



# **Delta-Beta Chapter's Alumni Newsletter**

**Spring 2015**

# Chapter Update – Sage



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I would like to thank the brothers of Delta-Beta Chapter on another great academic year. As chapter Sage I enjoyed working with the current undergraduates as well as a multitude of alumni brothers in continuing the tradition of maintaining a successful chapter filled with hard working, driven, and determined individuals. This past semester we initiated 9 new members into the chapter in addition to the 7 men taken in the fall. Our community service and philanthropic endeavors throughout this past semester included numerous visits to soup kitchens, a brotherhood trip to the Children's Center of Monmouth County where we put on a fashion show for children and adults suffering from autism and other mental disabilities. We also conducted our 2nd annual Mejia Walk in honor of fallen brother Christopher "Khali" Mejia and to raise money for the Christopher Mejia Scholarship created last year to start off our ACE project. We worked closely with the NJ Sharing Network to raise awareness for Organ Donation and even teamed up with the Campus Police to perform a Drunk Driving Simulation in the Residential Quad. This year has been a busy yet rewarding one, and I am glad that I was able to be apart of it!

# Jersey Shore Alumni Club Update



I'd like to congratulate the class of 2015. The world is ready for young leaders such as yourselves, and I'm sure you're ready to take on the world. I wanted to let this graduating class and future classes know that just because you're leaving Monmouth, that doesn't mean you're leaving Sigma Pi. We like to keep as many of our kindred minds united beyond graduation as possible, in the form of all sorts of alumni events and gatherings.

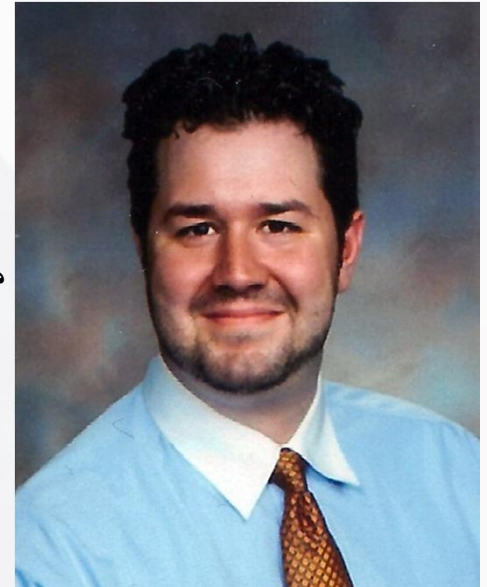
The level of your participation and commitment is totally up to you, but we could use some fresh young Sigma Pi alumni to bring new contributions to our club. If any of you have interest in staying involved, no matter what capacity, please send me a note and I will discuss what we do and how you can be a part of it.

The world is yours.

Fraternally,

Bart "Squirrel Master" Tripoli

A Note from the JSAC President



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# Chapter Educational Fund Update



Thank you to our generous donors who contributed more than \$4,450 in support in 2014 and over \$2,700 in support so far in 2015. With these funds, the CEF Committee was able to provide the \$500 Red Clover Award to **Bill Kavanagh** and the \$500 Dr. Joseph B. Mosca Scholarship to **Dylan Reilly** during the Spring 2015 semester (pictured right). We were also able to sponsor the travel costs for five of our undergraduates to attend the Mid-Year Leadership Conference in St. Louis, Missouri this past January. In addition, we hosted a donor thank you event in February 2014 during a Monmouth University home basketball game.



We recently updated our committee membership. The committee members are: **Vinny Bruno '14**, **Bryan Duarte '14**, **Bill Foley '06**, **Andrew Grosso '08**, **Anthony Horan '15**, **Joe Palazzolo '03**, and **Jimmy Vandervalk '13**. We look forward to your continuing support as we fundraise for Delta-Beta!

- Monmouth CEF Committee

## 2014 Delta-Beta CEF Donors:

- Michael Gideon
- Albert Kurtz
- Joe Palazzolo
- Michael Parisi
- David Reale
- Paul Salvesen
- Brett Stevens

Delta-Beta CEF Balance as of December 31, 2014:

**\$23,822.59**

Contact for more details on our Chapter Educational Fund:

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# Initiates – Spring 2015



- Michael Dilandro – Kinnelon, NJ
- Thomas Rodriguez – Vineland, NJ
- Tim Oechsner – Paramus, NJ
- Carmelo LaTorre – Stirling, NJ
- Carmine Musto – Oceanside, NY
- Richie Marraro – Metuchen, NJ
- Alex Pezzino – Totowa, NJ
- Vincent Matano – Totowa, NJ
- Ryan Leahan – Oakland, NJ

# Chapter Involvement



Delta-Beta is very involved in campus-sponsored Intramurals. We've competed in the following sports this semester:

- Indoor Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Softball

There are brothers in clubs on campus such as Monmouth Fishing and the Snow Riders Club. Brothers in the Snow Riders Club took a trip to Canada this past January to ski and snowboard at Mt. Tremblant.



