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Thank You For Your Support

We deeply appreciate your continued support not only as a brother of our fraternity but also for taking the time to read this edition of the Plume! We have a lot of exciting things to share with you all, including reports from our chapters, bios from our new Grand Council, and updates from our staff. Again, we thank you for all the work you have put in to make our fraternity as great as it is.

Consuls Corner



I was commuting to Penn State University in the spring of 1974 and decided to rush fraternities. I grew up with two older sisters and never had that best friend or brother experience. I got a call from Dean Zewan, the Rush chairman for TEP, to come to a wine and cheese party. My first one of those. I went to the Tau Epsilon Phi house on East Foster and met several of the Brothers and was invited back. Over that spring term, it was my go-to place in between classes, and on weekends, plus they gave me a bid. Don McCall, Mike Kroenig, and Freed Shultz were my pledge brothers. We did a great pledge class trip to New York City. We stayed at the TEP Alpha Chapter house at Columbia and met the then-female Chancellor. Beer, pizza, and some flag football games added to the comradery to join the fraternity.

It was what I had been seeking, a new revitalized chapter whose members had come from Tau Delta Phi, plus we had a visit by Sidney Suntag and George Mamo the soon-to-be Executive Director.

I helped with rush and eventually became the rush chairman. After that, I was the Scribe, and with Paul Sheeler the Chancellor, Epsilon Phi Chapter was awarded the Dresiden award for chapter efficiency.

At a homecoming event that was a blast, I met Neil Goldstein one of our Alumni Brothers. He stated he was on the grand council and that I should attend Grand Chapter. In 1979, I attended my first Grand Chapter, S Earl Gordon was Consul then and so began my journey of service for TEP. I served as treasurer of the Epsilon Phi Alumni Club and then became its president.

After graduation, I had a year of working for Frontlash, doing voter registration in the high schools of New York City. I moved to Houston Texas and worked for the AFL-CIO assisting unions in membership and recruitment. Like an offshoot of rush only in the realm of workers.

I moved to California in the late 1980s and was appointed TEP regional governor to cover the University of Southern California and the University of California Los Angeles. I have served under the tutelage and direction of S Earl Gordon, Sy Weisberg, Al Versacci, Bud Schiff, Gerry Denmark, Leo Gordon, Stu Blumberg, David Steinberg, Lane Koplon, Tim Smith, Krill Resnik, and Mark Abramson as Consuls.

Consuls Corner

(con.) I removed myself from the decimation of the Hassenberg years. I routinely communicated with Sidney Suntag, George Mamo, Michel Ivers, Johnathan Seidel, and Mike Brown as the Executive Directors. And now am happy to work with Tim Smith as our Executive Director, who keeps everything running as smoothly as possible. Now we take action, instead of just reacting to events.

I started doing Accounting and Income Tax work and that has evolved into an ample practice in the realm of entertainment. My clients have been on several successful television shows and films, and my work focuses on their financial management, planning, and retirement structures.

In 2011, I got a call from Lane Koplon and Mark Tolman to come back and help to reorganize the fraternity. Lane was in the lead for the fraternity, and I assumed the role of President of the TEP Foundation.

I poured over the records and delivered a report to the Grand Council on how the foundation funds had been distributed for legal fees. I funded the TEP Foundation to begin again, offering scholarships and focused on raising donations from TEP Alumni. I continued to serve on the Grand Council as a board member, second and first vice-consul, and at the request of Mark Abramson ran for and was elected Quaestor. With Executive Director Tim Smith, we instituted clarity and transparency with the finances of the Fraternity.

Being elected Consul in 2022, I had the honor of assisting in the initiation of the Tau Delta interest group at The Ohio State University. As they stood there the words from my own initiation resonated in my head,

"May you wish to be Chancellor or yet better to be Consul of the Fraternity" came clear and that is where I am today.

We, the current Board of Directors are working on a strategic plan for the future of the fraternity. Utilizing the guidance of Leo Gordon, past Consul, for setting attainable goals, and services for the active membership. We are initiating a search of all of our prior Alumni by working with an outside vendor who will create the first TEP Alumni directory since the 1990's. We seek to get alumni involved to help with expansion to university campuses that support a thriving Greek community. Developing educational programs in management and structure for the operations of our fraternity chapters thru our Executive Director Tim Smith, and Jake Corter and Noah Edwards on staff, to give them the help and support they require. We are traveling to infinity and beyond.

Friendship Chivalry and Service. Building that bridge!

"Do you believe in friendship?"

Fraternally. Donald J Anspauch, Jr.

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With school approaching and rush week starting the brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi want to remind you that even Clarkson's Golden Knight agrees that you should rush TEP! #rushtep

@TEPBuffalo SUNY - Buffalo

This weekend we were able to host the first annual LLWG Will Gottheld Memorial Golf Tournament. Brothers enjoyed the Pig Roast, playing golf, and coming together all weekend to network and celebrate Will's life. We would like to thank our amazing sponsors who helped us raise over \$5,000 for Mental Health Awareness.







The brothers of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity Sigma Epsilon chapter had a great semester with our 111th class on Rutgers Camden campus. Able to bring in 3 new brothers, we hope they are able to pave the way for us as some of us move on with our futures. Congratulations to brothers William Mangango, Olaseinde Fakolujo, and Justin Hood on their completion of their bachelors degrees. As a fraternity we continue to uphold our three pillars that we strive to achieve.

