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## CHAPTER ETERNAL

### Remembering Herbert Rothe '61 and J. Robert Nuss Jr. '60

We regret to inform you of the passing of Brother **Herb Rothe '61** and Brother **Bob Nuss '60** in April and May of 2020, respectively. We send our sincere condolences to the families of these fine men and we honor their memories. Rest in Peace, Herb and Bob.

## LOST?

### Are You Getting Our Emails?



Are you getting out monthly Morrill Chapter alumni email communications? If not, you're missing out! To sign up, just send a quick note to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) and let us know to add you to the Alpha Zeta at Penn State alumni emailing list!

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## CHAPTER UPDATE

### Alpha Zeta PSU Adjusts to COVID-19

We hope that the Alpha Zeta Fraternal Family is staying safe during these unprecedented times. The Morrill Chapter Corporation Board continues to act for the preservation of the physical property and chapter activities while facing new challenges:

In continuity with Penn State's orders during the crisis, the Corporation Board waived chapter house rent for March, April and May 2020. While our fixed costs for insurance, taxes, etc. remain, the board felt it was crucial to support the students during hardship.

Maintenance for our beloved, but aging, mansion continues as local contractors are able to return to work. The board has recently authorized



costly roof and porch repairs for Suite 6. See Annual Fund update on page 3 for more info.

The next formal Corporation Board meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2020. We will

determine the best course of action to schedule the Annual Meeting and communicate after the September meeting.

If you have any questions during this time, please contact Art Keen ([artkeen@verizon.net](mailto:artkeen@verizon.net)) or Mark Lowery ([mark.allen.lowery@gmail.com](mailto:mark.allen.lowery@gmail.com)). Thank you for your continued support for the Chapter and its active members who have finished this unquestionably different academic year with grace and perseverance.

## UNDERGRADUATES IN THE NEWS

### Two of our undergraduate members recently made headlines.



**Current AZ Sister  
Adrianna Mowrer  
was awarded the  
May Student of the  
month.**

Meet the May Ag Student of the Month, Adrianna Mowrer! She is a new member of the Ag Advocates, a member of the Livestock Judging team, and a member of Alpha Zeta where she has served as assistant Thon Chair and Chronicler. She lives and works at the Deer Research Pens where she assists with research projects, daily animal husbandry needs, and the fawns! Adrianna was an Adjunct Teaching Assistant for the Aurora New Student Orientation for two years, responsible for ten freshmen for a week in the wilderness. On top of all her achievements, she was also a Mentor for The Pennsylvania School for Excellence in the Agricultural Sciences in 2018. Congratulations, Adrianna!



**Diana Weidner talked about the business she founded in "VALLEY" magazine.**

Diana recently graduated with a major in communication arts and sciences. "Connect Unplugged is a small business that I originally started as a club 3 years ago at Lock Haven," Diana says. "It is a business that hosts weekend-long camping retreats, formal dances, picnics, meetings and other events that help people form deep connections with new people. All events are focused on leaving phones behind, connecting face to face and forming meaningful bonds." Visit [valleymagazinepsu.com](http://valleymagazinepsu.com) to read the full story.

## GRADUATING SENIORS

### Congrats and Good Luck to the Recently Graduated Class of 2020!



#### Izaiah Bokunewicz

Izaiah graduated with a degree in Plant Science and has been a Brother of Alpha Zeta since Spring 2017. During his time at Penn State, Izaiah held an executive position in the Student Farm Club managing their hydroponic greenhouse. He loves Penn State athletics and spent much of his time in the student section of most sporting events. After graduation, Izaiah will be starting a full-time job with REVOL Greens hydroponic farm located in Medford, Minnesota. Izaiah's fondest memory of his time in Alpha Zeta is hanging out on the Suite 1 porch with other members on Friday nights.



#### Clara Good

Clara graduated with a degree in Agribusiness Management. She has been a Sister of Alpha Zeta since Spring 2018. During her time in Alpha Zeta, Clara held several positions in our house such as THON chair, caterer, and Athletics chair. After graduation, Clara will be starting an internship with Marriott Vacation Club located in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina as a food and beverage intern. Clara's favorite memory while being in Alpha Zeta was celebrating many 21st birthdays.



#### Daniel Wesdock

Daniel graduated with a degree in Environmental Resource Management, with a focus on soils. Dan became a Brother of Alpha Zeta during the Spring 2017 semester. During his time in Alpha Zeta, Dan held the positions of Censor and then Chancellor. He was also the treasurer and vice president of Ag Student Council, a lab tech in the soil characterization lab, and part of the soil judging team. After graduation, Dan plans to work with Resource Environmental Solutions in Pittsburgh. His favorite AZ memories are snow days, tailgates, and waking everyone up for those tailgates with pots and pans.



#### Bailey Winslow

Bailey has been a Brother of Alpha Zeta since Fall 2018 and graduated with a degree in Agricultural Science. During his time at Penn State, Bailey worked at a lab on campus studying milk fat depression in dairy cows. He was also a member of the Dairy Science club. After graduation, Bailey plans to pursue a career in animal nutrition. Bailey's favorite memories during his time in Alpha Zeta include tailgating with other members and attending the Penn State wrestling matches.



