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Pictured: Mu Beta Psi Car in the 1975 Hobo Parade at Michigan Technological University

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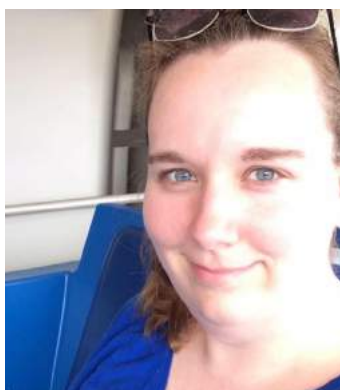
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# Brother Spotlights

By Natalie Holbrook

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In the last edition of *The Clef*, Spring 2017, I wrote an article called "How to Stay Involved". This article provided ideas and encouraged Brothers to continue to fulfill the purposes of Mu Beta Psi everywhere we go, during the summer and as an alumni. Of course, there isn't enough room to feature everything we accomplished as an organization since the last edition, but I wanted to acknowledge some of our Brothers who made outstanding contributions to music and service (and volunteered to be interviewed for *The Clef*):

## Aaron Christianson, Zeta



Aaron Christianson is ready to spar holding props from his work as a scenic carpenter.

**Organization:** Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre

**How did you get involved?** I applied to work at the Musical Theatre of Wichita, where my shop supervisor at school was going to be the Technical Director. My cover letter wasn't great, I didn't have formal professional experience, and most of the people applying were recent graduates or masters students. My shop supervisor looked at all the resumes that made it through, and gave me a list of places those people had worked. I applied to all of them. I had two interviews by the end of the next day, and two job offers three days later. Utah called me 10 minutes before my interview with Des Moines Metro Opera, and Des Moines offered me the job on the phone.

**What was your favorite memory or part of this experience?** I got to spend the summer living in, hiking in, and doing Opera in the freakin' mountains. As a city kid from New Jersey, it was super fun to explore all of the crazy landscapes in Utah.

**What was the most challenging part?** I was one of the youngest carpenters, but I was also the most experienced and the best carpenter there. I know I am very good for my age, and that was challenging-making recommendations to people four or five years older than me, hoping they wouldn't treat me as their inferior, because I was technically in charge of them.

**What have you learned from Mu Beta Psi that was helpful for this experience?** How to keep morale up when people are tired and still have hours of work to go. As a Zeta, we pride ourselves on having a fairly hardcore pledge process, meaning late nights and lots of work on top of most pledges and Brothers being engineers with a full course load. At times, it could be very hard to keep working on what we had to as pledges, due to fatigue, exhaustion, worry about classwork or missing home, but we found funny little ways to spontaneously bring the energy back up and keep moving forward.

**What did you learn from this experience that would be helpful to Mu Beta Psi?** I learned more about being a great leader. I have held many leadership roles in the past, but this summer, I really felt like a leader of adults.

## Danielle Durso, Pi



Danielle Durso's ReThink Theatrical Headshot.

**Organization:** ReThink Theatrical

**How did you get involved?** The Artistic Director of ReThink Theatrical is a good friend of mine from college. We were in many shows together and created a great working relationship. He reached out and told me about the organization's mission [of bringing free theater to the community]. I was instantly sold.

Being able to give back to the community while working with amazing people is a win/win.

**Approximately how many hours did you put in over the summer?** Too many to count! First, the staff and executive board meet up to do research. Our review looks at Musical Theater and the American Broadway stage through history. We separated the decades into segments and did extensive research. Then we auditioned, chose a cast, and worked extensively to take advantage of summertime schedules. Many, many long nights. But they all ended with a feeling of accomplishment and a motivation to continue working.

**What have you learned from Mu Beta Psi that was helpful?** What haven't I learned through MBPsi? I have learned to manage my time, to be compassionate towards individual struggles, to delegate, and to harness my creativity.

**What did you learn that would be helpful to Mu Beta Psi?** I learned that you need to continue to use your passion even while adulting. I didn't realize that I needed to engage in a creative process again until I started. It has helped me be a better person. So if you are feeling overwhelmed with life, jump back into music in some way.

**What was your favorite memory or part?** My favorite memory was the first time that the singers and actors saw my dancers perform. They were blown away! It was gratifying but also a moment where we could all truly appreciate each other.

**What was the most challenging part?** The most challenging part was persevering through the long days and late nights. It was physically taxing but very mentally rewarding.

***ISo if you are feeling overwhelmed with life, jump back into music in some way."***

## Jackie Harms, Alumni Association/Zeta



After a long summer filled with music and service, Jackie Harms visited Costa Rica with fellow Zeta Victoria Demers.

**Organization:** Trumpet player in the pit orchestra for Manistee Civic Players present Pippin

**How did you get involved?** Every year Manistee has a Forest Festival around the Christmas time. I went last year and there

was a brass ensemble. I went to talk to the member in charge to see if she needed any trumpet players. Turns out she is the director of the Onkama Bands and heavily involved in musicals at the theatre. They needed more trumpet players and so I said yes.

**What have you learned from Mu Beta Psi that was helpful?** Every little thing helps. Music is the soul of life.

**What did you learn that would be helpful to Mu Beta Psi?** This was my first time playing in a pit and I really enjoyed playing and meeting other musicians in the area! Keep volunteering!

**What was your favorite memory or part?** I have never played in a pit orchestra before. It was a great learning experience and great meeting a lot of people around the community.

**What was the most challenging part?** Being the new person is always the hardest, so it's hard to meet/get to know everyone but everyone was so nice and welcoming.

## Hannah Kowalewsky and Ryan Ralph, Zeta



Over the summer, Hannah Kowalesky and Ryan Ralph volunteered with Hancock High School and performed in the pit orchestra for a local production of Sister Act.

**Organization:** Organized music library for Hancock High School Band Program

**Approximately how many hours did you put in over the summer?** Hannah: We did around eight hours this summer. We only did two days, but certainly have plenty more that we could do! There are many, many more that could be added in for this fall.

**What was your favorite memory or part of this experience?** Ryan: It was a lot of fun getting to hangout with brothers while we worked together to fulfill our purposes.

**What was the most challenging part?** Hannah: I think honestly it was deciding on where to start. The music was sorted in it's own special way. Once we decided to start with the band music, it was smooth sailing as it was typing in info in our spreadsheet from there!

Ryan: While helping out, we developed a new numerical system for keeping track of 100+ boxes of music. This task was over the



course of two days, and Hannah and I reorganized all of the band music owned by the Hancock Bands. Over the course of those two days we put in about 9 hours of work for this project.

**What have you learned from Mu Beta Psi that was helpful for this experience?** Hannah: I'm not sure if she didn't know I was in Psi if this would have come to us as a project. Wearing Letters proud and representing them well can bring many opportunities.

Ryan: Mu Beta Psi allowed me to participate in such a wonderful event and showed me how much we matter to not only the musical organizations of our respective schools, but also the surrounding musical communities.

**What did you learn from this experience that would be helpful to Mu Beta Psi?** Hannah: How the heck to set up a music library that could easily be added on to without having to go and reorder every time new music came in. Thank you technology!

***W**earing Letters proud and representing them well can bring many opportunities."*

## Eric Leifermann, Zeta



Eric Leifermann takes a selfie with his team after their Robofest win!

**Organization:** Lead Technical mentor for FRC Team 2826 Wave Robotics, based out of Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**How did you get involved?** I got involved with FIRST my freshman year in high school back in 2001 and have been doing it ever since. I mentored 3 teams in college, then went and volunteered with the AmeriCorps VISTA program working for FIRST in Washington DC. After I moved back to Wisconsin, I got involved with Wave because friends from high school and college started the team in 2009.

**What was your favorite memory or part of this experience?** I work with students interested in CAD, manufacturing, programming, electrical engineering type things (we call this subgroup "systems"), as well as our non technical side of the team.

I get a new favorite memory from FIRST every year. But what I

get most out of the program is seeing the students I work with grow and move on to better things after high school.

**What was the most challenging part?** The most challenging part about FIRST is the amount of time and effort needed to be a high functioning highly competitive team. I average about 30 hours a week during the build and competition season and another 15 during the rest of the year. But FIRST is honestly the hardest fun I've ever had and while I'm working on something FIRST related the rest of the world and life's problems disappear.

**What have you learned from Mu Beta Psi that was helpful for this experience?** The biggest thing I gained from Psi that's most helpful with Wave is probably learning how to organize and run small events and organizations.

**What did you learn from this experience that would be helpful to Mu Beta Psi?** The best thing that Wave has taught me is how to communicate better. Good communication can alleviate a lot of perceived problems. And as we all are aware, in any group, problems can pop up quick and without warning.

## Kristen Stanton, Nu

**Organization:** AmeriCorps Member at Healthy Lifestyles



Pi/Nu Brother Kristen Stanton, center, with community members and coworkers cleaning up the elementary school garden.

Coalition, a project of United Way of Broome County, in Binghamton, New York

**What was your favorite memory or part of this experience?** I had many! My favorite part of the job was working at the school, primarily with grades 4-5, and the adults in the cooking class. They taught me so much, while I was able to give them tips on improving their meals. The area I worked in is a food desert...many are in poverty, obese, have other chronic health conditions, don't have a car, and on top of all of that, they live over a mile from a grocery store. It's hard to eat healthy if you have a walker, have little income, are obese, and have to walk 1.5 miles ONE WAY under a dimly lit underpass, to a grocery store. We partnered with local agencies and organizations to bring mobile markets, as well as farm shares, to the area to help give them access to produce at a reasonable cost. Three of our most regularly attending community members lost over EIGHTY POUNDS combined in less than a year, in addition to decreasing

blood pressure and cholesterol. I loved being able to help touch their lives, while they most certainly touched mine.

**What was the most challenging part?** To be completely honest, the pay was difficult. It averages to about \$3 an hour less than state minimum wage, which is possible as it is a "living allowance" and not an actual paycheck. I was fortunate to live with my parents and save on many expenses, but I think the pay keeps some people from applying to National Service programs. Additionally, due to the changes in Washington, it led to many of the needed programs in our county to lose funding- such as the AmeriCorps position I held, as well as the aforementioned mobile grocery markets losing all their staff for the markets. It was hard to tell the community that my cooking classes couldn't continue, and that markets were slowly closing, but even raising a couple hundred dollars couldn't save the program.

**What have you learned from Mu Beta Psi that was helpful for this experience?** I learned time management and leadership skills through positions such as Pledge Master, Member at Large, Chapter Maintenance Rep, and IT rep. I also frequently took notes and minutes while Pledging in addition to filling in during the secretary's absence, so notetaking skills helped as well during staff and United Way board meetings.

**What did you learn from this experience that would be helpful to Mu Beta Psi?** I strengthened my public speaking skills, teaching skills, leadership skills, conflict resolution skills. I had the opportunity to attend the New York State AmeriCorps Leadership Council Pilot Program's Leadership Summit in August. I got some great information on team and leadership management, as well as listening skills and collaborations.

**Would you recommend AmeriCorps to those looking to participate in national service?** Overall, I would, if the housing allowance is sufficient for the person looking to serve. I gained much more than a paycheck- I got experience, certifications, training, leadership skills, traveled to Albany a few times, assistance with student loans, colleagues and friends I hope to keep in contact with for many years, references, and an easygoing and flexible schedule.

*But what I get most out of the program is seeing the students I work with grow and move on to better things after high school."*

## Jason Yanity, Zeta

**Organization:** Original Dulcimer Players Club Funfest

**Briefly describe your position/role.** I taught 2 classes on the Bodhran (Irish hand drum) at the festival. All classes are free for festival-goers and instructors donate their time. I also provided percussion for parts of three separate stage acts.

**What was your favorite memory or part of this experience?** Playing onstage with the large ensemble doing "Bricks in the Wall". It was great when it was just the small group, but then to



Member of the main group: (L to R) Bing Futch, Sharon and Tim Broyles, Jason Yanity, Kelly Kaiser.

have our little "flash Mob" just made it better. My entire family was onstage: Ellen, Nathan (11) and Megan (9).

**What was the most challenging part?** Providing percussion backup to my son. He is awesome at the hammered dulcimer, but has problems playing along with others and keeping tempo. The bodhran likes even tempos.

**What have you learned from Mu Beta Psi that was helpful for this experience?** I did not play an instrument in any capacity before I joined Psi. Neil Duncan, a pledge Brother, and Ellen Yanity (McEnhill) got me into the Pep Band playing percussion, mostly cymbals and melody percussion.

