

United in Brotherhood...



Alumni Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Aug. 2-6, 2006

48th Biennial Convocation will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. We will be holding the event at the New Orleans Marriott at 555 Canal Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. Go online and register now at www.sigmapi.org.

Oct. 28, 2006

Delta Beta joins Monmouth University in welcoming back alumni for Homecoming 2006! Join the undergrads in the commuter parking lot for a day of tailgating and fun.

Web Information

Attention Brothers: You can now get up to date information about Delta Beta Chapter online!

Visit www.sigmapi.com, the exclusive home of Sigma Pi at Monmouth University. Come and see what the undergrads have been up to!

Alumni Day 2006: A HUGE Success!

Bob Wankel '08
Third Counselor

The past, present, and future of the Delta Beta Chapter came together to celebrate Sigma Pi's 109th Founder's Day Weekend on Saturday, February 25, 2006. Alumni Club members, 16 new members, various alumni, and over 25 active brothers attended the day's festivities.

At around 2 PM, the brothers arrived at the house to catch up, hang out, and discuss the positive aspects of the chapter. Alumni reached as far back as the 1970's with the presence of brother Andy Smith ('72). He brought some old yearbooks and a composite from over 30 years ago; which really stood out to the brothers in attendance.

"To see Andy come out even though he's been away from the chapter and Monmouth for so long pumps me up. Not only can he tell a great story, but his presence alone was one of the highlights of

the day," said Paul Salvesen, Delta Beta's 2nd Counselor.

The celebration moved from the chapter house to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Then, the party continued late into the night as alumni, Junior, and Senior brothers enjoyed the local bar scene.

Dave Hermansky was one of many new members who found the day to be a great learning experience, "It's cool to see all of these guys that have graduated come out and support what this chapter is all about."

Alumni support for the chapter has been steadily increasing over the last 2 - 3 years with the creation of the Jersey Shore Alumni Club and a strong positive influence from the chapter's recent graduates. The active brothers know that they have a great foundation supporting them, but both the turnout and the good times served as a reminder that what we do as active brothers is greatly appreciated by our concerned alumni. ■



Brother Andy Smith '72 visits the chapter for the 109th Founders Day celebration.

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Tim O'Hara (Toms River, NJ)

• Major: Criminal Justice

Steve Poling (Caldwell, NJ)

• Major: Business Management

Brandon Reso (Manahawkin, NJ)

• Major: Marketing

Joseph Rossi (Wall Twp., NJ)

• Major: Finance/ Management

Omar Sedky (Toms River, NJ)

• Major: Political Science

The undergraduates have done an outstanding job making sure Sigma Pi continues to be the dominating force on campus. Well done gentlemen! ■

Delta Beta Welcomes Sixteen New Initiates

Sigma Pi continues to grow at Monmouth University, with our undergrads having the largest pledge class of any fraternity on campus this spring!

Brian Boryszewski (Toms River, NJ)

• Major: Criminal Justice

Jason Coniglione (Long Beach, MS)

• Major: Economics

Brian Cotter (West Caldwell, NJ)

• Major: Criminal Justice

Eric Czerwinski (Cherry Hill, NJ)

• Major: History/Education

Will Daddario (Bridgeton, NJ)

• Major: Software Engineering

Andrew Doersam (York, PA)

• Major: Political Science

Ted Gillam (Williamstown, NJ)

• Major: Marketing

David Hermansky (Delran, NJ)

• Major: Business Admin.

Frank Koneschusky (Mt.Holly, NJ)

• Major: Criminal Justice

Michael McKenna (South Salem, NY)

• Major: Business Management

Angel Mendoza (Kearny, NJ)

• Major: Marketing

Welcome to the Alumni Newsletter

By: Joe Palazzolo '03
Chapter Director

The newsletter that you are reading is the collective effort of some very dedicated brothers. Thanks must first go out to alumnus Kevin Phelan '04 for designing the newsletter and putting all of the various pieces together. Also, thanks are in order for the chapter's First Counselor Joe Mullan. As the alumni chairman, Joe helped put together the successful Alumni Day event during Founder's Day weekend. For the newsletter, Joe gathered the articles from their various authors and made sure that they were delivered on time to Kevin. Thanks are also in

order for undergraduates Ryan Langston, Bob Wankel, and Brett Stevens.

