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# Greek Basketball Champs

This past fall our Phi Gamma Delta basketball team brought home the GBA championship. For those who don't know the Greek Basketball Association (GBA) is not a part of Intramurals, but a separate league created solely for fraternity play. The season lasts a total of two months with two games per week. Each game is played at a fraternity house's outdoor court with two refs provided by each opposing team. Despite the disadvantage of only playing at opposing teams' courts, our FIJI squad managed to rank fourth on campus by the end of the season. The tournament consisted of three rounds. In the first round, we played Pi Kappas, the second Sig Ep, and lastly SAE in the Indiana University GBA Championship.



FIJI's GBA squad standing for the National Anthem before the GBA Championship in Assembly Hall.

The winner of that game got to move on and play in Assembly Hall against Purdue's own GBA winner. Our FIJI squad, which consisted heavily of seniors, four juniors, and three sophomores, surpassed SAE, allowing them to play against Purdue FIJI in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall for the first-ever Greek IU vs. Purdue showdown.



The GBA team hoisting the trophy after defeating the Purdue FIJI team in the GBA championship in Assembly Hall. The Zeta Gams won 61-47.

The GBA Final had a great show out, with purple FIJI IM jerseys lining the stands in Assembly Hall. Our boys came off to a hot start going up fifteen points within the first eight minutes. From there on the game was no contest.

For decades it's been known that Hoosier Hoops is some of the best in the world, but now it's safe to say our Indiana FIJI basketball team can compete with some of the best. Next year we'll have seven returning players with potential frogs on the rise. If you want to tune in next fall to watch our team defend their title the GBA has social media platforms on YouTube and Instagram where they livestream games. This spring semester there will be a March Madness tournament that our Junior team will be playing in to win for a second time in a row. Long-standing has IM's and FIJI athletics been an emphasis in our house, so we are proud to not only uphold the tradition but to solidify and grow it.



# Zeta FIJI Rush

## RUSH FIJI 2024

Contact Rush Chairmen:



**Will Grissom**  
317-900-2214



**Blake Burns**  
303-656-0364

## Send in your recommendations

Our Zeta Fiji Rush process is right around the corner and the brothers are very excited for the Pledge Class of 2028! Our two sophomore Rush Chairman this year are Blake Burns and Will Grissom. They are very confident and committed to bringing in a new class that will uphold the longstanding success of our chapter. We always appreciate recommendations and input from our graduate brothers. Please send any recommendations, comments, or questions to [phigamrush@gmail.com](mailto:phigamrush@gmail.com)

### Rush Weekends

February 24th & 25th

April 6th & 7th

Summer Rush TBD

### Rush Chairs

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# Zeta FIJI Philanthropy

Last semester, the brothers had many opportunities to volunteer for the community and different events for some amazing causes on campus. We understand the importance of helping others, therefore we made many philanthropy events a priority to attend. Some events included IU Dance Marathon, Hoosiers Outrun Cancer, and the Gamma Phi Beta Hot Wing Eating Contest for Girls on the Run.



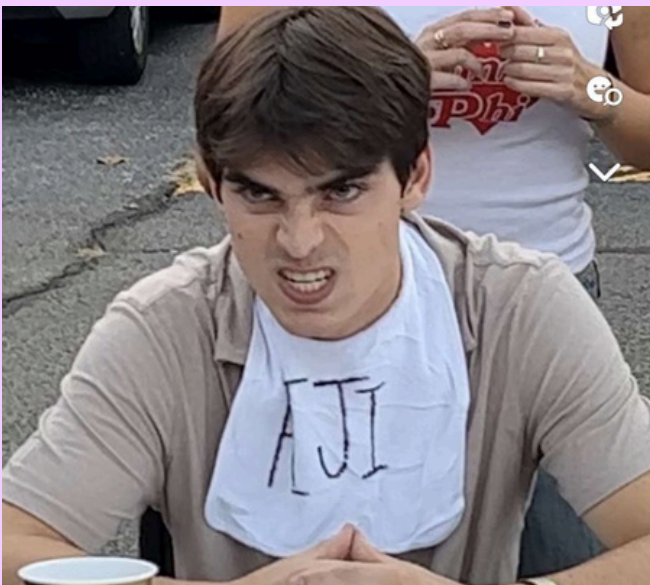
IUDM Entertainment Brothers (Corbin King '25, Eddie Kuklenski '26, Michael Hawkins '26, and Blake Albert '26) enjoy the festivities of Dance Marathon 2023.

