

Sigma Chi Fraternity

Epsilon Zeta



Dear Sigma Chi Alumni Brothers,

The Epsilon Zeta Chapter has experienced another successful semester, highlighted by our exceptional performances in rush, new member education, philanthropy, and social events. Throughout the course of this semester, our brothers have continued to involve themselves with campus life, simultaneously benefiting our external relationships while strengthening the brotherhood of our chapter.



Rush & New Member Education

The fall semester began with our recruitment process, led by *Mason Chernau*, who pursued new candidates for the Iota pledge class with the help of his committee. Following rush week, our Magister *Talan Crookshank* led an informative and scholarly new member education process that focused on the values of Friendship, Justice, and Learning. As a result, our chapter initiated 26 new brothers into our order. We look forward to

seeing these young men become leaders and strive for excellence in their college lives.

Fall Philanthropy

While our chapter places a larger focus on Derby Days in the spring, our fall philanthropy still found success in other areas. Brothers *Ross Ellis*, *Ricardo Laso*, *Seth Goldstein*, *Parker Raye*, *Ryan Lieberman*, and *Anthony Erevelles* all ran for different sorority sweetheart competitions. These young men collectively raised over \$25,000 for various sorority philanthropy, showcasing their desire towards creating a better tomorrow. We are grateful for these brothers' initiative and dedication in advancing philanthropy at Florida State University.



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Social Events

On the social front, chairman *Jack Murray* once again orchestrated an exciting semester of social events. Our fraternity ventured to Savannah, Georgia for our fall formal. During this trip, our brothers created lifelong memories, experiencing a formal event at a rooftop venue in downtown Savannah.



The chapter hosted multiple tailgates prior to home football games, creating excitement for the Seminoles. This included our Alumni tailgate on November 11, which proved to be a great success. We appreciate all the alumni who made the trip to Tallahassee and visited our brotherhood. Additionally, the fraternity held a fall party at our chapter facility to celebrate our achievements and enjoy our beloved brotherhood. As most brothers would agree, this semester's social events were nothing short of legendary.



Osceola Alumnus

Epsilon Zeta alumnus and chapter founder **Spencer Fairfield** finished his tenure as Osceola this fall. Brother Spencer was the 18th student to take the reins of Renegade, fulfilling this role for the past two seasons. He ended his career with a home victory against Virginia Tech on November 11th. Excellent work, Spencer!

Spring Events & Alumni Banquet

Our chapter continues to look forward to the spring semester, which consists of a busy schedule of social, philanthropy, and alumni events. We are excited for another Derby Days Competition to benefit the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Additionally, we are looking forward to hosting our predecessors at the first annual **Alumni Banquet**, being held at Doak Campbell Stadium on April 17th. For those interested, there will be more information shortly through email.

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Additionally, I would like to host multiple **Professional Development Seminars** this spring with our brotherhood. These seminars can be carried out in-person for local alumni or over Zoom calls for those who do not live in the area. Let me know if you would like to share your professional experiences and we can find a date and time that works best.



Epsilon Zeta Endowment & New House Initiative

I would like to give a special thanks to alumni brother **Rick Harpenau** (*Florida State 1980*) for his generous endowment of \$3 million to the Epsilon Zeta chapter! This donation places our chapter in the *Gold-level* Thomas Cowan Bell Endowment category, a distinguished level of alumni support within Sigma Chi. Brother Harpenau's endowment will provide funds towards the ***New House Initiative*** and implement \$500,000 of scholarship money for active brothers. We are extremely grateful for the donation and look forward to using this endowment to better the Epsilon Zeta chapter.

To our Alumni, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you success in the New Year. Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our chapter. We strive to reach the levels of success that you all can guide us towards. With your support, our fraternity will continue to grow and thrive at Florida State University.

In Hoc,

Cooper Brandt
Tribune of the Epsilon Zeta Chapter

