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Educating Chi Class

From the moment I began my journey with Phi Mu Alpha as a probationary member last spring, I was always fascinated with the processes and teachings of our Founders. As a music education major, teaching others is a source of happiness for me and I knew that at some point, I would want to be the one passing on our secret traditions to future generations of Sinfonians. I was given the honor and privilege to fulfill the role of Fraternity Education Officer Spring 2013, leading our Chi probationary class which includes: James Earl DeBose Jr., Robert Alexander Garza, and LaTrell Eugene Harris. Personally, it has been the most rewarding experience for me while in the Fraternity. As a younger member in terms of active years, and age (19), I was willing to show my fellow brothers I had what it takes to

take good men and make them greater men of

Sinfonia. From the moment the gentlemen of Chi class were selected to undergo the process to join our Brotherhood, I never stopped testing their understanding of our beloved Ideals and demonstrating what it means to be a true Sinfonian in the real world. Filling in as a Fraternity Education Officer this semester has given me multiple opportunities to grow as a leader—be it through leading Probationary Member meetings, planning out events such as Color Nights and Mills Music Missions, and just exemplifying what it means to be a man of Sinfonia. These three men were initiated on April 26, 2013.

-Paul Fletes, FEO

Paul will be spending his summer touring the nation with the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps from Santa Clara, California. He was born in Austin, TX and was initiated with the Upsilon class of the Zeta Mu chapter at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX.



Chi Class on their PM Mills Music Mission

Composition Award

This year marked the 9th annual Phi Mu Alpha Fisher Tull Student Composition Award. We awarded \$500 to the winner of the contest in our name. The chapter selected a judging panel, and musicians from around

the school had the opportunity to enter their compositions into the competition. The winner was selected prior to a concert showcasing all of the new music that had been produced. Near the end of the concert, President Chaston Pruitt and composition professor Kyle Kindred presented the award to Daniel Vallery for his composition *Eight Preludes* for solo piano. Vallery is also a member of Zeta Mu.

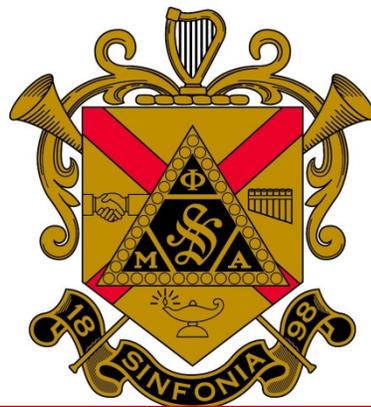


Zeta Mu Chapter Spring 2013



Phi Class Initiation

In the fall of 2012 on November 16th, the members of the Phi Class of the Zeta Mu chapter were initiated. 11 members including Austin Smith, Sean Hallisey, Dylan Craig, Jonathon Gregory, John Maldonado, Garrett Michael Laird, Michael Harvey, Erwin Vreugdenhil, Chris Canales, Drew McGuire, and Daniel Vallery were initiated. (pictured to the left)



Once a Sinfonian, Always a Sinfonian. Long Live Sinfonia!

Honorary Faculty Initiated

Zeta Mu Chapter is proud to announce on November 16, 2012 Mr. James Christopher Franklin, Director of Choral Studies was initiated and on April 19, 2013 Dr. Scott Douglas Plugge, Director of the School of Music was initiated, becoming Brothers in Sinfonia!

Spring 2013 Alumni Banquet

Our annual Alumni Banquet was held at Austin Hall on campus this spring. There was a very good turnout, with active and alumni brothers (and their +1's!) in attendance. There were many notable Sinfonians from around campus and from the surrounding area, including one of Zeta Mu's earliest members, Donald Muery (1956), who graciously donated his paddle from his days as a Sinfonian. It included the signatures of many of the charter members.

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