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# THE HOOSIER FIJI

Zeta Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta at Indiana University  
Established 1871

# COVID-19 Update

The first semester of the 2020-2021 school year was certainly a different experience than years prior. Restrictions were set in place within and around the house in order to ensure the safety of the Phi Gam brothers, their families, and other students of the university. COVID-19 has impacted the fraternity greatly as typical traditions such as Mom's/Dad's Weekend, intramurals, and others were unable to occur. However despite those negatives, brothers cherished and appreciated the opportunity to live within the walls of 431 N. Woodlawn Avenue.

As the upcoming semester draws near, COVID-19 precautions will be in full effect yet again in order to prevent the spread of this virus. The brothers' excitement to spend time together again in the house is peaking after a long winter break.

## PC' 22 Cabinet Takes Office

It is an honor to be a part of the chapter that is at the forefront of change in the Greek community. Given the challenges posed by COVID-19, Zeta's ability to adapt has truly been put to the test this past semester. We appreciate our brothers that continuously seek ways to improve Zeta in all aspects including academics, philanthropy, and leadership even in such difficult times.

We would like to thank the 2019-2020 and PC' 21 cabinet of [Ronak Patel](#), [William Pahl](#), [Ian Hussey](#), [Charles Gleaves](#), and [William Gunst](#) for all of their hard work and dedication this past year. Their efforts led to continued chapter success and a framework to keep brothers safe and healthy this semester.

Lastly, [THANK YOU GRADUATE BROTHERS](#) for your continued support. It is clear that our graduate brothers are essential in maintaining the tradition of excellence at Zeta FIJI, and the foundation you all have created is the backbone of our success. Our Rush Chairs look forward to gathering recommendations from you all for the Pledge Class of 2025. [Perge!](#)

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# Bike Team Looks Forward to Little 500 2021

Despite the extraordinary circumstances that ultimately led to the cancellation of the Little 500 race last year, the FIJI bike team still managed to make the most out of a season that was unfortunately cut short. Since training got cut short last year the riders have taken little time off in preparing for a race that they plan to still have sometime in the Spring of 2021.

Despite continued struggles over this last semester such as [Matt Cooper PC '21](#) receiving surgery and additional COVID-19 struggles and restrictions, the team has managed to keep the momentum they created last year. Between [James Hastings PC '22](#), [Nick Olsen PC '21](#), and [John Gudeman PC '23](#) the team is looking forward to continuing their chase to be at the top of the podium. Along with those three returners the team has acquired two new freshmen [Chris Wilson PC '24](#) and [Alex Snively PC '24](#). Between the two of them along with the rest of the team they are looking forward to taking their annual team bike trip down to Florida in which they hope to log large amounts of miles as well as create team bonding.



“We are very optimistic that a race will happen in the first place and that we have a very strong and dedicated team going into it. The test of the team and I are looking forward to training and grinding together throughout the winter and surprising everyone on race day.” ~ [John Gudeman](#) (PC '23 Rider)



“Looking ahead to 2021, the bike team has grown adding freshman riders [Alex Snively](#) and [Chris Wilson](#). The team plans to build on a strong semester of training with a 400 plus mile training week in Florida. With April in sight and a strong group of returning riders, the team comes into the home stretch as a top 5 team that can compete come lap 199.” ~ [James Hastings](#) (PC '22 Rider)





# 32 Pledges Eligible to be Initiated

In February the Zeta chapter plans to initiate thirty freshmen and two sophomores. The Pledge Class of 2024 consists of men that excel in academics, athletics, community service, and involvement. In high school, they achieved an average GPA of 3.94, ACT of 29, and SAT of 1300.

As a result of COVID-19, the Zeta chapter was only allowed one traditional rush weekend prior to the pandemic. The rush chairs (Isaiah Phillips PC '22), (Rod Jones PC '22), and (Nolan Witte PC '22) remodeled the rush process in the midst of the pandemic and hosted the second half of the rush process online, over Zoom. Pledge Class 2024 is made up of fifteen men from Indiana, four men from Illinois, three men from Ohio, two men from Texas, and one man from Wisconsin, Connecticut, California, Colorado, Georgia, North Carolina, New York, and Pennsylvania. Among these men, eighteen of them received Direct Admission to the Kelley School of Business. This semester all thirty-two received the grades required for initiation, with four pledges receiving a perfect 4.0 GPA.

