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The Frater shares updates about the Fraternity and showcases the amazing ways our Brothers are making a difference. It is a result and a culmination of the Brotherhood and teamwork all of us experienced as undergraduates.

In addition to the Frater, please check the **pilambdaphi.org** website and the Pi Lambda Phi Facebook page for regular updates. Please share your experiences and thoughts, as we want to share your experiences with our entire Brotherhood.

# FROM the IEC PRESIDENT



Dear Brothers:

It is an exciting time at Pi Lambda Phi. We continue to be leaders in many areas of fraternity life, and our dedication to eliminating prejudice and bringing awareness to racial intolerance is recognized by campus leaders. In fact, we often win the right to expand on campuses simply because campus administrators are impressed with our dedication to

these ideals.

As we continue to fulfill the goals of the strategic plan developed and implemented in 2010, the International Executive Council has decided to review the plan and determine if we can strive for bigger and better. The short answer is that we believe we can improve our planning to guide our fraternity into the next decade. The old plan focused on growth; i.e. developing and growing standards based chapters, and it was very successful. Those goals will remain and the new plan will focus on several areas including; actively involving our alumni groups, better educating our chapter advisors, assisting chapters with housing and

providing relevant education to our undergraduates. With input from all of our various entities, including; the Educational Foundation, Staff, Undergraduates, and Alumni Associations, we are expecting to approve and implement the new plan by the end of 2017.

The fraternity experience is unique in that it inherently promotes the idea of tradition and consistency and those traditions are what binds us to different eras of Pilam. Yet, to continually be relevant, the fraternal movement must be agile enough to adapt and evolve with changing times and circumstances. In my collective 31 years of having been a Pilam - both an undergraduate and alumnus - I have seen much adaptation. Most of it for the better of the fraternal movement and for Pi Lambda Phi. We will continue to be charged with reevaluating positions, traditions, and stances that we have taken. Just as we had to evolve our social behaviors in the late 1980s with new risk reduction policies, and how we needed to re-write parts of our Ritual in the 1990s, and how it made sense to reemphasize significantly in the mid-2000s the need to focus on our fraternal values, the future will continue to pose us with questions like...

- How will we continue to prove our relevance as a fraternity?
- How can we best live out the vision Werner, Fisher, and Levy set forth over 120 years ago?
- What will we expect of our student members? To that end, how do we define what

it means to be a member – (i.e. topics of transgender membership)?

- What role will alcohol play in our organization?
- What role will alcohol play in our houses?
- What will we expect of our alumni members?

These are just some of the important topics that myself, our other Councilmen, and Headquarters staff think about every day. We gladly accept this responsibility. Your input is always welcome. We each have a voice and experiences that matter. Additionally, I believe we each have a responsibility to do our best to ensure Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity's longevity. I hope that you will commit to helping our fraternity - in whatever way you can - further advance itself in the vear to come.

Finally, please remember Convention is August 3-6 in Pittsburgh, PA. If you have any desire to participate in the international fraternity, I would encourage you to join us. If you have any questions about how to get involved or what the time commitment is please send me an email. Convention details can be found on our website. Have a fantastic summer.

Fraternally,
Dan Scott, C.K., President
International Executive Council

# FROM the EF PRESIDENT



Prothers,
I hope spring went well and was as productive for you as it was for the Educational Foundation (EF). As we approach the end of the Educational Foundation's fiscal year, I want to share some exciting updates.

In my last report, I noted that the Board of Trustees unanimously approved new Bylaws for the EF in December of 2016. In the past six months, the Trustees have been working diligently develop and implement numerous supporting policies to further align EF operations with current non-profit regulations and best practices and assure prudent stewardship of funds. I appreciate the hard work of Trustees to ensure rigorous safeguarding of our donors' gifts. As an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of Pi Lambda

As an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of Pi Lambda Phi's philanthropy of choice, the Elimination of Prejudice Foundation (EOPF), I have had the privilege of seeing firsthand the work done to create better understanding among people. In March of 2017, the EOPF approved a grant request,

submitted by a committee of eight undergraduate brothers from across Pilam Nation, to fund two programs co-sponsored by the Fraternity. The programs, which are run by the Challenge and Diversity Council organizations respectively, will give Pilams and non-Pilams knowledge and skills needed to combat prejudice within their local communities. On behalf of Pilam Nation, I would like to offer a round of snaps to the following eight brothers for their work securing the approved grant and living the Creed!

