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YEAR IN REVIEW

FALL 2019

This past semester was another successful endeavor for the Iota-Tau chapter, especially in their philanthropic efforts. We hosted our annual 9/11 stair walk and Public Safety softball game. Our flagship event, Sigma Puppies, took place on October 24th.

In addition to this, we had service trips throughout the semester and hosted quite a few brotherhood events. To finish the semester we initiated our newly elected E-Board and can't wait to see their contributions to the chapter.

SPRING 2020

Although our semester was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this didn't stop the Iota-Tau chapter from doing great things. As always, we thrived with our philanthropy hosting our 3rd annual Sigma Shamrocks. We had much more planned after spring break, however, this was all cancelled.

Thankfully, what we did have time for was a great rush and recruitment process as we initiated 25 new members of the Kappa Class. However, with our 25 new members, we also had to say good bye to 13 of our senior brothers. Although we lost many great brothers and leaders that were key to our chapter's success, we know that our new class will uphold and work hard to uphold the standards these men have created for them and the Grand Sage Cup winning chapter they helped create.



PHILANTHROPY

Beginning just the first week back on campus, Iota-Tau did what they know how to do best: give back. The brothers hosted our favorite event, the 9/11 stair walk. Our chapter raised thousands of dollars to donate to the Stephen Siller foundation, a charity that means a lot to our chapter, campus and city.

Just over a month later, we hosted our ACE project, Sigma Puppies. In the heart of midterms week, we brought service dogs to campus to alleviate stress from students all over campus, as everyone was welcome to come and play with and pet the dogs.

SERVICE

Throughout the Fall semester, the brothers of the Iota-Tau Chapter organized and went to many different service sites. All of these events were at local parks. In October, at Corona Park, we partnered with Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and went to the Making Strides Breast Cancer Awareness walk. Earlier in the year, in September, we attended the MDA walk at Queens Botanical Garden, another great trip to promote awareness for Muscular Dystrophy. On campus, we had bake sales to help raise funds for the less fortunate during Halloween to help children buy costumes. Overall, it was another great year for service in the Iota-Tau Chapter!





A.C.E.

In the Fall semester, we conducted our 3rd annual Sigma Puppies event for our ACE Project. During this event we welcomed service dogs to campus to help reduce stress during midterm week. All of campus was welcome, as this event was held in the Marillac Terrace, a public space for all campus to see. A few years ago, our chapter donated a bench that sits on the walkway through Sun Yat Sen Lawn. In the Spring, Iota-Tau planned on building upon the area as a way to bring the community together. With this being said Sigma Pi with the help of Facilities organized the construction of a large flower bed surrounding the donated bench. During the construction the brothers planned on hosting a faculty appreciation BBQ on the Sun Yat Sen lawn that would have highlighted the newest addition to the bench area. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, this event was cancelled. However, we look forward to doing this in the Fall semester.

BROTHERHOOD

Throughout the semester, thanks to our brotherhood chairman Ethan Mair, we had more brotherhood events than ever before. We had a golf trip to our local course, a countless number of dinners, poker nights throughout the semester, and even lunches during common hour for those who wanted to relax throughout the day. The brotherhood throughout the chapter is getting stronger each and everyday.

Although we had such a great semester, we did lose a key brother, Brad Stewart as he graduated in December 2019.



KAPPA CLASS

WELCOME TO THE BROTHERHOOD

Congratulations to:

Viandy Abreu, Michael Addeo, Greg Auteri, Ryan Benattar, John Bologna, Mateo Betancour, Nick Campanaro, Dean Condoleo, Jack Corriea, Frank Falco, Anthony Ferraioli, Zach Hanzel, Malcolm Jackson, Harrison Kaye, Adam Lee, John Michael Mauceri, Jake Morro, Mickey O'Brien, Sebastian Ospina, Matt Ottomanelli, Josh Paniagua, Kyle Perry, Alec Rueca, Phil Wieman, Patrick Zaleski.

These men put in weeks of hard work through these troubling times and embodied all of the characteristics that a gentleman of Sigma Pi Fraternity should possess. They have assimilated into the fraternity by taking on leadership roles as well as positions in other critical organizations on campus. The brothers that have come before them are more than excited to have these men become a part of the organization and, as a chapter, we cannot wait to see what heights Kappa class will reach.



