

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4-11 – Greek Week

April 6 – Alumni Golf Outing

### Top Golf Alumni Outing



Join us on **April 6<sup>th</sup>** for the Annual Alumni Golf Outing!

All alumni are invited even if you're not a golfer!

*Please see page 2 for details.*

## OFFICERS

### Xi Chapter Elects New Officers for 2019

Congratulations to the following newly elected officers of Xi Chapter. Stay tuned for more details on their goals and plans for the upcoming year!

**President**

Justin Richard

**Operations Director**

Jack DeSalvo

**Communications Director**

Kevin O'Brien

**Programming Director**

Matt Krajewski

**Brotherhood Development Director**

Isaac Kaufman

**Recruitment Director**

James Cahill

**Risk Management and Wellness Director**

Matt De La Rosa

**Finance Director**

Dylan Avian

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## SPRING AT GEORGIA TECH

### Greek Week at Georgia Tech – April 4 – 11!

Zeta Beta Tau will be among the fraternities participating in the annual Greek Week at Georgia Tech, April 4- 11. Events cover athletics (Flag Football, Dodgeball, Volleyball and Tug-of-War, as well as water events), creative (Banner Contest and Hackathon), and Philanthropy (Tech Beautification Day, Greek Sustainability and a Blood Drive.) And of course, the naming the Greek God and Goddess. A full calendar of events can be found at [calendar.greekweek.com](http://calendar.greekweek.com).

If you have a memorable anecdote from your experience at Greek Week, we would love to hear it. Just send your stories and photos to



[content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) and you can share your Greek Week experience!

Let's pull for Xi as it contends to be the best fraternity at Tech!

## ALUMNI SUPPORT

### Three Ways to Support Xi if You Have a Busy Schedule

**Work, Marriage and Parenthood Probably Dominate Your World Right Now...**

Ever feel like there's not enough time left for Brotherhood? Having a busy schedule and heavy workload doesn't have to stop you from supporting your fraternity. Here are three ways to support and stay involved when your time is limited.



**Plan a big group outing instead of meeting with members one-by-one**

Frankly, if your schedule is packed and overflowing, meeting with your fellow members is already hard enough to do. Instead of having individual conversations, find out if there are any group outings that you can join. It takes the pressure off of you to make plans and you can really maximize your quality time.

**Plan ahead for Homecoming**

A great place for a group outing? Homecoming — November 2 against Pitt. It's a central location, activities, and plans are created and

led by the current Chapter, and this will likely be the biggest gathering of members throughout the year. It's an amazing opportunity to reminisce against the backdrop of

your time as an undergrad.

**Plan your financial contributions in advance**

Financially contributing to your organization is an action that is mutually beneficial for everyone involved. They are sustained through your donations and with the value and experience you gained through membership, you can literally "pay it forward." Set up an automated gift with the frequency of your choice - whether it's monthly, quarterly, or annually! (Go to [gztbt.org](http://gztbt.org).)

Having a plan and being prepared is at the cornerstone of great work, great business, and a great life. Applying that principle to supporting your community giving, no matter how busy you are, will help save time, energy, and make your presence known even when you can't be physically present for major Chapter events!

## ACTIVE MEMBER UPDATES

### Undergraduates Find Value in ZBT Experience



We recently caught up with several undergraduate brothers who filled us in on how ZBT has helped be successful at Georgia Tech.

**Isaac Kaufman (EE '20):** My first semester as a brother in ZBT, I achieved my first 4.0 at Georgia Tech

**Justin Richard (NE '20):** Because of my experience with ZBT I was able to secure a co-op with Southern Nuclear. I was able to make effective use of my time and effort to learn the ins and outs of the nuclear power industry. Being president has greatly helped me in my efforts to gain experience in the industry.

**Kevin O'Brien (CS '21):** Through the support network of ZBT I was encouraged to apply for internships and search for opportunities more than I had before. This encouragement led to me finding a full time co-op position with GTRI.

**Matthew Krajewski (AE '20):** While interviewing for a co-op position, the hiring managers were impressed with my leadership roles that I had gained through ZBT. Being given the opportunity to join executive board my sophomore year helped greatly in securing the position.

