

TKE NEWSLETTER

SIGMA-GAMMA CHAPTER

Fall 2014



Fall 2014 Initiation

We initiated 7 new members into Sigma-Gamma chapter on November 1st at Twin Valleys. It was a great initiation retreat that ended with it snowing on us. The Eta class is the following members: Aaryn Goldstein, Sapoon Dutta, Gabe Frank, Mitch Mastry, Blake Protzman, Darren Taylor, and Frank Arduini,

Car Smash

We opened this semester with our annual car smash. The event was held on September 1st. It was a successful event, we raised \$570.89 for St. Judes. The driver's door came off this year and there was a hole in the roof.

The left photo is Frater Shaun Reardon and Frater Bryan Cody. The right photo final picture of the Trail Blazer.



Up 'til Dawn

This Up 'til Dawn theme was 90's. We raised \$1,139 this year for Up 'til Dawn. In this picture we had to duct tape a member. Frater Brian did it as a superhero fighting childhood cancer which we won the competition. Pictured is: Fraters Harrison Scheier, Frank Arduini, Kevin Clayton, Shaun Reardon, Sweethearts Alyssa Hourican, and Katie Lynn Desotelle.



New Sweethearts

This semester we made an addition to our bylaws that included a policy on Sweethearts. This was to have rules on how we appoint Sweethearts. We appointed two new Sweethearts after policy was voted in. If you would like to see the new policy please contact Frater Mochrie. Alyssa Hourican of Alpha Phi (left) and Katie Lynn Desotelle of Alpha Delta Phi Society (right).



3rd Annual Tekesaw

This year Tekesaw was held from October 20-22nd. We did 52 hours this year to keep adding an hour for each year. The weather wasn't in our favor this year, most of the time it rained, as Tekes we pushed though and raised \$283 for the children of St. Jude. In the picture: on the saw Sweetheart Katie Lynn Desotelle and Frater Matt Antonowicz, in the back left to right is Fraters Sean Levy, Jim Anderson, Brian Mochrie, and Aaryn Goldstein.

Medicine Horse

This semester we went back to Medicine Horse. We went on 10/26. The lady did remember Greg Halloran. These Fraters had a great time at Medicine Horse and we are looking forward going back soon. From Left to Right is Fraters Trevor Steeprock, Aaryn Goldstein, Stephen Murphy, Frank Arduini, and Matt Antonowicz.



Letter from the Prytanis Shaun Reardon

Distinguished Alumni,

I hope that this letter finds you at a happy point in your career. By now you must be off doing great things and thinking of Plattsburgh as a great memory. I wanted to write this for you all to let you know what we at Sigma Gamma have been doing throughout the Fall 2014 semester.

As many of you know, we hit many rough patches this semester. We came to you all in our time of need asking for any financial assistance that you may have been willing to give and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity. I want you to know that that money has not gone to waste at all. This semester has been one of great transition. We are transitioning towards a more concise idea of what it means to be a Teke. Our values and mission statement are not just things on a piece of paper or something we say in new member education and then not ever say it again; it's something you live in your everyday actions. The idea to be driven to greatness through our values and mission is what led us to create a five-year strategic plan as a chapter. Starting next semester, this plan will be implemented to begin working towards eliminating those hindrances to our growth. This was a chapter-wide effort; everyone's input was taken into consideration. Some of the issues that we will be tackling in the first year are creating a standardized new member education plan, a comprehensive scholarship plan and a completely new recruitment strategy including dynamic strategies to recruit only the best men on this campus.

Along with not only creating a long term strategic plan, Sigma Gamma has broken many of our statistical goals only one semester into the academic year. To date, we have completed 1302 service hours with our KRA goal being 1364 for the year. We have raised over \$2,000 for St. Jude's out of a goal of around \$6,000 with many more events planned for the spring semester. At one point in November we were #10 out of 265 chapters around the world beating out many top-level schools. Overall, we have completed 65% of our KRA goals and it is only the first semester; we have a lot more planned for next semester to reach at least 100%.

This is not the same chapter that you left when you graduated. The fraters of Sigma Gamma are more committed to the mission and values of Tau Kappa Epsilon than ever before and are accomplishing great things. We hope for your continued commitment to your chapter and really hope to see you stop by at some point next semester. The brothers miss you all very much and we never forget to hit the old dusty trail at the end of chapter and chant for the boys at mixers! We wish you all the best in whatever great things you are accomplishing.

YITB,

Shaun Reardon, Prytanis.



Brotherhood event at Buffalo Wild Wings after chapter on 11/16. (yes there is now a Buffalo Wild Wings in Plattsburgh)

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