

Spartanburg ZTA Alumnae Chapter

# The Scoop



October | 2021



Approximately 20 members were able to attend this year's Kickoff Party at FR8 Yard in Downtown Spartanburg on September 14th.

## Kickoff Party

It's a banner year for our chapter with 50 sisters joining or renewing their memberships - exceeding our initial goal. Welcome to all of our new members, especially all recent graduates!

Many thanks to **Molly Owens** for planning the first of many fun events scheduled for the year.



Left: Chapter President **Ryann McCall** welcomes everyone. Right: (L-R) **Anna-Grey Morgan**, **Addy Cooper**, and **Wells Osteen** catch up with each other.



33 Gold Level members // 4 Full Level members // 8 New Graduate members // 4 Virtual members



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# Events

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## Founders' Day Cocktails

It's been 123 years since the founding of Zeta Tau Alpha, although it also feels like it's been that long since the chapter has been able to gather in person for Founders' Day!

On October 15, 1898, nine young women at the Virginia State Female Normal School (now Longwood University) founded Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity on the precepts of loyalty, responsibility, service, leadership and commitment. Each year, on or around the 15th of October, collegiate and alumnae sisters across the globe celebrate the Fraternity's past and Founders' with special Founders' Day ceremonies.

This year we are celebrating in style with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Spartanburg Country Club on October 14th beginning at 6pm! We are excited to have as our special guest **Juliette Neil Thier**, District President VI-A.

Don't wait to RSVP to attend - we need to hear from you by October 7th - [sign up via this link](#). Your ticket includes a glass of wine/beer and appetizers. See you there!



**Ginny Fowler** lights a candle during the Founders' Day ritual in 2019.



(L-R) **Dodi Williams, Christi Brown, Ryann McCall, Amanda Richardson, Anne McChesney, Cathy Voelker** and **Alexa Pack** (not pictured) at Cribb's Kitchen on September 29th.

## Sisterhood Lunch Success

Members of various ages, careers, and life stages got together on September 29th to enjoy some time for sisterhood over lunch at Cribb's Kitchen.

"I love these lunches because it allows us to take time from our crazy lives to fellowship with sisters and talk about whatever we want! We can share fun stories and memories, [it] gives us reminders of our amazing sisterhood and how strong it is," says **Cathy Voelker**.

Some exciting news to come from the lunch included Cathy's announcement that she is running for a District 3 school board seat in November and Dodi Williams' update that she is on schedule to earn her EdD in Professional Leadership from Converse College in May 2022.

The group enjoyed making stronger connections with each other and sharing tips on everything from time management to supper recipes.

"It's refreshing to be able to gather with a group of incredible women and have intelligent conversations about life and community," says Dodi.

# Save the Dates

## Support or join our Making Strides team

The annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk is taking place in Greenville on October 24th, and you can join our team! Bring your daughter, sister, mother, and friends to participate in the fun.



To register, [click on this link](#) and meet us at the Peace Center - TD Stage at Noon. Can't come but want to support our team effort? [You can donate online!](#)

## Here's your ticket to a pass on cooking

Theta Zeta is raising money for the ZTA Foundation with its annual Shag-A-Thon, and this could be your guilt-free ticket out of cooking supper!

### [Purchase a ticket online](#)

for supper from Burrito Hub, a t-shirt, or both! Then swing by on October 7th from 5pm to 8pm to grab your food and go, or stay to dance the night away!

You can purchase a general ticket or choose a specific sister to support.

## Color run with Kappa Rho

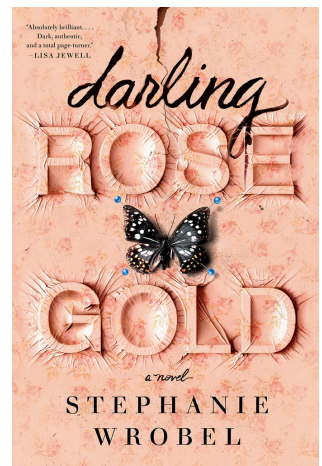
Color runs are tons of fun, and your participation on October 23rd will support Kappa Rho and the ZTA Foundation! Pro tip: no one has more fun at color runs than kids, so bring the whole family! The fun starts at 10am. Look for registration information coming soon to our Instagram account.



Kappa Rho at their 2019 color run.

## No stress at book club

This month's book club pick is *Darling Rose Gold* by Stephanie Wrobel, a ZTA alumna! Goodreads says, "Crazy vs Crazier. Who will win in the end? *Darling Rose Gold* is a psychological thriller about an extremely dark and twisted mother-daughter relationship."



Read some or all of it, then come out to Dray Bar on October 4th at 5:30pm for a glass of wine, supper, and a lively discussion on the book and more!

Book club meets on October 4th.

## 12TH ANNUAL ZETA TAU ALPHA SHAG-A-THON



**BENEFITING THE ZETA TAU ALPHA FOUNDATION**

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03	04 BOOK club	05	06	07 THETA ZETA shag-a-thon	08	09
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# Get Involved

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## Collegiate chapter advisors enjoy building relationships, giving back Positions available now at various chapters for interested alumnae

"Honestly, I first got involved as an advisor because I thought it would make it easier for me to find a babysitter when I needed one!" says **Alexa Pack**, "And it did - but I quickly found out that this experience would mean so much more than that."

Many of our alumnae members serve as advisors to local collegiate chapters and enjoy the connections made in the process. Assisting chapters to grow, achieve goals, stay safe, and learn the ideals of our fraternity are some of their goals.

"There is no greater feeling than meeting a new member as a freshman and watching her grow into a strong,



**Alexa Pack** (front) with Theta Zeta at Rededication on September 14th.

independent, and dedicated senior," says **Kinli Abee**, Province President-VI Alpha, "It's amazing the impact that we, as advisors, can make in such a short period of time."