#### Daniel Wisniewski

Daniel graduated with a degree in Plant Science and has been a Brother of Alpha Zeta since Spring 2017. During his time in AZ, he has held the positions of chaplain, rush chair and sustainability chair. After graduation, Dan will be getting married and then starting a full-time job with Pioneer Seed, located in Tennessee. Dan's favorite memory of his time in Alpha Zeta was when Brother Fry's mother used to cook family dinners for the entire house.



#### Shawn Dipietro

Shawn graduated with a degree in Horticulture and has been a Brother of Alpha Zeta since Spring 2018. During his time in AZ, Shawn held the position of Censor. He loves Penn State football, snowboarding, and plants. After graduation, Shawn will be moving to California to work a full-time job on a plant farm. Shawn's fondest memory of his time in Alpha Zeta is hanging out in suite 5.

## PHOTO FLASHBACK



### Re-Visiting 1962 Alpha Zeta

We are taking the photo time machine back to 1962 at Penn State. Chubby Checker's "The Twist" was everywhere, "Lawrence of Arabia" and "The Longest Day" were in theaters, Penn State lost to Florida in the Gator Bowl and Green Bay won the Super Bowl...

Maybe this photo from the 1962 Senior Prom will help you remember a little bit about what you were up to that year... We're sure that Morrill had a great year!

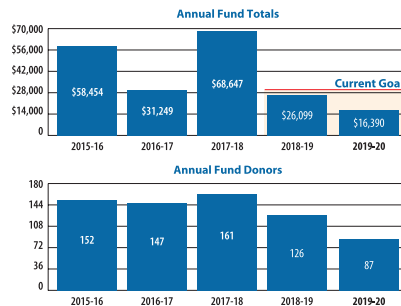
If you are one of the members in this picture and you have a great story or even more great pictures to share, please visit the website at [www.alphazetapsu.com](http://www.alphazetapsu.com) and go to the Submit Update page or send direct to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) for consideration in a future newsletter.

# ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

## Help us Make the 2019-2020 Giving Year Strong!

Alumni contributions are at the heart of everything we do. Our communications, events and support for the Chapter all rely on gifts to our annual fund. And, as alumni, we play a critical role in making sure our Chapter lives on. Your gift makes a significant impact on these efforts.

We have less than four months left in our 2019-2020 giving year which began on September 1, 2019. So far, we have collected \$16,390 from 87 Brothers and Sisters toward our goal of \$30,000. We would like to thank those 87 Brothers and Sisters who have generously contributed to Alpha Zeta Penn State this giving year.



Know that your contributions are used wisely to execute the mission of the chapter. The AZ Corporation Board takes pride in maintaining

extremely low debt – only liable for \$4,900 on a term loan currently. COVID-19 has presented new opportunities to engage with AZ and support critical areas. While the rent for the active chapter was waived for the remainder of the semester (2.5 months). We are still faced with our fixed costs of insurance & property taxes totaling over \$20,000. Additionally, the board has authorized repairs totaling \$7,000 for the Suite 6 roof and porch areas. The wooden box newels and railing on the Suite 6 roof are being rebuilt/repaired and replaced to resolve water ingress issues. Additionally, interior and exterior work around the dormer window in that area will correct moisture and mold damage concerns.

If you have not yet made your gift, be sure to add your name to the Honor Roll below using any of the following methods:

- Visit our website at [www.alphazetapsu.com](http://www.alphazetapsu.com) to donate online;
- Call our toll-free Donation Hotline at 1-800-975-6699;
- Send a check payable to Alpha Zeta, Morrill Chapter to our processing center listed below.

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### Join the 2019-2020 Honor Roll

The following Alumni are recognized for their annual fund contributions in 2019-2020. This reflects gifts received from September 1, 2019 through May 18, 2020.

#### Alpha Zeta Morrill Chapter Directors Circle (\$1,000-\$1,999.99)

A Horne 1961  
 Arthur Keen 1968

#### Lindley Hoag Dennis Society (\$500.00-\$999.99)

Thomas Zeigler 1956  
 J Nuss 1960  
 Max Sponseller 1960  
 Richard Criley 1962  
 Franklin Madden 1962  
 Frank Resides 1962  
 William White 1967  
 Patricia Wolff 1978

#### 360 N. Burrowes Society (\$250 - \$499.99)

James Pierson 1948  
 Edgar Fehnel 1954  
 Frederic Rickett 1961  
 Gary Minor 1963  
 Lynn Laudenslager 1964  
 Joel Brown 1968  
 William Bowers 1969

Larry Mohn 1972  
 Jay Shaffer 1973  
 Thomas Brown 1974  
 Mark Bridgen 1977  
 David Hodge 1979  
 Jeffrey Bechtel 1980  
 Timothy Fritz 1986  
 Gail Carson 1986  
 Mark Lowery 2009  
 Nate Ulmer 2013

