



FALL 2018  
NEWSLETTER

# THETA CHI FRATERNITY

## ZETA XI CHAPTER

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# ALUMNI RELATIONS PROGRAM AIMS TO BRIDGE THE GAP



AS WE START A NEW YEAR HERE AT THETA CHI ZETA XI CHAPTER. WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT THE HOUSE. IN THIS TEST EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER WE HOPE TO FILL YOU ALL IN ON WHAT SOME OF OUR FUTURE GOALS ARE. THIS EDITION WILL RECAP ON THIS YEAR'S FALL RUSH, FUTURE RUSH PLANS, GI THETA CHI, OUR ALUMNUS OF THE QUARTER, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE SINCE LAST YEAR.

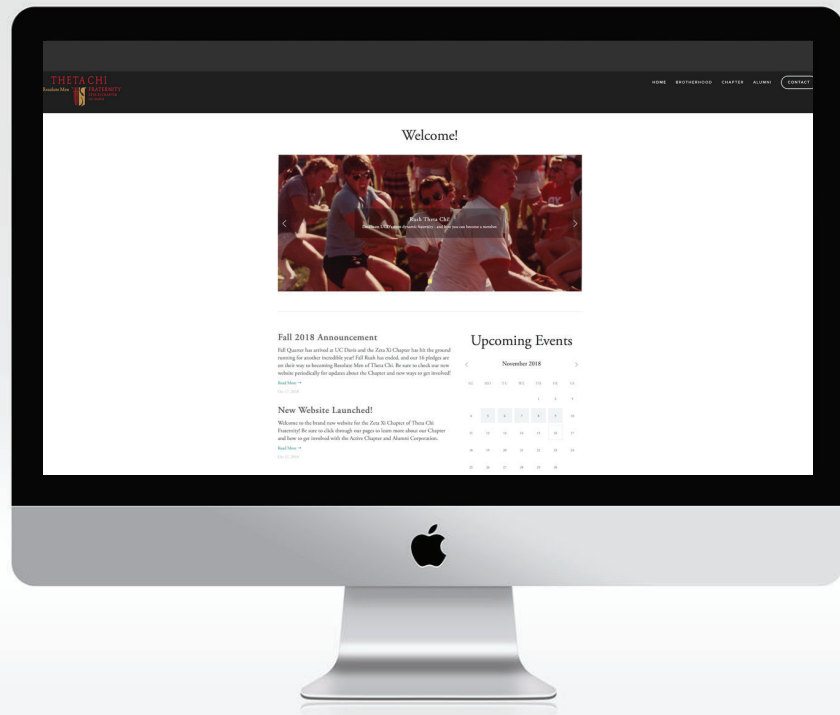


# G.I. THETA CHI

BEING AWARE OF THE GLOBAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS IS A TASK THAT MOST PEOPLE DO WHILE HAVING THEIR MORNING COFFEE AND READING THE NEWS. UNFORTUNATELY ANY LEGITIMATE ATTEMPT AT CHANGING THINGS FOR THE BETTER ISN'T REALLY SOUGHT OUT. HERE AT THETA CHI ZETA XI, PHILANTHROPY TAKES CENTER STAGE BECAUSE OF OUR VALUES THAT ENCOURAGE EXTENDING AN ASSISTING HAND TO OTHERS IN OUR ATTEMPTS BECOME WELL ROUNDED RESOLUTE MEN.

AS ALWAYS, WE RAISED MONEY FOR THE USO AS A PART OF G.I. THETA CHI, WHICH WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH. THE HOUSE'S FRONT YARD WAS ADORNED WITH GLIMMERING LIGHTS AND AN EXCITED ATMOSPHERE WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO AN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL WEEK OF EVENTS. THE BROTHERS CAME OUT IN DROVES TO HELP SET UP AND ENTERTAIN OUR GUESTS. IT ENDED UP NOT ONLY BEING AN EVENT TO AID THE USO, BUT ALSO A BONDING EXPERIENCE BRINGING EVERYONE TOGETHER FOR A SHARED PURPOSE.

THE GREAT SUPPORT OF THE SORORITIES, SHOWN BY THEIR EFFORTS AND TIME PUT INTO COMPETING IN THE LIP SYNCHING CHALLENGE, THE CAR BASH AND THEN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CARE PACKAGES WAS ESSENTIAL TO ATTAINING OUR GOALS OF HAVING A FUN, CHARITABLE EVENT. THE WINNERS WERE THE LADIES FROM DELTA DELTA DELTA, WHO PREFORMED AN AMAZING RENDITION OF "TOXIC" BY BRITNEY SPEARS TO TAKE HOME THE PRIZE OF GI JANE, AND GAIN A SPOT ON OUR COMPOSITE PHOTO. IN ALL, WE RAISED OVER \$6000 DOLLARS THROUGH OUR EFFORTS, NOT INCLUDING THE CARE PACKAGES DONATED AND THE GREAT MEMORIES THAT WERE MADE. ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS NOT ENTIRELY IN THE HANDS OF ONE PERSON (DANIEL DIAZ-VIGIL WAS THE MAN IN CHARGE); IT TRULY TAKES AN ARMY. AN ARMY OF DEDICATED AND RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE THAT UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTING THOSE WHO RISK THEIR LIVES FOR OUR SECURITY AND WELL-BEING.



