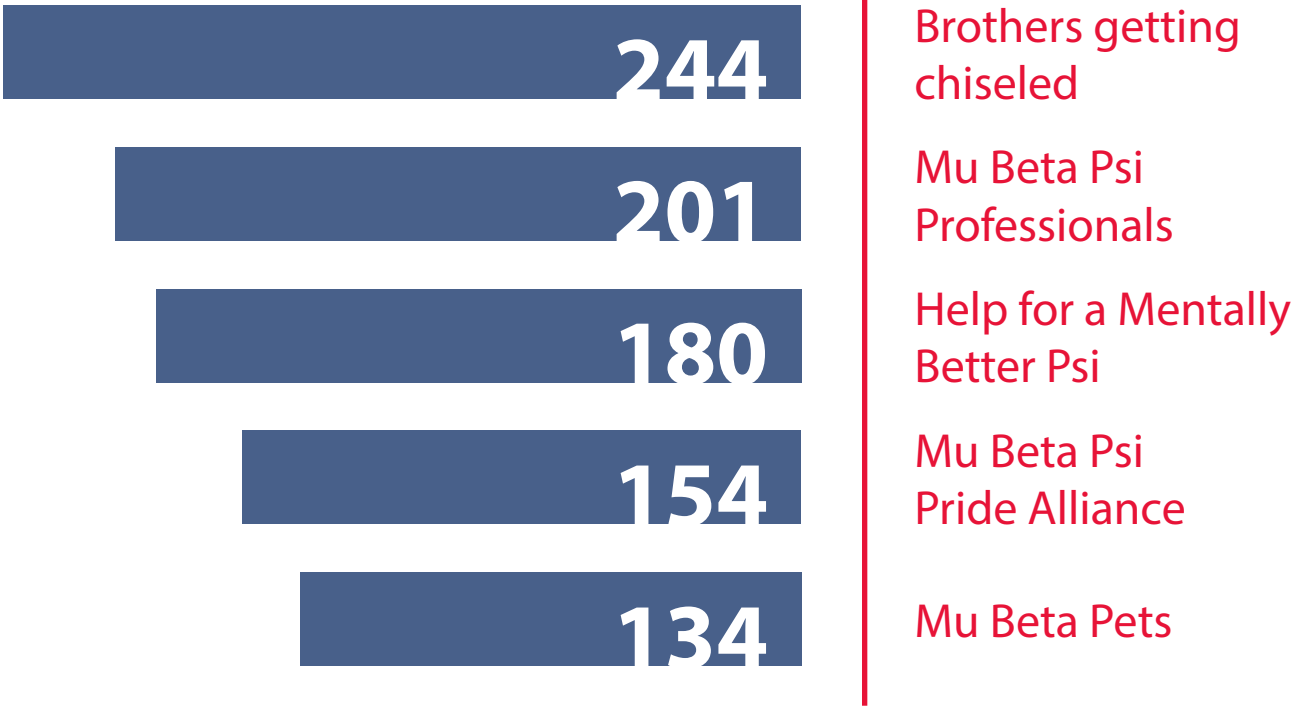
If you're a Brother can't find a Facebook group to join, feel free to start your own! Just make sure to add our webmaster, Julia Kester ("Webmaster Psi"). These Facebook groups were all started by Brothers, and we're creating new groups all the time. While social media isn't for everyone, our Facebook groups are an excellent resource for brothers to connect with each other by finding common interests and providing support for the many stages of our lives.



39 ACTIVE FACEBOOK GROUPS

TOP 5 GROSSING MEMBERSHIPS

Does not include chapter groups, or informative groups. Total membership portrayed



A full list of Facebook groups can be found on page 30



# National President

Ashley Ford, National President  
Alumni Association / Alpha Chapter



It's that time of year again, Brothers! Whether it's the thrill of running onto that football field to cheer on your team to a win or the hustle and bustle of recruiting and training new Brothers, Fall brings so much excitement and opportunity for us as a Fraternity.

At the National Level, we're prepared to handle any complications that arise from our new, (finally!) fully-launched, Fraternal Life and Conduct Guidelines. We're excited to have protective measures in place to ensure that our events do not implicate any risk towards any individual(s) involved.

On that note, I had the great opportunity to attend the Durward W. Owen Risk Management College in Indianapolis, IN, once again this summer. This year, I chose to attend the track intended for traveling consultants (individuals who travel to collegiate chapters to ensure compliance and provide support from the national organization) and was very grateful for the eye-opening experience, especially after attending a different track last year that was directed at senior leadership. My biggest takeaway revolved around the generational gap in knowledge that occurs between collegiate members and members of senior leadership/alumni regarding the culture as well as societal impacts of being in a Greek organization.

It's not always easy to be a member of a Fraternity. We are constantly battling the stigma that comes simply because we choose to use Greek letters to define our purpose.

Although we know that being a member of a Fraternity grants us the privilege of a network of like-minded individuals as well as a platform to serve our communities, most of us have experienced disdain from others regarding some aspects of Greek life that typically aren't accurate.

As an honorary, co-ed, organization full of musicians, we are lucky. We don't face a lot of challenges that larger, social-based Greek organizations do—we have never had to file a claim with our insurance and we have never had to close a chapter due to hazing or substance abuse allegations. However, we still operate as a fraternal organization and use the Greek letters Mu Beta Psi to identify ourselves. Because of this, we have to recognize what it means to today's current and incoming college students to be in a Fraternity or Sorority and how to respond when the inevitable questions arise.

**\*\*Don't forget that anyone can access our Fraternal Life and Conduct Guidelines online on our policy website!\*\***

Regardless of this stigma, we will continue to serve music and create chances for musicians to bond. We will continue to create new Chapters and help fund projects for musicians in need. We will continue to do good and promote the arts in the best way possible, through fraternity.

I hope you all have a wonderful Fall training new Brothers and serving your music communities. I can't wait to see you all at National Convention at Nu Chapter in the Spring!

In love and Brotherhood,  
Ashley E. Ford ♪

# National VP of Expansion

Scott Nelson, National Vice President of Expansion  
Alumni Association / Zeta Chapter



With much of the collegiate world on holiday for the summer months, I have spent the season working on a game plan for the recolonization of Kappa Chapter with Kappa Alumna, Amanda Griffeth. In the very near future, we hope to begin recruiting students with the help of the music faculty at Wofford to breathe new life into the legacy

chapter. There are many challenges to be faced during this effort beyond those normally experienced during colonization. We need to ask ourselves, how do we adapt the colonization procedure to account for an unprecedented recolonization effort, and how do we respect and maintain the history and traditions of Kappa Chapter. I am very excited to approach this effort and all of the challenges and opportunities it presents.

I would like to wish Rho Chapter a happy 10th birthday this November. The Rho Colonization was one of the most exciting and rewarding things I have ever been involved with as a Brother. I am so happy to see a thriving chapter in Marquette, and I can't wait to see a lot of the founders and Brothers at the celebration.

As NVPE, I have received many different contacts from Brothers and non-Brothers alike, none have proceeded beyond initial conversations but are still extremely valuable to the expansion of Mu Beta Psi. Absolutely everyone reading this issue of the Clef can help me find new places to expand and new people to recruit. If you, your friends or your family are at a school without a chapter and might be interested, please let me know by emailing me at [expansion@mubetapsi.org](mailto:expansion@mubetapsi.org). I am happy to talk to

anyone about Mu Beta Psi, the expansion process, or a technical discussion on the importance of complementary harmonics in gas turbine engines; I'm always here to talk. I hope everyone has a good and plentiful fall, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Rho 10th Birthday party. ♪



Scott Nelson and Family



# National VP of Chapter Maintenance

Scott Bennett, National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance  
Alumni Association / Zeta Chapter



This past June, I had the honor of being appointed as the National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance. Just after this appointment, I was offered a new position at work based out of our corporate office in Knoxville, TN. This has led to an extremely hectic couple of months with selling my house, finding somewhere to live, and moving, all while reaching out to my NCCM reps to introduce myself and get an update on how the chapters are doing and what issues need my attention.

I have spent a lot of my time working with Zeta chapter as they are reviewing their policies and procedures to meet requirements set by MTU. This has been an enlightening process on what school administrators want to see in our chapter policies, and I hope to take what we have learned to help

other chapters.

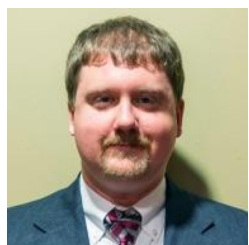
I also worked with Julia regarding the Policy website. We have been working with chapters to make changes needed in some of their policies to make all chapter policies public, and I have requested that NITC review their policy where all Pledging Policies are considered Restricted Content. My goal is to have all our governing documents transparent to anyone who wants to look at how we operate. In today's environment, school officials really do not like organizations that have "secret" policies.

