

The Xi-Rho Times

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CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESSES,
ACHIEVEMENTS, & BROTHERS



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A Message From The Grand Master

One thing that has come easy with being the President of this Xi-Rho chapter of Kappa Sigma, is the ability to be proud. The ability to be proud of my Brothers for their dedication to the chapter, the ritual, the philanthropy, and above all else, the Brotherhood bond that cements us as one. My term as President has truly been an eye-opener, one that enabled me to witness what a group of motivated individuals can do for each other and the community around them. This semester, especially, Xi-Rho exemplified the strength of our bond, through the pure dedication to our amazing Brother, Steve Hensle, and the #HensleStrong Campaign. Whether it was rush, ritual, or raising money for the #HensleStrong Campaign, our Brothers went full force with Steve as the driving motivator.

As my term slowly comes to an end, I can honestly say that I could not be more satisfied with where Xi-Rho currently stands, and the positive direction that we continue to head in. Our 31 new Brothers will help strengthen our chapter in every aspect, and assist in strengthening the bond of Brotherhood. As a chapter filled with Brothers who continuously carry themselves with pride through wearing our letters on their chest and holding the Brotherhood near and dear to their hearts, I, as Grand Master of this Xi-Rho chapter, am pleased to end my term and leave with that same pride.

Matthew Francis

Grand Master, Xi-Rho

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The 2016-17 Executive Committee



Matthew Francis
Grand Master



Charles Paul
Grand Procurator



Alex McGuire
Grand Master of Ceremonies



Nicholas Ientile
Grand Treasurer



Dominick Santarsiero
Grand Scribe

Champion's Quest

This year the Xi-Rho chapter of Kappa Sigma has had our most successful rush in our history. This year we initiated 31 new Brothers, 8 new Brothers from the Alpha Mu class in the Fall as well as 23 new Brothers in the Spring from the Alpha Nu class. Xi-Rho's hard work was rewarded at the Garden State District Conclave where we won the award for the NJ Champions Quest on April 8th, 2017.

This semester we owed much of our success to Brother Grootenboer and his innovative ideas to get potentials to come out to our events. Our first night was our information night, the next was our tail-gate followed by Fries and Guys. Dodgeball was easily one of the most fun events that week because after a long week we were able unwind and throw balls at each other!

The following week we had our Wing Night which was easily our biggest turn out at JD's Bar and Grille. A favorite among the Brothers and for the potentials considering the quality of food we received; wing night was once again a success.

Our final event was the Meet the Brothers Social where we had a good showing to end this semester's rush. Professional interviews were held between select Brothers and one rush at a time to get any final necessary information or opinions on the potential new members before we voted on bids.

Overall, Xi-Rho is proud of the growth we have made over the course of the year and we look forward to continuing the Champions Quest and bettering our fraternity by finding quality men.



IN PURSUIT OF JACKSON'S DREAM

Meet The *Nu* Guys



Vinny Amato

Scroll # 330

Major: Criminal Justice **Hometown:** Howell, NJ

Fun Fact: Throughout high school I suffered from 11 concussions and still played

Andrew Barber

Scroll # 331

Major: Biology **Hometown:** Dumont, NJ

Fun Fact: I want to be a veterinarian and currently with my job I walk and play with dogs, of all breeds, and get paid for it!



Christian Bardales

Scroll #332

Major: Health Sciences **Hometown:** Toms River, NJ

Fun Fact: I look forward to skydiving again!



Stephen Batchelder

Scroll # 333

Major: Marketing **Hometown:** Toms River, NJ

Fun Fact: I can do an impression of Elmo



Meet The *Nu* Guys

Kevin Carr Scroll # 334

Major: Management
Hometown: Swedesboro, NJ

Fun Fact: I won an ice hockey tournament my junior year of high school



Eric Cook Scroll # 335

Major: Visual Comm. **Hometown:** Firestone, CA

Fun Fact: I won class president in 6th grade by accident

Nick Curran Scroll # 336

Major: Health Sciences **Hometown:** Freehold, NJ

Fun Fact: While on vacation in the Bahamas I ran into Mark Wahlberg while on line for a water slide



Nick DelRocini Scroll # 337

Major: Health Sciences
Hometown: Washington Township, NJ

Fun Fact: I was 1 of 3 guys in my entire grade to achieve first honors (All A's) my junior year.

