



ALPHA RHO OF CHI PSI

# RHO BOAT

FALL 2023 • SPRING 2024

## Rutgers' Finest Address

A ROUND-UP OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024





# “We’ve created countless memories that have strengthened our bonds”

By Vikram Vijan

## Greetings Brothers.

My name is Vikram Vijan and I am the outgoing #1 at Alpha Rho of Chi Psi. Since my previous message as the incoming #1 in 2023, our Alpha has continued to flourish here on The Banks of the Ol Raritan!

Firstly, I’d like to highlight the exceptional pledge classes that have joined our brotherhood during my term (Spring and Fall 2023). We have welcomed numerous bright and ambitious individuals to Alpha Rho who have demonstrated their dedication throughout recruitment, pledging, and now as full-fledged brothers. It’s inspiring to witness these men stepping up into leadership roles on the Executive Council and as Chairmen.

I also want to emphasize the sense of unity that has been fostered within our Lodge over the past year. Following the

challenges of the pandemic, there was a learning curve in adapting our operations, traditions, and routines to ensure everyone felt connected. Through accountability and creativity, we’ve created countless memories that have strengthened our bonds. Whether it was attending Devils or Yankees games, fishing at Island Beach State Park at sunrise, hosting more social events, or engaging in casual activities like our new Mental Health initiatives and group mindfulness sessions, we’ve grown closer together.

As graduation approaches in May, I anticipate the bittersweet moment of walking across the stage at the RAC to receive my diploma, surrounded by my brothers. Transitioning into post-graduate life, I am committed to staying connected and giving back to Alpha Rho and Chi Psi. The recent focus on cross-generational brotherhood

is something I’m eager to contribute to indefinitely.

From Homecoming to the Dart Tournament, and now the inaugural Golf Tournament this April, I am looking forward to staying involved and getting to know both our new and past brothers. 114 College Avenue will always be my second home and brotherhood truly is the greatest gift.

YITB  
Vikram Vijan P’24



Active and Alumni Brothers  
reunite for the first time since May



Active Brother Group Photo



Fall 2021 Pledge Class Photo



Spring 2023 Pledge Class Photo

Spring 2022 Group  
Photo



## Message from the current #1 – Yosef Rezvi

Brothers, I hope all is well with you. I am Yosef Rezvi, the newly elected #1 at Alpha Rho. I am a rising senior studying Finance at Rutgers Business School. At the time of this writing, it has been over two years since I pledged in the spring of 2022. Chi Psi has served as a fundamental pillar of my college career and I look forward to giving back to an organization that has given me so much.

My first experience with Chi Psi remains among my fondest memories within the Lodge. I was familiar with the organization through my elder brother who was also #1 a few years ago. He invited me and my family to the Parent Potluck at the end of the Fall 2021 semester. It was my first time in the Lodge and the experience offered insight into the silver bonds shared between every Brother in that room. I realized that being a Brother was more than being a group of guys, it was a culture that extended to every aspect of their lives. I knew from that moment that I had to join this organization. After pledging, I challenged myself and ran for the #5 position. It was my first experience in Chi Psi leadership and was an essential step in pushing me to where I am today. Ensuring the safety of and upholding the traditions and virtues of Alpha Rho taught me how to handle stress and manage crises effectively.

**“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”**

It was one of the most rewarding decisions I could have made. I was able to collaborate with my peers, solve countless problems, and determine ways to continue pushing the brotherhood to succeed while serving on the Executive Committee. It also allowed me to find my comfort in leadership, encouraging me to take the step to lead Alpha Rho as President.

I am excited for the semester ahead and appreciate the continued support from you all. I would be remiss to not show gratitude to the former #1 Vikram Vujan (P'24) for his mentorship and guidance throughout my time as a Chi Psi. I would like to end with a quote by J.R.R Tolkien Lord Of The Rings, “All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us...” Although I would not equate my term as President to the task of destroying the One Ring, it definitely can be difficult to let this quote serve as a reminder to continue fighting despite the challenging journey ahead.

YITB,  
Yosef Rezvi P'25  
#1 of Alpha Rho



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FALL 2023 INITIATED CLASS



Written by Devesh Deodat P'25

1 Tyler Kane: The glue of his pledge class. Tyler served as the role model and leader for his fellow pledge brothers, assisting them whenever aid was needed. One of Alpha Rho's devoted new Brothers.

