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This past May, the Rho-Omega Chapter reached a great milestone in our history, as our third group of brothers graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology. Sixteen brothers earned their Bachelor’s degrees (with several also earning concurrent Master’s degrees) to become the newest group of gentleman to join our 29 Rho-Omega alumni. With this group, we see the last of our Founding Fathers, and Beta Class brothers leaving the chapter and putting it in the hands of new and eager brothers to continue to take this chapter to great heights. Rho Omega wishes our newest alumni all the success in the world. Whatever you do, do well and may success attend your efforts. AEKDB

Graduating Brothers of 2015 showing their Kappa Sigma pride. (from left to right)
Keith Monteiro, Spencer Lin, Jon Endrikat, Matthew Linden, Louis Stengel, Joseph Pinkney, Marco Egizi, Jason Brouhard, Jacob Witter, Price Hu, Russ Simms, Thomas Chu, Ravi Sun, James McMahon (Brother Todd)

Joseph Pinkney, a founding father who served as both Grand Scribe and Grand Master graduated with a B.E in Mechanical Engineering. He will be staying nearby in Jersey City working from Dixon Advisory USA as an Assistant Project Manager.

Tyler Hessler, a founding father who severed as our Pledge Master for Eta Class graduated with a B.E in Biomedical Engineering. He will be moving to Audubon, Pennsylvania where he will be working at Globus Medical as an Associate Project Engineer working with concept design and manufacturing of spinal implants.

Louis Stengel, a founding father and NCAA American Athlete for Cross Country and Track and Field graduated with a B.E in Mechanical Engineering. He will be working in New York for Barry-Wehmiller Design Group as a Mechanical Engineer.

Jonathan Endrikat, Beta Class initiate served as Grand Scribe graduated with B.E in Navel Engineering and a M.E. in Systems Engineering He will be moving down to Texas to work for the American Bureau of Shipping where he will be part of a rotational engineering program.

Rushabh Doshi, Beta Class initiate served as our
Greater Cause Committee Chair graduated with a B.E. in Mechanical Engineering and M.E. in Systems Engineering. He will be moving to Massachusetts to work for General Dynamics as a Mechanical Engineer.

Price Hu, Beta Class initiate graduated with a B.E. in Mechanical Engineering. He will be taking some time off to move back home to Washington to spend some time with his family relatives.

Spencer Lin, a Gamma Class initiate graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Chemical Biology. He will be heading to Salus college of Optometry to continue his education.

Thomas Chu, a Beta Class initiate who served as our Scholarship Chair, graduated with a B.E. and M.E. in Electrical Engineering. He will be working for Lockheed Martin as a Hardware Engineer.

Brian Ginebaugh, an Alpha Class initiate who served as our Grand Procurator and Pledge Educator, graduated with a B.E. in Computer Engineering. He will also be working for Lockheed Martin as a Hardware Engineer.

Jason Brouhard, a founding father who served as our Ritualist, graduated with a B.E. in Mechanical Engineering. He will take some time off before beginning his new job at Il-VI Inc.

Matthew Linden, a founding father who severed as our Assistant Grand Treasurer and Grand Treasurer, graduated with a B.E. in Mechanical Engineering. He plans move out to California to become a ski instructor.

Marco Egizi, a Zeta Class Initiate, graduated with a B.S. in Music and Technology. He spent the summer vacationing through Europe before returning home to start his career.

Paul Rochette, a Beta Class initiate, who served as our Pledge Educator and Grand Master of Ceremonies, graduated with a B.E. in Biomedical Engineering. He will be returning to Stryker Spine, this time as a fulltime employee as a New Product Development Engineer.

By JACOB COUMANS

Over the 2015 summer academic term, I worked on a research project proposed by Arthur Ritter, PhD on Brain Control of a Simulated Prosthetic Arm. As a freshman heading into his sophomore year, this project seemed like a good challenge to get me exposed to the field of Biomedical Engineering. This particular research used a combination of computer programming and EEG technology to read brain activity which then translated to movements of a SolidWorks model of a prosthetic arm in a simulation software. This project is still in the works as I hope to continue my research in the future.

Also, through the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, I participated in a conference by International Council of Small Business (ICSB) Hosted by the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) in Dubai. It was an incredible opportunity to develop my business skills as an engineer. Next year, Stevens will host the ICSB and this conference on campus where I will hopefully serve as an ambassador to make sure operation runs smoothly.

Research in Dubai

On behalf of Rho-Omega we all want to say Congratulations to our new alumni! We hope to see you excel in your endeavors and do amazing things. Remember the house is always open for you and that being a brother Kappa Sigma is:

Not for a day, or an hour, or a college term only, but for life.
Rho-Omega
Service Dominates

Service is an important value that makes every brother a Kappa Sigma man. Every semester the Rho Omega chapter does what it can to uphold that principle. Our Fall 2014 Semester was filled with many service opportunities for the Chapter. The chapter raised $6,000 for charitable causes, and continued its trend in service excellence through the spring.

For the third consecutive year, we hosted our Day Without to benefit the Military Heroes Campaign. For the duration of 24 hours, our brothers and other Stevens Students participated in the event by giving up a luxury such as eating, drinking, social media, sight or their arms, etc. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the tremendous sacrifice our military heroes go through. This past spring we were able to raise $2,000 thanks to the wonderful participation of the Stevens and Hoboken community who provided gracious donations to our cause.