- Juan Lopez '13, FL Delta
- Thomas Mandel '14, IN Alpha Theta
- KC Kemp '16, CA Alpha Upsilon
- Charlie Ludlow '14, MI Alpha Omega
- John Schroeder '15, WI Omega
- Andrew Bianco '14, OH Beta Tau
- Ruden Conner '15, VA Alpha Psi
- Dylan Roake '14, NY Beta Omicron

You can read the committee's entire summary report here.

Finally, I am honored to announce that Brother Louis J. Fox'61, PA Gamma Sigma, will be presented the Big Pi Award at the Presidential Awards Banquet on Saturday, August 5, as part of Pi Lambda Phi's 122nd Anniversary Leadership Convention, which will be held August 3-6, 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh – Green Tree. To attend the banquet and celebrate the accomplishments of Brother Fox and other Pilams,

please purchase a ticket at <a href="www.pilambdaphi.org/2017alumni-registration">www.pilambdaphi.org/2017alumni-registration</a>. Information regarding hotel accommodations can be found on the same page. I look forward to seeing many of you in Pittsburgh!

Fraternally Yours, Shawn Upchurch, C.K., President Educational Foundation



Join brothers from across Pilam Nation August 3-6, 2017 at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh - Green Tree in Pittsburgh, PA.

For hotel accommodations, take advantage of our special room rate of \$109/night by calling 412-922-8400 and using the group code "Pi Lambda Phi" before July 15, 2017.

Have questions? Contact IHQ at 203-740-1044 or by email at convention@pilambdaphi.org.

**Register Today!** 

# FROM the EXEC. DIRECTOR



Greetings brothers. As academic year 2016-2017 ends, we reflect on this past spring semester and look toward the future. We just finished a successful re-colonization at Purdue University with thirty-two men being initiated into the re-founding father class. This group of young brothers aspires to leave a positive mark on Purdue's campus while reaping all the benefits of fraternal life.

While Purdue University was just beginning their journey as a colony, we are proud that both Rutgers University and Salisbury University completed their colonization process this spring and earned their respective charters. Headquarters staff, alumni, advisors, and university officials joined the students for both chartering banquets. The banquets were wonderful celebrations of the accomplishments of both chapters.

We celebrated our 122nd anniversary of founding in March with Philadelphia playing host for the celebratory banquet. Students from Drexel University, the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, and Rutgers University were all in attendance along with Philadelphiaarea alumni from all different chapters.

As we look toward the coming year, we are excited to share that our staff continues to evolve with the additions of John Ortiz (Adelphi University) and Annalise Sinclair (Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority). They both will officially start at the end of June and are excited to be working with our Expansion and Chapter Services areas respectively. They both bring a lot to our team and we are eager to work with them.

On the horizon is Convention 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA. Students and Chapter Advisors will convene on the city for training and to share in fraternal bonds. All Pilams are welcome to join in the experience. The annual Presidential Awards Banquet will be held the evening of Saturday August 5 and many undergraduates and alumni will be recognized for their contributions to our great fraternity.

Even though the next academic year is still many months away, we are already working on our plans for fall chapter visits, regional conferences, and our re-colonization effort at Virginia Commonwealth University. If you would like to learn more about any of these initiatives, please contact us at headquarters@pilambdaphi.org. It remains a great time to be a Pilam!

#### **Your Donations**

Your first taste of significant responsibility may have come from Pi Lambda Phi. Your life has probably been shaped by this experience. You grew and matured because of it. You formed friendships that have lasted a lifetime. Please give today to assure that another generation of undergraduate Brothers will have the same opportunities.