After completing the new member education process, these thirty-two men understand the values of being a Zeta FIJI. A special thanks to the New Member Educators Will Gunst PC '21, Andy Sweet PC '21, Michael Pitz PC '21, William Johnson PC '22, Joey Schaefer PC '22, Ben Sessa PC '22, Hunter Diagostino PC '23, Jack Fallon PC '23, Sam Huston PC '23, Will Schlosser PC '23, Ethan Vencel PC '23 and Freshman Advisors (Luke Cerar PC '23 and Henry Fitzgerald PC '23) for their guidance and support throughout the process.

**Average GPA coming in:** 3.94

**Average SAT coming in:** 1300

**Average ACT coming in:** 29

**States Represented:** 11

15 Indiana, 4 Illinois, 3 Ohio, 2 Texas, 1 California, 1 Colorado, 1 Connecticut, 1 Georgia, 1 New York, 1 North Carolina, 1 Pennsylvania, 1 Wisconsin

**New Member Educators:** Will Gunst (21), Andy Sweet (21), Michael Pitz (21), William Johnson (22), Joey Schaefer (22), Ben Sessa (22), Hunter Diagostino (23), Jack Fallon (23), Sam Huston (23), Will Schlosser (23), Ethan Vencel (23)

**Academic Success:** 18 Direct Admits to Kelley, 4 perfect 4.0 GPA's, all frogs to be initiated



# 2021 Rush

The rush process for the next class of Zeta FIJI's, the pledge class of 2025, is underway! Brothers and alumni play a prominent role in our process, as we always look to strengthen our traditions of success and excellence in an increasingly adverse world. Our rush chairs this year are current sophomores **Luke Cerar** (Fishers, IN), **Jack Fallon** (Chicago, IL), and **Sam Huston** (Fishers, IN). For the time being, rush will commence online, via Zoom interviews.

We welcome and appreciate all recommendations from you, and you are welcome to send them in to the phone numbers or email listed below. While we do not have all the answers as to what rush will look like this year, we will continue to update you all as we work to develop a way to make the rush process as fulfilling as possible.

## RUSH CHAIRS



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# Philanthropy Remains a Priority

In the spring of 2020, the Zeta Chapter organized a spring fundraiser: FIJI V Ferrari. The spring fundraiser consisted of an innovative car show with 25 supercars and a beater car smash event in our courtyard. The event was sponsored by Lance Photography, Ken's Towing, Rush Bowls, and Red Bull. Additionally, the proceeds of the event were to fund two Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Indiana University Police Department. An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias and essentially sends electricity through a person to re-establish a regular heart rhythm. Our chapter's hope with this fundraiser was to provide and support emergency care for IU students as well as the local Bloomington Community. Although the event itself was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Zeta chapter was still able to raise over \$4500 which allowed our chapter to donate two AEDs to the Indiana University Police Department and provide one AED for our chapter house, ensuring the safety of the IU staff, student body, and the rest of the Bloomington community.



Another philanthropic effort our chapter coordinated and supported was a Blood Drive through the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana that happened this past semester. Two members a part of PC '22, [Isaiah Phillips](#) and [Nolan Witte](#), organized the event to have one Blood Donor Bus in our parking lot as well as two Blood Donor Buses on Woodlawn right outside of Collins Dormitory. The Zeta chapter's undergraduates had a high level of participation in the event as well as helping the chapter endorse the event to our local community through social media.





Through the support of the undergraduates and the chapter's marketing efforts, our chapter was able to get over 100 people to donate blood, which resulted in over 300 lives saved in Indiana.

The Zeta chapter's service and philanthropic efforts did not only come from chapter wide events; additionally, the undergraduates had a great presence in on-campus philanthropic and service efforts. This past semester, the new pledge class, PC '24, won the award for Top Fundraising Group by raising over \$40,000 to support Indiana University Dance Marathon and Riley Children's Hospital. The Zeta chapter as a whole raised \$66,483 for IUDM and Riley Children's Hospital. Additionally, all 32 of our new members raised over \$250 for IUDM as well as 27 other members of our chapter were actively involved in IUDM dispersed through eight different committees. Four of the members of PC '22 (Phillip King, Tom Werner, Clayton House, and Connor Friesen) served as IUDM committee chairs where they were responsible for leading sub-committees as well as to complete specific tasks that were important to IUDM as an organization.



