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THE FUTURE OF GREEK LIFE AT PENN STATE

Penn State has been at the center of the debate over the future of Greek life in higher education. With the creation of the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform, the university has made a commitment to leading a national conversation on meaningful reform.



Trends at the chapter level and among alumni associations show a system in flux, working hard to maintain strong connections to Greek life's founding principles, while finding ways to adapt to new challenges.

Recruitment is up

With so much negative publicity, you might think new students would be shunning Greek life in favor of other activities. In fact, fraternity and sorority recruitment at Penn State is at an all-time high, with more students participating in rush, and joining a Greek organization.

Why? Sororities and fraternities have a rich history at Penn State dating back to the 1870s, rooted in founding principles that foster academic achievement, student involvement, community service, and life-long friendships. Today's students continue to see the advantages of membership, such as:

- Finding a support group that helps with adjusting to college life
- Learning leadership skills through hands-on experience
- Gaining confidence to get involved in other campus organizations and activities
- Dedicating time to philanthropy and community service projects

The professional fraternities and sororities on the Penn State campus like Tau Phi Delta, Delta Theta Sigma, Sigma Alpha, Alpha Rho Chi and of course Alpha Zeta are currently working together to write by-laws and form a council. The advantage of this will be their ability to recruit all year-long.

THON remains strong

Despite changing rules on how organizations

can fundraise, THON hasn't lost its momentum or impact. The largest student-run philanthropy in the world—led predominantly

by fraternities and sororities—still raised more than \$10 million this year.

Houses helping chapters weather challenges

While some chapters have struggled with the financial implications of suspended chapters, other fraternities have implemented innovative solutions.

When Sigma Alpha Epsilon's House Corporation Alumni Board decided to close its Penn State chapter house following a suspension by the university, it created a unique opportunity for sorority Phi Sigma Sigma. The sorority couldn't find a house with the correct zoning for a large amount of unrelated in habitants in State College Borough. Until now, the chapter has rented a floor and a suite in South Halls, like many sororities on campus. Phi Sigma Sigma recently announced that it will move into the SAE house starting next school year. The agreement is for a three-year term but allows the SAE Alumni brotherhood use of the first floor and Mid-Century Room during each summer recess. SAE will continue raise funds and make capital improvements as it plans to reconstitute.

Investing in reform

Penn State has pledged an initial \$2 million for the Timothy J. Piazza Center for Fraternity and Sorority Research and Reform, with an additional \$3 million in matching funds from private donations. The goal is to establish an \$8 million endowment.

The interdisciplinary center will provide nationwide assessments to guide students and parents, and will study Greek life in order to spur national conversations about ways to improve safety. This initiative will put Penn State at the forefront of important reforms that can carry fraternities and sororities into the future.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Richard Criley '62

The Class of 1962 had a 50th reunion in 2012. I've sent a couple photos from our gathering back at Penn State.



The threesome of [Theodore] Cole '62, [Richard] Reiter '62, and Criley '62



were all horticulture majors. We've kept a class newsletter going for all of these years - 55 now.

Richard lives in Hawaii and has donated over \$21,000!

Andrew Hunter Klunk '17

Q: Why did you choose AZ over others at Penn State? What made it different?

A: I chose AZ over other fraternities at Penn State for a plethora of reasons. The first reason is that I come from an agricultural background so joining a fraternity rooted in agriculture was an easy choice. Having the chance to form a brotherhood with so many other individuals that have an interest

in ag was a great experience I am thankful for. AZ being an honorary fraternity was also attractive to me. I felt that joining such a fraternity would be an excellent networking opportunity and one in which I could converse with others that valued their education. Lastly, I knew quite a few members before joining. These were friends I knew from being in 4-H and going to different events throughout the state of Pennsylvania. I had high regards for them and figured their previous choices to join AZ were good.

Q: What is your advice for future generations of AZ?

A: My advice to future generations of AZ would be to enjoy your time in school as an active member of AZ. You only get four years of undergrad (four and a half if you were like me)! It's hard to balance everything when you are in school such as homework, work, active duties and your social life. Balance these but don't be scared to make sure you are making time to do things YOU WILL REMEMBER. Some of the best stories and experiences you will have will be during times you hadn't planned on it.

Q: What would you say is your life mission?

A: I'd say my life mission at this point is to lead a successful career in the agricultural industry while making a difference in the lives

of those I come in contact with. I currently work for a consumer packaged-goods company but would one day like to start my own business. I'm positive that this mission will change as my life goes on and I gain more experience.

Q: What are recent promotions or achievements at work?

A: I started working at Unilever NA after graduation and have been there for a little over a year. My current role is a food scientist working with foods such as tea and ice cream occasionally. I work with many iconic brands such as Lipton, Tazo, Breyer's and Ben & Jerry's. My work involves many aspects but some of the most satisfying are product development, operations and project management.

Q: What are recent Reunions you've had with Brothers?

A: I've come back to the house several times since graduating for events like State Patty's Day, football games, and just for fun. It's always a good time coming back to the house and seeing old friends and meeting new members. I've also had reunions with brothers in New York, exploring the city.

My current address is 2 Westvelt Place, Apt. B2 M.B. 16, Clifton, NJ 07011

Best,
Andrew

A Call to Action

Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong

Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on September 1, is half over with \$8,000.00 collected from 47 brothers. We want to thank those 47 brothers (you can find them under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who have already made a contribution to AZ so far this giving year!

