



# GAMMA OMEGA

ALPHA TAU OMEGA • PENN STATE UNIVERSITY • FALL 2018

## RESTORATION INITIATIVES WILL KEEP CHAPTER HOUSE CODE-COMPLIANT

### *Portico Railing, Side Entrance Doors in Need of Updating*

**I** write this message at a time when tremendous change is taking place in the Greek system at Penn State—change that affects Gamma Omega and our beloved chapter house. The chapter is fortunate to have such a strong undergraduate executive team under the leadership of **Tanner Gattuso '20**. They are dedicated to scholarship, philanthropy, and true merit. You will read about many of their accomplishments in this letter.



occupancy. The university and CRCA intend to enforce our 98-person occupancy limit for any event at the chapter house. Failure to adhere could be deemed a student conduct violation and lead to chapter suspension. The house corporation voted to replace the house's side entrance French doors with code-compliant doors, which will improve the security of the house and

potentially increase the first floor occupancy limit by 49. The total estimated cost of this project is approximately \$25,000.

#### *Portico Railing in Need of Attention*

Last year, the house corporation asked for donations to the Pillar and Portico Restoration Fund. We raised about \$15,000 to help restore and repaint the portico structure so that it is able to pass Centre Region Code Administration (CRCA) inspections (replacement of the structure would cost somewhere around \$100,000). In 2018, we are asking for your financial support to repair the portico railing.

We will accomplish these chapter house improvements without affecting our requirements for ADA compliance, for which we are grandfathered. Please join me in seeing these restoration initiatives through to completion by making a donation to Gamma Omega today.

Fraternally,  
**Rich Goldbeck '89**

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#### *New Doors to Increase Chapter House Security and Occupancy*

Another challenge we face this year concerns house

## Thank You, Loyal Alumni!

DONATIONS TO  
GAMMA OMEGA  
THROUGH 12/31/17

#### Azure and Gold Honorary Leaders (*\$5,000 and above*)

Estate of Richard M. Stephani '52  
David B. McKee '59  
Scott W. Smith '89  
David Robbins '90

#### Fairmount Avenue Leaders (*\$1,000 to \$4,999*)

Dennis H. Smith '72  
Aric Wagner '90  
P.J. McGuigan '92

#### Gamma Omega Loyalty (*\$500 to \$999*)

George T. Geiser '42  
Rich Goldbeck '89  
Scott Hawk '91  
Jason Cave '92

#### 321 Club (*\$321 Donations*)

Sanford Bennett '52  
Robert G. Neubert '64  
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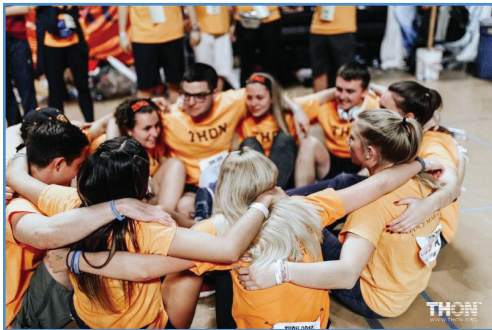
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Members enjoyed bonding, being outdoors, and a friendly match of paintball at Eagle Valley Paintball in October.



Gamma Omega participated in Penn State's annual Dance Marathon known as THON, which raises money for pediatric cancer research, awareness, and treatment.



Our brothers, along with Zeta Tau Alpha, raised \$239,104 toward the THON total of \$10,151,663!



Some of our brothers went on ribboning trips with Zeta women to raise money for THON.



# GAMMA OMEGA TOP GREEK ORGANIZATION AT THON

## FUNDRAISING EFFORTS WITH ZETA TAU ALPHA RAISE NEARLY \$240K

The men of Gamma Omega Chapter pride ourselves on our pillars of philanthropy, academia, and leadership. Because of our commitment to these values, we have grown tremendously over the 2017-18 school year, and see the results of our collective hard work.

### GAMMA OMEGA & ZETA TAU ALPHA TOP THON FUNDRAISING TEAM

Penn State's annual Dance Marathon, THON, a campus-wide fundraiser benefitting Four Diamonds at Penn State Children's Hospital, is our philanthropic priority. During the THON season, Gamma Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha teamed up and spent weekends knocking on doors, organizing social media fundraisers, and strategizing our *Star Wars* theme. Our collective efforts allowed us to raise \$239,104.88 for THON and placed us first among all chapters at Penn State.

### MAINTAINING OUR STRONG ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Our active chapter understands that  $\text{AT}\Omega$  fraternity emphasizes a strong academic performance from each member. I am proud to say that our chapter earned a 3.32 GPA, ranking us third among all Penn State IFC fraternities. Not only does our dedication to education enhance our image, it normalizes diligence within our brotherhood.

### NEWEST MEMBERS DEMONSTRATE COMMITMENT TO $\text{AT}\Omega$

Last semester, we welcomed 18 new members into our brotherhood. I can attest to their commitment to the betterment of our chapter. Our

new members are as passionate about upholding Gamma Omega's stellar reputation in the eyes of the university, IFC, and local community as our upperclassmen.

### PRIDE AND PRAISE FOR OUR ACCOMPLISHED BROTHERS

Several of our members have taken leadership positions in other organizations on campus.

- Worthy Scribe **Brad Edwards '20** was elected as IFC representative to the University Park Undergraduate Association.
- Former Worthy Master **Matt Holloway '19** is president of the Master of Accounting Program Student Association.
- **Robert Villano '20** serves as equity research lead analyst for the Penn State Asset Management Group and lead portfolio manager/secretary of PSU Quants.
- Our social chairman, **Scott Luttmann '20**, is vice president of InnoBlue and director of operations for Nittany Data Labs.

