### **SPRING 2021**



#### ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

## A PUBLIC NEWSLETTER OF ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE THETA ALPHA CHAPTER AT BALL STATE UNIVERSITY





### CHAPTER OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT SPRING 2021

### New Executive Board

The Theta Alpha Chapter installed a new Executive Board on November 14, 2020.

The officers are.....

President: Ian Smith

Vice President: Scott Speiser

Chaplain: Nick Roche

Treasurer: Todd Sams

Secretary: Jack Culinan

Health & Safety Officer: Zach Fultz

Historian: Peter Sherfey

New Member Educator: Jordan Bueno

Recruitment Co-Chairmen: Brendan Ottinger & Daniel Richey

Philanthropy Co-Chairmen: Daniel Curran & Clayton Spurlock

Social Chairman: John Neddenriep

### **New Sweetheart**

This past fall semester we elected a new Sweetheart for the chapter. Chiara Biddle is a sophomore majoring in Fashion Merchandising. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and serves on the Panhellenic Association Executive Board. In addition to being Sweetheart, Chiara is the Vice President of the Student Body at Ball State. She has enjoyed being part of this brotherhood and always pushes chapter members to be at their best, whether that is academically, professionally, or fraternally.



# THETA ALPHA ADDITIONAL CHAPTER BUSINESS

The Theta Alpha chapter has been very busy this spring semester while working through the pandemic. We have been meeting and exceeding our goals for the chapter as well as creating a new philanthropy named "OnlyCans" that benefits the non-profit organization of Second Harvest here in Muncie, IN. Within the first two days of our week long can food drive, we managed to exceed our \$1,000-dollar goal within two days so we raised the goal up to \$2,000 dollars! We're happy to say that we were able to donate a grand total of \$2,082.00 dollars and more than 35+ cans. We hope to continue this philanthropy for years to come to benefit less fortunate families throughout these hard times.



A can food and money drive to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of Muncie

Presented by Alpha Tau Omega



### CHAPTER SOCIAL SERVICE

The Muncie Public Library invited the Theta Alpha chapter to come out and help clean up the property on 4/15. We managed to bring around 10 guys to take time out of their day to help assist in yard work. We straightened up the garden by tilling the garden plot, pulling weeds, picking up leaves, and dead branches. We then planted flowers and placed mulch down throughout the property to make the public library look much nicer than before.





### FALL & SPRING INITIATION





Fall 2020 Spring 2021

This past year, recruitment was one of our key attributes to such a successful school year. We had the pleasure of initiating 20 new members in the fall and 17 in the spring, while keeping 100% retention both semesters. Even throughout the COVID-19 pandemic we were able to exceed recruitment expectations and remain a flourishing chapter. As we near the end of the spring semester we are pushing nearly a 100 man chapter and we hope to grow even more this fall.



### SENIOR AFFIRMATIONS

This Senior class of men have been an extremely valuable asset to the Theta Alpha Chapter. They joined the chapter with a mere 20 members and throughout the course of their 4 years at Ball State, they over tippled the number of active brothers since they were initiated. Also, they managed to take hold of the current Alpha Tau Omega house, making our chapter a bigger landmark at Ball State University. These seniors will be dearly missed but we know they will have bright and successful futures!



