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## **Theta Phi Alpha Announces Closures of Delta Zeta Chapter and Southwestern Oklahoma State University Emerging Chapter**

BAY VILLAGE, Ohio – On May 21, 2022, the Grand Council of Theta Phi Alpha voted to close the Delta Zeta Chapter at St. Cloud State University, in St. Cloud, Minnesota and Southwestern Oklahoma State University Emerging Chapter in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

The decision to close the Delta Zeta Chapter in St. Cloud, Minnesota was due to sustainability challenges. The Delta Zeta Chapter was opened June 14, 2014. All collegian members of the chapter have been granted alumnae membership in Theta Phi Alpha so they may experience the lifelong bonds of friendship our organization provides.

“This is among the most difficult decisions we face as Grand Council members,” said National President Tracey Liphardt. “Indefinitely suspending a chapter’s charter is never easy but we look forward to continuing our lifelong sisterhood with the Delta Zeta Chapter members through their membership as alumnae.”

At Southwestern Oklahoma State University, despite a great deal of effort from our volunteers, National Office staff, Grand Council members, and emerging chapter members, it was mutually agreed upon to separate by the local sorority of the university and Theta Phi Alpha.

Questions can be directed to Kathryn Hartmann at the Theta Phi Alpha National Office at (440) 899-9282.

*Founded in 1912, Theta Phi Alpha is a women’s organization to provide close comradeship; to advance educational, social, and philanthropic interests and leadership training; to encourage spiritual development and adherence to the highest moral standards; and to promote lifelong bonds of friendship; a fraternity for college and university women and alumnae. Theta Phi Alpha was founded at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; today there are 57 active collegiate chapters, 33 alumnae associations and four alumnae clubs in the United States.*