Meet The *Nu* Guys



Stephen Dolan Scroll # #338

Major: Undecided **Hometown:** Dumont, NJ

Fun Fact: I saved my twin brother from drowning after he got his body tangled in a pool ladder

Christian Dugan Scroll # 339

Major: Business Management
Hometown: Wenonah, NJ

Fun Fact: I played soccer my whole life and now I am on the Kappa Sigma soccer team



Matt Elko Scroll # 340

Major: Biology **Hometown:** Edison, NJ

Fun Fact: I was ranked in the top 150 players in the state for baseball my junior year of high school



Matt Faldetta Scroll # 341

Major: Health Science
Hometown: Egg Harbor Township, NJ

Fun Fact: I am currently missing 3 inches in my lower right of bone in my tibia



Meet The *Nu* Guys

Christian Farrand

Scroll # 342

Major: Occupational Therapy
Hometown: Belleville, NJ

Fun Fact: In one Summer, I visited seven different countries



Brandon Hayek

Scroll # 343

Major: Computer Science
Hometown: Franklin Lakes, NJ

Fun Fact: I have never broken any bones in my body

Liam Kehoe

Scroll # 344

Major: Marine Science **Hometown:** Voorhees, NJ

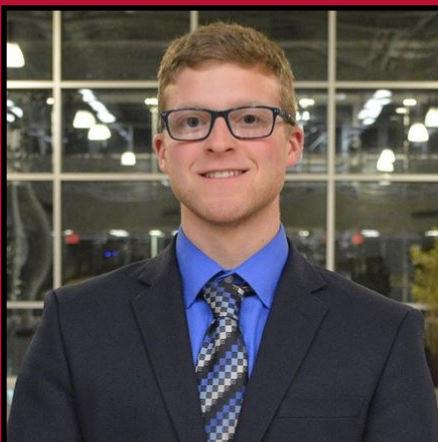
Fun Fact: I have eaten a rattle snake before



Josh Levy Scroll # 345

Major: MBA Dual Degree Business Management
Hometown: Northfield, NJ

Fun Fact: I used to recreationally and competitively long board, going to competitions in Pennsylvania



Meet The *Nu* Guys



Luke Meizinger

Scroll # 346

Major: Nursing **Hometown:** Glenside, PA

Fun Fact: I have Ice skated with Roy Holliday

Yoni Pier

Scroll # 347

Major: Finance in an accelerated MBA program

Hometown: Paramus, NJ

Fun Fact: I almost got attacked by a bear while camping!



Mike Rodriguez

Scroll # 348

Major: Business Marketing

Hometown: Lawrenceville, NJ

Fun Fact: I can do a wicked SpongeBob, sheep, and chicken impression!



Joe Romanowski

Scroll # 349

Major: Mathematics and Pre-Engineering

Hometown: Freehold, NJ

Fun Fact: I dance like an idiot to the song Kill the Lights



Meet The *Nu* Guys

Tim Sparrock

Scroll # 350

Major: Accounting

Hometown: Ocean Township, NJ

Fun Fact: I won the B North championship for my high school swim team by 1/10th of a second



Hunter Spearnock

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Major: Marine Biology **Hometown:** Woodbridge, NJ

Fun Fact: I played ice hockey since I was 4. I won an Atlantic District Championship and I got a point in every game my senior year.

Matt Thomas

Scroll #352

Major: Environmental Studies

Hometown: Pittstown, NJ

Fun Fact: I have pulled a dog out of a structure fire and rehabilitated it which helped save its life!



Philanthropy

The Military Heroes Campaign is the international philanthropy designed to honor and aid thousands of wounded military veterans and their families in communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. Since its inception, the campaign has donated over \$1,000,000 to non-profit organizations, such as the Fisher House Foundation, which advocates on behalf of servicemen and women and those wounded in combat.