CLASS OF 2019

Congratulations to all the brothers graduating. Their work contributed to Iota-Tau will not go unnoticed and Sigma Pi will continue to thrive under their reign.

This was a long journey where you all grew as individuals and will display your experiences and the things you have learned in the new world. Iota-Tau is very fortunate to have you men as alumni and truly wish you the best of luck in the future.



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

As the newly elected Sage, I knew I had big shoes to fill with a Chapter like this. Coming off a background of being the Scholarship & Public Relations chairman, to 2nd Counselor on the Executive Board, I developed very diverse attributes to hold the position of Sage. I will take the things that I have learned and will contribute everything I can to take this fraternity to the next level. I couldn't ask for a better group of guys to go through this experience with.

Going forward, we will be building off of our successes in service and philanthropy to cement ourselves at the top for years to come. We will continue to dominate athletically and continually strive to be the best at everything. We will establish social relations with other organizations so that our successors who come after us will have a better future. Chairman will continue to grow and have the freedom to enact their ideas for the greater good of the community. From here on out, we need to think about the future and the

incoming classes so that they don't have to focus on issues that we focus on. They should have the opportunity to focus on their own ways to prepare for their successors. The Executive Board has made many strides to instill this idea of working "for the greater good." Stricter guidelines have been laid out for the chairman, structure has been added through communities, and public image has increased. While these cannot be seen by the majority of the chapter, these small steps forward in organization and chapter structure will be useful for years to come.

With that being said, we will bring Iota-Tau to new lengths. After all, we live our lives as "a quest for excellence." In order to grow, we must take a look at what worked and elevate it, as well as what didn't work and find out how we can better whatever we are trying to accomplish. We Are dominant, and if we all get on the same page, this effect can be everlasting.

Fraternally,
Nicolas R. Bautista
Sigma Pi Fraternity - Sage



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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**NICOLAS
BAUTISTA**
PRESIDENT

Nick Bautista is a Junior Biomedical Science Major, from Medford, Long Island. Along with Sigma Pi, he is heavily involved on campus with being the SGI Junior Senator and working on campus with Operations. He has hopes of going to Medical School and becoming a orthopedic surgeon some day.



**KEVIN
MALONE**
VICE PRESIDENT

Kevin Malone is a sophomore, International Management major from Massapequa, New York. On campus, he is the Philanthropy Chair for the IFC and a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. In his free time, Kevin spends a lot of time on the golf course. He hopes to make Sigma Pi great again.



**RYAN
HERLEY**
TREASURE

Ryan Herley is a Homeland Security major with a minor in Cyber Security. Outside of the fraternity he is part of the order of the sword and shield and part of the associations club where he has held the positions both President and Vice President. His goal is to help his colleagues build closer relations across campus for future networking opportunities.



**ETHAN
MAIR**
SARGE

Ethan Mair is a Senior Risk Management Major. Ethan has held the Brotherhood and Risk Management position since 2019. Ethan has been working for Cassena Care in their Risk Management Division since November 2019. He has hopes to have his own consulting agency in the future.



**NOAH
BAGDONAS**
SECRETARY

Noah Bagdonas is a Senior Sports Management Major, Journalism Minor from Amityville, New York. When he's not involved with Sigma Pi, you can either find him working at the registrar's office, speaking on his WSJU Radio show, or working the men's basketball games. Noah hopes to one day to work in Ticket Operations, Sports Marketing, or become a scout for a college or professional basketball team.



**RYAN
BATKA**
HERALD

Ryan Batka is a Senior Cyber Security Major from Stratford Connecticut. Ryan grew up playing all different sports but focused on hockey and lacrosse. Previously he was the apparel chair and to add to this he is also involved in the cyber security club on the St. John's campus. Ryan enjoys his positions as Herald and social chair and takes pride in continuing the fraternities tradition and history.