@Tep_UMD Univ. Of Maryland

The boys went 3-0 in the regular season, only allowing 1 goal. After notching the 2 seed in the playoffs, they allowed no goals thru 3 games thanks to Jake "Moose" Shamus and Sam Moss in the backline. S/o Jeremy Sachs for hopping in net after an injury from starting keeper Jonah Berman. Well done boys and thanks to all the fans for coming thru!!







Thanks

@breadofthemightyfoodbank for allowing us to come help feed Gainesville!

OPSUTep Penn State Univ

This past weekend a couple brothers traveled down to Baltimore, Maryland for TEP grand chapter. Here we were awarded with our charter recognizing us as the Epsilon Phi chapter. It was a great weekend to reunite with fellow TEP chapters and nationals and learn about the meanings of this fraternity.





@RowanTep Rowan University

We wanted to take a moment to congratulate the Tau class on their recent induction into our fraternity. We are excited to see all the great things they will do in the future.



These are some sweet shots from Killington Peak, where the guys spent the past couple days hitting the slopes on our annual ski trip Huge shoutout to our current Brotherhood Chair Jack McNamee for organizing this amazing event





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Congrats to the newly elected Executive board!!! #tauboys #greeklife #tep

@Tepstagram_rpi Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

We had a great time at the Activities Fair today, looking forward to Wing Night on Monday!

RUSH TEP





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Great way to cap off our first ever intreat event with Resilient Young Minds Special thanks to @rym_inc and @ualbany_fsl for an incredible weekend!



A few weeks ago the Brothers of the Sigma Alpha Sigma Chapter volunteered for Long Island Gay Mens Chorus' Fall Philanthropy Cabaret, 'Over The Rainbow - Songs of Pride, Rainbows & Judy Garland'. This event is now a chapter favorite and we want to give a special thanks to Paul for granting us the opportunity to work with LIGMC!



REPORT BACK FROM AFA



Back in December, the National staff attended the Association of Fraternity / Sorority Advisors (AFA) convention in Washington D.C. The convention was not only extraordinarily informative but also a great place for us to meet with members within our field. While there, our staff witnessed amazing speeches from celebrated guests, attended seminars relevant to fraternity life, and networked with administrative staff from colleges around the country. During the opening ceremony of the convention, we witnessed a speech given by White House correspondent April Ryan. She talked about the important role fraternity and sorority members have in serving our communities and country. During her speech, April Ryan highlighted the many public servants, politicians, orators, and servicemen who belonged to fraternities and sororities. Appealing to the idea that since members of fraternities and sororities are very organized, it is our duty to serve those in need. At the end of her speech, April Ryan accepted Delta Sigma Theta's honorary membership into their sorority.

Report Back From AFA

The majority of the time our staff members spent at AFA was going to seminars and listing to experts in our field on a variety of topics. While there Noah attended seminars relating to organizing alumni associations, keeping good relations with campus administration, and the characteristics of an incorporated fraternity. Tim attended the seminars Frat Guys (Re) Presented which focused on the importance of creating spaces within the Greek Community for members to express their authentic selves, Why Do they Do the Things They Do a seminar that focused on the best practices for student conduct, and national offices to collaborate on joint investigations and 22 Legal Cases that You Need to Know which used past legal cases to discuss issues ranging from chapter recognition to new laws regarding hazing.

Jake attended, That Left a Mark: Trauma in Chapters which focused on effective crisis response procedures in providing support to a chapter that has or is currently experiencing trauma, You Get a Trophy and You Get a Trophy: How to Influence Organizational Culture Through Meaningful Assessment and Recognition which focuses on making assessment more meaningful and effective at recognizing the work of our chapters, and We are the Communications Team: Creating Content for and With Your Fraternity / Sorority Community which focused on the importance of social media in the efforts of engaging with the greater Greek Life community.



AFA was, of course, quite a large event, and while there the team were able to meet with the many members of various greek life advisory boards, both from campuses where we have been firmly established and on ones where we plan to expand to. During this, we were also able to meet with Simonne Horman, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Fraternity and Sorority Life who was presented with The Honorable Leo M. Gordon Exceptional Greek Professional award for her outstanding commitment to Greek Life at the University of Florida and for all the support provided to Tau Epsilon Phi and our chapter at the University of Florida. In all, AFA was a very informative and fun event. Our staff is very glad they were able to attend, and are looking forward to the next conference!

NU CHAPTER FEATURED IN ATLANTA JEWISH TIMES



During October of last year, our brothers at the University of Georgia engaged with their university AEII chapter in their yearly fundraising basketball game. This year's game proved to be extraordinarily successful given that over 250 people attended, and the two chapters raised over \$5,000 in ticket sales and fundraising efforts making it their most successful event so far. For this particular year, the Sherry Strong charity was picked as the benefactor, which focuses on educating women about the risk and symptoms of ovarian cancer.

This annual event was first organized with the University of Georgia Hillel society under the guidance of Hillel director Jeremy Lichtig. Jeremy, after being sworn into the director position, wanted to connect the campus's two historically Jewish fraternities while also working in a charitable way. Given the background of the event, and the success of this year's fundraising, the event was featured in the Atlanta Jewish Times. The article was written by David Ostrowsky and it can be found at this link: www.atlantajewishtimes.com/uga-charity-basketball-swoosh/.

We are very proud of the efforts and of our Nu chapter, and that they were recognized for their charitable work. Keep it up!