## IT'S MARCH MADNESS!

### We know you have stories to tell, so what are you waiting for?

Many of the fondest memories of our college days were following sporting events with our fraternity brothers.

- What is your favorite memory from the Spring semester during your fraternity years?
- What was your favorite Chapter event during the Spring semester?
- Do you still keep in touch with any brothers? Who?

- Tell us about memories tied to specific events (March madness, spring formals, graduation, etc.)?
- Do you have pictures from your fraternity days to share?

These days, thanks to our great alumni website [gtzbt.org](http://gtzbt.org), we can go online any time you feel like it and share your reminiscences and pictures with your brothers. When you post your stories and updates to our alumni website, you may find yourself

re-connecting with old friends you haven't been in touch with for years.

That's what this whole alumni program is about – engagement and connection with our oldest and dearest friends from some of the best years of our life.

Please take some time in sharing your response with us. You can email your answers and memories to [seth@affinityconnection.com](mailto:seth@affinityconnection.com) our managing editor. We want to hear from you!

## ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

### Xi Brothers Offer Service to Those in Need During the Holiday Season



ZBT Brothers from the Atlanta area gathered to sort and inspect donated food for the Atlanta Community Food Bank this past Thursday. Georgia Tech alumni were well-represented, having the highest percentage of any chapter. Of the 22 alumni and six wives, nine alumni and three wives were Ramblin' Wrecks.

### Spring Alumni Event Set for April 6 at Top Golf

Please join us for our annual spring alumni event at Top Golf! Like last year's event, this will feature a catered luncheon with a cash bar. Brothers can try their skills teeing off, and there will be a golf pro available to provide advice on improving your game. If you're not that much into golf, that's OK. Join us for a nice event and network with brothers and alumni.



Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: 1pm til 3pm

Location: Top Golf Alpharetta (10900 Westside Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30009)

Keep in mind that the facility is mostly indoor, with the tee offs under a roof. So this event is a go in case of rain.

RSVP: [rthrelkeld3@gmail.com](mailto:rthrelkeld3@gmail.com)

# HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following brothers who have already shown their support for Xi this year!  
Please join them in supporting Zeta Beta Tau by making your contribution today!

<b>Superiors (\$500 - \$749.99)</b>	Harry Lutz	1967	Neal Williams	1969	Harvey Helman	1970	
Doug Bodner	1987	Howard Fleisig	1972	Joseph Moskowitz	1975	Charlie Cohn	1972
Erwin Gudelsky	1958	Morris Nussbaum	1973	Robert Josephs	1982	Steven Seiavitch	1973
		George Kalnin	1974	Evan Bates	1994	William Bacchi	1976
<b>Trustees (\$250 - \$499.99)</b>	Michael McCormick	1974			Jeffrey Barab	1977	
Alan Haas	1981	Thomas Sanders	1974	<b>Xi (\$75-\$124.99)</b>	William Fairchild	1982	
David Zweighaft	1984	Nicholas Vasti	1980	George Ragovis	1955	Thomas Tate	1986
Mark Rhodes	1988	Eric Bostick	1998	Barry Benator	1966	Malcolm Reeves	1987
Richard Threlkeld	2012			Mark Witten	1968		
		<b>Gentlemen (\$125-\$159.99)</b>		Mark Goodman	1969	<b>Other</b>	
<b>160 Sixth Street Society (\$160- \$249.99)</b>	Robert Wellins	1957	Paul Mande	1969	Stanley Cohen	1964	
	Peter Schwartz	1968	Ronald Pohl	1969	Michael Weinstein	1970	

## ANNUAL FUND UPDATE - A CALL TO ACTION

### Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong!

