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GREEK VILLAGE UPDATE

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Submissions

Send To Pat

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Vacation stories, Ads, Announcements or other story ideas accepted

Founders Day

Sun. Nov. 11, 2012 1pm—6pm

> Save the Date

On May 1st, NJIT will officially break ground on the Warren Street Village construction project, which will soon become the new home for many NJIT Greek organizations. The Greek Village project, discussed in recent years and now referred to as the Warren Street Village, is a part of a larger vision and an important step in the growth of the University. The 80 Million dollar project on approximately 2.5 acres consists of 5 duplexstyle Greek Buildings (10 total houses) and a 360 bed honors college dorm with Retail, Fitness, and Dining Facilities on the ground floor. Each of the 10 Greek Houses will accommodate 24 beds. This will truly be an important epicenter for activity on the NJIT campus, and the main hub of opera-

tions for Greek life at NJIT.

Based on very positive Warren Street Village preliminary financial and operational details issued by NJIT as well as the wide range of support expressed by many of you during our winter 2010 project funding feasibility study, your Beta Alpha Board of Trustees has taken an important step by entering into a reservation agreement with the University to own one of these 10 Greek homes, subject to legal, financial, and governance evaluations. NJIT has issued tax-exempt 30 year bonds to pay for the project, and the loan rate that would be extended to Beta Alpha would mirror that bond rate. The University has proven to be a major partner to future Greek Life at NJIT by doing

everything it can to help this project succeed. The house, which we would own, will sit on land leased from the university for 99 years. Based on positive ongoing dialogue with NJIT, our Board has expended significant effort to create a very functional and aesthetically pleasing fraternity house layout that includes unique features that express Beta Alpha ingenuity and passion for our mission. We are excited about what this new home would offer our chapter. Very soon the final floor plans and renderings will be available, and we are certain you will share the same excitement we have for the future of Pi Kappa Phi, Beta Alpha Chapter at NJIT!

As many of you are aware, our Board

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BETA ALPHA MEMEROBILIA...

Do you have old photo albums or other Beta Alpha artifacts?

We are collecting copies for our archives.

Please scan in the photo's or papers and email them to

Pat@betaalpha.com

If you can't scan them let us know and we can arrange to scan them and return the items to you.

Photo's, meeting minutes, newspaper articles, etc..





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GREEK VILLAGE UPDATE CONT...

and its Committee members have been working toward this moment for several years. We have had a seat at every table where decisions have been made. NJIT has acknowledged our participation in the Warren Street Village planning process as integral to its success. We know that this is an important step toward ensuring that Beta Alpha remains a toptier fraternity on the NJIT campus. As you most likely recall, a feasibility study was conducted in the winter of 2010 to assess the capacity of the Beta Alpha Brothers in terms of raising funds for a new house. That feasibility study taught us that we have the ability to raise the necessary funds for the project. Many dedicated brothers expressed their interest in contributing time, talent, and/or financial support to ensure that Beta Alpha has a bright future.

To begin the next phase of the campaign for this exciting endeavor, the Board continues to employ the support of The Laurus Group, a firm specializing in fraternity house corporation capital campaigns. As we move forward, we will begin building our volunteer structure for the capital campaign, and with your help we will identify Beta Alpha's leadership level donors.

We have much work to do in advance of the projected Fall 2013 dedication of the new Greek houses. In the coming months, as we begin to build Beta Alpha's volunteer campaign structure, we sincerely hope you'll consider lending your expertise, your time, and your financial support to Beta Alpha's new house campaign. This project will take the hard work of all of us brothers to ensure Beta Alpha has a secure financial footing for the future.

Seeing the bright future ahead of them, our undergraduate chapter members have stepped up their efforts to ensure they can attract quality broth-

ers to build and sustain the membership numbers necessary to exceed the capacity of the new house. This spring, the chapter initiated 14 members and the chapter has set out an aggressive, yet attainable, goal to reach 50 members by 2013. Chapter Advisor David White BA 432 is overseeing their efforts, and recently conducted a leadership retreat with the chapter to help prepare them for the important task at hand. If you have the opportunity, please get to know these young men, and share with them what Pi Kappa Phi means to you, and the impact it has had on your life.

Recognizing that this is a project for ALL Beta Alphas, we welcome your input, feedback, and questions regarding this project. If you feel inspired to assist us in a volunteer capacity, whether working with the campaign, chapter, or the Board, please contact Pat via email Pat@betaAlpha.com. In coming months, you will hear more about the Warren Street Village, our capital campaign, and the new house. This is a truly historic time to be a Beta Alpha!

We thank you for your continued support, and hope you are as enthusiastic as we are about what a terrific opportunity this is for Beta Alpha.

