

# The Clef



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**WELCOME  
UPSILON CHAPTER!**



*"We hope this publication will be an inspiration for active members to continue carrying on the objectives of Mu Beta Psi and will provide an incentive for inactive members and alumni to take a renewed effort in our organization"*

**- Ted Halverson, National Executive Secretary Emeritus and First Editor of The Clef**

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# The Four Purposes of Mu Beta Psi:

- 1: To honor those outstanding individuals who have devoted their time and efforts to the musical organizations at the educational institutions of the respective Chapters.
- 2: To stimulate interest in the musical organizations at the educational institutions of the respective Chapters.
- 3: To advance music to its proper place as an educational subject
- 4: To encourage fellowship amongst musicians everywhere.

## Letter from the Editor

Hello, Brothers!

Thank you for reading the Winter 2019-2020 Edition of The Clef!

It is an honor to compile this document and represent the amazing work being done by Mu Beta Psi and every single one of our Chapters.

I took over this role mid-summer after being appointed by National President Zazarro. I immediately hit the ground running continuing the work of my predecessor NEOTC Holbrook to modernize our communication and marketing styles.

Our new monthly e-newsletter has gotten very positive feedback and has allowed us to stay more up-to-date with what is happening each month at both the Chapter and National levels. If you are interested in subscribing to the newsletter, contact Webmaster Julia Kester to be added to our National Listserv!

In addition, we have created a new public LinkedIn page that you can connect to your personal profiles. We will also be able to share professional content in a new capacity and grow our network as an organization.

I have been working with a team of Brothers with expertise in non-profit communications, marketing, and branding to help align our messaging and branding in a way that is truly representative of Mu Beta Psi and our Brotherhood. We have surveyed Brothers and identified themes unique to us and are working to create a strategy based around those themes.

On a personal note, I relocated from Raleigh, NC to Seattle, WA in August and have been transitioning to life in my new home. The people of Seattle have a wonderful sense of activism and champion many worthy environmental, public health, and social justice initiatives and it's very refreshing after coming from a state with the opposite intentions.

In addition, I was elected to serve on Board of Directors for the Young Non-profit Professionals of Seattle. I am serving a two-year term as their National Liaison (think Chapter MAL) and love the networking I've been able to do with non-profit professionals around the country while also learning

about the status the non-profit sector in the greater Seattle area.

Thank you to those who took the time to write reports and other pieces for this document as well as those of you taking the time to read this and learn about Mu Beta Psi. I hope, if nothing else, this document gives you a sense of the love and accepting spirit of our beloved Fraternity.

In love and Brotherhood,

Ashley Ford (Alpha 2013)



Above: Ashley in front of Seattle Skyline

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# Chapter Reports

Check out what our 8 Active Chapters have been doing since Nu Convention!

## Alpha Chapter - NC State University

We are proud to say that we have had many Brothers graduate in 2019. I would like to recognize them for their achievements. In the spring, Brothers Buddy Cross, Travis Cothran, Jared Everson, Hannah Bryan, Kristen Young, Indira Gutierrez, and Amanda Lay graduated from their respective programs. This fall, Brother Fredi Reyes also graduated. We wish them best of luck as they pursue their futures, either in the professional world or in pursuing further education.

While it is good to see our Brothers accomplishing their goals and moving on from their student roles in the fraternity, it is just as important to see new Brothers amongst us. We had two successful Pledgeclasses this year. In the spring of 2019, Brothers Samer Issa and Bennett Meyer joined the Chapter as members of PCOBB. This fall, Brothers Liv Swayze and Caroline Cholette were initiated as The Bolds.

This Fall, Alpha Chapter had the opportunity to honor some of our most cherished friends and supporters. Many alumni Brothers came from across the country to Raleigh in order to partake in the initiation of the Masini family as Honorary Brothers. Toni Christine Masini was posthumously initiated and her parents, Bob and Mickie, were initiated in person. Toni Masini was entering her senior year at NC State in 1992 when she died tragically in a drowning accident at Carmichael Gym. Toni had been elected president of the marching band for the coming year, and music was a hugely important part of her life. In her memory, Bob and Mickie Masini, her parents, endowed the Toni Christine Masini Memorial Scholarship, which is now the largest scholarship awarded by the NC State Music Department. Bob and Mickie have supported the marching band and the music department with their time, energy, and love, far beyond just financial donations. As said by Rob Faggart, they are band parents to the entire NC State marching band. It was our privilege to be able to recognize such a wonderful addition to our Brotherhood.

Over the past year, we have shown our support of the music department at countless music events, setting up stages, preparing programs, ushering, and helping break down. We have supported the marching band in all their needs at football games and after practices. We have also been able to help local school systems with music education and with music and marching events. Our A Cappella Fest this year was a hit and was both a very successful and entertaining performance and a great fundraiser for Alpha. When we aren't helping the music

department through service, many of our Brothers have been active in the various ensembles. We had representation in the Jazz Bands, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Pep Band, Marching Band, Woodwind Quintet, and Men's Choir.

This fall, our marching band had its first marching band alumni reunion. Alumni of all ages came together to play and march with the Power Sound of the South again. We even got a photo of all Brothers that came to participate!

As we end the year we want to congratulate our Brothers for the great things they've accomplished in 2019: Buddy Cross began work at Cisco Systems in Raleigh-Durham, NC, beginning his professional career in Computer Engineering. Samer Issa marched drum corp with Carolina Crown over the summer. Finally, our Chapter President, Reece Neff, was awarded the 2019-2020 Toni Christine Masini Scholarship.

Alpha Chapter looks forward to another great and memorable year in 2020!

