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Archon Report

Hello Brothers! Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of the Beta Alpha Particles. My name is Brother Joshua DeMarco, BA 989, and it is an honor to serve as Archon of the Beta Alpha Chapter for the 2026 term. The Beta Alpha Particles are always a time to celebrate our chapter's history, but this year, it also asks something more serious of us. It asks us to reflect honestly on where we stand, what we have lost, and what must now be rebuilt. Beta Alpha has seen many great years, but this semester has reminded us that no chapter's success is permanent. It must be earned, protected, and passed forward by every generation of brothers. This year has been one of transition for the undergraduate chapter. After receiving no new associate member class this semester and preparing to see 12 brothers graduate, we are facing a moment that requires focus, humility, and hard work. These realities are not easy to say out loud, but they are important to acknowledge. A chapter cannot move forward if it is unwilling to be honest about the challenges in front of it. Currently, Beta Alpha has 58 active brothers. By the end of this academic year, we expect that number to change significantly as our graduating seniors move on to the next chapter of their lives. These brothers have given their time, leadership, and effort to Beta Alpha, and their absence will be felt. We thank them for what they have contributed, but we also recognize the responsibility they leave behind for those who remain. Although this semester did not bring the recruitment outcome we hoped for, it has made one thing clear: rebuilding Beta Alpha must become our central priority. Recruitment cannot be treated as one sole individual's responsibility or one rush period's concern. It must become a chapter-wide commitment. Every brother has a role to play in restoring our presence, strengthening our reputation, and bringing in men who will carry this fraternity forward with purpose. This rebuilding process will not happen overnight. It will require us to look closely at our habits, our culture, our visibility on campus, and the way we present ourselves to potential new members. It will require consistency where we may have become comfortable, accountability where we may have fallen short, and renewed pride in the letters we wear. Even in a difficult semester, Beta Alpha has not been without effort or meaning. Our brothers continued to participate in Miracle League, support the Ability Experience through War of the Roses, and remain involved in high ranking positions within IFC, Senate, and countless Student Organizations. These moments matter because they remind us that the foundation of this chapter is still here. The work is not finished, but it has not disappeared. We also recognize the brothers who continued to lead during this uncertain period. Brian Dong acted as a servant-leader as the Student Senate President, Owen Texter ushered in a new era for IFC Involvement, and Elijah Babij worked tirelessly to partner with organizations for our War of the Roses Initiative. Leadership in easy times is important, but leadership in difficult times is what truly reveals a brother's commitment. To our graduating seniors, I would like to say thank you. You have carried this chapter through important moments, and your impact will remain even after you leave NJIT. As you graduate, we ask that you continue to support Beta Alpha not only as alumni, but as brothers who understand what this chapter can become again. To our alumni and Board of Trustees, your guidance is especially important at this moment. Beta Alpha needs your continued mentorship, honesty, and support as we reconstruct the chapter. The undergraduate chapter cannot rebuild alone, and we are grateful for those who continue to believe in us even when the path forward is difficult. As Archon, I do not want to stand here and pretend that this semester was perfect. It was not. But I do believe that Beta Alpha is still worth the work. Our history, our alumni, our brotherhood, and the men still standing in this room are proof that this chapter has something worth preserving. The coming semester must be treated as a turning point. We must rebuild our recruitment efforts, restore our momentum, strengthen brotherhood, and recommit ourselves to the standards that made Beta Alpha respected in the first place. This will require discipline, patience, and unity. More than anything, it will require every brother to understand that the future of this chapter is not someone else's responsibility. The Beta Alpha particles remind us that we inherited something larger than ourselves. Now, it is our responsibility to make sure that Beta Alpha does not simply remember its past, but earns its future. Thank you to every brother, alumnus, advisor, and supporter who continues to stand with this chapter. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Archon during this moment, not because it is easy, but because it matters.

God Bless this Fraternity.
God Bless Beta Alpha.