**What did you learn from this experience that would be helpful to Mu Beta Psi?** There are many chances to play music after graduation, if you open your view a bit more. I never imagined I'd be semi-regularly playing folk music and even teaching it when in school. The group I play with is almost as close as it was at Tech with Zeta Chapter and gets as weird as the Pep Band.

The Brothers of Mu Beta Psi accomplish so much as a group, but the things we achieve outside of the organization are impressive as well. Our four purposes don't just guide us while we're active, but guide us throughout our lives. If you're a Brother participating in an awesome musical or service event and want to be featured in the next edition of The Clef, let us know!

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Jason Yanity, Jeffrey Mom, and Nathan Yanity (Jason's son) concentrate to give their best performance.



# Mu Beta Psi and the Order of the Talphacron

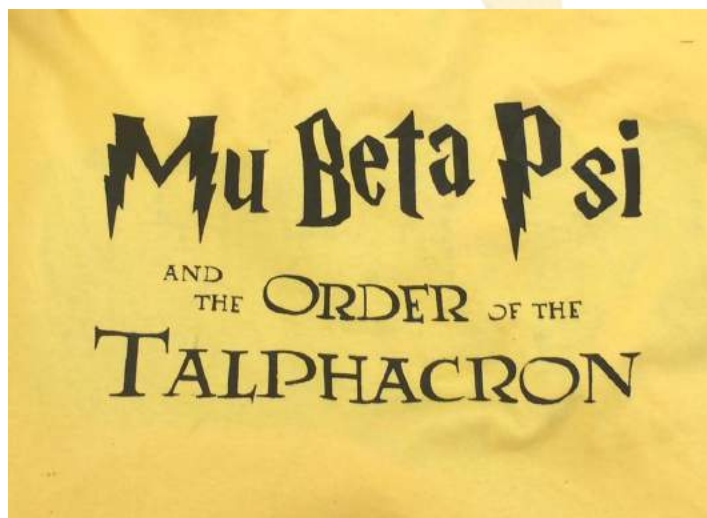
The fifth annual all-fun summer event was filled with magic, spells, and Brothers.

By Veronica Tabor  
Staff Writer, Zeta Chapter

This past July, Brothers from all over the country descended on Chesterfield, Virginia for Mu Beta Psi's annual Talphacron (Tau-Alpha-Omicron) gathering. Though it's not in the name, Brothers and others from all chapters are welcome to attend. Jen and Phillip Staten host the event annually at their home in Chesterfield. Unlike National Convention or Alumni Mid-Year, Talphacron involves no meetings or "official" fraternity business. It is an opportunity for Brothers to spend time with each other and do some fun activities while strengthening their bonds of Brotherhood.

Jen and Phillip welcomed attendees to Talphacron with everyone's favorite comfort food: Mac 'N Cheese! The two prepared an extensive Mac 'N Cheese bar for Brothers who were quite weary from their long travels. National Treasurer Tyler Jensen (Z/AA) drove 700 miles one-way to attend this year's Talphacron. "The experience is well worth the trip. Jen pulls out all of the stops to make the event an amazing experience," says Jensen, "It is also a great opportunity to meet a small collection of Brothers instead of a large mass like at Convention". Other weekend activities included a picnic in the park, arts and crafts, bowling, a tour of Richmond, storytelling, and just hanging out, enjoying time with Brothers.

This year's theme was "Mu Beta Psi and the Order of the Talphacron", and it showed with the activities and crafts the Brothers participated in, including screen printing shirts with fun Harry Potter phrases. Jessica Caudle (A) says "The t-shirt graphic Jen designed was great! She had even prepared Letter shirts for attendees based on our Hogwarts House. If someone didn't submit a house she Facebook stalked them and played the sorting hat herself. Phil made ButterBeer and we etched our glasses with Harry Potter themed decals". Both Jen and Phillip made sure that Brothers had a magical Talphacron experience.



Mu Beta Psi and the Order of the Talphacron screen printed shirt.

of Talphacron was being able to spend time with Brothers from other chapters who we may not see as often. Sean Weiser (O, AA), who has been to Talphacron every year, describes the event as "a great place to come and have fun. There is no business, no meetings, no workshops. Just brothers playing games, doing crafty time, and enjoying each other's company". All in all, Talphacron was a successful wizarding weekend of Brotherhood, bonding, and fun. If these testimonies haven't convinced you, come it experience it next year for yourself! ✨



Of course, the main highlight All the witches and wizards who attended Talphacron 2017.



# Just Talphacron Things

//My favorite memory was when we sent some Bros to get Starbucks. As a 3.5 year Starbucks Partner, it was really funny to me as those Brothers tried to scream out the names of the drinks they had just picked up as if they were Baristas. There's a really good picture of me laughing and clapping at this" - Ashley Ford (A, National President)

//Alex Dimitrijeski was there and wore a onesie. Some people might think that was cool"- Jessica Caudle (A)

//Love Nate the Snake"- An Le (Pi)

//This is a once in a lifetime experience that I highly encourage everyone to do. The Statens won't be able to do it for very much longer. Who knows if someone will ever do it again!?"- Tyler Jensen (Z, AA, National Treasurer)



Phillip Staten mixes up a magical batch of Butterbeer.



Brothers in their house color letters at Saturday's cook out.



Lucia Soltis shows off her etched glassware.



Phillip Staten's annual telling of Nate the Snake had everyone spellbound.

# Brothers in Buffalo: Alumni Association Hosts Mid-Year 2017 in New York

By Beth Schermerhorn  
Staff Writer, Nu Chapter

Nineteen Brothers traveled to the ends of the Earth in the name of Brotherhood and the Alumni Association! Well, not the end of the earth, but the edge of Niagara Falls sure feels like it sometimes. This year's AA Mid-Year meeting was in Buffalo, NY. Due to a very short business meeting (key agenda point: what does the AA want to be known for/as?) we had a lot of time for adventures. Our plans to explore Buffalo's Canalside district were ironically foiled by set-up for a music festival that blocked off the whole area! Instead, a group of brave seafarers boarded the Maid of the Mist steamboat to go under Niagara Falls, while another climbed aboard a more military type of boat at the Buffalo Naval Park. After refueling with some Greek food, our travelers relaxed by the fire at Hannah Kruse's (Nu) house.

(Blurb by Haley Vingsness, MAL for AA)



Alumni Association members Haley Vingsness, Sean Weiser, Lucia Soltis, Rho Chapter President Sarah Gardner, and Alumni Association member Amanda Griffeth in front of the falls.

## Interesting facts about Niagara Falls:

- Actually consists of three waterfalls that straddle the border between Canada and the United States – the Horseshoe Falls, the American Falls, and the Bridal Veil Falls
- The Horseshoe Falls lie on the border between the US and Canada while the American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls are on the American side
- 17 miles north-northwest of Buffalo
- Located between the twin cities of Niagara Falls, New York and Niagara Falls, Ontario
- The Maid of the Mist has been carrying passengers below the falls since 1846

## Interesting facts about Buffalo:

- Located in Western New York on the shore of Lake Erie and the head of the Niagara River
- Second most populous city in New York after NYC
- Residents are called Buffalonians
- The completion of the Erie Canal in 1825 brought a surge in population to Buffalo
- Home to two major league professional sports teams, the NHL's Buffalo Sabres and the NFL's Buffalo Bills
- The Canalside district was once the western terminus of the Erie Canal and is home to the KeyBank Center, where the Buffalo Sabres play and a frequent venue for major concerts (recently hosting acts such as Ed Sheeran, Bruno Mars, and Ariana Grande)



Hannah Kruse (Nu), Ben Weise (Pi), Alice Kong (Pi), and Michelle Mitchell (Pi), took Henry Cannon sightseeing at Niagara Falls.



Ben Weise (Pi), Michelle Mitchell (Pi), An Le (Pi), and Hannah Kruse (Nu) hang out with the skyline behind them



# Mu Beta Psi Takes Six Flags

Brothers get their fill of thrills on the third annual summer theme park trip.

By Beth Schermerhorn  
Staff Writer, Nu Chapter



Mu Beta Psi Six Flags 2017 group photo

One summer event that has quickly become an annual tradition among Brothers is a group visit to Six Flags Great Escape in Jackson, New Jersey. This year's event was held on August 5. This was also an opportunity for inter-Chapter interaction as Brothers from both Pi and Nu Chapters were in attendance. Brothers travelled from near and far for a day of fun, fellowship, and roller coasters.

This trip is a great opportunity to meet new Brothers and to socialize while riding a ton of rides. Brothers in attendance mentioned Nitro and the Justice League ride as favorite rides. Countless memories and inside jokes were made. All Brothers surveyed about this event mentioned an inside joke of flailing arms/hand flapping as a way of signaling each other, and they even got other people in the theme park to start doing it, too.

In case you need some convincing to attend this trip next year, Chris Ciarlariello (Pi) says "Any excuse to hang out with Brothers is a good one, but screaming at the top of your lungs with them is always a blast." An Le (Pi) suggests "[You] only have to pay for discounted tickets and food. Housing, fun with Brothers, and memories – Priceless." Santa-Li Zambrano (Nu) had similar thoughts: "It's so fun! Not only are there coasters, but there are Brothers! It's a great way to meet Brothers from all around of all ages and pledge classes!"

//My favorite memory is when my best friend and Brother, Samantha Grogan, threw up! At the time, it was a little sad but then we laughed about it and had a grand old time. She even told me to definitely write this as my favorite memory from the trip."

-Santa-Li Zambrano

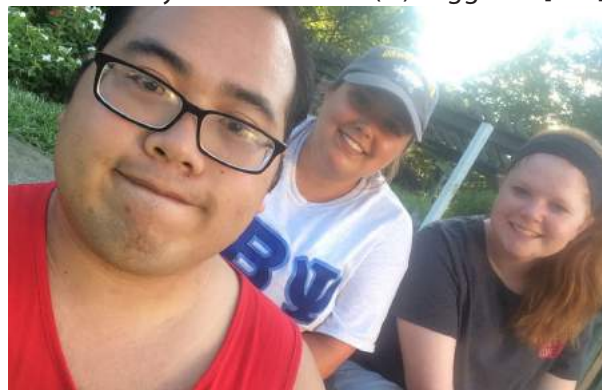
**Park:** Six Flags Great Adventure

**Location:** Jackson, New Jersey

**Chapters Represented:** Nu and Pi

**Favorite ride:** Nitro

**Favorite inside joke:** "the signal"  
(something like flailing arms)



An Le (Pi), Jackie Shikora (Nu), and Lindsay Wilkins (Pi) hanging out in the park.



# National President

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Happy Fall, everyone!

This just so happens to be my favorite time of the year. Marching band season, pumpkin spice lattes, and Halloween are the perfect concoction for the best part of the year. Fall also means a new pledging season and new potential Brothers, which is even more exciting!

Since the last Clef was published, there has been a crazy amount of work being done from all walks of Brothers and I would, first, like to congratulate you all on a job well done. Thank you to every single person who has dedicated any time or effort put into furthering our four purposes as well as the future of Mu Beta Psi. Without your hard work, this Fraternity would not be able to operate in the capacity at which it continues to do so. Please continue to work hard to do good and make positive change for music and the arts!

This June, National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance (NVPCM), Dani Booms, and I had the valuable opportunity to travel to Indianapolis in order to attend the Durward W. Owen Risk Management College. The college, which was sponsored by our insurance broker Holmes Murphy, gave Dani and I incredible insight into the inner-workings of the greater fraternity world. We were able to learn of some of the standards being set by major fraternal insurance companies as well as methods for preventing and responding to high-risk situations. Many of the topics of discussion presented throughout the college have helped to guide our goals and ambitions for this year. They will continue to do so as we try to create policy and procedures that protect our Brothers and our organization from possible risk.

In September, the National Executive Committee (NEC) approved the creation of the Ad-Hoc Fraternal Life and Conduct Committee. This committee, chaired by Zeta Chapter Alumnus and 2013-2015 NVPCM, Nick Rosencrans, is charged with creating new policies to replace our current Hazing, Sexual Harassment, and Substance Abuse policies. I am incredibly thankful for the hard work this committee is putting in to ensure the safety of our Brotherhood. If all goes as planned, we will be presenting new policy before Zeta Chapter's Convention in March!

Speaking of Zeta Chapter's Convention, mark your calendars for ZetaCon on March 16th-17th, 2018! I hope to see tons of Brotherly faces this year in Houghton!

