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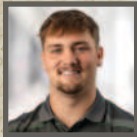
A PUBLICATION OF THE ZETA PHI CHAPTER OF SIGMA NU

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Congratulations, 2026 Graduates



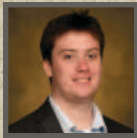
Sean Coen '26 (ZΦ1326), a legacy, raised more than \$20,000 for OSF Almost Home Kids as philanthropy chairman before accepting the role of treasurer. He will continue his employment at Kinsey Wealth Management as a Wealth Management Associate.



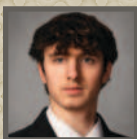
Joshua Dunn '26 (ZΦ1324), a former Commander, recorder, and alumni chairman, served the chapter for two years on the executive board while maintaining academic excellence. He will be working with Pointcore Construction as a preconstruction/project manager.



Seth Johnson '26 (ZΦ1334) was a major contributor to the chapter, serving as a house manager and Lieutenant Commander. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, graduating cum laude.



Denis McNulty '26 (ZΦ1325) served the chapter as LEAD chairman, commissary, brotherhood chairman, and community service chairman. He will continue to search for positions within the marketing field.



Robert Parkel '26 (ZΦ1337) was a major academic influence during his time, serving as scholarship chairman. Graduating summa cum laude with degrees in finance and economics, Robert will work as a financial analyst.

Zeta Phi CONTINUES TO RISE *Spring Semester Recap*



Celebrating a successful Game Ball Run raising over \$20,000 for OSF Almost Home Kids.

The spring semester marked another outstanding interval in our chapter's history, as our brothers continued to uphold the values of Love, Truth, and Honor through leadership, service, scholarship, and brotherhood.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

One highlight was the annual Game Ball Run, a tradition that has continued for more than 30 years. More than 25 brothers participated in the 45-mile relay from Normal to Peoria, raising over \$20,000 for OSF Almost Home Kids, a cause close to our hearts, and once again demonstrating the dedication and generosity of our members while strengthening our connection to the Peoria community.

LEADERSHIP ACROSS CAMPUS

Beyond philanthropy, the chapter remained focused on personal growth, academic achievement, and member development. Brothers were actively involved in student organizations, leadership positions, and community service initiatives, continuing Sigma Nu's tradition of developing well-rounded leaders. The semester also provided meaningful opportunities to strengthen relationships with alumni and chapter supporters.

GREEK ALUMNI COUNCIL UPDATE

I continued serving on the Greek Alumni Council, focusing on long-term strategic initiatives to strengthen and grow the Greek community. The Council worked closely with Bradley administration and student leadership to support recruitment efforts for the incoming 2026 class, which is projected to be significantly larger than last year.

A major focus has been developing a comprehensive strategic plan for Greek Life. As chairman of the Physical Space Subcommittee, I helped evaluate opportunities to enhance the Greek neighborhood, including potential

improvements along Fredonia Avenue and a long-term vision for a dedicated Greek Life Quad that could create a stronger sense of community and identity for fraternity and sorority members.

The Council also completed significant work in marketing, branding, and membership growth. These recommendations are being shared with Bradley University, the Interfraternity Council, and the Panhellenic community to improve recruitment, increase student engagement, and strengthen the overall Greek Life experience.

As the strategic planning process moves forward, the Council's goal remains clear: to support sustainable growth, improve the student experience, and ensure Greek Life remains a positive and impactful part of the Bradley community.

STAY CONNECTED

The continued success of Zeta Phi is made possible by the support and involvement of our alumni. Whether through mentoring undergraduate members, attending chapter events, supporting chapter initiatives, or serving on the house corporation or alumni advisory board, your engagement helps strengthen the brotherhood for future generations.

As we look to the fall, we are proud of the progress made and grateful for the continued support of our alumni, families, and friends. Together, we will continue building on our legacy of excellence and ensuring Zeta Phi remains a leader.