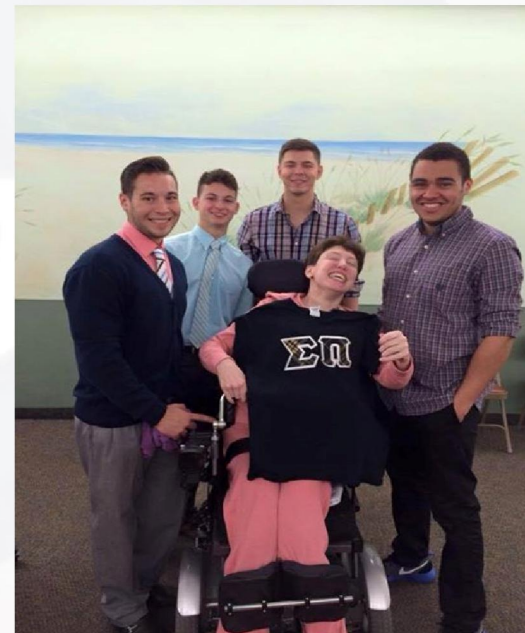
# Chapter Activities



Our chapter always gives back to the local community. We love assisting people in need of help and there is no better feeling than serving others. Some of the community service events our chapter performed this semester include:



- Local Soup Kitchens
- Autism Children's Center Fashion Show
- Drunk Driving Simulation as part of ACE project
- NJ Sharing Network





# Chapter Activities - continued



- This April, we held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Chris Mejia Scholarship Fundraiser Walk in remembrance of our fallen brother, Chris. The proceeds went to the endowment of the Chris Mejia Memorial Scholarship.





## Graduates – May 2015



- Reid Doney
  - Health & Phys. Ed
- Tyler Finnerty
  - Criminal Justice
- Steven Haskell
  - Graphic Design
    - Marketing
- Anthony Horan
  - Finance
- Will Lythgoe
  - Marketing & Management
- Ivan Marinos
  - English
- Eric Romanowski
  - Political Science
- Anthony Scalamandre
  - Finance
- Jeremy Victor
  - Accounting
    - Information Technology
- Chris Viverito
  - Accounting

## Alumni Interview – Bill Weissman



1. Why did you choose to join Sigma Pi? Did anything specific stand out to you when you were rushing?

When I started college, I was definitely interested in joining a fraternity, though I wasn't sure which one. My dad was a TKE back in the day at Rutgers Newark so I thought maybe TKE. However, a couple friends of mine, Vinny Spano and Steve Nicholl, pledged Sigma Pi the semester before and bought me around a bit to meet some of the guys.

I also went to a party prior to pledging which was attended by numerous hot chicks. Not a bad selling point.

2. Aside from the social life, what did you take away from being an undergraduate member in Sigma Pi?

I always wore my letters around campus like a badge of honor. I worked hard for them and I enjoyed the feeling that I was part of something that so many (lesser men) were not. I also greatly enjoyed the camaraderie aspect of it – whether it be just hanging out at the house playing some beer pong (with the other 21 year olds, of course), watching the Giants on Sunday, or enjoying the pledge's freshly made pasta dinner.

The mixers were also dope (You guys are still using the term "dope", right? It means "cool", or did when I was in college).

**3. What is your favorite memory of college?**

Of those fleeting college memories that I am capable of remembering, one of my favorites was the night after getting into Sigma Pi – They played "American Pie" by Don McLean in celebration of our new pledge class (Alpha Delta - OG's, son). One-by-one the guys raised each new initiate up over their heads - crowd surfing style – for a minute or so. It was just a cool feeling knowing that pledging was finally over and the fun stuff was about to begin!

**4. Where do you currently live? What is your current profession?**

Red Bank, NJ. I am in the employment tax group at Ernst & Young in a business development capacity (Don't lie... you stopped reading after the word "tax")

**5. Do you have a message for the undergraduates?**

Sure - just a handful of things I reckon:

Try to go out and interact with your classmates and fraternity brothers as frequently as you can. Go out even if you're tired (unless you have a test or something important the next day). You can sleep when you're dead. The college experience is too short.

Stay confident. Chick's dig confidence.

Everything in moderation with regards to alcohol or anything else you may be into.



6. How can people contact you if they want to get in touch?

Well, I'm on both Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vonweismann>) and Twitter (@responsibill) but if you wish to contact me the old fashioned way, feel free to send an e-mail at [willweissman3@gmail.com](mailto:willweissman3@gmail.com) (You guys still use e-mail, right?)

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# Congratulations Seniors!



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