

The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe. -John Walter Wayland

NYEP Turns 60

Last October we had 200 alumni and guests back to celebrate 60 years of being NY Epsilon and 50 years at 12 Myrtle Avenue. Alumni and undergraduates enjoyed the catered lunch at the Chapter house on Saturday where the place was packed and stories of the good times living in the house were shared. The evening was capped with the banquet at the Crowne Plaza where 350 enjoyed dinner, awards, slide shows, and dancing. Eminent Supreme Chronicler Greg Brandt was our special guest for the weekend. Recognitions were given to Maura Spiegel for the Woman's Order of the Violet, Matt Jeffers '95 and Kurt Spiegel '04 for the Order of the Lion, and JP Hennessey '12 for the Order of the Phoenix. The weekend ended with a brunch at the house where many alumni got one last time to share stories and relive their times at 12 Myrtle Avenue with the camaraderie of their brothers.



The Banquet photo of Classes of the 1960's – the first to live at 12 Myrtle Avenue.



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Going for Zeal!

The brothers have a number of goals for the semester. We initiated 17 pledges and all the brothers are excited to welcome them as new initiates in the fraternity. Last year we were nominated for the Fraternity Zeal award and were proud to be one of the six top chapters in the country. This year we plan on winning it! The sole purpose of this semester is to focus on brotherhood and reestablish our virtues. A lot of younger brothers are starting to fill leadership positions and I am ecstatic about our Executive Council. I believe that this body has the ability to do great things together and set the groundwork that will allow our ΣΑΕ pride to flourish. Our pride has certainly been speaking for itself in sports. We won IFC Soccer and Softball and were runners up in football; going into this semester we have a lead on Pikes and plan on bringing the Barker Trophy back to the house. I encourage Alumni to get in touch with the brothers and come see all of our accomplishments recently. We are making significant strides as a brotherhood. Phi Alpha!

-Josh Ingram, Eminent Archon, Spr. 2012



Brothers gather for a house photo at the chapter's annual "Man Day!"

NYEP Phonathon (April 1-3, 2012)



Last year was a hugely successful Phonathon with a grand total of \$49,880 received in donations (as of December 31, 2011). Due to the formation of the James Michael

Joly Zeal Fund, \$28,336 was donated by alumni and family and friends of James to create the foundation for this educational fund dedicated to funding SAE John O. Moseley Leadership School registration and other leadership programming. Some impact was expected for the previous donations to the general operating and other scholarship funds, but even so we surpassed \$21,400 for those donations. We'll be calling for the 2012 Phonathon in early April and the ability to donate online still exists at http://www.nyepsilon.com/donor_funds.html.

Class	Class \$ Total	Class	Participation
1999	\$7,268.56	1982	58.82%
1995	\$3,104.56	1997	50.00%
1982	\$1,675.00	1983	45.45%
1997	\$1,625.00	1976	45.45%
1988	\$1,200.00	1998	44.44%
1972	\$1,025.00	1969	43.75%
2001	\$1,020.00	1978	38.46%
1989	\$1,000.00	1972	36.36%
1968	\$875.00	1968	35.29%

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Check us out online at:

- SAE RPI Alumni and Actives 
 - Sigma Alpha Epsilon - New York Epsilon 
 - NYEP Relay For Life 
- <http://tinyurl.com/8y2gtgq>

Brother Spotlight: Alex Morin

Alex Morin never intended to join a fraternity. As a freshman, he knew little about RPI's Greek life, and with track and his first year ahead of him, he decided against pledging to any particular house. As the year went on, he became good friends with Chris Chang and Justin Metzger. Both brothers were members of the RPI track team, and Alex got to know them well through the season. When sophomore year came around, Chang convinced Morin to check out the house during the annual Rush Luau. With such a good experience at the luau, Alex was convinced that SAE was right for him. "As I met more brothers, I realized how the fraternity worked and how close-knit the house was. It was something that I wanted to be a part of."



Alex Morin, a senior Mechanical Engineer, runs in a meet for RPI. He has become both a role model and great friend for the entire chapter.

When asked about some of his best memories from SAE, he thought back to last summer during the LAE Retreat. Fifteen undergrads and five alumni spent a weekend at Wronsky's beach house in York, Maine. "Whether it was playing croquet, grilling lobster, or swimming in the frigid Atlantic, every minute of the weekend was spent having fun and becoming closer as friends and brothers."

