

JANUARY 2020



THE HOOSIER FIJI



31 PLEDGES TO BE INITIATED

On the morning of February 9th, the Zeta chapter will initiate twenty-nine freshmen and two sophomores. With an average GPA of 3.97, ACT of 31, and SAT of 1330, the Pledge Class of 2023 consists of men that excelled in academics, athletics, community service, and involvement. The pledge class consists of eighteen men from Indiana, six men from



Pledge Class 2023 at Indiana University Dance Marathon where they raised \$53,167 and continued the Zeta FIJI legacy of being awarded the highest average fundraising organization

Illinois, two men from Colorado, two men from Ohio, and one man from Michigan, Minnesota, and New Jersey. Among the men there is a Cox Scholar (**Sam Huston** from Hamilton Southeastern High School) and a Division I basketball player from Kent State University (**Sam Norton**). The pledge class has twelve Direct Admits to the Kelley School of Business and two members on the FIJI Bike Team (**John Gudeman** and **Max Raynor**).

After completing the new member education process, these thirty-one men understand the values of being a Zeta FIJI. A special thanks to the Pledge Educators (**Holden Jastremski PC '20**, **Chuck Gleaves PC '21**, **Michael Pitz PC '21**, **Will Pahl PC '21**, **Joey Schaffer PC '22**, **Max Kibble PC '22**, and **William Johnson PC '22**) and Freshmen Advisors (**Isaiah Phillips PC '22** and **Nolan Witte PC '22**) for their guidance and support throughout the process.

ZETA FIJI RUSH

SEND IN YOUR RECCOMENDATIONS

Zeta FIJI Rush is underway and the brothers are excited to bring in the Pledge Class of 2024! Our newly elected Rush Chairs are confident that Zeta will bring in another class committed to our tradition of excellence. We always appreciate recommendations and input from our graduate brothers. Please send any recommendations, comments, or questions to phigamrush@gmail.com.

Rush Weekends

February 15th and 16th
April 18th and 19th
Summer Rush (TBD)

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ZETA RANKS THIRD IN ACADEMICS

During the Spring of 2019, the brothers of Zeta continued to excel in academics, achieving an average chapter GPA of 3.42 and ranking third highest out of 27 IFC chapters. A huge thanks to our Scholarship Chairs (**Luke Haag PC '20**, **Dillon Cavanaugh PC '20**, **Ian Hussey PC '21**, **Ronak Patel PC '21**, and **Luke Bennett PC '22**) for providing academic resources and helping us achieve the highest chapter GPA in the past fifteen years. The Scholarship Chairs would like to recognize **Andrew Ross PC '20**, **Keegan Tigges PC '20**, **Tanner Shapiro PC '21**, and **Nate Sapal PC '22** who all achieved a 4.0 semester GPA. Recently, the brothers wrapped up the Fall 2019 semester and look forward to start the Spring 2020 semester.



Andrew Ross PC '20 achieved a 4.0 GPA last semester, rode for the FIJI Little 500 Team, and got accepted into IU's Dental School

LEADERS ON CAMPUS

To carry on with the rich tradition of Phi Gamma Delta, the Zeta chapter has continued to take an active role in campus involvement. Within the walls of 431, we have brothers making an impact as leaders of campus and community organizations.

Regarding philanthropic organizations, brother **Kurt Eshleman PC '19** completed his term as Director of Corporate Relations for IU Dance Marathon. Zeta's head Philanthropy Chair **Michael Pitz PC '21** has finished his role as Co-President of Special Olympics IU but will continue serving as a Unit Leader for Camp Kesem, which offers a summer camp experience to children whose parents have been affected by cancer. Another Zeta will continue to lead Special Olympics IU, as **John Lynch PC '22** was recently elected President of the organization.

Sophomores **Calum Mawer PC '22** and **Zack Morrison PC '22** were both elected to executive positions within the organization Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault (MARS). Since being elected to their positions, they have recruited almost two dozen brothers to join MARS. **Nolan Witte PC '22** was recently appointed to be the Vice President of Membership for Men as Allies in the Nation, where he works daily to promote equality at the Kelley School of Business and business workplace. Senior **Dominic Hendricks PC '20** is the Director of Curriculum for the Capital Markets and Banking Workshop in the Kelley School of Business where he manages relationships with numerous investment banks.

