

## MEET THE PRESIDENT



A marketing major from Norcross, GA, Zach Katz serves Psi Chapter as President, is a Capstone Man, and is active in the Student Government Association as Director of Unity. Here are some of his thoughts on ZBT and campus life today.

### What prompted you to consider and ultimately join Psi Chapter?

*"Both of my parents grew up in Tuscaloosa and attended the University of Alabama. They both participated in Greek life and, more specifically, my dad is a ZBT. Growing up, I attended Alabama football games regularly and each visit included a trip to the ZBT house. Going to Alabama and being a ZBT has always been an aspiration of mine and I feel lucky everyday getting to live it."*

### How has the fraternity made a difference in your life? How have the leadership positions you've held in ZBT shaped you?

*"Since the day I began my journey with ZBT I have been put into leadership positions. Besides being President today, I was elected Freshman class president, and secretary of the Fraternity. I have learned how to deal with personalities and people of all kinds. ZBT has provided me an opportunity to grow both as a leader and person and because of that I couldn't be more thankful."*

### What do you tell potential new members about ZBT and fraternity life during rush?

*"Rushing and being in a fraternity is an experience that will benefit your college career and the rest of your life. Meeting, living, and experiencing four years with your fellow brothers is unlike any organization anyone could ever be in. Specifically, at ZBT we are a combination of people from every corner of the*

*United States with personalities of all kinds. Whether you are Jewish or not this is a place that allows you to connect with ZBT's past, present, and future."*

### How does ZBT fit into the Greek system at Alabama today?

*"ZBT at Alabama fits perfectly into the Greek System, and also stands out in many ways. In one sense ZBT has leaders spread all over campus. Between SGA, campus and school ambassadors, or any other student organization, ZBT's are often the presidents or executive board members within."*

*"In another sense, ZBT is a minority organization that allows for Jewish men - or any other undergraduates - to have a place where they feel comfortable and still have the traditional Alabama fraternity experience."*

### What would you say to those alumni who support the Championing Our Second Century campaign with their time and their financial gifts?

*"To all that donate, as the President of Psi chapter, the entire house says thank you. These contributions do not go unnoticed and have helped shape the ZBT experience that we have all come to know and love. What speaks so highly about you is that, even though your 4-year undergraduate experience is over, you continue to support the fraternity that has given you so much so that others can have the same experience as you. I hope one day I can give back because ZBT Psi chapter is a brotherhood for a lifetime."*

# WHAT IS THE CHAMPIONING OUR SECOND CENTURY CAMPAIGN?

Generally, the **Championing Our Second Century** Campaign is intended to help the Chapter in 3 important ways:

**Academic Scholarships** - In the last ten years, in-state tuition at the University of Alabama has risen by 114%, and 63% of the incoming freshman class needs some type of financial aid. We have several scholarships for Psi members today, but they do not meet the growing demand for tuition assistance. We will create new scholarship endowments within the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation to provide more merit-based scholarships, promoting a culture of academic excellence and supporting the best and the brightest in Psi Chapter.

**House improvements** - Psi Chapter membership has grown impressively in recent years. In 2007, the Chapter initiated 12 men; the trend has been upward ever since, with 41 men initiated last year. Thanks to renovations completed in 2012, more brothers than ever are choosing to live in the Chapter house. Improved living and study facilities will enhance the house and attract prospective members. Specifically, the basement will be transformed into a multi-use area, offering a new Study room, a Board room, and an expanded laundry facility.

**Jewish Heritage & Leadership Training** - Zeta Beta Tau was founded as the world's first Jewish fraternity, and Psi Chapter has for generations played an important role in Jewish life in the South. To continue that tradition, we will provide heritage programming for our young brothers, including the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity's Israel Advocacy Summit, educational programming to combat campus anti-Semitism, and chapter heritage programming grants.

The Greek world has wrestled with several disturbing issues in recent years – including risk management, substance abuse, unethical leadership – any of which could all easily impact Psi Chapter. Leadership training through Zeta Beta Tau programs is at the forefront of our response and it is designed to prepare students to lead—not only their chapters, but on campus, and in their communities long after graduation. An endowment for Jewish Heritage & Leadership Training will ensure that Psi Chapter remains a place where young Jewish men are comfortable, safe, and able to receive the full benefit of the fraternity leadership experience.

To learn more about these goals, visit the chapter's website, [www.uazbt.com](http://www.uazbt.com), and click on the "Second Century Campaign" link.

## STATE OF THE CHAPTER

The 2018-2019 school year has come to a close and the Psi Chapter has continued to flourish at the Capstone. Academically, the Chapter finished the recent semester with a 3.1 chapter GPA. Additionally, 23 brothers were recognized with campus academic honors on either Deans List (3.5+ GPA) or Presidents List (4.0+ GPA). Brothers continue to show leadership not only within ZBT, but leadership around campus, for which several brothers were recently recognized:

- Psi Chapter President Zach Katz received the Order of Omega Outstanding Junior award for Greek leadership
- Max Ervin received the Order of Omega Outstanding Sophomore award for Greek leadership
- Senior Brent Turry received the Student Government Association Lister Hill award for overall leadership on the campus level.

