Dear Friends, Family, and Colleagues,

We hope this e-mail finds you well. On behalf of the Rho-Omega chapter of Kappa Sigma, we would like to share with you our newsletter for the Spring 2017 semester. Some articles in it include one of our brothers being elected the President of the Student Government Association, our first ever "Stronger than Cancer" philanthropy event, and us celebrating our Five Year Anniversary!

Thank you all for your support, and enjoy the newsletter!
Message from the Grand Master

The Spring 2017 semester has been one for the books. Kicking off the semester with a strong start, Rho Omega had its 5 year anniversary and hosted a weekend long celebration with alumni and undergraduate brothers. The weekend consisted of A Greater Cause and Brothers In Action events, as well as a banquet celebration to culminate the celebration. Throughout the semester we have continued to dominate on campus, as well as nationally. We pledged and initiated our largest class yet with 25 outstanding men who will bring the fraternity to new heights in its future. In addition to recruitment, we contributed thousands of hours and dollars to various organizations and causes. We have exceptional leaders both within the fraternity and throughout various organizations at Stevens, including but not limited to: Student Government Association President and Senate members, Order of Omega Secretary, United Greek Committee Vice Chair, Stevens athletic team captains and others. Nationally, our brothers at Rho Omega are standing out as well with one being accepted into the prestigious Fellows program, one receiving the intern position at Grand Conclave, and another Master of the Ritual. Throughout the busyness of college life here at Stevens, brothers make time to hold Kappa Sigma as a top priority and enjoy the brotherhood while making everlasting memories. We have new goals for the years coming and hope to enhance the Greek community atmosphere as a whole here at Stevens and aid in the culture of collaboration. It is a true honor serving as
Grand Master of the Rho Omega chapter knowing that we have strong individuals who care for the integrity of the fraternity and continue to stand out from the crowd and live a life of a gentleman and a leader.

- Sawyer Coleman, Grand Master, Spring 2014 Initiate

Rho-Omega Celebrates Its Fifth Anniversary

On January 28th, 2017, our chapter celebrated its 5-year anniversary. With a weekend full of events, both alumni and current brothers exemplified what it means to be a Kappa Sigma. Older and younger brothers alike participated in a variety of events, from volunteering at a homeless shelter to spending time as friends and brothers while bowling. Afterward, everybody gathered for a nice buffet-style dinner, where a handful of brothers spoke, including one of our chapter's founders, Julian Gallo. It was a wonderful weekend for our chapter, full of fellowship, leadership, and service, three of the four pillars that we as Kappa Sigmas follow every day of our lives. Our chapter is extremely proud of how far we've come in a short time of only 5 years, and we cannot wait to see what new achievements we can add to our list over the next 5.
Brother Daly Becomes President of the Student Government Association

On January 18th, 2017, Brother Thomas Daly was officially inaugurated as President of the Student Government Association. In November, Brother Daly led a successful campaign with Vice President Catherine Oesterle of Delta Phi Epsilon in what was one of the most competitive and participated elections in Stevens History. Brother Daly was chosen by his peers due to his history of leadership and dedication to the University and its students. This history started with his time as a leader within Rho-Omega, where he held multiple chair positions. Daly also founded the Irish Association at Stevens while holding the campus roles of Orientation Leader, Peer Mentor, and Student Ambassador.

This made Daly a clear choice by then President, Matthew Hunt, for his Cabinet. Daly held the position Vice President of Student Interests for a full year where Daly was tasked with overseeing the activities of all student organizations. During this time Daly created the New Organization Process, bound the Subcommittees of the SGA into a council, and created the Programming Committee which oversees the actions and events of the Offices of Student Affairs. His dedication to the student organizations garnered significant support from these groups during his election. Now as President, Brother Daly is focusing on improving physical and mental health services at Stevens, creating a sense of campus pride, improving campus facilities and academics, and creating a culture of student and campus
engagement within the SGA, the Stevens Administration, and with the other
governing bodies of Stevens. Daly remains an active brother and advocate of
Rho-Omega and looks forward to what Kappa Sigma will achieve in the
future.

Welcome Lambda Class!

This Spring Semester, Rho-Omega welcomed its Lambda class, the 11th
Pledge Class to come to the chapter. At the end of recruitment in the fall
semester, our chapter noticed that our chapter had a great interest among
freshmen, sophomore, and even junior students. For this reason, we knew we were expecting a relatively large new member class.

The pledge class ended up being 25 men, the largest class we have to date, with each new member bringing something unique to the chapter. We have men that are RAs, Orientation Leaders, athletes, SGA board members, WCPR members, Indian Undergraduate Association members, among the many other interests that these men have.

With the 30 graduating seniors that we have, we were in serious need of gaps needing to be filled and for people to step up. Lambda class is stepping up already through holding positions for the Fall 2017 semester or having a strong interest in holding positions for the Spring 2018 semester. We are looking forward to seeing the great things our Lambda class will be doing for our chapter and Greek community!

Stronger than Cancer

The Stronger than Cancer fundraising event came about after Brother Liam Wall’s biological brother, Aedan Wall, lost his life to a rare form of cancer, Alveolar
Rhabdomyosarcoma, on January 3rd of this year. A couple of brothers within the Rho-Omega chapter, Ronnie Ankner and Erik Saar, decided that something needed to be done to help with the financial burdens of the medical bills weighing on the Wall family. Stronger than Cancer was thus devised as a way to fundraise in order to help the Wall family by having its participants lift as much weight as they could in specific events, the bench press, the deadlift, squatting, pull-ups, and push-ups, to show that we are, in fact, Stronger than Cancer.

Unfortunately, there were some administrative problems with the tie between using Stevens Athletic Centers, and giving the money being raised directly to the Wall family. As a result, the donations collected from the event were instead given to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK). MSK is a non-profit cancer treatment and research institution located in New York City. Although the Wall family did not directly benefit from the donations of the Stronger than Cancer event, all money was donated in Aedan’s name, and helps benefit future patients with his disease.

The Stronger than Cancer event directly raised $610, with an additional $160 that was given as donations to the event. There were 48 participants, with the most combined weight (sum of the bench press, deadlift, and squat) lifted by an individual being 1330 pounds! The most weight bench pressed was 365 pounds, the most weight squatted was 500 pounds, and the most weight deadlifted was 555 pounds by our own brother, Nick Krute. Stronger than Cancer spurred a lot of good-spirited competition within the Stevens community, and we hope to continue this event in the coming semesters.

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