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Alumni Relations - Andrew Brooks '10

Hello Alumni of New York Epsilon! As the Alumni Relations Chair for the 2009-2010 school year, I would like to encourage all of you to attend our Alumni Weekends. If you are ever in the area, please call or email me so I can organize a visit for you. I would like to thank all of you for your continuing support of our Chapter. I can be reached via email at brooka3@rpi.edu or on my cell at (631) 291-0116.



Eminent Archon – Steven Knapp '10

New York Epsilon is off to great start to the year and the Brotherhood is as strong as ever; keeping up with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon tradition set by our alumni. We did a lot of great work on the house during work week, spent the day before classes hanging out at Grafton Park, held a few awesome social events within the last two weeks, and had a strong kick off to rush with already a solid pool of potential new True Gentleman. We should soon be receiving our Barker Trophy for winning the IFC sports competition last year which will be celebrated in typical ΣAE fashion. This summer NYEp sent seven Brothers to the leadership school cruise out of San Diego thanks to generous alumni sponsorships, two delegates to National Convention in New Orleans, and also participated in the annual LAE retreat in Maine and held an additional undergraduate officer retreat at the house/Lake George. New York Epsilon again took home the Chapter Achievement Award from National Convention reaffirming us as one of the “best chapters in the nation.” The brothers are excited to be back and enjoying the brotherly bonds found in our great chapter. This semester we will be working towards several improvements for the Chapter which are alumni relations, brotherhood, scholarship, and recruitment.



Rush – Kevin Fort '11

Fall rush has just started at RPI. We are looking to continue and improve on the successes of recent years and have 25 quality men sign their bids. While we have the same major events such as SAE Luau and Community Enrichment Dinner we are focusing more on informal events such as dinners at the house, or sports to get to know guys better personally. The goal is to know guys well enough that we are confident giving them bids and for them to know us well enough that they are confident signing them. We want to build a class that meshes well and has a solid group of leaders to continue improving the chapter. .



House Manager – Donald Gillespie '11

We once again kicked off the semester with a successful work week. Some of the major

projects included refinishing the air porch roof, sealing and insulating the basement windows, repairing the third floor landing and chapter room ceilings which had sustained water damage over the years, and painting the basement floor. Over the summer the exterior trim was painted, repairs were made to the slate shingles on the roof and some of the higher brickwork on the house and garage was re-pointed. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the brothers the house looks great going into rush and the rest of the semester.



Community Relations - Dave Herkenham '10

Our primary community relations events are fast approaching, Farkouh Field Day will be held on Sunday September 20th this year and our annual Community Enrichment Dinner will be just two days afterward on Tuesday September 22nd. This year we will also begin what we anticipate to be an ongoing project for years to come in adopting the 5th Ward War Memorial on Peninsula Park on the corner of Pawling Ave. and Spring Ave. We will begin work this fall by planting two flower beds of purple and golden-yellow flowers flanking a pathway leading to the memorial headstone. We also plan to continue our fundraising efforts to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network throughout the semester. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions that might benefit our efforts. I can be reached via email at herked@rpi.edu

A very competitive season culminated last spring with our chapter being crowned the IFC Sports Champions. Outstanding efforts and enthusiasm from the entire brotherhood led to first place finishes in soccer and softball, a top five finish in basketball, and superb overall performances in football, racquetball, table tennis, and the Run to Remember 5k race. This year we are aiming to defend our title and create a tradition of superior athletic performances for the years to come.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon News

Mission Statement: *Lambda Alpha Epsilon exists to provide and protect a beneficial undergraduate experience and meaningful member relationships through dedicated alumni participation and efficient use of alumni resources.*

From the ΛAE Chairman: “Jerry” Witter ‘82

Hello to yet another Fall term for NY Epsilon. We continue to monitor and participate with the RPI Greek life shift from Dean of Students to Residence Life and the “residence College Model” for the dorms where the school hopes to create affinities to the dorms – much like a Hogwarts set of experiential learning. Greeks are one of the clusters, but RPI has not seen fit yet to have a new Dean of Greek Life. So please, if you donate to the school, voice your opinion and direct your funds to Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.

For the house maintenance items, we’ve contracted out another \$18,000 so far for exterior trim painting, roof repairs,

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door replacements, and plan another \$4-6,000 for wallpaper, bathroom, and general upkeep of the facility. The SAE 2011 Housing Task Force has kind of stalled. We will try to have another working meeting during the fall alumni weekend. Past reports can be found on the chapter website (www.nyepsilon.com/lae.htm). If you are interested in helping with setting the direction for the next major phase of LAE operations, please contact us. We are beginning plans for a big celebration for the 50th anniversary of being in 12 Myrtle Avenue and the 60th of NYEp, so mark calendars for Oct 2011.