2 Nick Cassese: A very seasoned brother indeed, Brother Cassese definitely knows how to “get jiggy with it”. Nick possesses a very special ability to make you laugh or lift the spirits in a room when it's needed most.

3 Alex Matchniff: Perhaps one of the most caffeinated brothers this Alpha has ever seen, Brother Matchniff always brings full energy to whatever he does. If you ever need someone to carry something, Alex is your guy.

4 Frankie D'Amore: Don't let the smile Brother D'Amore boasts fool you, he is always ready for a good tussle even if you're not. Frankie is one of the go-to brothers if you ever need someone to talk to or laugh with and has a personality that people gravitate towards.

5 Dan Lechitsky: Brother LeRizzky may be the first brother to only own clothes without logos. If he isn't in a tropical location with young ladies fighting over him, you'll find him in the Lodge Dining Room snacking on the Atrium's latest menu item.

6 Vivam Ghandi: Wiwum is the cool guy of his pledge class and has truly mastered the art of the “dap-up”. Both xtremely smart and down-to-earth, always lending a hand when needed, Brother Ghandi has been a great addition to the organization.

7 Josh Terrany: Despite having several phases of facial hair, Brother Terrany remains a constant presence - always there to talk if needed. Josh is also one of the best Siege players Alpha Rho has to offer.

8 Jon Handal: The man with unlimited travel points. If Brother Handal isn't within the confines of the Business School, good luck finding him because I don't know where he is.

9 Daniel Platek: One of the most nonchalant and easy-going brothers Alpha Rho has to offer. Brother Platek spends his days slinging around a football, hanging out with his Brothers, or recovering from his compromised immune system.

10 Liam Paulino: Brother Paulino may unknowingly choose the hardest paths to the finish line, but I can guarantee you he will reach his destination with a smile on his face. Despite not being the best at memorizing the Chi Psi Story, Liam has truly found out what it means to be a Brother.



I was #5 a full semester ago here at Alpha Rho. It was a great experience, being able to oversee the safety of the lodge along with its rituals. I have now passed on the torch of this twofold job to another brother, and through reflection on the significance and duties of the role, I have come to appreciate the importance of this position even more.

The Sergeant at arms duty here at Alpha Rho is to manage risk and enforce the sacred rituals and traditions of the Fraternity. It was very important for me to know the rituals of this fraternity inside and out. My predecessor Tyler Lee made it clear to me before I succeeded him that one of his biggest worries was recovering R&T post covid, in turn it became a goal of mine to emphasize to the brotherhood the importance of our tradition for tradition is what glues the Fraternity together, it's what makes us Chi Psi's.

After Initiating two classes it was extremely rewarding to influence the transition from Pledge to Brother. While learning our tradition, the new brothers are welcomed into our sacred bonds and now see into a different world. It's something very unique that connects all of us and it was truly highlighted for me as the #5. I would like to end on my biggest takeaways from this position and why I would argue that it is one of the most rewarding positions that the Fraternity has to offer.

The #5 role refined my ability to handle stress and lead in times of panic and uncertainty and it allowed me to understand that true brotherhood is the ability to sacrifice for another and find joy and happiness through the experiences they were able to have through your work. It's something that I have been able to apply to my role as President and Alpha Rho and will continue on with me for the rest of my life.

I have full faith in the capabilities of the newest five Brother Donato Marucci, who intends on keeping the safety of the fraternity and its values at the top of his priorities.



# ***“Chi Psi Brothers Won’t you Join In...”***





## Rutgers University Dance Marathon

# \$44,514 raised in 2024

By Fil Feiteiro P'26 and Steven Karczewski P'24

On April 6th, 2024, Alpha Rho of Chi Psi once again attended and took charge of the Rutgers University Dance Marathon. Since the beginning of the Fall Semester, Alpha Rho has hosted events to raise funds for the Embrace Kids Foundation. RUDM is a competitive fundraiser where fraternities, sororities, and other clubs battle to be the top fundraising team. This year, Alpha Rho's philanthropic efforts were led by Filipe Feiteiro, Steven Karczewski, and Ryan Smith. For 10 hours, brothers danced, sang, and played with the kids and families who have been affected by childhood diseases.

Brothers participate in RUDM to donate to the Embrace Kids Foundation. This foundation is a New Brunswick non-profit organization that provides programs and services to children with cancer, blood disorders, and other serious health challenges throughout the greater New Jersey area. These support services address the families' needs, including social services, counseling, financial assistance, health education, inspirational events, and more.

