

# BETA ALPHA PARTICLES

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## PUSH AMERICA REPORT

PUSH

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The fall of 2008 has proven to be a successful academic semester for PUSH. There has been a multitude of events held both on and off campus. The events span from service tables to breast cancer walks within Newark.

The semester began with three basic service tables. These tables were supplied with an easel and a poster board that displayed information regarding PUSH, where the organization is headquartered, and notable events regarding fellow brothers' achievements within the organization. Along with the information were pictures of brothers building homes and partaking in events for the disabled. There are also pic-

tures that display fellow Beta Alpha alumni Brandon Sorensen who rode in Gear Up Florida in 2007, and Benjamin Lerch who rode the Journey of Hope in 2001.

Each table was accompanied by three brothers that were available to answer the questions of passersby, curious students, or donors. On the occasion, the table was visited by handicapped people who wanted to know what the organization was about and ways that they could donate. Candy was sold in the midst of the activities and all proceeds went to the chapter's PUSH fund.

A breast cancer walk in the Greater Newark area was brought to the attention of the chapter by NJIT's Office of Greek Life. The "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is a three mile walk that starts in Military Park, Newark, down to Lincoln Park, and loops back to Military Park. Fraternities were encouraged to participate in the walk and raise \$100 for their chapter. Brother William Greb made arrangements with the walk officiators and had the brothers stationed at

a kiosk in which they served water for the participants. Through serving water at the kiosk, the brothers managed to attain and exceed their goal of \$100.

There is a month remaining in the academic semester and a few more tables are being planned on the days of common exams in order to bring in huge draws from candy sales. A summation of funds raised this semester will be given at the end of the semester.



"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer"



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## THE FIRST ANNUAL BETA ALPHA ALUMNI/UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RETREAT

At the beginning of this past 2008 fall semester, the Beta Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi held its first annual alumni/undergraduate retreat in Berkeley Heights, NJ. The purpose of the retreat was to prepare the undergraduates for the upcoming fall semester rush, update the alumni as to the ongoing status of the chapter and chapter house, and use the remainder of the time to catch up with old friends. Although the inclement weather kept many away, a few die-hard alumni along with the undergraduate chapter gathered inside the community center for a fun-filled informative day. A very positive response was given by the undergraduates who felt the concept of the annual retreat prepares them for the challenges of rush and the duties of maintaining a successful chapter throughout the year.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> retreat is already in the process of being planned and all Beta Alpha alumni are encouraged to attend. It will once again be held at the picturesque setting of the Free Acres Farm House in Berkeley Heights, NJ. A BBQ and sporting activities are planned, and a date of late August/early September is expected. A donation between \$10 and \$20 dollars to support the cost will be requested from attendees. If you have any further questions please contact me directly at the email below.

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As one of the newest of four brothers to this great fraternity, I was a little unsure about how to go about being a brother. This retreat was extremely helpful in educating the newer brothers about how to rush, the current issues with the chapter, and the intricacies of how our chapter is run. I would personally like to thank Brother Paul Foglia for finally setting up this retreat and congratulate him on a successful one. Hope to see many more of you there next time.

David Rios BA 764



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### BETA ALPHA HIGH STAKES POKER TOURNEY

For all those alumni that can't get enough Texas Hold-Em, the undergraduates will be holding a high-stakes poker tournament at the chapter house on the tentative date of Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2009. In order to maximize prize and attendance, this tournament will be open to the Alpha Xi chapter also. Buy-in will consist of \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door. Cold-cut sandwiches along with snacks and "refreshments" will be served by lovely college co-eds\* and the tournament will be fully run by the undergraduate chapter. This is an excellent opportunity to kick back with your fellow brothers in a non-formal setting to reminisce about those crazy fraternity days while having the chance to win a *substantial* cash prize. A partial portion of the proceeds will be donated to PUSH. You do not need to play in order to attend! Please RSVP for this event as your participation is kindly asked to make this event a success!

- *A minimum of 40 Alumni must RSVP by February 1<sup>st</sup> for college co-eds to be available*

Please send all questions and RSVPs to:  
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## A NOTE FROM THE ARCHON. . .

Good afternoon and welcome to our Founder's Day Celebration! If you do not know me, my name is Andrew Tolentino, brother 755 from our chapter and the current Archon. But aside from me, I would like to reflect on our past, present, and future.

Can you believe, in all these years, we've had so many outstanding men walk through our doors and wear our letters? Can you believe that all this time that we've been building a chapter, we've also been building a family? From the history I know and have learned to cherish about this chapter, I can understand the love we all share for this fraternity.

Although we are all of different ages and backgrounds, we all still

know our founding fathers. We all still know our founding year of 1948. We can remember those members we have lost, those we have lost touch with, and those that are around us here today.

And now, we can entrust in our youngest brothers that we will be keeping the legacy of our fraternity strong. Everyday we are finding young men who are of C.L.A.S.S and are worthy of growing our chapter. Today, we have three associate members and many potentials in the spring semester, whom will ensure the safety of this fraternity and make sure it sticks to its roots and core values we believe in.

Because of these values, I am proud to be a part of Pi Kappa Phi. I am proud of being a member of the Beta Alpha Chapter, and for many of you attending today, I know you feel the same.

Thank you for coming out today on such a special occasion.



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