I could not be prouder of our performance as a chapter. Semester after semester, our members continue to lead by example and hold themselves to a higher standard. I would like to thank our alumni for your ongoing support and invite you to visit the house any time.

Fraternally,  
**Tanner Gattuso '20**  
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We are proud of our awesome dancers and THON chairmen who stood for 46 hours during the event.



Gamma Omega dancers enjoyed a dinner with our THON families in Harrisburg.

## 2017 ATΩ National Awards



- 2017 Erskine Mayo Ross IMPACT Award National Winner  
*Recognizes chapters that exemplify outstanding charitable giving in their communities and beyond.*
- 2017 True Merit Chapter, Honorable Mention

## Penn State Campus Awards

- 2017 Penn State IFC Scholarship
- Spring 2017 Top GPA among All Fraternities
- 2018 Penn State Dance Marathon  
*Benefits the Four Diamond Fund for children with cancer at Penn State's Hershey Medical Center.*
- ATO-ZTA #1 Fundraiser - Greek Organizations
- ATO-ZTA #1 Fundraiser - All Penn State Organizations across All Penn State Commonwealth Campuses

*Our executive team discussed chapter goals and brotherhood with Rich Goldbeck '89, Patrick McGuigan '92, and former Penn State football player Lee Rubin during a dinner at the Tavern.*



## CHAPTER OFFICERS

- Worthy Master **Tanner Gattuso '20**
- Worthy Marshall **Benjamin Lucier '20**
- Worthy Keeper of the Exchequer **Michael Lancaster '20**
- Worthy Keeper of the Annals **Alex Kravitz '20**
- Worthy Scribe **Brad Edwards '20**
- Worthy Chaplain **Augustino Maese '20**

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**Darius Andrews '18**  
*Nanuet, N.Y.*

**Pat Cyphers '18**  
*Hellertown, Pa.*

**Liam McCullough '17**  
*Clarkstown, N.Y.*

**Brody Rash '18**  
*Scotch Plains, N.J.*

**Alec Berger '18**  
*McKinney, Texas*

**Ryan Geroulo '18**  
*Schnecksville, Pa.*

**Marty McHugh '18**  
*Manasquan, N.J.*

**Anthony Saitta '18**  
*West Pittston, Pa.*

**Austin Bossio '17**  
*Yardley, Pa.*

**Alec Greene '17**  
*Endwell, N.Y.*

**Mike McTaggart '17**  
*Toms River, N.J.*

**Jack Sebeck '18**  
*Brookeville, Md.*

**Blake Brown '18**  
*Yardley, Pa.*

**Eddie Kraebel '18**  
*Wyckoff, N.J.*

**Greg Metz '18**  
*Lansdale, Pa.*

**Ryan Simmonds '18**  
*Malboro, N.J.*

**Ethan Bundy '18**  
*Palo Alto, Calif.*

**Matt Lanzone '18**  
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**PJ Mulcahy '18**  
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**RJ Ward '18**  
*Royersford, Pa.*

**Marc Cohen '18**  
*Manalapan, N.J.*

**CJ Lopez '17**  
*Essex Fells, N.J.*

**Tyler Pohl '18**  
*Hainesport, N.J.*



*We attended Alpha Tau Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha's second annual golf tournament at the Mountain View Country Club last October.*



*Our chapter enjoyed an early Thanksgiving dinner together before the holiday break.*



*The chapter house was all lit up for the 2017 holiday season.*

## SAVE *the* DATE

Homecoming/  
Michigan State Tailgate  
*Saturday, October 13*



# GAMMA GAB

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## CHAPTER ETERNAL

**Wilbert G. Lundgren '52** entered Chapter Eternal on December 20, 2014, at the age of 86. Wilbert attended DuBois Area High School before enrolling at PSU. He later attended medical school at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia before returning to DuBois to practice medicine. Wilbert enjoyed fly fishing and wrestling. He is survived by his wife, Lauren, and his children, Susanne and Eric.

**Willard H. Robb '58** entered Chapter Eternal at the age of 79 on April 8, 2015. A New Haven, Conn., native, Willard attended PSU for his undergraduate degree and the University of New Haven for graduate school. He was a U.S. Navy lieutenant before beginning a career with the Southern New England Telephone Company. Willard loved sailing, boating, and playing tennis. He leaves behind his wife of 27 years, Mary; his children and stepchildren, Susan, Steven, Gretchen, and James; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**E. Russell Connelly '60** entered Chapter Eternal in October 2017 at the age of 79. Russell earned his bachelor's in business administration from PSU, later attending Waynesburg College in pursuit of an MBA. After college, Russell joined the U.S. Army and Army Reserve, and eventually began a career in commercial insurance brokering. Russell enjoyed playing golf and photography. He is missed by his wife, Carolyn.

## Remembering Will Denton '16



In January, our brother **Will Denton '16** passed away. Will was an incredible person who always put others before himself and supported every single one of his Gamma Omega brothers. Will excelled as our chapter's risk manager and housing chairman, and he loved THON and its mission more than anything else. We will remember him for his sense of humor and a distinct laugh that was recognizable from miles away. Will's favorite quote, which we carry on a bracelet, was, "It's a sin to kill a mockingbird." We miss and love you, brother.

**ATTENTION:** This newsletter is intended for alumni and pparents. If your son is currently attending Penn State University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.



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