Through the years, all of us have seen deserving undergraduate Brothers be a part of this Fraternity but also struggle because of merely not having enough money to cope with ever rising tuition costs.

There are two ways to give; either online via credit card, or by mail with a check. Your generous donation can make an impact today!

Give online at: www.pilambdaphi.org/donation

By mail:
Pi Lambda Phi Educational Foundation
Gift Processing Office
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Grafton, OH 44044

We are asking you to join us in funding educational projects. Your gifts can send Brothers to receive leadership training at the Annual Convention, or provide incentive scholarship grants to deserving Brothers.

# **ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT**

### JASON BERGERON '06, OH BETA TAU

Written By: Grady Hale '15, NC Omega Beta

lason Bergeron '06, OH Beta J Tau, is current Director for the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life at the University of Houston. In addition to his role at UH, he is also a current Board of Directors member for the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA), the pre-eminent professional organization those who work and/or volunteer in the area of fraternities and sororities.

He has been with the University of Houston for almost eight years and has seen its progression from a smaller, more local school to a nationally-known university with expanded facilities and opportunities.

Bergeron recently received the Outstanding Fraternity/ Sorority Professional Award from the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values (AFLV) conference for leadership and innovation within the Greek community.

"I was shocked when I was announced as the award winner because students nominated me without my knowledge," Bergeron said. "Receiving the award and reading the supporting materials for the nomination meant a lot, especially because it came from students."

The mission of the AFLV is to provide educational programming and opportunities to fraternities and their members to embrace their ability to lead. The award Bergeron received is given annually, and, this

year, was announced in front of a crowd of over 3,000 active undergraduates and advisors.

Bergeron first experienced fraternity life when he joined the OH Beta Tau chapter. "Getting involved in Greek life was really the last piece of the puzzle in terms of having a well-rounded college experience," Bergeron said. "It really helped me to connect everything."

Most of Bergeron's 13-person new member class comprised of 18-year-old or 19-year-old firstyear students, and he was by far the oldest member, having found Pilam late in his college career.

"Even though I was older than the rest of the new member class, it didn't feel any sort of disconnect because I got as much from them as they got from me," Bergeron said. "I brought a determined focus to adhere to our Creed and offered a perspective on navigating university life."

Bergeron joined the OH Beta Tau Chapter as part of a revitalization effort, being the second new member class to be added to the revitalized chapter.

"One of the current members of the fraternity was heavily involved in leadership and student activities. He was a great leader of integrity on campus, and he gave me a copy of the Creed to study," Bergeron said. "The values of Pilam resonated with me, and I wanted to give membership a shot."

Bergeron has stayed in close contact with many of his



fraternity brothers over the years, and he loves to connect with Pilams from other chapters, whether at alumni events at his local chapter or through larger international conventions.

Much of what Bergeron has gained from being a Pilam has been the experiences after college through the connections he's made with the fraternity and its members.

"I've been lucky enough to attend multiple fraternity conventions. Conventions are great for meeting people and expanding reach within the fraternity," he said. "The shared experience of interacting with people who share the same values and rituals as you really helps maintain that connection beyond the local chapter."

After attending numerous conventions and overseeing a

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number of Greek organizations at Houston, Bergeron believes it is the spirit of Pilam that sets it apart from many Greek organizations.

"All the men in the room at conventions share very similar perspectives in terms of their values and the Creed, and our Creed is specific in the areas of inclusion and justice" he said. "I don't always see that agreement on such a focused level as much in other organizations, and it makes us special."

One thing Bergeron believes is important to Pilams everywhere is being ambassadors of inclusivity and elimination of prejudice by engaging university staff, students, and members of other Greek organizations. Many NIC fraternities contain primarily white members, and engaging these groups can help break down the systems of prejudice that are in place.

"Back in the 1800's when many fraternities were established, white men were the only ones who had access to go to college, and that structure has really stuck with many organizations for years," he said. "While three white men started Pilam, diversity was at the core of our founding, and we have successfully opened our doors to a diversity of members."