In the meantime, don't forget to use the #mbpsi hashtag on all your social media outlets so that we can all keep up with the fun you're having serving music and loving your Brothers!

In love and Brotherhood,

Ashley Ford ✂



NP Ashley Ford and NVPCM Danielle Booms at the Risk Management College.



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**F**or those who don't know me, my name is Dani Booms. I graduated from Michigan Tech in December, 2013 with a major in Civil Engineering, and I've been working as a traffic engineer ever since. I have played Bassoon and several kinds of Saxophone in addition to singing Alto in choirs. I currently sing with an a capella group that sings 15th century madrigals at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. I also love ultimate frisbee and have some fond memories playing with Brothers from other chapters.

The National organization is up to some really exciting stuff these days, thanks to the advocacy efforts of Brother Nick

Rosencrans. National President Ashley Ford and the National Executive Committee recently approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee called the Fraternal Life and Conduct committee. The committee's task is to assess our three outdated behavior policies (hazing, substance abuse, and sexual harassment) and propose changes or replacements to bring the policies into a state more consistent with present-day understanding of the issues.

The committee has an aggressive deadline to achieve their purpose by the end of the year, but the work won't end there. We will need a robust educational effort to help inform people of the new policies. We will be calling on members of chapter leadership to help us successfully roll out forthcoming changes and make sure all members of your chapter understand what the changes are and how they apply to each of you. ✂



NVPCM Dani with husband Nathan.

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**I**n the interest of expanding upon a light summer, I wanted to let you all know about a merger possibility that has come about with the Pi Nu Epsilon fraternity. They are currently a two-chapter fraternity with locations at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA and at Thiel College in Greenville, PA.

I have had very productive conversations with their outgoing president regarding where they stand as a fraternity and what their wishes are moving forward. Their Board of Trustees will be meeting to discuss their future, and then we'll have an answer as to what they wish to pursue. I have made it clear that Mu Beta Psi has numerous success stories when it comes to merging, and that our similar purposes would keep a sense of familiarity despite their new designations.

Aside from this development, I have continued to reach out to various universities (Historically Black Colleges and Universities, or HBCU, in particular) to gauge interest. I had a productive conversation with a faculty member from Washington and Lee, our inactive Epsilon Chapter, but we are unsure of student interest at the moment. I'll provide an update on that as it comes in.

As always, if you have any questions regarding our expansion efforts, the National Committee on Expansion, or for me personally, Thank you very much for your continued support, and I hope that there will be exciting news to report in the near future! ✂

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The summer has been one of many distractions for me, mostly arising from my day job and getting my home into decent shape. At the end of September, I hit the 1-year anniversary of buying it. Despite that, I've still managed to attend most meetings and provide the requisite secretarial support. I've started updating the various policies with gender-neutral language per the resolution passed at the last National Convention. I'm about a quarter of the way through, and with both work requirements and my home repair efforts lessening in the immediate future, I expect to have all the policies & documents updated by the end of the calendar year.

In dealing with our documents in their new home on the online Knowledgebase, I've worked a little with C-NITC Kester on starting to set up a function by which we can export our documents to a word processor. This is primarily intended for any situation in which we would need to submit official copies to another entity. An example of this arose during the process of setting up our new bank account. Currently we have a basic XML export tool running, and one of my future goals is to get a good automated import tool working. Hopefully this will be as easy as a one-click procedure, but such things never start out so simply.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the next school year, especially at National Convention. ✂

# National Historian

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I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying their autumn! The past few months were on the quieter side for me, but I have a few things to report.

First, I've had the opportunity to add some more profiles to the Brother's database -- mostly individuals from Delta Chapter. My hope this coming year is to invite all Brothers -- active and inactive -- to visit the intranet to edit their own profiles, add a picture, background, and a biography. The objective is to continue to add value as a historical resource for the use of all Brothers. This will remain a long-term project, but it will be one that I will continue to focus on in the coming years.

Second, with some sleuthing, I was able to locate biographical information on Rev. George Pardington, a Beta Chapter Brother and our 3rd National Vice-President. He is the subject of this edition of the Historian's Corner on page , so please be sure to check it out!

Third, I've received submissions of documents and items from individual Brothers for the Archives. These include past Convention t-shirts from Wes Meacombs, documents from Robby Robbins, and some pocket Constitutions from Ralph Daniel. I've been approached by a few more Brothers, expressing an interest in submitting additional items to the Archives as well, although these have not arrived yet. I'm in the process of reviewing what's already been submitted to me and I've already shared some of the highlights on the Archives Facebook page -- with much more to come!

Fourth, more recently, I've worked with NT Tyler Jensen to provide Guaranty Self Storage with the automatic payment information for the new bank account. This process was completed before October 1st. I was also notified by Guaranty that our monthly rent for the storage unit will be increasing by \$10 in November. NT Jensen, CFO Staten, and NP Ford have all been notified of this change.

The big historical events this Fall are Pi Chapter's 10th Anniversary on October 7 and Zeta Chapter's 50th Anniversary on November 23! I look forward to sharing highlights of the Archives with everyone in the weeks to come! If you're a Brother who is not a member of the Archives Facebook Page, please reach out to me directly and I will make sure that you're added!

Best wishes as we rapidly approach the end of 2017! ✂



# Historian's Corner

*Nathaniel Kulyk, National Historian  
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## **Rev. George Palmer Pardington (Beta) 3rd National Vice-President (1931-1932)**

**T**he son of a Protestant minister, George Pardington was born in Nyack, NY. During his time at Beta Chapter, Davidson College, he served as the Business Manager of the Glee Club and was elected National Vice-President of Mu Beta Psi at the 1931 National Convention. He also served as Beta Chapter President. He graduated from Davidson in 1932 earning a degree in Philosophy.

Pardington then returned to New York and earned his Master of Divinity degree at General Theological Seminary. Following his ordination in 1936, he became Missionary in charge of five missions in Mobile County, AL, followed by service as Record of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greensboro, AL and St. Winfred's Episcopal Church in Marion, AL from 1938 through 1944. He then became Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Houma, LA, a position he would hold for the next 31 years.

Rev. Pardington also served as a member of the Bishop's Council from 1945 to 1950, the Episcopal Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains from 1948 to 1959, and as Chairman of the Board from 1959 through 1968.

Following his retirement from St. Matthew's in 1975, Rev. Pardington moved to Mobile, AL and became Associate Record of Christ Episcopal Church for three years. In 1980, he became Vicar of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Citronelle, AL until 1992.

Rev. Pardington was considered quiet and unassuming, but very capable as a pastor. He was well respected by his peers and by his parishioners. He died on August 13, 1994 at the age of 83. ✠



## **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)

# Let's Talk Money with Tyler

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I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and feels invigorated moving into the fall semester! On the National front, activity for our finances has been very transition-focused over the course of this summer.

One of the major changes that mentioned during my previous report was the desire to change the financial institution with which we conducted business. This is officially completed as of October and I am now able to resume daily functions and process reimbursements as they are submitted. Another major change was the increase in dues. This move has been the talk of the NFC for the better part of the past year and with the implementation of this, we have significantly expanded our financial flexibility!

The aim for this year is to refocus our attention on proper procedure and policy. During this time the NFC will also be reviewing the current National Finance Policy and submit changes to ensure that our definitions are clear and that it properly reflects our current processes. I do not expect this to be an immediate development, but something to review and change over the course of this year.



NT Tyler Jensen with Drew and Jess Markel.

Another major change that was instated this fall was the addition of a new submission from Chapter Treasurers to the National Treasurer. These submissions will be quarterly and will require all financial documents related to an audit from the previous quarter (specifically bank statements for any accounts, the ledger for the Chapter, and the budget for the semester). This submission serves three main purposes:

1. to improve the level of accountability for maintaining proper records.
2. familiarize Chapters with the standard audit materials more frequently than once a year.
3. create a historical fail-safe of financial records for Chapters to fall back on in the event that anything happens to the Chapter's personal records.

This system will be going through a trial period for this year to see how it works and to gain feedback from current reps on ways to improve the process. I'll have more to report on that

in the Spring once we make it through a few submissions. Of course, there are many other plans in store regarding our finances on the national front, but this initiative was big highlight for this fall.

If you have any questions or ideas for new initiatives you would like to see, or interest in learning more about fraternal finances, please don't hesitate to reach out to at [treasurer@mubetapsi.org](mailto:treasurer@mubetapsi.org). ✨



# Chairman of the BOT

*Matt Zander, Chairman of the Board of Trustees*

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**W**hat did the Chairman of the Board of Trustees do over the summer? Well, the main thing I can report is that I worked with CFO Jen Staten and National Treasurer Tyler Jenson to complete the annual application for our liability insurance. We negotiated for a different type of insurance policy this year, one that's more appropriate for our needs as a service and honorary fraternity than the type we had been carrying for the last ten years, resulting in some pretty substantial savings for this item (about 40% compared to recent years) on our national budget.

*Zzzzzzzzzzz ...*

Yeah, it's important stuff, but I know that it's not terribly exciting material for a Clef report. Maybe I should talk about what I'm going to do this year. Hmm ...

Oh right, I'm stepping down from the Board this year, and we'll hopefully be nominating a new Permanent Member of the Board of Trustees (PBoT) at this year's convention to take my place. Potential future PBoTs are no doubt clamoring to find out all about the role. So I guess I'll take this opportunity to talk about the role a little.

You'll be busier than you think: The average Brother doesn't have much visibility to what the Board does, so there can sometimes be an impression that we don't do much. After all, we're only required to meet twice a year, and one of those meetings is at convention. In practice, however, the Board often meets four or more times a year as needed.

Meanwhile, in their advisory roles, PBoTs are non-voting members of two or more National Committees, so they are often attending those meetings as well. When we aren't attending meetings, we may be working on projects and advising National Officers. Additionally, since we rotate the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the Board between us, the Chair is fulfilling all of the requirements of a National Officer—attending National Executive Committee meetings, writing reports for the Clef, etc.—as they are also planning Board meetings and managing other duties such as arranging our liability insurance each year, while the Vice-Chair works on monitoring our national goals. There's a lot going on; pace yourself, you're going to be doing it (hopefully) for a long time.

You're on call: Being a PBoT means being available. Your Officers (and the Fraternity as a whole) depend on you as an advisor and a support, so problems that come to them, often come to you as well. I've taken unexpected calls on business trips and in the middle of my work day. I've re-adjusted evening plans so that I could respond to urgent emails. If you can't respond right away, let them know when you can get back to them.

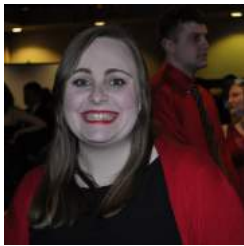
Learn to love policy: Even if you aren't actively working on policy updates, you'll be asked to suggest policy updates, provide feedback on them, and often approve (or disapprove) them. Even when things aren't changing, you'll be asked to interpret ambiguous policies and may stand in judgement of policy violations. No one knows the policies as well as they think they do, so take the time to re-read them every once and awhile and be prepared to reference them as issues come up.

This isn't nearly everything; it'd be hard to fill every aspect of the role into the space I have here, but hopefully this gives you an idea of what the job entails. As I look forward to closing out my twelfth year as a PBoT, I can say that there's been a lot of time and work involved, but that I've taken great satisfaction being there, taking those late night calls, advising National Officers and Chapters, making sure that the duties of the Board are fulfilled, even applying for liability insurance. You may too. ✂

# National Communications Committee

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I always feel a little redundant when writing my reports, since almost all of my work in the past has been for The Clef. This time, however, I get to share about my ad-hoc Communications Committee. Our committee is working to create and utilize external communications from the National and Chapter levels to increase visibility of our organization. The Communications Committee met twice over the summer and developed some awesome project ideas for external communication! Unfortunately, many of us had much busier summers than we anticipated. We didn't get as much done over the summer as we had planned to do, but we aren't going to let that keep us down!

For the school year, we are starting fresh with some new members and a new structure for how the committee will function. Since it has been hard to get the committee together at one meeting time, we are building a plan to work independently when our schedules allow. Of course, we will still be collaborating, just via online discussions and comments. We will see how these new strategies play out, but I'm optimistic we will exceed our expectations!