One of the primary purposes of this newsletter is to reach more alumni with a single message. The chapter already maintains a decent alumni e-mail list, but that list only contains 120 addresses, most of which are from the last 5 – 7 years. This newsletter, on the other hand, is being sent to over 250 alumni with graduation years ranging from 1961 to 2006. That's 45 years worth of alumni!

Future newsletters should be published on the following schedule and will generally cover the topics below.

September: School Opening,

Summer Events, Report from Convocation or Sigma Pi University, Alumni Events in the Fall

December: Fall Semester Review, Province Workshop Review, new Chapter Executive Board, Preliminary Plans for the Spring, Alumni Events for the Spring

March: Pledge Class Update, Founder's Day/Alumni Day review, Information on Summer National Event, Summer Alumni Events

June: Graduation Report/Profile of Graduating Seniors, Final Spring Semester Report, Greek Week Results, Summer National Event Information, More on Summer Alumni Events ■

Recruitment: Raising the Bar

Brett Stevens '08
Recruitment Chairman

The undergraduates recruited a solid, sixteen man pledge class this spring. With 100% retention for the previous four semesters, there have been no dropped pledges in the 2004-2006 biennium. Thirty-

seven guys in a row is an unprecedented number of pledges to become initiated, especially when you consider that underground pledging stopped years ago. The chapter is very proud of these accomplishments.

The pledges have been highly educated on Sigma Pi's history as well as many other subjects that were not previously taught in the pledge program. Our Chapter Director, Joe Palazzolo, conducted Sunday night classes with the pledges to teach them about the finer points of being a brother in this chapter. Since the Sunday sessions were launched, the quality

and commitment of our brothers greatly increased and we are excited about the future of the Delta Beta Chapter.

We won the Grand Council award at 2004's Convocation in Chicago. That places us in the top five chapters of Sigma Pi. Since then, the goal has been to win the Grand Sage's Cup – the award given to the number one chapter in the nation. The International Headquarters repeatedly told us that what held us back from being the top chapter last time were both recruitment and the ACE Project. We are glad to report that with an impeccable recruitment performance and a standard-setting ACE Project, we feel good about our prospects for Convocation in New Orleans. ■



Brothers display the new rush materials provided by a generous alumnus.

SUMMER 2006

Graduating Seniors Report

Congratulations to the following men who walked at Graduation on Wednesday, May 17, 2006:

Matt Carter (Jackson, NJ)

- Major: Communications, Radio and Television
- Plans: Working in the Radio Broadcasting Field
- Contact: JKLEDD05@aol.com

Joe Cilurzo (West Long Branch, NJ)

- Major: Criminal Justice
- Plans: Attending Monmouth University's Graduate Program in Criminal Justice
- Contact: JCLB64@yahoo.com

AJ Gutierrez (Egg Harbor Twp., NJ)

- Major: Criminal Justice

- Plans: Attending Law School at Widener
- Contact: alec@sigmapi.com

Bryan Jewell (Delran, NJ)

- Major: Business Finance
- Plans: Will work as a day-trader for a Jersey City firm
- Contact: bryan@sigmapi.com

David Schwartz (Scotch Plains, NJ)

- Major: Social Work
- Plans: Attending Monmouth University's Graduation Program in Social Work
- Contact: dschwartz@sigmapi.com

We wish these young men the best of luck in their future endeavors. They will be greatly missed by



Delta Beta's '06 Graduates. (not pictured: Matt Carter)

the undergraduates, as all of them were very devoted to the fraternity.

We know they will be assets to the ever-increasing alumni numbers from Delta Beta and hope to see them at the next homecoming and alumni day celebration, or upcoming event. Best of luck graduates! ■

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ATTENTION ALUMNI!

If you are interested in joining the Jersey Shore Alumni Club, you may contact Bill Foley at bill@sigmapi.com or you can sign-up instantly using PayPal at <http://club.sigmapi.com/join.shtml> The yearly membership fee is \$100.00. There is also a one time initial fee of \$25.00 to sign up.

Please send an e-mail if there are any questions that you have about this club and how - through your membership - you can provide a positive, direct benefit to our undergraduate brothers fraternally, financially, and scholastically.

SIGN UP TODAY!

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