CHAPTER UPDATES

RHODE ISLAND - T\Omega

As we transition into a new executive board, we would like to look back and update you all on a very successful fall 2022 semester as a fraternity. We recently collaborated with Rhodython who specializes in helping sick kids in Rhode Island, in which we played games with kids and helped fundraise for a good cause. In other service news, our pairing for Philanthropy Week came in 2nd place and we raised over \$9,500 for the Johnny Cake Foundation and Toys for Tots. Our Brotherhood has been stronger than ever, as we held Poker Tuesdays every week since early September. We have also recently booked a Ski Trip up in Vermont over Winter Break for us brothers to reconvene and have a great time up on the slopes before the spring semester. We have our newly initiated class: the Iotas! They are the newest members of the Tau Omega chapter and are forever Tau Boys. We have big plans for the upcoming semester and are looking forward to sharing our successes!

State University of New York at Buffalo - $\Phi \Upsilon$

We, as a chapter, are looking forward to recruiting and continuing our close bond of brotherhood this upcoming year at the University at Buffalo. This year as a chapter, we continued to strive for perfection in the classroom and live by the ideals of the fraternity. In this past year, we participated in the AFSP Out of The Darkness walk, part of Team Will G, for suicide prevention. We also held a fundraiser for Toys for Tots in December to give the less fortunate gifts on Christmas. Buffalo has gone through so much this year, dealing with the shooting at Tops, the unbelievable snowstorm, and now the news about Damar Hamlin. The chapter is looking forward to helping the community as much as possible and hopefully witnessing a Buffalo Bills Superbowl win! We will always make sure we live within the brotherhood of the chapter, and we cannot wait to go back!

Johnson & Whales University - ΩA

Over the past year the Omega Alpha chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi has participated in and ran multiple events on and off campus. Some of the big philanthropy and fundraising events that we have done are things like our Pres Roast where each organization on campus sends their president to be roasted by two members of their organization. We have also participated in our annual quarter drop where we raise money for the Gloria Gemma foundation by having a spare change competition between organizations and the people of the JWU community. We have shown our undying dedication to service through community service acts such as red-cup cleanups, helping local churches organize food banks, and planting trees with local nonprofits. It's been a long year for us but we have committed to making next year better than the previous with multiple events planned for when we return to campus in early January.

HOFSTRA University - $\Sigma A \Sigma$

This past semester the Sigma Alpha Sigma Chapter of TEP at Hofstra University made great strides. We had a successful recruitment. The period that led us to double our numbers, increased our on-campus presence by taking part in this year's school-wide Pride Expo, and held a multitude of philanthropy and community outreach events to help serve marginalized communities, such as our Trans Day of Remembrance Event and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Charity Potluck, which we hope to make an annual event! Coming back from COVID was hard for all of us, especially for commuter school chapters, but we are so excited to keep pressing on into next semester and keep showing our school community and other chapters that TEP does!

University of Delaware Newark - $\Phi \Psi$

We at the Phi Psi provisional chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi have completed our first full semester on campus. This semester led by our founding class of 14* has initiated an alpha class of 7 new upstanding members. We have done numerous philanthropic events such as profit sharing, dares FTK, gift card raffles, and mozzarella stick delivery. So far, we have raised \$1,356 to fight childhood cancer. Our chapter has also held social events that have allowed us to garner a well-respected reputation on campus. On numerous occasions, the Delaware chapter and the Rowan chapter have gathered in friendship. Our chapter plans to visit more in the future. We have been hard at work, laying the foundation for a strong fraternity for our time and those who come after us.

Penn State- EΦ

The Epsilon Phi chapter at Penn State continued to grow in our activity as a brotherhood during the fall semester. With about half of the brotherhood living in the fraternity's house, we have had an increased opportunity to come together for brotherhood events - whether it be joining together for dinner, heading out to play/compete in sports, or hosting a nighttime bonfire. As always, a staple of the semester was tailgating for Penn State football games, which the brothers came together to do during each home game of the semester. Service efforts have also increased throughout the fraternity, as the brothers together raised money for a Thanksgiving food drive, and continued to prioritize fundraising for THON.

Rowan - AT

The Alpha Tau Chapter located at Rowan University is closely approaching its 10-year anniversary as of spring 2023. The chapter currently consists of a strong 32-person brotherhood with more along the way from our incoming Upsilon Pledge Class. The chapter is expanding to a second chapter house coming Fall 2023. Aside from internal improvements, the brotherhood has greatly improved its philanthropy with the TEP 5K and numerous smaller events, in which the proceeds were donated to the NAMI Foundation and victims of the Russia-Ukraine War. Alpha Tau has been consistently held in high regard in the eyes of the school as we plan to maintain this positive relationship with them and the rest of Greek Life as a whole.

Maryland - TB

This has been a busy and exciting semester for the TEP brothers at the University of Maryland. First off, we have been developing brotherhood like never before. Our BDD chairs have been doing an exceptional job as they have conducted many BBQ events, Sunday football get-togethers, and Sunday morning bagels with a local rabbi. Away from our house, BDD has organized bowling and Top Golf. In addition, we have continued our annual charity event, No Shave November. This year we helped raise money for Project SEFU, which provides money for SEF cancer research. We are proud to say that we raised \$1,666 of our \$500 goal. We look forward to what next semester brings!