IU Dance Marathon is an annual 36 hour marathon dedicated to raising money for Riley Children's Hospital. College students and Riley families spend their time at the IU Tennis Center raising money until the 36 hours is completed. This year, PC' 27 was able to raise \$42,296.99 and placed first in Greek life donations. We would not have been able to do that without the support and generosity of our alumni. We sincerely thank you for your donations as it helped IUDM raise over \$3 million for Riley Children's Hospital. To continue, 15 brothers of PC' 27 have signed up for interviews to join different IUDM committees in the spring semester. Devoted brother, [Charlie Perine '27](#), stated, "I think IUDM is important because it brings people together for a great cause. It is an opportunity to interact, dance, and do activities with people you never would have met for a full 36 hours. Next year, I plan to further contribute to the event as a member of IUDM and continue to promote the cause."

Another philanthropy event that many brothers attended was the 2023 Hoosiers Outrun Cancer 5K. We had four brothers participate in the 5K including [Will Grissom '26](#), [Matthew Barada '26](#), [Toby Meyer '26](#), and [Marcus Wynalda '26](#). PC '27 also volunteered 8 hours of their morning setting up parking, t-shirt stands, supplying water to runners, and directing traffic to appropriate parking spots.



PC '27 volunteers their morning at Hoosiers Out Run Cancer



Kevin Hill '27 displays competitiveness prior to the Gamma Fry philanthropy event.

Finally, Gamma Phi Beta hosted their annual G Fry Hot Wing Contest which supports Girls on the Run. Girls on the Run offers programs designed to inspire girls of all abilities to recognize and embrace their inner strength. This year, [Kevin Hill '27](#) had the privilege of competing on behalf of our fraternity. When reflecting on this entertaining philanthropy event, Kevin said, "I was lucky enough to represent Fiji in the G Fry philanthropy event. My entire PC showed up to cheer me on as I engulfed 15 spicy buffalo wings as fast as possible while competing against other fraternities on campus. Although I was not able to win, the support I received from the house was amazing. I am grateful to have taken part in the G Fry event for such a good cause."

We would like to thank philanthropy chairmen, [Michael Hawkins '26](#) and [Nolan Hart '25](#), for organizing these events for us to attend. We would also like to thank our alumni once again for their support and donations.





# Academic Update



Within the confines of Phi Gamma Delta, a commitment to academics and scholarship stands as a cornerstone of our brotherhood and the culture we foster, placing the utmost importance on maintaining a strong academic standing. In the recent fall semester of 2023, our cumulative house GPA reached a **3.36**, with seniors achieving a GPA of **3.0**, juniors at **3.35**, sophomores at **3.45**, and freshmen leading the way with an outstanding **3.64**.

As we transition into the spring semester, it's crucial to reflect on the leadership that played a pivotal role in shaping the academic performance of our chapter. The newly elected freshman scholarship chairs, namely [Cam Carmichael PC '27](#), [MJ Cancilla PC '27](#), and [Adam Bolad PC '27](#), have excelled in their roles, contributing significantly to our academic success.

## Brothers who achieved a 4.0 GPA



**Jake Reasoner PC '26**, Human Biology

**Nick Wood PC '26**, Finance



**Drew Knapp PC '26**, Finance



**Wes Rapp PC '27**, Finance



**Cam Carmichael PC '27**, Finance



**MJ Cancilla PC '27**, Finance







# Zeta FIJI Brotherhood

This past November, our four pledge classes were pitted against each other in the Phi Gam Invitational, an annual mini-golf tournament. Started in 2019 by **William "Socks" Johnson '22**, the Phi Gam Invitational is a favorite brotherhood event of many and the competition for the Purple Jacket is fierce.

The 2023 event was won by the sophomore pledge class golfers, **Toby "Peaches" Meyer '26** and **Matthew "Shifu" Barada '26**. This is the second year in a row that PC '26 has taken home the Purple Jacket.

Brotherhood chairman **John "Tsunami" Wade '25** says that "the competitive spirit of all the brothers makes this event an awesome spectacle and it's been a real pleasure setting it up the past few years. Hopefully my PC '25 brothers can bring the Purple Jacket home for us next fall."

Thank you to all of the brotherhood chairs for their hard work setting up this great tradition!



Zeta Fiji Brothers laughing after a day of paintball. This would not have been possible without Explore Brown County.

This past fall also included a wonderful brotherhood paintballing event. Over 70 brothers made their way to the forests of Brown County to play paintball and bond as a house.

"It was great to spend time with all of the pledge classes doing something new." says sophomore **Anthony "White Lightning" Grewe '26**.

The event was very well received and was a great opportunity for all of the pledge classes to bond and have some fun. By popular demand, plans are being made to bring back paintballing in semesters to come.

## FIJI Bible Study

This semester marked the initiation of a transformative Bible study within the walls of Phi Gamma Delta, spearheaded by **Nick "Boardman" Frische PC '25**. The primary objective was to cultivate a strong community of faith among the fraternity members, fostering spiritual growth within the bonds of brotherhood. Nick's initiative attracted significant support, with alumni such as **Mike "Tunes" Evans PC '85** generously providing 25 Bibles for the participants. The unwavering support of alumni and the invaluable assistance of a campus outreach staff member have been instrumental in the study's success.