Love, Truth, and Honor,
Wes Zobrist '06 (ZΦ1023)
President
Peoria, Illinois Sigma Nu Building Corporation
(309) 696-1389 | wes@zobristconstruction.com

A Rewarding Year

Chapter Advisor Reflects on Zeta Phi's Growth

It is hard to believe I have had the pleasure of serving as faculty advisor for Zeta Phi Chapter for over a year. When I accepted this role, I was not entirely sure what to expect, but I can sum up the experience in one word: rewarding. What an amazing group of young men! The awards and accolades the chapter received during the spring clearly reflect leadership, service, and dedication.

Looking ahead, we have several important goals:

First, we aim to strengthen academic performance and foster a culture of scholastic excellence. To achieve this, I will work directly with chapter leadership to set realistic goals and develop a plan to help members reach them.

Second, we will continue building the chapter's leadership presence on campus by encouraging members to serve not only in chapter leadership roles but also in student organizations.

Finally, we will strengthen our recruitment efforts by focusing on meaningful relationships and demonstrating our commitment to the fraternity's core values. Through campus involvement, personal outreach, community service, and social events, we will strive to attract men who exemplify leadership, strong character, academic commitment, and a genuine desire to contribute to the chapter's success.

I would be remiss if I did not personally thank **Logan Vargas '27** for guiding me in my role. He seemed to have answers before I even asked the questions, and I'm grateful. I look forward to working with the new Commander and continuing to help grow and strengthen Zeta Phi. I am honored to work with these young men and to have a small role in their continued success.

Respectfully,
Kristy Willis

UPDATES FROM THE UNDERGRADUATES

Zeta Phi is once again thriving and setting the standard on Bradley's campus. **Brach Skof '27 (ZΦ1331)** and **Timothy Melton '28 (ZΦ1342)** were initiated into Order of Omega, a national honor society recognizing outstanding campus leadership among Greek organizations.

Logan Vargas '27 (ZΦ1330) also completed his term as a High Council Collegiate Advisor for Sigma Nu's Board of Directors, providing valuable support and resources to help Zeta Phi address challenges and advance chapter initiatives.

Last summer, Zeta Phi was named a **Rock Chapter**, Sigma Nu's highest chapter-level honor, which recognizes excellence in every area of chapter operations. This spring, the chapter was named **Student Organization of the Year**, an award honoring the campus organization that made the most meaningful impact through exemplary leadership, community engagement, and philanthropic initiatives. Additionally, Logan was named **President of the Year** by the Interfraternity Council and received the **Dr. Domenico and Betty Volturno Distinguished Service Award**. Hi-Rickety to his continued contributions and success!

Zeta Phi's reach on campus extends beyond philanthropy and service, with brothers deeply involved in many other organizations. More than 93% of members are actively involved in at least one additional student organization, and 17% serve in leadership positions. This year, the chapter also raised \$20,154 for OSF Almost Home Kids and completed an average of 34 community service hours per member.



Timothy Melton '28 (ZΦ1342), Logan Vargas '27 (ZΦ1330), and Brach Skof '27 (ZΦ1331) attend the Order of Omega initiation.

The chapter was also proud to once again send two members, Timothy and **Alex Ryia '28 (ZΦ1344)**, to the College of Chapters program. Looking ahead to the summer, the chapter plans to send two rising sophomores to the Lexington Leadership Institute. This marks the third year of the program's existence and Zeta Phi's third year of representation.

Finally, the chapter remains committed to excellence through effective transitions and ambitious goal setting. We extend our sincerest appreciation to the Alumni Advisory Board and Housing Corporation for their continued support of our pursuit of excellence.

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(ZΦ1342)

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(ZΦ1347)

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(ZΦ1353)

THANK YOU, LOYAL DONORS

We are sincerely grateful to the alumni and friends below who have supported the campaign as of June 1, 2026. Their generosity reflects a shared belief in the future of Zeta Phi and the importance of preserving and improving the chapter house for generations to come. The following donors have helped move us toward our \$2 million goal, and it is our honor to recognize them for their lasting support of the brotherhood.

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Gary Bergman (ZΦ340)
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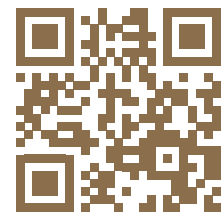
100 Additional Donors Needed!