University of Georgia - N

This year has been amazing for the Nu chapter at the University of Georgia. We signed and initiated 36 new members this past fall as well as ranked #1 for our average overall GPA among the IFC. We also had a very fun and exciting year filled with great activities, competitions, and philanthropy. In a joint event with UGA Hillel, we played Alpha Epsilon Pi in a basketball game that raised over \$4,500 for charity. We also won the UGA Interfraternity Council 3v3 Basketball Tournament, winning the championship in our beloved Stegman Colosseum. Overall, this has been a great and proactive semester for our chapter.

The Ohio State - $T\Delta$

The Tau Delta provisional chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi at The Ohio State University prides itself in its recent activities as a newly founded provisional chapter. In addition to being re-founded with forty-seven members, Tau Delta has started to get heavily involved in Greek Life at The Ohio State University, such as by winning a sorority's charity volleyball tournament, among other activities. Additionally, we have participated in many charity endeavors. In September, we hosted a Shoe Shine event to raise money for breast cancer in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In November, we raised hundreds of dollars, as part of its No Shave November charity campaign, to fund research for Sclerosing Epithelioid Fibrosarcoma (SEF), a rare soft tissue cancer. Also, we raised hundreds of dollars for Ohio State's annual Buckeyethon, a twenty-four-hour marathon that acts as a fundraiser to raise funds for children with cancer. In addition to all these activities, members of Tau Delta have helped out their local Chabad chapter in other fundraisers, such as last semester's food drive. With much accomplished so far, and a bright future ahead, the Tau Delta provisional chapter looks forward to expanding more and getting even more involved in the community

Clarkson University - $\Lambda \Phi$

The Fall 2022 semester was very busy for our chapter. We held multiple philanthropy events, such as our annual Toys-for-Tots toy drive and our Highway Clean-up event. Every member spent time helping out to collect toys and monetary donations. At the end of the week, we raised over \$700 on top of receiving many toy donations. Everything was donated locally to help families this past Christmas. The Chapter continued with our Adopt-A-Highway program and even cleaned up some hiking trails on campus. A handful of our members, one of them being IFC President Aidan Flint, lead a committee of other Greek chapters to bring back our university's Greek Week. They were very successful and our Greek Week is planned to happen during the month of April.

Indiana University - ΓΤ

TEP IU has been expanding to help better reach the Indiana Jewish community. We have paired up with different philanthropies and Jewish outreach programs like Chabad and Hillel, and through it, have found another great year of brotherhood! Our goals for the upcoming year are to prioritize philanthropy events and help give back to our community. Secondly, we also want to have better outreach programs to find more gentlemen that would thrive in our fraternal environment. We have grown to about 130 chivalrous gentlemen, and we are excited about what more we can achieve this upcoming year! - Jordan Ellis, Chancellor TEP IU

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – EI

In the last year at Tau Epsilon Phi Epsilon Iota, we have many things to celebrate. Six (6) brothers graduated in the class of 2022 with two (2) receiving master's degrees. Along with this, brother Brian Deyo was elected to the position of Vice Consul of Undergraduate Affairs at TEP national. The RPI campus has been opening up allowing us to do several much-anticipated social events and philanthropy events.

INTERVIEWS FROM OUR GRAND COUNCIL



J.R. Benning joined Tau Epsilon Phi back in December of 1989. J.R. found that the community of Tau Epsilon Phi helped him adjust to being far from home during his undergraduate years. While working on his B.S. in computer science, J.R. held the treasurer position for his chapter. After J.R. finished his undergraduate degree, he worked for a start-up software company. J.R. began engaging with Tau Epsilon Phi at a postgraduate level once he was invited to a Philadelphia meet and greet. To learn more about J.R. go to: https://tep.org/jrbenning/

First Vice Consul

Joel Kanter joined Tau Epsilon Phi in September of 1974. Despite the fact that he originally had no interest in joining a fraternity, he, along with his friend, decided to attend rush events for parties and poker nights. At first, both Joel and his friend were unsure that they could pay for their dues to our brotherhood, but after a discussion with their parents, they were able to join our fraternity. While in his undergraduate years, Joel held the positions of Rush Chair and Vice President. He graduated with a degree in Psychology and an honors degree in Political Tulane University. Science from After his undergraduate, Joel went to work on a congressional campaign in Illinois, while deferring law school. After his position in Illinois ended, Joel was given the role of Legislative Assistant for the Judiciary Committee in Washington D.C. After being invited by Mark Abramson, Joel began interviewing to become a member of the grand council. To learn more about Joel go to: https://tep.org/jkanter/





Vice Consul for Undergraduate Affairs

Brian Deyo joined our brotherhood in the Spring of 2018 after he had trouble finding his place at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He considered transferring schools because of this, but after he signed his bid for our fraternity, he never looked back. While studying for his degree in aerospace engineering, Brian held the scholarship chair, house chair, recruitment chair (three times), and the chancellor positions. After he finished his undergraduate degree, Brian moved to Florida to design rocket engines. During his time as chancellor, Brian's chapter was on the verge of collapse, however despite this, Brian and his chapter were able to survive due to the help of our national staff. Because of this, Brian wanted to give back to our fraternity immediately after graduating and decided to run for the Grand Council. To learn more about Brian go to: https://tep.org/bdeyo/.