Below: Group Photo from Spring 2019 Initiations



## Zeta Chapter - Michigan Tech University



Sunny Psi Up! - Hope Winters, Kyle Usimaki, Rebecca Bakker, Carolyn Fairchild, Amelia Kramer, and Mieka Clark (left to right)

Zeta Chapter Brothers after their Chapter Meeting: Heath Ha-verdink, Rachel Duffy, Rob Smith, Katie Adair, Glory Creed



## Nu Chapter - SUNY Oswego

Since the last convention Nu Chapter has welcomed 8 new members from the Beta Alpha and Beta Beta class, along with the new members we welcomed a new honorary member, Paul Leary who is the electronic music professor here at Oswego. We had three brothers graduate last May: Santa-Li Zambrano, Douglas Woolever and Benjamin Kratz. One of our annual fundraisers that we put on here is Casino Night was a very big success this past spring in collaboration with another service organization on campus and raised money to help out our local arts and music group on campus. Along with that many of our brothers helped paint a mural in the quad between our academic buildings, also for our service we have been ushering all of the music department concerts. Nu chapter recently added a new committee for music and that committee has put on quite a few events such as karaoke night, brothers concert and a workshop with Dr. Alan Martin who teaches here at Oswego. Nu Chapter is now getting ready for our end of the semester banquet to celebrate our semester. We have also started to lay the foundation for the New Member class Beta Gamma next semester and for any other projects that we have in the works for next semester. We are all very excited to see everyone at Pi Con in March





## Pi Chapter - Rutgers University

This year has been a very active year at Pi Chapter here in New Jersey. First off, we would like to congratulate all of Spring 2019 graduates: Patrick Zazzaro, Aarona Fong, Dory Knipple, Michelle Mitchell, and Georgette Stillman. A special shout out to Britni Strittmatter for graduating from Middlesex County College. This fall, we have Jena Eckenroad finishing her last semester at Rutgers. Good luck everyone!

Pi Chapter is proud to announce that we had a New Member class for both the Spring and Fall! Our Spring 2019 class, the Beta Deltas, nicknamed the Ducks, are Caitlyn Chow, Nickolas Lam, John Hoban, Gianna Pizzutillo, and Michael Martinez. Next, our Fall class, the Beta Epsilons, nicknamed the Bees, are Amanda Eider, Steven Eliya, Jeremy Pampo, Jamea Torres, and Alexa Quarino.

Next, we would like to introduce our new Honorary Brothers that were both included in the Spring. Both of these people hold a special place in our hearts and have tremendously helped the Brothers in spreading our organization throughout Rutgers. The first is our new advisor, Dr. James Busito who is the Assistant Director of the Marching Scarlet Knights and the Director of Pep Band. Our second Honorary Brother is, Professor Todd Nichols, who is the Director of the Marching Scarlet Knights and the Director of Athletic Bands.

Pi Chapter is always looking for new ways to help our surrounding community and have helped many organizations on and off campus. Some events we have participated in include Rutgers Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, Scarlet Day of Service, the Move-in Crew, and creating motivational post-it notes and posting them around campus. Some events that we hosted include Snowball, which raised money for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, a Blood Drive, and Soup Bowl, where we collected cans to be donated to a food pantry. Within our own Rutgers community, we participated in assisting the RU Belly Dance troupe with their semester event HAFLA, a Rutgers Music Library Cleanup, and organizing/cleaning up for the Marching Band Banquet. Outside of campus, many of the Brothers volunteered at Marching Band Competitions at Edison High School and John P. Stevens High School.

There are many Music events Brothers have participated in this year. Brother Gianna Pizzutillo performed with the Concert Band on the flute and piccolo. The Brotherhood hosted an A Cappella Fest where many of the A Cappella groups came together and performed. Many of the Brothers also part of the Rutgers Marching Scarlet Knights, where they practice three times a week with performances during football games. Along with the football games, the Brotherhood had the chance to perform at Metlife Stadium twice during the Fall 2019 Semester. We performed for Monday Night Football, where the Giants and Cowboys played and the other time for a High School

Marching Band Competition. Along with a busy Marching Band season, many Brothers and Alumni participate in the Pep Band, where we play for all of the home Men's and Women's Basketball games.

Our Brothers have hosted many fundraisers this year, including a Band Camp store and a game day store for the Marching Scarlet Knights, which includes many snacks and drinks. Along with these events, we have also had a Chocolate Bar Fundraiser, where we sold the chocolate bars along with Ghost-a-Grams for Halloween.

We are proud to present that some Brothers were recognized on campus for their deeds in the Organization and their scholarly hard work. Brothers Jena Eckenroad and Gianna Pizzutillo were recognized by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs for their hard work within this organization, with Gianna receiving the Outstanding New Member Award on September 9, 2019. Additionally, we have Katelyn Spina and Jena Eckenroad being initiated into Gamma Sigma Alpha, The National Academic Greek Honor Society.

Finally, some exciting news at Pi Chapter include our President Joe Unkel is student teaching! Brothers Andy Rears and Brad Kizar, along with John Hoban, have created a game called "Space Crab 2" and it is currently available in the App Store! Most importantly, we can't wait to see Brothers come to Rutgers for Convention next semester on March 13-15 in 2020!

Pictured below: Pi Chapter Brothers assisting with Move-In



## Rho Chapter - Northern Michigan University



Rho Chapter has been busy since Convention! We rounded out the Winter 2019 semester with initiating Catherine Sanford and Taylor Shay, The Sanford and Shay Paper Company Inc. Pledge Class, into our Chapter. Following that we had elections and from it came President Gabi Nitti, VP Shelby Boschma, Secretary Mandy Mileham, Historian Catherine Sanford, MAL-E Morgan Chidester, Music Chair Mandy Mileham and Service Chair Morgan Chidester. Our semester concluded with graduation which many Brothers performed at with our Symphony Band. Five Brother's graduated with their Bachelor's degrees: Sarah Gardner, Kyle Mol, Zoey Reightley, Katie Stangis and Sara Uribe and I, Kristalynn Hiser, graduated with an Associates degree. Congrats to them all!