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi,

Ted Cassera BA-321 Stephen DePalma BA-322 James A. Krucher BA-341 John F. Lee, Jr. BA-385 John Pugliesi BA- 402 Richard Culp BA-418 Pat Guerra BA-629

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BETA ALPHA & GIVE-A-PUSH WEEKEND

Since 1989, Push America has been dedicated to serving the disability community in part through Give-A-Push Weekends. These Weekends are national service projects that provide funding and manpower to build and

renovate structures for camps and facilities serving the disability community. Members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity from various universities construct accessible fishing piers, boardwalks, pavilions, playgrounds and more in an

effort to highlight the abilities of people with disabilities. The work done will help enhance the lives of people with disabilities while also building bonds of brotherhood.

Nine of Beta Alpha's undergraduate members attended the most recent Give-A-Push Weekend last month in April at Camp Sun N Fun, Williamstown, NJ.

Brothers Christian Beckman, Derek Torres, Javier Vasques, Steven Tran, Chris Maring, Lee Zhou, Chris Bogart, Morgan Jones, & Craig Cere Were part of the volunteer labor force at Camp Sun N Fun. Push donates a grant for the project and then donates all the labor via under-

graduates from all over the country. It's the volunteer labor that really makes it happen. Way to go men we are proud to have you serving in our ranks!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BROTHERS!

Fall 2011

Josh Foote BA 783
Jon Palaima BA 784
Derek Torres BA 785

Spring 2012

Chris Bogart BA 786
Chase Johnson BA 788
Morgan Jones BA 790
Craig Cere BA 792
Matt Relva BA 794
Daniel Pusz BA 796
Chris Oertel BA 798

Maynard Cooke BA 787
Brian Applegate BA 789
Anthony Risorto BA 791
Shadi Saliby BA 793
Corrado Mancini BA 795
Jay Anagnos BA 797
Frank Pena BA 799

SUPREME CHAPTER 2012

This year's Supreme Chapter should be Legen...dary!

With its close proximity to our chapter Beta Alpha will have one of the largest groups in attendance. Washington DC is our Host city starting August 2nd thru



August 5th 2012 and depending on the final Talley of votes-I mean Beta Alphas in attendance, the city may never be the same again!

You can go to www.PiKapp.org, click on the alumni tab to see the Supreme chapter link under events. There you can register Online and even book your hotel rooms at the JW Marriott. Supreme Chapter is always a first class event, Make sure you register for the Supreme Banquet Saturday night and let us know you are attending so we can have Jim Krucher place the "Reserved" signs where needed. See you in DC!



North Jersey Alumni Chapter

2012 Schedule

Events are held the 1st Wed of the month 7pm

All ΠΚΦ Brothers are Welcome to Attend our Social Gatherings.

May 9th

2ND WED IN MAY THIS TIME ONLY Leo's Grandevous-200 Grand St— Hoboken, NJ 201-659-9467

June 6TH

Kelly's Corner Tavern Rt 35 Neptune home of the shores best Ruben 732-775-9517

July 20th

Annual blow off the boss day, take the day off and do something with your brothers.

August 1ST

Outback Steakhouse, Rt 22 W, Green Brook 732-424-0555

September 5TH

Hollihans, 1288 rt22 east, Bridgewater, 908-252-1300 near rt

October 3RD

Jose Tejas Restaurant, 700 Us Highway 1, Iselin, 732-283-3883

November 11th 2012 Founders Day, Save the Date

December 5th

Outback Steakhouse, Rt 22 W, Green Brook, 732-424-0555 Don't miss a great time out with the guys. Stop by one of the upcoming NJAC Social Events.



Our events are simple get-together's of fraternity brothers and old friends. Share some stories or Complain about your boss! Stop by one of our future dates the worst you could do is make some new friends.

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UNDERGRAD CHAPTER UP FOR GREEK AWARDS

"There is no greater honor than to be recognized by your peers"...

Our Undergraduate Chapter has been acknowledged for its distinction and merit. Beta Alpha has been recommended for 11 different Greek Awards given out by NJIT's IFSC. The awards range from excellence in chapter programming to Greek Unity. Here is a sample of the Award Categories Beta Alpha is being considered for:

Educational Impact Program Award

- •Created an educationally beneficial program affecting both Greeks and non-Greeks
- •Maintained a unique angle on teaching educational information
- •Substantial attendance by students and organizations
- •There is an appointed officer/chair position for the chapter with a written description of the position responsibilities and expectations as it relates to campus involvement.

