

### Drexel | Sigma Phi Epsilon | Fall 2016 Issue





### **Chapter President's Message**



This past year, the men of the Pennsylvania Beta Beta (PA-BB) Chapter at Drexel University have focused on fostering a true sense of belonging in our local community, practicing our cardinal principles of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love, emphasizing the uniqueness of our organization. In 2016, our chapter has made significant improvements to better itself and its members through a variety of weekly programming events, community service events, rituals, and open dialogues with Drexel faculty.

A notable difference made over the past year was our dedication to supporting the philanthropic efforts of other Greek organizations and our continuous engagement in community service. In addition, the chapter celebrated the national fraternity's 115th anniversary with a week of competitive programming events locally known as "PA-BB Week."

To better incorporate the idea of open dialogues, the chapter began hosting a Book Club each week with faculty fellow Dr. Christine Fiore through our Residential Learning Community. These meetings are a time for brothers to read and discuss leadership techniques, events, opportunities, and the role they play within the chapter.

Our new member class was initiated following our Fall Recruitment period and played an integral role in the events that followed. Our 10 new members have made significant progress on their Sigma Challenge objectives, and have contributed significantly to the chapter by holding leadership positions and offering their time at different chapter events.

Having been a part of this chapter for the past four years, I have always been optimistic about its ability to grow and improve. I look forward to working with the newly elected executive board and other chapter members to provide a foundation for continued success in the upcoming years. This chapter has all of the talent it needs to continue to operate at a high level, and I am eager to see the successes these young men achieve in the coming years.

- Jim Tyrrell

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### Fall Recruitment 2016



### PABB Week 2016



### **Dodge Your ASA Off**



### Light the Night Walk



### **IFC Football League**



### **Thanksgiving Dinner**

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# **MEET** OUR NEW BROTHERS

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#### Holland, PA Timofey (Tim) Averianov Electrical Engineering SOPHOMORE

Hobbies: Playing the Piano & Bass, Skiing, Hiking, Video Games, Taking Walks

**SigEp Outlook:** Bettering myself as a professional and sharing the SigEp virtues with my brothers.

**Future Outlook:** Working on new energy storage devices or owning a small engineering business.



### Joseph (Joey) Chaga

Lehman, PA Game Design & Production

#### FRESHMAN

**Hobbies:** Gym, Playing XBOX, Running, being with Friends & Family, watching Penn State Football

**SigEp Outlook:** Opportunity to grow so I can look back and see a change in my life.

Future Outlook: Finishing my masters degree in Game Design.

## MEET OUR NEW BROTHERS



#### **Donovan Kelly** FRESHMAN

#### Walpole, MA Mechanical Engineering

## **Hobbies:** Video Games, Watching & Playing Sports, Hanging out with Friends **SigEp Outlook:** The memories I'll create with my brothers and the personal growth from the balanced man program.

Future Outlook: Doing cool engineering stuff at a cool company,



#### Giancarlo (Carlo) Lorusso Scotch Plains, NJ FRESHMAN Scotch Plains, NJ Civil Engineering

Hobbies: Playing & Watching Football, Playing PS4, Going Fishing

**SigEp Outlook:** Building lifelong relationships and creating connections.

**Future Outlook:** Graduating with a solid job out of college and working in NYC.



## Connor Mayer

#### Reading, PA Mechanical Engineering

Hobbies: Soccer, Snowboard, Playing the Guitar, Photography, Urban Exploring

**SigEp Outlook:** Making my college experience as best as it can be, while creating great memories with all my brothers.

**Future Outlook:** Pursuing my career and dreams; wherever life takes me in the coming years will hopefully surprise me.



## Aaditya (Aadi) Patel

#### **SOPHOMORE Hobbies:** Sports, Outdoors, Trying New Food, Tinkering with Engineering Things

**SigEp Outlook:** Growing personally and also helping the chapter grow in all aspects.

**Future Outlook:** Be a student at Drexel College of Medicine, and hopefully seeing what specialty would like to continue with in the future.

Upland, CA

**Biological Sciences** 

## **MEET OUR NEW BROTHERS**



### **Rick Poon**

Malaysia Mechanical Engineering

Hobbies: Basketball, Reading, Collecting StampsSigEp Outlook: To grow as a leader, brother, and student.Future Outlook: To live in California.



#### **Brian Sennott** FRESHMAN

#### Simsbury, CT General Business

Hobbies: Camping, Hiking, Playing the Cello, Running, Playing Intramural Sports

**SigEp Outlook:** Get involved with an established organization, attain a leadership position, and further my college experience. I am excited to have a very active group of peers with similar morals to surround myself with.

Future Outlook: Work in the Northeast in Finance and Organizational Management



## Alexander (Alex) Tieu

Philadelphia, PA Civil Engineering

Hobbies: Men's Fashion, Photography, Traveling, Foodie, Blogging

**SigEp Outlook:** Fostering my individuality by meeting new people and getting out of my comfort zone.

**Future Outlook:** Work for a prestigious company that will give me the opportunity to foster my goal of bringing my engineering skill-set to a community that shares a similar vision of occupational and interpersonal impact.