#### Mode and Blue Club (\$100 - \$249.99)

Jason Wolgemuth 1948  
 Wade Gregory 1950  
 Harry Schaffer 1950  
 John Milsom 1954  
 Robert Grubb 1956  
 Walter Trumbauer 1957  
 Kenneth Sacks 1957  
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 Richard Pharo 1957  
 Gary Miller 1958  
 Gary Oiler 1961  
 Robert Gilmour 1961  
 Joseph Hurlburt 1961

Karroll Kershner 1962  
 Richard Kessler 1962  
 Glenn Buss 1962  
 Richard Rein 1963  
 Glenn Gross 1964  
 Paul Wolgemuth 1965  
 Robert Borneman 1966  
 Robert Brown 1966  
 Carl Brown 1967  
 Michael McCormick 1967  
 Kenneth Moore 1968  
 Dale Good 1969  
 Robert White 1969  
 David Maille 1970  
 Bruce Fritzingler 1970  
 Thomas Van Winkle 1971  
 Curt Harler 1972  
 L. Folk 1973  
 William McMillen 1973  
 John Rumancik 1973  
 Chris Renner 1973  
 Garry Pepple 1977  
 Lee Shaffer 1980  
 Kathleen Hartzell 1981  
 Brian Harwick 1985  
 Michael Flinchbaugh 2002

Jill Caldwell Boucek 2003  
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 Daniel Frechen 2011  
 Mark Zanella 2014

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Emory Brown 1948  
 William Yerkes 1951  
 Clarence Fahnstock 1951  
 John Cope 1952  
 William Crawford 1953  
 William Wallace 1958  
 Joseph Kunsman 1960  
 Allan Prowten 1964  
 George Seidel 1965  
 Wayne LaMont 1965  
 Edward Squire 1970  
 David Gregg 1979  
 Brent Baker 1993  
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 David Harwick 2011  
 Philip Haussener 2012



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## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Alumni Share What's New, Favorite Memories, and Life Updates

Thanks to these alums for answering our survey! If you have an update of your own that you'd like to be featured in an upcoming e-letter or newsletter publication to your AZ Brothers and Sisters, send it in to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com)!

#### Ian Altamuro '11

The most valuable part of my AZ experience is the ability to network in any professional or personal environment as well as the friendships that were formed in just a few years that have carried well past our days at 360 N Burrowes.

If anything, I believe this pandemic has shown the importance of the brotherhood and bonds that were created by knowing that with everything going on, you have the AZ family to turn to during tough times. I stay in touch with most of the brothers and sisters that I was in the house with.

On the professional side, after spending multiple years with the Philadelphia Eagles, I relocated to just outside of Washington DC to take a position as second assistant sports turf manager for the Washington Redskins for a few seasons. I then went on to oversee a twenty-two-acre athletic field complex and now work for an athletic field construction and management company overseeing their synthetic field maintenance division that currently consists of over ninety fields across Fairfax County, Virginia.

On the personal side, I am currently engaged, and our wedding is planned for the

end of July 2020. Even though the pandemic has altered our plans greatly, we have found a way to keep our original date while moving our celebration until June of 2021.

#### Dr. Mark Bridgen '77

I am now on the faculty at Cornell University in the School of Integrative Plant Science and I interact with some of the AZ members there. A great group of men and women! But, of course, my heart belongs to the Morrill Chapter.

My time at AZ was one of the most wonderful experiences of my life. I made life-long friends at AZ and living in the house made my Penn State experience so much better. I have contributed to the AZ annual fund because I want to give back to AZ to help ensure that other agriculture students can have the wonderful opportunities that I had by living in a beautiful fraternity house with wonderful people.

From my AZ days, I stay in touch with **Dan Laird** and **Steve Noll** who graduated in 1978 (a year after me), and **Eva Monheim** (married name) and **Marj Bradfield** (married name).

I met my wife, Margot Manfredo (now Margot Bridgen) at Penn State. I proposed to her on the side porch of AZ's house on a beautiful spring day. Now we've been married for forty-three years.

I was honored to receive the Alex Laurie Award last year. It is a national award to recognize outstanding teaching and research

in floriculture/horticulture.

Our son, Devin and his wife Brittany, had their first child, Celia on December 15, 2019. Due to the pandemic, they all moved in with us from Boston. Both parents work and my wife watches the baby during the day. Our daughter's family (she has two children) live an hour from us, so we all get to visit regularly.

#### Dick Kessler '62

During 1959-1962 I lived in PSU AZ house with about forty other members. It was during this time that I made quite a few life-affecting decisions. I appreciated the input I received from my AZ brothers and their contribution to my future. I also appreciated that we had a very active bible study group meet every week and I had a very strong spiritual growth during the time at AZ. I always was thankful that our social experiences were free from the effect and direction that were given to other students involved in alcohol use.

The class of 1962 has stayed in touch with a yearly newsletter. It is because of **Dick Criley**, the newsletter editor, that we can do that. I still visit with members of that class quite frequently. **Jack Patrizio** (another '62 classmate) and I spent time together in the Black Hills of South Dakota last summer. We did a twelve-mile bike trip on an old RR trail together and it was an enjoyable time.

**Read the rest of your brothers' stories at:**  
[www.alphazetapsu.com](http://www.alphazetapsu.com)