# NEW ZETA XI WEBSITE LAUNCHED

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ZETA XI ALUMNUS PETER SWANSON FOR HIS VOLUNTEER WORK IN OVERHAULING OUR THETA CHI ZETA XI CHAPTER WEBSITE. PETER INVESTED NUMEROUS HOURS AND RECRUITED TWO OTHER ZETA XI ALUMNI, RYAN ABUSAA AND SEAVER KLUG, TO PRODUCE A TERRIFIC WEBSITE!

WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THESE UPDATES ON AN ELECTRONIC BASIS. TO DO SO, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE OUR DATABASE IS ACCURATE. THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF ALUMNI WE HAVE A WEBSITE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO SEND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO OUR DATA BASE IN WHICH WE WOULD LOVE TO PROVIDE UP TO DATE INFORMATION OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

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THE BROTHERHOOD CAME TOGETHER THIS PAST FALL QUARTER AND SUCCESSFULLY RECRUITED AN OUTSTANDING PLEDGE CLASS. THE GROUP, WHICH CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF 11 NEW MEMBERS IS THE LARGEST PLEDGE CLASS SINCE THE 15-MAN EPSILON ETA CLASS OF FALL '16. LED BY RUSH CHAIR ANDREW FONG, THE BROTHERHOOD EMPLOYED MANY CREATIVE METHODS TO SEEK OUT AND RECRUIT CANDIDATES. MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SIZE OF THE CLASS IS THE QUALITY OF THE MEN RECRUITED. THE NEW MEMBERS ARE CONSTANTLY AT THE HOUSE PARTICIPATING IN CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, INVOLVING THEMSELVES IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE CHAPTER, MARSHAL DAVID STILES HAS BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY THE LEVEL OF INTEREST THAT THE NEW MEMBERS HAVE TAKEN IN LEARNING ABOUT THE BROTHERHOOD AND THE HISTORY OF OUR FRATERNITY.

# ALUMNUS OF THE QUARTER

## BRYAN JEFF HOLCOMB

MR. HOLCOMB HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE FALL '18 ALUMNUS OF THE QUARTER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION. HE HELD THE POSITION OF CHAPTER MARSHAL DURING HIS UNDERGRAD TIME HERE. EVEN AFTER HE HAD GRADUATED HE BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST CHAPTER ADVISORS THE HOUSE HAS SEEN. HE HASN'T JUST BEEN A WELL INFLUENCE FOR THE HOUSE, BUT FOR THE WHOLE INSTITUTION AS A FORMER 2 TIME SERVING GRAND CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT.

HE IS FREQUENTLY AT THE HOUSE DURING BROTHERHOOD EVENTS TALKING TO US ABOUT HIS PAST EXPERIENCES AND GIVING CURRENT BROTHERS INSPIRATIONAL ADVICE. HE ATTENDED CONVENTION THIS YEAR IN LAS VEGAS WITH SOME OTHER ALUMNI FOR THE CHAPTER AND HAD A GREAT TIME REMINISCING ABOUT THE PAST AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS HE HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HOUSE BY DONATING CEREMONIAL ROBES. HE HAS BECOME A MUCH APPRECIATED LIASON TO THE ACTIVE CHAPTER AND SHOWED US WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A THETA CHI FOR LIFE.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## TAYLOR GRATRIX

“DURING MY TIME IN THETA CHI, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD CLOSE, LONG LASTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH MORE PEOPLE THAN I EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE. THIS CHAPTER HAS GIVEN ME A PURPOSE, A GREAT COLLEGE EXPERIENCE, AND A FAMILY AWAY FROM HOME. AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR CHAPLAIN TO HELP ORGANIZE AND EXECUTE FUN AND UNIQUE BROTHERHOOD EVENTS. THESE EVENTS HAVE HELPED US ALL COME CLOSER AND ENCOURAGE ALL THE BROTHERS TO TRY NEW THINGS. I HOPE TO CONTINUE OUR GROWTH AND LEGACY THROUGHOUT MY TIME AT UC DAVIS AND TO SHARE OUR IDEALS AND BROTHERHOOD WITH MANY FUTURE BROTHERS TO COME”