

## Drexel | Sigma Phi Epsilon | Spring 2017 Issue





## Chapter President's Message



Over this past term, the Pennsylvania Beta Beta Chapter has showcased some of its greatest potential. From executing one of the most successful St. Baldrick's events to-date to putting forth a valiant effort during Greek Week, our brothers are turning heads reminding everyone why we are great. Each and every single brother has devoted themselves to help develop our fraternity to become the best organization on campus while promoting our cardinal principles of **VIRTUE, DILIGENCE, and BROTHERLY LOVE.**

During the spring term, our chapter was awarded the prestigious Dean's Cup Award. This award is given to both the top fraternity and sorority on campus, and the winners were selected based off of an application and presentation of the chapters' achievements over the past year. In the chapter's 15 years of existence, we have been awarded the Dean's Cup a total of five times. After four long years, Sigma Phi Epsilon has been able to reclaim the trophy and proudly declare ourselves as the top fraternity on campus.

To continue building our strong relationship with Drexel faculty, our chapter partnered with Drexel's Dr. Christine Fiori to host the first-ever Leadership Seminar Series. The seminars were open to the entire Drexel community, and leaders from various organizations were in attendance. Dr. Fiori led insightful discussions about how to motivate others, improve chemistry within a team, and develop a shared vision. As we look to develop ourselves, we want to help other leaders at Drexel improve their respective organizations too.

As we bid farewell to our graduating seniors, we continue to encourage our undergraduate members to take on leadership opportunities. The seniors have served as mentors for our younger members, and have helped them develop into young leaders who play an integral part in the success of our chapter. With the talent that we have, the sky's the limit, and the possibilities are endless. I want to thank every brother for their countless hours of hard work and dedication. Without their time and efforts, our chapter would not be where it is today. The future is bright, and I am truly excited to see what is in store for us.

*Tanvir Bashar*  
- Tanvir Bashar

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# EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

*Winter Term 2017*

## Montreal Trip



"The trip up to Montreal, Canada was an amazing opportunity to bond with my brothers. The trip enabled a break from the very hectic term at Drexel, and gave us an opportunity to experience a brand new city. A lot of great memories were made, and it made our brothers more than ready to plan more off-campus trips in the future. I hope that this trip up to Montreal becomes a tradition so more brothers can enjoy the same adventures I did."

- Josh Gliva

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4kh6M0p2-w>



## Carlson Leadership Academy



## Chapter Retreat



# EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

*Spring Term 2017*

## Greek Week 2017



"SigEp placed **2nd** in this year's Greek Week with a chapter of only **34 brothers**. Despite the challenge, every brother stepped up and did their part to make it a huge success. With the hard work of Peter DeLuca, Brian Sennott, our DPhiE sister Natalie Rose & their support crew, we were able to place first in the talent show. SigEp has a lot to be proud of, and we will be ready to take the trophy back home next year. Check out our 2017 Greek Week highlights video on our YouTube page **@SigEpDrexel:**"

– Ryan Bannon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7l-mfuI0Y4>



Spring Formal



St. Baldrick's Head Shaving

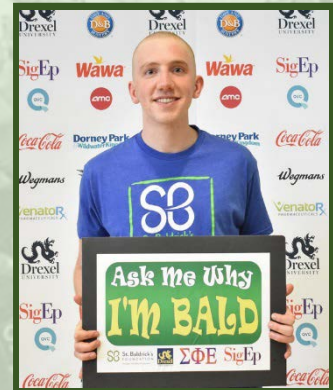


# St. Baldrick's Foundation Event Recap

## Jonathan Moore – '20

This was our chapter's 11th year running a St. Baldrick's Event at Drexel University. The event was carnival themed and included inflatable obstacle courses, catered food, raffles, and over 40 volunteers shaving their heads in solidarity with brave children everywhere fighting cancer. Dozens of individuals helped make the event run smoothly and hundreds attended to show support, making it one of the biggest and most successful St. Baldrick's event our fraternity has ever hosted. Overall, we raised **\$30,000** for the St. Baldrick's Foundation this year making our grand total over **\$350,000** during the past 11 years! We look forward to continuing to spread awareness and raising money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation in the years to come!

## Bald Never Looked This Good 😊





# St. Baldrick's Foundation Event Recap



**Do you think you going bald has brought awareness among your family and friends towards Childhood Cancer?**

"I told my parents that I was shaving my head, but not anyone else in my family or friends from back home. When the rest of my family and friends saw pictures of me

from the St. Baldrick's event, they were enthralled about the message I was trying to send to everyone else. As soon as they saw those pictures, they asked me how they could help and they all ended up donating money to my St. Baldrick's account."



**What was it like shaving your head bald for the first time?**

"Baldrick's was something I wanted to do, but also shy about, since joining SigEp. I never had shaved my head before, ever. Shaving it was pretty cool and fun. Knowing that one, it goes towards a good cause, and two, I got to see what I look like bald."

