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#### The Jordan Standard

A Man of  
Good Character.....

A Student of  
Fair Ability.....

With  
Ambitious Purposes.....

A  
Congenial Disposition.....

Possessed of  
Good Morals.....

Having a  
High Sense of Honor

And

A Deep Sense of  
Personal Responsibility.

# The Delta Psi Sig

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## Another Successful Semester for Delta Psi

Greetings from Delta Psi! After the end of the Fall 2012 semester, we have a natural opportunity to reflect on our successes to-date, as well as ways we can improve moving forward. Once again, Delta Psi was a leader in Greek recruitment with another 20+ member pledge class, resulting in the recent initiation of 23 new Sigma Chi's. The subsequent initiation banquet was well attended by parents, actives, and alumni alike, with a turnout of more than 120 people. Special thanks should be given to Magister Nick Fortune '13, Ritual Chair Ben Richardson '15, and Assistant Ritual Chair Will Nobile '15, and all participating actives for performing yet another superb initiation.

In addition to the "regular" workload given out by RPI, our actives have stayed busy and involved on campus and in the community. To date, Delta Psi actives have racked up over 700 hours of community service, participating in events such as our annual haunted house and leaf rake, a blood drive, and IFC sponsored community service events. As the semester drew towards its close, our newest class of initiates decided to set a new example of pledge-class charity, and ran a "holiday-gram" booth for a week. At the rate of \$1/message, the class was able to raise an impressive \$235, all of which will be donated to charity.

We continued our active involvement in the Inter-Fraternal Council in the

most recent officer election cycle, with another four brothers obtaining VP cabinet position - including EVP Oskari Rautainen '15, VP Risk Chris Heinbokel '14, VP PR Joe Karpie '14, and VP Philanthropy Mack Ott '14. Our chapter looks forward to our brothers' accomplishments over their upcoming term, knowing that they'll be able to take their leadership skills and the successes we've had at our chapter to better the overall Greek community at Rensselaer. Additionally, we were proud to be highly represented in the newest Order of Omega (national Greek honor society) initiation, with the induction of Nick Fortune '13, Pro-Consul Jay Cady '12, Chuck Carletta '12, and



*Consul Joseph Pumper '13*



*In Hoc Signo Vinces*

## Another Successful Semester for Delta Psi (cont)

yours truly.

As we move through the Spring 2013 semester, our goals will shift even more towards personal and professional development, community service and philanthropic fundraising, and the continued push for the brotherhood indicative of a well-rounded college experience. Our "year away from Pinewoods" has presented several unique challenges, but armed with the strength of our Ritual and resolution of our brothers, I have no doubt we will continue to prosper.

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## New IFC Officers

Over the past year, the IFC worked hard to redevelop itself and influence Fraternities to change attitudes and work together tightly. This was partially realized when each region organized its own community service event and the brothers of Sigma Chi helped clean up Prospect Park in lower Troy. The event was a success and helped bring many fraternities on campus together. Now the IFC has new members and four of our brothers have been elected to positions.

- Oskari Rautiainen was elected Executive Vice President. He leads and plans all regional meetings and works directly with each vice president on the IFC to accomplish his goals as well.
- Joseph Karpie was elected Vice President of Public Relations. He will introduce additional information on the IFC website along with improving the IFC's overall public relations.
- Chris Heinbokel was elected Vice President of Risk. This position will allow Chris to directly impact the rules and regulations relating to risk management for all fraternities on campus. He has already begun talking with important figure heads that decide legislation and already has projects lined up to complete during this upcoming year.
- Mack Ott was elected Vice President of Philanthropy. He will work with Oskari to plan regional community service events and continuing newly-started philanthropy events.



*From left to right: Chris Heinbokel, Joe Karpie, Mack Ott, and Oskari Rautiainen*

These four brothers have my full confidence to continue and extend the work of the outgoing IFC executive board!

