



Alumni Newsletter

New ZPAA e-board, social events, scholarships, 40th Orchid Ball plans

As the Zeta Pi Alumni Association enters its 4th full year since re-incorporation, we have made incredible strides at building this organization and strengthening the undergraduate chapter at OU.

Elections in November 2025 led to a new e-board, and that core group of officers will lead the ZPAA into our 40th anniversary year as we plan for all's that ahead - including a milestone signature Orchid Ball in March 2026.

The ZPAA continues its lineup of key social events through the year, and the Scholarship Committee has just completed its third round of scholarships with more interest from the undergraduate chapter than ever before!

[Explore the ZPAA more here](#)

Remembering Sigma Pi Brother Alan Scott

If royalty existed within our ranks of Sigma Pi at Oakland University, you wouldn't have to look beyond Brother Alan Scott as an embodiment of all that it should be.

A consummate gentleman. A mentor, advisor, and friend whose personality always made you feel important and brought a measure of respect and admiration wherever he went.

He was a kind and gentle soul who made our Sigma Pi chapter at Oakland University shine from the very start.

We said goodbye to Alan on May 8, 2025, as our brother entered the Adytum on High at 83 years old.

[Read more here](#)

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A Founding Brother's Line Reborn

By Mike Hoskins



For the first time in our chapter's 40-year history, the Zeta Pi Chapter has resurrected a long-ended line of the Brotherhood Tree.

The undergraduate chapter decided in October 2025 to revive Founding Brother Chuck Surinck's line, which had not been active in three decades.

This is a big moment for our chapter, which is marking a milestone four decades with ~450 initiated men in our chapter's ranks.

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Of the initial founding brothers' lines, only a few have remained alive for much of the past 20 years. Now, Brother Surinck's line is reborn with a young brother transferring to Oakland University and joining Zeta Pi.

That undergraduate is Brother Jordan Keil, who transferred from Grand Valley State University, where he was initiated in 2024 as part of the Theta Rho chapter.

Because he also has an existing Little Brother from GVSU that he keeps in touch with, it didn't seem appropriate to just place Jordan into our Brotherhood Tree and give him with a Big Brother at random. Instead, Brother Keil is placed directly as Chuck's little brother. A "grand-little," you might say.

[Read more here](#)

Updates from the Undergraduate Chapter

By Chapter Sage Jackson Rogers

The undergraduate chapter has been busy throughout the semester.

Coming into the new academic year, we had 10 active members. We then added Brother Jordan Keil as a transfer and initiated of 7 new members in the Fall 2025. We now stand at 22 active members as we enter the 2026 Winter semester.

Some of the activities we have been up to since the new academic year began:

- hosted our first annual alumni and family barbecue at the house (we look forward to hosting everyone again next year)
- had a social with the lovely ladies of AΣT, where we went to Erebus, we have had plenty of brotherhoods at the house
- we participated in a fundraising event at Cedar Point
- held some small philanthropies along the way.

Going into the Winter 2026 semester, we are planning a philanthropy with the Future Leader Dogs of Oakland organization We are also planning more socials, as well as a potential large philanthropy event with all Greek organizations on campus.

We appreciate the help from all of the alumni that have supported and guided us through this time!

[Learn who is on the current Undergraduate e-Board](#)

Our Zeta Pi Chapter celebrates its 40th anniversary in March 2026,
and with that we're excited about this milestone Orchid Ball on
Friday, March 13, 2026.

This event is being planned (as always) by the Undergraduate
Chapter, with assistance from the Zeta Pi Alumni Association.



Zeta Pi Chapter

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*The Brothers of Sigma Pi
Fraternity cordially invite you
to our 40th Anniversary
Orchid Ball*

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

7 P.M.

SAN MARINO CLUB
1685 E BIG BEAVER RD,
TROY, MI 48083

**\$199 PER COUPLE
\$110 SINGLE TICKET**

RSVP NOW

PAY ONLINE HERE

www.SigmaPiOakland.com/40th-anniversary-orchid-ball/

**Please RSVP by paying online at the
Sigma Pi Oakland payment portal.**

*The ticket price includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, open bar with
alcohol and mocktails, music, and dancing.*

We'd love to mark this special milestone occasion with a strong
alumni presence. See you there, Brothers!

What's ahead for ZPAA?

Our Zeta Pi Alumni Association (ZPAA) is making great strides in helping to connect our alumni and active members, while working hard to strengthen our chapter and brotherhood in exciting ways.

We have 29 paid members at year-end 2025 and we're currently collecting dues for 2026-27 (*March to March fiscal year*). A goal for 2026 is to reach at least 50 ZPAA members.

What did the ZPAA accomplish in 2025? You can [find out here](#). You'll also find [minutes](#) for our monthly meetings, which we welcome you to [join on Google Meet](#) and share your brotherly thoughts.

Remember: we founded the organization on the ideas of bringing together the chapter's alumni, establishing a functional Housing Corporation, creating scholarship opportunities, and providing a number of events each year that help support these causes.

Your voice matters. We want to hear your thoughts on the ZPAA and what's ahead, and how we can all work together to help strengthen Brotherhood and shape the next generation of our Zeta Pi Chapter.

Raise your Sigma Pi voice

Current ZPAA E-board

President: Mike Szettella (*Phi '95*)
Vice President: Jeff Waite (*Lambda '92*)
Treasurer: Ted Maier (*Kappa '91*)
Secretary: Mike Hoskins (*Alpha Alpha '97*)
Chapter Advisor Liaison:
Tyler Reynolds (*Beta Omicron '17*)

WE HOST A FEW OFFICIAL EVENTS PER YEAR, PLUS SEVERAL OTHER BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES.

- **POKER NIGHT: SATURDAY, JAN. 31, 2026**
- **40TH ORCHID BALL: FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026**
- **BASEBALL AND BROTHERHOOD: FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026**
- **TIKI NIGHT ON WOLVERINE LAKE: FRIDAY JULY 3**
- **FALL CLASSIC GOLF OUTING: SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 2026**

**BROTHERHOOD NIGHT: EVERY 3RD TUESDAY
(7 PM @ CJ MAHONEYS IN ROCHESTER)
OR TBD, DEPENDING ON STATE OF ZPAA ALUMNI CLUBHOUSE**

**ZPAA MEETINGS: FINAL TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
(7PM ON GOOGLE MEET OR TBD FOR IN-PERSON MEETING)**

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