Last spring, Alex had a particularly heavy course load, a position in the house as pledge educator, and a track season in full swing. Alex made the Dean's List as well as the Liberty league All-Academic, he and his team had a successful season, and the new pledges were initiated at the end of the semester and actively contribute to the house. Looking back, he acknowledges that he learned the importance of time management while at RPI. "It hasn't been easy, but learning to balance all of these activities has taught me a useful life skill that I hope to apply in all aspects of my life, both currently and in my future endeavors."

Specifically regarding the house, he has advice for the newly initiated brothers.

"I know it's a cliché, but my advice to the nibbles would be to get involved in the house early and often, because the more you put into the house the more you get out of it. So if you put time and effort into improving the house as a whole, it will pay off and provide for a better experience in the end."

Bike For Ben



Bike For Ben attendees gather for a photo after the event. Nearly 100 people, from several Greek houses and other campus clubs came out to honor Ben just a week after his accident.

Late last semester, one of our brothers Benjamin Hecht was in a life threatening bike accident which caused severe bodily injuries and head trauma. Fortunately, in the week after his accident, he showed incredible signs of recovery and in honor of his recovery and to raise awareness for bicycle safety, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon collaborated with Alpha Phi and RPI cycling team to host a bike ride event eventually dubbed "Bike for Ben". The event was successful with almost 100 people in attendance; raising over \$850 all of which were donated to Troy Bike Rescue.

The same afternoon, our IFC Football team chose to wear the Bike For Ben T-Shirts as our jersey for the IFC Football Final. We unfortunately lost the 16-14, but it was definitely the closest game Pikes had seen all year.

News and Upcoming Events

Every semester, with each newsletter, we are trying to spread awareness of our alumni's accomplishments and achievements. If you have anything about yourself, or another alumnus that you would like to share with us and put into the next issue of the NYEP Newsletter, you can email the information to alumni.nyep@gmail.com. We are also looking for alumni to come back to the Chapter house and give a short presentation on a topic of your choice, as part of our chapter enrichment initiative. Topics could include after college financials, how to network, working to the top of the corporate chain, etc. Any inquiries can be sent to the Alumni Chair email.

With the Spring semester underway, we are trying to develop an itinerary for the Spring Alumni Weekend in April. We would appreciate any comments, suggestions, or ideas that you may have and they can be sent via email to alumni.nyep@gmail.com. Also, we would like to hear your feedback on some topics. So, please feel free to fill out the questionnaire below, tear it off, and mail it back to the Chapter house at 12 Myrtle Ave in Troy. From these responses, I will be able to plan for future events and newsletters.

Another interest for our house is adding as many alumni as possible to our Google Groups email list. We will seldom send emails, however in the future the newsletter will be sent electronically via this list, as well as other important reminders about Phonathon or Alumni Weekends.

-Steve Wood, Alumni Relations Chairman 2010-12



Long time girlfriend, Amy Folkins, gets letters and a proposal from alumni, Justin Metzger, at the 60th Anniversary Alumni Weekend.

Alumni Weekends

This year's Spring Alumni weekend will take place **April 28th-29th, 2012**. We are hoping to have a larger, more eventful weekend than those spring weekend's past. Please fill out and return the questionnaire below so we can plan and organize events according to popular interest for those attending. As with this past fall, you can RSVP online at www.nyepsilon.com.

Next year's Fall Alumni Weekend will take place **October 5th-7th, 2012**. This is a little earlier this year and will take place simultaneously with RPI's Reunion Weekend, so be sure to check out the RPI alumni webpage as well. We hope to see as many alumni back as possible. Special reunions for the classes of 1962, 1982, and 1992, all of which have already begun planning to return for the weekend. As with last fall and this spring, we will have an online RSVP page through our website (www.nyepsilon.com) where you can register and see who's already planned their return trip to Troy.



We would also like to have some feedback on your thoughts of the 60th Anniversary Alumni Weekend we had in the fall. Any likes, dislikes, or other ideas that we can use for the next weekend would be greatly appreciated. Again, you can email these to alumni.nyep@gmail.com.

Alumni Relations Committee Survey

In an attempt to cut expenses from the budget, we are hoping to move towards an electronic version of this spring newsletter. Please take a few minutes to fill out this short survey below, and send it back to the chapter house so we can see your view on the idea.

Would you prefer an electronic/email, a hardcopy/snail mail, or no spring newsletter?

- Electronic/Email Version
- Hardcopy/Snail Mail
- No Spring Newsletter

Would you be interested in joining the alumni email list for 4-5 emails per year?

- Yes (please provide in contact info)
- No
- Already joined

For a spring Alumni Weekend event, which would you prefer?

- Golf Outing
- Alumni vs. Actives Soccer Game
- Other (list below)

Would you attend a family oriented/kid friendly Spring alumni weekend?

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but without the family

Comments:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____