This year the Brothers of the Xi-Rho chapter of Kappa Sigma also raised money for their fellow Brother Steve Hensle, who has been battling Stage 3 brain cancer for the last 2 years. Steve is a member of the Alpha Theta pledge class and also the Fall 2016 Grand Master of Ceremonies. The #HensleStrong Campaign was started to raise money for Steve and his family in this time of need.

Two of our fundraising events that took place were the Wing Bowl at JD's Bar and Grille and the Polar Plunge at the beach in Brigantine, NJ. These two events are annual events that raise an enormous amount of money for A Greater Cause and the Military Heroes Campaign, and luckily, we were able to raise money for #HensleStrong this year as well. Other events included fundraising at Chickie's & Pete's, Chipotle, Buffalo Wild Wings, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, and many more local restaurants around the Stockton community.

Philanthropy and Fundraising for the Xi-Rho chapter is not a chair that is to be taken lightly, especially not this past year when the cause was so close to home. This chair has taught me to think outside of the box and push beyond my limits of creating and innovating new ideas.

Thomas Stanimirov

A Greater Cause Chairman

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#HensleStrong



Community Service

Giving back to the Stockton community has been a goal for the Brothers of the Xi-Rho chapter since our founding. This year we made great strides to improve the community in the area around us as well as the perception of Greek Life on our campus.

Every month we collect trash alongside West Jimmy Leeds Road in Galloway. This is a major road near our own Stockton University and quickly fills up with garbage. While it only takes an hour to do our cleaning, it never feels like work because it quickly becomes a bonding experience for the Brothers.

Starting in the Fall of 2016, Brother Mojica came up with the idea to do a community service event with the Covenant House. The Covenant House offers housing as well as different career and counseling services for the youth ages 18-21 that find themselves homeless. Brothers brought board games and snacks to the youth and got to hear many of their stories.

Lastly, this semester Xi-Rho teamed up with Stockton's Social Work Club to host Ospreython at the Lakeside Lodge. All proceeds went to CHOP: The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Brothers Mojica, Grootenboer, and Santarsiero served as morale captains and helped run different activities for the 12-hour Dance-a-thon. At the end of the event, total funds raised were calculated and we managed to raise \$8,082 for the children hospital. Next year the Xi-Rho chapter hopes to work with the other Greek organizations involved and raise over \$10,000 dollars.

Academics

Academics is extremely important to Kappa Sigma. With scholarship being 1 of our 4 pillars, and our primary reason for attending Stockton is academics, it is of utmost importance. We have implemented a system to ensure that every Brother can attain a high GPA and have the resources to do so. We have an academics team consisting of four people that meet with Brothers that need help and ensure that Brothers do weekly study hours. Because of this desire to do exceptional work, the fraternity has an average GPA of 3.24. We have quite a few Brothers with exceptionally high GPAs. Benjamin Davis is a health science major with a concentration in physical therapy and has a GPA of 3.88. Another Brother, Anthony Beadling, is a math major and has a GPA of 3.87. We also have Brothers that were able to get a 4.0 last semester. These Brothers are Ryan Warn, Michael Hoffman, Adam Smith, Miguel Aranas, and Steven Hensle.

We continue to strive to have the highest GPA on campus and we accomplish this by having motivated brothers and a great system!



A few of our Brothers being inducted into Order of Omega, the Honor Society for Greek Life

Brotherhood

Development Activities



Brotherhood development activities are a great way to improve relationships between Brothers and increase fraternal bonds. As Brotherhood Development Chair, Brothers Marcos Fazzino and Adam Smith, organized events throughout the semester for Brothers to hang out together and have fun. Such events include a semester long pong tournament, paintballing, and hiking. Every Monday night, Brothers gather together to socialize with a water pong tournament. Not only is this a fun event, but Brothers get to talk and get to know each other better.