This semester we continue our efforts to help the Liberty human society by hosting a Kitten and Puppy Party. The event was a great success with a total of $2,000 raise for the society. In addition, to the $6,000 raise for LHS last semester. They were able to reach the necessary funds to build a Dog/Kitten pen for the animals.

Rho Omega’s service efforts didn’t stop there. Rho Omega was proud to host the New Jersey District Day of Service. Brothers from Rutgers State University and Ramapo College and other Stevens Greeks participated in a day dedicated to giving back to the community.

By JOSEPHT KATERBA

This past summer I had the privilege of representing the Rho-Omega Chapter as a delegate at the 70th Biennial Grand Conclave in Las Vegas, Nevada. While in attendance, I had the opportunity to experience the gravity of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the national level. From meeting fellow brothers across the nation, to personally meeting and speaking with members of the current and former SEC, I was able to understand the impact of the fraternity that has dominated colleges across America for almost 150 years. Kappa Sigma leads the fraternity world in member size, rush, philanthropy and service, and I am proud to be a part of such an exemplary chapter. This conclave, Rho-Omega brought home roughly 20 different awards, including the F.A.C.E. and Founders Circle awards, placing it within the top 10 chapters nationwide. This truly exemplifies the effort and hard work put in by every member of the chapter in the past few years, and provides motivation to continue to do great things in the future.

Personally, this experience has played a big role in the way that I see the fraternity and its impact on my life. It has opened my eyes to see the values inherent in a true Kappa Sigma man. Mike Evans, an alumni speaker from Western Canada, spoke upon the Art and Science of Manhood. He talked about the importance of the characteristics present in the Star and Crescent, and that the best way to be a good Kappa Sigma is to be a good man. His points regarding the concept of manhood were the ones that had the biggest impact on me. He stated that manhood is not a state of being that someone can achieve on a certain day or at a time in his life, but instead is something that must be worked for every day. As Kappa Sigma men, we must work diligently to continue our famed legacy.

As one of the newest and youngest members of the Rho Omega Chapter, attending the Conclave was a huge inspiration for my future involvement with the fraternity. Seeing the volunteer work of all the active alumni really proved that a man is not just a Kappa Sigma for a college term, but instead a Kappa Sigma for life.

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Fourteen members of the eta pledge class were initiated on the 28th of March 2015. After their initiation, the Rho-Omega chapter of Kappa Sigma achieved 200% ritual proficiency due to the efforts of Eta class and existing brothers. From Eta class, brother Katerba was selected as the chapter’s delegate to the Grand Conclave in Las Vegas this year. Eta has shown great initiative and will likely do a great job filling the gap left by the absence of the founding fathers.

**A Look Into Eta**

By AUSTEN YOUNG

Jack Giambalvo is from Lyndhurst, NJ. He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Currently a junior and 3/5, he plays goalie for the club lacrosse team. He also is currently holding the position of Guard for the chapter.

Pratik Shah is from Cedar Grove, NJ. He is majoring in Chemical Biology. Currently a sophomore he is EMT certified and likes to snowboards as a hobby. Fun fact: he was born at 10:10 on 10/10/1996.

Jacob Coumans is from Boxford, MA. He is majoring in Biomedical Engineering. He is currently a sophomore and plans on building his character through the values of Kappa Sigma to develop himself into a true gentleman. Fun fact: Jake lived in the Netherlands for 12 years and loves traveling and experiencing new things.

Justin Sitler is from Cranford, NJ. He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and hopes to get a masters in the major as well. Currently a sophomore and 2/5, he is the only brother in Rho-Omega that can play the banjo. Why does he play the banjo you ask?

“because banjo is awesome”
- Justin Sitler

Will Mason is from Moorestown, NJ. He is majoring in Quantum Finance. Currently a sophomore and 2/5 he is an athlete on the Stevens Varsity Wrestling team.

Christopher Kachler is from West Milford, NJ. He is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Currently a sophomore and 2/5, he is on co-op this semester and will be back this coming spring semester.

Zachary George is from Pompton Lakes, NJ. He is majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Currently a sophomore and 2/5, he is very passionate about Service and enjoys going on runs around the piers in Hoboken.

Aditya Bhalla is from Hawthorne, NJ. He is majoring in Biomedical Engineering and plans on obtaining both a bachelors and masters. Currently a sophomore and 2/5, he aspires to become an orthopedic surgeon. He also holds a certification as an EMT.

James Sweeney is from Cranford, NJ. He is majoring in Chemical Engineering. Currently a sophomore and 2/5, he loves singing and is part of the Stevens Choir, Presidents Ensemble, Jazz band, and SDS.

John Brescia is from Millstone, NJ. He is majoring in Electrical Engineering. Currently a sophomore and 2/5, he enjoys playing frisbee and riding dirt bikes with his two younger brothers.

Nick Montesino is from Somerset, NJ. He is majoring in Computer Engineering with a minor in Cyber Security. Currently a sophomore and 2/5, he passionate about hip hop and raps as a hobby.

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