Excellence in Membership Recruitment/Intake

- •Had successful recruitment/intake classes for the fall and spring semester
- •Implemented new techniques to further networking. Explain what these were
- •Grew chapter membership through a significant percentage

Outstanding Social Program Award

- •Created a socially beneficial program for both Greeks and non-Greeks
- •Overall enjoyment by the members of the NJIT Community
- •Brought members together through the common goal of social enjoyment
- •Created an enticing non-alcoholic social program

Outstanding Service to the Community

- •Excellence in support of others
- •Sponsored a combination of philanthropic and community service events.
- •Organization having completed numerous community service events, with a majority of their members attending
- •Stands out as leaders within the field of community service
- •Takes great pride in giving to those less fortunate then themselves

Greek Unity Award

- •Has shown respect for other members of other organizations, by participating in other organization's events and forming companionship with other Greeks
- •They have truly worked to further unite the Greeks on campus in various forms
- •Works hard to improve the betterment of Greek life
- •Showed spirit and sportsmanship during Greek Week

Most Improved Organization Award

- Overall recruitment success and improvement
- •Planned very meaningful and well-organized events
- •Hard work and dedication for improvement has proven to be affective
- •Created positive change, not only within their organization but also with the entire Greek community
- •Works day in and day out not only to boost their organization but also the community at large

Risk Reduction Impact Award

- •Hosted a program that addresses one of the following areas of risk: hazing, alcohol & drugs, or sexual abuse & harassment
- Made an impact on those attending the program

Excellence in Chapter Development and Leadership

- •Had successful transition between executive boards
- •had members participate in the Leadership classes held by the Assistant Director for Leadership/Diversity/First Year Programs
- Hosted successful retreats for chapter members
- •Members held leadership positions in organizations outside of chapter

Excellence in Chapter Programming Award

- •Had successful turnouts as a result of a creative PR campaigns
- •Created new programming initiatives
- •Events remained successful and overall beneficial to both Greeks and non-Greeks
- •Programs can be educational, cultural, philanthropic, or social in nature and can be combined with other programming or service requirements. with another Fraternity or Sorority.

BETA ALPHA RISING

With 25 returning members for the fall of 2012 semester Beta Alpha is well on their way to their goal of a 50 man chapter. The future looks bright for Beta Alpha. Come on down and meet the guys, you will be impressed.

After a chapter retreat was held in August of 2011 there were approximately 8 men who doubled down on their pledge to rebuild Beta Alpha. Their plan was to increase the chapter's numbers to sustainable levels and beyond, to recruit only the best men from campus, and to reestablish Beta Alpha as the top fraternity at NJIT. Last fall semester, which has deferred Rush for freshman, the Chapter initiated 3 excellent new brothers. This spring's recruitment was one for the record books. A total of 15 new Associate Members were recruited (the largest class on campus) and an astonishing 14 of them were initiated. This made for one of the best retention percentages in Beta Alpha's history. The brothers increased the size of the chapter about 150% and if you are counting close to 300% since the retreat.

Not only did the undergrads recently recruit

14 new members they recruited 14 new leaders. Since the addition of the last 2 classes the Beta Alpha undergrads are now a force to be reckoned with on campus. Their leadership and spirit are an example for all NJIT's Fraternities. All Financial obligations with IFSC, the National Office, & our housing corporation are now current, which means they retired close to \$10,000.00 in debt. From an administrative side they are on time with all their paperwork submissions to both NJIT and the National Office. Since the men are active with the greater Greek community at school and are leaders on campus on many fronts the chapter is up for several awards with the IFSC (see article on pg 6 of this newsletter).

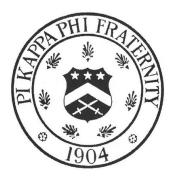
There is still work to be done. We are proud of our undergraduate brothers for the strides they have made in the name of Beta Alpha. Keep up the good work men!

Dave White BA 432 Chapter Advisor

Beta Alpha's Chartering Banquet 5/29/1948 Held at the Newark Essex House Hotel.



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MISSION STATEMENT OF PI KAPPA PHI NATIONAL FRATERNITY

We Will Lead!

The expression of shared values and ideals as contained in the Ritual of Initiation, Supreme Law and Fraternity policy; The pursuit of brotherhood through scholarship, leadership, service and social experiences; The achievement of personal excellence in each member and collective excellence in our Fraternity; A lifelong brotherhood of its members.



Pi Kappa Phi's commitment to leadership dates back more than 100 years to our humble roots at the College of Charleston where our founders exemplified leadership in the classroom, on the athletic field, in campus politics and within the community. Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, with over 100,000 members, was founded to further create leadership opportunities—by men who made the choice to lead. Today, on more than 140 campuses across America, Pi Kappa Phi has broadened its commitment to building men who are leaders by choice.