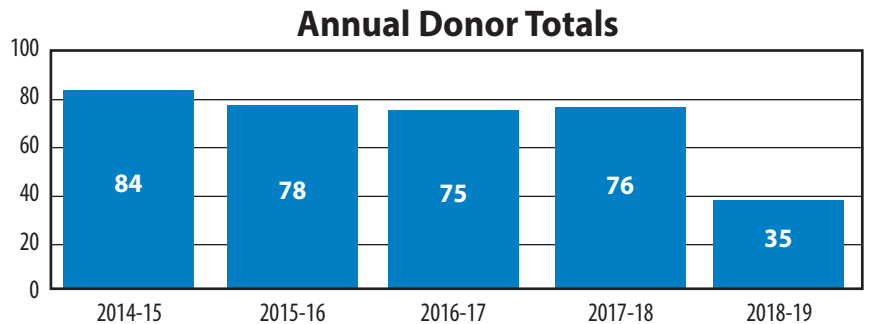
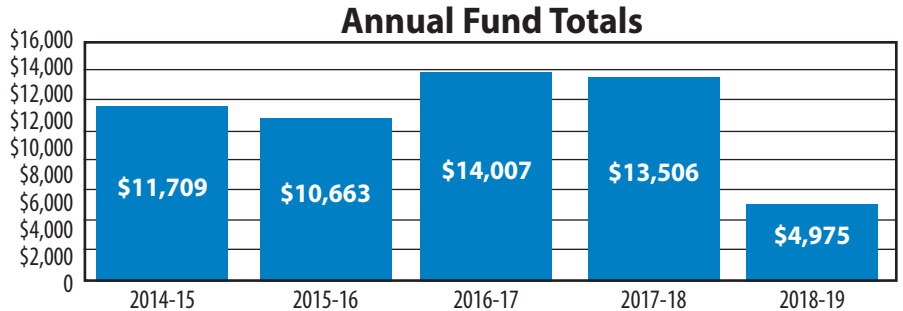
Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on September 1, is half over with \$4,975.00 collected from 35 brothers. We want to thank those 35 brothers (you can find them above and under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who have already made a contribution to Xi so far this giving year!

Our 2018-19 giving year goal was for \$14,000.00. Last year only 76 out of 655 alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. We still have the potential to meet our goal—but we need your immediate help. Who will be next to join our 2018-2019 Honor Roll?

*"I contribute financially to Xi Chapter because of my respect for the ideals of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity."*

You can donate online by simply going to our website, [gtzbt.org](http://gtzbt.org) and selecting the Donate button at the top of the page. Donations can also be made through our toll-free Donation Hotline at 1-800-975-6699, or by sending a check made payable to Zach, Inc. to:

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Georgia Institute of Technology  
Alumni Relations Processing Center  
P.O. Box 7007  
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007



Our college days came and went, but the real Xi experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift **Today!**

*"My experience in ZBT has been so valuable to me that it only makes sense to support the Annual Fund."*



**To Get Current News,  
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## MEMBER UPDATE

### Andy Kiesler '12 Updates Us on Life and Times in Seattle

#### 1. Can you update us on what you're up to these days?

I got a job with Amazon about 2.5 years ago after spending 4 years with Lexmark. Leslie and I relocated out here to Seattle from Lexington and have been enjoying the beautiful nature around here as well as all kinds of great food (I do miss good Mexican though). We recently started renting a house so our dog Zsa Zsa could have a backyard again and we could have more space after living in a 750 square foot apartment for 2 years.



#### 2. What impact did being part of Zeta Beta Tau have on you?

Being a Zebe taught me a lot about how to be a good leader and connect with people to achieve a common goal. I think it also taught me a lot about tolerance, being crammed in

the house with 20 something guys teaches you a lot about dealing with others.

#### 3. What's your favorite memory from that time?

I really enjoyed living in the house and having everybody around. It was always fun to go out on random adventures with brothers. Running errands with people or just driving someone across campus was always a nice time to connect with other brothers in small ways.

#### 4. How often do you reconnect with your alumni brothers?

I used to see [Mark Zoller '08](#) and his wife regularly when we were living in Lexington, and I see [Alex Cortelyou '12](#) and [Jacob Rossi '10](#) every few months out here in Seattle.

#### 5. Do you plan on going back and visiting the college or planning hangouts with your alumni brothers?

Unfortunately trips back to Atlanta have become pretty rare for us so I don't know when I'll make it back down to GT or the house again. We recently got together for Alex's birthday and we might try to do something together again in the Spring when the weather is nice.

## Tell us YOUR story!

Your brothers would love to hear about what you're up to these days.  
Visit [www.gtzb.org](http://www.gtzb.org) and click on the Alumni Updates button on the menu bar.  
It's quick, it's easy, your brothers will thank you.