Throughout the calendar year, we also had one of our chapter's members, Nathan Sapal, take on a Development Coordinator role within the club Camp Kesem; additionally, this member was in charge of organizing and supporting the organization's members in fundraising to benefit a free summer camp for kids affected by their parent's cancer. Camp Kesem raised \$88,292. This leadership role was also supported by six other members of our chapter being actively involved in counseling for Camp Kesem's virtual camp, this past summer. Another leadership role the members of our chapter held this past year were the President and two Vice President positions of Special Olympics. The three members of PC '22 (John Lynch, Nick Dolson, and Jared Kaiser) were responsible for organizing volunteer events with Special Olympic Monroe County.

In the Spring of 2020, three members of PC '22 developed their own club that provided another way the undergraduates could get involved in philanthropy and service efforts. Within the calendar year, three of our chapter members (Nolan Witte, Ben Reifel, and Luke Bennett) started the Charitable Investment Group at IU, a student-run non-profit on Indiana University's campus. The Charitable Investment Group strives to responsibly invest and allocate returns back to the Bloomington Community. Since the club was founded, Indiana University's Charitable Investment Group has 64 members with 42 of their members being members of the Zeta chapter.



# BROTHER SPOTLIGHT



## Carson Gill PC '21

Majors: Management

Minors: Business

House Positions: New Member Educator, House Cook

Carson, a member of the Hospitality committee of IU Dance Marathon as well as a College mentor for children, graduated from the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs this winter. Carson will continue to live and work in Bloomington for this semester as he enjoys his time with his brothers. Congratulations on graduating, Carson!

Favorite FIJI memory: Tailgating for Hoosier football with my PC

## Tom Werner PC '22

Majors: Finance

Minors: Business Analytics

House Positions: Full-time Brother

From the moment he got to Bloomington, Tom has been heavily involved in the Dance Marathon. Aside from devoting time to pursuing his Kelley Degree, Tom has been a driving force in the Entertainment Committee of IUDM. This past summer Tom completed a Finance internship at the Indiana Department of Transportation, and as of this November, Tom was elected to be the next Director of the Entertainment Committee for all of IUDM. Congratulations on this distinction based on continued time and effort, Tom!



Favorite FIJI memory: Winning the football intramural as a freshman

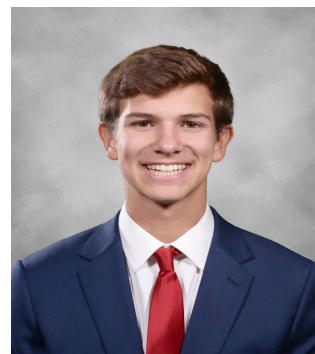
## Luke Cerar PC '23

Majors: Finance

House Positions: Freshman Advisor, Rush Chair

Luke Cerar has always been focused on making the world around him better. He has been involved in the IU Student Foundation, IUDM, and the Peer Tutoring program, but his care shines through in his impact on Zeta FIJI. Luke has excelled in his roles as Social Chair for PC 2023, Freshman Advisor for PC 2024, and Rush Chair for PC 2025.

This work ethic is seen by everyone, and has landed him in one of Kelley's most prestigious organizations, the Charles Schwab Wealth Management workshop. Congratulations on your consistent success, Luke!



Favorite FIJI memory: Going to Nashville with my entire pledge class





## Logan Mobasser PC '23

Majors: Finance, Real Estate

House Positions: House Manager, Judicial Board, Sustainability Chair

A special congratulations to Logan Mobasser (PC 2023), for being chosen as the next Vice President of Communications for the Interfraternity Council. Logan continues a history of Zeta FIJI's leading the change in the Greek community, and we are excited to see what's in store with his valuable input!



Favorite FIJI memory: Going to Ft. Lauderdale with my entire pledge class freshman year

## Drew Soderstrom PC '24

Majors: Management

Minors: Entrepreneurship

House Positions: Philanthropy Chair



As one of the new pledges of Zeta FIJI, Drew has excelled at leading his pledge brothers towards success. As their Philanthropy Chair, Drew followed in the steps of every pledge class of the past 30 years, leading all of IUDM in fundraising by a Greek organization. The pledge class raised over \$40,000 during a pandemic-focused season, a mark that is on par with previous years. Drew alone raised over \$5600, denoting him as the 3rd highest fundraiser in all of IUDM's Greek community. Congratulations, Drew, for your leadership and continued support of a great cause!

Favorite FIJI memory: Sitting in the Frog Lounge with my pledge class watching the Hoosiers dominate in football



# PIG DINNER 2021

## 2021 NORRIS VIRTUAL PIG DINNER



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CORPORATION, AND OTHER GRADUATE BROTHERS  
TO CARRY ON THE LEGACY OF PHI GAMMA DELTA**

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