



SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON NEW YORK EPSILON CHAPTER

Fall 2013 Alumni Newsletter



Following tradition, Work Week started promptly a week before classes began. It included the usual painting, fixing, and cleaning of the house but also included some more major projects. This year the volleyball court received some much needed attention and had the old "sand" replaced with a couple truckloads of new sand. Brothers worked all day shoveling out the old sand to make room for the new shipment of sand. The new sand is already seeing lots of action as brothers play on it every day. Also during the week we ripped out the old runner on the staircase and replaced it with a new, hopefully more durable one. Chiseling away the old adhesive was a real challenge, especially when it moved from the stairs to the bottoms of your shoes. With the new runner and a fresh coat of white paint the stairs are looking perfect just in time for rush. A couple brothers built brick enclosures for the flood lights that surround the front of the house along with fixing some of the brick work on the front patio. The door knobs now function for the all the bedrooms as new holes were drilled to line everything up. Lastly, we found a time capsule from 1997, embedded in a wall that was removed due to water damage. The contents, seen below, were some old phone books and even a GQ magazine. This discovery was quite the talk on the Alumni and Actives Facebook page. For our sidewalk light project last year, we won the SAE House Improvement project award. Work week was a great success and the house is ready for a new round of rushes and to welcome alumni back during alumni weekend in October.



Fixing the front entrance bricks and marble



A load of new sand for the volleyball court



1997 time capsule discovered in the kitchen wall

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78th John O. Moseley Leadership School 2013

A typical day at Leadership School started with waking up early in the morning and going to your first general session with the 800 or so other brothers on the cruise ship. There were many interesting speakers and numerous helpful seminars to attend throughout the day. The food was outstanding and the service on the ship could not have been beat. The NY Epsilon brothers who attended Leadership School listened carefully to other brothers and took many helpful ideas home. This year's attendees included Jainesh Patel, Sean Hawthorne, Dylan Quinn, Max Lipeles, Matt Fenlon, Joe Sutton, and Chad Collier. From meeting brothers from all around the realm to eating dinner with the Supreme Council, everyone agreed it was a life changing experience.

Leadership Cruise Experience of Jainesh Patel—2013 James Michael Joly Zeal Fund Recipient

It was truly an honor being this years James M. Joly Zeal Fund Recipient. I can say with confidence Leadership School was one of the best experiences of my life. It's an experience that teaches you how to be a true gentleman, care for your brothers, and be one step ahead of everybody else. Some valuable things that I learned were how to handle tough situations that our chapter might face and seeing that our chapter is sincerely one of the best in the county. It was noticed not only by NY Epsilon brothers, but also by the staff. I want to thank all of the alumni and those who support our chapter because without you, none of this would be possible. I hope future brothers from our chapter can have the same experience I had; it will change their lives. Thank you once again and Phi Alpha.

Chapter National and Individual Awards

Chapter National Awards

At this years John O. Moseley Leadership school, NY Epsilon was presented with many awards. The Chapter was recognized as a Finalist for Continuing Education, Financial Management, University Relations and Risk Management. It was the winner of Rush/Recruitment and Chapter Achievement. Ben Clemence was an Outstanding E. Archon and Jordan Stambler was an Outstanding E. Treasurer. NY Epsilon was also one out of five Nominees for the highly coveted Zeal Award. This means it was ranked as one of the five best chapters in the nation.

"Jerry" Witter Scholarship Award

Colin Mason '13

The Jonathan "Jerry" Witter Scholarship award was given to Colin Mason '14. Colin is from Chesterfield, VA and majored in Aeronautical Engineering graduating with a 3.78 Magna Cum Laude. Colin is now working at United Launch Alliance in Denver, CO as a Control Dynamics Engineer developing the Atlas V and Delta IV rockets.

Chapter Officer of the Year

Kyle Moise '13

The Officer of the Year Award was given to Kyle Moise '12. Kyle was a senior from Clifton Park, New York majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in design, innovation and society. Kyle was the Recruitment Chairman for the fall of 2012. As recruitment chair, Kyle focused heavily on the brand and image of the fraternity, and revolutionized the way New York Epsilon used online social media as a tool to improve recruitment techniques. Kyle was able to create a consistent brand image and create new events that were fun and exciting, and increased attendance and brother participation in recruitment to numbers never seen before. As a result of his hard work, Kyle and his team were able to recruit the largest pledge class in the history of New York Epsilon with 30 signed bids. Kyle was chosen as the award recipient for his display of dedication, commitment and vision for recruitment and his ability to flawlessly execute his plan.