Some of our goals for this year include:

- developing a communications plan and strategy,
- creating social media guides for Nationals, Chapters, and individual Brothers,
- updating the Identity, Branding, and Style Guide, and
- reviewing/editing promotional materials for the National Scholarship Maintenance Committee and National Committee on Expansion.

We also are open to taking on any projects that may arise from Chapters and National committees. If you know of a project that you or another Brother would like assistance with, please contact theclef@mubetapsi.org. ✨



NEOTC Natalie Holbrook with fiancé Shawn DeYoung.

## Web Updates from Julia

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Summer months are always hard for me in terms of my position as C-NITC. Between work and ultimate frisbee, I'm not left with much time to think about webmaster-related things. This summer was especially crazy due to a change in work and several weddings. I was hoping that I would be able to finalize the digital Contact List by the end of summer, but unfortunately was just too busy to get that completed. I am hoping that with the cooler weather leading to the slowing down of sports, I will have the time I need to properly give this project the attention it deserves.

The time that I did have to give to Psi focused mostly on maintenance - updating mailing lists, fixing bugs, helping Chapters address site changes. Additionally, I discussed updating the scholarship website with NSMC Chair Jackie Harms and member Angela White. We decided to move forward with giving the scholarship site the same theme as the expansion website (which was redesigned in the spring). The change-over was a quick and smooth process, and I feel that we have a more professional-looking site for those interested in applying for our music scholarship.

In my personal life, I am happy to say that I had a summer internship as a software engineer, which turned into a job offer! I have been waiting for this kind of opportunity for a long time, and eagerly accepted. I am enjoying the new job, though still adjusting to the schedule - the old job as a teaching assistant had me starting much earlier in the morning and had shorter hours. I was used to getting home by 3:00, whereas now it is usually around 6:00. It will take some time, but I'm sure I'll settle in just fine. ✨



# National Scholarship Maintenance Committee

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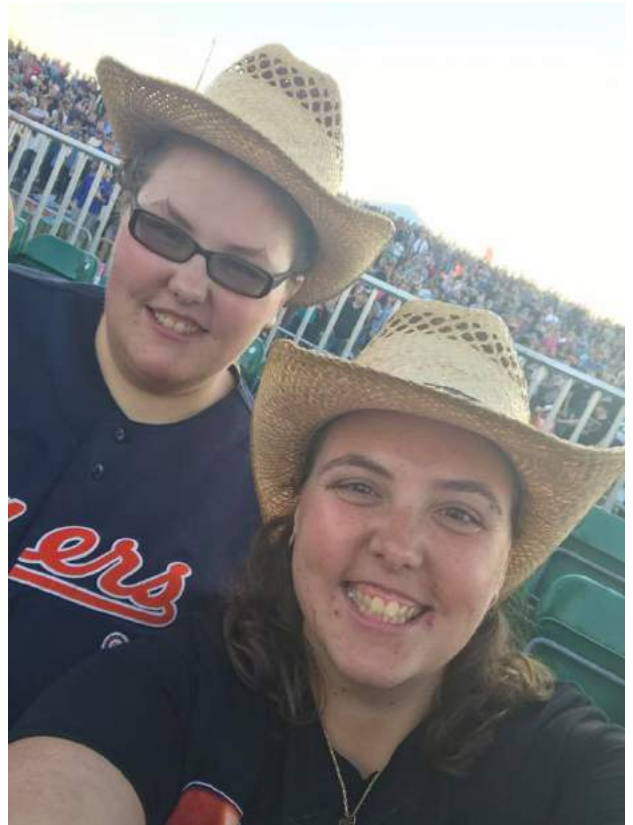
Over the summer, the National Scholarship Management Committee met only a couple times. We confirmed contacts at our chapters, worked with our National Communications Committee on advertising, and updated our website!

Our scholarship application is now open until March 1st at 11:59 pm EST. We are looking forward to providing two scholarships this year to deserving students. The scholarship is offered to high school students planning to attend one of our collegiate chapters' schools, or a college student that takes part in music service activities in the community. It is a one-time award of \$250 intended to honor current and incoming collegiate students who have devoted their time and efforts to musical organizations in their community. Applicants cannot be brothers of Mu Beta Psi. Feel free to visit our website at [mubetapsi.org/scholarship](http://mubetapsi.org/scholarship) for more information or to apply.

Our goals as a committee are to finish updating the website, have two additional fundraisers, and to give out at least 2 scholarships. Currently the committee is focusing on fundraising.. We will be having penny wars at our National Convention so if you know a brother in Mu Beta Psi, start saving your pennies now! There will be two more fundraisers to come. We are hoping to have one before Christmas and another type of pie- in-the-face fundraiser at our National Convention.

In the past month I went to Costa Rica with Brother Victoria Demers. It is currently hunting season in Michigan, and I plan to spend time with my father to hunt birds and deer. Over the summer, I also volunteered at Vacation Bible School at my church, played in a pit orchestra at our community theatre, starting playing the a local high school's pep band, went to a couple weddings, spent time with family, and went to a Detroit Tigers game.

This fall I plan on visiting Chicago with Brothers Jessica Markel, Drew Markel, and National Treasurer Tyler Jensen; volunteering in a brass ensemble that plays in community events; taking the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam, which is the first step to attempt to become a Professional Engineer; and in January, flying to Las Vegas to support Michigan Tech's Hockey Team in the Ice Vegas Tournament. (Michigan Tech is my Alma Mater). I am also part of my community leadership program, where I plan on learning communication skills and further my leadership skills. ♪



NSMC Jackie Harms at Brad Paisley Concert.



# Pi Chapter Celebrates 10 Years with Mu Beta Psi

Mu Upsilon Alpha gained a national organization in 2007, when they merged with Mu Beta Psi. The group maintains their history and culture today as Pi Chapter.

*By Beth Schermerhorn*

*Staff Writer, Alumni Association / Nu Chapter*



Founding members of Pi Chapter.



Current active members of Pi Chapter with Advisor Robert Eichert.

October 7, 2017, marked the 10 year anniversary of Mu Beta Psi's presence on the campus of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. To commemorate this occasion, we reached out to several Pi Brothers to hear their stories and gain a greater understanding of their Chapter's history and culture.

The group now known as Pi Chapter took an unconventional path to becoming part of Mu Beta Psi, as our New Brunswick Brothers first became so through a merger, rather than the traditional colonization process.



Andrew Fleming and Chris Ciarlariello holding the Pi Chapter Charter.

Mu Upsilon Alpha, a local band fraternity, enjoyed many years of music and service on the Rutgers campus before becoming a part of Mu Beta Psi. Due to changes in the university's policies, Mu Upsilon Alpha was required to find a national organization to affiliate with.

A search committee was

formed in order to find an appropriate fraternity with similar values to merge with. Brother Chris Ciarlariello was a member of this committee and described the process as "a very emotional and tough decision." Brother Chris Leong did not have an official role in the merger but was informally involved, often giving advice to the active Brotherhood; he also described the situation as "tense" and said "there was a lot of anxiety" over the prospect of having to merge with a national organization or being forced to cease operations.

The active Brothers of Mu Upsilon Alpha at the time were faced with decisions that would affect the entire future of the organization, so any potential national organization needed to be carefully researched before a merger could take place. Brother Ciarlariello first found Mu Beta Psi after doing an online search for music fraternities. He explained that many different options were considered and several organizations were contacted, but ultimately Mu Beta Psi was the best fit. He contacted then National Vice President of Expansion Sarah (Morrison) Guthrie with a lengthy list of questions about Mu Beta Psi and brought the answers back to the actives of Mu Upsilon Alpha to review. Brother





The Pi Chapter Alpha Psi class with wooden letters.

Ciarlariello said that he was pleasantly surprised by the quick response he received and this gave him a positive outlook on the potential merger. After that, Brothers Chrissy (Bischoff) Fleming and Andrew Fleming went to a Mu Upsilon Alpha meeting to give a presentation about Mu Beta Psi. Brother Ciarlariello said “a light bulb went off for many of us saying ‘they’re just like us, only bigger!’”

Mu Beta Psi was determined to be a good fit for Mu Upsilon Alpha as it has similar ideals and values and is a smaller national organization. The merger with Mu Beta Psi also allowed Mu Upsilon Alpha to retain its own history and a large part of its culture. This can still be seen today, as the Mu Upsilon Alpha letters are still worn and are featured on Pi Chapter’s traditional lettered shirts. Pledges of Pi Chapter still learn Mu Upsilon Alpha’s history alongside that of Mu Beta Psi and are made aware of their dual membership.

The merger process took place through a committee of six Brothers – three from Mu Beta Psi and three from Mu Upsilon Alpha. They took their existing constitution and transformed it into the new Chapter’s bylaws, amended their pledging process/rituals, and worked out the details for the installation. The members of Mu Upsilon Alpha had already been through a pledging process, and they did not have to complete another pledging process for Mu Beta Psi. The merger process was about bringing the two organizations together, not starting from the ground up.

The official installation was held on October 7, 2007. According to The Clef article written at the time by Sarah (Morrison) Guthrie, 21 active Brothers and 13 alumni of Mu Upsilon Alpha were formally initiated in the presence of over 40 Mu Beta Psi Brothers. Remaining alumni of Mu Upsilon Alpha who have not been formally initiated into Mu Beta Psi have been invited to do so and are welcome to go through the process.

*“A light bulb went off for many of us saying ‘they’re just like us, only bigger!’”*

-Chris Ciarlariello

The Chapter has accomplished a lot in the ten years that have since followed. Brothers have participated in countless service events, social activities, musical activities, and have made memories to last a lifetime. When surveyed, many Pi Brothers cited spending time with each other, collectively, as their favorite memory of their time at Pi Chapter. Others gave specific examples, such as Relay for Life, rush weeks, and retreats.

In 2013, Pi Chapter hosted its first National Convention, a fond memory for many Brothers. A few Pi Brothers mentioned that they enjoyed sharing their campus with the rest of the Fraternity and getting to know national Brothers in their own space. I remember attending that Convention myself; my personal favorite memories from that year’s Convention were the pie-eating (and decorating) contest and the campus tour.

Many Pi Brothers said that their favorite service activity was Scarlet Harvest, a fall festival open to the community. This event is hosted by the Rutgers Alumni Band Association and includes typical fall activities such as hay rides, pumpkin picking, scavenger hunts, and many fall snacks like s’mores, cider, and popcorn. Brothers help to run this event. Another event Pi Chapter



Some members of the Pi Chapter Alpha Chi pledge class with their Pledge Educator, Kim Murphy, at a football game.

# A-PI-CALYPSE THROWBACK



Brothers take on the Pi eating contest!



All the Pi Chapter Brothers who attended the convention banquet.



Rho Chapter group photo after winning the "Price"less Memories Scrapbook Contest.

participates in is the annual Snowball fundraising gala. Other favorite service events mentioned were Relay for Life, blood drives, and ushering various concerts. A lot has happened in the past ten years, and the Chapter has the opportunity to grow and prosper for many years to come.

*"I hope that [the Chapter] continues to serve the music program at Rutgers and that it continues to grow. There have been some rough patches, but with a new Marching Band director, I have hopes that the Chapter can flourish and grow much larger. I love that the spirit of MYA continues to live on [and I] hope that it continues to do so."*

-Chris Ciarlariello

*"I hope that we continue to prosper and grow as needed to remain a healthy thriving chapter."*

-Chris Leong ✨

## MEMORIES FROM A-PI-CALYPSE

*I was a Pledge at the time, coming together and seeing that there are more Brothers from everywhere was amazing. Especially at the end of banquet and the Brothers surrounded us Pledges and sang Hail the Spirit beautifully."*

*This was the first Convention I attended after pledging that fall. It was my first time interacting with Brothers from other Chapters and it was so cool to see the similarities and differences. After that Convention, I knew I wanted to be involved on a National level someday."*

*Dani Durso was a campus tour guide and she gave the best tour! I couldn't believe their campus was so big, it's actually 5 campuses."*

*L et's have a Kiki!"*



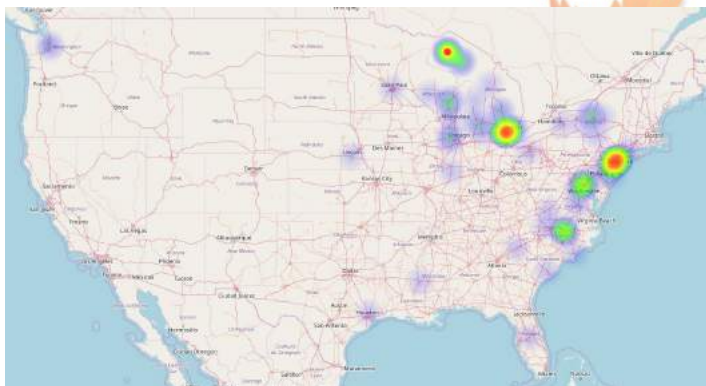
Active Brothers at the time with the chapter charter.