Bergeron challenges potential new members of fraternities to ask questions of the brotherhood and consider what is truly important to the fraternity, rather than simply social events or status.

"How can you ask the most basic questions to get to the most basic elements of the group," he said. "How has the fraternity developed your character and benefit your community?"

He believes new members of good Greek organizations should be able to enter an immersive environment of brothers who are there to make one grow. A fraternity should provide a more intimate environment for a member to develop into a model student of the university community, and it should provide much more than just parties.

Even after a Pilam brother

graduates from college, he is still able to actively contribute to the fraternity.

"Finding where you're uniquely positioned to contribute is important," he said. "You can serve on a council with Pilam, or vou could serve on another Greek organization's council if there is not a local Pilam chapter to you. You don't have to win national awards, and honestly some of the most innovative people in fraternity and sorority life aren't gaining that type of recognition. We need people who think differently about fraternities and sororities and are able to bring about change."

He believes that bringing a scientific perspective to Greek life will help break down unproductive systems, including ones that encourage prejudice.

"Lawyers make a claim and then gather all the evidence they need to support that claim. We do a lot of this in fraternities and sororities, and it's not always the most helpful approach, because it keeps us from asking the questions necessary to make our fraternity better. Scientists make a claim and then invite other people to disprove it," he said. "If people can't disprove the claim, then it has to be correct. We need more of that. We need more people who are scientists of fraternities and sororities."

A round of Snaps for Brother Bergeron receiving his award and the important work his is doing within the fraternity and sorority community.



Jason Bergeron '06, with members of the University of Houston Panhellenic Council, accepting the 2017 AFLV Outstanding Fraternity/Sorority Professional Award on February 4, 2017.

# CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

### **NEW YORK BETA OMICRON RE-CHARTERS**

Written By: Jonathan Finnerty '15, NJ Alpha Lambda

Onicron successfully rechartered at St. John's University under Rex Dylan Roake. After the closing of the original chapter in the Spring of 2012, due to issues of low membership, NY Beta Omicron was re-colonized with the guidance of lan Lowe, Vincent Pennix, and Patrick Spanner. Although the previous chapter closed due to poor recruitment, the new colony was established with 33 Re-Founding Fathers.

The legacy of NY Beta Omicron is of historical significance. Originally founded in 1968 as the Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Rho, NY Beta Omicron was the product of the great merger in 1972 of Pilam and Beta Sigma Rho. This legacy continues today with the successful re-chartering of NY Beta Omicron.

After nearly four years as a colony, NY Beta Omicron was able to successfully complete the chartering process, officially being recognized by both Pilam IHQ and St. John's University. During the chartering banquet, Elizabeth Sheehan, St. John's University Coordinator of Campus Activities state, "This chapter is comprised of an extraordinary and principled

group of men who display passion and commitment to Pi Lambda Phi, the St. John's community, and each other." Sheenhan also shared about the philanthropic efforts of NY Beta Omicron, as well as the dedication the Re-Founding Fathers committed to the community.

Joseph Armiento '15, current Rex, is optimistic about the opportunities now available to the newly chartered chapter. About the successful charter, Armiento said, "Chartering has benefitted our chapter by giving us more recognition on campus and in Pi Lambda Phi as a whole." As for the biggest benefit coming from this achievement, Armiento said that recruitment and the chapter's position in the Greek community will greatly benefit from this. Armiento expressed gratitude towards his fellow brothers for helping in keeping this legacy alive.

The chartering Rex (2015-2016), Dylan Roake '14, spoke in an interview to the challenges the colony faced during the chartering process. On the biggest challenges of the chartering process, Roake said, "For bigger schools, it would be easier to reach those requirement



Brother Ryan Overturf '03, IEC Secretary, presents Brother Joe Armiento '15, Rex of NY Beta Omicron, the Chapter's charter.