**How has being bald changed your daily routine?**

"It definitely got a lot easier. I can get out of the shower and not have to wait for my hair to air dry to style it. Also, I had thick hair so when it rained my wavy hair would get all curly."



**What's the best and worst part about being bald?**

"When we say you save more time getting ready, you do. The time I used to use to brush and dry my hair are well put into more sleep or breakfast. I barely used shampoo and I could feel the wind on my scalp. The bad part was when it isn't short or long and just awkwardly sits there and doesn't look as appealing."

**Should others participate in going bald for Baldrick's?**

"They should because hair grows back. People have asked me why I'm bald, giving me a chance to talk about pediatric cancer and raise money for the cause. So go bald, it's worth it!"



**What was it like shaving your head bald for the first time?**

"I had never shaved my head before, so I really didn't know what to expect. However, when it was done, I was really surprised when I saw what I looked like, especially coming from a long, blonde hairstyle."

**What's the best and worst part about being bald?**

"The best part was that I could wake up 5 minutes before class and leave, and not have to worry if I had bed head or not. The worst part is that I got cold a lot easier because of the wind."



# MEET

## OUR NEW BROTHERS & SWEETHEART

### CHAPTER

# UPDATE

37

TOTAL BROTHERS

3.4

AVERAGE GPA

## WINTER 2017



### Armaan Jethmalani

Murrysville, PA  
Mechanical Engineering

#### FRESHMAN

**Hobbies:** Tennis, video games, and working out.

**SigEp Outlook:** "I joined SigEp because I wanted to make my college experience count with people I can trust."

**Future Outlook:** Work for two years before pursuing my MBA



### Imran Khan

New Milford, NJ  
Business & Engineering

#### SOPHOMORE

**Hobbies:** Basketball, watching movies, listening to music, and chilling with friends.

**SigEp Outlook:** "The brotherhood had me immediately. I felt I meshed really well with the guys and I saw an opportunity to better myself as an individual through the balanced man program."

**Future Outlook:** Get a job in a city and start a family.



# NEW BROTHERS & SWEETHEART



## Burak Kumas

**FRESHMAN**

**Hobbies:** Really don't do much else but go to college and do college things ;)

**SigEp Outlook:** "I joined SigEp because the fraternity was different. The brothers were genuine and motivated in their cause, not only that but they were also a good group of guys. I wanted to be a part of what they had."

**Future Outlook:** Work on the West Coast at a company near the beach.

Sewell, NJ  
Mechanical Engineering



## Roberto Rodriguez

**JUNIOR**

**Hobbies:** Soccer, traveling, and going out with friends.

**SigEp Outlook:** "I think SigEp is a great organization with an amazing student body that help develop yourself academically and athletically while at Drexel. It gives you an opportunity to be more involved in campus and grow as an individual."

**Future Outlook:** Work in Silicon Valley & and for Netflix, Airbnb, or Google.

Mexico City, Mexico  
Computer and  
Electrical Engineering

## SPRING 2017



## Cameron Flanagan

**FRESHMAN**

**Hobbies:** N/A

**SigEp Outlook:** "I joined SigEp because I appreciate the values of this fraternity."

**Future Outlook:** Work in the United Kingdom as an engineer.

Hainesport, NJ  
Chemical Engineering



## Vincent (Vinny) Garcia

**FRESHMAN**

**Hobbies:** Soccer, video games, and loves to travel.

**SigEp Outlook:** "I joined SigEp because I was looking to get more involved and find something I can put my extra time into."

**Future Outlook:** Travel to various places and possibly get a job at an accounting firm.

San Diego, CA  
General Business  
Management



# NEW BROTHERS & SWEETHEART



## John (Jack) Owens

**FRESHMAN**

**Hobbies:** Exploring Philly and DC, and messing around with technology.

**SigEp Outlook:** "I had several conversations with different brothers throughout the recruitment process and liked everything I heard. I liked the environment that SigEp was creating and the fact that it is growing and open to changes that improve upon it."

**Future Outlook:** Go into consulting, with hope to start his own firm one day.

Washington D.C.

Management

Information Svstems

# SWEETHEART



## Christine Chen

**SOPHOMORE**

**Hobbies:** Watching cooking competitions & crime shows, and have an astounding ability to nap anywhere and anytime.

**SigEp Outlook:** "I think that SigEp PABB is an outstanding chapter filled with a number of well distinguished individuals that make up an exceptionally accomplished brotherhood. To me, they exemplify quality over quantity, and I am continuously by their commitment and diligence to their chapter and each other."

**Future Outlook:** Pursue medical school to hopefully become a public health physician.

Havertown, PA

Public Health - Premed



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# SPOTLIGHT ON GRADUATES

## HAPPY GRADUATION BROTHERS!

Our Chapter thanks you all for all you have done these past years. We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors. Be sure to come back and visit us, as our door continues to remain open to you all.