The Zeta Fiji Brothers are thankful for the initiation of weekly Bible Study.

As the Bible study enters its second semester, the outlook is promising, radiating optimism for a future enriched with shared faith, camaraderie, and continued spiritual exploration within the fraternity's walls.





**· YOU'RE INVITED ·**

..... JOIN US ON 2/17/2024 FOR: .....

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**4:00PM- ALUMNI RECEPTION @ 431 NORTH WOODLAWN**

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**4:45PM- THE ANNUAL NORRIS PIG DINNER &**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ADAM HITCHCOCK**

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**ON 2/18/2024 THE INDIANA VS. NORTHWESTERN MEN'S**

**BASKETBALL GAME @ ASSEMBLY HALL**

**(NO TICKETS INCLUDED)**

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~ RSPV CONTACT: ~

**RYAN KOEHLER (PRESIDENT): RYANKOEHLER32@GMAIL.COM**

**THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE, ALTHOUGH DONATIONS TO THE BEECHWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

If you are interested in coming to Pig dinner reach out to Kyle Reasoner our Corresponding Secretary at [Kylereas911@gmail.com](mailto:Kylereas911@gmail.com)





# New FIJI Cabinet



**President**

Ryan Edward "Juicebox" Koehler

Barrington, IL

Barrington High School

Marketing and Business Analytics

NME PC '26, Risk Chair, Co-President Special Olympics

"Hello, my name is Ryan "Juicebox" Koehler, the newly elected President of the Zeta Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. Throughout my time in the house, I have had the pleasure to serve as a Risk Chairman, New Member Educator, and Co-President of the Special Olympics at Indiana with Kyle. My experience here has meant so much to me and I'm excited to have the opportunity to lead and give back to the house that has given so much to me."

**Treasurer**

John Clark "Tsunami" Wade

Austin, TX

McCallum High School

Sports Marketing and Management Major

Marketing Minor

IFC Judicial Board, NME PC '27, Brotherhood Chair

"Hello, brothers! I'm a Junior from Austin, Texas studying Sports Marketing and Management with a Kelley Marketing minor. In my time here in the Zeta chapter, I have served as a Brotherhood Chairman, a New Member Educator, and as a member of the IFC Judicial Board. My experience in the chapter has been very special to me, so I jumped at the opportunity to be a part of Cabinet and give back to the house. I'm excited to extend my contribution to the chapter as the Treasurer and continue building towards the future!"



**Recording Secretary**

Nick David "Boardman" Frische

Carmel, IN

Carmel High School

Informatics

Business, Data Science Minor

Head Scholarship Chair, Shoemaker Innovation Center, ServeIT, Campus Outreach Leader,

Luddy Undergraduate Instructor of the Year '23

"Hello, my name is Nick Frische. So excited about giving back to the house as the newly elected Recording Secretary. In the house I am the head scholarship chair, something that I take to cabinet as well, prioritizing grades in the house, and working to ensure that all members of the house feel that they have the resources they need to succeed. Outside of the house, I am very involved with campus outreach, a campus ministry Christian organization, as well as, working on a startup with Philip "The Great Ape" Hess. PC '25"



**Corresponding Secretary**

Kyle William "River" Reasoner

Zionsville, IN

Zionsville High School

Finance and Business Analytics

Head Rush Chair, Co-President Special Olympics

"I aspired to be the Corresponding Secretary for Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity at Indiana University to enhance communication and organizational cohesion. With a passion for clear communication, I aimed to streamline information flow among members and stakeholders. My goal was to ensure prompt and comprehensive communication of updates, fostering unity and awareness. Additionally, I sought to contribute organizational skills to maintain accurate records and enhance the fraternity's historical legacy."



**Historian**

Tyler Scott "Poms" Lacy

Fishers, IN

Hamilton Southeastern High School

Finance and Business Analytics

Rush Steering Committee, Freshman Advisor, Online Portal

"I am currently a sophomore studying Finance and International Business. On campus, I really enjoy fundraising and helping out with the Indiana Dance Marathon and Special Olympics organizations. I am also founding a club with two of my pledge brothers, Kenny Gibson and Walker Kight, called Charitable Investment Foundation where we will teach underclassmen about investing. I was excited to join our cabinet this year as I have been very eager to be in this leadership role as soon as I stepped foot into the house. I'm looking forward to helping lead and continue our chapter's long-standing success."







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**Graduate Brothers look out for Invitations to Pig Dinner (February 17th) and continue sending recommendations to our Rush Chairs (See Page 003)**

