

ZETA THETA

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RE-CHARTERING COMPLETE

After two semesters of hard work, on April 11, 2025, we achieved our goal of re-chartering the Zeta Theta Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. The re-chartering weekend was intensive but rewarding. It began with a three-hour presentation to chartering officers Tracy Maddux, Zeta Theta (Texas-Austin), and Dr. Tom Sullivan, Delta Omega (Texas A&M), to showcase our work and outline our plans for future success. We shared our perspectives, ideas and lessons learned. We demonstrated our understanding of recruitment, risk management, finances, brotherhood, scholarship, history, philanthropy and campus involvement. The chartering officers provided invaluable feedback and were extremely satisfied with the passionate dedication to Pi Kappa Phi each brother conveyed.

Following the presentation, our members were initiated. We are beyond excited and incredibly honored to be initiated brothers of Pi Kappa Phi. We extend a special thanks to the brothers of the Iota Beta Chapter (Texas-San Antonio) for their patience and care in making the Ritual of Initiation a meaningful experience for us all. The next morning, we came together to learn about the Ritual in greater detail, opening our eyes to the true meaning of brotherhood and the values we aim to embody in our everyday lives.

Finally, we ended the weekend with a joint celebration with the Eta Rho Chapter (Texas State), enjoying an excellent meal with our dates, families and friends. We are grateful to Chief Executive Officer Jake Henderson and Leadership Consultant Hunter Palatini for being present and sharing stories, jokes and advice. Now, as we shift our focus to longevity and growth, we know there is more work to be done, but nevertheless, we embrace this challenge with open arms.



LETTER FROM THE ARCHON

Dear alumni,

I am beyond excited to share an update following our chapter's re-chartering. While our journey was fun and exhilarating, there were plenty of challenges to overcome, but we are back on campus and ready to excel!

When I transferred from the University of Texas-San Antonio, I had low expectations for a new and growing fraternity on a campus like UT Austin. However, I was quickly proven wrong as we began to understand the true effort required to build a successful chapter.

Creating a sense of leadership was a difficult task once we had grown our group to a functioning size; everyone was passionate about taking on a leadership role, but officer positions were limited. Once we learned to function as an Executive Council, we implemented an extensive committee system under each executive role so everyone could impact the direction we take our chapter. Although we faced challenges as we grew, we knew the fulfillment and celebration of chartering was right around the corner.

Initially, we set the bar high, nearly doubling the original group of men within two weeks by reaching 50 members during the fall recruitment phase. The men we recruited are outstanding brothers willing to build a legacy. Looking back on the past few months, I can proudly say that we have established a family-like brotherhood, which extends to all our activities as a chapter. To build brotherhood, we incorporated things like gaming tournaments and weekly dinners after chapter meetings. This has helped make our culture of brotherhood strong.

I would like to thank Leadership Consultants Jett Willman and Hunter Palatini for their endless effort in starting a foundation for our return to campus. They've rekindled a legacy that will outlive our undergraduate presence on campus. Secondly, I would like to thank Jace Gravitt for his efforts in keeping us on track with our re-chartering goal and making sure we had fun in doing so. Lastly, I would like to thank the Zeta Theta alumni for their support and entrusting us with our chapter's legacy.

I am forever grateful to have played a key role in this process. Nonetheless, we are committed to being a chapter that showcases unity, service before self and leading by example at UT Austin. I do not doubt that with the continuous efforts of our Executive Council and the chapter, we will become a top chapter on campus in the coming semesters.

The job isn't finished; this is just the start.

Fraternally,

Ryan Zahedivash
Archon





PHILANTHROPY AND SERVICE

Zeta Theta's philanthropic and service efforts, headed by Philanthropy Chair Joshua Rosenblum, have allowed us to stand out on campus and among other Pi Kapp chapters. In our first year alone, our persistent fundraising campaign led us to the Final Four of The Ability Experience's March Mayhem chapter fundraising competition. Beating the Alpha Delta Chapter (Washington), Iota Eta Chapter (Embry-Riddle), Iota Delta Chapter (New Hampshire) and Gamma Psi Chapter (Augusta), we successfully raised \$160 and dedicated 19 volunteer hours per brother.



Bike-A-Thon

Our most significant event of the year was the Bike-A-Thon, where brothers took turns riding a stationary bike to raise awareness and funds for our friends with disabilities. As people passed by, we sparked conversation and offered various prizes. Collectively, we cycled 130 miles and raised \$1,600 in less than a day.



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Community Service

We've had many opportunities to volunteer this year. One standout experience was participating in an Ability Camp — a program facilitated by The Ability Experience that provides volunteer support and grant funding to organizations that serve the disability community. For this event, brothers traveled to the hill country to Camp C.A.M.P. and helped build a 10x20-foot storage shed for golf carts. These carts transport campers, making the camp more accessible.

During the spring semester, we spent each Sunday volunteering with ACEing Autism. Brothers were paired with children with special needs to play and coach tennis. The experience is designed to nurture small victories and build the confidence of these amazing kids.