Juniors **Jack Wahlenmaier PC '21** and **Ronak Patel PC '21** completed their terms on the Executive Board for the Interfraternity Council serving as the VP of Finance and VP of Recruitment, respectively. They worked extensively with university officials to fix the issues within the Greek and fraternal community.

Brothers **Luke Domer PC '21** and **Brandon Hunt PC '22** are currently the managers for Indiana Hoosiers Men's Soccer Team, and **Will Gunst PC '21** finished his term as Vice President of IU's Club Golf Team. With many other brothers in different leadership positions across campus, Zeta will continue to stay involved and make an impact.



BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

Pete LaMagna PC '20



Major: Finance

House Positions: Intramural and Rush Chair

This past summer, he completed an internship at Dimensional Fund Advisors in Austin, TX and accepted an offer to return full-time after graduation. Pete is a member of the prestigious Investment Management Workshop and Kelley Honors Program. He is looking forward to participating in many "lasts" as a Hoosier such as Quals, Little 500, IUBB games, and more!

Favorite FIJI Memory: Celebrating frat dad/frat son night with the members of PC '22 who he helped recruit as a Rush Chair

Pete LaMagna pictured on right

Andy Sweet PC '21

Major: Informatics

House Positions: Holiday Chair

Andy was a Commandant's Trophy Recipient in 2019 which is awarded to the Marine with the highest overall grade at Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Virginia. He was ranked 1st out of 272 Marines after being evaluated on leadership, physical fitness, and academics. At IU, Andy has been on the Dean's List twice and is looking forward to a trip to Europe over summer with a few pledge brothers.

Favorite FIJI Memory: Dad's Weekend 2019, especially the pig roast on Friday night



Nate Sapal PC '22

Major: Exercise Science

House Positions: Philanthropy and Apparel Chair

This semester Nate was a part of the Riley Development Committee which raised over \$200,000 for IU Dance Marathon. As an Executive Board member for Camp Kesem, Nate helped raised over \$56,000 in one day to help create free summer camps for children who have been impacted by a parent's cancer. Nate is looking forward to March which includes Quals, Spring Break, and Black Diamond and upcoming rush weekends!

Favorite FIJI Memory: Sharing stories and hanging out until 6:00 AM with the senior pledge class (PC '19) and my pledge class during freshmen year



Nate Sapal pictured on left

Max Raynor PC '23

Major: Finance

House Positions: Grad Relations Chair and FIJI Bike Team

Max was recently elected Brotherhood Chair and officially a part of the FIJI Bike Team. With only one semester at 431 under his belt, Max has made a large impact by excelling academically and taking advantage of all the opportunities to get involved at Zeta. He looks forward to helping the bike team in any way possible and running for the Pledge Educator position.

Favorite FIJI Memory: Joining the Zeta chapter and meeting my new best friends





Left: 3 v 3 Candy Stripe Classic Basketball Championship Team: (from right to left) Cliff Dickman PC '20 (coach), Sam Dattilo PC '21, and Michael Pitz PC '21. Right: Doubles Tennis Champions: Ryan Wahlenmaier PC '23 and Michael Aikman PC '23

INTRAMURAL SUCCESS

After winning the Hoosier Grail for the 2018-2019 Intramural Season, Zeta continues to compete to keep the trophy at 431. The FIJI flag football teams lost late in playoffs, but being crowned champions in Doubles Tennis and Co-Ed Futsal keeps Zeta high in the Hoosier Grail standings. Freshmen **Ryan Wahlenmaier PC '23** and **Michael Aikman PC '23** were named the Doubles Tennis Champions, and our Co-Ed Futsal Team joined forces with the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha to bring home the trophy. Coached by **Cliff Dickman PC '20**, **Michael Pitz PC '21** and **Sam Dattilo PC '21** won the Candy Stripe Classic 3v3 Basketball Championship in front of the Hoosier Hysteria Crowd in October.



