

2017-2018 PHI DEUTERON NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Master

Dear Alumni,

It has been a great learning year for the chapter. We've had many prideful successes, and humbling failures. It has been a busy year, so to catch you all up:

At the 2017 Alpha Epsilon Pi International convention, our chapter received 2 awards! The first is the Esponda Award, for raising \$12,741.40 for AEPI's official philanthropy. We could not have achieved this without the multitude of sponsorships and generous donations

we received from you all. We are all extremely grateful for every type of contribution we received. While we realize that the date and notice of the event is inconvenient for many of you, we are currently working with the Inter-Fraternity Council to make the process of applying for philanthropy dates earlier. We acknowledge it is difficult for adults to come to events with such little notice as 3 months, and we are working to make Latkefest more inclusive in that regard. Our chapter also received the Philip and Susan Cohen Jewish Communal Activity Award for Jewish Programming! We



were extremely proud to bring this award home, and hope our strong relations with Chabad, Hillel, and the greater Jewish Community, make you all proud as well.

This past Fall, our chapter initiated the largest pledge class in 4 years! We received help from many sources, but the most help came from an extremely invested chapter. We were successful in inducting 11 men in the Fall (initiating 9) and inducting 3 men in the Spring (initiating 1). We are immensely excited to see what these fine young men will do for our chapter in the following years. When the time comes for their respective graduations, we hope our network of alumni can be used to set up these young men for further success!

At the beginning of my term as Master, I was handed a chapter that did not have a solidified academic system. When I checked the Inter-Fraternity records for grades, I saw that we had an extremely poor record for the past 14 semesters. With the help of the scholarship chair, Alex Cala, we were able to introduce a new and proven system for the chapter. As of our last grade check on week 12 of the semester, we are holding at a 3.24 G.P.A. We are hoping to maintain this G.P.A after finals, as this would be the highest G.P.A achieved by our chapter in years.

Lastly, I have always strongly believed in the concept of respecting your elders. With this value and my time in the chapter, I have always valued alumni relations. It therefore goes without saying that it was an honor to be elected master of this chapter and an acting liaison to the alumni association. While the chapter and I try to accommodate the many requests, we receive from the association, we know this is not possible. We thank everyone for the suggestions, and hope to see more from you all. If there is anything the chapter or I can do to help anyone from the association, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Most Fraternaly,

Ezra Katz

Welcome, Newbie(s)

As mentioned in the Master's address, our chapter initiated 9 men in the Fall, and 1 in the Spring. A little information about the Fall class is as follows: Alex Cala, Freshman, Exploratory, Elon Bortz, Freshman Political Science Major, Jacob Karmia, Sophomore exercise science Major, Sam Luria, Freshman Exploratory, Grant Katanick, Jarrod Halpern, Freshman Architecture

Major, Freshman Computer Science Major, Dylan Stein, Sophomore, Finance Major, Andrew Valentine, Junior, Political Science Major. The Spring class was John Becker, Sophomore Business Major. The respective pledge classes for Fall and Spring are Gamma Beta and Gamma Deuteron (Crazy to think we are in the “Gamma’s.”!)

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So Long, Brother(s)

The Phi Deuteron Chapter is proud to send off 3 of its seniors off into the world. The graduating seniors are: Dylan Marsh, Business Major with a Minor in Criminal Justice studies, Liam Reis hospitality and Tourism Management Major and AJ. Wright, Educational Studies Major. Wright. Dylan has always been an active role in the chapter serving numerous minor board positions in addition to Rush Chair, Pledge Master, and Master. He was also awarded our chapter’s **Brother of the year** for the 2017-2018 Academic term. Dylan will be working in Cleveland at New York Life Insurance. Liam has also been a great brother as he has served as the Member at Large. Liam will be working at Enterprise in Cincinnati as a Management (and yes, he can pick you up!). AJ has been an integral role

in every rush process and has also served as Pledge Master. He will be working at the University of Delaware’s Hillel as a fellow. Each have all been an integral part to the chapter’s success and will continue to make the chapter proud in their respective fields.

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Latkefest Recap

Another year, another successful Latkefest. Over 2500 latkes made, and almost 8000 dollars donated to our 10 beneficiaries. We were blessed with



Chapter holding up fundraising total of 9223.66 dollars at the end of Latkefest

many fellow Greeks coming out to help us make the latkes and spread the word about the event, and causes. We are extremely grateful for all the alumni donations, as our success wouldn't have been so sweet without your help. Our Latkefest Chair, Adam Wasserman, and his committee did a phenomenal job working with Hillel to not only ensure the event's success but display the best image and brand of Phi Deuteron.

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We Walk to Remember

Like all proud traditions of our chapter, we were extremely proud to host the Holocaust remembrance event "We Walk To Remember" along with the 24 hour name reading. Brothers met at and spray painted the rock, where a short mourner's service and a few poems were recited. Many Jewish Students joined us for the silent walk from the rock to the M.A.C.C. April 11th gave us great weather, and in turn, we had the most students and participants in the 24-hour name reading than we had ever had before! We had participants reading names of the Holocaust victims until almost 3:00 AM! It was a very touching event, and even more so as the Jewish community came together to remember the hate we fight against.

