

Delta-Beta Chapter

Alumni Newsletter



Fall 2016

Sage's Update



Delta-Beta chapter's most recent recruitment efforts have granted us 4 new initiates this Fall. Our recruitment team will continue these efforts in the Spring semester, expecting to gain an additional 10-12 members. Delta-Beta chapter has been growing in size - becoming one of the larger fraternities on campus while remaining selective and only recruiting quality men. We have been working hard to broaden our public image beyond campus and into the local communities. Our chapter continues to host and participate in other organization's community service and philanthropic events. One of our most noteworthy charity events this semester is participating in the Friends of JJ Holiday Toy Drive. Academically, we hope to see an increase in our overall GPA and to be placed among the top organizations on campus this semester. With our diligent newly elected executive board we are confident that Sigma Pi will continue to prosper at Monmouth University.



Chapter Director Update



**Congratulations to new
Delta-Beta Chapter Director
Mike Gideon! We all look
forward to working with
you to keep Delta-Beta
Chapter great!**

JSAC Update



The Jersey Shore Alumni Club needs you...

The JSAC has been working behind the scenes to re-establish itself as the best way to stay connected with Delta-Beta alumni of all generations. We are currently coming up with a game plan to get brethren of all ages together for multiple events throughout the upcoming year. We've put together a good group of guys who are coming up with ideas to keep you connected and involved.

So what do we need? Well... you.

In order for JSAC to become a functioning group, we need to become an organized club again. In the past we've gotten a ton of interest from brothers of all ages remaining involved; so here's your chance. Anyone interested in joining the JSAC (or renewing their past membership) should reach out to one of these events committee members: (Bart Tripoli – bocie5970@aol.com, Anthony Zurica - azurica21@ymail.com, Kevin Phelan - kphelandesign@gmail.com, David Schwartz - davidschwartz83@gmail.com, or Jeremy Victor - jeremyfvictor@gmail.com).

Express your level of interest, ask any questions you may have, make fun of Schwartz's beard, whatever you like. Opening up this dialogue is our next step in rebuilding our great club. The Jersey Shore Alumni Club is back and we're ready to move forward. We hope you're ready to get on board.

Fraternally,

Bart "Squirrel Master" Tripoli

President, Jersey Shore Alumni Club

CEF Committee Update



Our Chapter Educational Fund continues to grow from contributions and support from alumni like you! We would like to thank alumnus and past chapter Sage **Andrew Grosso** for signing up as a monthly donor to the CEF. Andrew's donations are 100% tax-deductible and provide critical funding for educational programming to support our Delta-Beta Chapter undergraduates. Please consider how you can help build the future of the Delta-Beta Chapter by contributing to our CEF!

- CEF Committee

The Delta-Beta CEF Balance as of October 31, 2016 is:

\$23,303.32

CEF Committee Members:

Vinny Bruno '14, Bryan Duarte '14, Bill Foley '06, Andrew Grosso '08, Anthony Horan '15, Jimmy Vandervalk '13, Joe Palazzolo '03

For more details about the Delta-Beta Chapter Educational Fund as well as information on how you can make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Bryan Duarte at 201-790-1778 or duarte.bryan@ymail.com.

The 2017 Executive Council

Delta-Beta thanks the past Executive Council for their efforts throughout their term. We look ahead to the future with our new Executive Council and are excited to see what this new group of young men have in store for the chapter.



2016 Executive Council



2017 Executive Council

PLEDGE/INITIATE UPDATE

Delta-Beta initiated 4 new members this fall as part of the Beta-Theta pledge class. These 4 new members are eager to become active members of Delta-Beta and have a positive impact on the fraternity.



- Anthony Derhagopian – Mount Laurel, NJ
 - Business Management
- Inan Sikel – South Plainfield, NJ
 - Accounting
- Mike Depalma – Springfield, NJ
 - Criminal Justice
- Noah Saggese – Haddonfield, NJ
 - Finance

CHAPTER ACTIVITY UPDATE

Delta-Beta brothers have had a great fall semester so far participating in many worthy college activities. We've participated in intramurals and were able to end with two 3rd place finishes in soccer and flag football respectively. Brothers also participated in Monmouth University's annual "Big Event" a day filled with community service.