Dean Hamil Sportsmanship Award

Stephen Silber '14

The Dean Hamil Award for Sportsmanship was given to Stephen Silber '14. Steve is a senior Computer Science major from San Diego, California. Steve captained the indoor and outdoor track and field teams for RPI this season. During the indoor season, Steve captured the RPI school record in the high jump (2.07m), was a two-time Liberty League field performer of the week and competed at the NCAA National Championships. During his outdoor campaign, Steve was a two-time Liberty League performer of the week, won his third outdoor state championship in the high jump and led the team to its third straight outdoor state championship. Steve also played on the chapter's IFC football, volleyball, Frisbee and dodge ball teams. Steve was chosen as the award recipient for his dedication to his school sport, his zeal for chapter sports and his character, sportsmanship and passion as an athlete.

Don Farkouh Fellowship Award

Ryan Donahue '14

The Don Farkouh Fellowship Award (known colloquially as the Brother of the Year award) was given to Ryan Donahue '14. Ryan is a senior Bioinformatics & Molecular Biology major from McHenry, Illinois. Ryan was Eminent Deputy Archon in the fall semester, Eminent Recorder for the spring semester and served on the Community Relations and Brotherhood committees. Ryan was chosen as the award recipient for his dedication to his studies, his zeal for his fraternity, his openness and compassion for his fellow brothers, his presence and enthusiasm for all chapter events and his unfaltering integrity. Ryan exemplified the characteristics of a True Gentleman throughout the academic year and stands as an example of what all members of New York Epsilon strive to be every day.

Alumni of the Year— Joe Leeds '09

Joe Leeds was the recipient of the Alumni of the Year award for his efforts to unite both the undergraduates and alumni to support Jonathan Kim Kohl through the organization of the Tough Mudder race as well as spearheading group fundraising for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Tough Mudder on behalf of 1st LT Jonathan Kim Kohl link—<https://register.toughmudder.com/tm/#event/18611/page/donate/fundraiser/f9595>



Alumni Spotlight: An Interview With Adam Rivard '09



I recently interviewed one alumnus who has been very busy since leaving RPI. Adam Rivard is a member of the Fall '05 pledge class and graduated RPI in 2009. He received his undergraduate education as a dual major in mechanical engineering and business. As a brother in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Adam was very involved. He held numerous positions in the house including steward, EDA, and EA. Adam got involved at the national level as an undergraduate as well. He attended Leadership School one of the first years where it was held on a cruise ship. The year after, he returned to Leadership School as an ambassador. Adam was an undergraduate representative for all of province Nu and then became EDA for province Nu.

In his senior year at RPI, Adam took a design class called inventor studio where he pursued the idea of creating a new water filtration system. The professor urged Adam to turn down all job offers and pursue this idea after college as well. Adam followed the advice and started his own company in Boston called Osmopure. He and his partner worked tirelessly to earn the millions of dollars worth of funding it would take to get their product certified. After running out of money, Adam decided to take a break from work and rethink his life. In order to do this he rode from Boston to Santa Barbara on a bicycle with a group of people. They were supporting affordable housing organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and ended up building ten new houses between Massachusetts and California. After ending his bicycle trip Adam decided to work at a bicycle shop for \$10 an hour. He did this for about a year, all the while being questioned by customers why he was working there with an engineering degree from RPI.

One day at the bike shop Adam was called out of the blue for an interview. When he asked what the job was for, the response was that it was top secret. Adam ended up being contacted by a recruiter from Pratt and Whitney to work on 3D printing of metal jet engine parts. At the time, 3D printing was very new to the industry and every company was trying to be the first to maximize its benefits. 3D printing made the creation of metal parts cheaper, faster, and more efficient, while also allowed the creation of brand new parts not able to be created on a normal assembly line. Adam took the job and now works as a Business and Technology Development Engineer. He finds partnerships with other companies to help advance the work of Pratt and Whitney.