Annual LAE Board/ Executive Council Retreat

The chapter leadership and LAE board met for the 8th year at Mark Wilensky's '96 summer house on the coast of Maine. We had four undergraduates and seven alumni share ideas and set goals for the LAE four committees to help us with operations and undergraduate liaisons:

- Finance – Mark Murdoch, Johnny Bogdan, ET
- House Maintenance – Nick Mandelenakis and Kurt Spiegel, House Manager
- Alumni Relations – Maura Spiegel, Matt Jeffers, Alumni Relations Chair.
- Chapter Enrichment – Jared Ray, John Thomas, EA

If anyone is interested in helping with these groups please contact "Jerry" Witter at jonathan.witter@gmail.com.

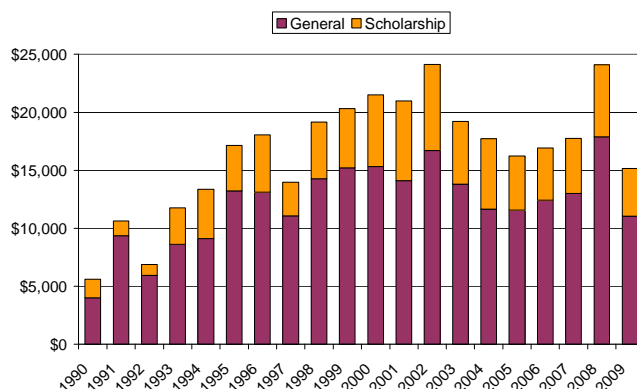


LAE/EC retreat viewing presentations @Wronsky's in Maine.

ΛAE Phonathon 2009

The results to date for the 2009 phonathon have \$15,150 collected of the \$18,800 pledged. This is from 137 donors, with another 60 potential donors still out there. So far we are behind of last year's record campaign and below recent averages, but we've still sent out reminder letters in hopes of coming even closer to our \$20,000 goal. *The chapter website has updates for phonathon.* We continue to appreciate the great support from the alumni. (You can send your donations to: Mark Murdoch, 24 Gulf Road, Somers, CT 06071. Make them payable to the funds we have available: Lambda Alpha Epsilon (non-tax deductible general fund), Don Farkouh/Mark Hier Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Stuart Guild Memorial Scholarship Fund (both scholarships are tax deductible).

Annual Phonathon Total Donations



Phonathon Donations since 1990 – we're missing the mark this year – understandably given the country's economic status.

This year's top ten lists so far for class donations and participation percentages showed great strength of the classes of 1968, 1979, 1982, 1995, and 2001.

Class	Amount	Class	Participation
1995	\$1,643.56	1979	50.00%
1982	\$950.00	1976	45.45%
1968	\$825.00	1966	38.46%
1984	\$625.00	1968	35.29%
2001	\$623.56	1995	34.78%
1979	\$575.00	1956	33.33%
1970	\$550.00	1965	33.33%
1972	\$525.00	2007	31.58%
1990	\$500.00	2001	30.43%
1971	\$500.00	1961	30.00%

Alumni Weekend October 16-18, 2009

Alumni Weekend is rapidly approaching. We are continuing the tradition of the third weekend in Oct for the LAE/NYEP alum weekend, so this year we do not coincide with parents and reunion weekend for RPI. We had ~40 alumni back for the Fall 2008 Alumni Weekend and we hope many come back this year. Already the Classes of late 70's are arranging to come back. Bob Hammer (bhammer@hammerpatent.com) and Kevin Coons are organizing it and say as of August 6th that Frank "the Animal" Strenk, Rick 'Moon' Sherman 77, and Tom 'Bayou' Agnew 79 will be coming back.

The chapter will plan some evening social activities and we'll continue our new tradition of plastic cups for better alcohol risk management for the RPI and SAE National policies for the undergraduates. We will have a cocktail reception and dinner at the house on Saturday.

Please RSVP for Alumni Weekend! We need to know numbers so we can order food for the dinner on Saturday. And, oh yeah, RPI took over the Best Western downtown for new dorm space so Latham Circle, Wolf Road, or East Greenbush are your best bets for hotel space.

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Classes of 54, 59, 64, 69, 74, 79, 84, 89, 94, 99, and 2004 make an effort to come back for your 5 year anniversaries!

Here is a rough schedule for the weekend (including the alumni vs. active competition sometime):

Friday

- 6-8:30pm
- 8 pm SAE 2011 Task Force meeting
- 9 pm BYOB Social - controlled and chill – Poker night?

