

NY Epsilon of SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

Eminent Archon Report – Sal Mangano ‘08



Sigma Alpha Epsilon has started the spring '08 semester with its good foot forward. We have started hosting social dinners with sororities once again, and aim to increase brother involvement with decision making. We have 23 pledges looking to wrap up their pledging period soon, and every one of them is a True Gentleman. They all look to remain active in all house activities, and be our future leaders. Certainly things are looking good for New York Epsilon. We all look forward to seeing all of you at the next Alumni Weekend on April 18th.

EDA Report– Cary Klemm ‘08



Spring semester is in high gear and brotherhood is as strong as ever at New York Epsilon! With several fun events planned for the upcoming months including ski trips, rock climbing and the traditional trip to Montreal, I expect the chapter to remain as close knit as ever while the new pledge class is brought into the fold. Meanwhile, house operations have been proceeding smoothly despite a smaller number of live-ins for the semester. The outlook is bright for our brotherhood at 12 Myrtle!

Rush Report – Adam Gomez ‘09



We have been running an informal rush this spring, with the intent of not having a spring pledge class. Because we had a successful fall rush, we have decided to focus our interests on different aspects of the house. Some of them include: the brotherhood, solidifying a good

foundation for the soon to become brothers, campus and community involvement, and getting our name out on campus more actively. Spring rush has been running since January 20th and will continue to run up until February 3rd. We had rushees come out to Bombers, bowling, and one of our sorority mixers. Our final event will be pizza & wings on Superbowl Sunday. We plan to hand out bids and have a bid dinner within the following weeks. Our intentions are to invite those guys who have bids to social events and some house functions throughout the semester. This way we can keep their interests running to next fall when we have a fall pledge class. If you have any suggestion or ideas feel free to contact me via e-mail, gomez@rpi.edu.

House Manager – Andrew Brooks ‘10



Brothers, our house is in superb condition. It was hard enough to find work to do for a full workday, so attention was placed on enhancing our image. The house has been scrubbed clean with few repairs needing attention. The house has passed a thorough insurance inspection with

only minor changes required. The roof has been repaired with sections thoroughly and meticulously patched to prevent any more leaks from the roof. The kitchen experienced a massive overhaul as it was scrubbed down everywhere from the pantry, behind the sanitizer, under shelves, the stove, and refrigerators. Not only is the house in pristine condition, but it

is being maintained that way with the help and dedication from the entire brotherhood. However, much attention is still required with large scale projects (such as remodeling the third floor bathroom). As these projects build up, a tremendous amount of support is vital to the continued success of our house.

CRC Report – Jonathon Kohl ‘10



As the new CRC I am hoping to enhance SAEs already phenomenal reputation on campus. I am looking to raise far more money for Relay for Life. Also we are looking to do multiple philanthropy events to raise money for the Childrens Miracle Network such as a Guitar Hero tournament and maybe even sumo wrestling. We continue to volunteer at the Salvation Army every Friday further promoting our community service. Hope to see you out in the Spring. Phi Alpha.

Pledge Educator – Steve Hall ‘09



It has been a great and fun challenge leading the largest pledge class in the history of the chapter. They have been an active group and is a good mix of sophomores and freshman. The pledge project is renovating the basement lounge (or Tube room to the older alumni). And to top it off the 900th initiate of NYEP is in this class. What a major milestone for our 56 year history. Come back in April to meet these newest members.

Pledge	Major	Hometown
Mark Abrajano	Industrial Mgmt	Clifton Park, NY
Matt Anderson	Info. Technology	Coopersburg, PA
David Bailey	Mechanical Eng.	Carrabassett Valley ME
Logan Bourke	Mechanical Eng.	Windsor Locks, CT
Derek Cheng	Industrial Mgmt	Hicksville
Julian Connor	Info. Technology	Montclair, NJ
John Ellis	Chemistry	Virginia Beach, VA
Kevin Fort	Comp Sys Eng	Cleveland OH
Donald Gillespie	Comp Sys Eng	Scituate, MA
Craig Heilmann	Architecture	Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ
Matt Heimerdinger	Mechanical Eng.	LaGrange, IL
Evan Kenyon	Mechanical Eng.	Salem, NY
Aaron King	Undeclared Eng.	Coopersburg, PA
Ankit Modh	Biology	Syosset, NY
TJ Parker	Mechanical	Lake George, NY
Alex Penny	Comp. Sci.	Northport, NY
Christopher Perron	Mechanical Eng.	Ellington, CT
Jonathan Riel	Aerospace Eng.	Sturbridge, MA
Tom Rollow	Mechanical Eng.	Fairfax Station, VA
Charles Scheide	Aero/Mech Eng.	York, PA
Tyler Scully	Mechanical Eng.	Sanford, ME
Joe Shawky	BME	Albany, NY
Brian Wang	Info. Technology	Poughkeepsie, NY
Brandon Young	Mechanical Eng.	Leawood, KS