NCCM is scheduling our first meeting for the month of October. Once the final date is set, it will be added to the Intranet calendar so that anyone who wishes to attend is welcome to.

If any Brother has any questions or concerns about a chapter, please feel free to reach out to me. I am always happy to talk to my Brothers! ✂

# National Secretary

Rob Smith, National Secretary  
Alumni Association / Zeta Chapter



The summer for me has been a ping-pong game of smooth sailing and utter chaos. I'm handling the shifts reasonably well, having been lucky enough to find good employment prospects when my company shut down our site. There may be a few times in the Fall semester where I will be completely out-of-contact, but I expect disruptions to be kept to a few days.

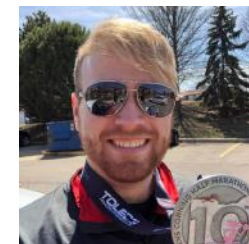
During the semester, I'd like to perform "spring cleaning" of the Secretary's document and possessions stash. All the things are currently

residing in an old, dilapidated plastic tote. I need to root through everything, toss or reprint documents, eliminate misc. knick-knacks & clutter, get a new container better suited for travel, etc. That should make Convention run more smoothly for myself and future National Secretaries.

I plan on visiting both the Yooper Chapters near me, as well as one of the east-coast ones I haven't attended before. Brother Haley Vingsness once made it a goal to visit every collegiate Chapter, and I think I will attempt to follow in her footsteps. So far (and not counting conventions), I've visited Zeta, Nu, Rho, and Tau Chapters. Pi and Alpha Chapters, I'm looking at you! :) ✂

# National Treasurer

Tyler Jensen, National Treasurer  
Alumni Association / Zeta Chapter



For those who do not know me, my name is Tyler Jensen. I grew up in Bay City Michigan. My town is at the bottom of the "U" formed between your thumb and the pointer finger when you form a mitten with your right hand. I attended Michigan Technological University and graduated with Bachelors in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Polymer Sciences. Now I work as a chemical engineer for Dart Container in the Paper R&D section working on the solutions for the next generation of paper cups. That may sound uninspiring at first glance, but you would be surprised what it takes to make a paper cup, and the subsequent challenges that come with the developing solutions to fit the current market trends.

of Brothers looking to visit other Chapters for Fraternal events (specifically volunteer or pledging events). It has a few minimum requirements that need to be met in order to access the fund.

1. The distance must be more than 110 miles one-way.
2. The trip must be for one of the aforementioned activities.
3. A letter must be submitted to the NT from the Chapter President with the specifics of the trip (dates, participants, etc) expressing their consent to utilize the funds.
4. The funds can only be used for travel expenses (i.e: gas, lodging, tolls). This does not include tickets obtained for speeding/being pulled over, food, and other activities that participants may engage in unrelated to official Fraternity events.

This fund has had limited use in the past, and I really want to change that. I promise that this is not the last time that you will hear about this fund. If you have any questions or need help drafting the submissions to ensure they contain all of the necessary requirements, please do not hesitate to reach out to me! On a final note, I wanted to make a point to encourage anyone interested in running for National Treasurer to reach out to me. This period marks the halfway point of my term in this office, and I would like to take this chance to encourage anyone who would consider running for National Treasurer to get in touch with me. Although it may seem like a far ways out, it is never too early to start learning the ropes and what it truly entails to hold this position. If at any point you have any questions about current progress being made in the financial front of the Fraternity, please feel free to get in touch with me at [treasurer@mubetapsi.org](mailto:treasurer@mubetapsi.org)! Even if it's not finance; related I am always happy to have the chance to meet new people and chat!

Best Regards,  
National Treasurer Tyler Jensen. ✂



Some of the National Officers finishing up an escape room.

Now that formalities have been addressed, let's transition to the more important stuff. Since my last report, I have been focusing on revisions and overhaul for the position. The focus for this year will be shifting all of the Chapters to a new financial tracking system as well as revise the National Finance Policy to reflect our current standards and practices. However, what I really want to talk about is our Inter-Chapter Travel Fund. This fund is specifically set aside to reduce the financial burden



# Chairman of the BOT

Christopher Ciarlariello, Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Alumni Association / Pi Chapter



**M**y name is Christopher Ciarlariello, and I am currently the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Mu Beta Psi.

I pledged Mu Upsilon Alpha in Spring 2006 and served on the Merger Committee that led to the founding of Pi Chapter. In addition to serving as President of Pi Chapter (2007-2009), I have also served as Vice President of the Alumni Association (2009-2011; 2013-2015), and National President (2011-2013). I married my Pledge Brother, Molly, and we have an amazing son named Mason.

Since my last report, the Board has met several times. In addition to interpreting policy, we have set up a framework for how we will revise some of our fraternity's documents. Now that we have a plan, we will be working to have everything in order for Convention 2019!

I have also been learning the ropes as I worked with our insurance broker to renew our policy. With many changes at the university level, it has made our

renewal interesting. There has been a steep learning curve, but the transition has been successful.

Lastly, I have had the opportunity to go back to my Alma Mater, Rutgers University, to work with Pi Chapter as an Alumnus, as well as attend the Marching Scarlet Knights Friends, Family, and Alumni event! I plan to make it back there during the semester to see what they have accomplished!

The Board of Trustees is on a good path this year and I hope we can keep the momentum going! Please reach out if you need anything.

In Music, Service, and Brotherhood,  
Christopher Ciarlariello,  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees ✂



*CBOT Chris with wife Molly (Pi)  
and son Mason*

# National Historian

Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian  
Alumni Association / Xi Chapter



**I** don't have a great deal to report for this edition of The Clef. Most of my work the past few months has focused on research which was shared on the Archives Facebook page, in particular, information

regarding Iota Chapter and biographies of Epsilon Chapter Brothers. I'm very excited about some of the biographies which I uncovered, and I hope everyone takes time to look at them. As always, if you have anything you would like to see featured on the page, please let me know!

Over the summer, I took the time to make sure that the electronic portion of the Archives is up to date with all the submissions which were made this year. I was even able to fit the entire Archives onto a portable

thumb drive for easier access.

This year, it is still my goal to work with Brothers set up their personal profiles in the Intranet's searchable database. The hope is to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to post a picture, their biography, and other historical information about their involvement in Mu Beta Psi.

In the coming months, I hope to work with Nu Chapter and Rho Chapter to ensure that their respective Anniversaries are ones to remember!

Finally, as many of you know, Melissa and I welcomed baby Harrison into the world on June 27th. He is doing very well, and both his older brothers are proud as can be!

IBh,  
Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian ✂

# Web Updates from Julia

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



**S**ummer is always relatively quiet on the National Information Technology Committee and Webmaster end; school is out so chapters don't have much they need from me, and I'm always busy with sports.

That being said, the school year has started and things are starting to ramp up again. I have set up a meeting with chapters to go over the National Policy Site ([policy.mubetapsi.org](http://policy.mubetapsi.org)), so that each chapter can take ownership of their bylaws and other policies. By the time you're reading this, that meeting will have already happened.

Speaking of the Policy site, you can see a new and improved print for all policies. The default print for the site made it very obvious that you were printing

from a website. Now, it looks more like an official document. The header/footer of the print page still displays, but you can turn that off in the print preview settings.

I've also spoken with NVPCM Scott Bennett about pledging policies - currently, they are considered restricted content as per the Information Technology Policy, but we both feel that it makes sense to make them public documents just like our other policies. I will be setting up a meeting with the NITC to discuss these changes in the near future.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to me! ✂



# Here Comes the General

Brother Tamar Greene Cast in Hamilton Chicago. By: Natalie Holbrook



Lin-Manuel Miranda and Tamar Greene

When I heard one of our very own Brothers had been cast in Hamilton, I decided, "I am not throwing away my shot" to tell this story. The Clef got the opportunity to interview Tamar Greene, a Nu Chapter Brother, about all things from Brotherhood to Broadway!

**How did you hear about Mu Beta Psi? What made you want to join?**

I heard about Mu Beta Psi from being in the music department and just hearing students talk about it. I saw Brothers with genuine passion for music and I wanted IN!

**What is your favorite Brotherhood memory?**

My favorite memories will always be of us pledging. I have never felt so much Brotherly love and bonding.

**What have you learned or gained from Mu Beta Psi that has helped you in your career?**

I was Chapter Maintenance Officer for our Chapter. I truly learned how to handle issues that occur in large groups. This has helped me with teaching and music directing throughout my career.