"My contributions seem a small price to pay to express appreciation for all Alpha Zeta did for me."

Our 2018-19 giving year goal was for \$50,000.00. Last year only 178 out of 1,112 alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. We are currently looking for donations to help replace a 25-year-old stove. The new stove would cost \$5,000. **Who will be next to join our 2018-2019 Honor Roll?**

Giving Online is Easy!

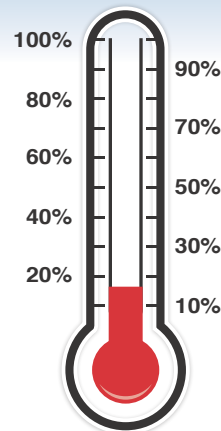
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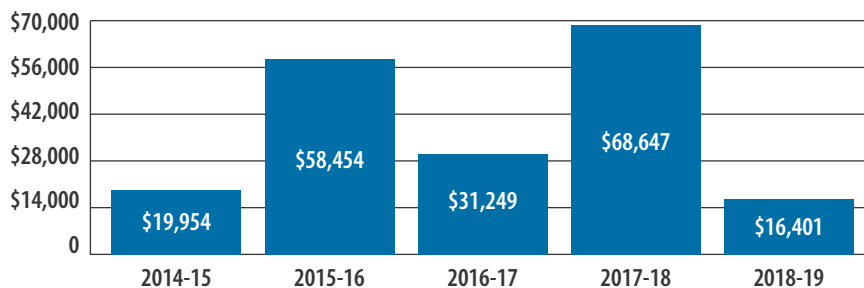
"I give because my AZ experience was invaluable to me and it's important to make that experience available to others."

Our college days came and went, but the real Morrill experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift **Today!**

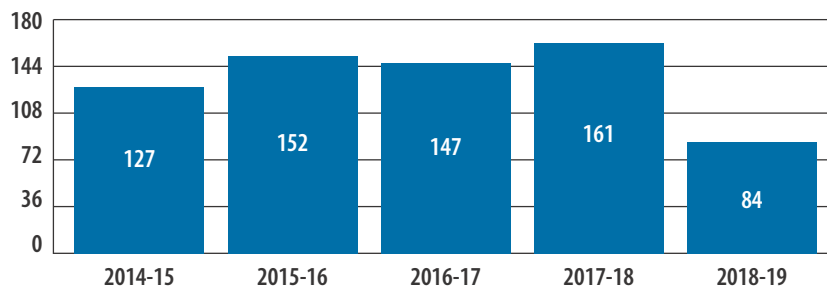
GOAL: \$50,000



Annual Fund Totals



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SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

We know you have stories to tell, so what are you waiting for?

We often ask our members to share their stories and memories about their days with Alpha Zeta at Penn State but with so MANY things to reminisce about, it is hard to decide what to share. That's why we have come up with a short set of questions in this article, meant to help us remember some of our best stories and some of the things we learned and took away from our experience with AZ.

- What is your favorite memory from the Chapter?
- What was your favorite Chapter event during the Spring semester?
- Do you still keep in touch with any brothers? Who?

- Tell us about your career?
- What have you been up to since graduation (family, hobbies, etc.)

These days, thanks to our great alumni website alphazetapsu.com, we can go online any time we feel like it and let our brothers know what is going on in our lives. When you post your stories and updates to our alumni website, you may find yourself re-connecting with old friends you haven't been in touch with for years.

That's what this whole alumni program is about – engagement and connection with our oldest and dearest friends from some of the best years of our life.

Please take some time in sharing your response with us. You can email your answers and memories to seth@affinityconnection.com our managing editor.



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HOMECOMING 100!

September 28 through October 5, 2019

Homecoming Week at Penn State

will be September 28 through October 5, 2019, the Penn State Homecoming Executive Committee recently announced.

The annual Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, Oct. 4 starting on the Penn State campus and continuing through downtown State College. Homecoming week activities will be crowned by a home football game with Purdue on Saturday, Oct. 5.



Alumni activities are being planned throughout the week. “Penn State Homecoming is very excited to continue our tradition of welcoming home alumni. We are very excited to celebrate 100 years

of Penn State tradition and pride,” said Isabella Webster, Executive Director of 2019 Penn State Homecoming. “We look forward to honoring our undergraduate and graduate students, as well as university members and alumni through our various courts.”

Watch our website, alphazetapsu.com, for future announcements about Alpha Zeta Homecoming activities. It’s a great time to connect with old friends and meet our undergrads. Let’s make AZ a real presence at Homecoming!

BLUE-WHITE WEEKEND 2019

Saturday April 13th, the Blue & White tradition continues! That’s the date that Penn State has set for Blue-White weekend, a date that has emerged as a harbinger of spring, an unofficial spring reunion, and the celebration of a new year of football. It’s also a chance to return to State College and reunite with your fellow Penn State Alumni!

The annual spring game is the last of 15 organized practices for the football program during the spring semester and the first opportunity for Nittany Lion fans to see how the team is coming along. With admission to the stadium being complimentary, Blue-White weekend is an excellent opportunity to introduce your family to the fun and excitement of Penn State Football. Visitors are advised to get inside the stadium 45 minutes to an hour before kick-off to provide adequate time for getting through security, finding a seat (as this is a

general admission event) and purchasing food. Of course, Tailgating will begin when parking opens at 8 a.m. Join with your Alpha Zeta brothers in celebrating this Penn State tradition!

We hope to see you all there again this year!

