

# Beta Alpha Particles

Exceptional Leaders. Uncommon Opportunities  
Archon Report

By Jerhard Evangelista BA 823

Welcome to Beta Alpha's 2015 Founders Day celebration. Let me introduce myself as Brother Archon Jerhard Evangelista BA 823. It has been my honor to serve this chapter since December 2014. Within this issue of the Beta Alpha Particle, you will find that the chapter is very active and still striving to attain the standard of excellence Pi Kappa Phi showcases throughout the nation. At this moment in time, our chapter is comprised of 45 active men along with 3 promising associate members. We are up to 854 initiated members since May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1948 and still vigorously growing. There have been many ups and downs these past few semesters but the chapter was still able to stay on top, especially with the help of our Chapter Advisor, Brother Sean Butler BA 737.



Our current growth goal is to reach a chapter size of 50 men. One of the larger challenges we have faced this past semester was a universal low interest of potential new members in Greek life. This is in correlation with the low number of on campus residents as well as the smaller freshmen classes entering the NJIT community. Despite this, we managed to recruit 3 valuable gentlemen into the associate member process of our fraternity. Our recruitment chair and Vice Archon Brother John Ferns BA 822, has done a phenomenal job this semester in recruitment events that will hopefully entice the deferred freshman of this semester. We are confident that next semester we will achieve our chapter size goal.

While it is always hard to say goodbye, it is one of my greatest pleasure to announce that we will have over 15 graduates from the current Beta Alpha Chapter entering the Alumni Chapter. We do not doubt the incoming of multiple success stories that seem to stem from our chapter year after year. These display the type of men that Pi Kappa Phi produces.

Our philanthropy efforts have garnered much attention in the past semesters as we find new innovative ways to raise money and donate to the Ability Experience (formerly Push America). This fall we recently sent 8 brothers, including myself, to Camp Merry Heart in Hackettstown, NJ for The Ability Weekend. This was an enriching experience as we had the chance to work on multiple projects around the campsite that needed attention. Our volunteer work has provided the camp much needed maintenance that would've taken their small maintenance crew much longer to complete. Overall, we were there to raise awareness and make the lives of these campers that had disabilities better. Coincidentally, there was Journey of Hope training happening on site as well and I am proud to announce for a consecutive year Beta Alpha is involved thanks to Brother Alan Liu BA 816. We as a chapter support his cause and are excited to hear about his journey upon his return.

Over the past two semesters, I have experienced many hardships and achievements that this chapter has gone through. We work to change the image of fraternity and leadership. We strive to be the examples that other organizations hope to reach. If I were to give advice to the next Archon, it would be to never forget your letters and what it truly means to be a man not just of Pi Kappa Phi, but Beta Alpha.

- Brother Archon Jerhard Evangelista BA 823



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# Academics in the Fraternity

By John Ferns BA 822



Over the past year, the chapter has greatly improved in terms of academics and has been successful in the professional world. In the past year, our chapter improved its rank of 12th to 5th amongst All-Fraternities on Campus. We are now 8th out of the 21 Greek Organizations. Our chapter now has a GPA of 2.98 well above the All-Greek and All-Men GPA. Another great improvement is that last semester we had 19 Brothers make Dean's List, which is just shy of 50% of the chapter. We also now have a new incentive program of rewarding brothers instead of punishing brothers for doing poorly. We are now aiming to increase our academic standing to above a 3.0 GPA.

Our brothers are also greatly involved on campus with a variety of clubs and activities. Some are involved with American Institute for Architecture Students, Habitat for Humanity, Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council and Filipino Student Association to name a few. Over the summer, Beta Alpha had three brothers study abroad and live in Siena, Italy. They soaked in Italy's as well as Europe's rich architectural history. Many brothers also had internships over the summer, ranging from IT technicians to architectural draftsmen to engineering interns. Beta Alpha is making a great impact on campus and in the real world



## Career Advice Session

By Patrick Debiasse BA 824



On Wednesday September 23rd, the alumni and undergrads of Beta Alpha came together for the inaugural Career Advice Session. At the event, resumes were critiqued and interview tips were shared over some light refreshments. It was an influential night for many undergrads; evidenced by the large portion who have already secured internships for the Summer of 2016. Another Career Advice Session will take place in the Spring of 2016. We hope to see you there! Expect an Email soon from the Active Chapter!- ODH



# Journey of Hope



Reached: \$742  
Goal: \$5,500



Hello! My name is Wei (Alan) Liu, I am a senior, Architecture and CIM major at NJIT, also a brother of Pi Kappa Phi at Beta Alpha Chapter.

In 2016 I will be dedicating my summer to service, embarking upon the incredible opportunity to bike across the nation.

Journey of Hope raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities. Journey of Hope is about many things. It is about challenging the norm. It is about serving our communities. It is about finding out more about ourselves than we ever imagined. It is about having a dream. It is about a mission. It is about hope.

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