**What was the first show you were ever in?**

My first actual show on stage was with my high school show choir group called SOTA Singers (School of the Arts). We did a show called All Night Strut. Before then, my time on stage was strictly as a pianist.

**What was your favorite concert/show you were in during college?**

I was fortunate to play Dancairo in the opera Carmen. They hired professionals for most of the other roles, so I had a chance to perform alongside professionals. It was my first exposure to performing an opera role, and it changed my outlook on a professional singing career.

**What is your favorite part of being on stage?**

I love moving people and telling a story that gets people to think differently about themselves and the circumstances of the world.

**What shows have you toured with and what roles did you play?**

I toured with the Broadway First National Tour of *The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess* and the First National Tour and North American premiere of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Love Never Desses*, the sequel to *Phantom of the Opera*. Other notable productions and roles include: *After Midnight* (Quartet Leader), *Ragtime* (Booker T Washington), and *RENT* (Collins) to name a few.

**What is your dream role?**

My all-time dream role is Coalhouse Walker Jr. in *Ragtime*. It is an incredibly powerful and timeless show with a message that is just as relevant today as when it was originally conceived.

**When did you first hear about or experience Hamilton?**

In the late winter of 2015, my friend asked me if I wanted tickets to this show that she was working sound on. She thought I would enjoy it. It was playing at the Public Theater in NYC. I remember her saying that it was about the Revolutionary War. That's when I recalled hearing other actor friends talking about this new show that seemed like it was "Les Miserables but with hip hop". Ha! I was about to leave town to do *Ragtime* in Pennsylvania, so I couldn't take her up on that offer. Literally, weeks later, *Hamilton* was blowing up and EVERYONE wanted an audition. So while I was in Pennsylvania, I texted my friend to confirm that this *Hamilton* was the same show that she had offered me tickets to. She said yes. I said, "Ummm... Do you still have tickets?!?" and of course, she didn't! haha.

That summer, I was walking through midtown with a friend one Monday evening, wondering which shows were actually performing on Broadway's typical day off. We searched on Google and saw that *Hamilton* was one of the few shows that was performing. I never win ANYTHING, but we decided to try for rush tickets. Would you believe that I won the \$10 Ham4Ham tickets?!

I sat in the front row, in front of Joe Biden!! After it began, I don't even remember taking a single breath. This show had done it. It had succeeded in representing my people of color while also showing respect to the African American musical culture. I've never felt so moved.

**"I never felt so sure that a show was meant for me; this child of immigrants."**

**What was the audition process like for Hamilton?**

After I saw the show, I urged my agents to get me in the room. They tried a few times but I could not get an appointment. So I decided to take charge and go in for the general open calls. For hours, I waited in the line that wrapped the entire city block from early in the morning until late afternoon. It was rainy and cold, but I did it. Once I was finally inside, I performed my piece. It was a great audition that immediately garnered a callback.



Greene with Lacamoire in costume





*Greene Leading a Quartet in After Midnight*

The callback process for me was off and on over a three year period. During that time frame, I did other shows, traveled the world, and even did another national tour. Even when my callbacks didn't result in an immediate job offer, I continued to work on the material because I was so passionate about the show.

**"I never lost faith that I would be in it one day."**

For my final callback, I flew into NYC from tour, dealt with multiple flight delays and cancellations, slept for 2 hours, and walked into a room with Tommy Kail and Alex Lacamoire (the Tony-winning Director and Music Director of Hamilton). Extenuating factors

aside, I poured my whole heart into that audition and left the room knowing I had done my best.

**Describe what you feel your character, George Washington, adds to the show.**

In a world that was chaotic and undergoing revolution, George Washington is the

one solid and steady character that everyone looks up to. First as the General and then as President, George Washington is the patriarchal thread throughout the entire piece.

**What is your favorite song from the show?**

I think "Right Hand Man" is the greatest character entrance of all time. There is a buildup worthy of the great man that General Washington was. But, that said, my favorite number is "One Last Time." As Washington, I spend my entire show selflessly fighting for a better America. Everything is all worth it by the time we arrive at "One Last Time." Washington is ready to sit back, become a normal citizen of the colonies and watch the growth of his nation that they have worked so incredibly hard to establish.

**What is your favorite lyric from the show?**

There are SO many! I'll have to name a few. One of the things that makes this show so great is Lin Manuel Miranda's willingness to unapologetically discuss difficult subjects that were issues then and, even more shockingly, are still relatable issues today. During our current political climate, I really enjoy two different lines. In "Non-Stop," Hamilton says "corruption's such an old song that we can sing along in harmony". One of my own lines that I love is "I wanna warn against partisan fighting." These two lines are incredibly relevant to the trust (or lack thereof) in the government and the constant partisan battles between the current Democrat

and Republican (and other) parties. My last favorite line is "We plant seeds in the South. We create... Yeah keep ranting, we know who's really doing the planting." This is said by Alexander Hamilton to a braggadocious Thomas Jefferson in a Cabinet battle. Jefferson was referring to how well they are doing in the South, but when doing that, Hamilton calls out how completely ignorant it is of him to disregard the contributions that the African slaves gave to this country.

**Any advice to give for aspiring theater performers?**

The "no"s in this business can be extremely discouraging. I auditioned for Hamilton for three years! It was certainly a bummer when I didn't get it earlier, but I never let it get me down. I moved on to other projects. I also confided in my mother who would often remind me that I would get what was for me when it was my time. I can't have what is for someone else. I truly believe that I was always meant to be where I am right now. In this Chicago company.

Also, I highly recommend you find your internal strength and happiness. The measure of success does NOT lie in Broadway or fame. Work on yourself and your own happiness and growth. You can do this by absorbing everything that you can!



*Tamar Greene with Andrew Lloyd Webber!*

Music, art, politics, other cultures. Travel. Read. Love. It all makes you a better and more complex human. And this will, in return, make you a better performer.

**Any advice to give to Brothers?**

Be good to each other. Support each other. Love each other. This will make Brotherhood prevail. ‡



*Big and Little (Amy Andres and Tamar Greene)*

# Brotherhood Basics

**Chapter:** Nu

**Pledge Class:** Spring 2007, Alpha Beta

**Graduated:** 2009

**Nickname:** My nickname is King Isty T with 3 colors; black, green, and gold. My Big gave me these colors because I am half Jamaican. "King" because I'm half British. "Isty" because she used to call me her "Isty Bisty Teeny Weeny Little" in emails. She didn't realize for a long time that she was actually spelling "Itsy" wrong hehe.



*Greene with Nu Brothers*



# The Magic of Music Festivals

By: Matthew Wood

As I write this, I am sitting in the ticket booth for Shakori Hills GrassRoots Festival of Music & Dance. It is the weekend before the festival, and I am volunteering to help check in families, volunteers, and staff who are purchasing tickets or setting up their campsites for the week. The sun is shining, and it's a warm and dry afternoon in the early fall. It's my last music festival for the year as the east coast music festival season winds down.

The pre-fest magic in the air is palpable. All day I see volunteers and staff jetting around on golf carts, transporting supplies, setting up tents, and building stages. People are greeting their old friends, many of whom they may not have seen since the last Shakori Hills in the spring. Nay, they're not friends; they're also family, for many of us are likely to call the 72-acre farm located near Pittsboro, North Carolina, "home." For myself, this will be my 17th time attending this festival (and 39th music festival overall, not counting one-day festivals), and, indeed, I consider many of the people around as part of my extended family. As this week goes on, the Shakori magical energy will continue to build until we're all back together celebrating music, fellowship, and service to our Shakori Hills community. Sound familiar?

As of the time I'm writing this article, there were only five Brothers, including myself, who responded that they had recently attended or were going to attend a music festival in the near future. I've also noticed that my own Facebook feed seems to have a glaring gap of Brothers who attended music festivals this year. Hence, my motivation to write

**For the purposes of this article, I am considering a "music festival" at least two consecutive days because, really, a one-day festival is more like an extra-long concert (fight me). Perhaps I'm a little more dedicated than most, but I digress.**

this article. It is my intent to try to convince as many people as possible to attend more music festivals! **In this article, I hope to address the common**

**reasons people may not attend music festivals.**

***I've never been to a music festival and don't know what to expect.***

There are a wide variety of activities at music festivals. One that is near and dear to Alpha Chapter Brothers is Shakori Hills. It is only 45 minutes from campus and occurs twice each year: the first weekend of May and again the first weekend of October. This festival is one of the most family-friendly festivals out there. At Shakori Hills, there are four days of camping in the woods



(with campfires!), quiet camping areas designated for families, and even a large tent with constant activities for the kids. Each day has music all day on four different stages, and it's common for musicians to roam the campgrounds just looking for campfires to cozy up to and play a few tunes for all to hear. Sounds pretty magical, right?

