



The Delta Psi Sig

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Fall 2011 Pledge Class



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A Man of
Good Character.....

A Student of
Fair Ability.....

With
Ambitious Purposes.....

A
Congenial Disposition.....

Possessed of
Good Morals.....

Having a
High Sense of Honor

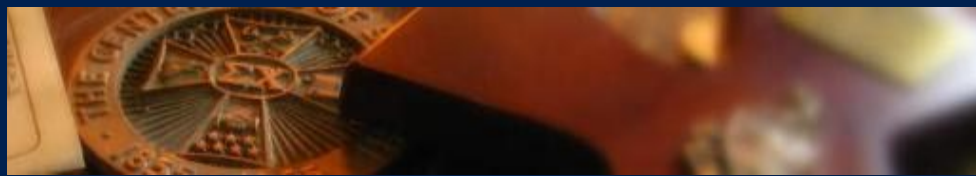
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A Deep Sense of
Personal Responsibility.

The Delta Psi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity would like to introduce you to our Fall 2011 Pledge class! We were pleased to have placed the Norman Shield upon the lapels of twenty-three up-standing students who have begun their journey to brotherhood. This year's class is made up of campus leaders, young men from different parts of the country and the world, Eagle Scouts, athletes, and freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

The 2011 Pledge class is as follows (from left to right, top row): **John Spangenberg, Marcus Brown, Max Jablow, Chris Lee, Charles Carletta, Stephen Cale, Colin Burbage, Cameron Molloy, Will Nobile;** (bottom row): **James Cataldo, Ben Richardson, Reeve Fernandes, Andrew Greenstein, Blake Torres, Xunjun Cai, Nicholas Pitt, Zachary Reed, Oskari Rautiainen, Drew Kopicki, Christopher Heinbokel, Michael Greenberg, Nick MarcAurele;** (not picture): **Mack Ott.**

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We are extremely happy to not only have the excitement of pledging this many people, but also to be bestowing this honor on twenty-three fine gentlemen with varied interests, achievements, and life experiences. Here is some more information about our pledges...

Name	Hometown	Involvement, Achievements, or Fun Facts
Marcus Egay Browne, SR	Bennington, VT	4.0 GPA, worked for Exxon Mobile
Colin Richard Burbage, FR	Winchester, MA	Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee
Xunjun Alex Cai, JR	Shenzhen, China	Center for Integrated Electronics Research, Taekwondo
Stephen Patrick Cale, SO	Suffern, NY	Dean's List, RPI Leadership Award
Charles Francis Carletta, SO	Troy, NY	Dean's list, Student Senator, HS Cadet Colonel
James Francis Cataldo, SO	Billerica, MA	HS High Honors, Abigail Adams Award
Reevan Fernades, FR	Dubai UAE	Top 10% of class, Head Boy in HS
Michael Aaron Greenberg, FR	Fairfield, CT	Cellist, RPI Medalist
Andrew Jay Greenstein, FR	Mendota Heights, MN	Plays saxophone, Jazz Band Book Awardee
Christopher Robert Heinbokel, SO	Westfield, NJ	HS Valedictorian, Licensed Pilot
Max Solomon Jablow, FR	Wilmette, IL	HS Soccer Goalie, Architecture Major
Drew Anthony Kopicki, FR	Philadelphia, PA	National Merit Scholar, HS Track Captain, Firefighter
Chris Matthew Lee, FR	Old Saybrook, CT	NHS, Fourth in HS Class
Cameron Graham Molloy, FR	Attleboro, MA	HS Varsity Football Player
Nicholas Steven MarcAurele, FR	East Granby, CT	RPI Medalist, Eagle Scout
William Francis Nobile, FR	Fairfield, CT	Eagle Scout, Frisbee, Curling Club
Mackenzie David Ott, SO	Somerset, WI	Treasurer RPI SEDS, Jazz Band
Nicholas Gunther Pitt, FR	Sherman, CT	Co-chair HS Science Club, built a fusor
Oskari Antti Pekka Rautiainen, FR	Winchester, MA	NHS, Founded HS Frisbee team and club
Zackary Robert Reed, FR	South Glens Falls, NY	Harvard Book awardee, Rube Goldberg Competition
Benjamin McGlenn Richardson, FR	Windham, ME	HS Valedictorian and Eagle Scout
John Thomas Spangenberg, FR	Cumberland, RI	Debate State Champion, Habitat for Humanity
Blake Carlton Torres, JR	Pamona, CA	National Merit Scholar, Citrus College Dean's List

**NHS—National Honor Society

Consul's Corner

Each summer, Sigma Chis from across the continent gather at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop to become better leaders while planning the future of our fraternity. It's played a fundamental role in the recent success of our chapter. This year, Balfour LTW has been especially good to us.

Most notably, it was during Balfour LTW when our chapter won a Peterson Significant Chapter Blue Award for the second year in a row. The Blue distinction is given to chapters that earn greater than 90% on the Person application. This win puts the illustrious Peterson "three-peat" within reach. Gone unrealized since 1997, we're set to achieve this feat by next summer.

We also burnished our reputation as having one of the best risk management programs in Sigma Chi. Our receipt of honorable mention comes on the heels of Best Overall Program wins in 2009 and 2010.

