

# Pi Kappa Phi

## BETA ALPHA PARTICLES

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### Archon Report

By Christian Beckmann BA 760

Brothers, welcome to Beta Alpha's 2012 Founders Day celebration! I am Brother Archon Christian Beckmann BA 776 and it has been my pleasure to serve as the President of this historic chapter for the fall semester. After a huge success in recruitment last spring I am proud to announce that we are up to 799 members. This semester we currently have 7 new associate members working on their journey to become brothers.

We, the undergraduate chapter would like to express our gratitude for the continued involvement of our chapter advisor, Brother Dave White BA432. This semester we had a visit from our Leadership Consultant Brother Andrew Richards.

As we look forward to the new house next year, the chapter's main objective for this semester and next continues to be in our recruitment efforts. Our main goal is to repeat what we achieved last spring when we brought in an associate member class in the double digits. We are still not the largest fraternity on campus, yet we have had the largest classes on campus for the spring and fall semesters for 2012 so we are on our way. On top of our recruitment plans, we have been busy growing as a brotherhood with the addition of so many new brothers from last spring's associate member class. It has been a long time since the new brothers outnumbered the older ones!

In other news, Beta Alpha chapter has continued to increase its average PUSH America donations. Over the summer at Supreme Chapter we received the Tom Sayre Society Award for raising over \$150 per man, in addition Beta Alpha earned an excellence in recruitment award for retaining over 90% of our new members.

Pi Kappa Phi hosted Supreme Chapter this year in Washington, D.C., from August 2 - 5, 2012. In addition to being at our Nation's capital, we celebrated the 35th anniversary of Push America at this Supreme Chapter! To mark this happy occasion there were several Push America events throughout the convention including; a Push America luncheon, a Pi Alpha Ride-Along and the arrival of the Build America and Journey of Hope teams. Brother Chris Maring BA 766, brother Steve Tran BA 771 and I attended as representatives of the undergraduate chapter.

A brother once said; "The future starts with today and it is crucial that the brotherhood has the proper guidance and focus to flourish and thrive." Thanks to the guidance of our outstanding alumni, both young and old, this chapter has that focus it needs to flourish and thrive.

In the short time that I have been this chapter's Archon, I have seen the brothers make grand strides towards becoming an ideal chapter. Despite the financial hardships we are all facing these days, the brothers here have managed to stick together and show their true colors of Blue, White, and Gold. Many challenges lie ahead for us in the coming semesters but we are confident that we have what it takes to overcome whatever comes our way. Brotherhood is alive and well at Beta Alpha and it will continue to do so as we continue to live out the RITUAL of fraternity.



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## Beta Alpha's Challenge

By Derek Torres BA 785

During the spring semester of 2012, Pi Kappa Phi's CEO Mark Timmes visited the New Jersey Institute of Technology to celebrate the Warren Street Village's groundbreaking ceremony. It was quite an honor to have such a prestigious man take time to come by and socialize with the Beta Alpha chapter as well. After the ceremony was finished, our chapter had the opportunity to talk to Timmes regarding the future of Beta Alpha. As you may have known, our chapter was not doing so well during the fall semester of 2011. With only 8 active brothers, this chapter was destined for failure. But with some hard work and determination, our numbers jumped up to over 20 active brothers after the spring semester of 2012.

Not only were the alumni impressed and very proud, but so was Timmes. With that being said, he proposed us an incentive. He stated that if we can recruit 25 new brothers by Spring 2013, he would purchase us brand new initiation robes which we so desperately need. Brothers, this semester we have 7 new associate members which show much promise to the growth of our brotherhood. If we can get 18 or more associate members and teach them the ways of Beta Alpha chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, we will surely be wearing some well deserved robes.

We are already on the right track with 40 rushes on our list to recruit from this fall semester alone. Who knows how many more we can obtain by next semester? Even if we do not accomplish our goal, we will definitely continue to expand our brotherhood to numbers that have not been reached in years. Please wish us the best of luck for the upcoming semester as we continue to push through unthinkable obstacles.