The first composite to recognize MYA as Pi Chapter.

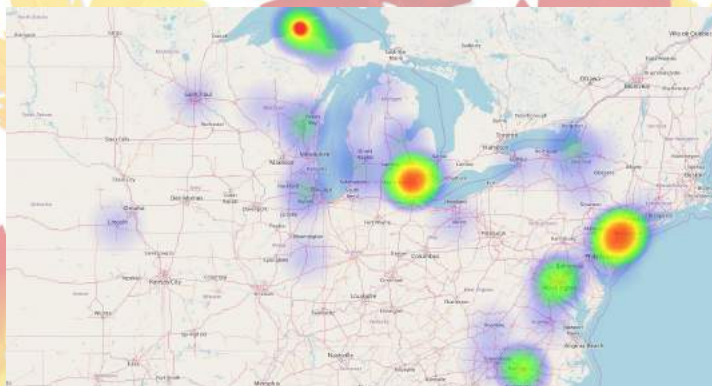


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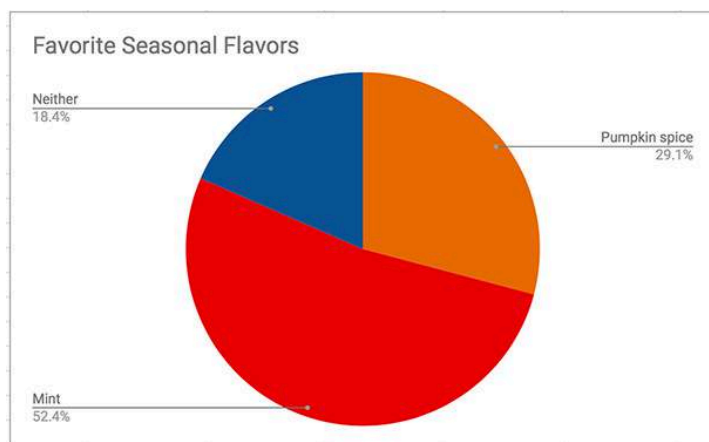


Where do Brothers of Mu Beta Psi live? The answer is all over!

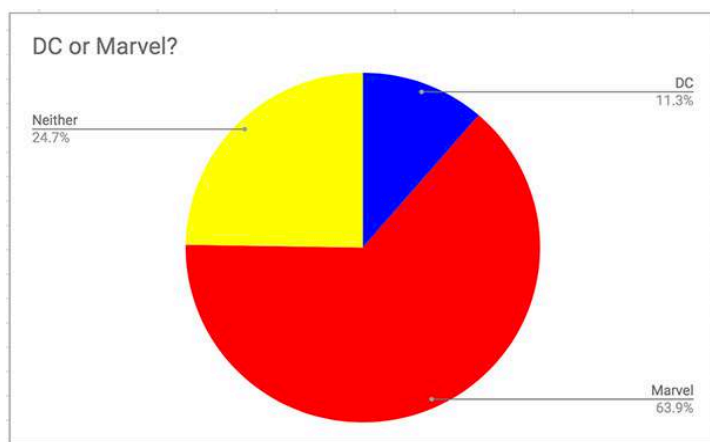
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There is a large concentration of Brother who live on the East Coast and in the Midwest.



Do Brothers like a PSL or a mint hot chocolate more?



Brothers share what universe their favorite superheroes come from.

What Halloween costume will you wear this year?

Top Choices:



Sheikah Link from Breath of the Wild



Louise from Bob's Burgers

Brother's Favorite Recent Superhero Movie



Wonder Woman

**Honorable mentions:**

Spiderman Homecoming  
Deadpool

# Chapter Reports

## Alpha Chapter — Raleigh, NC

Wolfpack Brothers returned to classes on August 16th. Several Brothers experienced the solar eclipse together on the 21st of the month when 94% totality was reached. To stimulate interest in Mu Beta Psi on the NC State campus and promote fellowship among musicians, Alpha Brothers distributed cookies to various musical ensembles, posted fliers, and delivered ice pops to NCSU's marching band, the Power Sound of the South.

Rush events were held September 11th through 15th and included a meet and greet, a night of tie dye and s'mores, a service activity consisting of writing letters to first responders and military personnel, a movie night, and a campus scavenger hunt! Alpha Chapter's President, Victoria Pediaditakis, was honored the next day as the 2017-2018 recipient of the Toni Christine Masini Memorial Scholarship, receiving a plaque at Carter-Finley Stadium when the NC State football team played against Furman University. Multiple Brothers were eager to experience her recognition as an outstanding woman who has devoted her time and efforts to the musical organizations at NC State University. On September 21st, Brothers enjoyed a social potluck dinner with potential Pledges before the Pledging season officially began on the 24th. Our Fall 2017 pledge class decided to name themselves The Final Five \*Airhorn\*. Also on the 24th, Alpha Chapter's Executive Committee met with another service-based musical organization on the NCSU campus, Musical Empowerment, in order to compare roles and purposes as well as to discuss potential collaboration. The following day, Brothers supported Brother Indira Gutierrez and Wolfgang A Cappella, one of NC State's co-ed a cappella groups by feasting at a local restaurant during a percentage night fundraiser.

The Alpha Brotherhood decided upon a new local charity, Kidznotes, for its annual A Cappella Fest benefit concert. Kidznotes was selected as the new preferred charity since the organization promotes the success of children through musical instruction and passion. The charity's website explains that music was selected as the key focus for the program because it is linked to improved academic performance, so by supporting Kidznotes, Alpha Chapter is seeking to advance music to its proper place as an educational subject.

Not only will the Chapter serve the community in the



Brothers with five of the pledges in Price Music Center on September 24th.

spring when the benefit concert is held, but Alpha Brothers served the local musical community by supporting and participating in the Shakori Hills Grassroots Festival of Music and Dance October 5th through 8th. On November 8th and 9th, Alpha Chapter will host a grilled cheese fundraiser, and Pledging will conclude soon thereafter. Brothers will complete more service by contributing to a community garden on December 2nd, and the entire fall semester will be filled with numerous Music Department service opportunities as well, such as assisting the marching band at football games and setting up and ushering for holiday concerts. To celebrate a successful semester, Wolfpack Brothers will travel to Lake Gaston on December 15th to participate in a fun-filled weekend of bonding activities!

-Kristen Young, Alpha Member-at-Large

## Zeta Chapter - Houghton, MI

Zeta Chapter is doing great this fall. We started school after Labor Day, so we might be a little behind most schools, but we are making it work in our favor! We started the school year off strong with our Brothers' retreat on September 9th. We talked about Chapter goals and things that need to be worked on as a Brotherhood this year.

We have had an excellent time rushing this semester. We gave out bids to nine lovely potential pledges on October 3rd! We are excited that we will most likely have a full pledge class this term and next term! We had multiple rush events that went well this year, one of them being our humane society rush! We went out to our local humane society to walk some beautiful dogs and pet some adorable cats.





Zeta Chapter Fall 2017 pledge class, "Dark Psi of the Moon."

Other than rushing, we have participated in a few of the Tech traditions like K-Day and Afternoon on the Town! These events are for students to come see what organizations are around, as well as what is in Houghton! We have also helped usher many events at our Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts. One of them was Music-O-Rama, an event where all of our student ensembles, except the pep band, come together and perform in a concert! It was an amazing opportunity to usher for that event.

That's about where we are as of now! We will soon be pinning our lovely new pledges and will be preparing for the cold as fall really starts to set in.

-Richy Carpenter, Zeta Member-at-Large

## Nu Chapter - Oswego, NY

Nu Chapter has been busy with some NU business! Since the spring semester we have had a major change in our Chapter's direction of business and agenda. We are planning on doing all new service events, such as a joint music project with our friendly service fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, on SUNY Oswego's campus. This will be the first of many co-sponsored events we are planning in order to improve our relations with other fraternities on campus. We are also planning a fun game night with them in the near future.

The Chapter is getting ready to host our annual Music Department Picnic, an event where we throw a BBQ together in honor of our outstanding music teachers and staff at SUNY Oswego. This is a lovely chance for Nu Chapter

to improve our relationship with the music department and thank them for all of their work.

Going into the Fall 2017 semester, almost every leadership position has changed hands, and our Brothers are giving their all to their new roles. Our Chapter has really started to form a NU positive vibe within the Brotherhood, one of progress and Fraternal love. We have started to share this positive direction by accepting four New Members into our "new member process" to join Nu Chapter. We are happy to implement our NU and improved new member process and can't wait for them to join us in Brotherhood.

-Andrew Pullen, Nu Member-at-Large



Brothers Andy Pullen and Sam Grogan conquering the lands of Alpha Chapter at North Carolina State University, Mu Beta Psi National Convention Spring 2017.

## Pi Chapter —New Brunswick, NJ

The Scarlet Knight Brothers returned back to school and were quickly back at work for the start of the new semester. We had a few meetings over the summer break to prepare ourselves for this semester. So far, the Pi Brothers have done four service projects. We helped with Move-in Crew, which is a big volunteer-based event where we help all of the freshmen move in. We took this opportunity to speak to the freshmen about our Fraternity to try to gain interest. We also held a blood drive during the second week of school. We had Brothers dress up in a blood drop costume, which is always the best. We also had Scarlet Day of Service, where Brothers went around to neighboring communities to help them out. We are planning to do Dance Marathon, the Big Chill, Relay for Life, and many other service events

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this semester. Our big service event called Snowball will be this semester, but a date has not been released for that yet.

Aside from service events, we have been busy planning for a fall class. We had our rush week September 11th-15th. We had a great turnout at all events since it is marching season. We did events such as: a bonfire, craft night, service event where we made and sent letters to the military, game night and open mic. At the end of this busy rush week, we took a pledge class of six! They are the Beta Alpha class. This is the first fall pledge class Pi Chapter has seen in many years. We're very excited to see how the process works in the fall versus the spring.



Brothers Apple Picking on September 24th  
Back Row: Brother Pj Amendolia, Amy Oliveira  
Middle Row: Brother Kelly Blackwood, Aaron Fong, BEAR, Ben Weise  
Front Row: Brother Christian Rios, Alice Kong, Allyson Wagner, Amalia Hubal

We also have a huge event coming up, our 45th Anniversary of MYA! Our alumni chair is hard at work planning an event to celebrate this. We have invited many MYA alumni and are hoping for a big turnout! Pi Chapter is planning many other events, like a band banquet which will celebrate the ending of the marching season. This event has not been done in a long time but has been brought back up with the new band director here at Rutgers. We are very excited for this event because we hope to give back to the Marching Scarlet Knights as well as gain interest within the marching band.

Aside from all the business aspects, Pi Chapter went apple picking! We love going to do this because it gives us time to destress together. The Scarlet Knight Brothers are excited for this semester because we have so many more different

events happening!

-Michelle Mitchell, Pi Member-at-Large

## Rho Chapter — Marquette, MI

As of May 6, 2017, Rho Chapter has four wonderful Brothers who are now graduated and stepping out into the adult world: Karalyn Anderton, English; Rick Frankowski, Music Education; Anna Kase, Zoology; and Marissa Gillett-Behrens, Environmental Science. These Brothers have had a tremendous impact on Rho Chapter and we will surely miss them!

Rho Chapter has been busy fulfilling Mu Beta Psi's four purposes this semester. In February, Brothers dressed warmly to help with crowd control for the UP 200 sled dog race, a qualifying race for the Iditarod. There was also a bake sale to help raise money for the NMU Music Department Scholarship which raised \$111.00. In March, we had two major service events with the local Science Olympiad and the NMU Relay for Life. We also had another bake sale to help raise money for Relay for Life and raised over \$100. The final big service event of the semester was helping out with the NMU Jazz Festival. Some of the Brothers even helped make school lunches for elementary school children in a program called Cat Packs. Throughout the entire semester, Brothers were helping with setup, tear down and ushering of different concerts. This semester, we tried something new with having a second rush week which coincided with two events: a study session with free warm drinks, and the other was volunteering at the Children's Museum. Even though there wasn't a pledge class, Rho Chapter spent the semester strengthening the bonds between Brothers with picnics and social events. Rho Chapter looks like it is in for a promising new year as they welcome their new officers: Sarah Gardner, President; Sara Uribe, Vice President; Shelby Boschma, Secretary;



Fall 2017 Bigs and Littles.