Over the summer myself, Keylyn Reed, Taylor Shay and Alumni Allison Udulutch all traveled to AA Mid-Year 2019 and had a blast seeing and meeting Brothers.

To kick off our Fall 2019 semester we elected Treasurer Keylyn Reed. Rho Chapter did hold a Pinning Ceremony for Victoria Lakin, however, due to personal reasons, she opted to no longer continue the pledging process this semester, but hopes to return in the future. Rho Brothers also traveled to Upsilon Chapter for both Pinning, Mid-Point and Installations! Rho is proud to welcome all at Upsilon into the Brotherhood and cannot wait to see what they accomplish within Mu Beta Psi.

Rho also completed their Mandatory Service Event by assisting with the Moosewood Haunted Bog Walk in October; from ticket taking, to line leaders and even as a scare station. We continued to help usher and tear-down several concerts for our Music Department and volunteered during the Second Annual NMU Choral Festival put on for UP and Northern Mid-West High Schools.

We also enjoyed a Mid-Semester visit from Rob Smith (Grandpa Rob), NVPCM Laura Rohrer (Grandma Laura) and NVPE Scott Nelson.

Our Chapter is also finalizing a large fundraising event for next semester, Music Benefit Festival, a night full of performances from NMU and local musical groups to raise money for VH1 Save the Music Foundation; Rho hopes this will become an annual event for our Chapter.

This December two Brothers, Amanda VanderWall and Shelby Boschma graduated with their Bachelor's degrees! Congrats to both of them!

At Rho's final meeting of 2019 we announced our dates for our pledging season for Winter 2020, watch the Intranet Calendar for more details! We also elected VP Morgan Chidester and re-elected Music Chair Mandy Mileham and Service Chair Morgan Chidester. We will kick off next semester by making two of our Advisors, Dr. Robert Engelhart and Dr. Barbara Rhyneer, Honorary Brothers! Happy Holidays to all from Rho.

Top Left: Brothers at Band Camp (left to right): Aleyna Greener, Abigail Hein, Morgan Chidester, Mandy Mileham, Taylor Shay, Nicole DeMol and Catherine Sanford.

Below: Advisor, Dr. Robert Engelhart, accepting his bid to become an Honorary Brother





## Tau Chapter - American University

2019 has been an incredible year for Tau Chapter at American University in DC!

Tau Chapter is very proud of all of our brothers who graduated in 2019! This spring, Sarah McKellar, Tim Madden, Cali Bronkema, Alyssa Miguel, and Austin Jaffe all graduated. This fall, Brothers Lily Coltoff and Meg Mackenzie will be graduating. Congrats to all!

Tau has grown tremendously this last year with the addition of the Pi and Rho pledge classes. Pi class, which was initiated in spring of 2019 includes new brothers Jalen Lesly, Anna Evans, Jordan Texidor, Kaela Thurber, Lily Coltoff, Hope Mason, Emma Walker, Silvi Grodstein, Morgana Yellen, Madelyn Zuckerman, Robin Miller, Nolan Spaulding, and Lissa Ogden. Rho class, which was initiated in fall of 2019, includes new brothers Dylan Bakos, Spencer Loepere, Duncan McDonald, Asher Grinberg, Grace Hasson, Charlotte Simpson, Maren Valenti, Skylar Spore, and Evan LH.

Tau loves to spread our love of music through service and fundraising! We visited and performed at a local senior center. This year, Tau has been able to meet our fundraising goal of raising \$1000 for local DC music organizations. Tau hosted a Mocktail Paint & Sip and Giving Tuesday Candy Cane Fundraiser for the DC Youth Orchestra, Candy Grams for the Musicianship, and the Week of Partnership for the Sitar Arts Center. We're also hosting a Fall Gala for the Sitar Arts Center this December, which will be a fundraiser and an open mic. This will be our first gala in years!!

Tau has also been very involved with music on campus! We've hosted open mic nights in on-campus coffee shops, and every week, there always seems to be a brother performing in something. Brothers have performed with the symphony orchestra, symphonic band, jazz orchestra, chamber groups, chamber singers, chorus, theatrical productions, and more! Some of our brothers in the AU Chamber Singers even went to and performed in Greece. Whenever brothers are performing, Tau brothers are sure to show up and cheer their brothers on!

Tau has also loved to have some of our brothers serve as Bigs to the Upsilon Colonists and to send some of our brothers to Upsilon Installations this November. We're looking forward to Kappa reinstatement and convention next semester!

And most importantly, this year, Tau finally got a physical representation and name for our mascot, the Pla-Tau-pus! After much brotherly debate, our mascot was named Paulie P. (the P stands for Plataupus). Paulie P. is a pink Webkinz google (close enough) that currently lives in MAL Robin Miller's dorm room.



## Alumni Association



The Alumni Association currently has 54 active members, a number we hope to see continue to grow. We held our annual MidYear meeting for 2019 just outside Pittsburgh in Somerset, PA. We had over 30 people attend this year and ended up renting two cabins to hold everyone. We enjoyed each others' company with games, a petting zoo, and an escape room, as well as elected a new Vice President Hannah Kruse and MAL Tammy Goetz.

We did some restructuring of our committees this year, including separating the mentoring and professional networking committees to better dedicate time and resources to each. The gathering committee has already been hard at work meeting a soliciting input regarding next year's meeting, which has been announced to be held the weekend of July 24-26, 2020 in Chatanooga, TN. Be on the lookout for more information to come soon, including pre-registration.

Our other committees have been hard at work and meeting this year as well. Some examples of what is being worked on include: The outreach committee has created an Instagram page for the Alumni Association (@mbpsiaa) to join some of our other chapters in having more of a public social media presence, and our professional networking committee has a long term goal of taking the steps to create an online career center as a resource for brothers to use

In terms of philanthropy, our Music Maker's fund has given \$250.00 to the East Wake HS Band Parent Organization to help fund the band's trip to perform at Carnegie Hall in NY. We also recently gave \$500.00 to the TomGen Music School for Middle Schoolers, an organization run by two Delta alums that refurbishes and donates band instruments to middle school students. We have raised \$718.19 for the fund via our Silent Auction at Convention held at Nu Chapter this year, and have generated \$644.77 via Amazon Smile as of November 2019.