Preparations for *The Campaign for Sigma Nu* are nearing completion, which will fund necessary upgrades and renovations to the house. **With just six months remaining, two ΣN alumni donors are matching 100% of all new and supplemental gifts made by December 1, 2026.** To date, 108 Sigma Nu alumni have made gifts totaling \$1.3 million. With \$200,000 in pending gifts, we need just \$500,000 in additional commitments to reach our \$2 million goal!

More than 1,000 ΣN alumni have not yet contributed, creating an important opportunity for many more Sigma Nus to help us reach the finish line. Once the campaign is complete, all donors will be recognized on a lifetime plaque that will become a permanent part of the house. All gifts will be directed to construction work that will enhance the house, which is now nearly 64 years old and in need of repairs and upgrades.

Gifts to Sigma Nu are tax-deductible if they are first sent to Bradley University and designated for the Sigma Nu Building Campaign. To contribute, checks should be sent to Bradley University, Attn. Ms. Erin Genovese, Development Office, 1501 West Bradley Ave., Peoria, IL 61606. You can also make your gift online at bit.ly/GiveToBU.

MATCHING GIFTS
INCREASE IMPACT



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For additional information, contact
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WHAT'S INSIDE?



Updates from Zeta Phi

Including campus leadership, service accomplishments, and chapter awards.



Greek Alumni Council Updates

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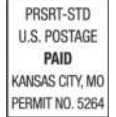


Details about the Sigma Nu Building Campaign

Matching gift opportunities and more as we continue to work together to support the future of Sigma Nu at Bradley.

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MOTIVATED TO ACHIEVE

How Sigma Nu Shaped the Career of Dr. Bernard Jensen '72 (ZΦ366)

Like many freshmen, **Dr. Bernie Jensen '72 (ZΦ366)** arrived on campus with little sense of what college life was about, but throughout recruitment, "My experience visiting Sigma Nu and the welcoming environment the brothers created made it my first choice after every visit."

Bernie fondly looks back on his undergraduate Sigma Nu days, "with many memorable experiences along the way," that included playing IFC football and basketball, hanging out at Mecca, and even a couple of hitchhiking trips to New Orleans. While he had a blast with his brothers, Zeta Phi's emphasis on academics left a lasting impression, and feeling motivated to achieve ultimately led him to pursue his graduate degree, setting the course for his professional life.

Bernie enjoyed a rewarding career as an academic psychologist. He spent over 40 years as a university professor, first at LSU and then at the University of Central Florida. "The opportunities to teach, conduct research, and also have a part-time private practice as a licensed psychologist were incredibly fulfilling."

While at UCF, he helped establish the APA-accredited Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program and served as the inaugural director of clinical training.

He also spent nearly a decade in university administration at UCF. "As an associate vice president for academic affairs at UCF, I was able to help create educational opportunities for transfer students from central Florida community colleges," he shared. "I am most appreciative of the fact that upon retirement, I was awarded faculty emeritus status. This is an honor that starts with one's peers in the psychology department, and to have the respect from my colleagues is quite humbling."

In his private practice, Bernie worked in clinical and sport psychology, consulting with professional, amateur, and junior golfers as well as athletes from a variety of sports, including the Orlando Magic.

"I use empirically supported approaches for enhancing human performance and focus on the mental processes that contribute to successful outcomes," he shared.

Now retired in central Florida, Bernie plays golf and cycles three to four times a week. He also enjoys hiking, golfing, and kayaking in the summers in Brevard, North Carolina, where he and his wife, Beth, recently purchased a cabin.

Bernie and Beth have two daughters and five grandchildren and enjoy visiting and spending quality time with them when they can. His Sigma Nu connections remain strong, and he was thrilled to attend a Chicago-area reunion in 2023 at the Fantasy Island retreat of **Joe Palumbo '74 (ZΦ418)**. "It was quite impactful to see so many Sigma Nu brothers, most of whom I hadn't seen in 50 years."

You can connect with Bernie at drbjensen@gmail.com.



"Sigma Nu helped me develop confidence in my abilities to navigate our complex world."