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ARCHON REPORT

Hello Brothers! Welcome to Beta Alpha's 71st Founders Day celebration. Every brother in attendance today shows how great our brotherhood truly is. My name is Brother Archon Dominic Caporale BA 867, and I have had the pleasure to serve as Beta Alpha's president since the beginning of this past summer. The undergraduate chapter has been hard at work this past year and I am excited to share with you all some of our experiences. Currently we have 39 active brothers along with 10 new Associate Members to be initiated by the end of this semester. Our goal by the end of the Spring 2020 semester is to hit 60 brothers. With the hard work and dedication of all of our brothers, young and old, there is no doubt that we can make this goal, and even exceed it. 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 that we are willing to 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 finishing among the best on campus in every event. Unfortunately, our run of 3 straight greek week championships has come to an end, but I was very proud with how we performed throughout the week, having us finish 2nd by only a few points. One of the most impressive events to me on this list is the canned food drive that is during Homecoming. 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 and the scoring system well in advance, thanks to Brother Jim Krucher BA 341, and were eager to get involved and help out. I am very proud to announce that we have placed first in donations for the second straight year, and very happy to announce that greek life as a whole donated over 2000 cans, which is more than every other club and organization on campus combined. Pi Kappa Phi itself donated over 700 cans with the help of donations from undergrads and alumni, which got the attention of many people on campus. During my short time as Archon I have been happy to watch brothers push to improve themselves and the chapter everyday. I have strong faith in the chapter's ability to continue to grow and strive to obtain our goals as an ideal chapter. Thank you for all of your continued support, and we as an undergraduate chapter will continue to grow and prosper in order to make the Beta Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi the best that it can be.

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Beta Alpha Reaching New Heights

By Daniel Derramas BA 893

This semester, our recruitment efforts were a great success and we currently have a total of ten associate members along with our six new brothers from the spring.

In recent semesters, Chapter size is on the rise with eight new members initiated last spring, and ten associate members this fall. As a current active brother of the Chapter, it is always exciting to see that we are the fraternity on campus that attracts the most members and it continues to climb every semester. In my brief tenure time of being a brother, 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.

Now that we have surpassed over 900 brothers initiated into this Chapter, we are striving to reach the milestone of 1000 members. Our recruitment efforts are strong and we anticipate bringing in 12 or more this spring. One thing that I love about this fraternity is that it really is our home and when we say goodbye to our fellow brothers who graduate, we know they will always return home to check up on the Brotherhood. As a Brotherhood, we will remain focused to make sure all these new members embrace the same beliefs for growth in academics, leadership, and prosperity of the fraternity to ensure that there is strength in our numbers.



Greek Presence at NJIT events

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For the Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi, our presence on campus is something that we use to help recruit new members and since the last Founders Day, everyone has put in the hard work to make that happen. This past spring, the Brothers made an appearance at Greek Week to secure second place. Although it ends the 3-peat title that was held by Beta Alpha, the Brothers are hungry for another shot at the top and are prepared to do everything we can to make sure we win the title back and start another streak.

For this fall semester, the Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi decided to participate in an intramural football competition between the other Greek organizations on campus. Currently, we are entering the playoffs and are ready to compete for the top spot in the tournament. Seeing all brothers on the sideline, it shows the bond that everyone has to support your team and your brothers on the field. Our sportsmanship and skills have proven successful on the field and I personally think that it is directly related to the principles and ideals that are instilled into us as Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi.



Canned Food Drive

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Pi Kappa Phi Beta Alpha Chapter raised over 700 cans, which was the most among all the fraternities at NJIT. This is Beta Alpha's second time in a row having raised the most amount of cans. While Beta Alpha raised the most on campus, it is very fulfilling to say that as a whole campus, NJIT raised over 2,000 cans in support of the can drive. It is with great pleasure to know that the Philanthropy of Beta Alpha is very prevalent in the NJIT community and is able to continuously excel in respect to other college fraternities. The cans collected in the canned food drive are all donated to the food pantry at NJIT. The food pantry is a resource for all members of the NJIT community who struggle to afford or access a healthy, sustainable diet.



48 Hour Bike-a-thon

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As part of our philanthropy, The Ability Experience, we the Beta Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi held a 48 Hour Bike-A-Thon. We set up a booth and a stationary bike in the center of our campus to bring awareness and raise money for severely disabled individuals. This event started at 11 A.M. on October 29th ended on October 31st at noon. During this event one brother would ride the bike while one or more brothers spoke to people walking by and took donations. This year was especially challenging due to the poor weather, yet we had brothers at the booth and cycling in the cold rain. It was a great experience that we were committed to seeing to completion. In total, we raised \$150 but the attention we brought to the philanthropy was truly priceless. We were able to gain the attention of people who wanted to know why we were cycling outside in the rain for hours nonstop. Attracting their attention and educating them on the Ability Experience made it all worth while. We are all very glad we could bring attention to our philanthropy.





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