Back row: Brother Shelby Boschma, Pledge Bryce Andre, Brothers Kyle Mol, Keylyn Reed, Sarah Gardner, Katie Bennett  
Middle row: Pledges Nick Forton, Andrew Pfeiffelman, Emily Kriebel, Brother Mandy Mileham, Pledge Paige Sullivan  
First row: APM Nicole DeMol and Pledgemaster Kristalynn Hiser



Keylyn Reeds, Treasurer; Amanda VanderWall, Historian; Kristalynn Hiser, Pledgemaster; and Chelsea Krooswyk, Assistant Pledgemaster.

-Sara Uribe, Rho Member-at-Large

## Tau Chapter — Washington, DC

It's been a hot and humid fall so far in the nation's capital—eighty degrees after the fall equinox just doesn't seem right, does it?—but Tau Chapter has nonetheless had a busy beginning to the fall semester. On September 24th, we were very lucky to welcome six new pledges during our Soft Pinning ceremony: Grace Diehl, Neil Ross, Andy Freeman, Emily Sherman, Hattie Wade, and Amanda Wade. We are very excited to continue to spend time with this enthusiastic and talented group! Currently, Brother interviews are in full swing, with Hard Pinning on the horizon on October 22nd.



Three Tau Brothers tabling on the American University Quad! From left to right: Brothers Josh Lin, Alyssa Miguel, and Kim Murphy.

Along with the focus on our new pledges, this semester has been largely consumed with one very large and exciting project: the Second Annual Mu Beta Psi Gala! Our Service Chairs Dana Stevenson and Josh Lin have devoted an incredible amount of work coordinating committees, securing a venue, and working out each detail so that the night will go perfectly, and both deserve a huge round of applause. With the theme "Music Through the Ages," the night will feature food, basket raffles, and live music performances by Brothers and non-Brothers alike. All proceeds that we receive from ticket sales and raffle tickets will go to the Sitar Arts Center, the beneficiary of our open mic events and Fall Gala last year.

Our fall semester here at Tau Chapter has been hectic and focused on our two main projects—Gala and our new pledges! We have nonetheless had a very enjoyable time. We are looking forward to all of our upcoming events, and hope for a smooth rest of the semester!

Tau Chapter wishes you all a happy and wonderful rest of fall!

-Maia Bennett, Tau Member-at-Large

## Alumni Association

The Alumni Association's conversations have been on our purpose and value proposition to Alumni. We're spending this year focusing on "onboarding," engagement, and fundraising. A renewed Outreach Committee, chaired by VP Sean Weiser (AA/O) is tackling the onboarding and engagement issues. We've written a new member Welcome Packet and restarted the monthly Alumni Newsletter as part of this effort.

We held our annual Mid-Year meeting in Buffalo, NY, with 12 Alumni and 6 Collegiate Brothers in attendance. We ate some awesome Greek food, had a bonfire at Hannah Kruse's house, and went to Niagara Falls and the Buffalo Naval Park!

Here's what happened at the meeting:

The Chapter will decide our Mid-Year date and location before January 1st, so alumni can plan their vacation earlier

Discussed what we want the AA to be known for and our focus for the year: onboarding, engagement, and fundraising

Professional opportunities for our membership such as speed networking and LinkedIn

Greater use of non-email communication methods (Facebook, slack, video chat, etc)

-Haley Vingsness, Alumni Association Member-at-Large



Sarah Gardner (Rho), Haley Vingsness (AA/Z), Lucia Soltis (AA/Xi), Amanda Griffeth (AA/K), Sean Weiser (AA/O), and Scott Bennett (AA/A) on the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls,





# Zeta Chapter Turns 50!

## Brothers in the Copper Country celebrate their golden anniversary

By Katelynne Hendrick  
Staff Writer, Zeta Chapter

Though Zeta Chapter is proudly celebrating 50 years as part of Mu Beta Psi, its history actually dates back to 1932. Stemming from the Michigan College of Mining and Technology (Michigan Technological University) ROTC band, Beta Beta Beta Honorary Fraternity was officially chartered on April 14, 1932. Tri-Beta served as leadership for the entire band as they strived to make a "Bigger, Better Band."

Through their years of activity, Tri-Beta helped the band grow and encouraged fundraising efforts, but membership was only open to band members. Because of its military connection, Tri-Beta was inactive during the fall of 1943 through spring of 1945. They were also inactive from 1952 through winter 1956. In 1956, they revised their purpose to be "to promote a better understanding and greater appreciation of music on the Michigan Tech campus and in the surrounding area," and membership opened to men who wanted to promote music on campus.

Tri-Beta submitted a petition to Mu Beta Psi for chapter status on May 22, 1967. The Clef, 1967, Volume 6, #2 stated that the petition "was probably one of the largest and most complete works of its' kind ever submitted to

any fraternity, and showed great care in preparation."

On November 23, 1967, Thanksgiving Day, Zeta Chapter was officially installed as a chapter of Mu Beta Psi. The charter members were Donald P. Keranen (Honorary), Roland C. Oinas (Associate), Walter P. Evans, Harry D. Gominger, Louis W. Blatnik, Jim "Cal" Lowell, Paul Fredrickson, Keith R. Burzych, Chuck W. Zamaow, and Charles E. Rice. 14 more members were initiated later, and Joe Kirkish and B. Franz Schubert were added as faculty advisors. Roland C. Oinas was the fraternity's first associate member.

Zeta carried on Tri-Beta's "Excursion in Sound" until the 1970s. "Excursion in Sound" was a concert/ talent show that started in the late 1950's. The 1972 edition of The Clef announced the 15th annual event explaining that "[t]he program was presented to bridge the cultural gap on a basically engineering oriented campus. Many different types of acts filled the stage from guitar to modern dance."

Women became Brothers of Zeta Chapter in 1971, making Mu Beta Psi the first co-ed fraternity on Michigan Technological University's campus.



## Musical Frat Is Formed At Tech

HOUGHTON — The Zeta Chapter of Mu Beta Psi, an honorary musical fraternity, has been installed at Michigan Tech.

Active members include

Stephen P. Cowen, junior in business administration, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cowen of 1121 Dakota, Gladstone.

Bruce G. Douglas, a senior in mathematics, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Douglas of 709 5th Ave., Escanaba.

James D. Wedell, a senior in business administration, son of Mrs. C. L. Wedell of 908 Dakota Ave., Gladstone.

Escanaba Daily Press article dated Feb 29, 1968.

The first Zeta Convention was held at Michigan Tech in 1974. About 40 Brothers from five different chapters attended. The 1973 edition of The Clef promoted the event saying "[a]lthough the distance is great, the "Copper Country," of which Houghton is the heart, is a fascinating village and the fellowship of the weekend will be remembered long by all who attend. Plan on a fine weekend in March." It was a fine weekend indeed coming in bat below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, according to weather underground. Zeta Chapter has hosted eight more Conventions since then.

In 1977, Jeff Paulson was the elected as National President. He was the first Zeta Brother to be elected to this position. Five Zeta Brothers have served as PBOTs. This is more than any other Chapter. Additionally, Zeta Brother Bryan Reamer has served on the PBOT since 1988.

Michigan Tech traditions have made a strong impact on Zeta Chapters. Brothers could be seen in the Hobo parade that used to be part of Michigan Tech's homecoming. They participated in skits during Winter Carnival, often with the help of Joe Kirkish, who was a faculty adviser since 1957 and continues to connect with Brothers. Many Brothers share fond memories of creating ice and snow sculptures.

Zeta continues to participate in a number of service activities both on campus and in the community. Brothers can be seen ushering at all performing arts events. They frequently help the bands move equipment. They support efforts of the Calumet Historic Theater, maintaining a long-standing relationship with them. They also find ways to provide both time and financial resources to the local schools.

The John MacInnes Student Scholarship is provided by Zeta Chapter each year to a student who has contributed to Michigan Tech's music community. The funds for this scholarship are raised through a concert they host each year. This tradition began in 2004 with Brother Gary Tunstall as the headliner. Andrew Fleming, who played a role in establishing this scholarship, said, "it was such a cool thing to do. In the span of a semester and a half, we founded a scholarship." Though Gary has retired, the concert has continued through today and is now run as Jazz Night on the Town. It features honorary Brothers and advisors as well as a student jazz group.

Though Zeta has had a number of successes over the last 50 years, there are other reasons that Zetas loves its chapter. We are happy to share other fun components to Zeta's history.

Here's to the past 50 years of surviving the cold, partying as hard as we study, and most importantly, passion for service!

(Special thanks to Nathaniel Kulyk and Jenna (Crouch) Gillman for providing information for this piece). ‡

## Zeta Advisor Joel Neves



**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT MU BETA PSI?** I was approached by Milt Olson and Joe Kirkish to join the organization.

**WHEN DID YOU BECOME AN HONORARY BROTHER AND ADVISOR?** 2009

**WHAT INSTRUMENTS DO YOU PLAY, AND WHICH ONE IS YOUR FAVORITE?** Trumpet!

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT MICHIGAN TECH?** Wonderful students, supportive faculty, strong musicians, wonderful music-making, collaborative culture, amazing wilderness areas, 18-hole golf course :)

**WHAT HAS IT BEEN LIKE BEING AN ADVISOR FOR ZETA CHAPTER?** I have enjoyed collaborating with the energetic and committed student musicians who participate in Mu Beta Psi. I especially enjoy the group interviews with students who want to join the organization - always fun, weird, controversial, and entertaining.

# Zeta Family Ties

By Katelynne Hendrick  
Staff Writer, Zeta Chapter

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In Mu Beta Psi, it's common to form strong bonds with Brothers, and feel a strong sense of family. What happens when your Brother is also a blood relative? We talked to Deb Zei and Mike Adler, both Zeta alumni, about their experience as being mother/son and Brothers.

## **When did you pledge Psi?**

Deb: I pledged Psi in the fall of 1984. We had a small pledge class. Just Phil Robarge and me. He went inactive soon after pledging. Anyway, I lived at home and didn't know many people that weren't from my hometown. Since music is such a huge part of my life, most of the people that I knew from MTU were involved in one of the music groups. I chose to pledge because those friends encouraged me – Lorianne Chipman and Bryan Reamer especially.

Mike: I pledged Psi in the spring of 2012, because... why not? So it began!

## **Has the other influenced your interest/involvement in music in any way?**

Deb: Once Michael became a Brother, I found myself getting more involved in music at MTU. Prior to that, I was only playing in the symphony orchestra. Now, I also play in the wind symphony. Since Michael was in Psi, I have gotten to know the current Brothers, which has led me to be more involved at MTU and in the group. Sometimes, the age difference can be a huge obstacle, but it hasn't been a problem for me because the current Brothers are so welcoming.

Mike: Without a doubt, Mom has had a great influence on my interest and involvement in music. From five years of age, violin practice was a "requirement" in our house. I did not really have the perspective to appreciate my involvement in music until middle school, at which point I was grateful that she had "encouraged" me to get a head start. There are many ensembles that we have played in together, ranging from symphony orchestras, to concert/marching/big bands, to wedding duets, and performing together is still something we look forward to whenever I get a chance to travel home.

## **What is it like having your mother/son also be your Brother?**

Deb: I think it's great. We can talk about our individual experiences in the group as well as do things together. I try not to emphasize that fact that we are mother/son when we are with the group. I already feel old enough...

Mike: When participating in Psi, Mom pretends to be significantly younger than she is. It is quite humorous to observe, knowing the other side as well. She kept a low profile in Psi during the time I was active. Since I have graduated, she has taken a more active role and is now closer to the active Brotherhood than I am.

## **Do you have any fun Psi memories together?**

Deb: I think hosting event[s] together have made some good memories. I've also enjoyed having members over for socializing.

Mike: Agreed. The few times I have attended the informal since she started hosting them have made some good memories. Though, she always seems to fall asleep before the fun begins.

## **Did her being a Brother influence your decision to pledge?**

Mike: No, not whatsoever, and for the best.