God Bless Beta Alpha



## Bike-A-Thon



By Shadi Saliby BA 793

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 11 pm, we, the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi, held our annual 24 hour Bike-A-Thon to raise awareness for people with disabilities, and money for PUSH America. The weather during this year's event wasn't bad at all, it was sunny for most of the day and got a little chilly at night. Which made it all run smoothly for the brothers as we peddled for 24 hours. It was awesome and rewarding to see the reactions of the passing students, especially after midnight. This year we managed to raise around \$300 for our philanthropy. The event was successful this year, and we are planning on keeping this event as a semi-annual Beta Alpha event. Please get in touch with me or any of the active undergraduates if you are interested in donating or helping out with our future events.

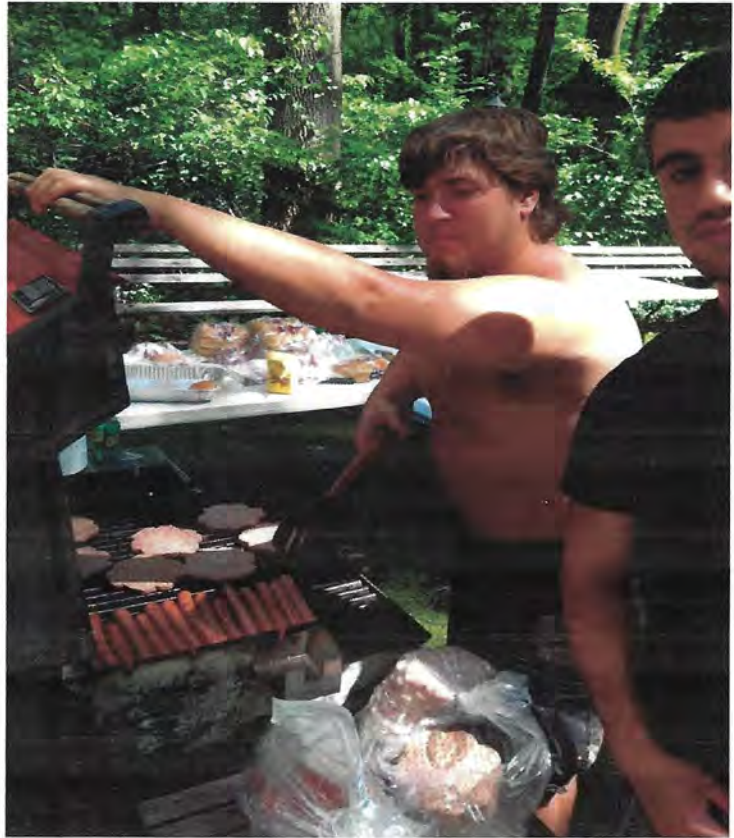


## Summer Brotherhood Retreat

By Brian Applegate BA 789

This year's brotherhood retreat was my first, and was an all around good time. It was great opportunity to catch up with all my brothers who I had not seen during the summer, and it was a lot of fun. We played Frisbee, kick ball, and grilled a big meal up. The park was beautiful, and the weather was great. We talked about all kinds of upcoming events for the coming year including Rush and other various items.

There was a lot of talk of the new house, after we looked over plans for how the house will be built. It was very interesting to see how everything coming together. We appreciate everything that our alumni have done to get us into a newer and better home. I think my favorite part of the whole day was the kick ball game when Craig Cere and Maynard Cooke slipped in the wet grass and got covered in mud. All together a great day for the Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi Beta Alpha.



Craig Cere and Corrado Mancini grilling for the brothers

## Tour de Tech

By Christopher Bogart BA 786

Tour de Tech has always been a great opportunity and experience for Beta Alpha and NJIT as a whole. Being free to participate, competitive in nature, and many different prizes there's no reason not to. Besides it's a fantastic bonding experience with brothers because you're all striving to attain the same goal; to win. This year Chris Maring, Derek Torres, Nick Johnson, and Chris Bogart going for the glory of first place overall and first Greek organization. Although we did not place top 3 we still earned first Greek netting us \$200 in prize money. Also the experience in and of itself made the effort worthwhile.

A little about Tour de Tech is that it's a 50-lap race around campus. Each team was allowed a total of 4 riders and 2 bikes. The prizes for the top three teams were \$300, \$200 and \$100. Additionally the first Greek team got \$200. Winning potentially \$500 for Push seemed a little difficult with 10 teams in total, 4 of them competing with us for the Greek prize. However, we accepted the challenge and worked hard together to obtain the number one prize for the Greek organizations.





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