Mark Abramson was initiated into our fraternity on November 9th, 1974, after pledging for the Epsilon Kappa chapter at Tulane University. His reason for joining Tau Epsilon Phi was because he liked the brothers of his chapter, and given its small size, he believed he had a better chance at making a difference within the fraternity. While pursuing his two degrees in Political Science and History, Mark held the steward, historian, bursar, and chancellor positions. After his undergraduate degree, Mark went to the University of Southern California on a full scholarship from Tau Epsilon Phi as the chapter's graduate resident advisor. While obtaining his master's in public administration, Mark was also responsible for rebuilding the Tau Gamma chapter. Ever since he first joined our fraternity in 1974, Mark never stopped being involved with our brotherhood, having held chapter advising positions, was a part of the 1987 Grand Chapter, and from 2013 onwards served as the President of the TEP Foundation, Vice Consul, and Consul. To learn more about Mark go to: https://tep.org/mabramson/.



Immediate Past Consul



Mark Gardner first joined Tau Epsilon Phi in the fall of 1996. Mark very much enjoyed the brotherhood-like comradery that his chapter had, and also liked to meet the variety of people he would not have normally associated with. While studying for his undergraduate degree in theater, Mark held the bursar, chancellor, and vice chancellor positions in that order. Mark Gardner does not remember exactly what he did after graduating, but he suspects he ate a nice dinner. Ever since originally joining back in 1996, Mark has been involved with Tau Epsilon Phi, including at the post-graduate level. To learn more about Mark go to: https://tep.org/mgardner/

Robert Emrich joined Tau Epsilon Phi in September of 1987 due to his desire to engage in the social aspects of fraternity, including parties and other brotherhood events. However, Robert was also very much interested in charitable events his chapter ran, and also the friendship that the members of his chapter had. While pursuing his undergraduate degree in accounting and management systems, Robert held the finance position for his chapter. After graduating, Robert went straight to work for a consulting accounting firm, and about five years later, he decided to participate in Tau Epsilon Phi at a post-graduate level. To learn more about Robert go to: https://tep.org/remrich/



Tribune



Marty Lacoff joined Tau Epsilon Phi in 1966 after he found out his friends were also joining our fraternity. As an undergraduate Marty held the positions of Bursar and Social Director. After he obtained his undergraduate degree in 1969, Marty worked as an engineer for Xerox in Rochester, New York, while simultaneously studying for his MBA at night at the University of Rochester. Last year, with the invitation of a Brother, Marty began involving himself with Tau Epsilon Phi, leading him to become a member of our Grand Council. To learn more about Marty go to: https://tep.org/mlacoff/.

Jonathan Wolf joined Tau Epsilon Phi in early December of 1994 at City College of New York, Phi Chi chapter. Jonathan became interested in our fraternity for the social aspects, as he wanted to make friends and attend brotherhood events. While studying for his undergraduate degree in English, Jonathan held the positions of chancellor, house manager, chaplain, and pledge warden. After getting his undergraduate degree, Jonathan obtained his master's from City College and then later his Ph.D. in English Literature from Fordham University. While studying for both his master's and Ph.D., Jonathan was heavily involved in his Alumni Association where he acted as President and Vice-President. To learn more about Jonathan go to: https://tep.org/jwolf/.





Matthew Tursi joined our brotherhood on March 22nd, 2016, while studying at the university of Hofstra. Matthew joined Tau Epsilon Phi due to the welcoming attitude his brotherhood gave. While pursuing his undergraduate degree in the music business, Matthew held many positions including Chancellor. Scribe. Philanthropy Chair. and Recruitment After he completed Chair. his undergraduate degree, Matthew started pursuing a career in acting, while also simultaneously working as a legal videographer and growing an entertainment business. Upon graduating from Hofstra, Matthew started his universities alumni organization, and a year later began serving on the Grand Council. To learn more about Mathew go to: https://tep.org/mtursi/

Michael Aurbach was initiated into our brotherhood in the spring of 1966 while studying for his degree in building sciences and architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Michael decided to join after hearing from Stan Samuelson, his "younger and shorter big brother", who advocated in favor of the virtues brotherhood that their chapter had, along with the rationale of joining given that their chapter allowed housing and sports opportunities. While studying for his undergraduate degree he held the house committee, interfraternity council, athletic committee, rush committee, and social committee positions along with the position to challenge pledges. Michael began getting involved with our fraternity at a post-graduate level after the death of his big brother, which made him realize the importance of the bonds he made while in his undergraduate. To learn more about Michael go to: https://tep.org/mauerbach/





Director

Charles G. Wolf was reelected as a Director on the Grand Council on October 8, 2022, at the 2022 Grand Chapter session held in Baltimore, Maryland.

Charles joined Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity in the Spring of 1974 when he was initiated into the Epsilon Nu Chapter at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in Rochester, NY. Charles graduated from RIT in May 1978 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Photographic Marketing Management.

Following graduation, Charles went to work for Eastman Kodak as a Technical Sales Representative in Kodak's Professional Photography Division. After nine months of accelerated training at Kodaks's Marketing Education Center in Rochester, NY, Charles was assigned a New York City territory in Manhattan's "Photo District." Charles was a professional photographer at the age of 18 and still enjoys photography. He earned his private pilot's license in 1975, loves sailing, studies wine, and loves good food. Charles lives in Greenwich Village, New York City. To learn more about Charles go to:https://tep.org/cwolf/

EXPANSION PLANS FOR BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

As you may know our fraternity will be expanding onto the Binghamton campus this upcoming semester. So far we already have three students interested in beginning the process of re-founding the chapter. Three men, who are as excited as they are, is an excellent start to any expansion process. Although we have heard that Binghamton is a very difficult campus to expand onto, Noah Edwards, our new Expansion and Chapter Development Coordinator who will be leading this charge is not a stranger to challenges and is looking forward to it.