***I don't think there's a music festival near me or that has the genre of music I like.***

Just google long enough or ask Brothers in your area, and I'm sure you'll find a festival with the right mix of genres and setup just for you! There are a variety of genres from the more mainstream festivals with eclectic lineups like Bonnaroo in Manchester, Tennessee, to the EDM-heavy Buku Music + Arts Festival in New Orleans or the eclectic

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Voodoo Music + Arts Experience. Or, if you're looking for some jam bands, check out Peach Music Festival in Scranton, Pennsylvania. And then there's one of my favorite festivals, Electric Forest Music Festival in Rothbury, Michigan (also heavy with EDM, but they do have a more jazzy/world music stage, and the festival is curated by the jam band The String Cheese Incident, so you also get some jam band goodness). And then there are the plethora of music festivals that occur at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, Florida, which is a campground built specifically for music festivals! Shakori Hills even has a sister festival in Trumansburg, New York (Finger Lakes GrassRoots Festival of Music and Dance) in the summer and another one in Miami, Florida (Virginia Key GrassRoots Festival of Music and Dance) in the winter. And I'm sure there's something to be said about the spirit of music in there somewhere.

***Music festivals are too expensive!***

I'm sure the more financially-conscious of us probably wondered just how I could afford to attend 39 music festivals since I first discovered my love and passion for them a little over 10 years ago (almost four per year!). There certainly is a financial burden, but here's where service comes in! I've volunteered (or worked when volunteering wasn't an option) at many festivals to earn my tickets. Due to the temporary nature of the work required for a festival, they are highly driven by volunteers, and every festival needs hundreds of them! Even a small festival like Shakori Hills, with around 7,500 - 10,000 attendees, needs at least 400 volunteers (over a hundred are needed just to run the kid's tent!). Thus, they need to attract a lot of volunteers, and they do that by offering tickets in return for your labor. Some of them even let you work before or after the festival so you don't have to miss out on the fun, and I've heard so many people say just how much they love the feeling of having contributed to the event. It really does create a huge sense of satisfaction having contributed to a musical event and seeing everyone enjoy the fruits of your labor.

***Aren't music festivals where people go to just party and get... well, inebriated?***

My response to that is, to be honest, yes, those

things happen, but those things also happen at every small venue, arena, and amphitheater show. That is why it's important to make sure you research each festival and make sure it offers the right experience for you and/or your family, and you just need to keep aware of your surroundings. Small festivals like Shakori Hills are great for families, and many other festivals are, too. But for all the things that happen at festivals, you won't find a more open and inviting crowd looking out for each other than at any of the festivals I've mentioned in this article.

In the end, this is why I am such a proponent for getting more people out to music festivals: it's magical. We all know the power music has to move people, and when you're in an environment where there's so much music concentrated in one area bringing people of all backgrounds together in celebration, that power can be tangibly felt. It's a vibrational energy that reaches down into your soul, making you understand exactly how music can be called the soul of life. ✨

## Festival Goers

**Jessica Caudle went to Hopscotch Music Festival**

Location: Raleigh, NC

Bands: The Flaming Lips, Miguel,

Indigo De Souza, DVSX, Moses Sumney, Real Estate, Yonatan Gat, US Girls, Everything Is Terrible! and many more.

**Allison Medema attended Fallout Fest**

Location: Athens, OH

Band: Diet Cig



Brothers at the Spring 2018 Shakori Hills

Tyrone Jenkins (Alpha), Jessica Caudle (Alpha), Matt Wood (Alpha), Ashley Peacock, (Alpha), Pam Meadors (Delta), Ashley Ford (Alpha)



# The Story of Rho

A Rho'd Trip Through Time: Rho Chapter Celebrates 10th Anniversary. By Veronica Tabor

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*Rho Brothers won the price less scrapbook contest.*

**M**u Beta Psi founded Rho Chapter at Northern Michigan University on November 16th, 2008. This November marks Rho's 10th anniversary! The Clef spoke to some of those involved with the Rho installation process to learn more about how our second Michigan chapter came to be ten years ago.



*Rho Convention*

Jill Paul was Rho's founding President. She got the initial idea for founding Rho Chapter from attending the Michigan Music Educators conference and learning about different music fraternities and sororities. "We wanted something on Northern's campus but knew that it would have to be co-ed to be sustainable". Paul found Mu Beta Psi's website and was initially frightened away due to the number of chapters all the way on the East coast. "Just as I was about to give up hope and continue my search, I noticed a picture of a Michigan Tech license plate... There was, in fact, a chapter at our rival school to the north. I decided to reach out to then NVPE Sarah Guthrie. From there I put together the petition (with the generous help of some very awesome Zetas)."

Rachael Dzbanski, another Rho founder, was recruited to Mu Beta Psi by Paul: "It looked like it would be a great chance to promote music in our area and bond with my fellow musicians. I was our first Pledgemaster so I was really involved with

learning the new information about Mu Beta Psi along with how I would have to teach it to our new members when we were off the ground."

As part of the installation process, Brothers from both Zeta Chapter at Michigan Tech and Nu Chapter at SUNY Oswego were heavily involved as Host Pledgemasters and Remote Bigs. Scott Nelson (current NVPE) was a Host Pledgemaster: "I was the Zeta Expansion committee rep at the time, so I was involved in the process from the second NVPE Sarah Guthrie told me we had a group of interested students. I met with the initial group of students interested, I helped them put together their petition, and I coordinated the formation of the colony with the NVPE and the NCE." Both Nelson and the other Host Pledgemaster Katie Sebeck drove to Marquette once a week (about two hours from Houghton) to give information and administer a weekly quiz, but all Zetas lent a helping hand. "We also helped them develop all of the administrative stuff required to be an operational chapter, like editing their bylaws with Rob Smith and Bryan Sebeck, or developing their committee structure with Sandy Orlowski."

After the week of installation (see aside), becoming a Brother of Mu Beta Psi was a highlight for both Dzbanski and Paul. "It was extremely stressful and perfectly imperfect but the amount of love and support we received that day was amazing", says Paul. "It felt like all of our effort and hard work was worth it," states Dzbanski.

Rho Chapter Founding Brothers helped fulfill the four purposes during their time at NMU, as current active Rho Brothers do today. "I was always a part of the marching band when I was at NMU, and I eventually had leadership positions within that organization," says Dzbanski, "I think that helped me fulfill the first two purposes...I would come up in the summer to help recruit people into marching band and encourage people to be involved in music ensembles and classes". Paul had similar experiences: "During my time at Rho I spent a lot of time not only participating in NMU's ensembles but promoting the Marquette Symphony Orchestra, helping raise funds during the public radio stations pledge drives, and working with students at the local middle school".

The future of Rho Chapter rests with currently active collegiate Brothers. Paige Sullivan pledged in Fall

2017, and the reasons why she chose Mu Beta Psi can resonate with us all: "I had seen the Fraternity in the big book of organizations that I received at orientation so when I saw a Rush week poster I thought that it wouldn't hurt to just see what it was all about if I decided to join at a different time. After the first Rush week event, however, I felt like I had found something really

special. The group seemed like a family away from home. Sitting in a room full of people who have a common interest in music and a passion for helping the community seemed like exactly the place I wanted to be."

Many of the traditions followed by Rho chapter to



*Rho Founders*





Fall 2016 Brotherhood

this day were put in place by the Host Pledgemasters and Remote Bigs during the colonization process. "Whether it was helping to sew the first set of 'Green and Gold' letters in Heather and Haley Vingsness's living room, writing the script for installation night, or helping them cut their first set of plaques. It's these traditions that I love to see continue a decade later," says Nelson.

The bonds of Brotherhood and tradition still hold strong at Rho Chapter. Relay for Life is an ongoing Rho tradition formed a few years after the installation: "It was so amazing to be able to contribute to something so important while still having a fun time. Staying up all night really helps you become better friends with your Brothers," says Sullivan. About the future of Mu Beta Psi, Sullivan

hopes for an increase in both number of Chapters and Brothers: "It is a big commitment but it is well worth all of the time and effort to be part of a family like ours."