CHAPTER ACTIVITY UPDATE

Teaming up with Monmouth University Delta-Beta brothers participated in Trunk or Treat providing local with Halloween candy and a smile! Alongside brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma at Monmouth University we joined forces to table for “Brothers Helping the Homeless”.



GRADUATION UPDATE



Congratulations to the following Delta-Beta's on their graduation:

- Andrew Mucci – Franklin Lakes, NJ
– Marketing & Management
- Ryan Kennedy – Wall, NJ
– Political Science
- Mike Cisero – Cinnaminson, NJ
– Marketing

ALUMNI ACTIVITY UPDATE



Delta-Beta alumni have been quite busy over the past few months participating in numerous activities. Alumni participated in a golf outing on September 24th. Michael Gideon was appointed Delta-Beta's new Chapter Director and Joseph "Tugboat" Palazzolo was elected to the Grand Council of Sigma Pi.



Rich Novotny's graduation from the Police Academy



Paul Salvesen receiving Sigma Pi Fraternity's inaugural Young Alumni Volunteer of the Year award at Convocation 2016



Alumni Interview

John Van Brunt



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

When I went to Monmouth University as a freshman, I had no idea what to expect. I had planned to play football at Monmouth for four years, but a back injury in the preseason ruined those plans. Moving forward, the only thing I knew was that I was not interested in joining a fraternity. In my first semester, I actively searched for something to do. Every club or campus organization seemed like a huge waste of my time. Throughout the Fall 2000 semester, Joe Palazzolo periodically invited me to take part in some events with the fraternity. Although it was always a good time, I made sure to remind Joe that I was not interested in pledging. At the start of the Spring 2001 semester, Joe, once again, invited me to his friends' house to watch the premier of the XFL (It was like the NFL but with worse players and run by the WWE guy). When I walked into the small house on Castlwall Ave, two Sigma Pi brothers greeted me by name. This was the first time I felt welcome anywhere since starting college. A few weeks later, Joe mentioned that interviews were coming up and I jumped at the opportunity to become a part of the Sigma Pi family.



Aside from the parties, what did you take away from your undergraduate years as a brother of Sigma Pi?

I studied Business Management in college, but I learned more about management through leadership roles in Sigma Pi. I have always taken pride in my ability to be a leader among my peers and Sigma Pi helped me hone those skills and become more effective once I graduated. I learned to take ownership in my work, which has proven very useful throughout my career.

Alumni Interview

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What is your favorite college memory?

It is too difficult to pick just one memory. Winning Greek Week 3 out of my 4 years was definitely a highlight. I think the best nights in college were not the huge parties or mixers. The best nights were the ones that happened by mistake. People would just show up to the house to see what we were doing, and we would have a great time making each other laugh to kill our boredom. I'm going to sound like an old man now, but hear me out. I did not have a cell phone when I was in college; most people didn't. Instead of trying to find out where every single one of our friends were, we just enjoyed the present company and made the most of it. Lastly, I've never laughed harder than I did at Homecoming 2002. After the parking lot festivities, all undergrads and alumni went back to the house, where a few of us sat on the fireplace and brutally mocked anyone that walked by.

Where do you currently live? What is your current profession?

I live in Roxbury, New Jersey with my wife and our newborn son (born November 10th). I currently work at Kean University as the Managing Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions.

Do you have a message for the undergraduates?

The best advice I received as an undergrad was from Justin Grau (past sage) on the night of my initiation. He said, "Boys go out and drink. Men make it to class the next day." I used this motto throughout my time at Monmouth, but I also use it today. There are a million reasons to skip class, work, or any responsibility, but a hard working Sigma Pi man finds a way to overcome the excuses and gets the job done. Be resilient. Get the job done.

How can guys contact you if they want to get in touch?

Please feel free to email, call or text me. My email is JohnVB40@gmail.com and my phone number is [\(201\)230-2303](tel:(201)230-2303).

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