Today Adam is working hard and planning for the future. He is in the process of building his own house in Somers, CT. Adam is working to get his MBA through Indiana University online and applies his studies to his daily job at Pratt and Whitney. Adam's first little brother he got in the fraternity is Jon Kohl, who was recently injured in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan. Adam is running the Tough Mudder on October 12 in order to support Jon and his family. Adam plans to be involved more in SAE as he gets more free time and recommends everyone get as involved as they can because it was so rewarding for him. I would like to thank Adam for his dedication to Sigma Alpha Epsilon and for allowing me to do this brief interview with him. - Max Lipeles '16, Alumni Chairman

Alumni Weekend Schedule — October 4-6, 2013

Alumni new and old, get excited for alumni weekend this fall! It will be held on the weekend of October 4-6 and will be an action packed weekend. There are many RPI sponsored events that you may want to check out, along with a few exciting events at Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Classes of 1963 and 1993 are planning on being back in force. We hope to see many others from the class years with 3's and 8's. We'll have the annual LAE, Inc. "shareholder" meeting to provide an update of our activities and discuss the roles for the new Future Housing Team. If you'd like to serve on the LAE Board or this Future Housing Team, please contact Matt Jeffer's '96 (mjeffers83@hotmail.com) or show up for the meeting. Dinner at the house is always a grand time to catch up and meet the current undergraduate members. Following the success of last year's alumni panel discussion, we'll hold it again after dinner as a time for alumni to share their experiences in their career and the impact that being a NYEP/SAE and RPI grad had in their lives after graduation. Please RSVP so we can get a head count for adequate amount of food.

For a schedule of SAE and RPI events, check out the calendar at alumni.rpi.edu. Here is our NYEP/SAE schedule for the weekend:

Friday:		
5-10 p.m.	Registration and Welcome	Scenic 12 Myrtle Avenue
Saturday:		
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Alumni vs. Actives Soccer Game	Renwyck Grass Field
12:30-2 p.m.	Alumni Barbecue & House Tours	Scenic 12 Myrtle Avenue
3-5 p.m.	LAE Inc. House Corporation Meeting	Scenic 12 Myrtle Avenue
5:30-7 p.m.	Alumni Reception and Catered Dinner	Scenic 12 Myrtle Avenue
7 p.m.	RPI Reunion & Homecoming Hockey	Houston Field House
7-8 p.m.	Alumni Career Networking Panel	Scenic 12 Myrtle Avenue
Sunday		
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Brunch by Jerry Witter '82	Scenic 12 Myrtle Avenue



Reception at the "new" house in the early 1960's

Join the SAE RPI Alumni and Actives Facebook group for more frequent news. Updates will be given about the new Alumni Weekend Registration system. It will be used to show people looking at our website, nyepsilon.com, who have already signed up to come to alumni weekend.

Visit the Chapter Website: <http://nyepsilon.com/alumni.php>

The Future of the 12 Myrtle Chapter House



For many years now, LAE has been following a housing plan that called for major renovations in 2011. This plan also included many upgrades and fixes to the house that were carried out over the past 20 years. The deadline for the old "2011 Plan" has passed us without any major work done on the house and so now we must reevaluate the goals of the fraternity, the condition of the house, and the best way the LAE House Corporation can enhance the undergraduate experience.

Over the past few years, the chapter house has been packed in the fall and many brothers who want to live in the house can't. This fall 73 brother have returned, and our house is maxed out with 35 living in. Having less than 50% of the chapter living in is not a good thing when trying to keep a stable and strong chapter. Once we get pledges this fall, our numbers will probably be in the 90s. There are many

reasons for our growing chapter size and an increased desire to live-in. RPI Greek life involvement is increasing, large SAE pledge classes, RPI housing policies, RPI facilities, RPI food, an increase in undergraduates at the school, and other factors have all played a significant role in the recent years.

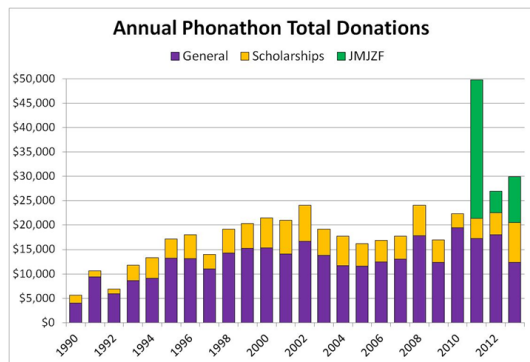
Other RPI fraternities have already begun to upgrade their own facilities: Sigma Chi is finishing a multi-million dollar renovation/addition to their house, Theta Chi, Pikes, and Ski Lodge have planned renovations, and Phi Sigma Kappa and FIJI have bought new housing. In order to stay competitive with off-campus housing, other Greeks and RPI housing, we must adapt with the changing environment and develop our own plan for the future.