After several tabling events, big-ticket fundraisers, and generous donations from friends, family, and alumni, Alpha Rho raised \$44,514 for the kids! Over 50 brothers were in attendance, showing support for the children and their families. We look forward to continue making a difference in our community and are incredibly grateful to say that we have continued our "continued" streak, and our annual expectation of being the highest-raising fraternity at Rutgers.



## The Great Snowball Fight of 2024

Written by Colin Cunningham P'24

On a late February night, a surprise snowstorm caught the Lodge off guard. Brothers huddled between the frames of each window peering out at the snow gradually piling inch by inch as the hours passed. At around 2 in the morning, Brothers decided it would be a good idea to salvage the increasingly rare event of a snowstorm by staging a snowball fight outside the lodge. The front of the lodge quickly divulged into a chaotic demonstration of guerilla snowball warfare. There were no teams (just slim alliances), there were no rules (which led to the occasional piece of ice being buried within some snowballs), and there was no time limit (we ended up staying outside until almost 5 in the morning).

Brothers took cover behind shrubs and at various places on the front porch as Brothers on the sidewalk and front lawn hucked snowball after snowball in all directions. Brother Matthew Kane, a member of the Rutgers Army ROTC, employed the use of snowball warfare taught to US Soldiers during the Korean War as he hurled shell-like snowballs from a trench beside Alpha Sigma Phi. One of those snowballs struck Brother Matthew Kalendar so hard on the top of his head that he suddenly forgot how to speak English and reverted to his native Armenian for the next couple of hours. Unfortunately for Brother Harshil "Hershey Squirt" Chaudhari, Brother Kalendar had been a part of an alliance with him at the time that the snowball hit Brother Kalendar. In an attempt to reestablish communication with Brother Kalendar, Brother Hershey Squirt pulled out his phone

to communicate through Google Translate. While Hershey was talking to Brother Kalendar, Yosef Rezvi, the current #1, launched a snowball from a lacrosse stick that hit Hershey's phone, causing it to vanish in the surrounding snow. Fortunately for Hershey, the Brothers paused the madness for some time to find his phone. However, this would be the only peace the lodge would see for the next hour.



After the Brothers found Hershey's phone, Brothers Joseph Klock and Eli Caraynopolous reasserted their positions from their bedroom windows. Despite the advantage of their high ground, Brother Caraynopolous and Brother Klock were pelted from all angles causing their rooms to

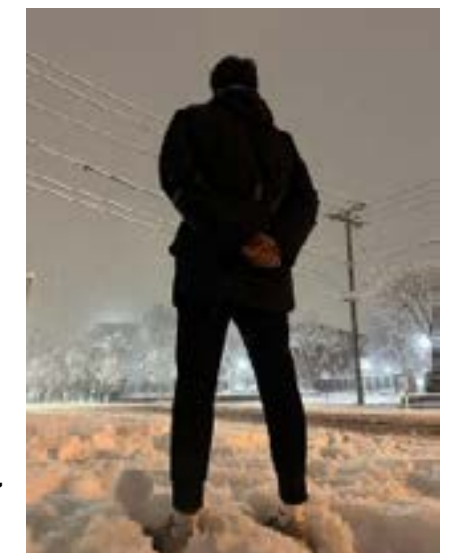
be soaked in the process. To this day Brother Caraynopolous still blames the snowball fight for the wet spots on his mattress. The Snowball fight started to die down at around 4:40 in the morning. Besides Brother Kalendar's head injury, the only injury that was sustained by Brother was a bruised testicle. Fortunately, that brother already had a slim chance of reproducing due to a severe rizz deficiency, so his injury won't affect his prospects.



Top Photo:  
The Spring 2024 Pledge  
Class Prepares to Storm  
the Lodge

Above:  
A Landscape View of  
the Battlefield

Right:  
After All the Dust Settled,  
the #34 Prevailed





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPRING 2024 INITIATED CLASS!

Written by Devesh Deodat P'25

1. Harshil Chaudhari: As the #1 of his pledge class, Harshil has developed a profound understanding of what it means to be a Chi Psi, leading by example for his fellow pledge brothers throughout the process.

2. Juan Giraldo: Those hips do not lie. If you ever have a question, I can guarantee that Juan has the answer.

3. Ishan Bansal: The handyman of the group. If there was ever something that needed to get done, Ishan was the first one there to help. He is one of the hardest-working brothers in this organization.