ALUMNI UPDATE:

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Tyler DeFranco

Currently, I am a Graduate Assistant for SJUServes, a division of Student Affairs, in the sector of Veterans Affairs, and Service I am pursuing my Masters degree in Government and Politics with a focus in Public Administration. Currently serving as an alumni adviser, I work closely with the gentlemen of Iota-Tau in regards to programming and member development. Most recently, the chapter and my office fronted an initiative to raise awareness for PTSD. Not only were they able to raise money towards the cause, but were able to help educate their peers on a disorder that affects some of their classmates and community members. The chapter is always looking to bring awareness to the community, and to help confront issues around the world. I look forward to working with these gentlemen in our annual Mission 22 softball game, and in service opportunities, such as Relay For Life

Andrew Calvano

After graduating from St. John's University in 2017 with a degree in Business Administration and Sport Management, I have been working full time as a Business Development Manager for Taste Of Victory Racing Stables. Within my position, I facilitate sales of thoroughbred race horses all over the country to investors within Taste of Victory. This job has taken me all over the country since I have begun my employment, and I couldn't ask for a better situation. I plan to return to St. John's in the near future to further my education, and obtain my M.B.A. I wish nothing but the most amount of success attainable from my old chapter, and ask that the guys continue the legacy of what was originally built. Stick to what is right, and never take your eyes off the future. Class will always prevail.

Richard Cantoral

For those that do not know, I started working at Goldman Sachs back in July; it's been going very well. I work in the Financial Crimes Compliance Team, so I work a lot with anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, anti-corruption etc- it's very interesting and I'm always happy to talk with any of the active brothers/alumni about what I do. As most of you know, I was always pretty involved at SJU, and remain involved - I'm currently on the Leadership Committee for the GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Alumni Group, we plan a lot of alumni events off-campus to network and socialize. Seniors, let me know if you want to get involved upon graduation. Lastly, I've gotten officially certified as a bartender, and have a few gigs here and there for fun.

Ryan "Sully" Sullivan

Since I graduated in May this past year I've spent the vast majority of my time working as a Regional Operations Center Analyst for Deutsche Bank along with becoming a Supervisory Service Graduate Assistant for St. John's VISA Office. This allows me to work towards my Masters Degree in Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Leadership. Other than that I continue to volunteer whenever I have free time with both of the fire companies in my home town I was with before. I continue to be active around the tristate area and have not yet moved away. Looking forward to Alumni events upcoming in the near future.

Andy Bujarski

After graduating, I enrolled in grad school, and am set to finish this December. I work for BDO currently and am slated to start there full time in 2018.

LaQuan Martinez

After graduation, I continued working at Target, and am currently a manager there.

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Aaron Jimenez

I started full-time at JP Morgan in July .

Steven Blake

I am currently enrolled in Law School.

Enzo Bonnici

Upon graduating from undergraduate studies, I enrolled in Graduate school at St. John's University where I am working towards my masters in Criminology and Justice. I am also the Graduate assistant for The Office of Fraternity and Sorority life. Upon completion of my master's degree, I plan to work for a Police Department or a Federal Agency .

Jordan Canela

After graduating from St. John's University I have decided to continue my education to pursue my dual master's degree in school counseling, and mental health counseling with a bilingual extension. I currently work as a graduate assistant for intramural sports at the Campus Recreation Department here at St. John's University . This is my fourth year working with the department, and I consider myself to be extremely blessed to continue to work at St. John's as a graduate assistant, and excited for the opportunity to continue my education.

Mostafa "Moose" Khairy

After graduating, I have continued to advance my education at St. John's Law School with aspirations of getting into the Criminal Law field either in the court room, or various government agencies. Just a moose, doing moose things. When I'm not being a degenerate gambler I'm working in a clinic at the school representing elderly queens residents in Mortgage foreclosure actions and consumer debt. I'm like the Batman of Queens. Now , I decided to sell my soul to the city of NY . I Landed a yugeeeeeee job with the NYC Law Department.

Nick Amster

Nick is currently pursuing his Masters in Higher Education Administration at Stony Brook University, where he also serves as the Graduate Coordinator for Fraternity & Sorority Life. Recently, Nick was awarded the Long Island Council of Student Personnel Administrators (LICSPA) Professional Excellence Award for Graduate Students, for his work and dedication to his students, institution, and constant professional development. Additionally, Nick still continues to teach at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Academy of Queens in Maspeth, work as a Cast Member for The Disney Store, and serve as the Standards of Excellence Advisor on the Iota- Tau Advisory Board.