As of today, our team has created an ad campaign on Facebook and Instagram that targets college-aged men in the Binghamton area. This advertisement campaign, as mentioned before, has already proved successful with the communications of interested students. Next, we reached out to Binghamton's Greek Life advisory board to ask them a couple of questions concerning their rush dates, the quality of the men who reached out to us, and to begin the process of communicating with other members of Greek life. From this meeting, we found out that Binghamton has their official bid day on February 10th, and mandatory education requirements on March 3rd. Fortunately for us, they will not be holding us to their education requirement date. Although we are very happy that three students have already reached out to us, we want to be very careful given the challenges Binghamton has with underground fraternities. The last thing we want is to waste our time with men of very low character, so taking these extra steps to check every Potential New Member (PNM) we receive will pay off in the end. Finally, our initial plan of attack, once we find ourselves on the Binghamton campus, is to meet with members of sororities and ask them to personally recommend men for our brotherhood. Reaching out to these sororities beforehand will, of course, give us a head start on this project.

Noah is very excited about our expansion into Binghamton and looks forward to reforming a chapter on that campus.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION

At the latest meeting of our Grand Council, it was decided to modify the National Bylaws to how alumni associations are recognized given that individual alumni dues were eliminated at the 2022 Grand Chapter. Rather than previously requiring a list of ten men to start an alumni association, each of whom owed alumni dues and an alumni association dues component, there will now be a simple annual fee of \$750 that includes all members of that chapter who were in good standing upon their graduation. The alumni association may also impose other udes onto its members as they see fit. The Grand Council requires an Alumni Association to submit a list of all of its members, including their addresses, plus the \$750 fee each year. Should you be interested in starting an alumni association, please contact our Executive Director, Tim Smith at tsmith@tep.org to discuss the next steps.

GRAND CHAPTER 2022

Grand Chapter 2022 kicked off at the Baltimore Marriot Inner Harbor in Maryland on October 6th, 2022. It was a wonderful convention and great to have our first in-person Grand Chapter since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was enjoyed by undergraduates and alumni alike and there was plenty of training, research, business, and socialization for all those who attended. On check-in day, we let the attendees get settled and we were off to team building at an Escape Room and followed by dinner. All three escape room teams used their quick wit and resourcefulness to post competitive times and the race was seconds apart. The undergraduates also enjoyed the punch-out machine near the pizza restaurant and had a blast hyping each other up to post high scores. On Friday we spent the majority of our day on programming as speakers from Holmes Murphy talked about risk management, insurance, and what coverage is available to our members. They also discussed the most common claims they see and highlighted new trends and risky behaviors we should look out for. Michael Ayalon and speakers from Greek University covered topics at the forefront of Greek life today. One session related to the new higher education environment with Gen Z enrolling in college and how we attract and retain these members.

The remainder of Gen Z and subsequent generations will have shifting needs and as men who have already found our place at school, it is up to us to make the campus more welcoming for incoming students. A session on social inclusivity and equity opened our eyes to how certain students may feel uncomfortable with certain themes and costumes that can be associated with social events. If we want to recruit the best men for our chapters then we must ensure that everyone feels comfortable supporting chapter events. As we wrapped up programming for the day, we geared up for our dinner cruise around the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. Cruising around the harbor and taking in the many sights and landmarks of Baltimore was beautiful at the perfect time of night. As we passed by the Domino sugar factory, different forts, and naval stations I just had to find myself outside in the freezing winds because I had to have the best seat in the house. On the morning of Saturday, October 8th the 2022-2024 Grand Council was elected and we finished any outstanding Grand Chapter business.

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In the afternoon we resumed programming with Greek University starting off with conversations about sexual assault prevention. Speaking on the role alcohol plays and the best practice to preventing sexual assault around alcohol is to be abstinent. Defining clear consent and non-consent was also a learning outcome of this session. A topic that correlates to sexual assault is drug abuse and then we transitioned into what drug abuse looks like in today's world and what are the commonalities we see today. How we take steps to prevent not only use but provide first aid in a situation where someone is overdosing. With fentanyl becoming a leading killer in teens and young adults today, we spoke about how a chapter house can be a pillar to inform and potentially save lives. Hazing continues to be an issue across the entire educational system nationwide. How to eliminate hazing culture from a chapter and educate members who may be acting on their own volition rather than with the group. This session also gave great examples of team-building exercises for a class that prepares them for leadership in Greek life rather than enforcing tasks that fail to contribute to the growth of the candidate. That evening we held the annual awards banquet and also presented our brothers from the Epilson Phi at Penn State, their well earned Charter.

We had the honor of kicking off our Gala with a keynote speech from Rick Kriseman, a Tau Alpha alumnus, who served in the Florida House of Representatives and later served as the mayor of St. Petersburg, Florida. Speaking on his collegiate time and the importance the fraternity had on him, I believe resonated with many of us as it is integral to making our campus feel like home where our success is so important. Dr. Kriseman was presented with the 2022 Sidney S. Suntag TEP Man of the Year award. Presentations of chapter and individual awards signified the appreciation of the service we have for continuing our mission and our creed. Seeing chapters and Brothers recognized for their great work and success is one of the best benefits of serving on the TEP staff. One of my favorite presentations is that of the Chancellor's keys. Chancellors are the first at bat for their chapters in almost every situation and seeing the recipients brighten up a little more was rewarding. Our 2022 Alfred C. Versacci Bridge Builder award was presented to Dr. A. Scott Lakernik, the alumni advisor for Alpha Tau chapter but he was not present at Grand Chapter. In a surprise to everyone, our Master of Ceremony, Tim Smith decided to give him a call out of the blue and he answered from this daughter's wedding. He was overjoyed by his award presentation.