As the Rho Founders approach the 10-year anniversary of their Brotherhood, Paul reflects upon her hopes for the future of Rho Chapter: "My hope for Rho is that it continues to grow strong and have a positive presence not only at NMU but within the Marquette Community." As any colonization experience now rests with alumni of Mu Beta Psi, and no current actives, Nelson encourages anyone interested in colonizing to reach out to him. "Colonization is both a simple process, when considered through the lens of a traditional pledging process, and a remarkably complex one that requires careful management within the National bureaucracy. As a past Host Plegemaster, I hope that I can take all of the good lessons I learned from Sarah and help a new generation of HPMs be as successful as Katie and I were with Rho." As Rho Chapter at Northern Michigan University has turned out nearly one hundred Brothers over its ten years and will continue to do so, we can count on future Rho Brothers to continue carrying out our purposes and maintaining our reputation of outstanding service and Brotherhood in Marquette. ✚



Rho Brothers play at wedding of a Brother

# The Final Week

The Begining of Something New: Initiations Week. By Scott Nelson

"The week leading up to Installations was so insanely busy, I'm honestly not sure how I lived through it. We started the week out with a meeting of the National Committee on Expansion to recommend the approval of the Rho Charter, where Katie and I had to present our recommendations to the committee and have a formal vote. I drove to Marquette on Tuesday, to give the final set of information to the colonists and prepare them for the final exam. As a fun aside, I happened to get my first speeding ticket that night by driving Katie's green Subaru Outback "Lucky" 85 mph past Alberta, MI at 10:30pm. On Wednesday, I had to present the motion to Charter Rho Chapter to the NEC for approval. All meetings back then were done via IRC chat, so they were very long nights in front of a keyboard giving reports and waiting for votes. Throughout this

week, I was also coordinating all of the national Brotherhood flying into Houghton and Marquette, putting the finishing touches on the installation script and all of the other complications of a major national event.

All of this preamble led up to Thursday, November 13th. After a full day of classes, a group of us drive to Marquette to give the final exam. I sat quietly in the basement of the music building at NMU as the colonists all worked feverishly over an exam that I had written the night before. After the last test was turned in, I packed them all into my trusty red binder and drove back to Houghton. As was common for Thursdays at Zeta Chapter, we went straight to the Downtowner lounge for Pitchers of Long Islands.

When we got there we found the entire side room chock full of Brothers from every active chapter. Katie and I sequestered ourselves at a bar table in the corner as we carefully graded every single exam. When we finished the last exam, we quieted the room, and announced to all assembled that we had enough colonists to install Rho colony that weekend. The entire room erupted into celebration as all of the stress of that week, and the preceding 10 weeks just melted away. Some of the Zeta alumni present quickly got me a drink to raise a pitcher in toast and the rest is history. That feeling of utter relief of all of my anxiety about the week and the ensuing celebration with some of my closest Brothers was absolutely amazing and one of my favorite memories."



# Rho Joe's Memory Corner



2013 Thanksgiving Dinner



2012 SQUIRRELS! Dessert Reception



2013 Marching Band Banquet



2015 Care Bear Family Tree Annual Hike

## Dont Panic: Life After Graduation

By Sarah Binkow

First of all, I'm here to tell you that it's okay to be unsure after graduation. Some of you may have jobs in your field lined up and ready to go. Others may be considering continuing their higher education in graduate school. Many of you, I'm sure, are still uncertain about what it means to be a full-fledged adult. Well, to boil it down simply, there is a lot of time spent figuring it out along the way. Music, service, friendships, and work are all tough to balance after college.

It's true that many of us alumni hung up our instruments and put away our sheet music after college. It doesn't have to happen though! Community bands, church groups, and local ensembles are favorites among alumni. Some have even gotten involved with community theater groups as a way to stay involved. Community groups are often very eager to accept young, enthusiastic musicians into their midst.

When it comes to service though, the options are nearly limitless. Nonprofits, service groups, and other volunteer organizations are everywhere. There are so many different types of volunteer organizations from Habitat for Humanity, FIRST Robotics, Boy Scouts of America, to local humane societies and soup kitchens - all of which Brothers have been participants of in the past.

Being involved in your community, either for music or other service, can be overwhelming at times, especially when coupled with the responsibilities of actual "adult-ing". Ray Kemmer, Zeta alum suggests to "be realistic about what you can and cannot do. If you can only do one extra thing besides work and relationships and chores and family and taking care of yourself, then that's okay."

Part of "adult-ing" is, for better or worse, getting a job. As stressful as that can be, the first thing to keep in mind is that it's alright to take a non-traditional path. Not being fixated on getting your dream job right after college can open you up to a whole new set of experiences. That being said, LinkedIn is an incredible resource when it comes to networking. Maintaining that, and your overall digital footprint, can have huge impacts on your career prospects. You cannot underestimate, however, the power of just talking to people. You never know whether your next job could come from your friends, family, Brothers, or the lady you were chatting with in line at the grocery store.

Speaking of friends, you may find your social calendar a tad sparse after graduating, either from past friends or yourself moving away. It's completely normal and does take some time to build back up. Don't be alarmed. Finding an activity, hobby, or organization that you're passionate about will very likely bring you around other people who are passionate about it too. Be your wonderful self and the friendships will come. Give it time and don't be afraid to lean on some local Brothers if you have some around.

Graduating and leaving college can present a boat-load of uncertainty. "It's okay to not have any sense of what's going on in your life, and it's okay to completely change your mind about what you want to do with your life," says Maggie Strakna, Omicron Alum. It's important to remember that no matter what you're going through, you are not alone. Friends, family, communities, and Brothers are all there to support you.

So take a deep breath.

It's going to be okay. ☺

### Catch a Glimpse of the Archives

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



# Historians Corner

*Armistice Day and the 100th Anniversary of World War I*  
By Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian

Armistice Day, held on November 11th every year, commemorates the signing of the armistice between the Allied powers and Germany at 11am on November 11, 1918 - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Although hostilities continued in some areas, the armistice essentially brought an end to four years of fighting in the First World War.

French military commander Ferdinand Foch was tasked with leading the peace negotiations. The armistice was signed in his railway carriage in the remote Forest of Compiègne, north of Paris, at 5 am and came into force at six hours later, at 11am. Six months later, the Treaty of Versailles was signed and later acted as the lasting peace treaty between the nations of the world.

The armistice forced the Germans to evacuate invaded countries and territories within two weeks. They also had to surrender a significant amount of war material, including five thousand guns, 25,000 machine guns, 1,700 planes. Germany, exhausted by war and with a nation of hungry citizens, reluctantly accepted the terms. It helped generate the post-war resentment which led to the rise of Adolf Hitler and the start of World War II.

The total number of military and civilian casualties in World War I was about 40 million: estimates range from 15 to 19 million deaths and about 23 million wounded military personnel, ranking it among the deadliest conflicts in human history. The United States entered the war in April 1917, after more than two and a half years of efforts by President Woodrow Wilson to not get involved. Under the

command of Major General John J. Pershing, more than 2 million U.S. soldiers fought on battlefields in France. The official figures of military war deaths listed by the US Dept. of Defense for the period are 116,516. This includes 53,402 battle deaths and 63,114 non-combat deaths.



*The ROTC Band in 1919.*

World War I ended about seven years prior to the founding of Mu Beta Psi. Nevertheless, Percy Price played a role in the preparation of students who participated, albeit in a small way. Pictured here is the North Carolina State ROTC Band from the 1919 edition of the Argomeck yearbook. Here, then-Captain Price served as one of the directors of the band. It was due to his service with the ROTC -- and his assisting with the training of military cadets -- that Price later earned the title of Major. ✂

# Teacher Feature

By Kate Hendrick



*Brother Jessica Caudle, serving as a college advisor through AmeriCorps, is pictured bottom right.*

Zombies and robots and field trips, oh my! Every fall, The Clef likes to take the time to celebrate Brothers who work in education. This year, four Brothers shared what they look forward to and what they worry about for this school year.

**"Education in music is most sovereign because more than anything else rhythm and harmony find their way to the innermost soul and take strongest hold upon it." -Plato**

Christopher Ciarlariello (AA/Pi) teaches instrumental music for grades 4-12. He explained that what he is most looking forward to this year is "sharing the joy of playing an instrument with another generation of budding instrumentalists!" Unfortunately, there are so many joyful, budding instrumentalists that the band has outgrown the band room.

Margaret Saelens (Rho) teaches seventh grade social studies. Though she doesn't look forward to grading in her free time, she is excited about teaching a unique class. She describes it as "a social studies elective class based on geography and zombies."

Heather Vingsness (Zeta/ AA) teaches physics, engineering, and robotics. She is most looking forward to meeting new students (and of course, grilled cheese day in the cafeteria). Like Margaret, she is least looking forward to grading.

**"Teaching is 75% theatre, 25% content. You can be really smart, but if you're not interesting, they won't listen to you." -Unknown**

Teaching isn't the only career in education. Jessica Caudle (Alpha) is a college advisor through the Americorps program. "I work with the student services department to assist our Juniors and Seniors for life after high school, ideally preparing them for college." She explains that she enjoys planning the bigger events. "We do a college fair at our school in the Spring that I get to help coordinate. As well as our Senior Week activities at the end of the year." But planning isn't always fun. Jessica also explained that planning field trips is a challenge. "The trip itself is great, but getting all of the pieces together is really tedious."