# Honorary Brotherhood: The Toni Masini Story

On November 11, 2019, Brothers spanning 5 decades gathered to install Toni Masini and Family as Honorary Brothers of Mu Beta Psi. Since her untimely passing in 1992, the Toni Masini Family has been a generous supporter of the NC State Music Department.



Last night's Honorary Brother initiations of the Masini family were moving and powerful. Toni Masini was entering her senior year at NC State in 1992 when she died tragically in a drowning accident at Carmichael Gym. Toni had been elected president of the marching band for the coming year, and music was a hugely important part of her life. In her memory, Bob and Mickie Masini, her parents, endowed the Toni Chris-

tine Masini Memorial Scholarship, which is now the largest scholarship awarded by the NC State Music Department. Bob and Mickie have supported the marching band and the music department with their time, energy, and love, far beyond just financial donations.

As I said last night, after Toni's untimely passing, these long-time band parents became band parents to the entire NCSU marching band. They exemplify service in love of music and the purposes of Mu Beta Psi. Last night, Bob, Mickie, and Toni, posthumously, were initiated as Honorary Brothers, with Toni's brother Lou standing in for her.

Twenty-six active, inactive, alumni, and honorary brothers from the last five decades attended and participated in the initiations. Brothers from as far away as Texas and Seattle, and from as far back as 1979 were there, with some "local" brothers

driving more than two hours to attend. It was a shining example of Brotherhood, and what Mu Beta Psi is all about.

To the active brothers, thank you for making this happen and for welcoming all of us much-older-than-petrified-dirt brothers back. The fraternity is in good hands, and you make us proud. To all of the alumni and others, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to celebrate the Masinis and their legacy, and to demonstrate to the younger brothers that Brotherhood really does prevail, even thirty or forty years later.

We said it four times last night, but I'll say it again: May Brotherhood Prevail!

- Reflections from Rob Faggart, Alpha Chapter Alumni

# Honorary Brotherhood: The Toni Masini Story

This memorial scholarship was established to preserve the memory of Toni Christine Masini as a young woman with exceptional leadership skills and a 'Commitment to Excellence' through God, family, friends, academics and music. This scholarship was set up to acknowledge, in particular, her involvement in the Department of Music at North Carolina State University as a participant in the North Carolina State University Marching Band and various other performance ensembles, as a solo performer, A.J. Fletcher Music Scholarship winner and as a practicing musician dedicated to continuous musical growth. Toni Christine was a rising senior at the time of her death in June 1992. During the previous three years, she was an active participant in a variety of musical endeavors at the university, including first chair in the Wind Ensemble while playing the flute and piccolo. In addition to this, Toni was a Dean's List student and was elected president of the Marching Band for her senior year. Her family decided that in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Music Department of NCSU for a one-time gift, but due to the generosity of family and friends, a permanent endowment has been established in Toni's memory. This endowment, which is still receiving contributions, provides a \$5,000.00 annual scholarship that is awarded to a deserving student who meets the requirements set forth in the program description for this prestigious scholarship.



Above: Brothers who have received the Toni Christine Masini Memorial Scholarship pose with the Masini Family. Left to right: Rebecca Burton ('14-'15), Bob Masini, Toni Masini, Victoria Padiaditakis ('17-'18), Lou Masini, Jeffrey Petters ('96-'97), Reece Neff ('19-'20)

Toni Christine Masini wearing her marching band uniform in Carter-Finley Stadium, Home of the NC State Wolfpack.



# Zeta Celebrates K-Day

K-Day, short for Keweenaw Day, is an annual tradition at Michigan Tech held on the Friday of the week of Labor Day.

Adaption from Michigan Tech Student Leadership and Involvement

## What is K-Day?

K-Day, short for Keweenaw Day, is an annual tradition at Michigan Tech held on the Friday of the week of Labor Day. It is a registered student organization fair with around 200 groups in attendance. Each year on K-Day, classes release at noon so our students can celebrate their beautiful surroundings in the Keweenaw Peninsula and learn about ways to get involved and connected at Tech. K-Day typically sees around 3,500-4,000 students attend!

## Activities and Food

With lots of food and snacks, music, inflatable games, and more there is plenty to do at K-Day! Best of all, more than 200 of Michigan Tech's Registered Student Organizations have booths set up so you can learn more about them and learn how to involved. With well over 240 Student Organizations at Michigan Tech, there is something for everyone!

## Location

K-Day took place in Chassell at Centennial Park! The park features 900' of shoreline on Portage Lake, a swimming beach, picnic area and a playground.

K-Day is sponsored by Fraternity & Sorority Life and Student Leadership and Involvement.

Michigan Tech is proud to have our 19 fraternities and sororities volunteer and lead in order to make this event possible each year.





# Officer Reports

Our National Officers and Committee Chairs detail what they've been working on this year.

## National President - Patrick Zazzaro (Pi)

Hello to Brothers and Friends alike,

I hope everyone is enjoying the end of the academic semester & the beginning of winter! I would like to personally welcome to all of our newest initiated Brothers that crossed this Fall, we at Mu Beta Psi are ecstatic to welcome you to our Brotherhood and hope that you become integral parts of your respective Chapters! :)

The National Organization of Mu Beta Psi has experienced quite the exciting last couple of months since Nu Con. We have seen a group of new Brothers step up into National leadership roles. We had a tremendous training session which concluded with our newest Chapter, Upsilon, being finalized on November 17th! If you didn't get a chance to welcome our newest Chapter, take some time at Pi con to do so!

