



Dear Sigma Chi Alumni,

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer! Over the last few months, our brothers have been busy in their own endeavors. Throughout this newsletter, I will highlight some of the internships, abroad trips, and accomplishments that our brotherhood experienced this summer. Additionally, we have some important news to share regarding the New House Initiative and future alumni events, so please read below to hear more about our excellent summer.

Alumni Chapter of Tallahassee

We are proud to announce that the Tallahassee Alumni Chapter Association of Sigma Chi has had their Declaration of Intent approved by Sigma Chi Headquarters! This means the Alumni Chapter is an official Association, and has begun the process of becoming a Chapter. This new association will provide local alumni with a fraternal outlet and second-to-none alumni brotherhood. I would like to show my appreciation to alumni brother Cole Quintanilla for his hard work and determination in cultivating this group. Cole took on this project a few months ago to assist in strengthening the local alumni network, which has always been our goal at Epsilon Zeta. Additionally, thank you to our housing corporation for their assistance in making this possible. For more information on the next Alumni Chapter meeting, please reach out to Cole for more information (863-521-8901).

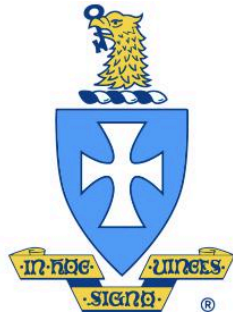
Internships and Work Experience

At Epsilon Zeta, we pride ourselves on the collective dedication our brothers invest towards individual careers and job experiences. This summer saw many phenomenal internship placements throughout Florida and other parts of the country. In the financial realm, **Johnny Russenberger** earned an internship with the UBS group, along with brother **Will Becker** working for



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PWC in accounting. Brother **Colby Yount** interned for Statefarm, gaining hands-on experience in insurance. On the political side, **Gavin Jordan** earned the opportunity to work as a legislative intern for Ohio Representative Jim Jordan, along with **Nico Zabala** interning for Florida Lieutenant Governor Jay Collins. Internally, **Parker Raye** interned for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation in Salt Lake City, Utah. Additionally, we had brothers intern for companies such as Fisher Investments, Amwins, GE Aerospace, and many other successful businesses. Overall, our brothers not only strengthened their work experience, but exemplified the core values tied to Sigma Chi. Well done, gentlemen!

Study Abroad

While internships are important, traveling during college holds just as much prestige and experience. Thankfully, Florida State offers excellent opportunities in studying abroad over the summer term. Brothers **Griffin Minor**, **Landon Higgins**, **Henry Sosa**, **Kai Hurdle**, **Colby**



Yount, **Charlie Roche**, and **Carson Dasilva** had the unique opportunity to study overseas- either in Valencia, Spain or Florence, Italy. Throughout this six-week course, our brothers had the privilege of exploring Europe and learning about different cultures, all while taking classes that directly relate to their field of study.

Brother Spotlight: Griffin Minor

Each bulletin, Epsilon Zeta distinguishes a chapter member for their effort, accountability, and success during college. Over the past few months, brother **Griffin Minor** has set himself apart through his achievements as a ROTC cadet at Florida State. Recently, Griffin earned his path to become a pilot in the Air





Force, as he was selected for undergraduate pilot training in his 2027 commission. Additionally, he earned the opportunity to study abroad in Florence, Italy this summer. On top of these commitments, he serves as our Annotator on the chapter executive board. Way to go, Griff!

The Next Chapter Starts Here: The Epsilon Zeta New House Initiative

Since rechartering in 2023, Epsilon Zeta has grown to 162 active brothers with a 3.48 chapter GPA and more than 50 members in campus leadership. The chapter has outgrown the .19-acre house on Pensacola Street, so we are building a new one. Conceptualized by Rick Harpenau '80, a Florida-licensed general contractor, the new chapter house sits on a .65-acre lot directly across the street, one block from FSU's campus core. It is 35 bedrooms across two stories, organized into eight pod-style suites, with a commercial kitchen and dining for 175, a library, a weight room, underground parking, and a tailgate court. It opens in Fall 2028.

The campaign goal is \$13.3 million, and so far nearly 75 percent has been accounted for, anchored by a \$4.42 million lead commitment from Rick Harpenau '80. About \$3.4 million remains, and named spaces throughout the house are still available, from individual bedrooms to entire floors, each carrying a permanent dedication on the Founders Wall. Every brother can be part of it. Gifts can be made online in minutes, and larger or tax-deductible gifts can be arranged through the Sigma Chi Foundation. See the renderings, watch Rick's message, and give at ezofsigmachi.org/the-house. Browse the naming opportunities at ezofsigmachi.org/donors.

Campaign figures current as of September 2026; see ezofsigmachi.org/the-house for the latest.





A Message from the Fundraising Chair

Brothers, I joined Epsilon Zeta for the same reason most of you did: the brotherhood. This chapter shaped who I am, and the friendships I made here are the ones I still lean on today. That is precisely why I took on this campaign and why I am asking you to stand behind it with me. We are building a home worthy of the chapter we have become: 162 active brothers, a 3.48 GPA, and a presence that competes with the best at Florida State, all out of a house built for a different era. The new house fixes that for the next fifty years, and here is where it stands. We have \$9.9 million of our \$13.3 million goal accounted for, with about \$3.4 million left to raise. The momentum is real, and this is the moment to finish what we started. So I will be direct. Give what you can, at any level, and pass this along to a brother who would want to know. Every commitment moves us closer, and every named space carries a brother's name in that house for good.



In Hoc,

Patrick Raftery, Fundraising Chair of the New House Initiative

Alumni Reunion in Atlantic Beach

On Memorial Day Weekend, a group of Epsilon Zeta alumni held their 45th reunion in Atlantic



Beach, Florida. At this event, 21 brothers from the classes of 79', 80', 81', and 82' made fond memories and rekindled brotherly ties from years ago. Furthermore, four former consuls were in attendance along with Significant Sig **Daniel Raulerson**. We are glad to see that the



reciprocal bonds between our brothers have remained strong throughout the years. If any other pledge class or alumni groups have a reunion, please reach out so we can include it in the issue of our newsletter.

Alumni Tailgate

This fall, we will host our annual Alumni Tailgate on **November 27th** for the FSU vs UF football game. Prior to the game we will hold a tailgate and cookout at the chapter facility, located at 749 W Pensacola St., Tallahassee Florida. Since the game begins at 3:30 pm, we will start our tailgate around **12:30 PM**. We look forward to seeing our alumni back in town for an excellent football game!

Epsilon Zeta 75th Anniversary Celebration

As many of you know, Epsilon Zeta is celebrating its 75th year at Florida State. As such, we are hosting a celebration this spring worthy of such achievements. **An email laying out all the details for this will be sent in the upcoming weeks.** Though all details will be present in that message, the date is set for January 21st, so make sure to mark your calendars! We look forward to gathering with our alumni in celebration of 75 excellent years at Florida State University!

In Hoc,

Cooper Brandt

Tribune of the Epsilon Zeta Chapter