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The Fall 2007 Pledge calls fills the foyer of the house

Put on your Calendars now! October 17-19, 2008

Here's a Calendar for major events of the chapter

February 18-24 – Initiation Week

March 8-14 – Spring Break

April 18-20 – Spring Alumni Wknd, end of Greek Week

April 20-22 - 2008 LAE Phonathon

August 18-22 – Work Week (come back and help out)

October 17-19 – Fall 2008 Alumni/Family Weekend

For Current Dates: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/newyorkepsilon>

Lambda Alpha Epsilon News

Mission Statement: *Lambda Alpha Epsilon exists to provide and protect a beneficial undergraduate experience and meaningful member relationships through dedicated alumni participation and efficient use of alumni resources.*

Alumni Weekend April 18-20, 2008

We moved the spring weekend to April since Freakout was so early and LAE board met Jan 27th. This will allow us to enjoy the warmer weather with volleyball, softball, and/or golf. It is happening at the end of the RPI Greek Week. We'll continue SAE 2011 discussions and have a semester ending LAE Board meeting. So come on out.

ΛAE Phonathon 2008

This year's phonathon has been set for April 20-22. It's a little later due to the full calendar of the undergraduates. The results for the 2007 phonathon reached \$17,000, so we continue to fall a little short of our goal. *Check out the chapter website for the donor listing.* We are hoping to set up some class challenges Are you going to let the other classes beat your in 2008?

We continue to appreciate the great support from the alumni. (Send your donations to: Jim Owens, 24586 Via Tequila, Lake Forest, CA 92630. Make them payable to the funds we have available: Lambda Alpha Epsilon (non-tax deductible general fund), Don Farkouh/Mark Hier Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Stuart Guild Memorial Scholarship Fund (both scholarships are tax deductible). You can donate online at the Omega Financial link: <https://www.omegafi.com/NNK5UK>

From the ΛAE Chairman: Jonathan "Jerry" Witter '82

In October we held our annual LAE shareholder meeting. While attendance was the lowest ever (we need to work on this in the future), we did elect the two new alumni board members. Kurt Spiegel '04 was re-elected and Mark Murdoch '84 joined the board once again as a transition to becoming the LAE treasurer. Dave Raphael '99 was formally appointed to the manager of the Lion Fund and we are in transition from the big shoes of Erik Aarts '89. If any alumni are interested in helping with the fund management board, please contact me (jonathan.witter@gmail.com). We finished off the mortgage payments and are looking forward to a stable maintenance mode until the recommendations from the SAE 2011 Task Force come in. In addition to any telecoms and surveys, at both the spring and fall alumni weekends and our LAE retreat, we will be holding sessions to firm up our action plans. If interested in the future of the NYEP chapter housing please fill out the survey and also try to come to the alumni weekends. Your input (and future support) is vital.

Here is our current board of directors. If interested in serving on a 4 year term with the board, we are always looking for new volunteers. It is a great way to stay connected to the chapter and help ensure the long term viability for future generations.

Board Members	Year Term Ends, Position
Matt Jeffers 1996	2008, Vice-Chairman
Maura Spiegel 2004	2008
Jerry Witter 1982	2009, Chairman
John Bogdan 1986	2009
Jared Ray 2004	2010
Nick Mandelenakis 2001	2010
Kurt Spiegel 2004	2011, Secretary
Mark Murdoch 1984	2011
Sal Mangano 2008	Eminent Archon
Joe Leeds, 2010	Eminent Treasurer
Jonathon Kohl 2010	Community Relations Chair
Andrew Brooks, 2010	House Manager
Jim "Surf" Owens 1968	Treasurer
John "JT" Thomas 2003	Chapter Advisor
Dave Raphael 1999	Lion Fund Manager



Scott Reynolds '03, John Bogdan '86, Marc D'Amore '87, Eric Andreassen '03, Kurt Spiegel '04, Bradley Howe, '03 Steve Finkle '03, and John Thomas '02 at TAP NY Beer Festival.