Kyle Werth

I recently graduated from Boston College with a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in English and education. I am living and teaching high school English in the Boston area. On a more important note, I completed my bucket list of driving to all of the continental forty-eight states this past year. I'm excited for 2017, and the prospect of becoming an intimidating and feared teacher.

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David Bautista

Graduating in 2014 with a BA in Computer Science and a concentration in networking, I studied neural networks, python scripting, networks, cryptography, network security, and conducted red versus blue team operations. I am currently pursuing an advanced degree in cyber security at American public University. Along with his pursuit for a master's degree in cyber security he is currently preparing for certifications such as OSCP and the CISSP. I am now working as a systems support engineer at the Essex Technology Group, Inc. in Manhattan, New York.

Carlos Lopes

At this moment I intern at Fordham University in the Office of Multicultural Affairs while I seek to finish out my final semester in my Master's Degree in Education at New York University. I also have begun to teach a class about social justice at New York University in my spare time.

Jonathan Herrera

After completing undergrad in Criminal Justice, I am now pursuing a master's Degree in Homeland Security and Criminal justice leadership. Currently, I am in the process of being a candidate for an internship with the FBI and studying for the LSAT.

Christopher Pilarte

Right after graduating I helped start up a martial arts school. After I finished my master's degree, since I was so focused on finishing my education it was time for me to enjoy life a little bit more, now that I had the time. A friend of mine wanted to start his own taekwondo dojo and couldn't do it alone. I decided to invest more into my hobby of martial arts not for a career purpose but for the pursuit of happiness. The school had a rocky start since the three involved including me had no idea to run a business. Despite the quick troubles we ran into, I felt an overwhelming sense of accomplishment. We became a martial arts school that heavily gave back to the community. Our motto was to be different than any martial arts school. We wanted to really help kids of all types. So we teamed up with "Play 4 Autism" to help and teach children who are not so privileged, the understanding of martial arts. I'm happy to say the business is still running. This past summer a friend of mine introduced me to a superintendent of a luxury apartment complex in 5th ave, Manhattan. The pay was great and the shareholders were nice people. I was able to see how the rich life of NYC lived. It was an experience that opened my eyes to the upper class of society. It was also interesting to be working with doormen that were my father's age. I was told many military stories from the veterans and the hardships of coming to America back in the day. I now currently work for a financial company in midtown Manhattan. So far this is the best job I have had. No hard work, no supervisors or managers breathing down my neck. I work at my own pace yet still doing enough work to impress coworkers. With the time I have on my hands I still visit the dojo from time to time and now currently pursuing a career in law enforcement. I'm happy to say I scored a top percentage on my written exam for both Suffolk county Police department and U.S. Customs border patrol. Passed my written and physical exams for U.S. Federal Park Police as well as have an interview for the FBI. I have not forgotten the reason I pursued my education in the first place. Unfortunately, government jobs are a big waiting game. However I am currently happy with my accomplishments and my endeavors and expect big things for myself these next few years to come.

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Liam Brennan

After transferring to URI, Liam is pursuing an engineering degree.

Daniel Debiase

I am currently completing my masters at St. Johns University

Kasey Dondershine

N/a

William Harris

Will Harris is currently working with the Manhattan District Attorney Office.

Devyn Nourie

N/a

Bruno Orench

N/a

Micheal Ortoli

Mike just graduated his 6 year masters program this spring. Congratulations!

Dominick Pintavalle

Dom is currently studying law at New York Law.

Kenneth Rohl

Kenny transferred to Appalachian State, and is enjoying his college experience in the south.

John Swayer

N/a

Kevin Simmons

Kevin is enrolled in his first year at St. John's law.

Robert Slevin

Rob is currently working to obtain a CPA and is in his 1st year of graduate school at St. John's.

Jeff Spencer

After graduating from SJU, I am currently enrolled in the NYU School of dentistry pursuing my DMD.

Nicholas Spennicchia

N/a

John Venturini

John is currently working as a manager for the Macy's corporation in their famous Times Square location.