Thank you to all the Brothers who work in education! ✂



# Chapter Reports

## Alpha Chapter — Raleigh, NC

During the Silent Auction at Zeta Convention, Alpha Chapter Brothers pitched in money together to spend a week in August vacationing in Cape Coral, Florida. After this relaxing week, some Alpha Brothers returned to NC State Marching Band Camp between August 14th-21st, and all Alpha Brothers returned to class on August 22nd.

-Reece Neff, Alpha Chapter Member-At-Large

## Zeta Chapter - Houghton, MI



Zeta Brothers playing Volleyball. Brothers in photo: Christian Pirie, Elise Brehob, Glory Creed, Emma Nanninga, Lauren Bushong, Ryan Ralph.

Zetas have been pretty busy doing some internal restructuring, but that doesn't mean we haven't had time to have some fun! Brothers have formed an "elite" force of sand volleyball players who call themselves Mu Beta Spike. Mu Beta Spike is, unfortunately 0-2 for the season so far, but we have the most fun out of anyone (and probably fall the most-but who's counting?) Mu Beta Spike's first game was played in 80 degree weather, and the last is likely to be played in snow, as the season goes until mid-October. Zetas have also been getting some good service opportunities this semester, doing an annual cleanup of our section of road for Adopt-A-Highway and ushering for Michigan Tech's Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts. We look forward to spending the rest of the semester volunteering and bracing for the coming winter.

## Nu Chapter - Oswego, NY

Nu Chapter has been busy since the beginning of the semester. We have a couple concerts coming up, with the closest one the last weekend in October for family and friends weekend. All our ensembles will be performing and all of our musicians are very excited.

We have done over 70 hours of community service within the first month of school starting. This past weekend many Brothers and new members got together and helped our alumni Cheryl and Garret Gowey pack up their house as they prepare to move.

This semester we will be saying goodbye to one of our brothers, Hannah Francisco. We wish her the best as she prepares to graduate and go out into the real world.

We have a few newly elected officials as of this semester. They are as follows:

Chapter Expansion: Santa-Li Zambrano

Greek Council Rep: Jada Sterling

-Ryan "Buddy Bing" Pacheco



Nu's apple picking rush event.

## Pi Chapter — New Brunswick, NJ

To start the year out on the right note, the marching band is scheduled to perform at the re-dedication of Nicholas Music Center here on Cook/Douglass campus. The Rutgers Symphony Orchestra will be performing a version of the 1812 Overture. Since the original version calls for an off-stage marching band, the Marching Scarlet Knights have been called in to help out! Several Brothers will be



Pi Brothers at band camp along with their new advisor, Doctor Busuito!

Includes, from left to right, Doctor Busuito, Chris Keri, Andy Rears, Brad Kizar, Jena Eckenroad, Jacqueline Chang, Joseph Unkel, Patrick Zazzaro, Nicole King, TJ Johnson, Bryce Barr, and Todd Vaccaro.

performing in the event, which will surely be a great time!

Our treasurer, Andy, is hard at work coming up with new ideas to bring to the table in terms of fundraising. He is working with the band to potentially offer a snack for band members when they report to Lucy Stone Hall on game days. Other fundraising opportunities will be staples like our semesterly blood drive, where we help save lives and raise funds for service projects at the same time.

For our service aspect, many of our Brothers were involved in Rutgers Scarlet Day of Service, where they got together with other dedicated Scarlet Knights, to provide community service campus-wide. Specifically, some of our Brothers were involved in a garden clean up, which allowed us to show our appreciation for our University and our community. A number of our Brothers are also involved in the Marching Scarlet Knights here at Rutgers, which allows us to start our service strong by helping out in the uniform room and with logistical measures for moving the bands equipment around. This brings together both the music and service sides, which is one of the many aspects our new service chair is focusing on.

In regards to our Brotherhood events, the Chapter had a successful retreat run by Aarona Fong. The Brothers were involved in a number of fun bonding activities that both informed us and made us excited for the new year. Over the summer, Pi Chapter filled a number of new positions including their newest service chair, Nicole King! Nicole is a sophomore here at Rutgers who will also be serving as Pi Chapter's MAL. In preparation for pledging, our Pledge Educator, Joseph Unkel, has chosen Patrick Zazzaro and Amy Oliveira to be on his Pledge Committee (PC). After a successful RUSH week here at Rutgers, our PC is looking great and ready for our newest class, the Beta Deltas!

## Rho Chapter — Marquette, MI

We started off the semester by electing Sarah Garden as President and Rachel Gerbig as our Treasurer. This November, Rho Chapter is celebrating our 10th Birthday and we are very excited to be engaging all aspects of our Brotherhood in celebration. Outside of the Birthday Party being held November 16th-17th, Rho Chapter is planning to show our love for music and service both on Northern Michigan University's campus and well as in the greater Marquette area. On October 13th, some Brothers will have the opportunity to sing in St. Peter's Cathedral and on November 3rd, trumpet player Kyle Mol will give his senior recital. On October 26th-27th, the Active Brothers will partake in the Haunted Bog Walk at the Moosewood Nature Center in Marquette as our mandatory service event and will also be volunteering our time with Baycliff Camps, Cat Packs, the NMU Food Pantry, helping usher and set up/tear down concerts for NMU's music department, and much more! The Fundraising and Financing committee is also planning a bake sale to raise money for a local school. Rho Chapter held our Rush Week from Sunday, September 23rd to Friday, September 28th. The events were: Bonfire at Lakenenland (a local sculpture park), Tie-Dye, Taco Tuesday, Crafts/Games/Karaoke/Ice Cream Social, and finally ended the week with a Campus Scavenger Hunt and Breakfast Dinner! As we prepare to welcome new Brothers into our Chapter here at Northern, we also are preparing to bid farewell and best wishes to our senior, Allison Medema, as she graduates in December with a degree in Illustration.

-Kristalynn Hiser, Member-At-Large Elect and Pledgemaster

## Tau Chapter — Washington, DC

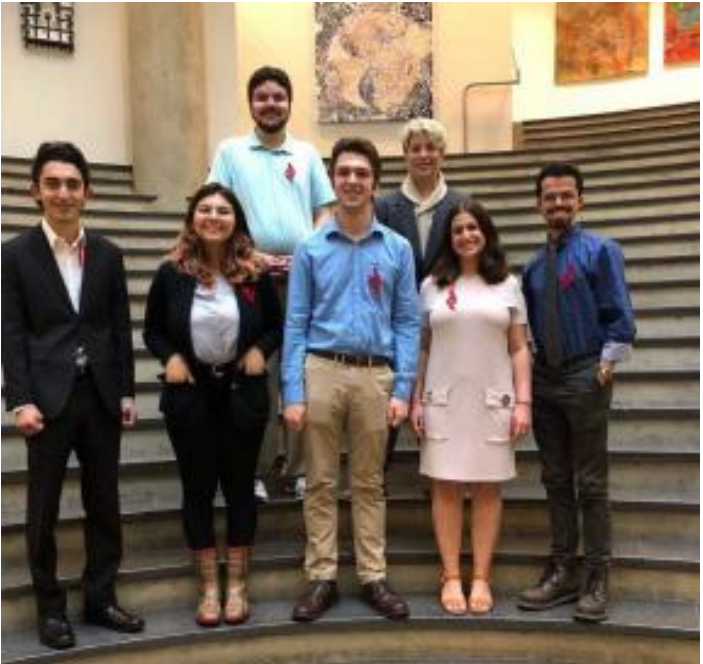
As Tau finally catches up with the rest of the chapters and enters real all weather, we are also getting into the real Brotherhood that makes this chapter so successful. We finished strong last semester and said goodbye to some great Brothers who were graduating. We didn't say goodbye for long though and have been meeting up all over DC this fall already. Tau Brotherhood runs strong! This semester has been a bit quiet around here as almost half of our chapter is abroad! We are sad they aren't here right now, but love that they're taking advantage of the amazing opportunities American University has to offer and can't wait to catch up in the spring! Some of our Brothers abroad include Hattie Wade, who is in Ireland right now, and Emily Sherman, who is studying in Vienna.

We can't forget the strong group that's in D.C. still and keeping the spirit alive with some awesome events. As a chapter, we have continued our efforts with supporting



music throughout the D.C. community this semester by attending our Brothers' recitals and performances. Recent performances include Ariel Michaelson's Senior recital on September 22nd and AU Rude Mechanicals' production of *True History* on September 27th-29th, for which Megan MacKenzie was the Stage Manager, Daniella Ignacio was the Associate Artistic Director, and pledge Valarie McFatter was the lighting designer. This semester we plan to host tons of open mic nights, with the first being on October 21st!

