



# THE HI-BAZOO

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## LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

### Ed Hawes '76, Chapter Advisor Chair

Autumn has returned with beautiful fall Indiana weather and optimism in the air around the chapter and on campus. Hopefully, we are on the tail end of the COVID pandemic as students, staff and alumni look forward to a wonderful 2021-2022 school year.

This fall we had 54 members move back into the chapter house since reopening three years ago including our first senior live-in, Andrew LaValle. The 54 number is due to COVID occupancy restrictions at 75% occupancy when the spring semester ended. Our goal is to have 78 members (100% occupancy) living in our chapter house by fall 2022. The loss of 25+ live-ins has significantly impacted our financial reserves, but the House Corp and our Advisory team along with support from the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation have worked hard to launch an Annual Giving Fund to provide our chapter long-term financial stability.

Our chapter's leadership is nearing their annual term and a new team will soon be taking the leadership helm to continue our impressive progress over the past five years since recolonizing. The team of Jake Cleff (GP), Jake Zaslow (VGP), Jacob Vrankin (VGP), and Tim Fasick (Treasurer), combined with really enthusiastic committee chairs and members who have made significant strides in terms of reaching our chapter goals. We are excited for the next executive team to carry the baton to greater chapter success.

Indiana Beta's undergraduate leadership has developed a strategic plan known as the Six Pillars for Success and last semester implemented a performance management program to track member engagement and chapter impact. The Six Pillars for Success include: Academics; Brotherhood; Philanthropy/Community Service; Campus Leadership; Athletics and Social. We have seen semester-over-semester improvement in all six areas with results also contributing to building a stronger brotherhood culture. Members are reminded of Indiana Beta's storied culture of excellence in all we do, *The Great Joy of Serving Others*, campus leadership, academic performance, and athletic success. Fall events for philanthropic and campus service programs are in action including a Lacrosse All-Campus Fundraiser that was successful. Brothers continue to take on a variety of campus leadership roles recognizing the value they offer in terms of improving employment opportunities.

The chapter has also participated in alumni mentoring programs where over 30 Phi Psi alumni and undergraduates participated in networking and career advice. Several summer internships and full time offers have been generated and accepted. Also, Sam Wertz, Historian, was elected by district peers this summer to serve as District Archon III over the next two years and participate in the 2022 GAC in Indianapolis.

Our chapter is growing and thriving once again based on Phi Psi Indiana Beta principles that have served the chapter well for many decades. Please visit and meet our live-in members anytime as they genuinely want to meet alumni and hear about your experiences and adventures! You can support through volunteering your talents, time, and/or generous donations.

## NEWS FROM INDIANA BETA

## NEW MEMBERS

## Fall 2021

Charlie Basile, Birmingham, MI  
 Frank Chirico, Huntington, NY  
 Nathan Cohn, Pleasanton, CA  
 Jonathan Denen, St. Louis, MO  
 Cam Douglas, Grand Rapids, MI  
 Tomas DuRei, Miami, FL  
 Justin Fickling, Vincennes, IN  
 Tilo Giorgetti, Concord, MA  
 Jackson Gorman, St. Louis, MO  
 Will Grinsfelder, Fort Wayne, IN  
 Charlie Jones, Greenwich, CT  
 Josh Kaufman, Naperville, IL  
 Joe Luebker, Fishers, IN  
 Brandon Lupi, Chatham, NJ  
 Andrew Maher, Mineola, NY  
 Mike Martinez, Miami, FL  
 Danny Merkl, Florham Park, NJ  
 Charlie Murphy, San Jose, CA  
 Rahul Narasimhan, Washington D.C.  
 Hudson O'Hara, Manhattan Beach, CA  
 Jaeden Osei, Summit, NJ  
 Oliver Rau, Greenwood, IN  
 Will Roth, Wheaton, IL  
 Ryan Stoffel, Chatham, NJ  
 Nishaan Suga, Bolingbrook, IL  
 Aidan Williams, Columbus, OH  
 James Yamartino, Concord, MA  
 Caleb Young, Syracuse, IN  
 Robert Young, Munster, IN

## Demographics

Indiana - 6  
 New Jersey - 4  
 Illinois - 3  
 California - 3  
 Florida - 2  
 Massachusetts - 2  
 Michigan - 2  
 Missouri - 2  
 New York - 2  
 Connecticut - 1  
 Ohio - 1  
 Singapore - 1



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Jake Cleff '19, Chapter President

For those of you who I have not had the pleasure of meeting, I am Jake Cleff, the current President of the Indiana Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. I have been serving in this role since October of 2020, and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. This chapter, and our brothers, mean everything to me and I am so excited to give you all an update on how this school year has gone so far.

With COVID being less of a concern this semester, our chapter has been able to resume normal activities. We took in a 32-man new member class this fall, and I could not be more proud of our rush committee for selecting this group of young men. They are invested into the chapter already and hopefully we can move some of them into the physical house by the spring semester. I would like to remind all alumni that we value your voice and recommendations in our recruitment process. Please feel free to reach out to myself or our rush chair with young men you believe would be outstanding Phi Psi's.

As an executive team, we are preparing to transition to the next team this fall. Elections were held November 1st and the new team will take over after Thanksgiving. I have the utmost confidence in the men running for the team; they have already shown their commitment to this chapter and they will be more than prepared to handle the roles after our long shadowing process.

Overall, the Indiana Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi has a lot of positive momentum going forward, and we will continue to improve on our strong foundation to become the model fraternity on campus. I cannot wait to see what the future holds... *High High High!*

## NEWS FROM INDIANA BETA

## BIKE TEAM UPDATE

### Sites on Number Eight

This year the Phi Kappa Psi bike team is returning all six riders from last year. After riding a great race in May with a 5th place finish, we are looking to carry that momentum forward and get our eighth Little 500 victory.

We have all been training very hard this summer. Leading into the school year we had a Phi Psi alumnus, and former Little 500 coach Jim Kaese, fly the entire team out to San Diego and hit four days of training in the hills of San Diego. It was a great kick off to the school year.

Our typical week consists of anywhere from 8-12 hours on the bike with a variety of training to prepare us for the race in April. Our current coach is a bike team alumnus, Dan Gaz. He helps keep our training structured and keep the team on track to be as ready as can be in April.

We are all very appreciative of all the support we get from our current members and all our alumni. Everything the team trains for would not be possible without that support.



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## Supporting a Great Cause **FRATERNITY FACE-OFF**

On September 5th the Phi Psi lacrosse team, led by Tim Fasick, Timo Lenhard and Lukas Planck on defense, as well as Wes Peterson, Jackson Gorman, and Nick Oswald on offense played in the Fraternity Face-Off (formerly known as Face Off for the Forces).

This was a great charity event led by SAE that raised thousands of dollars for the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington.

The team played Beta Theta Pi in the first game and after a very hard-fought start was down 2-0 at halftime. The house partnered with Alpha Xi Delta for the game and the section of brothers and our female counterparts was truly unbelievable! The final score was a 6-3 loss.

The second game was a consolation game against Sigma Phi Epsilon, which was another absolute "barn burner" of a game. Goals netted by Wes Peterson and Nick Oswald were huge momentum builders, but after a few fights (including players and our student section), as well as injuries, the boys were gassed and had a relatively tough second half. The final score was 5-3.

We are looking forward to playing again next year and hope that we are able to continue to contribute to more charitable events such as this one.