The National Executive Committee (NEC) has been quite active since the last convention. The committee has met a total of 6 times (including the town hall that was hosted in October). During these meetings, the NEC has accomplished a number of tasks including approving the National Budget, voted on replacements for the hosting provider for our national servers, made recommendations on changes to the name of the NVPCM email alias, began discussions towards potential changes of various National Officer positions, among other items of interest for the committee. In our upcoming meeting on the 11th of Dec, we will discuss a new method proposed by NS Petschauer to handle Shingles in the future along with application materials for the reactivation of Kappa Chapter!

On the NP side of things, I'm starting up my second round of formal check-ins with Nationals to discuss everything that happened over the Fall semester. A second full report will follow at the conclusion of all my formal check-ins, which I aim to wrap up about halfway through January. Brothers, keep an eye out for that email!

We have now begun the countdown to Pi Con (March 13th to 15th). I am definitely excited to see all our wonderful Brothers there! Are you interested in running for National Office? (I know you want to! :D) You can follow this link (<https://convention.mubetapsi.org/elections/>) to find which materials are required to send as well as see other Candida-

tes' materials were submitted.

Did you know we have a new suggestion box for Brothers to give feedback to Nationals/National Officers? You can follow this link (<https://intranet.mubetapsi.org/suggestion-box/>). If you would like a follow-up to your submission, please make sure to leave a contact method

As always, if anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and let me know!

In Music, Service and loving Brotherhood,

Pat Zazzaro

National President

Alumni Association/Pi Chapter (Spring 2016)



## National VP of Expansion - Scott Nelson (Zeta)

Brothers and Friends. It has been an amazing year for me and the Expansion of Mu Beta Psi. I am very happy that I have spent more time in the company of Brothers this year, than I have since I graduated from Michigan Tech. From the action-packed halls at convention in Oswego, to the beautiful mountains of western Pennsylvania for AA Midyear, the oppressively hot and quaint Spartanburg at the Kappa Organization meeting, to the spastically rainy streets of DeLand for Upsilon Pinning and Installations, the always blustery Marquette for a meeting at Rho, and my gloriously nostalgic old haunts in Houghton to spend time at Zeta; it has been an amazing year.

One eternal constant of the expansion committee, is that, "When it rains, it pours," and this year has been no exception. While Upsilon was being born, I was working in parallel with Amanda Griffeth to organize students at Wofford College to fulfill the long-held goal of reactivating Kappa Chapter. This effort is doubly special, as Kappa Founders Amanda and Ben Griffeth's daughter is included among the group of fifteen hopeful trainees. As of November 22nd, I have received an Application for Reinstatement for Kappa Chapter and, assuming all goes well, we will be moving forward with the education and training of the applicants in the spring of 2020.

If two expansion efforts weren't enough, I have also worked with the NCE to codify the policy surrounding the Non-Hazing Agreement forms, and with CBOT Ciarlariello, the NCE, and the BOT to update and approve a highly improved version of the skeletal bylaws. In response to lessons learned during the Upsilon training, I am now working to modernize the training requirements to bring our policy in-line with current chapter practices before we begin the training at Kappa Chapter. I have also been working with the PLEDGE committee to find modern terms for our process to educate new members, and I am very happy with the deep discussions that we've had and the results that the committee has achieved.

In the future, I hope to rebuild the colonization procedures from the ground up with the goals of simplifying the requirements, increasing the emphasis on successful chapter building, and rebalancing the workload on the NCE and the HPMS. Of course, I continue to hope to find new opportunities and to rekindle old relationships to grow our family and serve the purposes of Mu Beta Psi.

In Loving Brotherhood.

Scott Nelson

National Vice President of Expansion





## National VP of Chapter Maintenance - Laura Rohrer (Nu)

Hello Brothers! This has been a whirlwind year for me and the fraternity as a whole, and I would like to start by a giant warm welcome to our newest Brothers, initiated in the fall semester at all of our Chapters, and to our newest chapter at Stetson University in sunny Florida. Welcome Upsilon!!! The completion of our first successful expansion effort in almost a decade was the result of the hard work of many across our organization, and thank you to all involved either directly or supportive of this effort.

Since being appointed at the end of last spring semester, I spent some time getting to know my chapter representatives, and have alternated meetings with the committee as a whole, and one on one chat sessions with the chapter reps to provide more personalized direction for the chapters. In addition to visiting Upsilon chapter during the colonization process, working to ensure a smooth transition to CM from expansion, I was also present at the organizational meeting for Kappas reactivation, and have visited our 2 furthest chapters up in the Upper Peninsula, spending a weekend with Zetas and Rhos.

I have worked with some of our chapters through issues of campus image, increasing recruitment, and restructuring of Bylaws to name a few. While it isn't always in the forefront of what is going on, especially during such a heavy expansion year, there is quite a bit going on in the background to make sure these new chapters join a strong Brotherhood.

Remember that any Brother can reach out to me and bring concerns to my attention, and that my email address has changed to NVPCM@mubetapsi.org due to a longstanding issue with spam.

I look forward to seeing many of you in New Jersey in just a few short weeks!!

In Loving Brotherhood, always  
Laura Rohrer



## National Secretary - Katherine Petschauer (Pi)

I hope everyone has had a wonderful new year and have made a smooth transition into the new semester. Since Nu Convention, I have been busy keeping up with the usual tasks of Secretary. Names of the past few years of individuals who have not received shingles have been tagged and submitted to be made in time for convention. The biggest accomplishment was doing some research and purchasing an embosser to handle the task of making the shingles as well as the charters for the future.

