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Consul's Report

by Devon Cuda '20



As the newly elected Consul, I have been trying to have a big impact on not only my chapter but also my campus' Greek life. Currently we have the largest membership of any other fraternity on campus. This gives a great opportunity to project ourselves in a positive light and make a significant impact on our campus. A few areas that I would like to grow our chapter in is fundraising, philanthropy, and recruitment. Over the last few years our chapter has struggled financially, and I would like to put us in a place of financial security. This school year our finances have been getting better and we have established more on and off campus fundraising to help make our finances more stable. Philanthropy has become a very big focus our chapter and the efforts have shown this school year. The philanthropic events we have are new and I would like to make sure these become annual events on campus for not only students to look forward to participating in but to also help a good cause. Recruitment has also increased for us this spring semester but we need to maintain new member classes like we have with Beta Gamma. Greek life at Pitt Johnstown is small and with deferred recruitment it can be a challenge to maintain large new member classes year after year, but with us increasing our fundraising and philanthropy I think that we can grow our personal image which will help us with recruitment. Finally, I want to make sure our chapter has a large impact on campus, and I believe that we are currently leading the trend of change on campus. Our philanthropic efforts and our collaborations with other clubs and organizations have gotten the rest of our Greek life much more involved. The more organizations that work together the better our campus can be.

New Member Class

by Devon Cuda '20



Our new member class, Beta Gamma, will become new members in the spring of 2019. Pitt Johnstown has undergone a lot of administrative changes in the last year and our campus is very ready to grow its Greek life. Beta Gamma is a new member class of 6 men which is much larger than our spring class from 2018. The class consists of Mike Damico, Zac Geehring, Drew Hurd, Nick Maiocco, Isaac Reed, and Jack Shannon. These men have shown that they exemplify the values of Kappa Delta Rho in their daily lives and we are excited to have them join us this spring. This new member class excels academically and in their extracurricular activities. Beta Gamma has the highest cumulative GPA of all new member classes across Greek life. While keeping up with their schoolwork some members have gotten involved on campus. Drew Hurd is on our Student Government Association and Nick Maiocco is on the Pitt Johnstown soccer team. All members of Beta Gamma actively better our campus through community service, called the Real World Action Program. This is held through our university and is meant to serve the Johnstown area. Overall, I am extremely pleased with the quality of men that we have selected to join our brotherhood.

Philanthropy/Community Service

by Devon Cuda '20

Philanthropy has been a major focus for our chapter this school year. Our chapter holds an annual charity event that benefits Autism Speaks, but this year we wanted to expand on our event. We will now be teaming up with St. Jude's to host a joint charity event. We are very excited to join forces with St. Jude's and host a dodgeball tournament for our campus where students will compete for autism awareness shirts and other Pitt Johnstown merchandise. In recent years our autism walk on campus has shown less of a turnout than we had hoped, but with the collaboration with St. Jude's our Brothers are sure this will be one of the biggest philanthropy events on campus.

To close out the semester we also host a charity event called "Mr. and Mrs. UPJ".



This will be the second year for this event and it has already shown a lot of success on campus. Clubs, organizations, and independent students are nominated to compete in a talent show that the campus faculty judges.

The Special Olympics is another philanthropic focus of ours and every year our brothers raise money for and participate in the Altoona Polar Plunge. This year our chapter's philanthropic efforts have seen increasingly better results.

Alumni Events

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Our largest alumni event this year occurred during homecoming. The Brothers of our chapter collected meals from other students, as well as ourselves, to provide the alumni with food from our campus' food provider Sodexo. Homecoming is a fun time during the school year, especially for the new members who can connect with alumni that have gone through the same things they have and hear stories of how campus used to be when they were here. Having alumni that continue to come to homecoming every year ranging from recent grads to our founding fathers brings a lot of wisdom to our younger Brothers and what it means to be a part of Kappa Delta Rho.



Our chapter is very close with our alumni and we frequently see them throughout the school year on surprise visits or over summer break when we all get together. One event that our alumni organizes over the summer to get all the Brothers together is an annual golf outing free for anyone that would like to come play. This event isn't meant to be competitive but to form new connections and friendships as well as maintain old ones.

Being so close with alumni can be very beneficial. We can consult with our alumni executive board on any financial or administrative issues that we have which gives us an outside and more experienced opinion. I believe a crucial aspect of maintaining and growing a chapter is a strong connection with alumni.