**Beth Hray** was able to take part in one of the most significant moments in the growth of our fraternity, the colonization of the USC Beaufort chapter, as a General Advisor for that

chapter. She says, "It was fun to see a chapter form and grow from its infancy."

Now that she and her family live in Spartanburg, Beth is assisting the chapter that initiated her as Academic Achievement advisor.

"My heart belongs to Theta Zeta. I am thrilled to be back, working with the chapter in a small capacity," she says.

If you're interested in getting involved as an advisor to a collegiate chapter, you're in luck! Kinli says that positions are available in several chapters close to Spartanburg.

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**Ryann McCall** (center) with new alumnae in 2019, including **Katie Jarrett**, **Addy Cooper**, and **Molly Owens**.

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## Collegiate Advisors Cont.

Our alumnae chapter has a rich history of members giving back as advisors to collegiate chapters. Even some of our youngest alumnae are taking on leadership roles on campus in and around Spartanburg.

**Molly Humphries** says, "I knew I wanted to become an advisor because I had incredible advisors during my four years at Theta Zeta. My own VPI advisor, **Ryann McCall**, was such an incredible mentor and role model, and when I graduated I knew I wanted to be able to do the same for other collegians."

Molly is in her second year as the General Advisor for Kappa Rho and previously served as Judicial Advisor for Kappa Eta for a year.

It takes time and effort to serve as an advisor, but doing so can be rewarding on many levels, including making new and long lasting connections with collegiates that last long past their time on campus.

"I have stayed in touch with all of my VPIs over the years, and I have developed strong, close friendships with many of them as well," says **Ryann McCall**, "I am always proud to see the wonderful things that the women I've advised go off to do in the 'real world,' and it's my hope that I was able to play a small role in encouraging them to do just that!"

How can you get started as an advisor? Just [email Kinli](#) to let her know which position you're interested in and with which chapter.



**Ginny Fowler** (back, center) with current Theta Zeta EC officers. Ginny says, "Becoming an advisor is one of the best ZTA decisions I've ever made...My first advisor position was as the New Member Advisor for Theta Zeta...It was a good place to start because I could relearn about ZTA, and all I had to do was stay one lesson ahead of the new members."

### Volunteer Today!

These positions are currently open at chapters in and close to Spartanburg.

#### Kappa Rho USC Upstate

- Ritual Advisor
- Academic Advisor
- New Member Advisor

#### Kappa Zeta Clemson University

- Risk Advisor
- Ritual Advisor
- Philanthropy Advisor

#### Theta Zeta Wofford College

- Risk Advisor
- Philanthropy Advisor

"I look at the person I've become and know, without a doubt, that the advisors in ZTA helped make me

who I am," says Kinli. Click on the image above to email her about getting started this year.



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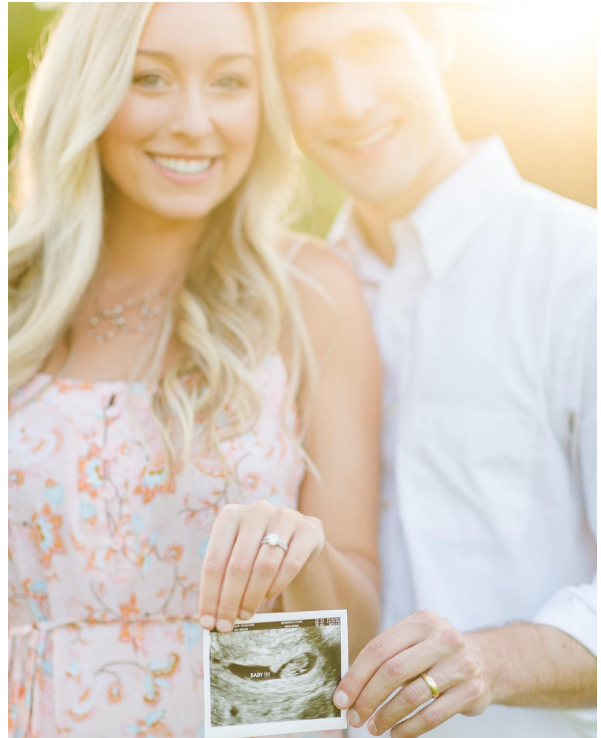
# Member Updates

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## Congrats! ¡Felicitaciones! Félicitations! Complimenti!

**Angela Mauney** and her husband are expecting their first child in February. "We are full of joy and feel so blessed to become parents. The past 16 weeks have been a dream," she shared on a social media post.

Spartanburg School District 7 named **Angela Eaton** as Teacher of the Year for 2020-2021 and honored her as the Grand Marshal for the Spartanburg High School homecoming parade. "It's an honor to represent a place and a group of people that I love!" she wrote on Facebook.



Listen! Listen! Do you hear me calling? We need your updated contact information! Please [complete this online form](#) for use only within our chapter and its members; you can choose to opt-out if you don't want your info included in our directory.

Direct from IO: Take action! On Oct. 8, we ask that all Zetas share the Assess Your Risk™ tool from Bright Pink® with eight women they love. One in eight women is diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, and even one woman is one too many. Click on the image to the right to use the tool for Ovarian and Breast Cancer.



### **President**

Ryann McCall

### **VPI Programming**

Angela Mauney

### **VPII Membership**

Molly Owens

### **VPIII Fundraising**

Erin Curran

### **Service Chair**

Dodi Williams

### **Secretary**

Amanda Gossett

### **Treasurer**

Anne McChesney

### **Historian**

Alexa Pack

### **Alumnae-Collegiate Chair**

Amanda Richardson

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