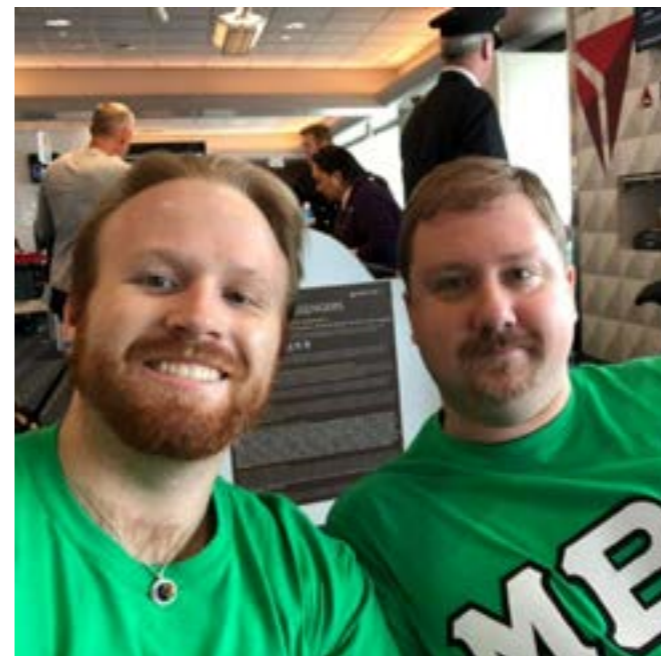
Submissions have been the same, but thanks to Julia, we finally have the contact list formed so that one complete list is auto-generated, as opposed to being copy and pasted into one giant Excel spreadsheet.

Other than that, it has been quiet on my end of things and have made myself available to anyone who needs assistance. Hope to see many of you at Pi Convention (my home Chapter!)

In Music, Service, and Brotherhood,  
Kat (and Acorn)



## National Treasurer - Tyler Jensen (Zeta)



Brothers, I hope all is well and that you are excited for what 2020 will bring us. There are a lot of amazing things happening in the Fraternity right now, and I hope you have had a chance to get engaged! My time over the course of 2019 has been focused on the colonization of Upsilon chapter as well as preparing necessary materials for my transition out of the position of National Treasurer. This update is bittersweet as it will be the last time I address you as National Treasurer (at least to my knowledge, but who knows what the future holds for us!).

As I announced back in the start of Fall 2019, I will be stepping down, so a majority of my focus has been on preparing the necessary documents to ensure that my successor has what they will need to feel comfortable as they transition into the position. A good example of this effort is drafting a guide to the position that helps address some of the challenges I encountered over my four years in office. I have also been working on templates that Chapters can use to keep effective track of their finances (something I believe will be of benefit moving forward for any future Chapters we colonize/reactivate). I still plan to continue serving the Fraternity in whatever capacity I am needed, including being a direct line for the next National Treasurer to tap for any questions they may have. I believe this is a healthy transition for the Fraternity that will lead to future

growth (it is important to have diversity in resources in any organization, including finances).

My focus for the remaining time at NT will be in supporting the reactivation of Kappa Chapter (this will likely be in cooperation with my successor), working on some policy changes/recommendations for the National Finance Policy, and finishing the NT guide.

I want to take a moment to thank all of my reps over the years for your dedication to this Fraternity and for fulfilling such an important role at your respective Chapters. Your service and time have not gone unnoticed.

I had a lot of opportunities to grow in this role and look forward to what new and exciting opportunities come next within Mu Beta Psi. 2019 had many amazing achievements within our organization, including: achieving Tax Exempt status for the National Organization, the colonization of Upsilon, and the continued policy changes we have been working through to address the on-going requirements to be an inclusive national greek organization. There are plenty of opportunities to continue to grow on the financial front as we strive to grow sustainably.

Let's continue to keep our standards high and push towards a future where we can continue to dedicate our time and efforts towards fulfilling the four purposes that define Mu Beta Psi.

To prospective new members, I encourage you to consider joining this wonderful organization (you won't be disappointed!).

To brand new/younger Brothers, I welcome you with open arms and hope I have the opportunity to work alongside you in the future.

To our seasoned Brothers, thank you for your contributions thus far to bettering the organization as a whole. May Brotherhood prevail!

In Music, Service, Love, and Brotherhood,

National Treasurer – Tyler Jensen 03/2016 to 03/2020



## National Historian - Nathaniel Kulyk (Xi)

Greetings!

Things have been fairly quiet over the past few months. However, progress is being made on a couple of fronts, which I am pleased to share with you.

First, in the Archives collection are a series of VHS and camcorder tapes, the contents of which are the proceedings of the General Assembly of past National Conventions, primarily from the 1990s and some from the early 2000s. I took time to review the collection and shipped the tapes to NT Jensen, who took the time to digitize the contents. The goal is to have easier access to these recordings for historical posterity and for reference purposes. A few weeks ago, I received word that the process is ongoing and well on its way to completion. In the coming weeks, I will receive a thumb drive with contents to review for picture and sound quality. I hope the entire project will be complete in time for Convention 2020. I'm incredibly grateful to Tyler for his help and I'm very excited to see this piece of our history become more accessible to the Fraternity.

Second, several Brothers have submitted donations to the Archives. These include a Mu Upsilon Alpha t-shirt from Pi Chapter Brother Carly Steele, and some pictures and a biography from Delta Chapter Brother Horace Hudson, who served as National President in the 1960s. I also donated my own Mu Beta Psi "NateDogg" windbreaker to the collection. As always, Brothers are more than welcome to contact me at any time if they would like to make donations.

