



# SIGMA NEWS

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## CLOSING THE BOOK ON A HISTORIC YEAR

### *Zeta Phi Celebrates Successful 2020 Amidst a Pandemic*

Brothers, welcome to the fall 2020 edition of *Sigma News*. Our actives have been hard at work displaying the discipline and leadership we would expect on campus during these unusual times.

After a lengthy hiatus away from campus, students returned this fall to a new normal at Bradley University. With social distancing and face coverings required at all times, the actives returned to classrooms and resumed traditional learning. The university conducted random COVID-19 screenings and made screenings available to students and staff with COVID-19 symptoms. After a spike in positive tests, Bradley temporarily moved to a remote learning environment and enacted an all-student quarantine for two weeks in the middle of September. With the combined efforts of students, faculty, and staff, they were able to slow the spread of the virus and resume in-class learning.

This didn't slow our actives from continuing their fraternal duties. Prior to moving them back into the chapter house, we did a thorough cleaning. A fresh coat of paint in many areas and some routine maintenance got the house back in

tip-top shape for fall recruitment, which was a big success. We recruited 13 young men who displayed the qualities expected of a Sigma Nu. With the small number of students that signed up for fall recruitment combined with the virtual format the university mandated, we still attained the second-highest recruitment class on campus.

After Thanksgiving, the house will be closed until the end of January while the campus goes to virtual learning for the remainder of the fall semester.

The House Corporation wants to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude toward all Sigma Nus and their families for their continued efforts to support Zeta Phi. As always, feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions or concerns. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Fraternally,  
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## MAKING THE FALL A VIRTUAL SUCCESS

### *Active Brothers Adapt to New Rules*



From left: Ethan Smith '23 (ZΦ1299), Ryan Newstrom '23 (ZΦ1290), Tristan Vidican '23 (ZΦ1292), Anthony Ryan '21 (ZΦ1272), CJ Johnston '21 (ZΦ1271), Mike Finder '23 (ZΦ1301), Jake Fitch '22 (ZΦ1282), Andrew Pellettieri '23 (ZΦ1288), Josh Manning '23 (ZΦ1291) and Mark Milewski '22 (ZΦ1287) (cameraman) have a steak dinner at Alexander's Steakhouse to celebrate their GPAs of 3.5 or higher.



Corey Novander '22 (ZΦ1283) and Anthony Ryan '21 (ZΦ1272) practice social distancing.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Zeta Phi Chapter has had difficulties functioning how we normally would. In better news, many of our member's grades have skyrocketed. Brothers have been spending more time in the house than ever before, which has elevated our brotherhood and how close each we actually are with one another.

Alumni Chairman **Mark Milewski '22 (ZΦ1287)** has required each of our members to sign up for Scholars, a social network site used for connecting active members of a fraternity with their alumni. This way, each member can individually meet Sigma Nu alumni who had the same major or similar career goals and receive advice about what they should do next. We hope this will lead our active brothers to more internships or job opportunities. At the time of writing, only three members have yet to connect with alumni, but we are working to push that number down to zero.

Our philanthropy chairman, **Corey Novander '22 (ZΦ1283)**, recently sent a letter to each active brother and his family asking each brother to donate a minimum of \$50 to our annual Gameball Run. A decent number of our active members have already pledged more than the \$50 minimum. Last year we raised around \$12,000, but due to financial hardships from COVID-19, we are not expecting to raise as much this year; our goal \$7,000.

During these odd and confusing times, we must ensure that we are taking every precaution to keep ourselves and the Bradley community safe. While we could not accomplish we wanted to due to restrictions, it has been a strong year, particularly in academics and recruitment. We hope the day comes soon that we can safely welcome alumni to the chapter house again.

Fraternally,  
**Brian Leonard '21 (ZΦ1284)**  
Commander

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## Alumni Update

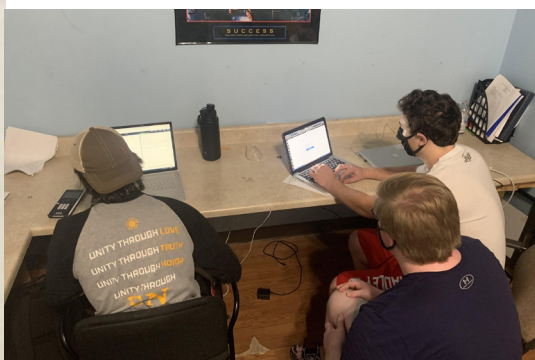
### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**Eric Suender '91 (ZΦ691)** entered Chapter Eternal on May 26 after a battle with brain cancer. Eric spent 30 years in education and was most recently the STEM executive of Michigan for Boy Scouts of America. He was an Eagle Scout, two-time Olympic torchbearer, and a Woodrow Wilson fellow, among other honors. Eric was a forever optimist and very inspirational to all who knew him. "Great brother, loved by all," writes **John Hennessy '88 (ZΦ640)**.

### ALUMNI NEWS

**Jim O. Dague Jr. '68 (ZΦ306)** is the CEO of Goshen Hospital in Goshen, Ind. He earned his master's in hospital administration from Saint Louis University in 1972. Jim lives in Millersburg, Ind.

**Paul Lile '68 (ZΦ316)** is an Herbalife distributor and has been with the company for more than 30 years. Paul lost 40 pounds in two months with the help of their products and enjoys helping people improve their health. Paul lives in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Email: [pwlilesr@gmail.com](mailto:pwlilesr@gmail.com)



**Left:** Timothy Johnson '23 (ZΦ1296) Alexander Hamilton '24, and Ben Westerkamm '23 (ZΦ1297) study for a calculus exam. **Right:** Alexander Hamilton '24 and Josh Manning '23 (ZΦ1291) practice social distancing while watching the game.

## Welcome, Fall New Members

**Wesley Diaz '22** | Morris, Ill.

**Jorge Zamora '22** | Peoria, Ill.

**Justin Eggleston '24** | Minooka, Ill.

**Alexander Hamilton '24** | Peoria, Ill.

**Josh Kennedy '24** | St. Charles, Ill.

**Sean McManis '24** | Peoria, Ill.

**Nathan Sachtleben '24** | Minooka, Ill.

**Jack Settle '24** | St. Charles, Ill.

**Colin Whitehouse '24** | Chesterfield, Mo.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What keeps you connected to Sigma Nu? Have you spoken to your Zeta Phi brothers lately? How do you lend a hand in your community? Got a favorite memory from your time in the Zeta Phi chapter house? What's your biggest accomplishment since graduating from Bradley University? By sharing what you've been up to, you can be featured in an upcoming issue of *Sigma News*.

Do you have photos from your "wonder years" to share? We'd love to include throwback photos in future newsletters. Be sure to provide a caption and names of those pictured when submitting photos.

Submissions may be sent to **Wes Zobrist '06 (ZΦ1023)** at [wes@zobristconstruction.com](mailto:wes@zobristconstruction.com).

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