



# THETA CHI

## FRATERNITY

David R. Hinds (Eta Mu/Findlay 1984)

*Nominated by: Eta Mu/Findlay*

### Education and Licensures:

M.A. – Theatre Directing, Roosevelt University

B.A. – Speech, Theatre, English, and Secondary Education,  
University of Findlay

- Permanent State of Ohio Teaching License  
(Speech/Drama/Theatre/English, Grades 7–12)
- State of Ohio School Counseling License (K–12),  
University of Dayton



### Summary of Professional Background:

I dedicated 30 years to public education, serving as both an educator and school counselor in the Olentangy Local School District located in Lewis Center, OH, just north of Columbus.

From 1985 to 2000, I served at Olentangy High School as director of speech and theatre and as an English teacher. During this time, I developed a comprehensive theatre program that integrated curricular and co-curricular experiences, expanded course offerings, and contributed to the design and development of the school's theatre facility. I also held key leadership roles, including fine arts department chair (K–12), and I served on multiple school improvement and advisory committees including the Principal's Advisory and the Effective Schools committees.

From 2000 to 2010, I served as a school counselor at Shanahan Middle School, supporting students' academic, social, and emotional development. My leadership included crisis response, coordination of district and state testing, and implementation of the WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) transition program. I also served as secondary school counseling department chair and taught graduate-level coursework at the University of Dayton.

From 2010 until my retirement in 2015, I returned to the classroom and theatre program, concluding my career where my passion began.

### Summary of Service to Theta Chi as a Collegiate Member:

Initiated at Eta Mu Chapter in 1981, I distinguished myself early, receiving Eta Mu's George T. Kilavos Outstanding Pledge Award and serving as Chaplain and later Chapter Secretary. I served on a variety of committees including the Ritual, Pledge, and Constitution and Bylaws. As Collegiate Delegate to the 126th Anniversary Convention in 1982, I earned the Key Man Award.

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As a senior, I received Eta Mu's John P. Coyne Award as Outstanding Active and was nominated for the Reginald E.F. Colley Award. Furthering our Theta Chi presence at UF, I served our campus as president of our Campus Programming Board, editor of our yearbook, as a writer for our newspaper, and as a DJ for WFLC, our campus radio station. I also sat as a member of the Educational Policies and the Presidential Search Committees.

### **Summary of Service to Theta Chi as an Alumnus:**

Following graduation, I served more than a decade as Alumni Chapter Secretary and later as CFO (2006–2008). I represented Eta Mu at the 130th Anniversary Convention in 1986, where I earned my second Key Man Award. I played key roles in milestone celebrations, including our chapter's 25th and 50th anniversaries.

From 2022 to 2024, I led the successful reestablishment of Eta Mu Chapter following a period of inactivity. Working in close collaboration with alumni, International Headquarters, and university leadership, I helped rebuild the chapter through structured recruitment and intentional leadership development. During this period, I served as Marshal, Ritual Chair, Alumnus Delegate to the 168th Anniversary Convention in 2024, and Assistant Marshal, and I currently serve as Chapter Adviser and Alumni Association Secretary.

**Awards:** George T. Kilavos Alumni Award (from Eta Mu Chapter); Citation of Honor (Presented by Eta Mu Alumni Corporation); David E. DeVol Award; Silver Legion | **Eta Mu Chapter:** Gary D. Schmidt Outstanding Alumni Award (1987, 2025, 2026)

### **Summary of Volunteer Service Beyond Theta Chi:**

I served on the Ohio Board of the Educational Theatre Association from 1988 to 1999, including as State Thespian Director (1993–1996), where I led a statewide conference serving more than 1,500 students annually. I also served on the Ohio Theatre Alliance Board and contributed to numerous community initiatives, including local Independence Day programming.

### **Summary of Vision for Theta Chi's Future:**

I envision a Fraternity that continues to foster leadership, personal development, and well-being in its members. I am committed to strengthening relationships with university partners, promoting the positive impact of fraternity life, and protecting our Sacred Purpose values and collegian rights on our campuses. To that end, I would like to develop an educational program for university administrators and staff to teach them the significant contributions Theta Chi provides to our campuses. I intend to ensure that Theta Chi remains a strong and relevant force in the development of young men.

### **Additional Relevant Background/Experience that Qualifies for Service on the Grand Chapter:**

My lifelong commitment to education, mentorship, and Fraternity service reflects a consistent dedication to building programs, developing leaders, and strengthening institutions. My leadership in reestablishing Eta Mu Chapter demonstrates both vision and resilience. I seek to extend this impact at the International level in service to the continued growth and strength of Theta Chi Fraternity.