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In typical Dr. Lakernik fashion assuredly pronounced "This fraternity is the best!" A special component of this Gala was the presentation of the Epsilon Phi chapter's charter. This group overcame trials and challenges on a highly competitive campus combating its own hardships in the Greek system, not to mention COVID-19 and the 100% virtual recruitment system that was in place for some time at Penn State. This group turned trial into success and are a beloved, full-fledged chapter on campus. This was a special charter presentation as our newly elected Consul, Donald Anspauch is a chapter alumnus and was sure to bring along some of his Brothers from his time on campus. The undergraduate chapter also brought along additional Brothers to take in the ceremony and special moment. Following the banquet, everyone was invited to the hospitality room to celebrate and socialize as this was a heartfelt way to wrap up our final day at Grand Chapter. In the morning we held undergraduate round tables and brainstorming sessions discussing what best practices, strategies, and events we use back home. Following those breakout sessions, the newly elected Grand Council was sworn in and ended as we do for all Grand Chapters and Leaderships Retreats with a Good & Welfare.

We were officially adjourned and my first inperson Grand Chapter was in the books and it didn't fall short of all the stories I heard. It was bittersweet seeing everyone depart and I could hardly bring myself to drive home. I would like to thank the 2020-2022 Grand Council for their service, especially throughout the most unprecedented time we have ever experienced. I would also like to thank our Executive Director, Tim Smith for his continued mentorship and for organizing this event which is imperatively important to the operation of our fraternity. I would also like to thank all the undergraduate and alumni attendees, as your participation truly brings Brotherhood to events like these. I can't wait for the next convention with you all in 2024! Thank you to the TEP Foundation for cosponsoring the educational programming at Grand Chapter.

Jake Corter Associate Director of Services

ΤΕΦ GEOGRAPHIC ALUMNI DIRECTORY PROJECT

Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity, Inc. is proud to announce an extensive effort to update our member records. We have partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI) to collect information from as many members as possible and produce the TEP Geographic, a Member Directory—a collection of up-to-date contact information for our extensive network of members.

The directory project is part of an ongoing effort to update, maintain and better utilize our member data so we can continue our mission to better serve our members. Beginning in the spring of 2023, you will receive a postcard and/or email from PCI asking you to call a dedicated phone number to verify or update your contact information. Because member participation is essential for an accurate and successful directory project, please call the number as soon as possible after receiving this communication. The information you provide will be confidential to Tau Epsilon Phi and will not be sold or shared.

After you verify your contact information, you will not be contacted by PCI again. During your phone conversation with a PCI representative, you will have the opportunity to purchase a directory and branded Tau Epsilon Phi merchandise.

If you received a postcard or email from PCI requesting that you update your information and have not done so already, please call at your earliest convenience.

ΤΕΦ Geographic Alumni Directory Winter 2023

Frequently Asked Question

I received an email, postcard, or phone call from a company called PCI who asked for my personal information and stated that they are working with Tau Epsilon Phi. Is this a legitimate project or a scam?

It is legit! We have partnered with Publishing Concepts, also known as PCI, to produce a member directory. PCI is a family-owned business based in Dallas, Texas that has published directories for educational institutions, fraternities, sororities, and military organizations across the nation for almost 100 years. This project allows us to receive important updates to our database so we can better serve our members.

Does Tau Epsilon Phi benefit from this project?

Yes, PCI collects updated information from members and forwards it to TEP. We will then update our membership database with this new information which helps us effectively communicate with and engage our members.

How do I know my information will only be used for directory purposes?

Yes, PCI collects updated information from members and forwards it to TEP. We will then update our membership database with this new information which helps us effectively communicate with and engage our members.

How can I verify or update my information?

PCI is committed to protecting your information. The names, addresses, and information provided to PCI for the publication of the directory will be held confidential by PCI, except to the extent that they are utilized in, or in the preparation of, the directory and except as required by court order or law. Upon completion of the project, PCI will redact PII (personal identifiable information) from any and all electronic files that we have supplied or were produced by PCI in connection with the production of the directory.

Can I choose what information prints in the directory?

Yes, PCI will honor your request to exclude all or parts of your information from the publication. Simply tell the PCI representative when you call to submit your updated information. You can also communicate your preferences to PCI customer service at 800-982-1590 or customerservice@publishingconcepts.com.

ΤΕΦ Geographic Alumni Directory

Frequently Asked Question

Am I obligated to purchase a copy of the directory if my name is included?

No, you are under no obligation to purchase a copy of the directory. However, your name will be listed regardless of whether you decide to purchase a copy. To have your information excluded from the directory, contact PCI customer service at 800-982-1590 or customerservice@publishingconcepts.com.

Can anyone purchase a directory?

The TEP Geographic Membership Directory is available for sale only to Tau Epsilon Phi members.

How much does the directory cost?

There are several packages available. Additional information will be made available in the near future.

When will I receive my directory?

The total duration of the directory project is about 12 months. Since the project is projected to begin in February 2023, the directories will be distributed in February 2024.

How do I cancel my directory package order?

To cancel your order or change your ship-to address after an order has been placed, contact PCI customer service at 800-982-1590 or customerservice@publishingconcepts.com and they will take care of this for you.