## **What was your reaction when you found out Mike was pledging?**

Deb: I was completely surprised. Drew asked me if I thought that Michael would be interested in pledging. He wanted me to talk to Michael. I refused to do that because I wanted Michael to make his own decisions. I didn't want him to feel pressured to become a Brother because I was in the group. After I gave my reason to Drew, he never mentioned it to me again. I assumed that was the end of that idea. However, after a week into the pledging period, I got a message from Christine Manninen (who was in Psi during my time). She said she thought it was great that Michael was pledging. When he got home from school that evening, I asked him if it was true that he was pledging. He showed me his pledge pin and said he had been wearing it for over a week. Apparently, I didn't notice!! Then I was happy to know that he made the decision to pledge independent of me. It was a good decision for both of us.

## **Did your mom talk about Psi at all when you were younger?**

Mike: Not particularly. We went to watch a Winter Carnival all-nighter together in 1996 (age five) or so. I even worked on the ice sculpture – Yes, they used ice back in the day (not just snow).





## Pat Gilman

Though Pat Gilman pledged in 2013, he was introduced to Mu Beta Psi about two decades earlier as an infant. Mu Beta Psi used to have an office, and though his parents weren't Brothers, they were friends with Brothers. They had Pat while they were still in college, so he got introduced to Brothers at a young age. He explains "Dad was a groupie, Mom knew a few Brothers through one of her roommates from before they were married. They would chill with their friends in the office and pass me back and forth to whoever was free."



## Mike Christianson

Michigan Tech Assistant Professor and Director of Bands, Mike Christianson, became a Zeta Chapter advisor and honorary Brother in 2014. His son, Aaron Christianson, pledged in Spring 2016 with The Knights Who (Until Recently) said Ni!



# Zeta Advisor Mike Christianson



**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT MU BETA PSI?** I think from Alex Slepak and/or Nathan Booms

**WHEN DID YOU BECOME AN HONORARY BROTHER AND ADVISOR?** 2014

**WHAT INSTRUMENTS DO YOU PLAY, AND WHICH ONE IS YOUR FAVORITE?** I play, in order of descending competence: trombone, bass trombone, tuba, electric bass, drums, piano, euphonium. I have been paid to play them all. I like trombone the best!

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT MICHIGAN TECH?** I love that at Tech we have SO MANY people who want to take part in music, and that they are good enough musicians that we can perform some great stuff! AND, that at a school with no music major, I can program more freely than if I were at a music school (that would be mostly music of dead, European, white guys.)

**WHAT HAS IT BEEN LIKE BEING AN ADVISOR FOR ZETA CHAPTER?** Being an advisor for Zeta Chapter has been pretty easy, as the chapter is well-organized and motivated, so that I have to do very little but watch the magic happen: supporting all the events and running the most efficient meeting I've ever seen.

# ***Living Proof of the Second Law of Thermodynamics, The Cream of the Keweenaw, The Pride of Pastyland, The Second Best Feeling in the World!***

Remembering 50 Years of Michigan Technological University Pep Band Rowdiness.

By Veronica Tabor

Staff Writer, Zeta Chapter

If you hear those words, followed by a blaring chorus of the theme from “2001: A Space Odyssey,” you know that you are in the presence of the one and only Huskies Pep Band. A Michigan Tech institution since 1967, the Huskies Pep Band has now been making Michigan Tech students feel loud and proud for the 50 years.

Since its formation, the Huskies Pep Band has had a number of iconic moments. In the mid-1980s, the Huskies Pep Band was banned from playing in rival school, Northern Michigan University’s, stadium, as “they took away the home field advantage.” Worry not, as pep band members still travel to events at Northern under the guise of just playing instruments in the parking lot- not in the actual stadium. The Huskies Pep Band has also gained a reputation for being troublemakers, proven by the numerous amount of events the band has crashed, such as weddings, engagements, a funeral, and St. Patrick’s Day parades.



Band practice, circa 1940s.

The Huskies Pep Band’s iconic striped overalls, or “Stripes” came into existence under former director Don Keranen. The stripes were originally multi-colored, which eventually changed into red and white (for the trombone section), and finally the black and gold that you will see today. Pep band members are sometimes told, “If anyone offers you more than \$45 for your stripes, sell them,” as that is what a pair costs. Anything more is profit. It is also considered good luck to wear your stripes to an exam. Another important part of the pep band uniform is a silly hat, which can be anything from a colorful winter cap to hats that may move or light up. Baseball caps, however, are strictly forbidden and will be burned upon the head on which they sit.

Tradition is a driving force of the Huskies Pep Band and adds to the hilarity of the group. One tradition is binding graduating conductors or pep band leadership with duct tape during their last hockey game. The now-prisoners are then taken to seats away from the band, and duct-taped to their seat for the rest of the game or period. Another tradition involves the annual Winter Carnival snow statue. Before the year 2016, Winter Carnival statues were for eyes only- no group was allowed to have the statue be interactive. As the Huskies Pep Band strives for greatness in the name of mischief, pep band members try to break as many Winter Carnival statue policies as possible. The statue is always interactive, contains some type of reinforcement, or is colored with spray paint. Past statues have included a mini-golf course, Skee-Ball, table top hockey, bowling, and the yearly bar made of ice. Michigan Tech has since introduced an Interactive Statue category, which the pep band has won the past two years.

The Huskies Pep Band is more than just a band or a group of humorous individuals. The pep band has become an integral part of Michigan Tech and the surrounding Houghton community. The Huskies Pep Band has received countless expressions of gratitude from people all over, whether it be a thank you email to the director or donuts at a volleyball game. The band is beloved not only in the hearts of community members, but the members themselves have treasured



their time with the band. Though new traditions form and old members leave, one thing will always be certain: "Damn, We're Good."

## HUSKIES PEP BAND TOP 3 CHEERS

### e^x

A.  $E^x dx dy e^x dx \sec \cos \tan \sin 3.14159 \pi \pi \sqrt{\mu}$   
beat em beam em MTU!

B. For those who don't speak Tech: E to the x dx dy e to the x dx. Secant. Cosine. Tangent. Sine. 3.14159. Pi, Pi, Radical, Mu. Beat em, beat em, MTU!

### Technological

A. Give me a T, Give me an E, give me a C, give me an H, give me an N, give me an O, give me an L, give me an O, give me a G, give me an I, give me a C, give me an A, give me an L

B. What's that spell? Technological. What's that spell? Technological. Who cares? Nobody

### Ice Cold Beer

A. Ice Cold Beer, makes me wanna cheer

B. Ice Cold wine, makes me feel fine

C. Ice cold whisky, makes me feel frisky

D. Ice Cold Pucker, makes me wanna.....SCORE!!

## HUSKIES PEP BAND FAVORITE SONGS

- NO BEER
- CANTO^3 (AKA SING, SING, SING)
- FIGHT SONG
- KARN EVIL 9



Advertisement for Tri Beta's "A Night of Music" circa 1940s

**So, why be a member of this eclectic group of musicians? Zeta Brothers shared many reasons why the Huskies Pep Band became a part of their time at Michigan Tech. Continuing music involvement from high school, encouragement from friends, a love of hockey, and the fact that it's a ton of fun are a few reasons that most people cited. Some other reasons are listed below:**

**Ray Kemmer (2010-2015)** "Before I got to Tech, I had heard that they were once kicked out of a hockey game for being too rowdy, so I decided it was the group for me!"

**Jeff Bodway (1991-1995)** "Where else can you say "Damn we're Good!"?"

**Ryan Ralph (2015-present)** "Getting to be loud and proud with my best friends at games, plus the stripes are sexy."

**Mark Mitchell (1973-1977)** "My HS band director had us marching like Ohio State. I wanted to try something different (and it was). My first football game with the Pep Band we spelled SH!T on the field in cursive - just like OSU!"

**Jessica (Montgomery) Markel (2011-2016)** "Looked dope"

**Rachel Strobel (2015-present)** "I love acting crazy, playing music, trains, and hockey"

**Brian Wright (1991-1995)-** "I had to... I love band, I love hockey."

# Music, Backpacks, and Psightseeing

Brothers toured and explored Europe with their respective ensembles.

By Veronica Tabor, Staff Writer  
Zeta Chapter

Over the summer, Mu Beta Psi went global as a number of Brothers traveled abroad to share their music with others. Rho Brothers Shawn DeYoung, Rick Frankowski, and Amanda Fliflet traveled to Finland with the Marquette City Band, and many Alpha Brothers, including Caroline Heathcoat, traveled to Italy with the NCSU Wind Ensemble.

The purpose of these trips was not only to explore a new part of the world through music, but to bring our music to those in other countries through a variety of performances. The Marquette City Band “performed at Rock Church in Helsinki and then drove north to Marquette’s sister city, Kaajani, where we did a joint concert with the Marquette Choral Society. Afterwards we performed at the Lieksa Brass Festival, as well as in Kuopio and at the Maritime Museum in in Turku”, says Fliflet. The NCSU Wind Ensemble, according to Heathcoat, “split our time between Rome and Florence and both of our performances were in and around Rome. We performed first in a small town called Sacrofano which is about an hour outside of Rome and is a cute little village...our second concert was in the gardens of St Paul’s Basilica which is right outside the Vatican and is where St Paul is buried. It was just a surreal experience”.

Though multiple performances in a short period of time can be exhausting, the Brothers still found time to enjoy themselves with the free time they had. There is no shortage of wonder and exquisite architecture in Italy,



Marquette City Band performing at the Lieksa Brass Festival. especially in Venice, as Caroline discovered. “The canal system was like nothing I’d ever seen and gave the city a really out of this world feeling, but I loved it”.

The Alphas also had opportunities to see the famous monuments of Italy, such as Pompeii, the Colosseum in Rome, and St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City: “I remember being super amazed by how beautiful St. Peter’s Basilica was,” Heathcoat stated, “But I hadn’t slept in over 36 hours at that point so I vaguely remember trying to not fall asleep on the floor of a gallery”.

Rho Brothers also found time to explore what Finland had to offer, including visiting the Sibelius Academy of Music in Helsinki, the Kuopio Observation Tower, and Helsinki’s Senate Square. They also took a day trip to Tallinn, Estonia, which was a highlight within itself: “Tallinn is an old medieval town that still had some of the original city walls and buildings left,” says DeYoung, “It looked like you stepped into a mix of Hogsmeade and Tangled, but in real life”.

At the end of the day, the main reason for the trips was music. “Playing Finlandia in conjunction with the Marquette Choral Society was pretty amazing. I’m not even Finnish, but that song moved me nearly to tears”, remarks Fliflet. Brother and music major Rick Frankowski was even able to conduct during the trip: “Dr. Steve Grugin, our director, and I switched for a piece that featured a solo euphonium. The Marquette City Band was the first ensemble outside of school I’ve ever conducted!”



(L to R) Alpha Brothers Caroline Heathcoat, Haley Wells, Jared Everson, Travis Cothran, and Jason Looney outside the Colosseum.