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Rutgers-New Brunswick McCaw Cup

April 12th, 2026
Beta Alpha partnered with the Iota Tau chapter at Rutgers–New Brunswick, along with sororities Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Delta Tau, to participate in the McCaw Cup, an annual soccer tournament held in honor of Billy McCaw, a Pi Kappa Phi brother whose life was tragically cut short. The tournament has grown into one of the most anticipated inter-chapter events of the spring, drawing teams from across the region for a full day of competition, camaraderie, and remembrance. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the McCaw Foundation, which provides grants to organizations focused on promoting education and health, carrying forward the values Billy stood for during his time as a brother. Throughout the day, Beta Alpha brothers competed alongside their Iota Tau counterparts, cheered on partnered sororities, and connected with members of the broader Pi Kappa Phi family beyond NJIT's campus. The event brought together brothers, sisters, alumni, and supporters from across the region for a day of friendly competition and shared purpose, honoring a brother whose legacy continues to inspire service and unite chapters across the Northeast.

Miracle League

April 11th, 2026
Brothers of Beta Alpha volunteered at the Miracle League of Mercer County, an organization that gives children and adults with disabilities the chance to play baseball in a supportive, adaptive environment built around their individual needs. Throughout the day, brothers cheered on players from the sidelines, assisted them on the field as buddies, and helped create an uplifting atmosphere where every participant could fully enjoy America's pastime, regardless of physical or cognitive ability. Beyond the game itself, brothers connected with players and their families, sharing in the excitement of each at-bat, every run scored, and the smiles that defined the afternoon. Events like these reflect Pi Kappa Phi's deep-rooted commitment to The Ability Experience and our mission of building leaders of character through meaningful, hands-on service that puts our values into action.



War of the Roses

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War of the Roses is our annual four-day, campus-wide initiative dedicated to raising funds and awareness for **The Ability Experience**, a nonprofit organization that supports individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities. This semester, our War of the Roses was sponsored by the NJIT Student Senate, a partnership that expanded our reach across campus, strengthened relationships with student organizations, and provided an opportunity for significantly increased fundraising throughout the week.

PIE A PI KAPP

April 21st, 2026
Pie a Pi Kapp is an all-day interactive fundraiser creating a fun, approachable environment for NJIT students to play games like volleyball, pie brothers in the face, and learn about The Ability Experience in a casual setting. Students can donate to participate in lighthearted activities, though donations aren't required to join in, ensuring everyone feels welcome to stop by regardless of their ability to contribute. The entire NJIT community can engage with brothers, ask questions, and support The Ability Experience's mission, making this one of the most accessible entry points into our philanthropic work.



BIKE-A-THON

April 22nd, 2026
The 24-Hour Bikeathon is an endurance philanthropy event where brothers rotate shifts riding continuously for a full day, symbolizing our unwavering commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities. The extended format lets students drop by at any hour to play games, donate, and learn about The Ability Experience, boosting campus involvement around the clock and ensuring every passerby has a chance to participate. This continuous visibility, sustained even through late-night and early-morning hours, reinforces our message of dedication, perseverance, and service to the cause.



PI KAPP FLEA MARKET

April 23rd, 2026
The Pi Kapp Flea Market promotes sustainability by encouraging students to purchase gently used clothing rather than allowing items to go to waste. Brothers collect donated goods from across the chapter and the surrounding community, curating an affordable, accessible selection for students to browse between classes. This initiative aligns with campus values surrounding environmental responsibility and conscious consumption while supporting a charitable cause, proving that philanthropy and sustainability can work hand in hand.

TOTAL RAISED:
\$1250

MISS PI KAPP

April 24th, 2026
Miss Pi Kapp served as the final event of the week and was structured as a large-scale, high-energy campus program designed to close War of the Roses on a memorable note. Modeled in a mock pageant format, the event incorporates audience participation, structured voting activities, talent showcases, and educational segments about The Ability Experience. The format brings together a wide cross-section of the NJIT community in one venue, giving brothers a final, impactful opportunity to share our mission and recognize the contestants who fundraised throughout the week.