Members of the Co-Ed Futsal Championship Team: (from left to right) Brady Douglas PC '21, Matt Cooper PC '21, Sam Schmidt PC '21, and Ian Hussey PC '21

Zeta is anticipating a successful spring intramural season with basketball, softball, soccer, handball, and a few other sports still to be played. A special thanks to our Intramural Chairs **Will Gunst PC '21** and **Phillip King PC '22**.



Brothers from Pledge Class
2021 in Nashville, Tennessee



Brothers from Pledge Class
2022 in Austin, Texas



ZETA FIJI BIKE TEAM

The Little 500 cycling season is in full swing and the Zeta FIJI Little 500 team has been busy training. During the summer, the team was able to purchase well needed kits for the upcoming season. The team has been very blessed with consistent backing from graduate brothers. All the money used to purchase these new kits came from the continued support of the FIJI Cycling Boosters Club. Throughout the fall semester, graduate brother **Charlie McClary PC '14** has been helping the team by developing weekly training schedules. Since August, senior members of the team have been cycling over 200 miles a week with junior members cycling around 150. The team has completed multiple rides spanning over 70 miles and plans to complete three 100 mile rides before the team's winter break trip.

The Zeta FIJI Little 500 Team will be traveling down to Gainesville, Florida for their annual winter break bike trip. The team will be there from January 4th through January 11th and plans to continue its hard work. The team is planning on cycling over 300 miles during the trip.

After the 2019 Little 500 Race, Captain **Matt Cooper PC '21**, was selected to be a part of Riders Council (RC). RC is the governing body of riders under the Indiana University Student Foundation (IUSF). Brother Cooper is the first Zeta FIJI to be selected to be on the council since 2013. During his time on the council this fall, Brother Cooper has helped develop a new philanthropy strategy for IUSF while actively teaching rookie riders bike safety. He is looking forward to teaching more rookie riders the importance of safety while also working with IUSF to help organize Quals and the 2020 Little 500 Race during the spring semester.

Bike Team Captain: Matt Cooper (317-519-4538 or mattcoop51998@gmail.com)





NEW ZETA FIJI CABINET TAKES OVER

It is a great honor to be a part of the chapter that is at the forefront of change in the Greek community. After being the only fraternity to win the Chapter of Excellence in 2018 and 2019, Zeta is considered the model chapter for all fraternities. Our cabinet is excited to better the chapter internally while also helping the entire fraternal system. We appreciate our brothers that continuously seek ways to improve Zeta in all aspects including academics, philanthropy, intramurals, and leadership.

We want to thank the previous cabinet, brothers **Chris Johnson PC'20**, **Holden Jastremski PC '20**, **Cliff Dickman PC'20**, **Cameron Greenawald PC '20**, and **Jack Gleaves PC '20**, for setting a foundation built for success.

LOOKING FORWARD

We are excited to initiate 31 men that exemplify the values of Zeta FIJI in February. In addition, the brothers have a busy upcoming semester with rush weekends, Quals, and Little 500. Zeta looks to continue the tradition of excellence at State Day and GAAP Awards where we hope to bring back the Beta Cup and Chapter of Excellence Award.

THANK YOU GRADUATE BROTHERS

Our graduate brothers are essential in maintaining the tradition of excellence at Zeta FIJI. Our Rush Chairs look forward to gathering recommendations from you all for the Pledge Class of 2024, and we truly appreciate the continuous support. The foundation you all have created is the backbone of our successes, and we invite you to stop by the house at any time. Perge!

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Upcoming Events

- Mom's Weekend – Jan. 31st to Feb. 2nd
- Rush Weekend – Feb. 15th and 16th
- Pig Dinner – Feb. 22nd
- Quals – March 28th
- Rush Weekend – April 18th and 19th
- Little 500 Race Day – April 25th



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Graduate Brothers look out for invitations to Pig Dinner (February 22nd) and continue sending in recommendations to our Rush Chairs (see Page 01)

