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# THE HOOSIER FIJI

Zeta Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta at Indiana University  
Established 1871

# Excitement for the 2021-2022

## School Year

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. Brothers made the most of the situation given to them, however, it was a difficult year for everyone across campus.

As the upcoming semester draws near and the pandemic dies down, brothers are excited to be able to live together once again. Monroe County's initial restrictions and COVID-19 precautions are now no longer in effect which will allow us to participate in events and traditions that were missed for over a year. Intramurals will be back, in which we look to bring back the Hoosier Grail for the second time running. Dad's weekend is returning and scheduled for November 13th. Both IU basketball and football seem to be on the rise as both coach Woodson and Allen have returned excitement to Bloomington's campus. The brothers' excitement to spend time together again in the house is peaking after a long summer break and a pandemic that has restricted our college experience.





# Bike Team Completes a Memorable Season



On May 26th, the FIJI bike team rode in the 2021 Little 500 and finished in 10th place. The team consisted of seniors **Matt “Munchies” Cooper (PC ‘21)** and **Nick “Snowflake” Olsen (PC ‘21)** as well as junior **James “Levi” Hastings (PC ‘22)**, and sophomore **John “Zion” Gudeman (PC ‘23)**. Despite not knowing whether the race would happen this year, this team trained intensely for the entire year. Due to COVID-19 there were no spectators allowed, but the race still took place in person at Bill

Armstrong Track. The FIJI bike team rode hard and led many laps of the race. Our bike team avoided all of the crashes throughout the race. However, we had a devastating wreck with just over two laps to go, dropping us from 2nd place to 10th place. Overall, the Zeta Brothers could not be more proud of our riders and the way that they represented the house. The riders look forward to another year of training and returning to the track next year, with the stadium at full capacity. We commend Matt and Nick for leading this team over their careers.

“Overall, it was the toughest and most fulfilling season Fiji cycling has had in my time at the house. With quarantine, everyone on the team getting Covid, and numerous other obstacles, this team went through a lot of adversity to get to race day.”

“Race day was one to remember. Track conditions were awful but the team was still able to ride our race and make our moves. We broke away in the beginning to cause some chaos and thin the field. We were also able to break away as planned in the end. Once caught, we were confident in our ability to finish. Unfortunately, we had some bad luck and went down at 196. But that’s bike racing. 10th place doesn’t reflect how well we raced. We hope we inspired the pledge classes currently in the house and alumni to continue to join or support the bike team. Fiji cycling is in great hands with James Hastings as captain and I see a championship coming to 431 in the near future. “



“It’s been my greatest privilege in college to captain this team for 3 years.” -Matt Cooper

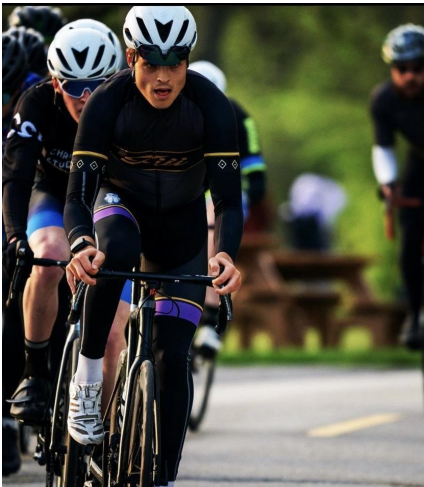
“I think the team this year battled through all sorts of adversity and difficulty to show up at race day ready to go. Many say that the day of the race is truly something special, and while that was true, the process leading up to it was one I’ll never forget. Through injuries, each of us getting Covid, missing the race last year, and dealing with the race being pushed back this year, we had to really find

the passion and willingness for the house, the race and each other’s efforts. What made me so happy was how well we all held each other accountable, trusted in each other and stuck to the script when it came to training, diet, and coaching.



Race day was unlike anything I've ever been a part of. While we didn't finish the way we had hoped due to some bad luck, we made it to the end of the race having put the hurt on the best teams out there as we spent huge amounts of time out front. We executed our race day plan almost to perfection and think we made an everlasting impact on Fiji cycling.

As a senior, I am beyond proud to be a FIJI, and on race day I got to witness greatness from brothers who embody what it means to be a Gam. I'll forever remember the time we each spent riding around Bloomington in the hope of restoring glory to a house that deserves it most! Ride with pride!" - Nick Olsen



# Zeta Stays on Top

At this past year's 155th annual State Day as well as IU's Greek Assessment & Award's Program (GAAP), The Zeta Chapter was able to bring home a total of 9 awards displaying our chapter's excellence in a variety of areas. We are proud to have had such success given the past year's circumstances. However, the Brothers of 431 are still looking to improve the chapter's overall standing with the addition of monthly Cabinet and Chapter leaders meetings. This drive to continue the success of the Zeta Chapter goes to show that the Brothers are living up to our strong tradition of excellence. The awards received are:

## State Day 2021

- Beta Cup (3rd Consecutive Year, Most Outstanding Chapter in the State of Indiana)
- Most Outstanding New Member (Brandon Stritch)
- Most Outstanding Community Service
- Most Outstanding Graduate Relations
- Most Outstanding Pledge Education
- Most Outstanding Recruitment

## GAAP 2021

- Chapter Academic Excellence Award
- Chapter Service and Philanthropy Award
- Chapter Standards and Accountability Award

The program for the National Phi Gamma Delta awards ceremony has not happened yet, but the Brothers of Zeta have put themselves in a position to succeed with the work they have done so far. We would like to thank all of our chapter's committees such as the Rush Chairs, Philanthropy committee, Graduate Relations committee, and Judicial Board committee for making this success possible.



# 2021 Rush

The rush process for the next class of Zeta FIJI's, the pledge class of 2025, is coming to a close! Brothers and alumni have played a prominent role in our process, as we always look to strengthen our traditions of success and excellence in an increasingly adverse world. We appreciate all the recommendations and help along the way. Our rush chairs this year are rising Juniors **Luke Cerar** (Fishers, IN), **Jack Fallon** (Chicago, IL), and **Sam Huston** (Fishers, IN). Rush has mainly been conducted through zoom interviews but as restrictions have lessened we have been able to meet rushees in person as well.

We welcome and appreciate all recommendations from you, and you are welcome to send them in to the phone numbers or email listed below. As it stands, PC '25 has almost been completely filled, with 31 accepted bids. We are excited to welcome them into the house and show them what it means to be a Zeta FIJI .

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