**Justin Bright**  
Architecture



**Peter Deluca**  
Business & Engineering



**Gerardo Faia**  
Electrical Engineering



**Miguel Pachicano**  
Economics

“Get involved in SigEp and on-campus activities. Always ask “why” and “how” something is done Find a mentor.”



**Justin San Juan**  
Biomedical Engineering



**Mario Squicciarini**  
Economics



**Ari Yamaguchi**  
Environmental Science

“Pick your battles. Identify your obligations and fulfill them to your greatest ability. Know also when to relax and let go. Never lose sight of the big picture.”



**Scott Miller**

***What did you study in school and when did you graduate?***

Mechanical Engineering, Class of 2014

***What's the most exciting programming event you've planned?***

I don't know about exciting... but the most important event for me was the first year that I helped plan St. Baldrick's (2010?). We had an awesome programming cabinet that year and it went very well. It was the first major event that I was involved with from the planning side that solidified

***What was your most memorable SigEp?***

Our OBX Trip and Ski trips to Canada. These are some of my favorite memories, and our group continues to take trips every year. Some of my closest friends today are brothers that I go to the mountains with.

***What is your current job?***

SigEp introduced me to most of my good friends and gave me some valuable leadership experience through the different leadership positions in the chapter. SigEp also helped me to [persuade] the president of Phi Mu into dating me (still is)!

***What is your career and what is your favorite part about it?***

I work for Sam Adams as a Brewing Supervisor. I get to work with some great people in a very fast paced environment. Also, free beer doesn't suck.

***What was the highlight of your Drexel experience?***

SigEp.

***What's on your bucket list?***

Snowboard in South America (knocking that out in August with some other alumni), Alaska, Japan, and Europe. Heliski. Visit the Monaco Grand Prix. Play golf in Scotland.

***If you could give advice to your undergraduate self, what would it be?***

Be single for the first few years and join the FSAE club sooner.

***Do you have any advice for the current undergraduate brothers?***

Enjoy it, and don't take yourself too seriously!





# SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY

## RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Here at SigEp PABB we pride ourselves on our Residential Learning Community where we give brothers the opportunity to develop crucial skills during some of the most important years of their life. We present our brothers with meaningful experiences, fostering a living-learning environment all-the-while promoting SigEp and university wide initiatives.



### Dr. Christine Fiori

**Years at Drexel:** Joined Drexel in 2015

**Drexel Title:**

Director of the Construction Management Department in the College of Engineering

**Fun Fact:**

Dr. Fiori enjoys scuba diving and did a RLC Dinner, Talk, and Learn on her scuba diving experience.

**SigEp Contribution & Events:**

5 Dysfunctions of a Team Workshop, Leadership Seminar Series, Project SPE, Chapter Retreat Facilitator



### Brian Ford

**Years at Drexel:** Joined Drexel Recreation Center in 2009

**Drexel Title:**

Athletic Director (since 2016)

**Fun Fact:**

Attended Drexel as an undergraduate where he received a bachelor's degree in sport management in 2009.

**SigEp Contribution & Events:**

RLC Dinner Guest, 2 Day Wellness Event, Sound Mind & Sound Body Series





# SPOTLIGHT ON BROTHERS

## CONGRATULATIONS BROTHERS!

Your accomplishments, chapter dedications, and leadership are some of the reasons why you were selected among the many Sig Eps nationwide! We can't wait to hear about all that you've learned and what you'll bring back to the chapter.

### TRAGOS QUEST TO GREECE

*Jonathan Napolitano – '18*

My Tragos Quest to Greece experience cannot be put into words, but if I have to, I'll say that it was absolutely special. Although traveling Ancient Greece from Athens to Nafplio to Olympia to Delphi was nothing short of incredible, it wasn't the best part of the Quest. For me, the best part was meeting such thoughtful and caring brothers from around the country. Guys that exhibited so much Brotherly Love that after the 10 days, I can call my lifelong friends and brothers. My Quest took me through a journey of my mind and taught me to love myself and find my true purpose in life; we called this "know thyself". Through knowing thyself, we are able to truly become fulfilled and happy. The Quest opened my eyes to new challenges in life and forever made me grateful for the everlasting bonds that brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon have.



### SIGEP'S RUCK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

*Jinxing Chen – '20*

Ruck is an intense five-day event for SigEp's top rising leaders, where 200 of 14,000 undergrads get to go every year. This year, I had the honor of representing PABB. I was assigned to the Orange Team, a group of twenty absolutely incredible SigEps from across the country from California, Wyoming, and Texas to Tennessee, Missouri and Florida. Our group facilitators taught us not only how to be a better leaders, but also how to live a better life and be better people. Ruck was more than just a five day leadership event. Our group ate three meals together, challenged our comfort zones in the high ropes course, and went through hell together in Frank Butterfield's six mile circuit workout. I can honestly say Ruck was the best five days of my time in SigEp and I encourage any undergraduate to apply next year.





# CHAPTER

## Updates & Information

**August 2**

**Grand  
Chapter  
Conclave**

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*Dean's Cup 2017 Team*



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