[chartering checklist], but some of those requirements were more difficult for schools such as St. John's University." However, despite these challenges, NY Beta Omicron was able to persevere and progress into the chapter it is now. Part of this success in chartering was the collaboration with other organizations on campus, says Roake. Also, Roake credits the assistance of lan Lowe in their success. As for the benefits of chartering, Roake said, "...instead of focusing on reaching the requirements for chartering, our chapter can now focus on the brotherhood aspect of the fraternity and on how we work on eliminating prejudice on campus."

Overall, the success story NY Beta Omicron provides valuable insight into the importance of refounding colonies and keeping the legacy alive. Through hard work and accountability, any challenges can be overcome. Snaps to the brothers of NY Beta Omicron for this spectacular achievement!



Brothers of the NY Beta Omicron Chapter at St. John's University and special guests celebrate re-chartering of the Chapter on February 11, 2017

# **CHAPTER & ALUMNI NEWS**

#### CA Tau University of California, Berkeley

Brother David Krutchkoff '60 published his first book, "Evolution of a Teacher".

#### CA Alpha Upsilon University of California, Merced

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### CN Kappa Kappa University of Windsor

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### FL Delta University of Florida

Partnered with Delta Gamma for Dance Marathon at UF. The team successfully raised \$249K!

### FL Delta Upsilon Florida Institute of Technology

No submission received at the time of publication.

### IA Alpha Phi University of Northern Iowa

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### IN Alpha Theta Indiana University

The Pilam Little 500 bicycle team placed in the top 20 during the 2017 Little 500 race!

### IN Epsilon Gamma Vincennes University

Hosted an Elimination of Prejudice Week April 10-14, 2017 in support of Pilam's philanthropy of choice, The Elimination of Prejudice Foundation!

#### IN Epsilon lota Purdue University

IN Epsilon lota was re-colonized on April 9th with the initiation of 31 Re-Founding Fathers!

# MA Alpha Epsilon University of Massachusetts Lowell

Held 32nd Annual alumni golf tournament at the Connecticut National Golf Club.

# MA Theta Massachusetts Institute of Technology

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### MD Alpha Omicron Frostburg State University

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### MD Kappa Delta Salisbury University

Re-Chartered on May 6, 2017!

#### MI Alpha Omega Siena Heights University

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### MI Delta Beta Ferris State University

No submission received at the time of publication.



Brothers from NY Alpha Pi at Stony Brook University celebrate winning seven awards!

# NC Omega Beta University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

No submission received at the time of publication.

### NC Omega Zeta Western Carolina University

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### NJ Alpha Lambda Rutgers University

Re-Chartered on April 22, 2017!

#### NJ Theta Stevens Institute of Technology

On April 8, 2017, Brother Richard Noble '65 and Brother Cardinale Warde '66 each received the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award from Stevens Institute of Technology!

#### NY Alpha Pi Stony Brook University

Received seven awards during the Fraternity & Sorority Life Awards ceremony, including Outstanding Branding & Communications Award, Innovative Programming in Education and Awareness Award (for their Wall of Prejudice event), Most Improved Chapter Award, Excellence in Academic Achievement Award (highest Greek Life GPA), Outstanding Participation in Intramural Sports, Executive Board Member of the Year (Michael Tang), and Scholarship Award (Brother John Pfail

#### NY Alpha Rho Pace University Pleasantville

Brother Henry Snyder '15 was featured in a segment of The Pace Path series for excelling in his studies!

#### NY Alpha Tau Hofstra University

No submission received at the time of publication.

### NY Beta Omicron St. John's University

Re-Chartered on February 11, 2017, and received three awards at the Greek Life Awards Banquet, including Academic Excellence Award, Most Improved Chapter Award, and IFC President of the Year (Dylan Roake '14)!

#### NY Kappa Tau Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

No submission received at the time of publication.

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Brothers from VA Delta Chi at the University of Virginia's College at Wise host an Elimination of Prejudice event.

#### NY Omega Epsilon University of Buffalo

No submission received at the time of publication.