This spring, several Psi Chapter brothers were tapped into some of the campus most prestigious honor societies:

- Daniel Hemmer, Zach Katz, Max Miller, Eric Silver, Ben Tarkoff, and Eric Weintraub were all tapped into the Order of Omega Greek honor society.
- Zach Katz and Eric Silver were tapped into the Jasons Senior Men's Honorary, where Eric Silver now serves as treasurer.

On top of the honors that Psi Chapter brothers received this semester, brothers of the chapter also maintained a presence regarding philanthropy. ZBT participated in 6 different philanthropy programs this semester: the IFC Chilifest, UA Dance Marathon, National Eating Disorder Association Walk, B+ Foundation, assistance at the Capstone Village, and the Alpha Phi Mr. Heart Throb competition.

ZBT has always had strong involvement within campus Student Government (SGA), and this semester was no different. Sophomore Jason Rothfarb was elected to serve as the SGA Vice President for Student Affairs, and Joel Rittenberg, a freshman, was elected to serve as an SGA senator for the Culverhouse College of Commerce. The Psi Chapter also has 5 other brothers serving in SGA council director positions, as well as 3 brothers serving on committees for the Inter-Fraternity Council.

As always, the spring semester was a big one regarding recruitment, we currently have 15 accepted bids leading into the summer recruitment period. Along with his committee, our Recruitment Director, Jack Baron, has compiled a list of over 50 prospective brothers who will attend summer orientation in the coming months. After our 30-person freshman class last year, the 2019 incoming class is already looking very optimistic.

# DONOR PROFILE - LOUIS TUCK ('80)



A native of Birmingham, Louis joined ZBT in 1976, when he started at the University of Alabama. He graduated with a B.S. in Accounting and has been a partner at Warren Averett, LLC since 1999.

Louis has been active with the Levite Jewish Community Center, where he's a Past President, Treasurer, and Board Member; the Birmingham

Jewish Foundation; and Temple Beth-El. In the world of ZBT, Louis served as President of the Alumni Board of Trustees for some 20 years, overseeing a capital campaign and the renovation of the Chapter House. He and his wife, Debbie, have two grown children and one grandchild.

## What prompted you to consider and ultimately join Psi Chapter?

*"Alabama was the only school I applied to. At that time it was the only Jewish fraternity on campus and I knew many brothers."*

## What impact did ZBT have on your life?

*"As an undergraduate, ZBT was my home. I had a built-in social network that showed me the ropes and make a smooth transition to college life. The friends I made there are still some of my best friends today."*

## Why do you think ZBT remains an important aspect of Greek/campus life today?

*"ZBT and fraternities are the first place young men can learn to live independently of their parents and learn to function as part of an organization."*

## Why do you help Psi Chapter with your financial contributions?

*"I choose to support ZBT because of the opportunities I was provided to learn leadership skills, interact with people from different geographic and socio-economic backgrounds and comfortably transition to an adult life. Being a member of a fraternity teaches many of the life lessons that we all need to survive and thrive in today's society; working for the common good, putting organization before self, leadership skills and getting along with people of different backgrounds."*

## Join Us For Homecoming

Please make plans to join your fellow ZBT alumni for Homecoming on Saturday, October 26th as the Crimson Tide take on the Arkansas Razorbacks! The Psi Alumni Board of Trustees will provide food and refreshments for all alumni, and festivities will begin at the Chapter house 3 hours prior to kickoff. Keep an eye out for more details later in the year, but be sure to mark your calendar today ... Roll Tide!

# MANY THANKS

Louis is one of the many alumni and friends who have contributed to the success of Psi Chapter's **Championing Our Second Century** campaign. We are grateful to all of these alumni and friends for their generosity:

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you've not yet done so, please consider a gift today to support our undergraduate brothers. To ensure that gifts are tax-deductible, we have partnered with the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation, a 501(c)3 public charity exclusively committed to educational and charitable purposes that assist the brothers of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. All gifts to this effort will be directed to the Foundation, which will then utilize the contributions for the benefit of Psi Chapter in the manner designated by the donor.

Please consider a multi-year pledge. Gifts may be spread out over a period of up to five (5) years, and the opportunity to create a scholarship or program, or name a room or portion of the house, either in your own name or in honor/memory of another, is available for leadership gifts. Gifts can be made in a number of different ways. To learn more, visit the chapter's website, [www.uazbt.com](http://www.uazbt.com), and click on the "Second Century Campaign" link, or contact a member of the Campaign Steering Committee. They'll be happy to help.

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