

**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

## Leadership School—Renewing Zeal

Hello brothers, my name is Matthew Macchi, and I recently had the privilege of attending the 2012 John O. Moseley Leadership Cruise. The seminars presented a broad range of concepts that focused on chapter betterment and self-advancement. With the refined skills attendees now possess, it is their duty to return and influence their respective chapter to facilitate each chapters' strive for perfection, as The True Gentleman now succinctly states. I learned many useful things that will make a difference in New York Epsilon. This cruise is truly the embodiment of brotherhood. Hundreds of brothers show up, some not knowing a single brother from another chapter or even being the only representative from their chapter, and none of that even matters. Everyone embarks on the cruise for one reason: to become closer to our ideal of the True Gentleman. It was a once in a lifetime experience that I am elated I didn't miss.

I would like to give a special thanks to the family of James Michael Joly. Without them and the James Michael Joly Zeal Fund, I might not have been able to attend Leadership School. I am now able to take the lessons learned and not only better myself, but better the chapter, which was a dream Mr. Joly held so dearly. I am thankful for the opportunity I was given and my chance to keep Mr. Joly's dream of always striving for perfection going strong. I encourage those that are on the fence of whether or not they should attend Leadership School to go and experience it for yourself. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Above all, Leadership School has taught me this; even though you are an individual, one person has the power to positively change thousands of lives. Thank you for this opportunity once again. Look forward to seeing you during Alumni Weekend. Phi Alpha, Matt



Matthew Macchi, standing fourth from left, with the full delegation to the 2012 Leadership School with ESDA Brad Cohen.

At the John O. Moseley Leadership School, NYEp took home these awards:  
 Honorable Mention: Chapter Management, Recruitment, Scholarship  
 Runner Up: Financial Management  
 Winner: Alumni Relations, Risk Management  
 Chapter Achievement Award and one of 6 nominees for the Moseley Zeal Award



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## A Letter From Our EA

The brotherhood is excited for this next semester and has already put in countless hours to ensure we are successful. It's this dedication that has earned us the distinction of being a Zeal nominee for the second year in a row. We plan to continue being a nominee with the goal being to bring the Zeal back to NY Epsilon. One award that has returned to our house is the Barker trophy for winning IFC sports which we plan on keeping for awhile. With Rush right around the corner we are looking to recruit more men that can continue to make this house what it is today. Following Rush we have an exciting calendar of events planned with events such as community enrichment dinner, Farkouh Field Day, and our fall alumni weekend. I encourage our alumni to reach out to the undergrads in the chapter and ask us about what we're doing and what we have accomplished. We are very proud of the chapter we have become and we hope that our alumni are as well. Phi Alpha!

-Ben Clemence, Eminent Archon Fall 2012

## The Barker Returns

By Loucas Nestoros

This year NY Epsilon attained the highest award in IFC Sports, the coveted Barker trophy. After winning it in 2009-2010, and coming in runner up in 2010-2011, winning it again was on everyone's minds. The fall semester sports were Soccer, Run To Remember, Softball, Football and Wallyball. We handily won Soccer, Run to Remember, and Softball. Notably, in softball, the mercy rule was called into effect when we led Pi Kappa Alpha 12-0 in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. In football and Wallyball, we had excellent seasons coming in second place in both. In the spring semester, there was Basketball, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Racquetball, Indoor Soccer, and Billiards. We came out victorious in Ultimate Frisbee, Racquetball and Indoor Soccer (again mercy ruling Pi Kappa Alpha in Indoor Soccer and Racquetball) and came in second place in Volleyball, Basketball, and Billiards. On another positive note, the C League Ice Hockey team won the intramural championship over Alpha Chi Rho. NY Epsilon set the goal of regaining the status of being the best athletes in the IFC and we achieved it. Welcome home Barker trophy, I hope you continue returning for many years.