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Early Notice for Fall Alumni Weekend October 17-19, 2008

We'll have the usual alumni vs. actives soccer game and LAE shareholder meeting on Saturday – but there are a lot of other things happening that weekend. It is once again RPI's combined Homecoming and Family Weekend. Last year this worked out great with the first floor packed with brothers, pledges, parents, and alumni. The souvenir stadium cups were a hit for commemorating the weekend and keeping things cleaner and more controlled. The biggest news is Jim "Surf" Owens '68 is retiring as the LAE treasurer after nearly 40 years as the treasurer and passing the books to Mark Murdoch '84. We're going to have a dinner some time this weekend and likely a golf outing in appreciation for Surf.

Classes of 53, 58, 63, 68, 73, 78, 83, 88, 93, 98, and 2003 should make a special effort to come back in the fall for your 5 year anniversaries!

Alumni News – We need it!!!! If you have news you'd like announced, send Ray Nassar 2009 an email (nassar2@rpi.edu) or newyorkepsilon@yahoo.com or drop us a snail mail note. Visit the website at www.nyepsilon.com.



Leland Stock '03, Aaron Germain '07, & Mike Campanelli '06 top out on Mt. Whitney, the highest peak of the continental US with an elevation of 14,500 ft. – trying to get closer to the sun?



Jerry Witter '82 and Nick Mandelenakis '01 at the summit of Mt Elbert, CO, the second highest peak in the lower 48 at 14,440 ft. Short of the other guys - but they're older & wiser!

SAE 2011 Task Force Housing Survey

This spring we will be rolling out a survey of the alumni and undergraduates for what is needed for the NYEP/LAE housing for 2011 and beyond. Several chapters around the SAE realm have built or renovated their chapter houses and have incorporated features for the needs of today's student and building codes. We are interested in finding out what aspects we all liked about the house and what dreams we have for an even better experience. Look for an email notice or visit the alumni section of the chapter website later this spring to take the electronic survey. We have the Word document posted now, but will have a surveymonkey.com survey posted soon.

SAE 2011 Task Force wants input

The housing task force has started its work, but we need more alumni feedback and support. The Maintenance and Renovation teams have contacts from other chapters around the realm and are working with SAE's Foundation and Housing, LLC to get guidance. Part of their direction will be set by feedback from the housing survey. The Finance/Alumni development team met in earnest Jan 27th and had initial ideas for phonathon development, getting a broader cross section of alumni back to alumni weekends, use of the Lion Fund, saving during this no mortgage period, developing school relations, and creating new alumni support mechanisms. The team leads and members for the three focus areas so far are:

Maintenance/Upkeep - Steve Knapp 2009, Kurt Spiegel 2004

Major Renovation or Construction - Nick Mandelenakis 2001, Andrew Brooks 2010, John Thomas 2004, Mark Murdoch 1984

Finance/Alumni Development - Matt Jeffers 1996, Joe Leeds 2010, Dave Raphael 1999, Anthony Guidarelli 2009, Jim Owens 1968, Jonathan Kohl 2010, Ray Nasser 2009

Ways to Support NYEP while helping SAE and RPI

We have a Chapter Endowment Fund at National called the "Don Farkouh/Mark Hier Memorial Fund for New York Epsilon" that supports sending undergraduates to the National Leadership School. Currently it has \$6300 in it and has been somewhat stagnant for increases except for some LAE donations to it. We can use up to 6% each year for the scholarships, but it can't drop below \$5000. If you are thinking of donating to national, keep this fund in mind.

Greek Life at RPI can be supported (and it needs it) by earmarking a donation and your company match to "Dean of Students Office – Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs." The OFSA Dean is meagerly funded at \$4000 each year which is less than 1/10 the cost of one student to attend RPI. The AIGC hopes to expand this donation option much like the endowment funds that are available at Cornell and MIT.

Project to Find Lost Alumni

This spring the chapter will be working to find addresses and phone numbers for many of our recent alumni that we seem to have lost. In order for the phonathon to grow we need to keep in touch with our growing alumni base (> 800 strong now).

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Address Correction Requested

Mark Your Calendars for Phonathon – April 20-22, 2008



NY Epsilon enjoy a meal together as the RPI Medical Device industry co-op crew in Silicon Valley, CA. Jeff Alvarez '03, Leland Stock '03, Mike Campanelli '06, Manny Severino '06, Kumar Jambunathan '05, Brick Markham '05, and actives Sal Mangano '08 and Ryan Baker 07.



Pledges TJ Parker' 10 and Tyler Scully '10 met one of the original founders of NY Epsilon Bob Fopeano '51. At the January LAE Board and SAE2011 meetings, they shared stories about the chapter then, now and the future.

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