Some other events in the works include a Battle of the Bands to benefit the Sitar Arts Center, and many donut sales to fundraise for our annual gala to be held next semester when the Brothers who are abroad return! We also have a fun new pledge class ready to take on their roles as the next generation of Tau Brother! Our new pledge class includes



*Tau's new pledges:*  
Top row, left to right: Thomas Anderson, Finn Alvarez  
Bottom row, left to right: David Greenburg, Valarie McFatter, Amanda Warshaw, Brad de Ramón  
Not pictured: Madi Lieberman-Koenig

Finn Alvarez, Thomas Anderson, Austin Bartola, Bradde Ramón, David Greenburg, Madi Lieberman-Koenig, Valarie McFatter, and Amanda Warshaw. After three successful rush events the week beforehand, their soft pinning was on September 23rd. Brother dates between Brothers and pledges have been underway since then, and we cannot wait for Big/Little reveal and hard pinning on November 4th and to welcome them into the Brotherhood at initiations. We can't wait for all the music and memories to come this semester!

## Alumni Association - Raleigh, NC

The Alumni Association has started its year with a strategic vision focusing on two topics: stewardship and fellowship.

Stewardship is beginning with networking. At Convention 2018 we hosted a speed-networking event. Building on that success, we created a Mentoring and Professional Networking Committee, chaired by Chris Valliere. This committee's goals are to strengthen the professional networks between alumni and help collegiate Brothers network with alumni and find career opportunities. We have a Mu Beta Psi Professionals Facebook group, and hope to provide more in-person networking opportunities at Fraternity events. For financial stewardship, we have fundraised more than average this year, in no small part due to the Convention silent auction. In addition, Music Makers Fund gave \$500 to the Dollar Bay High School Band to attend the state band festival (Robb Strieter, Rho) and the Atlanta Freedom Band for new uniforms (Casey DeVane, Alpha).

Fellowship involves keeping the Fraternity part of our Brothers' lives. Midyear is part of that; our annual Midyear meeting was in Pigeon Forge, TN this summer. We rented a cabin and enjoyed our Brothers' company in the Great Smoky Mountains. But there's more to it- we have revived the Thoughtfulness Committee, chaired by Sarah (Feutz) Cooperman, to help Brothers celebrate achievements and support them through struggles. We're also revamping the process for selecting the Kutschinski Award for Best Chapter. Instead of passively accepting applications from Chapters, a committee will actively solicit information from each Chapter on its Kutschinski-eligible activities. This makes sure every Chapter gets equal consideration every year, and gets Alumni talking to the Chapters and their Brothers. It will also now consider the "regular everyday/annual activities" each Chapter does, unlike in the past when only new events were considered.

## Midyear Recap

Hello Brothers!

MidYear 2018 was an incredible weekend with a great group of Brothers. The Gathering Committee secured a beautiful, enormous, cabin that had every amenity one could wish - including a pool, two hot tubs, pool table, movie theater, and tons of space. This facilitated incredible socialization as we shared each meal.

Dinner was served Friday night (thank you to our spaghetti chefs!) and was a fantastic start to the weekend. We learned that Allison Udulutch has impressive pancake skills (and Ben Griffeth was amazing with the bacon!) as everyone pitched in for the communal meals. The movie theater served as a perfect meeting space when we held



*Brothers at Midyear made it out of the escape room alive!*

our meeting at 10am. We only had one election, President, and Garrett Cooperman has been selected by his peers. Congratulations, Garrett!

The meeting also included a radical revision of the Kutchinski award that the chapter is excited to welcome. This will require more hands on support from the Alumni Association but Garrett has already created an ad hoc committee (Mentoring and Professional Networking) that we anticipate will meet the challenge. Garrett also created the Thoughtfulness Committee, a committee that was held in the past that supports Brothers in their life events. Sarah Cooperman has agreed to chair and further define this committee.

The meeting concluded and was followed by sandwiches, chips, and a group photo before people enjoyed afternoon activities. Several Brothers continued to enjoy the cabin amenities while other elected to tour the region. Keep an eye out for the picture of Chris Valliere petting a baby goat!

About 2/3 of the attendees spent the evening at an escape room. I'm thrilled to report that EVERY TEAM made it out! The times were pretty solid - everyone had several minutes remaining, with Sean's team having nearly 15 minutes still on the clock.

Dinner was grilled burgers and hot dogs, facilitated by the new President. Chris Ciarlariello cooked up homemade macaroni and cheese, which perfectly complimented the meal. The hot tub enthusiasts were greeted by some very curious wildlife - the raccoons seemed very interested!

Breakfast on Sunday was staggered as many Brothers had to make an early departure for the drive home. Chris again showed his kitchen efforts by preparing breakfast casseroles for each to eat before departing. Everyone went their respective directions, most arriving home by Sunday evening.

One of the best parts about this year's MidYear - it was one of the most cost effective weekends! Two night's lodging and food cost Brothers under \$170 a person! By selecting dates earlier, it facilitated the lodging search. Gathering committee wants to continue this momentum by getting dates and locations secured further in advance for Brothers to plan attending MidYear each year.

We hope to see everyone again at Convention 2019 in Oswego, NY, hosted by Nu Chapter! Also, be on the lookout for voting for MidYear 2019 dates this fall!

In Brotherhood,  
Sarah Guthrie ✂

## Share Your Moment

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



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Fun	Advent of Code - Mu Beta Psi	A place for Mu Beta Psi members to talk about our Advent of Code experiences, share our solutions, and get help!
	Brothers of the Fence	Mu Beta Psi fans of Coheed and Cambria
	Mew Beta Psyduck	A place for the Brothers of Mu Beta Psi to discuss Pokemon in all its forms.
	More Book Psuggestions	A place for Mu Beta Psi Brothers to discuss books and give suggestions!
	Mu Beta Pets	A group for brothers' adorable animal pictures
	The Beta: Mu Beta Psi for Gamers	A place for Brothers of Mu Beta Psi to discuss gaming and plan online gaming experiences.
	Who Beta Psi	A group for Whovian Mu Beta Psi brothers to share and discuss our love for Doctor Who.
Informational	Mu Beta Psi National Archives	National Historian Kulyk invites Brothers to experience and share our organization's history.
Regional	MBΨ Twin Cities	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers near St. Paul and Minneapolis
	Mu Beta Psi - Charlotte	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers in and around Charlotte
	Mu Beta Psi - Eastern WI, Chicago, IL	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers from Green Bay, Wisconsin down to Chicago, Illinois
	Mu Beta Psi - Gulf Coast	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers down in Texas and Louisiana
	Mu Beta Psi - NC Triangle (Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill)	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers around the NC Triangle area
	Mu Beta Psi - NC/SC/VA	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers in the southern states of South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia
	Mu Beta Psi - New England	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers in greater New England region
	Mu Beta Psi - NY/NJ/PA	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers throughout the tri-state region of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania
	Mu Beta Psi - Roanoke/Salem/Lynchburg	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers located near Roanoke, Salem, and Lynchburg
	Mu Beta Psi - Southeast MI	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers living in the Southeastern mitten and Detroit area
	Mu Beta Psi - Upper Peninsula	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers by Zeta and Rho in da UP of Michigan, eh!
	Mu Beta Psi - Washington DC/ Baltimore	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers near the capital area
	Mu Beta Psi - West Coast	A meet up and local conversation group for Brothers along the Pacific
Support	Brothers Getting Chiseled	All Brothers that want to lose some weight, trim up, or just stay in shape or be healthier can stay in contact with one another, organize workout activities, keep each other updated, and support and motivate each other.
	Help for a Mentally Better Psi	We love our Brothers, and we are here for you if you need reassurance, comfort, or just a willing ear.
	Mu Beta Psi - Financial Help	This page is for helping Brothers learn how to navigate the financial world. This is to seek advice and for Brothers to share money saving tips, websites, and habits.
	Mu Beta Psi Pride Alliance	A space where LGBTQ and allied Brothers of Mu Beta Psi can come together for support and thoughtful discussions about issues facing the LGBTQ+ community.
	Mu Beta Psi Professionals	This is a place for Brothers to share job opportunities, graduate schools, career advice, and job search resources.
	Mu Beta Psi Teachers Support Group	A place for brothers to share lesson ideas, stories, and networking.

# Announcements



Kenari Yarborough (Mu Alum) and Brian Yarborough (Alpha Alum) had their first child. "Our first child has arrived, and is doing wonderful despite being born 6+ weeks premature. Let us introduce Milanora Yarborough (aka Mili)!"