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### Check us out online at:



- SAE RPI Alumni and Actives
- RPI Sigma Alpha Epsilon—New York Epsilon Chapter

- Sigma Alpha Epsilon—New York Epsilon



- NYEP Relay For Life  
<http://tinyurl.com/8y2gtgq>



- RPI Homecoming 2012  
**REUNION & HOMECOMING**  
 The tradition begins with you.  
 October 5-7, 2012



## ΛAE Phonathon Results 2012



The 2012 phonathon results are in and as of the middle of August, we received \$21,171 from 132 donors. The top ten classes for participation rate and donations are included below. It is great to have 10 classes with more than ~25% participation and 8 classes donating more than \$1000. The new James Michael Joly Zeal Fund stands at more than \$32,000, while other scholarships have reached \$118,000—all allowing us to send delegates to leadership school and help offset more than \$4000 in educational costs to the undergraduate brothers. Out Lion Fund for long term major house projects stands at more than \$115,000 and continues to be supported by investments each year from the general operating budget. This fund will be instrumental for the New York epsilon in the future as there are several fraternities on campus with major plans for renovations or rebuilds—including Sigma Chi taking action this fall. Finally, we continue to make annual expenses of more than \$40,000 per year for taxes, maintenance, and alumni relations. If we missed you, or you haven't paid your pledged amount, you can still do that by PayPal from the chapter website or by sending a check to the LAE Treasurer Mark Murdoch at 24 Gulf Road, Somerset, CT 06071.

Top 10 Ranking	Class	Total Donations	Class	Participation Rate
1	1982	\$1,750.00	1998	44.44%
2	1998	\$1,722.00	1956	33.33%
3	1999	\$1,700.00	1967	30.77%
4	1988	\$1,450.00	1982	29.41%
5	1995	\$1,200.00	1972	27.27%
6	1972	\$1,000.00	1976	27.27%
7	1994	\$750.00	1983	27.27%
8	1993	\$645.00	1993	26.32%
9	1968	\$575.00	1979	25.00%
10	2003	\$550.00	1968	23.53%

**>\$500, \$7,652**  
 Ronald Byer, 1955; David Colten, 1972; Jonathan Witter, 1982; Eric Wenberg, 1988; Erik Aarts, 1989; Matthew Jeffers, 1995; Parag Patel, 1998; David Raphael, 1999; Stephen Finkle, 2003

**\$250-499, \$4,450**  
 John Higgins, 1964; Robert Vaughan, 1972; Francis Strenk, 1977; Carlos Hidalgo, 1982; Eric Saenger, 1986; John Doerr, 1988; David Lowe, 1990; Todd Cieplinski, 1992; Christopher Foti, 1993; Robert Filbey, 1994; Mark Wilensky, 1995; Christopher Downey, 1996; Matthew Dodson, 1999; Joseph Pinheiro, 1999; Kurt Spiegel, 2004; Dave Herkenham, 2010

**\$100-249, \$7,105**  
 Robert Fopeano, 1951; Douglas Porto, 1952; Herbert Clark, 1953; Stephen Ruggles, 1954; Robert Athanasiou, 1962; James Mosteller, 1962; John Busse, 1963; Thomas Katra, 1963; David Haviland, 1964; John Steinhoff, 1964; John Decker, 1965; Robert Dorsch, 1965; David Hoffman, 1966; Andrew Morawski, 1966; Charles Learoyd, 1967; Robert Wayne, 1967; David Bischoff, 1968; Joseph Gil, 1968; Kenneth Watson, 1968; Robert Whitby, 1968; Robert Peters, 1969; Peter Riba, 1969; James Pluta, 1970; Michael Fedak, 1971; Thomas Morgan, 1972; Frederick Lichtenfels, 1976; R. William Berg, 1978; Frank Parlino, 1978; Peter Hutchins, 1979; Andrew Ford, 1982; A. Lester Hoogeveen, 1982; Kevin Neumann, 1982; Roderick Kunz, 1983; Timothy Powell, 1983; Steven Brodfuehrer, 1986; Douglas Hunter, 1987; Stephen Perreault, 1988; Thomas Irick, 1990; David Nevin, 1990; Douglas Blakeley, 1991; Tim Bakos, 1992; Roger Bly, 1992; William Valls, 1993; Robert Zuraski, 1993; John Brodersen, 1994; Andrew Dracic, 1994; Richard Chiafalo, 1995; Chris Bahner, 1996; Duane DeMore, 1997; Family of James Joly, 1998; Peter Marafioti, 2001; Jason Malyil, 2004; Shashi Shah, 2005; Luis Marion, 2006; Ankit Narechania, 2006; Richard Taveras, 2006; Todd Reynolds, 2007; William Karn, 2009

