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Indiana Zeta brothers and students compete in a sand volleyball tournament, capping off a successful Philanthropy Week.

CHAPTER UPDATE

Closing the Year with Growth and Momentum

The Indiana Zeta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Butler University ended the academic year on a strong and optimistic note. In April, the chapter welcomed two new brothers through Continuous Open Bidding (COB) — recruitment that occurs outside of the traditional Fall Rush period. With a total of 11 new initiates this year, this marks the chapter's largest new member class since rechartering. As a result, more than 20 brothers will be living in the chapter house.

Before the semester came to a close, the brothers hosted their annual Philanthropy Week in support of the SON Foundation. Founded by a Butler Phi Psi alumnus, the SON Foundation provides housing for cancer patients and their families while they receive treatment in Indianapolis. The week's events included Lawn Games, Trivia Night, Obstacle Course Races, and concluded with a widely attended Sand Volleyball Tournament held at the chapter house. Over 240 students participated in the tournament, making it one of the most successful events in recent years. Butler University staff even reached out afterward to commend the chapter on its organization and hospitality.

This summer, the chapter house will remain a hub of activity. In addition to housing several undergraduate brothers, the property is undergoing several significant updates. Renovations include replacing outdated flooring in the formal room, installing new tankless water heaters (upgrading from units installed in 1999), and fully renovating the first-floor bathroom. Structural reinforcement is also being completed on the second floor to address a long-standing sagging issue. One of the top priorities remains replacing the roof to eliminate persistent leaks. The chapter is currently working closely with a roofing company and our insurance to move that project forward.

With a successful close to the academic year and major improvements underway at the house, Indiana Zeta is looking forward to welcoming new members back to campus in August with renewed energy and pride in the chapter's future.

NEWS FROM INDIANA ZETA

CHAPTER DASHBOARD

Brotherhood by the Books

This section provides a snapshot of Indiana Zeta's current standing, undergraduate membership, academic performance, recruitment efforts, and financial resources. It also highlights scholarship recognition, and memorial listings.

845

LIVING ALUMNI

Over **840+** alumni now share the bond and band of brotherhood starting this fall 2025 semester.

24

ACTIVE MEMBERS

11 brothers were added to the band of brotherhood in the 2024 academic year.

3.31

FALL '24 CHAPTER GPA

The chapter's average GPA for the fall semester was **3.31**.

FUNDS WITH THE FOUNDATION



**INDIANA ZETA ENDOWED
CHAPTER ONE FUND**
Net Assets: \$116,764



**INDIANA ZETA NON-ENDOWED
CHAPTER ONE FUND**
Net Assets: \$9,711



**INDIANA ZETA CHAPTER
HOUSING FUND**
Net Assets: \$974

SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS

CHAPTER SCHOLARS

Davis Barringer '23
Devin Kelleher '24
Harrison Savchuk '23

CHAPTER
ETERNAL

*We mourn our brothers
who have entered Chapter
Eternal and extend heartfelt
condolences to their families
and friends.*

Bill Weber '77

A STRONG VOICE FOR NASCAR
AND INDIANA ZETA

Bill Weber '77

Brother Bill Weber '77, passed away on December 13, 2024. A native of New Jersey, Bill was initiated into Indiana Zeta in 1977 and graduated from Butler University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Radio & TV.

While at Butler, Bill was a dedicated member of the chapter, and all those who knew him enjoyed his light-heartedness and friendship.

After leaving Butler, Bill worked for Indianapolis WISH-TV as a sports reporter. He worked at TNT, NBC, and ESPN, serving as host of NASCAR pre-race shows and reporting from the pits. He eventually assumed lap-by-lap duties in 2004. **Some of his most notable races were:**

- » Jimmie Johnson's first Daytona 500 win in 2006.
- » Tony Stewart's second Cup Series championship in 2005.
- » Joe Nemechek's final Cup Series victory in 2004.

He officially became the voice of NASCAR on TNT and was on the call for several notable races as the lap-by-lap announcer.

In 2006, Weber appeared as himself in the comedy film "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby".

He worked for NASCAR until 2009.

Bill passed away this past December at the age of 67 and is survived by his wife, Teresa.



Feb 15, 1998; Daytona Beach, Florida, USA; NASCAR television announcer Bill Weber during the Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway. Mandatory Credit: Mark J. Rebilas-USA TODAY Sports

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Support Indiana Zeta

Gifts to the Indiana Zeta Chapter OneFund can be made by check, credit card and/or appreciated securities. These gifts are 100% tax deductible through the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation.

You can give online using a credit card at

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2025 ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY OF GIVING CHAPTER CHALLENGE

Founders Day Recap

The 2025 Annual Founders Day of Giving Chapter Challenge took place February 19-20, 2025. Indiana Zeta, with **40 donors**, achieved the **third highest number of donors among all 147 Phi Kappa Psi chapters**. Surpassing the chapter's performance in 2024, which had 10 donors contributing \$1,628, this year's challenge raised a total of **\$5,425**.

This year, a joint challenge gift from three Indiana Zeta alumni encouraged others to participate. It raised awareness of the need for more alumni donors to give what they can, passing on to future generations what they gained from being a member of the Fraternity.

Thank you **Ralph Berry '76**, **Charley Shirley '76**, & **Charlie Wroblewski '08**! for your matching gifts.

This past winter, three undergraduate members of the Indiana Zeta chapter were selected to attend *Explore*, a multi-day externship program hosted by the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation. These programs enable undergraduates to see how the theoretical knowledge they have gained in the classroom can be applied in real-world settings. Funds raised through events like Founders Day enable the chapter to support the financial costs of participating in these impactful projects for members.

FOUNDERS DAY DONORS

GIVING TOTALING \$500 AND ABOVE

Ralph J. Berry '76
Jerry D. Perron '90
Charlie R. Wroblewski '08
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GIVING TOTALING \$250 TO \$499

Chad M. Stegemiller '98
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GIVING TOTALING \$1 TO \$249

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be featured? Email to let us know at
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