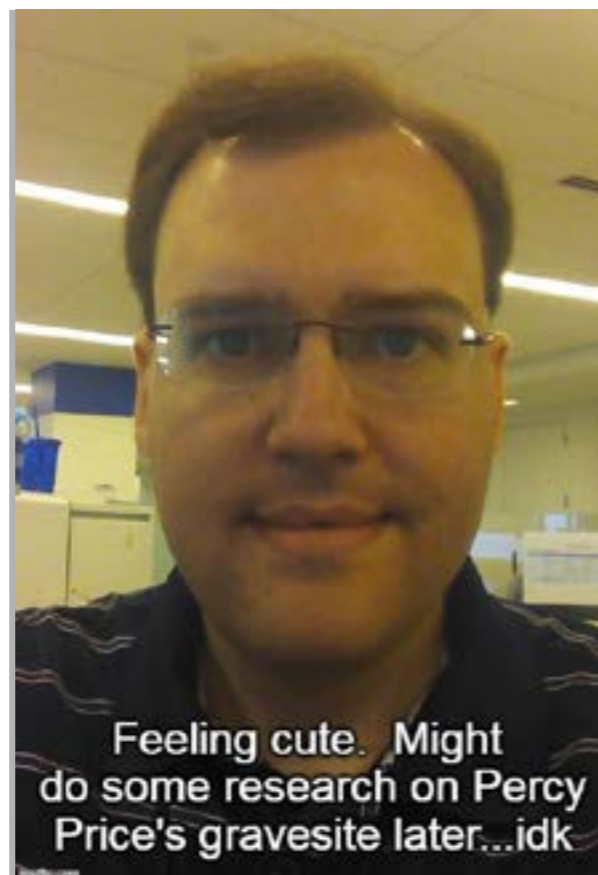
Third, I took some time to assist NVPE Nelson with some questions concerning skeletal by-laws to assist with the Upsilon expansion efforts. I'd like to offer my sincere congratulations to the newly initiated Upsilon Brothers and a warm welcome to Mu Beta Psi! I also fielded some questions concerning chapter mascots in which I enlisted the help of the Brotherhood via Facebook.

Finally, to conclude, I'd like to share a piece of history which I included in my Legislative Council report at Convention. This past November marked the 90th Anniversary of our first National Convention, which was held by Alpha and Beta Chapters at NC State. An article in the Technician student newspaper offers some highlights of this great event:

"The convention opened at 5:30 PM Friday, with a banquet at the YMCA, and the seven courses served caused even the "Wolfpack" drum major to confess that as a gourmet he was more than satisfied, although he could have enjoyed more chicken. The banquet hall was attractively decorated in the fraternity colors – red and white – and imported candles served as the means of illumination. The fraternity insignia and newly-engraved coat of arms also added to its appearance. The national president, J. Matthews, officiated as

toastmaster, and the speakers included E.J. Cullem, musical director at Davidson College, "Daddy" Price, ditto at State, C.E. Orr, Jr. president of Beta Chapter, and P. Fry – also Bob Smith, famed for his natural ability as a comedian and joker. A poem, "The Influence of Music" was read by H.E. Altman, one of the new members of Alpha Chapter. Later the members retired for a business meeting, at which the present national officers were reelected for the coming year. H.W. Horney was elected executive secretary, and an executive committee, composed of P.W. Price and C.E. Orr, Jr. was elected. At 11 O'clock all unfinished business was postponed until the following day in order that the guests could enjoy the rhythmic harmony of the "Personality King of Jazz" and his followers, as portrayed at the pledge dance in Thompson Gymnasium. This was made possible through the courtesy of Dean Cloyd. The visitors spent the night at "Seldom Inn," and the next morning was taken up with a tour of the campus. At 12 O'clock a final meeting was called at which it was decided to hold the next national convention April 25, 1930. The Davidson-State game in the afternoon provided plenty of excitement for everyone concerned. Mr. E.J. Cullem certainly proved that whatever the Davidson band may have lacked in quantity was more than accounted for by the music turned out."

IBh,  
Nathaniel Kulyk  
National Historian



## Chair of the Board of Trustees- Christopher Ciarlariello (Pi)

Brothers, My 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 two amazing children, Mason and Chloe.

Since my last report, the Board has met several times. While much of summer and early fall efforts have revolved around helping Upsilon Chapter to become established, we have many projects in the works. Mu Beta Psi has finally achieved tax-exempt status and are now just awaiting the approval for Chapter level exemption. From there, Chapters will be able to apply for state tax-exemption. The Board has been working on amending the way we handle elections and is hoping to have something in place for the upcoming Convention at Pi Chapter!

## National Information Technology Committee Chair - Julia Kester (Nu)

Since last Convention, I have been fairly busy with both the both the Webmaster position and as Chair of the National Information Technology Committee.

Over the summer, we learned UNC, who hosts our national email list, is looking to decommission the list. We no longer have students at the school, and they will no longer be supporting lists that don't have an admin with an active student account. The decision was made to move our list over to Kevin Britton's (Webmaster emeritus) servers. There is still some work left to be done on this front, as I need to purchase a new domain for the list to live under, and then migrate all the users.

In the midst of trying to get our mailing list switched over, we ran into some server issues that took over my focus. In mid-November, I started seeing a very high number of service failures & restarts, repeating over and over. This was causing our sites to have database failures, making them unusable for brief but frequent periods of time. Our hosting provider was finally able to determine the root cause of the issue, which was related to running some automatic tasks that were now-defunct. After turning those off, I have not seen any issues since.

We have also spent quite a bit of time doing some self-reflection on who we are as a Fraternity, on the whole, as well as the various components that make up who we are. We have done and analyzed a SWOT analysis of Mu Beta Psi and have also reflected on what we do to fulfill our purposes at various levels within our Fraternity. We have been discussing the vision of the Fraternity as well as a strategic plan that will help bring that vision to life.

The Board of Trustees has been making quite a bit of progress 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

In addition to the above, I spent a portion of September finishing up the online Contact List submission process, which I've been meaning to complete for a few years. I have asked that Chapters go through the new submission process prior to our next deadline in January, so that I can ensure everything works correctly.

Lastly, with the installation of Upsilon came several changes to both the intranet and our public website. I tackled getting the Chapter set up with membership and officer management, as well as updating information. There was quite a bit to do, and it gave me a great opportunity to add to add the whole process to the Webmaster Handbook!

IBH,  
Julia



## National Scholarship Committee Chair - Jessica Caudle (Alpha)

We are planning to award the national scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year! Our National Scholarship Management Committee will decide the recipient at Pi-Con.