There comes a time when change is needed, a time when the things that we have held dear to hearts, and played a major part in our past must be assessed to see if it is right for our future. It is at this time we feel that this house is not currently meeting the needs of the chapter. Plans are being thought of how to mitigate these problems for the short term, but we need a more concrete plan for the future, not just a band-aid. The journey we are about to embark on requires a lot of commitment, compromise and patience from both undergraduates and alumni as we work together to make an plan for the future of this house. A plan that is adaptable to the changing college and Greek culture and gives the future brotherhood the tools necessary to continue to breed good men.

There are a few ways to help. First, please fill out this survey, <http://tinyurl.com/nn253gm>, in order to give us on the Future Housing Team more data on where we have been as a house, where we are now, and where we want to be for the future. We hope to be rolling out more news on the website and facebook. If you have any questions, advice or want to be on the mailing list about this project you can email me at lucas.n.rice@gmail.com. Phi Alpha, Lucas Rice '14

Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Inc. Phonathon 2013 Wrapup

As of July 31, the results from phonathon look pretty good, even though the number of donors was significantly lower at 119. On average our alumni donated \$168 and thanks to one very significant donor, we exceed our totals goal with \$29,888 collected. We were down significantly for the general LAE operating fund with \$12,388, but the scholarship funds saw \$17,500, with the young James Michael Joly Zeal Fund seeing half of the donations. We've sent out some reminder letters and "missed you" letters, so donations leading up to Alumni weekend are sure to rise. If you'd like to make a donation online you can visit <http://nyepsilon.com/donate.php>. The phonathon is an important part of our operations for maintaining the current chapter house, supporting educational opportunities for the undergraduates, and saving for future major housing projects. Thank you all for your help in sustaining the great New York Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Below is the 2013 Donor Honor Roll and Top 10 Classes.



Top Ten Classes in Donations and Participation					
Rank	Class	Donation	Class	Participation	
1	1995	\$2,200.00	2009	34.62%	
2	1998	\$1,552.00	1964	33.33%	
3	1988	\$1,200.00	1982	29.41%	
4	1982	\$1,125.00	1972	27.27%	
5	1972	\$1,050.00	1995	26.09%	
6	1990	\$850.00	1990	23.53%	
7	1994	\$800.00	1968	23.53%	
8	1996	\$790.00	1978	23.08%	
9	1999*	\$750.00	1966	23.08%	
10	1964	\$675.00	2006	23.08%	

* does not include the one large \$10,000 donation

Donations of more than \$500

Ronald Byer (1955), David Colten (1972), Jonathan Witter (1982), Eric Wenberg (1988), Michael Weiner (1989), Robert Filbey (1994), Matthew Jeffers (1995), Mark Wilensky (1995), Jeffrey Young (1995), James Kennedy (1996), Parag Patel (1998), David Raphael (1999)

Donations of \$250-\$499 for \$3450

John Higgins (1964), Robert Vaughan (1972), Francis Strenk (1977), Eric Saenger (1986), David Gutmann (1990), David Lowe (1990), Andrew Drazic (1994), Christopher Downey (1996), Matthew Dodson (1999), Carlton Jarvis (1999), Joseph Pinheiro (1999), Jared Ray (2004), Dave Herkenham (2010)

Donations of \$100-\$249 for \$7275

Douglas Porto (1952), John Majane (1953), Stephen Ruggles (1954), Robert Athanasiou (1962), Thomas Katra (1963), Paul Kondrath (1963), David Haviland (1964), Christopher Roper (1964), John Steinhoff (1964), John Decker (1965), Robert Dorsch (1965), David Hoffman (1966), Richard Miller (1966), Charles Learoyd (1967), James Owens (1968), Kenneth Watson (1968), Robert Whitby (1968), Leonard Bower (1969), Peter Riba (1969), Thomas Morgan (1972), Thomas Holloway (1973), Robert Olsson (1975), R. William Berg (1978), T. Paul Niederer (1979), Charles Cassidy (1980), George Dulchinos (1982), George Earle (1982),

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