### NY Omicron Rho Binghamton University

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### NY Phi Lambda Adelphi University

Received six awards during the Greek Awards Gala, including Chapter of the Year, Outstanding Chapter Management, 5 Star Organization, Outstand Chapter Officer (Brother Matt Mikalonis '15), President of the Year (Brother Kendell Francis '14), and Fraternity Leader of the Year (Brother Kendell Francis '14)!

### OH Beta Tau Baldwin Wallace University

The 2017 OH Beta Tau Alumni Golf Outing will be held on Saturday July 8, 2017 at the Springvale Golf Course in North Olmsted, OH. Register at <a href="http://pilambdaphi.org.kintera.org/OBT2017Golf">http://pilambdaphi.org.kintera.org/OBT2017Golf</a> or contact Brother Brendan Sorg '05 at brendansorg@gmail.com by June 28, 2017.

#### PA Alpha Delta Temple University

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### PA Alpha Gamma Bloomsburg University

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### PA Beta Gamma Indiana University of Pennsylvania

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### PA Delta lota Drexel University

Co-hosted Philadelphia Founder's Day celebration on March 18, 2017, initiated eleven new members during Spring Quarter, and received the New Student Organization of the Year award!

#### PA Epsilon Zeta University of Pennsylvania

Hosted 38th Annual Human Barbecue, which included multiple bands and performers, coheadlined by Screaming Females and Sad13!

### PA Gamma Sigma University of Pittsburgh

Partnered with Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Delta Delta, Pilam, represented by Adwait Shukla, took 1st place in the Greek God & Goddess as part of Greek Week!

#### PA Omega Gamma Pennsylvania State University

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### PA Omega Kappa Washington & Jefferson College

Announcing a Reunion Event for all Alumni of the PA Omega Kappa Chapter at Washington & Jefferson College for August 17-20, 2017 at the Green River Valley Resort in Henderson, NV outside of Las Vegas. For more information, contact Brother Bruce Janoff '60 at janoffb@gmail.com.

# PA Phi Sigma University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### PA Sigma Upsilon Shippensburg University

No submission received at the time of publication.

#### VA Alpha Psi Christopher Newport University

Received the 2016-2017 Outstanding Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion by a Student Organization award!

#### VA Delta Chi University of Virginia's College at Wise

Hosed a speaker forum on February 7, 2017, which was attended by 70 people, in support of the Elimination of Prejudice!

#### VA Lambda Kappa Roanoke College

No submission received at the time of publication.

### VA Omega Alpha University of Virginia

Hosted philanthropy event, Pilam Jam, on April 5th, which included five bands performing throughout the day, in support of their local philanthropy SARA.

# VA Omega Rho Virginia Commonwealth University

Re-Colonizing Fall of 2017.

### VA Omicron Zeta Virginia Polytechnic Institute

No submission received at the time of publication.

### VA Theta Xi Radford University

No submission received at the time of publication.

## WA Epsilon Alpha Eastern Washington University

Received the 2016-2017 FSL Educational Programming Award during the Student Leadership Excellence Awards ceremony!

#### WI Chi Upsilon Carroll University

Brother Cody Smith '12 received the Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers Foundation New Teach Scholarship! Read the article <u>here</u>.

# WI Omega University of Wisconsin, Madison

No submission received at the time of publication.

### **Have Pilam News?**

If you have Pilam news, we want to hear about it! Email any personal, chapter, or inmemorium updates to the Foundation at

foundation@pilambdaphi.org.

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That all men are created free and equal.

That no society of men can flourish unless members of that society are endowed with the opportunities and privileges of freedom.

That freedom implies the elimination of prejudice --That the elimination of prejudice means a better understanding 'twixt men.

That it is incumbent upon me to fight for such freedom even with my life.

That it is incumbent upon me, in my personal life, to be devoted to the highest standards of honesty and justice.

That because my country is dedicated to the highest standards of freedom and justice for all men of all creeds, I hereby pledge allegiance to my country, and to its national symbol.