Paintballing is an event that debuted last semester and had great feedback. Brothers encouraged each other to come out and try something new. This resulted in some good laughs and great memories! Hiking is also an event that has somewhat become a tradition. Last semester, Brothers hiked Mt. Tammany in Warren County, New Jersey. They packed their backpacks and set off for a day on the trail. It proved to be great exercise and provided Brothers with some breath-taking pictures. Every semester, our Brotherhood grows stronger and a huge part of this is



Top, Bottom Right: A few of our brothers hiking the beautiful Mt. Tammany

Left: Brothers after a great paintballing BD

Greek Community Relations

A constant misconception that fraternities face across the nation is that Greek organizations are simply just fancy “drinking clubs”. Our chapter makes constant strides to disprove this stereotype. One way we do this is by organizing “sober social” events and activities with other Greek organizations on campus. These activities help us with building stronger fraternal bonds within the chapter and form better relationships amongst the Greek community. These activities include, but are not limited to: hiking, trips and donating to the Cape May Zoo, BBQs at Lake Fred, and ice skating with our lovely sororities on campus. These events, along with many others in the workings, will to continue to break down Greek life stereotypes, bring pride to the fraternity, and strengthen our Greek community here at Stockton.



Left: Our Brothers with the Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha at the Cape May Zoo donating toys for the animals

Top Right: The Sisters of Delta Delta Delta with our brothers ice skating in Atlantic City

Bottom Right: Brothers of Kappa Sigma and Delta Phi Epsilon take on a haunted corn maze for Halloween

Our New Masters Of The Ritual



This year we've had the honor of two of our brothers, James Delrocini and Sam Isidoro, becoming Xi-Rho's 7th and 8th Master of the Ritual. These brothers took the initiative to further immerse themselves in our ritual. After countless hours of preparing, both brothers tested and completed all six ritual certificates to earn themselves the of honor of becoming Master of the Ritual. Brother DelRocini Master of the Ritual number is 683 and Brother Isidoro's is 684. A.E.K.Δ.B. Brothers!

Intramural Sports

Sports provide an environment that births and nurtures personal growth as well as group comradery. This year's intramural teams have been no different. As a basketball team, we finished the season making the playoffs with a .500 record, a drastic improvement over the previous season. We also had great teams in soccer and football, and we're off to a promising start in softball. Our greatest accomplishment of the year was coming in first place for volleyball, winning the league. Throughout it all, we've had a lot of fun and grown closer as Brothers, and while this stat won't show up in the win-loss column, it's the true reason we all play.

Graduating Senior Quotes

Joe Isola- “Find your voice and use it”

Matt Francis- “Kappa Sigma Fraternity has provided me with everything I need during and after college, and it truly makes me happy to see it do the same for my fellow brothers of my chapter.” AEKDB.

Johnny Boyne- “Loose Cannons never cut and run”

Cristian Moreno- “Whatever you do, do well and may success attend your efforts”

Zach Veneziano- “If you do not rise above adversity, you’re only destined to fade away”

Anthony Beadlings- “I’m eternally grateful for all of the memories, opportunities, leadership skills, and the many brothers that Kappa Sigma has given me.”

Tim Cusack- “Just remember you can’t climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pocket”

Chuck Paul- “18 holes a day and I still find time for golf.”

Matt Crane- “Doctor: What happened last night? Me: I had a good fucking time that’s what happened.”

Paul Garraty- “Service through power”

Matt Gorham- “I only gave this quote so I wouldn’t get fined”

Kevin Slusarz- “Whatever you do, do well and may success attend your efforts.”

Brian Vincent- “You wanted a quote, I’m giving you a quote. Now lets go fishing.”

Rob Demcher- “Real G’s move in silence like Lasagna”

Tom Lynch- “If you can dodge a wrench you can dodge college.”

Kurt Miller- “Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music.”

Dom Santarsiero- “When the waves of life keep on pulling, you can either let them pull you down or you can learn to ride them.”

Tom Stanimirov- “As brothers, we cover for each other. We live each moment as its last for there is no day but today.”

Artie Gathercole- “Greek life has made such a positive impact on my life, it gave me so many opportunities that I wouldn’t change for the world”

Brett McCarron- “Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet to the ground.”

Nico Smith- “We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”

Mike DeMarco- “I am not Hoffman” -DeMarco

Ryan Warn- “Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago” -Warren Buffet

Spring 2017 Seniors



Thank you, graduating brothers, for leaving
your mark on this chapter. And always
remember not for a day, or a week, or a
college term only, but for life!

AEKΔB!