

Dear parents,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Theta Chi family. We applaud you on the fine young man you have raised and acknowledge that he would not be where he is today if it wasn't for you. We are firm believers in the idea that who you are surrounded by in life has a lot to do with where you end up. In joining our brotherhood, your son has chosen to surround himself with people who will influence him in an extremely positive way. Your son will be pushed by all of us as well as his pledge brothers to continue on the path of scholarly success while growing as a man and as a brother. Additionally, we are a young chapter looking to rebuild and grow our chapter into an influential force in the community. Because of this, there will be various leadership opportunities from the outset. New members will be able to run for positions on our Executive Board early on as well as having the ability to attend Theta Chi University. Theta Chi University is our annual fraternity conference in which we get the chance to meet brothers from other chapters, learn more about professional development, and listen to a guest speaker.

In rushing the Gamma Kappa chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, your son has made a decision that he will cherish for the rest of his life. He is going to be a member of a pledge class that we take great pride in. We only invite those to join who we believe will represent our fraternity in a positive manner both in the classroom and as members of society.

Founded in 1856, more than 180,000 members nationwide have embraced the Fraternity's traditions, ideals, and fellowship. For more than 160 years, Theta Chis have thrived together as leaders, scholars, teachers, fathers and more. Our fraternity was formed so like-minded collegiate men could have a place to connect, support each other and enjoy their time together. That continues to be our purpose today.

We hope to help make the next four years some of the best of your son's life, but we understand he is here to get an education and to prepare for the real world. Theta Chi will help him gain the skills needed to be a more effective communicator, manager, and leader. We are very excited to make a positive impact on this journey of growth over the course of his new member process.

We have a strict zero-tolerance policy on hazing, especially forced drinking. Any member who attempts to place your son in an uncomfortable position will be immediately deactivated from the fraternity. We have a detailed schedule (which you will have access to) that will map out what your son is doing on what days, and at what times. On top of this, we will have study tables through the week for new members as well as active members who wish to be in a focused environment.

Miami also has a strict non-hazing policy, stating:

No chapter, colony, student, or alumnus shall conduct nor condone hazing activities. Hazing activities are defined as: "Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, whether on or off fraternity or sorority premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include but are not limited to the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities carried on outside or inside the confines of the chapter premises; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally

degrading or humiliating games and activities; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement, fraternal law, ritual, or policy, or the regulations and policies of Miami University and Ohio state law.”

We are really looking forward to getting to know your son and hope to get to know you as well in the future. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any of the individuals listed below.

Welcome to the Theta Chi family,

“I believe hazing has no benefit to new member education, and I want our members to develop their friendships in a safe and honest way.”

- Jaret Beechy

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“Hazing is something that doesn’t belong in the Miami community, and especially not in our chapter.”

- Pete Dittoe

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“Hazing has no place in our chapter and violates the values this fraternity was founded on.”

- Jake Bricker

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