



# ZETA BETA TAU TIMES

## Alumni & Parent Newsletter for the ΓX Chapter

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2021-2022 Executive Board Officers with our Sweetheart, Miranda Coolican of ΔΓ.



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### Meet the 2021-2022 Executive Board Officers

**President-** Kody Hermelyn AZ, third year Business Management major from Davie, FL.

**Operations and Standards Director-** Brandon Mendez AZ, third year Civil Engineering major from Broward County, FL.

**Programing Director-** Kip Sanchez AZ, third year Business Management major from Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**Communications Director-** Nathan Weaver AH, fourth year Biomedical Sciences major from Tarpon Springs, FL.

**Recruitment Director-** Erick Garcia AZ, fourth year Global Business major from Tampa, FL.

**Finance Director-** Ryan Resendes Aθ, fourth year Quantitative Economics major from La Plat, MD.

**Risk Prevention and Wellness Director-** Daniel Vargas AZ, third year Global Business major from Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**Brotherhood Development Director-** Daniel Demarin Aθ, second year Finance major from Miami Beach, FL.

### Philanthropy Involvement

This semester we participated in multiple philanthropy weeks and placed in several of the main charity events.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Kappa Delta's Kaddy Shack golf tournament to support the PCAA and Joshua House foundation.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Zeta Tau Alpha's Crown Classic softball tournament to support breast cancer research.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Delta Delta Delta's St. Jude Soldier
- Participated in Gamma Phi Beta's Space Race to support the Girls on the Run foundation.
- Participated in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash with ZTA.

Overall, our chapter helped sororities raise over \$100,000 for their charities, and our brothers became better men by being involved.





### WELCOME NEW CLASS ALPHA KAPPA

This Fall, our chapter initiated 18 quality young men. Our recruitment team, led by Erick Garcia, worked tirelessly alongside all the brothers to find, and recruit the best men for our Fraternity. Moreover, our chapter pulled the second largest rush class of all Fraternities this semester. Our GX chapter now has 62 active brothers and continues to grow. Please see the recruitment recommendation section on page 3 for instructions on how to refer a young man to our chapter.



The above photo was taken at the new member class', Alpha Kappa, Bid Rally in the Marshall Student Center Ballroom.

### HALLOWEEN FALL SOCIAL - ZBTERROR

Our Fall social, ZBTerror, was on Halloween weekend at our ZBT house on campus in Greek village. This was our first registered social event at the house since the outbreak of COVID-19 and it was a great success! The chapter had so much fun coming together again for a huge event like this. Below is a picture of the new AK class before their party standing in front of their class gift.



### ALUMNI, UPDATE YOUR ZBT RECORDS

If you need to update your records and information, please do so by clicking the link: <https://zbt.org/alumni/update-your-information/>

### ALUMNI GUEST SPEAKERS WANTED!

The chapter wants to invite any alumni to speak to the brothers (in person or online via Zoom) about their experiences in the Gamma Chi chapter and share any stories or knowledge they have with the brotherhood. If you would like to speak to the brothers, please send an email to [usfzbtcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:usfzbtcommunications@gmail.com)

### INTRAMURAL SPORTS

- This semester the chapter participated in 6v6 Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Flag Football, Basketball, Softball, 3v3 Soccer and Volleyball. We are competitive in every sport, and we expect to place in many of the final playoff tournaments.
- In 6v6 Soccer, our team upset the number three seed, Sigma Nu, in a dominating 2-0 win in the quarterfinals.

### ALPHA KAPPA CLASS GIFT

The Alpha Kappa class raised money to fund the construction of new, larger, wooden ZBT letters to go outside of our house on campus. Painted in the Fraternity colors, and coated in protective sealant, the letters stand 8 feet tall and 4 feet wide. The new brothers worked hard to create a quality product, and their gift to our Gamma Chi chapter was greatly appreciated. Below is a picture of the new letters.



