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ARCHON REPORT

By Michael Haraka BA 864

Greetings, Brothers! Welcome to Beta Alpha's 2018 Founders Day celebration. My name is Brother Archon Michael Haraka BA 864 and I have had the pleasure to serve as Beta Alpha's Archon starting in May. We the undergraduate chapter have been hard at work - allow me to give you an update on what we've been up to. Currently, there are 35 active brothers that make up our undergraduate chapter. With the six new associate members this semester, and an expectation of at least fifteen for the next, we plan on reaching a chapter size of 45 by the end of the Spring 2019 semester once graduating brothers have been accounted for. After experiencing the driven energy exemplified from the younger brothers first-hand, there is no doubt in my mind that we will continue to recruit quality men of class.

As a brotherhood we continue to build our character and take pride in how we represent ourselves on campus. Brothers have been going out of their way to help exceed requirements for events held on campus to show we go the extra mile. For example, every spring semester NJIT holds a Greek Week competition which runs throughout the course of a week that tests each organization on not only their mental abilities such as teamwork and planning, but also their physical capabilities such as athleticism and strength. We pride ourselves in having proven to be ranked the highest in all categories for the last three years of competitions and we look forward to this spring in hopes to make NJIT history as the only fraternity to win Greek Week four times consecutively. On top of the list of largest campus events includes the university's first Homecoming event. With this event was a canned food drive collection going on in preparation for the school's new food bank implemented for students who cannot afford their own. The chapter heard about the collection well in advance, thanks to Brother Jim Krucher BA 341, and were eager to get involved and help out. This joint effort was enough to have received a first place trophy, against all other 100 plus clubs and organizations on campus, in recognition for roughly 560 cans of food donated on behalf of Pi Kappa Phi.

During my time as Archon I have been happy to watch brothers search for improvement everyday to better themselves and the chapter. I have strong faith in the chapter's ability to overcome obstacles in its path as they approach; their dedication is what allows us to stay on the path of becoming the ideal chapter. Thanks to the support all of you have shown, us undergraduates will proceed to do everything we can to allow the Beta Alpha chapter of Pi Kappa Phi to thrive and prosper.

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Beta Alpha Reaching New Heights

By Brian Curley BA 887

In these recent semesters, chapter size is on the rise with eleven new members initiated last spring, and six associate members this fall. With the six new members this fall we will surpass nine-hundred total brothers of beta alpha. As a current active brother of the chapter it makes me excited that we are climbing to higher heights as a fraternity with each new member who is welcomed into our brotherhood. In my short time of being a brother here, I have seen how our rich culture lives on in each class that comes and goes through NJIT, and everyone new and old holds the traditions and memories close. Things like these are what makes nine hundred members significant and something we can all celebrate.

This being said our recruitment has looked very strong and we are hopeful to bring in fifteen or more this spring. As a brotherhood we will remain focused to make sure all these new members embrace the same strive for growth in academics, leadership, and prosperity of the fraternity to ensure that there is strength in our numbers.



New Legacies

By Brian Curley BA 887

In the Spring '18 class that was recently initiated the legacy of our chapter was again bolstered. Younger brother of Anuoluwapo Akeredolu BA 837, Oreoluwa Akeredolu BA 890 was initiated. Along with Oreoluwa, Carmine Crincoli BA 896 was initiated in Spring '18 as well, being the younger cousin to Michael Crincoli BA 857 and Domenico Crincoli BA 827.



70th Anniversary of Beta Alpha

A quick aside to remember that in 2018 we are also celebrating the 70th anniversary of our chapters founding in 1948. It is a great thing to know that after seventy years, our chapter is still running strong and smooth, with a bright future ahead. Our older brothers have had the luxury of being able to leave school for the next chapter of their lives knowing the fraternity is in good hands, and our younger members have the pride in knowing they are part of a brotherhood that breeds such success.

Repeated Success in Greek Week

By Brian Curley BA 887

Recently Pi Kappa Phi has had quite the run in NJIT's Greek Week event held in the spring. If you aren't familiar the greek week event here on campus, it is a series of competitions held between greeks at the end of the spring semester eventually leading to an overall winner. These competitions range from physical competitions like volleyball and tug of war, to talent based competitions such as cookoffs and lip syncs. Last spring's first place trophy marked three in a row and of course we are gunning for the fourth. If and when we get our fourth straight victory it would set the record at the school.

I believe that sportsmanship and competitive spirit are underrated qualities in a fraternity. Since we are group of men who share these attributes we can use it to push ourselves and each other to be better every day. Our historian last semester, William Hall BA 875, was able to get his article about the 3-peat published in the Star and Lamp. Will's article is a great thing for us since all of our national brothers can get a glimpse of what is going on at Beta Alpha strengthening the pride in the name Pi Kappa Phi. This feat is nice to hold close as a driving factor for us to remain at the top, and show why Pi Kapp is the best fraternity on campus.



Canned Food Drive

By Brain Curley BA 887

This semester in honor of homecoming, NJIT held a canned food drive where the brothers here at Beta Alpha showed great participation and received a lot of praise from the university. As a brotherhood we were able to donate about five hundred and fifty cans to those in need. The dedication for the event wasn't only constricted to our active brothers, whereas our alumni provided a big aid with cash donations, and Brother Aivars Krumins BA 360 made a large can donation. This being said, we by far donated the most total cans out of every organization on campus. For those who donated, the school gave back by raffling off free parking, early registration, and free housing.

The amount of raffle tickets awarded was based off of the number of cans we donated, and subsequently we ended up winning every one. Brother Mike Haraka BA 864 was presented with these awards, and ultimately they all went to brothers who could use them beneficially. Outside of the actual food drive, the participating organizations were asked to run carnival games for the homecoming event. Here, we were able to have enough brothers participate to help run two of these games, and help show our support around the university. Events like these are something we will keep our eye on so we can continue to uphold the traditions and activities of our college.





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