

THE DAILY DAWG

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NEW CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

The Phi Kappa Psi Scholarship Committee is proud to introduce a new annual scholarship program designed to promote academic excellence and campus involvement within the chapter. This program recognizes brothers who exemplify the Fraternity's values through strong academic performance and meaningful engagement in extracurricular activities. This scholarship will be worth \$500.

THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE:

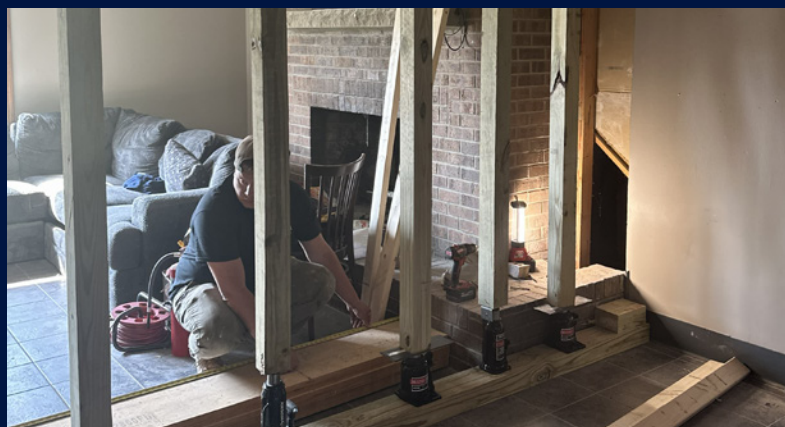
- To be a brother in good standing with the chapter
- Hold a minimum GPA of 3.5
- Demonstrate involvement in activities on campus

FIRST RECIPIENT: Jake Ward

WHY HE WAS SELECTED:

- GPA of 3.75
- Student Orientation Guide
- Planning committee for Welcome Week events (great for recruiting new members!)
- Dawgs Serving Dawgs- student organization supporting local animal shelters, where he serves as the Head of Finance
- Campus Housing Services- Serves as the first point of contact for residents and guests across multiple campus residence halls.
- Phi Kappa Psi Pledge Class President- leading the new member class and serving as the liaison between the new member and active brothers.

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HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

A House Worth Coming Home To: Updates from the Indiana Zeta House Corporation

Over the past two years, Phi Kappa Psi at Butler has tackled long-deferred maintenance, stabilized critical infrastructure, and laid the groundwork for the chapter's long-term success at the chapter house.

FOUNDATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Work began with core infrastructure needing immediate attention: several 25+ year-old hot water heaters were replaced, emergency plumbing repairs completed, and widespread water damage to walls, ceilings, and showers restored. In the Informal Room, a sagging ceiling was lifted six inches and reinforced with new structural headers. Following a successful insurance claim, a new roof was installed in winter of 2025-2026.

The formal room, study, and conference room received new paint, flooring, and repairs. First-floor furniture, color schemes, and lighting were updated. Alumni donations furnished four undergraduate rooms with new beds, desks, and dressers. Outside, nearly a dozen trees were removed, fencing was replaced, and the volleyball court was restored with five inches of new sand. Concrete work has begun redirecting water away from the basement.

Color brightening on the first floor and modern decorations were added to brand the space as Phi Kappa Psi at Butler University. There are dozens of other updates and repairs not mentioned here.

We would like to thank Dave Buck '73 , Mark Peterson '71, Ed Plavchak '71, Stan Wachel '72, Dave Womer'71 for generously stepping forward to help complete these projects.

What's Next: The Indiana Zeta 2030 Plan

The next phase targets basement waterproofing, HVAC replacement, more plumbing work, siding, soffits, gutters, fascia, windows, brick repair, along with student room renovations and possible kitchen and first-floor expansions. These projects fall under the Indiana Zeta 2030 Plan which is a strategic effort to keep the house competitive, functional, and appealing to future Phi Psi members with hopeful completion targets by or around 2030.

"Alumni furniture donations for undergrad rooms made an immediate, tangible difference. When a young man walks into a room that feels like home, it changes his entire experience with the Chapter. Your generosity has made a huge difference, and we look forward to continuing furniture replacement."

DANIEL WALTER | President • IN Zeta House Corporation

"We've made significant progress, but I want to be straightforward: major work remains, and the estimates are significant. We have built a great team to carry out the mission, but our operating budget alone cannot handle all projects. We're exploring construction loans and other avenues, and we genuinely need alumni financial support. Any contribution brings us closer to a house we can sustain well into the future."

RYAN ELDRIDGE | Treasurer & Project Manager • IN Zeta House Corporation

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UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Make sure you stay up-to-date on what is happening within the chapter and organization. Complete the form on the back of this newsletter, place it in a stamped envelope and mail it to the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation. You can also use the link at the bottom of the form to submit your information electronically.

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 pkpfoundation.org/support-indiana-zeta



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Initiation Date of the first 6: Sunday March 1st, 2026

MAXWELL ROGERS | Carmel, IN
Accounting 2029

"I joined Phi Psi for its supportive brotherhood, which I believe will help me grow as a person and guide me professionally."

JAKE WARD | Chelsea, MI
Accounting and Finance 2028

"I was looking for a place to expand on my leadership skills. Additionally, the friends I've made in Phi Psi will go on past my collegiate career."

NATHAN PAUL | Fort Wayne, IN
Finance and Spanish 2029

"I joined Phi Psi because it provides a chance for me to grow as a person and it gives me an opportunity to strengthen my leadership skills."

XAVIER NEWTON | New Palestine, IN
Risk Management (Pre-Law) 2029

"I joined Phi Psi for its strong sense of brotherhood as well as the lifetime friendships that'll help me grow as an individual."

RYAN DONEHUE | Pittsburgh, PA
Business Technology and Analytics 2029

"Phi Psi has helped me to connect with a close-knit group that I can always rely on and support through my time in college and beyond."

GAVIN HUSSEY | Naperville, IL
Exploring Business 2029

"I joined Phi Psi for the connections and opportunities. The brotherhood gives me an opportunity to grow as a person and challenge my academics. Coming into the house, I knew some connections before rush"

Initiation Date of the last 3: Sunday April 19th, 2026

KYLE VANMETER | Wanatah, IN
International Studies 2028

"Faith provided a compass for me to find this brotherhood built on community"

OWEN GOHR | Libertyville, IL
Music Performance
(String Bass) 2028

"I joined Phi Psi looking for an opportunity to grow as a person and as a leader as well as to develop meaningful relationships with other men with the same goals."

GABRIEL BISHOP | Westfield, IN
Pharmaceutical Studies 2029

"Phi Psi is a place where I found my community, and is a place where I feel best at home, while simultaneously not being an echo chamber; being pushed to improve instead of stagnating."





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Save the Date Homecoming '26

SEPTEMBER 19TH • HOMECOMING

The Bulldogs are gearing up for Homecoming,
and so is IN Zeta. Save the date!

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

- Tailgate before the game (look for the Phi Psi flag!)
- Chapter house open for tours and gatherings
- Time to reconnect with brothers and friends

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

- Chariot Race
- 9 am
- Help cheer on IN Zeta

TAILGATE @ HINKLE

- 9 AM - 1 PM
- Look out for the Phi Psi flag

FOOTBALL GAME @ SELICK BOWL

- 1 PM | Butler v. Chicago State

OPEN CHAPTER HOUSE

- All Afternoon
- Come stop by - all are welcome