### ALUMNI WEEKEND RECAP

The chapter had an amazing time with all the alumni who came to our three-day Gamma Chi alumni weekend this past September. We want to say another massive THANK YOU to all the alumni who donated to help us make the weekend event so much fun. We are very grateful alumni traveled to come back and spend time with us. Details for our big alumni event next semester will be coming soon.

### ALUMNI FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

We welcome all our GX alumni to join our growing alumni Facebook group for more chapter updates by clicking the link below! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/19903360749/>



### FLORIDA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TRIP

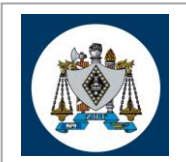
Our Heritage Chairman, Jordan Temares, reached out to national and received a \$1,500 heritage grant to completely fund a brotherhood trip to the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg. Our brothers took a charter bus to the museum and spent several hours touring the exhibits of the third largest Holocaust Museum in North America. Three docents gave our brothers a private tour of the museum and shared countless stories of victims and survivors. At the end of the day, our brothers learned a lot about the Holocaust era and Jewish heritage. We were proud to represent the ZBT Gamma Chi chapter and USF Hillel organization. Below is a picture of our brothers in front of the museum.



### DONATE 2 DARE FUNDRAISER

To support our national philanthropy, Children’s Miracle Network, our chapter raised funds by completing dares sent to us from people in the community. Dares ranged from breaking eggs on our heads to jumping in lakes. As long as the dare was safe, our brothers completed it for the kids. In total, our chapter raised \$1,583 in support of Children’s Miracle Network. If you would like to see videos of dares being completed, please go to our Instagram page with the link below and click on the “Donate2Dare” highlight.

<https://www.instagram.com/zbtusf/>



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### FX ALUMNI FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

To keep the chapter dues affordable to all current and future ZBT GX Brothers, we are starting an annual GX Chapter Alumni Fundraising Campaign. Your generous contributions will be used for Chapter Overhead / Operation costs and not for social events. Please consider donating \$52 (Our GX Chapter is 52 years old), \$123 (ZBT was founded 123 years ago) or any other amount. If you’re unable to contribute at least \$52, contributions in any amount are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be sent to:

- Paypal: [usfzbtfinance@gmail.com](mailto:usfzbtfinance@gmail.com)
- Venmo: @KodyHermelyn (Our President)
- Mail Checks to: Kody Hermelyn, Zeta Beta Tau  
4257 Woodspring Lane  
Tampa, FL 33613

To use paypal go to:

<https://www.paypal.com/myaccount/transfer/homepage?from=SUM-QuickLink> and send your donation to the usfzbtfinance@gmail.com email address.

If you can contribute \$250+, Gamma Chi Chapter Founding Father, Bob Silverman (Class of 1971), has created the ZBT Gamma Chi Chapter Brotherhood Financial Assistance Program. This unique program is in partnership with the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation to financially assist our returning undergraduate Brothers and newly initiated Brothers. Contributions to this plan will be used specifically for ZBT Returning Brothers Fees / ZBT New Brothers Initiation Fees. These funds will not be used for Chapter Overhead / Operation costs. If you are interested in participating in this exciting program, please contact Bob Silverman at [bsilverman@springnet1.com](mailto:bsilverman@springnet1.com)

For other ways to financially contribute to the chapter, please contact President Kody Hermelyn at [usfzbt prez@gmail.com](mailto:usfzbt prez@gmail.com) for more information.

### RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

We are looking for great men to join our brotherhood. If you know someone that will be attending USF, please send his name and contact information via email to our recruitment director, Erick Garcia, at: [usfzbtrecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:usfzbtrecruitment@gmail.com)

### CONNECT WITH ZBT’s BRIDGE PLATFORM

Connect with ZBTs across the world in our new brothers-only platform, BRIDGE! Sign up in less than two minutes with your Facebook account and reconnect with old brothers and meet new ones! visit: <https://bridgezbt.com/>