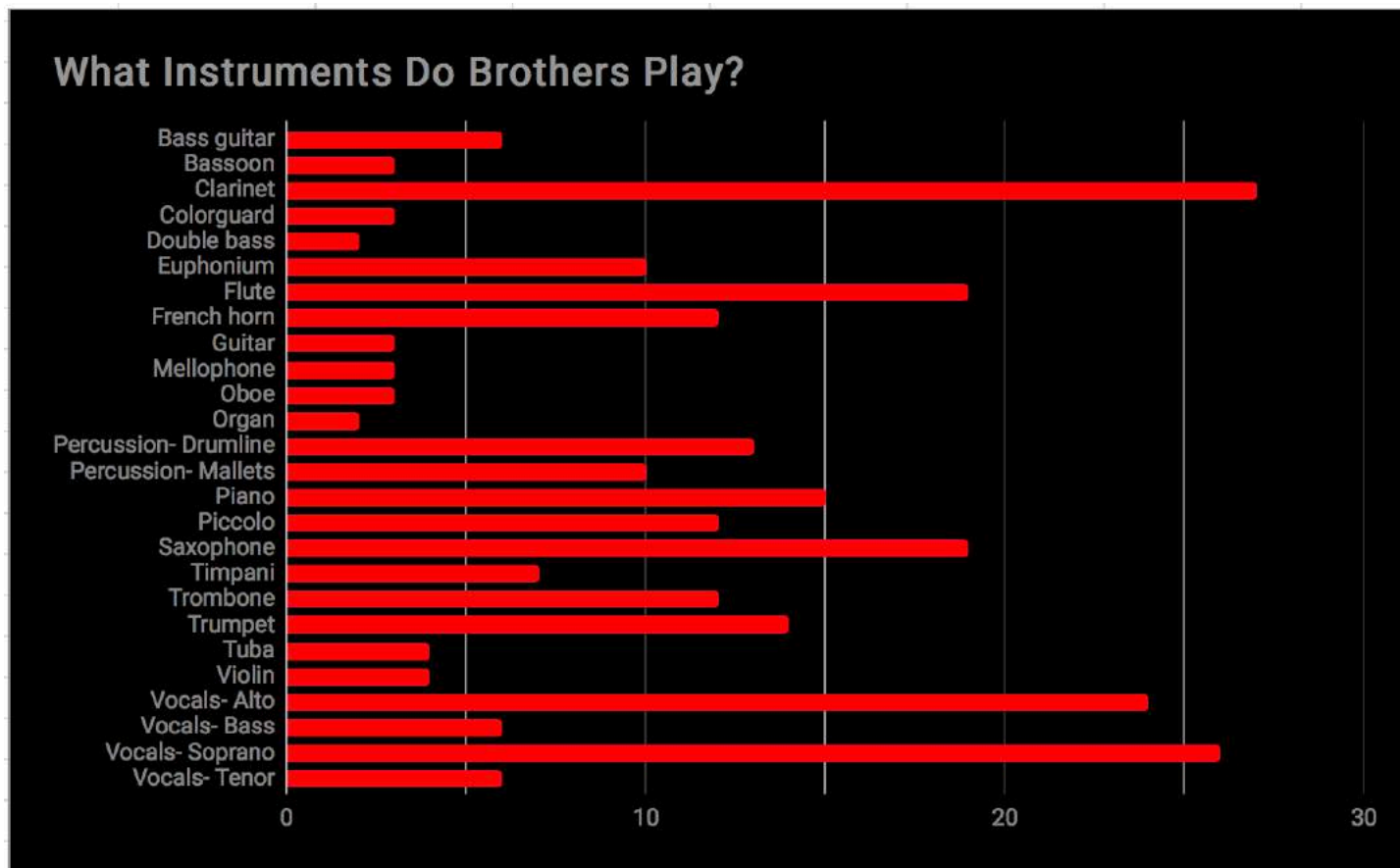


Brother Rick Frankowski, Spencer Collins, Brother Shawn DeYoung, Kelsey Avey, and Brother Amanda Fliflet visited the Karl Fazer Chocolate Factory, even though they didn't have golden tickets.

Though not a conventional fulfillment of our purposes, traveling abroad to perform music is an amazing way to promote fellowships among musicians everywhere. "When we went we got to meet members of a city band that hosted us in Sacrofino, [we were] definitely encouraging fellowship" says Heathcoat, who plays flute and piccolo in the NCSU Wind Ensemble. Shawn DeYoung, who played Bari Sax with the Marquette City Band, says "the reason why we went to Finland was to help celebrate their centennial of independence from Russia and to visit Marquette's sister city. Before we went over, we learned that Finnish people love music and have a big appreciation for it. Some of the pieces we played were written by Finnish composers and for one of the pieces we had the composer as a guest conductor. I believe these experiences are what helped encourage fellowship among musicians from everywhere". Frankowski says, "While we were there, we borrowed percussion equipment from a school in Helsinki. The band teacher from the school even conducted our band. In addition to learning about Finnish music culture and sharing our music, we got the opportunity to interact and grow stronger bonds with our fellow band mates."

Fliflet sums up our passion for music and service well: "Mu Beta Psi is all about music and service to our communities. It is remarkable how many people approached me at all times of day and all sorts of places, just to talk about the band and our music. It is truly a universal language".

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It's no secret we have many different ranges of talent in our Brotherhood!

# Teacher Feature

By Natalie Holbrook

National Editor of *The Clef*, Rho Chapter

Traditionally, we think of fall as the time when students head back to school. Our collegiate Brothers are well into their classes by now, and so are many of our Alumni Brothers. When you gather together a group of people who love service and helping others, you will naturally find many teachers. These individuals have finished their schooling and chose year after year to go to school, even if it is their workplace. The Clef wanted to recognize all of our Brothers who teach or work in schools. Below are a few interviews we gathered from Brothers who are teachers. ✨

**T. H. M. Gellar-Goad (Alpha)**  
WHAT DO YOU TEACH? college: Latin; Greek; ancient Graeco-Roman literature & culture  
WHERE DO YOU TEACH? Wake Forest University  
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING? 10 years  
WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BECOME A TEACHER?  
a passion for Latin led me to academia



Professor Gellar-Goad is pictured on the right.

**Christopher Ciarlariello (PBOT, AA/Pi)**  
WHAT DO YOU TEACH? Grades 4-12 Instrumental Music  
WHERE DO I TEACH? Monroe Township, NJ  
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN TEACHING? Six years  
WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED AS A TEACHER THAT CAN HELP US AS BROTHERS OF MU BETA PSI? Passion goes a long way.  
Always remember why you love doing something and the people you are doing it with, especially when things get rough.

**Caitlyn Sullivan (Pi)**  
WHAT DO YOU TEACH? Second grade  
WHERE DO YOU TEACH? Port Reading Elementary School  
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING? I am a student teacher  
WHY DID YOU GO INTO TEACHING? Honestly, I love working with kids. One of the most rewarding things is seeing my students' faces when they understand something new. That might be what keeps me in teaching. I want a career that does not feel too much like work and feels more like me loving everything for the rest of my life.



Chris Keri (Pi)  
 WHAT DO YOU TEACH? Third grade  
 WHERE DO YOU TEACH? Bernards Township, NJ  
 HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING? Four years  
 WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED AS A TEACHER THAT  
 CAN HELP US AS BROTHERS OF MU BETA PSI?  
 Never expect things to go as expected.  
 Be flexible and trust your judgement in everything you do.



Panarama of Chris Keri's classroom.



Ms. Luft always wears a smile to class!

Lindsay Luft (Rho)  
 WHAT DO YOU TEACH? K-6 Elementary Music  
 WHERE DO YOU TEACH? Kent, Washington  
 HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN  
 TEACHING? First year teacher  
 WHY DID YOU GO INTO TEACHING?  
 Because my music teachers inspired me so much,  
 and those classes were a safe haven for me. I  
 want to provide that for others.

Morgan Zurick (Snyder) (Nu)  
 WHAT DO YOU TEACH? Special ed middle/ high school  
 WHERE DO YOU TEACH? Mary Cariola Children's Center  
 HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING? I have been  
 a TA since 2015, and started teaching in June 2017  
 WHAT DID YOU LEARN IN MU BETA PSI THAT HAS  
 HELPED YOU AS A TEACHER? Working as a team  
 for the greater good is what is important.



Ms. Dzbanski's classroom has lots of Hamilton!

Rachael Dzbanski (AA/Rho)  
 WHAT DO I TEACH? High School Social Studies  
 WHERE DO I TEACH?  
 INVEST Roosevelt Alternative High School  
 HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN TEACHING?  
 This is my second semester  
 WHY DID YOU GO INTO TEACHING?  
 To help students become knowledgeable citizens.



# Congratulations



Nu Alumnus Morgan (Snyder) and Joseph Zurick were married on October 6, 2017, with many Nu Brothers in attendance!



Pi Alumni Alison and Bryce Wolfe bought their first house on August 18, 2017!



Brother Ariana Betts (A) got engaged to Joseph Mauro on November 22, 2016!



NEOTC and Rho Alumnus Natalie Holbrook got engaged to pledge Brother Shawn DeYoung on June 17, 2017! They are planning their wedding for December 2018.



Staff Writer for The Clef Veronica Tabor (Z) is working at the University of Nebraska- Lincoln as a Residence Director!



# & Announcements



Rho Alumna Christy Sener Townsend, daughter Caroline, and husband Chris relocated to the Kalamazoo, Michigan area! Chris is now a Field Director for Southern Shores FSC of the Boy Scouts of America. Christy is the new high school English teacher at Springport High School.

- National Treasurer Tyler Jensen (Z/AA) was hired full time at Dart Container to act as the focal point for the European launch efforts of a product line he has been supporting!
- Tau Alumna Amanda Brenner will be playing Thelma in "The Trip to Bountiful" at The Little Theatre in Newtown, CT from November 10-December 2, 2017!
- Omicron Alumni Phillip and Jen Staten are expecting future musician #3, their first girl, in January 2018!



Zeta Alumni Jess (Montgomery) and Drew Markel are expecting in March 2018! Baby Markel is expected to be a time percussionist, just like mom and dad.



Brothers celebrating the wedding of Nick Toomey and Zeta Alumna Tessa (Burgess).



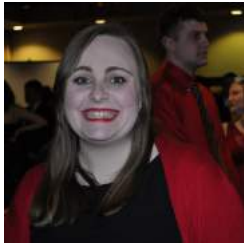
Morgan McNeil (A) and Matt Ledford tied the knot on October 21, 2017! Alpha Brothers Zach English and Kristen Young are in the wedding party.

# Letter from the Editor

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Hello everyone!

The Clef Editorial Board and I are proud to present this fall 2017 edition of The Clef! We have all been hard at work to produce an edition that's even better than the last. The Clef can only be as awesome as all the music, service, and Brotherhood our Brothers are accomplishing! As long as our Chapters, Officers, and individual Brothers continue to further our purposes, we will have plenty of interesting content for The Clef!

A special shout out to all our Brothers who participated in music and service over the summer, some of whom are featured in our Brother Spotlight section. Even when we aren't on campus and school isn't in session, there are tons of opportunities around to keep contributing to our communities everywhere we go. And, of course, thank you to all of the Brothers who participated in our surveys to gather information for this edition. We hope you can see your opinions and memories reflected. With your cooperation, we can ensure The Clef represents a more collective voice of Brothers of Mu Beta Psi.

A very special congratulations to Zeta Chapter on their 50th anniversary and Pi Chapter on their 10th anniversary! The Brothers at these Chapters have contributed to the rich history of our organization in many capacities. Mu Beta Psi is so glad and honored to have incorporated Tri Beta and Mu Upsilon Alpha, respectively, into our organization. The blended histories make for a fascinating story, which we hope all our readers enjoyed!

Oddly enough, Zeta Chapter and Pi Chapter both hold a special place in my heart. Being a Rho, I have had MANY opportunities to visit Houghton. I have been to Zeta Initiations, seen Zeta Brothers every weekend for a month straight, and experienced a few Winter Carnivals. The physical proximity allowed me numerous opportunities to interact with the Chapter as a group and most of the Brothers active during my time at Rho. I have had so many fun times with those goofballs at Michigan Tech. I even earned my own Zeta Nickname, Jingles, which was graciously bestowed upon me by PBOT Andrew Fleming.

Pi Chapter was the first Convention I went to. I pledged in Fall 2012 and as soon as I heard about Convention 2013, I knew I wanted to go! It was an incredible experience getting to meet and interact with Brothers from almost every Chapter so soon after I became a Brother myself. Pi Convention was the first time I was exposed to Nationals and Brothers from other Chapters. One of the first Brothers I met at Convention was Zeta Alumnus Nick Rosencrans. He approached myself and Lindsey Luft, walking to the NCCM meeting, and excitedly asked, "Are you guys from Rho?!" When we answered yes, he pulled a \$10 bill from his pocket and gave it to us. "It's a donation to your Chapter," He said, with a glowing and genuine smile on his face.

I was super starstruck to meet National President (at the time) Chris Ciarlariello and National Vice President of Chapter Maintenance (at the time) Garrett Cooperman. I remember being shocked at how welcoming, polite, and full of hugs Brothers were. I had never really felt like I fit in anywhere before I joined Mu Beta Psi. I had the realization that it wasn't just Rho Chapter- I found a place to be accepted with other quirky musicians across the nation who loved service.

We hope you have all been thoroughly entertained by this fall 2017 edition of The Clef, because I already have ideas for the next edition! If there's anything you want to see covered or any suggestions for next time, please reach out and let me know! We welcome suggestions and submissions all year round. We would also love to feature some art, photography, poetry, or other Brother-made works. If you have them, please submit them!

Thanks for reading!  
Natalie Holbrook  
National Editor of The Clef ✍



NEOTC Natalie Holbrook and Brittney Shaposka take Rho Joe to banquet at Pi Convention in 2013!



# The MBΨ Alumni Association Welcomes You

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- 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



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