Saturday

- 9 am Alumni & Actives Sporting Event (Golf, soccer?)
- 1 pm BBQ at house & SAE2011 discussions all day
- 3:00 pm LAE, Inc. shareholder meeting (*please attend*)
- 4:30 pm Open Hour tours
- 5 pm BYOB cocktail reception at house
- 6 pm Dinner at house – alumni and undergrads
- 9 pm BYOB social event

Sunday

- 10:30 am Informal Brunch at the House

Career Fair Weekend Reception

RPI's reunion weekend is Oct 3rd, the same as the Career Fair. The undergraduates will be hosting a reception Friday night for any alumni coming back for the fair to recognize your support of the school and companies – and to get a little face time with seniors graduating this year and younger co-op hopefuls. Also if any alumni are back that weekend, we'll have some brothers around Saturday afternoon for tours and greeting.

Alumni News – We need it!

If you have news you'd like announced, send it to Andrew Brooks (brookka3@rpi.edu) or newyorkepsilon@yahoo.com or drop us a snail mail note. Visit the website at www.nyepsilon.com. As part of [RPI's Mechanical Engineering Centennial Celebration](#), our own John "JD" Dulchinos '84 was back to speak at the [symposium on the transformation of mechanical engineering](#). He is being recognized as one of the department's most successful alumni.

Dennis Wassung '94 of Cabot Money Management has appeared several times on CNBC. Here is his latest stardom: <http://www.cnbc.com/id/15840232?video=1170655932&play=1>

Alumni Mentoring and Networking

As part of new alumni relations and undergraduate mentoring last year, on three occasions the chapter hosted an alumnus to come to dine and speak with the chapter. Jeff Young '96 CTO Factset (www.factset.com), Mike Weiner '86, and John Dulchinos '84 Pres. Adept Technologies (www.adept.com). We are lining up speakers again this year and have invited Joe "JoJo" Mannino '89 Interim Associate Vice President, Capital Project Management at Columbia University. If you are interested, contact Andrew Brooks (brookka3@rpi.edu) or Evan Kenyon (kenyoe@rpi.edu) to arrange a visit.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- September 20 - Farkouh Field Days
- September 22 - Community Enrichment Dinner
- October 16-18 – Fall 2009 Alumni Weekend
- December 8 – NYEP Chartering Anniversary
- February 20 – Big Red Freakout
- February sometime – Initiation of Fall Class
- March 5-14 – Spring Break
- March – LAE Phonathon 2010

Check full calendar at: <http://www.nyepsilon.com/house.html>

LAE Board of Directors Elections

There are two positions for 4-year terms and one 2 year term to backfill that are up for this year's elections. If you are not attending, please send your proxy vote to LAE Chairman "Jerry" Witter '82 (jonathan.witter@gmail.com) or by mailing the ballot below to him at 1388 Hooper Road, Forest, VA 24551. If you are interested in running for a board position, let us know and come to the meeting to be elected.

Candidates:

4 year: Frank Chip Wood '01 (frank.wood@ge.com)

4 year: Jonathan "Jerry" Witter '82

2 year: John Bogdan '86 (JBogdan@niaid.nih.gov)

----- PROXY -----

For the position of Lambda Alpha Epsilon Board of Directors. Please have the Secretary of LAE represent my proxy and the annual Corporation Meeting to be held October 17, 2009.

Signed _____
Signature

Print name class

Indicate your vote for the following (2 four year terms)

Frank "Chip" Wood _____
Jonathan "Jerry" Witter _____
Write In _____
And for a 2 year term _____
John Bogdan _____

Ways to Support NYEP while helping SAE and RPI

We have a Chapter Endowment Fund at National called the "Don Farkouh/Mark Hier Memorial Fund for New York Epsilon" that supports sending undergraduates to National Leadership School. We can use up to 6% each year for scholarships, but it can't drop below \$5000. If you are thinking of donating to National, keep this fund in mind.

You can support Greek Life at RPI and get an RPI donation credit to boot. There is currently no Greek Dean and OFSA is meagerly funded at \$5000 – less than 1/10 the cost of one student to attend RPI. Earmark a donation and your company match to support Greek Life to "Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs."

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NYEP Alumni Weekend - Oct 16-18, 2009



Pledge Class of 2008-09 after initiation. Another large class of 23 was initiated into NYEP making us the #2 chapter size on campus. The large size and motivated actives allowed us to excel in academics and win the IFC Intramural Barker Trophy. We intend to keep it in our possession for this year.



Lunchtime during one of the days of work week, 2009. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the brothers, we all had a great time and left the house in awesome shape for rush!

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