



ZETA IOTA CHAPTER at  
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

A KAPPA DELTA PI CHAPTER

## Annual Summer Semester Picnic

2015 ACE Award Winner

### The Basics

The Zeta Iota Chapter connects members, both old and new, through an annual summer picnic at a local park. The chapter conducts an initiation, celebrates the year's successes, and encourages fellowship during the event.

### Getting Started

Each summer, the chapter invites all alumni and current chapter members to join in on a potluck event to celebrate successes of the chapter and its members throughout the previous year. Everyone contributes a dish, while officers bring large trays with meat, and the chapter pays for necessary bread products for the meal. The chapter takes time to orient and remind everyone of the various benefits of maintaining a KDP membership.

### The Experience

Valuable networking time allows members to meet alumni working in various schools, enjoy our time together, and generally have fun during the summer in an informal environment. Students who are in summer classes are initiated into the chapter during an induction ceremony.

### The Impact

Yearly, the opportunity to showcase the worthy acclaims of both members and alumni adds value to the College of Education, while the family-friendly time allows everyone to enjoy the camaraderie of friends and fellow educators.



The Zeta Iota Chapter has won eight consecutive ACE Awards. Thanking alumni for their contributions and maintaining strong connections with previous winners have helped keep the Chapter strong throughout the years.

## Make This Event Your Own

- Host a holiday party or fall or spring party, and invite all of your chapters' alumni and current members.
- Host an initiation and/ or membership reaffirmation ceremony during a networking event as an opportunity to share the benefits of KDP membership.
- Host an event for alumni and members to network during Homecoming.

## Fast Facts

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## Straight ACE Awards

*"Many members and family members comment on how much fun [the picnic] is. Members enjoy the casual atmosphere, the opportunity for fellowship and the playground for children."*

*-Event planner*

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the [Chapter Services Staff](#) at KDP Headquarters for [help as you plan your program.](#)