4. Vincent Tribianni: Despite being 6'7", Vinny is one of the most relatable members of his pledge class. A true leader and someone his brothers can depend on.

5. Matthew Sales: The Future. Matthew is someone you can always depend on, whether it's driving you (and seven other passengers) somewhere at a moment's notice or if you just need someone to talk to, he will always be there.

6. Loucas Georgiou: If I had a dollar for every word Loucas said, I would rival Jeff Bezos. Loucas is one of the most lovable brothers we have, always knowing when to make a joke to lighten the mood.

7. Matthew Kalender: The one that slipped through the cracks. Kalender served as the heart and soul of this pledge class and is a pleasure to be around.

8. Keshav Viradia: The creative brother in his pledge class. Whether you need a photographer for an event or a much-needed Victory Royale, Keshav is always there to help.



9. Maxwell Lovas: The man of many hobbies. Max can talk about anything with anyone. He is one of the most down-to-earth people you will ever meet.

10. Graham Johnson: A true role model. Graham is one of the strongest people I've ever met and always knows when to make the right decision.

11. Luke Berardi: Berardi is someone that everyone loves to be around. If he isn't stressing about something, you can often find him having a great time with his brothers.

12. Alexander Margulis: Always locked in and focused. Whether you need a good laugh or advice on a stock, Margulis is your guy.

13. Michael Gionco: Probably the most ferda brother we have, Gionco has proven to be one of the funniest in his pledge class and is down for a good time.

14. Antonio Gomez: Despite being a commuter, he always made it a priority to be at the Lodge. Antonio has grown very close to his pledge brothers and is one of the most approachable people I've ever met.

15. Luke Motzenbecker: Coming from a very prestigious town, Luke

is both very polite and respectful. He also always knows how and when to have a great time.

16. Shereef Ellithy: Shereef is like a magnet to trouble, he could never seem to stay away from it. Despite that, Shereef is always in the best mood and is probably smiling at this very moment.

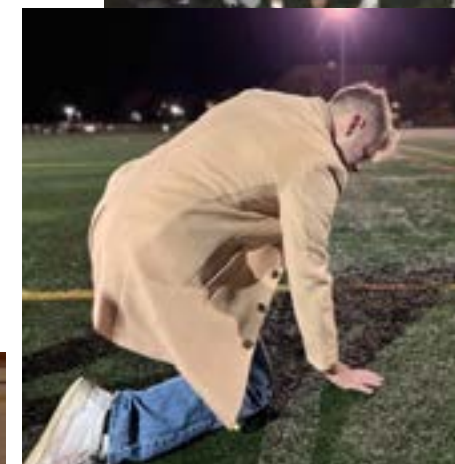
17. Pablo Gomez: Laser-focused. Pablo always came prepared and was willing to participate. Pablo is a very devoted brother and fully commits to whatever task is at hand.

18. Wesley Deitch: As the kids say, Wes has a very deep bag. You can often find him getting shots up or hanging out with his brothers, Wes is always around if you need someone to talk to.

19. Zachary Jacobs: Zah has proven to be one of the most dependable in his class. If you ever need something to get done, no matter how big or small, I can guarantee Zach is there to help.

20. Karun Daswani: Mr. Worldwide. Despite being the first brother to have a virtual pledge process, Karun has grown close to his pledge brothers and loves being around them.

## Some Highlights from the School Year 2023-2024



Clockwise from Top:

The 2023 Soccer Keller Champions

The 2023 Keller Football Team

Coach Klock moments after advancing to the Keller Championship

Coach Marucci Celebrating an 8-Game Winning Streak

Inside one of Alpha Rho's Keller Football Team's Film Sessions

Our #1 looking over 114 College Ave

The full power of the 2024 Keller Basketball Team



# CHI PSI ANNUAL CONVENTION

## July 26-30 2023 - Atlanta GA

Dollar Churyumov P'26

The 182nd Annual Chi Psi Convention was a remarkable event held from Wednesday, July 26th, 2023, to Sunday, July 30th, 2023. Hosted by Alpha Iota Delta at Georgia Tech, the convention brought together Chi Psi brothers from all over the country. Four active brothers from Alpha Rho, Dollir Churyumov P '26, Kanish Vangiliappan P '24, Dominick Rosiak P '24, and Kevin Caldini P '25, had the fantastic opportunity to attend this amazing event in Atlanta, Georgia.