GEAR UP NEW YORK

AN ABILITY EXPERIENCE

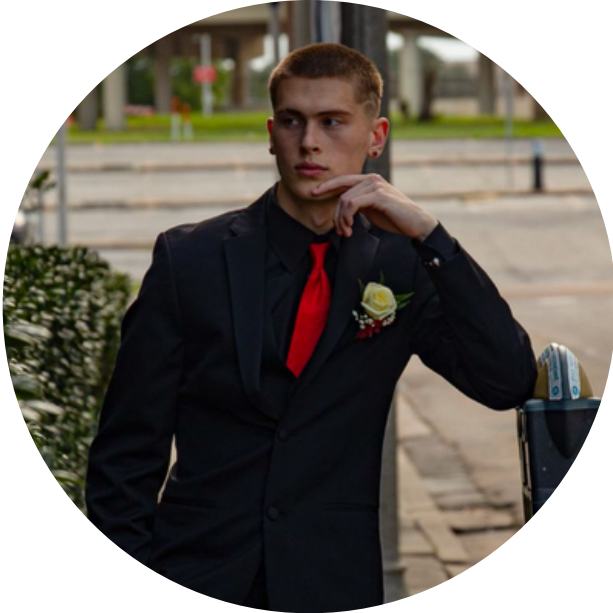


SUMMER EVENTS

Brothers Dylan Cochran and Lincoln Torkelson are excited to share that they are participating in their first summer event with The Ability Experience! This summer, they will spend 10 days cycling across New York in the inaugural Gear Up New York ride to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities. Along the way, they'll connect with amazing facilities and organizations that support the disability community, spreading a message of empathy, acceptance and inclusion.

Every mile they ride makes a difference and you can be part of this journey!

Dylan and Lincoln kindly ask that you consider sharing or donating to their fundraising pages. Your support will help create opportunities and promote understanding for people with disabilities.



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MEET THE BROTHERS

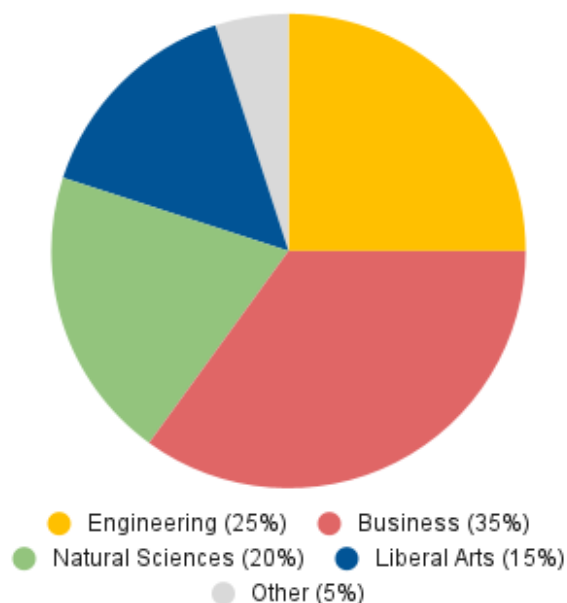
STRIVING TO ATTAIN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARDS OF SCHOLARSHIP

Zeta Theta works hard to excel in and out of the classroom. We realize academics are essential to creating an ideal chapter. The pursuit of academic excellence is a cornerstone of Pi Kappa Phi's values, as articulated in the Student Creed: "Who bring credit to the Fraternity by striving to attain the highest possible standards of scholarship."

In the first semester since our expansion, Zeta Theta had one of the highest semester GPA of any chapter within the Interfraternity Council, at 3.68. As of the spring 2025 semester, the chapter's GPA ranked fourth among all Greek organizations on campus.

What We're Studying

Our chapter represents a diverse range of academic pursuits. This graph shows a distribution of majors across the brotherhood. Many brothers are looking toward graduate programs, including medical school, law school, MBAs, Master of Science and MPA programs.



Outstanding Scholars

Join us in celebrating the following brothers, who went above and beyond, attaining a 4.0 GPA last semester.

- Dylan Cochran (warden)
- Joshua Rosenblum (philanthropy chair)
- Ethan Bigelow
- Shaun Joseph
- Ayden Mohamed

Internships

Half our members, including numerous freshmen, have secured internships this summer. Notable positions include:

- Rohan Ahuja - investments at Wells Fargo
- Christian Dipert - software engineering at J.P. Morgan
- Vaibhav Marai - sales at IBM
- Abhiram Iruku - brokering at Charles Schwab
- Emilio Castaneda - audit at Deloitte
- Sanat Kumar - AI development at Caterpillar
- Dylan Cochran - shadowing at Dell-Seton Medical



SPRING TEXAS SPORTS RECAP

The men's basketball season concluded in March with a first-round exit from the NCAA Tournament, losing to Xavier 86-80 in the First Four. Their overall record at the end of the season was 17-15, and they finished with a 6-12 record in the SEC. Women's basketball achieved significant success, earning a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament and making a deep run to the prestigious Final Four.

The Longhorns baseball team is having a phenomenal season, boasting a 33-5 overall record and a commanding 16-2 mark in SEC play. They currently hold the coveted No. 1 national ranking. Softball is also performing exceptionally well, holding a strong 41-6 overall record and a 13-5 conference record in the SEC, currently ranked No. 3 nationally.

Men's tennis has demonstrated a solid performance throughout the spring, compiling an impressive record of 18 wins and only four losses in their matches. Women's tennis showcased their competitiveness by finishing a respectable third out of 16 teams in the highly competitive SEC Championship.

Men's golf has recorded notable achievements, including a victory at the Southwestern Invitational and consistent top finishes in other tournaments. Women's golf secured a significant win at the Betsy Rawls Invitational and finished in a strong third place at the SEC Championship.



ALUMNI UPDATES

Have you moved to a new city? Started a new job? Gotten married or had children?

If you wish to share any life updates with our brotherhood, please don't hesitate to send an update to pikappaphitexas@gmail.com. In future newsletters, we want to feature accomplishments and personal updates about our alumni. Any news you share helps make this a reality!

LINKEDIN GROUP

[Join the new alumni LinkedIn group](#). This is a place where undergraduate and alumni brothers can network and share exciting career-oriented experiences, share internship or job opportunities and celebrate each other's professional accomplishments. [Click here](#) to join.

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