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Spotlight Active

This year has been an educational one for the chapter. We have encountered many learning curves and hit many growth spurts. We have also had many outstanding brothers who have contributed to the betterment of the chapter. One brother who has done so, Pete Zeid, has done so in a manner of displaying our letters with pride. After attaining one of the highest G.P. A's in the chapter in the Spring of 2017, Pete took on a large leadership position on Chabad's first executive board, as Vice President. Being the only Pi on the board, Pete has constantly been holding the chapter to a higher standard when it comes to Jewish education, leadership and growth. At the start of the Spring



CEO and Founder of Turning Point USA, Charlie Kirk (Left), and Brother Peter Zeid (Right)

2018 semester, he also took on a recruitment role in Students Supporting Israel, engaging many students inside and outside of the Pro-Israel and Jewish Communities. Pete was also approached by the nationals of Turning Point U.S.A in the beginning of the Spring 2018 semester and offered to not only start up the chapter, but to be president as well. Turning Point USA promotes free markets and free speech on campus. Pete accepted the position with grace and has demonstrated what it looks like to be a leader with multiple external roles and influences. Pete will also be on the Chabad board again as co-President, and our very own Rush Chair! It goes without saying that we are extremely proud that he is our brother, and even more so of how he represents our letters.

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External Philanthropy

This year, we participated in a diverse selection of philanthropies. We participated in Alpha Xi Delta's "Xi Man", Alpha Phi's King of Hearts, Chi Omega's Wiffle for Wishes, Sigma Delta Tau's "greatest man". We placed second overall in "greatest man" but did not place overall in any other philanthropy. We did, however, raise almost 2000 dollars for external causes such as the Make a Wish

Foundation, M.S. Society, Autism Speaks, Prevent Child Abuse America, and Jewish Women International.

Spotlight Alumnus

This year's alumnus of the year, and spotlight goes to Marc Scolnick! Even while extremely busy in his third year at Akron Law school, Marc has been a tremendous help and support to the chapter. From passing down old and forgotten rush tactics, assisting the Latkefest committee in conducting business with Hillel, to the simple things such as building up leaders within the chapter, Marc has been here for the chapter, and it does not go unnoticed.

As an undergraduate, Marc majored in Business Management, was initiated with the Beta Pi pledge class in the Fall of 2011 and graduated in the Spring of 2015. Pledging in the Fall of 2011 with Beta Pi, Marc made a multitude of memories, including the night of "Protect the President." The event was an outdoor food fight between the brother's and the pledges. The objective as pledges was to protect the Master (Taylor Collins) from getting attacked with eggs, chocolate syrup, flour, hot sauce, and much more. Marc recalls "My pledge class (shout out Beta Pi) was dressed in garbage bags, huddled around

Taylor and moved in a pack like the Spartans from 300 in an attempt to protect him - we didn't. However, it was the most fun I had as a pledge. I suppose we had too much fun because the event itself was scrapped from the pledge process.”



Marc served as the Beta Pi pledge class president and continued to serve the chapter with his leadership through the roles and responsibilities of External Philanthropy Chairman, Social Chairman, Assistant Pledge Trainer, Pledge Class, and eventually Master.

But as we all know, our respective times in the chapter are not only filled with leadership and business, but lifetime memories as well. Some of Marc’s most memorable moments, in no order, are meeting the love of his life, Juhl Judd, through serenades in 2012, utilizing the chapter to land his first legal internship, by meeting fellow alumni and mentor Curt Bogen, becoming a cardinal on his first try in Canada, walking all 24-

hours of Relay for Life for two years in a row with Jon Cohen, Terry Hugo, Kevin Kendall, and Texas Collins, and going on Birthright Israel along with fellow brothers Adam Pollack, Ricky Zucker, and Alec Stern.

After Marc graduates from Akron Law school in May 2018, he will sit for the New York State Bar Exam in July. After admission to the New York State Bar, he plans to work in Queens, NY at a general civil litigation practice focusing on real estate and foreclosure litigation. Marc also expects to be admitted to the Ohio State Bar Association in 2019 so he can stay connected with the chapter and the brothers who stay in Northeast Ohio.



We are extremely grateful for his involvement as an active, and a graduate student. We look forward to his continued involvement in the

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Alumnus
Marc
Scolnick**

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Beta Pi
After
Protecting
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association and the chapter, as a professional.

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Announcements

Mazel tov to:

- David Daneberg ('09) and wife for having a daughter Sarah on 4/18/2018
- Joel Abramson ('09) and wife on expecting a child!

Have more announcements?
Email us back and we'll make sure to let everyone know!

Thank You

Thank you all for reading this year's issue of the newsletter. The alumni relations committee received many requests throughout the year and tried to put in as many suggestions as possible.

As many of you have realized, the chapter has not come out with something as formal as this since the 2015-2016 edition, and before that, it was even many more years since the chapter came out with a formal newsletter. The alumni relations committee has hypothesized a multitude of reasons. The committee found that one of the reasons is that, as a chapter, we are simply behind in times, in relations to the age of the chapter. In April of 2019, Phi Deuteron will turn 70, yet our alumni relations efforts only stem back a fraction that. We recognize that alumni relations is relatively new to our chapter and its association, and in

turn, the relationship between the two will tend to fluctuate as the chapter does, on the premise a "system" is constantly being put in place. This instability leaves much of the communication to the newer, younger alumni, which unintentionally alienates the older alumni. We therefore pledge to make an effort in including ALL alumni in our process of progression.

As we all know, it is a brotherhood for life, and the chapter's livelihood depends on many factors. It is without question, that alumni involvement is one of those factors. We are always open to suggestions, and our door at 323 E. College Avenue Kent OH 44240, is always open.

Thank you again for all your continued involvement and support. We look forward to seeing you on Homecoming (October 6th), Latkefest (November 2018, day TBD) and our 70th Anniversary (April 2019, day TBD).

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Alumni Relations Committee