We stayed on the Georgia Tech campus, which provided a wonderful environment for learning and networking. The week was filled with activities and sessions designed to enhance our understanding and strengthen our brotherhood. One of the key highlights was attending the Spencer Institute Sessions, where we learned various ways to foster and better our Alpha. These sessions were incredibly insightful and provided us with practical strategies to implement within our chapter.

A major highlight of the convention was the Trust Awards Dinner held at the Georgia Aquarium. The stunning backdrop of marine life made the evening truly special. During the dinner, Dominick Rosiak was awarded the Peter P. Miller Travel Grant. This was a proud moment for Alpha Rho, showcasing the exceptional talent and commitment of our brothers. The following morning, Kevin Caldini represented Alpha Rho in the Mark K. Bingham Memorial 5k. His participation exemplified the spirit of

camaraderie and physical fitness that Chi Psi promotes. It was an inspiring event, bringing together brothers in a memorable and meaningful way.

Alpha Rho's achievements continued as we were nominated as one of the finalists for the Thayer Trophy. This nomination was a testament to our hard work and dedication throughout the year. It was an honor to be recognized among the top Alphas in the country.

One of the most enjoyable parts of the convention was the Iota Delta Cocktail Hour and Dinner at Bobby Dodd Stadium. The event provided a relaxed atmosphere for us to connect with fellow brothers and alumni. Following the dinner, we had the opportunity to tour the Alpha Iota Delta Lodge, gaining insights into their Alpha's history and operations.

The final day of the convention was dedicated to a long business session, and following that was the Formal Banquet at the Westin in Atlanta. This elegant event was a fitting end to a week filled with learning, networking, and celebration.

Overall, the 182nd Annual Convention was a memorable and impactful experience for Alpha Rho. We returned with a renewed sense of purpose, new connections, and valuable knowledge to enhance our Alpha's growth and success. The convention not only strengthened our bonds within Chi Psi but also inspired us to continue to strive for excellence in all our endeavors.



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# ALPHO RHO OF CHI PSI 1st ANNUAL ACTIVE/ ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Kevin Caldini P'25  
#2 of Alpha Rho

Since I started pledging Chi Psi, I recognized that the #2's job was an important one, but I always saw an opportunity to do more. While continuing the normal practices of supporting the president, as well as ensuring that chairs are hosting events and following the guidelines that the Executive Committee has set for them, when I ran for vice president, I promised my brothers that I would carry out a long-term project throughout my time as number two. Upon a confirmed vote and figurative nod of trust from my brothers (I ran unopposed), the stage was set for my term project, an active/alumni golf tournament. This is an event that has been talked about my different brothers since I was pledging, but I wanted to take the reigns and make it a reality.

After Executive Committee elections were finished, and new chairs elected, I got straight to work. The first thing I wanted to find was an alumnus who was accessible and knowledgeable about setting up a golf outing. After all, I had played golf before, but I've never set up or even been to a golf outing. I found that liaison in Marc Greenberger. He was not only extremely excited about the idea of setting up an outing for actives and alumni to strengthen their bonds, he also assured me that he would support me in any way he could.

We spent a lot of time on the phone at the beginning as the most important tournament details had to be sorted out first. We settled on the Rutgers Golf Course, as we wanted the course to be as close to the lodge for the reception following the event. We also wanted to maximize our chances of a good weather day, so we picked the last Friday in April, the 26th. After confirming with the course, the real

work started on my end. I had to get the word out there, set up a registration form, a tracker sheet for my registration form, create a t-shirt design, and organize a reception for after the round with a meal for each participant. While it sounds like a lot, with proper time management and the ability to lean on any of my brothers, active or alumni, I was able to accomplish all of this while keeping up with my busy schedule.

Two weeks before the big day, I ordered the shirts and collected all of the payments I had yet to receive. The day before the tournament, I collected a few prizes to raffle off at the reception and assembled the party tent in the backyard of the lodge. I sent out my final reminder announcement, slept, woke up early, and headed to the course. The golf carts were lined up in the parking lot and we were graced with a truly perfect weather day. Beers and hot dogs were flowing, smiles were plentiful around the course, and I truly was proud that I was able to bring brothers together, young and old. My pledge class especially can attest, I always say that I would do anything for my brothers, and this is just one example of me coming through on that promise. I look forward to the rest of my term as the vice president of Alpha Rho, and to continuing a new tradition for many years to come.





