Notable Zetes Throughout The Years

Banaszek, Casimir Joseph "Caz"

Achievements: 11 season NFL career with the San Francisco 49ers as an offensive lineman. He was an assistant offensive line coach for the 49ers in 1981, when the team won Super Bowl XVI.

Chapter: Omega, 1967 (Old University of Chicago)

Budion, John J.

Achievements: Writer and Director of the film "Rockaway." Recognized by Zeta Psi as Zeta Psi "40 Under 40" in 2020.

Chapter: Phi, 2003 (New York University)

Cain, Dean

Achievements: Actor, Producer. He is best known for playing the role of Clark Kent/Superman in the TV series Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman (1993-1997). Cain was the Producer/Host of Ripley's Believe It or Not! (2001-2003).

Chapter: Omicron Epsilon, 1988 (Princeton University)

Clouston, James Campbell

Achievements: Canadian Commander in the British Royal Navy. Acted as piermaster during the Dunkirk evacuation. While returning to Dunkirk, he died in the water after his motor launch was sunk by enemy aircraft. On July 11, 1940, Commander Clouston posthumously received a Mention in Despatches for his part in the Dunkirk operation. Clouston is mentioned by Charles Gray in the 1958 film Dunkirk. He was portrayed by the actor William Hope in the 2004 BBC series Dunkirk and his actions inspired the character of "Commander Bolton" in Christopher Nolan's 2017 film, Dunkirk. Parks Canada installed a plaque in Montreal honoring him for his role in the evacuation at Dunkirk.

Chapter: Alpha Psi, 1917 (McGill University)

Gibson, Duane "D.O."

Achievements: Author, "Stay Driven." On July of 2003, D.O. set a Guinness World Record by freestyling for eight hours and 45 minutes. Brother Gibson is also a motivational speaker.

Chapter: Theta Xi, 2001 (University of Toronto)

Grange, Harold "Red"

Achievements: "The Galloping Ghost." He is a charter member of both the College and Pro Football Halls of Fame. Namesake of Zeta Psi's Red Grange Athlete of the Year A three-time consensus All-American who led his team to a national championship in 1923. In 1924, he became the first recipient of the Chicago Tribune Silver Football Award as the Big Ten Conference's most valuable player. In 2008, he was named the best college football player of all time by ESPN and in 2011, he was named the Greatest Big Ten Icon by the Big Ten Network.

Chapter: Alpha Epsilon, 1926 (University of Illinois)

Grant, Jon K.

Achievements: Former Chairman and CEO, Quaker Oats of Canada (1976-1993), Trustee of the World Wildlife Fund of Canada, Officer the Order of Canada (May 1, 2002). Chair of the Ontario Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (1990 to 1992), Chair of the Nature Conservancy of Canada (2003 to 2005).

Chapter: Theta Phi, 1959 (Western University)

Greig, James Montgomery

Achievements: 2022 Red Grange Sportsman of the Year honoree. A member of the University of Toronto Varsity Blues Football Team. Was named the 2021-2022 Defensive Player of the Year at the University of Toronto and named by PRSVRE (a university sports media outlet) as the University of Toronto's top breakout player and most valuable player on the team. Chapter: Theta Xi, 2023 (University of Toronto)

Hebb, Peter Harvey ("Hebby")

Achievements: Zeta Psi Delta Alpha, 1965-1967. Past president of the Vancouver Community Arts Council, past vice-president of the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre. He raised monies for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. For community service, he was awarded the Commemorative Medal of the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. Chapter: Sigma Epsilon, 1963 (University of British Columbia)

Kinsey, Dr. Alfred

Achievements: Founder, Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction. Author, Sexual Behavior in the Human Male (1948) and Sexual Behavior in the Human Female (1953). Co-author of Edible Wild Plants of Eastern North America (1943) (original draft written in 1920). Chapter: Lambda, 1916 (Bowdoin University)

Lancey, PFC Robert Douglas

Achievements: A member of the 653rd Engineer Topographic Battalion, Company A, tenth Engineer District, where he received instruction for surveying, cartography and printing. The 653rd eventually produced and delivered a staggering 9,948,000 maps and related navigation sheets including target maps for the 14th Air Force, the Royal Air Force, XX Bomber Command and the Eastern Air Command.

Chapter: Gamma, 1942 (Syracuse University)

Matisz, John M. J.