Shawn DeYoung (Rho) was was offered a "big kid job in the histology lab" where he interned. He is also getting married in December to our wonderful Editor the The Clef, Natalie Holbrook (Rho).

Sarah McKellar (Tau) shared "I'm studying abroad this semester in Brussels, where I am taking classes on the European Union, NATO, and security policy. I'm intern-ing at this cool think tank and my program goes to a bunch of cool places like the Netherlands, Serbia, Bosnia, and Ukraine! I'll be going to Iceland and Croatia on my own in a few weeks :)"

Kristen Stanton (Nu and Pi) started working SUNY Delhi in the Registrar's Office as a Student Records As-sistant. She says "It's a great fit!"



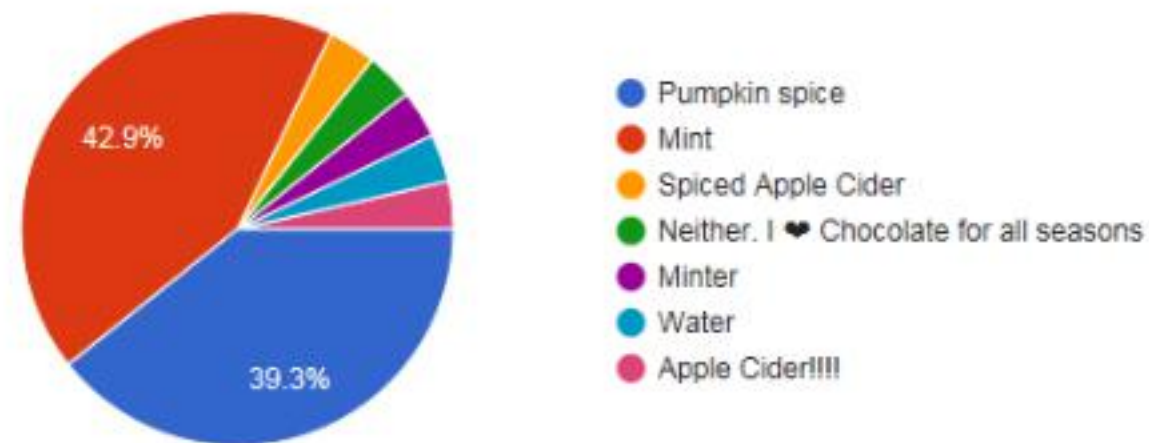
Margaret Saelen (Rho Alumna), got engaged to Taylor Tillotson.



# We Asked, You Answered!

## Seasonal Flavor?

28 responses



Though Mint and Pumpkin Spice were close, Mint ultimately won as favorite flavor. Apple cider was a popular mention, as well.

## Indoor vs. Outdoor

This was another close one, but 55% of respondents said they were more of an outdoors person than an indoors person.



## Jobs

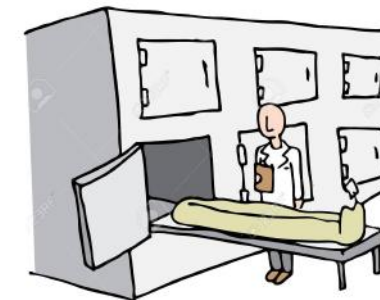
We asked Brothers what they wanted to be when they grew up. We got a variety of responses. Teacher was the most popular, followed closely by veterinarian, astronauts, and performers (actress, singer, dancer, and rockstar). Other answers include: Olympic skier, coroner, train engineer, video game developer, archaeologist, police, doctor, nurse, midwife, and zoologist.

Heather Vingsness actually followed that dream and is currently a teacher. You can read more about it on page 25 in our Teacher Feature.

Fun Answer: Maggie Stranka (AA/Omicron): "A teacher! Specifically, I wanted to replace my first grade teacher (I distinctly remember telling my teacher I was going to take her job one day)"

Most unique: Emma Nanninga (Zeta) as a Coroner

Most specific: Mandy Mileham (Rho) as a cheerleading veterinarian



## Animals

Dogs and ALL THE ANIMALS tied at about 38% while cats held their own at 24%. That's ok though, cats don't care if you like them or not.



## Halloween

Here's what every Chapter (generally) dressed up as for Halloween.

Alpha: Superhero and Pop Culture  
Zeta: Something punny  
Nu: Something from pop Culture  
Pi: Superhero  
Rho: Princesses  
Tau: Something Political  
Alumni Association: Something Punny

We had mixed opinions for most chapters, but there were two that a majority agreed on: Zeta and Tau.





# Favorite Albums of 2018

By Kate Hendrick

What started off as a pretty basic idea - asking Brothers in a music fraternity to talk about their favorite music - became one of my favorite pieces in this edition of The Clef. It is awesome to read Brother's talk about something they love. I enjoyed reading people explain why they loved the album ranging from an emotional response to the quality of music to the nostalgia of a favorite band. It's interesting how the same people can listen to an album and have different reasons they love it. Read on to find out which albums Brothers claim are the best of 2018.



**Genre Fluid by Table 45 (Pop)**

**Recommended By:** Georgette Stillman (Pi)

**Favorite Song:** Overlover

**Why She Recommends It:** My Pledge Brother is in this band! No joke though, this is a pretty dope record. We even did

"Overlover" at our Chapter's open mic rush event so that was pretty cool

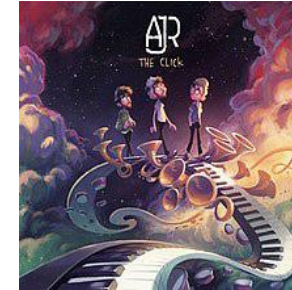


**Mania by Fall Out Boy (Alt Rock)**

**Recommended By:** Anna Kase (Rho)

**Favorite Song:** Champion

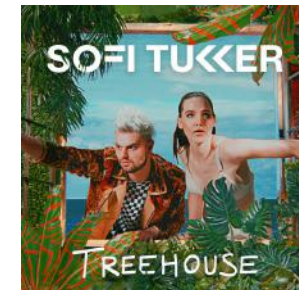
**Why She Recommends It:** Because it's Fall Out Boy



**The Click by AJR (Alternative)**

**Recommended By:** Shawn DeYoung (Rho)

**Favorite Song:** Sober Up



**Treehouse by Sofi Tukker (EDM)**

**Recommended By:** Matt Wood (Alpha)

**Favorite Song:** Batshit

**Why He Recommends It:** It's fun and danceable.



**Don't Go Breaking My Heart by the Backstreet Boys (Pop)**

**Recommended By:** Derek Sexton (Nu/AA)

**Favorite Song:** Don't Go Breaking My Heart

**Why He Recommends It:** Don't Go Breaking My Heart



**In Your Own Sweet Time by The Fratellis (Indie / Alt Rock)**

**Recommended By:** Christian Pirie (Zeta)

**Favorite Song:** Laughing Gas

**Why He Recommends It:** If the band was better known or this was 2005, then they would

have a smash hit album. As it stands, this album is an absolutely brilliant reprise of the indie musical emotions of noughties. It feels like it pulls heavy influences from The Killers as well as The Fratellis' own prior work and sound.



**High as Hope by Florence + The Machine (Indie Pop)**

**Recommended By:** Ryan Ralph (Zeta)

**Favorite Song:** June

**Why He Recommends It:** I am a HUGE F+TM fan, and this album is just incredible.

The depth of the lyrics are amazing, and the overall musicianship of the album is outstanding. If you are looking for some chill music that speaks to everyone in some way, this is a great album for that.



**Rainbow by Ke\$ha**

**Recommended By:** Heather Vingsness (Zeta/AA)

**Favorite Song:** Praying

**Why She Recommends It:** It's relatable, powerful, and empowering.

## 2018's #1 Most Recommended Album Pray for the Wicked by Panic! at the Disco (Pop Rock / Alternative)



**Recommended By:** Emma Nanninga (Zeta)

**Favorite Song:** High Hopes!

**Why She Recommends It:** It just kind of fits with what I've been going through and how you always have high hopes as a kid and you always try to live up to them.

**Recommended By:** Sarah Gardner (Rho)

**Favorite Song:** Hey Look Ma, I Made It

**Why She Recommends It:** It's Panic, duh

**Recommended By:** Allyson Wagner (Pi)

**Favorite Song:** High Hopes

**Why She Recommends It:** It is a straight-up jam, every song tells a story, and I can listen to the whole

thing on repeat forever. It's the kind of album you never get sick of.



# The MBΨ Alumni Association Welcomes You

Brotherhood is for life. No matter the circumstance, you can be as involved as you want to be.  
Learn more at <http://alumni.mubetapsi.org>.

## Region Networks

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

## City Networks

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



### (1) We're a mixture.

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

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

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

### (3) We like to help.

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

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