# ALPHA RHO MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

## 2024 Annual Campaign Launches Planned Giving Initiative to Create Endowment

The Alpha Rho Memorial Foundation is excited to announce the launch of its 2024 Annual Campaign, with a groundbreaking planned giving initiative aimed at raising \$1 million over the next few years. This ambitious effort will support a series of vital capital improvements and enhance the financial stability of the foundation, ensuring that Alpha Rho remains a pillar of community and brotherhood for generations to come.

The 2024 Annual Campaign will prioritize essential upgrades and maintenance projects to preserve and enhance our facilities, bolstering our scholarship funds and increasing our endowment to ensure we are financially stable for many years.

### What is Planned Giving?

Planned Giving, also known as legacy giving, refers to charitable contributions arranged in advance and typically allocated as part of an individual's financial or estate planning. Planned Giving allows donors to make larger and more impactful contributions than they might be able to give during their lifetimes, ensuring lasting support for their chosen causes or organizations. These are some types of planned giving opportunities:

- Unrestricted Gifts
- Donor Advised Funds (DAF)
- List Alpha Rho as a Beneficiary on Retirement Plan Assets, Investment Accounts or Life Policies
- Gifts of Personal Property, Real Estate or Bargain Sales
- Charitable Gift Annuities (GSA)
- Bequests in Wills

### Why Planned Giving?

Planned giving offers a unique opportunity for alumni and supporters to make a lasting impact on Alpha Rho's future. By including the Memorial Foundation in their estate plans, donors can help secure the necessary funds to complete these critical projects while also benefiting from potential tax advantages. This approach ensures that Alpha Rho can continue to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for its members, now and in the future.

### Join us in Reaching our Goal!

The Alpha Rho Memorial Foundation invites all alumni, friends, and supporters to consider participating in this planned giving initiative. Your contributions will play a crucial role in helping us reach our \$1 million goal and achieving the campaign's objectives. Together, we can ensure that Alpha Rho remains a vibrant and thriving community, upholding our values and traditions for years to come. For more information on how to participate in planned giving, please reach out to Michael R. Duncan, P'08. Let's build a stronger future for Alpha Rho, one gift at a time.

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# ALPHA RHO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Board Update - We need your participation and your dues!

### Upcoming Events - Save the Dates

Alpha Rho 145th Anniversary Celebration – September 21, 2024

Homecoming – October 19, 2024 (vs UCLA) 50th Anniversary Celebration for the Class of 1974 @ The Lodge!

Details to follow. Anyone interested in helping with either of these events please contact Kevin Haynes (sleezehaynes@gmail.com).

### ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

We currently have several open positions on the Alumni Board and we need your participation. Please consider donating your time and talents to help sustain the momentum of the Brotherhood and to ensure the Lodge is up to expectations.

If you are interested in checking it out, please contact Kevin Haynes - sleezehaynes@gmail.com.

### On-Going Activities:

The Alumni – Active Mentoring program is up and running very well. There have been multiple successful match ups to date. Each fall semester the last 2 pledge classes will be enrolled as mentees so there will be an ongoing need for mentors. If you have already registered as a mentor, we have your information. Those wishing to start to get involved can register online through the Alpha Rho Facebook or LinkedIn pages.

The actives have established a robust Speaker Series, featuring different alumni for different topics. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kevin Haynes (sleezehaynes@gmail.com.)

We are in the process of revamping the Alumni Association Website. It will include a series of links to various documents and pictures through the years at Alpha Rho. We will send out an official launch notice when we are able to go live. Stay tuned.

There will be a new series of projects at the Lodge that will need to be supported by donations. Please refer to the separate article about the fundraising effort.

### ALPHA RHO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES

The Alpha Rho Alumni Association is currently collecting dues for the 2024 fiscal year. Dues are set at \$100 per year (\$50 for the last three graduating classes).

Thank you very much to those of you who have already made this payment and if you have not, please consider doing so at this time. These funds are used mainly in support of the active Brotherhood.

### Payment can be made in any of the following manners:

- 1) Venmo to @AlphaRho-AlumniAssociation
- 2) Zelle – Alpharhoaa38@gmail.com
- 3) Credit card at Home | Alpha Rho Alumni Association (square.site)
- 4) Check made out to Alpha Rho Alumni Association mailed to:  
Bill Norris  
301 North Prospect St.  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865-1344

Thank you, as always, for your consideration and your ongoing support! YITB  
Kevin Haynes P'81 - APAA President  
Bill Norris P'81 – APAA Treasurer