Achievements: Canadian National Hockey writer for multiple publications. Author, "Draft Year: Brendan Gaunce." Chapter: Theta Eta, 2011 (Brock University)

Matthews, Billy

Achievements: NBC Sports & Olympics (1987-present), director and producer.

Chapter: Delta, 1988 (Rutgers University)

Mayer, Jr., Alexander "Sandy"

Achievements: 1972 Winner (with fellow Zete) Roscoe Tanner of the NCAA Tennis Doubles Championship. 1973 NCAA Men's tennis champion in singles and with fellow Zete James Delaney, doubles. Ranked as high as #7 in the world on the ATP Men's tennis tour. Champion, 1975 Men's doubles at Wimbledon with Vitas Gerulatis. Champion, 1979 French

Open Men's doubles with his brother, Gene Mayer. Chapter: Mu, 1974 (Stanford University)

O'Malley, Shaun

Achievements: Former CEO, Price Waterhouse. 2000 Inductee into the Accounting Hall of Fame. Chapter: Sigma, 1959 (University of Pennsylvania)



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Parker, James

Achievements: A major general in the United States Army and a Medal of Honor recipient for his role in the Philippine–American War during 1899. In addition to the Medal of Honor, Major General Parker was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and three Silver Stars for his service and battlefield exploits.

Chapter: Delta, 1875 (Rutgers University)

Perry, Thomas E.

Achievements: Author of over 28 novels. 1983 Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America for Best First Novel. In 2002 he was the first recipient of the Gumshoe Award for best novel.

Chapter: Psi, 1969 (Cornell University)

Reed, Darren Arthur, A/K/A Dizzy Reed

Achievements: American musician and occasional actor. He is best known as the keyboardist for the rock band Guns N' Roses, with whom he has played, toured and recorded since 1990.

Chapter: Psi, 2006 (Cornell University)

Renaud, Chris

Achievements: Hollywood Director and Animator. Director of "Despicable Me" and "The Secret Life of Pets." Two-time Oscar Nominee (2007 & 2014). Winner, 2007 Annie Award for "No Time for Nuts."

Chapter: Gamma, 1989 (Syracuse University)

Shea, William

Achievements: NYC Attorney, namesake of Shea Stadium. Founder of the Continental League -- a proposed third Major League, which forced the expansion of MLB and led to the formation of the NY Mets. Instrumental in convincing the NHL to expand and award a franchise to Long Island (the NY Islanders). Namesake of the "The William A. 'Bill' Shea – Distinguished Little League Graduate Award" which is presented to a former little leaguer in Major League Baseball who best exemplifies the spirit of Little League Baseball.

Chapter: Phi, 1930 (New York University)

Sinclair, Dr. Alexander C.

Achievements: Brother Sinclair joined the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in 1915 at the age of 33. He was a driver who worked with horses and pack mules to bring ammunition to the front lines. While serving in Belgium and France, Alexander wrote a number of poems that captured the horrors of war and included famous battlegrounds such as Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. The poems were published posthumously by his nephew as "Life and War Poems by Alexander Sinclair."

Chapter: Pi Epsilon, 1929 (University of Manitoba)

Strain, Matt

Achievements: Author, "Will Rhyme for Diapers: Baby Poems for the Parents Who Raise Them."

Chapter: Beta Tau, 2004 (Tulane University)

Tanner, Roscoe

Achievements: Professional Tennis player. Winner, 1970 US Amateur Championships, and the 1977 Australian Open. Runner up at Wimbledon 1979. His 153 mph serve was the fastest ever recorded in tournament competition from February 1978 until September 2004.

Chapter: Mu, 1972 (Stanford University)

Trillin, Calvin

Achievements: Journalist, humorist, food writer, poet, and novelist. Chairman of the Yale Daily News while a student at Yale. Recipient, Thurber Prize for American Humor, 2013.

Chapter: Eta, 1957 (Yale University)

Troubetzkoy, Prince Alexis Sergeevich

Achievements: Author notable for his works on Russian history. Served as the headmaster of Selwyn House School, Appleby College and the Toronto French School in Canada. He was born as a Prince of the Trubetskoy family. He taught at Bishop's College School and served in the Royal Canadian Navy for eight years. He served as the Executive Director of the Tolstoy Foundation 1992-95. He also helped the International Orthodox Christian Charities gain the release of two of their workers taken hostage.

Chapter: Alpha Psi, 1957 (McGill University)