As we seek to push the envelope of what our chapter can achieve, chapter planning during Balfour LTW has proven invaluable. We developed a vision statement to guide us through the upcoming year:

We will diversify our chapter with honorable men who will foster growth of Community, Chapter, and Self through life, solidifying Sigma Chi as the premier student organization at RPI.

This vision was the framework for our fall 2011 recruitment program. Under the leadership of our Recruitment Chairman, Brian Allen, we achieved the highest bid acceptance rate of campus: 23/25 accepted. Our chapter is in for an exciting future, all thanks to unparalleled leadership training provided by alumni of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Thank you for your continued support.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
Ken Sobel
Consul



Summer 2011 Work Party Recap

This summer saw the success of our annual work party. Under the leadership of our foreman, Brother Bob “Beo” Bedard ‘75, alumni and active Sigs came together to make needed repairs and updates to our chapter house. The most notable of these was the renovation and installation of the chapter house lofts to provide a more comfortable are for studying and sleeping and to meet RPI standards for loft construction. Also among the projects was the installation of a second washing machine, bringing the laundry room to two washers and driers, and the stripping and resealing of both the Chapter Room floor and bar top.



Top: Brother Bill Hanson '73, Josh Gilbert '10, and Jimmy Schneider '12, work on stripping the old finish on the bar; Left: Past Grand Consul, Brother Bob Jones and current Chapter Consul, Ken Sobel; Bottom: Brothers Brendan McLaughlin and Connor Tighe take a break from working.



The event was a nice transition between summer break and classes and, as always, provided a great opportunity for the active chapter to bond with each other and alumni spanning a wide range of class years at RPI.



Recruitment 2011

With the extended help and cooperation of the entire brotherhood we have had one of the most successful recruitment seasons in Delta Psi Chapter history. We recruited 24 of the best young men on campus who have shown us qualities that great Sigma Chi's possess. Those recruited include valedictorians, pilots, cellists, sports captains, eagle scouts, and numerous campus leaders. These men come from diverse backgrounds, including outside the United States. We tried to recruit men better than us and believe we have succeeded.



This fall we added new events to our recruitment schedule, including an event called Seven

Rooms, along with bringing back past successes including Alumni Dinner and Greek FAQ. These events really set us apart from other fraternities on campus and cemented the choice of Sigma Chi in many young men's minds.

The Seven Rooms event gave the brotherhood the opportunity to showcase all the diverse aspects of Sigma Chi which make us who we are. The seven different rooms each had a specific theme: public relations; scholarship; financial; brotherhood; social; alumni; and ritual. In each room brothers described how Sigma Chi related to the

theme and rushees were able to ask questions of the brotherhood on that topic. Many rushees commented afterward how profound this event was and that it helped them to more fully understand our purposes and goals. For many it allowed them to finalize their decision to pledge Sigma Chi.



Overall, we had many successes right from the beginning with our very first event. We were invited to participate in the IFC's cookout on campus and asked to design a carnival game. Brother Bob Eckart proposed the idea of making our own mini golf course. We ran with

this idea and designed and built two holes - one in the shape of a 'sigma' and the other in the shape of a 'chi'. This was a great hit at the cookout and praised by many Greeks, including Dean of Greek Life Matt Hunt. Afterward the IFC cookout we held an open house at the chapter house which was packed. The living room was full along with the conservatory and chapter room. After the first event we kept the momentum going with our steak BBQ followed by the Band Bonfire BBQ. Both events brought many rushees to the house where we were able to get to know them.

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From these events we developed a short list of people we were very interested in. The true test, however, was whether these young men would come to the informational events and not just the fun events. Our first test was Greek FAQ which brought six rushees out. We had a great discussion with the rushees and the event was an overall success even with low numbers. Seven Rooms was the next test and we weren't sure what would happen. This event had a short description on our rush calendar, but was widely unknown what the event entailed. With a big effort by the

brothers, we had 22 rushees over to the house, which really blew us out of the water. These rushees really wanted to know more about Sigma Chi. Afterward they all expressed how informative the sessions were and how excited they were to have gone to the event. This led perfectly up to Alumni Dinner.

We were able to have quite a few alumni present for the dinner and it was a great event. We were all impressed by the rushees handled themselves when asked a question in front of quite a few people. They performed flawlessly and were not intimidated; instead, they gave great and heartfelt answers to the question "Why do you want to join Sigma Chi?" This is a testament to our brotherhood and the quality of the rushees we have recruited.

I'd like to thank the active brotherhood again for their support and cooperation in making this one of the best recruitment seasons in Delta Psi history. I'd also like to thank the alumni who showed us how to reach for our goals and achieve what none of us thought was possible. We all have worked hard and it has paid off by the quality of the 24 pledges we most recently pinned.

In Hoc,
Brian Allen
Recruitment Chair



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Delta Psi Chapter, Alumni and Sigma Chi Events

August 19-22: SUMMER WORK PARTY!

Contact :

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September 17: Alumni Recruitment Dinner

October 5: Scholarship Dinner

October 21-23: Homecoming Weekend

Class of 1971 Reunion Party:

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