Remember your coins for Penny Wars! The titles for most negative (highest dollar amount of non-pennies), most positive (highest amount of pennies), and best decorated container are all up for grabs. If you want your Chapter to

walk away a winner, bring us your money!!

You might also see a pie in the face fundraiser!

Please continue to promote our scholarship to your musically inclined, non-Brother friends at the educational institutions of your respective Chapters.

Visit [scholarship.mubetapsi.org](http://scholarship.mubetapsi.org) to apply.

# Mu Beta Psi Scholarship

- The Mu Beta Psi Music Service Scholarship is a one-time award of \$250 intended to honor current and incoming college students who have devoted their time and efforts to musical organizations in their community.
- Students of any academic major may apply.
- Selection for this scholarship is both service-based and merit-based; applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale.
- Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to music as an art and as an educational subject.
- Application is due March 1st.



## 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>.**

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

### (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.

#### 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
- Seattle



The Alumni Association at Mid-Year 2019



# Welcoming Upsilon Chapter

On November 17, 2019, Brothers from across the United States gathered at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida to welcome our newest Chapter into the Brotherhood of Mu Beta Psi. National VP of Expansion, Scott Nelson, sent the official announcement below:



Brothers,

It is my great honor as National Vice President of Expansion to announce that on Sunday, November 17th, 2019 at 1:17am on the campus of Stetson University in DeLand, FL, fifty Brothers representing all active and two inactive chapters bore witness to the initiation of eleven new Brothers; marking the official Installation of Upsilon Chapter, the 19th Chapter of Mu Beta Psi. This historic event in our Fraternity was the result of countless hours of amazing work put in by our Host Pledgemasters, Sarah Cooperman, Zac Parchomenko, and Kristalynn Hiser, the National Committee on Expansion, the Big Brothers, the National Brotherhood, and of course, the Upsilon Brothers themselves. It has been an absolutely amazing 14 months bringing our Brotherhood to Florida, and I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of the Brothers who made this possible.

So without further ado, please join me in welcoming the 11 founding Brothers of Upsilon Chapter, the Skoot Boots:

*Elizabeth Soucy, President*  
*Robert Armstrong, Vice President*  
*Kris Villota, Secretary*  
*Garrett McCormick, Treasurer*  
*Karina Miranda, Member-at-Large*  
*Anisah Majeed, New Member Educator*

*Gracie Caggiano, Assistant New Member Educator*  
*Arelys Carmargo, Historian*  
*Anthony Donofrio*  
*Rebecca Nolasco*  
*Courtnei Wade*



## *Upsilon Chapter Report - Stetson University*

Upsilon Chapter had an excellent holiday season and is very excited to begin its first semester as a chapter! From Thursday 'Jersey Days' to getting to speak at the School of Music Community Meeting, our chapter is slowly but surely earning a name for itself at Stetson University. We hosted an extremely successful Friendsgiving on November 25, 2019 and we look forward to seeing many new faces join us during our rush week of January 27- February 2, 2020.



### *Reflections from Scott:*

In late 2018, I received an inquiry on the expansion site from a very motivated group of musicians and digital artists at Stetson University asking what it would take to start a Chapter of Mu Beta Psi. I responded warmly, and spent a few months developing a relationship with their leadership. We welcomed four students from Stetson, Elizabeth, Garrett, Kris, and Karina, to Convention at Nu Chapter where we displayed the best of our Brotherhood and embraced them with open arms. Things accelerated fast from there as we appointed Rho and the Alumni Association as host chapters with Kristalynn Hiser, Zac Parchomenko, and Sarah Cooperman as Host Pledgemasters. The Stetson students submitted their Petition for a Charter shortly thereafter in late April, and it was promptly accepted by the NCE; we officially had a colony for the first time since 2011. The summer went quickly and as soon as school

had started Brothers from across the country descended on DeLand, FL where we pinned 15 colonists and began the training process. Over the course of 8 weeks, we had plenty of ups and downs and lots of amazing moments among some frustratingly late nights. The colonists put their whole selves towards the success of their colony and built an amazing Brotherhood. Simultaneously the members of the NCE, the BOT, the NEC, and Big Brothers spent countless hours in online meetings with me and the HPMs working to ensure that the colonists had the best opportunity to succeed. After all of that work, on Sunday, November 17th, 2019, over 50 Brothers from nine chapters witnessed the initiation of 11 new Brothers and the birth of Upsilon Chapter. I have to admit, I got a little choked up as I was the first to welcome them all into our Brotherhood.





# Mu Beta Psi Through the Decade

Zeta Chapter Convention  
2009

Mu Chapter Convention  
March 2010

Tau Chapter installed  
at American University on  
April 10, 2011

Pi Chapter Convention  
March 22-23, 2013

Rho Chapter Convention  
April 4-5, 2014

National Scholarship Committee  
Developed  
2010

Omicron Chapter Convention  
March 9-10, 2012

Sigma Chapter installed at St. Louis University on November 7, 2009

Nu Chapter Convention  
2011

Inaugural Talphacron  
Summer 2013

# 2009

# 2014



# Mu Beta Psi Through the Decade

Tau Chapter Convention  
March 19-20, 2015

CFO added to Board of Trustees  
March 11, 2016

Branding and Style Guide Approved  
March 11, 2016

Fraternal Life and Conduct Policy Replacement Complete  
March 16, 2018

Gender-Neutral Policy Resolution Complete  
March 16, 2018

Upsilon Chapter is installed at Stetson University on November 17th, 2019

Application to reinstate Kappa Chapter received on November 22, 2019

# 2015

# 2019

Alumni Association Convention - Detroit  
March 10-11, 2016

Alpha Chapter Convention  
March 10-11, 2017

Zeta Chapter Convention  
March 16-17, 2018

Nu Chapter Convention  
March 8-9, 2019