Campus Involvement

By Brother Owen Texter BA 1012 (IFC President) &
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During my time as Interfraternity Council President, I executed a strategic vision focused on structural rebuilding, rigorous chapter accountability, and proactive university partnerships to elevate the standard of Greek Life across campus. Following my successful re-election, which marked a transition from my first full year of office in the fall to the start of my second year this spring, I have continued to expand our community's sustainable foundation by re-engaging with University Public Safety to foster transparent community policing and facilitate a clear path toward complete self-governance. I strictly enforced council compliance by auditing chapter administrative deadlines and educational training modules, while simultaneously overseeing the introduction of a new, peer-led Judicial Board structure to ensure objective accountability. Working closely with my executive board, I spearheaded initiatives to maximize recruitment visibility among the commuter population, strictly upheld minimum GPA requirements across all chapters, and guided the distribution of centralized academic resource directories to support members facing educational difficulties. Additionally, I facilitated collaborative programming with external student groups and campus wellness centers, expanding our public relations footprint and managing major signature events such as Welcome Week and Greek Week under heightened risk management standards. By balancing campus-wide engagement with robust financial stewardship and strict organizational oversight, I am proud to lead a council that remains structurally sound, highly resilient, and deeply integrated into the fabric of the university community.



During my tenure as Vice President of Community Relations for the Interfraternity Council, I revitalized the IFC Instagram platform and implemented a strategic communications plan focused on increasing student engagement, enhancing the public image of Greek Life, and promoting recruitment opportunities across all IFC chapters. Through consistent content creation and outreach, I strengthened connections with current members, prospective students, alumni, and the broader university community while showcasing the value of fraternity membership.

I also introduced initiatives such as IFC Man of the Month, recognizing outstanding fraternity members for their leadership, academic achievement, and campus involvement, as well as Chapter Spotlights highlighting internships, scholarships, career accomplishments, and academic success throughout the IFC community. These programs helped foster a culture of excellence, increase visibility for member achievements, and create a more connected and engaged fraternity community both on campus and online.



Roseball Weekend - Alantc City

By Brother Historian Nicholas Bartletta BA 1014

For the first time in Beta Alpha history, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi elevated our annual Rose Ball into an unforgettable, three-day, two-night destination weekend. Active brothers, dates, distinguished alumni, and sorority guests descended upon the Harrah Resort in Atlantic City, New Jersey, for a historic getaway. The resort served as the perfect backdrop for the occasion, offering everyone a premier weekend packed with casino gaming, a tropical indoor pool, and top-tier dining.

The crown jewel of the weekend was the Saturday night formal, which featured an elevated experience that set a new standard for Beta Alpha events. Guests enjoyed a full buffet dinner and an open ticketed bar, while a DJ kept the dance floor packed and the energy high all night. A dedicated photographer was on hand to capture every moment, from the dancing to the custom picture wall, balloon arch, ensuring everyone went home with perfect memories alongside their custom shot glass favors. The venue's balcony was also transformed into a premier cigar lounge, and thanks to an exclusive sponsorship from Poppi, the chapter handed out 150 cans of the popular prebiotic soda to keep everyone refreshed.



Roseball Weekend - Alantic City

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The evening concluded by honoring both the chapter's past and its future with the annual Senior Awards, celebrating the graduating brothers who have dedicated years of leadership and loyalty to the fraternity. The climax of the night came with the presentation of our highest honor, as we officially crowned Mia Colson as our new annual Rose Queen. Pulling off a multi-day resort takeover, complete with corporate sponsorships, entertainment, venue logistics, and alumni relations, took massive organization, establishing a legendary new tradition for the Pi Kappa Phi - Beta Alpha brotherhood.





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