## Henry Traylor

#### Born in TX, raised in Illinois/ Ohio Computing & Security Technology

Hobbies: PC Gaming, Running, Piano, Eating, Sleeping

**SigEp Outlook:** All the programming events and getting to know the Alumni.

**Future Outlook:** Working as a network security specialist in a public or private company.

# Sight ALUMNUS HIGHLIGHT



**Dillon Eppenstein** 

#### What is your current job?

#### Tell us a little about yourself.

After graduating with my BS in Business and Engineering in 2009, I enrolled at Ohio State University where I completed my MA in Higher Education and Student Affairs in 2011. I then took my first full-time professional position at Philadelphia University in 2011 where I served as a Complex Coordinator. I now am the Director of Residence Education at PhilaU. I currently live and work at Philadelphia University in East Falls. I married my college sweetheart Sara (Lendzinski) -- DZ sister and SigEp Sweetheart 2007 -- in November 2012 and we had our daughter, Norah, in November 2013. I love spending time with my family and friends and participating in local softball, soccer, and bowling leagues.

I am currently the Director of Residence Education at Philadelphia University. I currently oversee a professional staff of 9 and paraprofessional staff (RAs) of 50. I oversee all staff recruitment, training, and professional development, management of our community curriculum, and development and oversight of department assessment. I also serve as the lead Title IX investigator for the university, advisor for Order of Omega honors fraternity, and chair of the Gender Resource Committee. I have worked for Philadelphia University for the last 6 years and look forward to our pending merger with Thomas Jefferson University. I enjoy working in the college environment and love empowering student leaders to help their residents be successful.

#### How did you hear about Sigma Phi Epsilon?

I first learned about SigEp through the Balanced Man Scholarship program. After spending time with brothers like Brandon Long, Paul Cannon, and Bryan Daehnke, I decided to join the chapter during the fall of my freshman year. During my time as an undergrad I served as Chapter President, VP of Programming, VP of Recruitment, VP of Member Development, and a variety of other cabinet and standards positions. I played on many of the SigEp IFC sports teams and was also very involved on campus: Executive Student Ambassador, USGA Honors Rep and Athletics Rep, Head Resident Assistant, and an active member in Order of Omega, Rho Alpha Sigma, Drexel Players, and Drexel intramurals.

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# Sight Alumus Highlight



What was your most memorable SigEp experience? When I think back on my time in SigEp, my favorite memories usually happened in the Spring Semester around Greek Week. I was involved in Step/Stroll, the Talent Show, and a variety of other events during my five years at Drexel. We didn't win any Greek Week's while I was in undergrad, but it still was a special time of the year.

*Where do you see yourself in five years?* Still working in student affairs/college administration and personally I hope to be living off-campus (one can dream).

#### Did you see yourself where you currently are in life when you were in college?

I never had a clear path for my career. I changed my major halfway through undergrad so by the time I graduated I was just excited to be heading to grad school. I knew that I wanted to be a father and enjoy my work. I have a wonderful family and love my work so I am glad to be where I am just 7-8 years out of undergrad.

#### Current Bucket List:

Travel to every major league baseball stadium. I have visited 14/30 current stadiums as well as 3 closed stadiums.



#### How has your time in SigEp impacted your life?

SigEp had a major impact on my life and my career in Student Affair. I was extremely involved as an undergrad but many of these opportunities were products of my involvement in SigEp. I joined the USGA after being tapped for an open position by my big brother, Damien Alexeev. I was encouraged by another brother, Matt O'Neill, to apply to be a resident assistant, a role which had a major impact on my career path. I also took on a variety of leadership roles in the fraternity which prepared me for working with student leaders and student organization.

#### Message to current undergraduates:

I would strongly encourage undergrads to look into some type of international travel experience.





#### What is your favorite food?

#### **BRIAN SENNOT – '21**

My favorite food is Italian, specifically gnocchi pasta. Best comfort food in the world.

**If you could relive a moment in your life what would it be?** I would relive the Red Sox winning the 2004 World Series. I don't remember it well, but my mom says that my dad didn't cry at their wedding or at any kids births, but he did when that game ended.

#### Most memorable moment in SigEp?

#### ARI YAMAGUCHI – '17

Winter break of my freshman year I went on a ski/snowboarding trip to Mont Tremblant in Quebec. I was the only one younger than I junior and I felt perfectly comfortable and fit right in.

#### If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

My favorite region of the world is the Mediterranean. I'd love to check off more countries in the area and explore further the ones I've seen already.



What is something new that you've experienced because of SigEp? Paintball. I have never gone paintballing before because I just never got around to organizing it. Because of SigEp, I was able to just hop into a car with a couple brothers to go shoot each other with some paint the entire day.



#### January 20

Carlson Leadership Academy

#### **February 4**

DPhiE's Deepher Dude

#### February 17

Chapter Montreal Trip

#### February 25

Chapter Formal (tentative)



**Updates & Information** 



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