**Sustaining, \$1,965**  
 John Majane, 1953; Richard Schmidt, 1956; Gordon Wener, 1956; Reiner Decher, 1961; Arthur Mason, 1961; Dieter Rollfinke, 1963; Rainer Ellis, 1966; Robert Mazzafarro, 1967; Christos Pantos, 1967; John Chittenden, 1971; Gerard Szatkowski, 1973; Arthur Stefanelli, 1976; W. Jeffrey Swan, 1976; Leslie Goldberg, 1977; William Schroeder, 1978; Mark Stulmaker, 1979; Brian Collins, 1980; Stephen Sakumoto, 1980; Thomas Sayuk, 1980; Daniel Buechler, 1981; David Verso, 1983; Donald Birks, 1987; Christopher Young, 1992; Warren Harris, 1993; James Harrod, 1993; Joe Zaremski, 1994; Patrick Lancot, 1998; Charles Roth, 1998; Scott Gaillard, 2001; Joshua Johnson, 2002; Bradley Howe, 2003; Nathan Anderson, 2007; Cary Klemm, 2007; William Kohut, 2007; Mike Holihan, 2008; Erik Swanson, 2008; Stephen Knapp, 2009; Richard Mooney, 2009; Christopher Rallo, 2009; Matthew Anderson, 2010; Andrew Brooks, 2010; Jim Croke, 2010; Jonathon Kohl, 2010; Matthew Heimerdinger, 2011; Evan Kenyon, 2011; Charles Scheide, 2011

## A Brand New Rush

Truth be told, we've had a successful recruitment for years. We bring in stand-up guys, teach them about the deep traditions and history, and how to make the most of the four (or five!) years of their life. Throughout my four years here, I've found opportunities to make incremental changes to dynamically adapt to Rensselaer's ever-changing Greek infrastructure.

You'll immediately notice the attention to detail at every level with recruitment this year. Cohesion is one trait I've picked up through the years and this certainly shows in every color, font, and graphic used in this year's media and branding. Our refreshed events are clever-- allowing us to stand out in a flooded crowd-- all while remaining tangible to incoming freshmen. Take for example our popular surf and turf event in years past. This is now a celebration of exotic meats; kangaroo, kobe beef, alligator, you name it. Or, consider our take on the standard movie night, a popular rush event on many calendars. We've decided to make ours a bad movie night instead, focusing on identifying potential members with a good sense of humor.

These freshened events and an intrinsic focus on pride and in the house come together for will be our most promising recruitment year in the books. The brothers and I forward to starting the year with a killer class, and can't wait to help them on their way to being true gentlemen.

-Kyle Moise, Rush Chair Fall 2012



## 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 Fall semester underway, we are looking forward to Alumni weekend, which is being held in conjunction with RPI's alumni weekend this October. 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.

-Dante Gizzi, Alumni Relations Chairman



Graduating Class of 1982 pledge brothers Kevin "Neumo" Neumann, George "LG" Dulchinos, Rich "Huey" Hughes, Andy "Fordo" Ford, Mike "Schmike" Nielson, and Steve "Monte" Montalto (L to R) during skits in April 1979 before initiation. Did they just mention some joke about LAGNAF man?



Robert "Dr. A" Athanasiou (4th from left) with classmates from 1962 in the foyer of newly owned 12 Myrtle Avenue. How the foyer wallpaper and party attire have changed.

## ΛAE Board of Directors Election Ballot

### Nominations for positions on the LAE, Inc. Board of Directors

Normal 2 positions ending 2012: Matt Jeffers (1995) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kevin Neumann (1982) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacated term ending in 2013: Don Gillespie (2011) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacated term ending in 2014: Mark Abrajano (2010) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vacated term ending in 2014: J.P. Hennessey (2012) \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Class of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby cast my vote for the annual meeting of Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Incorporated on October 6, 2012 at 3:00 pm or at any adjournment thereof, hereby revoking all previous proxies at that meetings balloting on that issue. This authorization is to terminate on October 7, 2012. I hereby vote for the named persons to serve as Directors for the terms ending as indicated above.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If not attending the annual corporation meeting, you may send your Proxy vote to the chapter house care of the Alumni Relations Chairman or complete a voting survey at the chapter website.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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