PHI BETA CHAPTER 55TH ALUMNI REUNION



On the weekend of October 14 - 16, 2022, I had the absolute honor and privilege to travel to Hollywood, Florida to join the alumni from our former Phi Beta Chapter at the University of South Florida for their 55th reunion since their founding in 1967. I'd like to personally thank Brothers Manny Diner (Φ B 1) and Eric Robinson (Φ B 292) for coordinating and arranging the events for the weekend along with the personal invite to attend. In total I believe there were over 70 alumni and guests and all had a great time. I'd like to thank each and every Brother who made me feel welcome and shared many stories of their times back on campus. Alumni weekends are particularly rewarding as it goes to show anyone willing to look or listen about the importance of Greek life on college campuses. These Brothers much like myself, count among their closest friends to this day, their fraternity brothers from college. Fraternity serves many of those who join as a chosen family for their time away from home. Many of these Brothers hadn't been together either since their time at college or more recently their last reunion which occurred five years earlier. However as if on cue, it felt as if no time had passed as they would hold conversations as if they had never been separated by time or space. Events of the weekend included a hospitality room, dinner with the brothers and the weekend ended with a wonderful brunch which included a good and welfare for all those in attendance, not to mention much downtime to just relax and enjoy everyone's company.

If anyone is looking to plan an alumni weekend for their chapter and you would like support from your national fraternity, please don't hesitate to contact Tim Smith at tsmith@tep.org and we will do our best to support your event.

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Pictures From Left to Right: Hofstra and Fraternity Cat, Clarkson Doing A Cleanup on Tau Epsilon Phi sponsered highway, Ohio State Second Initiation, Maryland Brotherhood Event, UGA Brotherhood at UGA vs Oregon Game

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DESIGN A T-SHIRT CONTEST

Fancy yourself a designer? Think you can make a great t-shirt? Think you can make one better than anyone else in our brotherhood? Then submit your original idea for a t-shirt for a chance to have it printed. We will be accepting t-shirt designs throughout the Spring semester and will be deciding the winner this Summer. The winning design will be printed this Fall semester, and every member of our brotherhood will receive a complimentary shirt with this design. So if you think you got what it takes, send your design to noah@tep.org to enter! We hope to make this an annual event if it proves successful.



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2023 Sidney Suntag Scholarship Fundraiser

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The TEP Foundation, Inc. historically lends support for many critical educational programs and conferences for our undergraduates. These include academic achievement, community service, drug and alcohol education as well as leadership training. There are continually new programs, activities, and fundraising campaigns which accelerate our mission statement. **Today, we again ask for your support!**



We recently launched a campaign to raise funds for our his-

toric **Sidney S. Suntag Scholarship**. This scholarship originally named the "*Suntag Scholar*" was established in 1990 after the passing of our beloved Executive Secretary Emeritus Sidney Suntag. The scholarship was awarded to one (1) undergraduate pursuing their graduate studies in their chosen field of endeavor. That award recipient also became a Chapter Advisor should their be an active group on campus. This scholarship has sadly not been handed out in twenty years...

We request a donation of \$109 or more in honor of his memory.



Sidney S. Suntag served as Executive Director of Tau Epsilon Phi for 33 years continually. He stayed involved with TEP until his passing in 1990. Sidney touched the hearts and souls of all he came into contact. The entire proceeds will go toward refunding our renamed **Sidney S. Suntag Scholarship**. Please check your email for more details regarding fundraising effort(s) for this scholarship!

If you have not received a copy please send an email to <u>President@thetepfoundation.org</u>











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The History of Tau Epsilon Phi: 75 Years of Friendship



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The TEP Foundation, Inc.® is proud to announce the reprinting of our historic book! <u>The History of Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity: 75 Years of Friendship</u> (1910-1985) written by Executive Secretary Emeritus Sidney S. Suntag can now be purchased in hardcover. This monumental book is a compilation of events, dates, photos, and the names of the men who made it all possible while capturing the history of Tau Epsilon Phi for posterity. This beautiful publication containing over 400+ pages of memories from our fraternities eminent historian is now available for your reading enjoyment!

The *Board of Trustees* gives special appreciation to Brother John Lindsay (Sigma Epsilon Chapter/1910 Foundation) for generously purchasing our first 25 copies. We also give thanks to Alfred C. Versacci, former International Consul (1981-1983) and Foundation President (1983-1987) for his donation of remaining setup-cost. Both contributions provided necessary funding for our reprinting!

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Pease be on the lookout for more exciting news, updates, and announcements.

Thank you alumni!

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Fraternally,

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DEAR BROTHERS,

When I would read The Plume as the Tau Epsilon Phi President at Rutgers New Brunswick I never suspected that one day I would be on the other side of the publication and writing it. I am honored by the opportunity to be able to write this for all of you to read.

My goal as editor of The Plume is to inspire more activity from our chapters and alumni to reach out and laude their accomplishments. While reaching out to some of you and looking at your social media pages it made me realize how big this community is and how each chapter lives for Friendship, Chivalry, and most importantly Service. What I ask of you my brothers is your active participation either via email or social media of your events whether it's a barbecue or a TEP ski day, your volunteering, or just big news happening in your chapter. The more participation and activity the bigger and better the Plume and Tau Epsilon Phi can get each year.

Thank you all for your time to read this edition of the Plume and I hope for the next edition to be an even more thrilling read.

Fraternally, Noah Edwards



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