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## Newly-Initiated Brothers

On December 1, twenty-two excellent pledges were initiated and made the transition from pledge to brother in Sigma Chi. Below the newly-initiated brothers are listed. Be sure to look further in the *Delta Psi Sig* to find out how the newly-initiated brothers have already begun to express the values of behind the badge!

Brother	Class Year	Major	Home Town
Louis Zanette III	2015	Biochemistry/physics	Middletown, CT
Frank LoPinto	2016	Aero./Mech. Engr.	Mount Laurel, NJ
Russell Jones	2016	Mech. Engr	Cromwell, CT
Nikolay Liharski	2016	Engineering	Billerica, MA
Erik Vink-Lainas	2016	Comp. Systems Engr.	Wynantskill, NY
Christopher Higley	2016	Computer Science	Shaker Heights, OH
Ian Lahiri	2016	Chemical Engr.	Chesterfield, MO
Robert Jacoby	2016	Mech. Engr.	Smithtown, NY
Marshall Shortledge	2016	Computer Science	Silver Spring, MD
Kevin Marvin	2015	Biomedical Engr.	Tully, NY
David Cecchini	2016	Engineering	Hauppauge, NJ
Terence Farrell	2016	Games Sim. Arts and Sci.	Hingham, MA
James Weislogel	2016	Engineering	Evanston, IL
Christian Avarella	2016	Aero. Engr.	Fredon, NJ
Lucas Silva	2016	Engineering	Framingham, MA
Dan Hernandez-Martinez	2016	Engineering	Hanover, NH
Don Stimpson	2016	Biomedical Engr.	Fairfield, CT
Kyle Dinsmore	2016	Math / Management	Los Angeles, CA
James Crist	2016	Aero./Mech. Engr.	Corinth, NY
Leo Antelyes	2016	Games Sim. Arts and Sci.	Pughkeepsie, NY
Evan Kaiser	2015	Aero. Engr.	Auburn, CA
Andrew Ehlers	2016	Materials Engr.	Monroe, NY



The 22 newly-initiated brothers after receiving their first set of letters.

## Fall Philanthropy

This past semester, the brothers of Delta Psi participated in many different philanthropy events. The main event was the annual Haunted House. Not having our own house did not stop us from continuing the tradition and collaborating with RPI's chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and they graciously hosted us in their house on Myrtle Avenue. Even with the location change, we managed to scare many families in Troy and raised almost \$300 for the Children's Miracle Network.

Our brothers also participated in many other events such as a Bowl-A-Thon to benefit LifeNets (a charity to stop the spread of Malaria in Africa). Brother Christopher Heinbokel shaved his head for St. Baldrick's Foundation and with the support of the chapter raised over \$300 for the charity, more than any other participant. Also the newly-initiated brothers spent their last week of classes running Holiday-Grams for students to send messages and presents to their peers [Ed. Check out more below!]. The money they raised bought presents for a local retirement home in Troy. The brothers of Sigma Chi have had an extremely successful fall semester, raising a total of \$1,047.25 for various charities.

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## Sigma Chi Holiday Grams

The Fall 2012 Pledge Class ran a philanthropy event the week of December 3 to December 7 to raise money to purchase gifts for a retirement home. For the event, they sold "Holiday-Grams", which consist of a message or to be delivered to a room on campus. In addition, there were options to purchase either a candy cane or hot chocolate with the message or song.



In total, more than 50 "Holiday-Grams" were purchased, \$235 was raised, and brothers donated 100 hours of their time to this worthwhile event. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, they delivered the gifts to the retirement home and spent some time with the gift recipients. The Fall 2012 Pledge Class is very excited to have generated an event that has the potential to become an annual event, and looks forward to future service projects.

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*Louis Zanette '15, pictured with Bob Eckart '73, coordinated Holiday Grams. Louis also received honors at the Initiation Banquet for his outstanding pledgeship*



## Fall Community Service

Fall 2012 was a fantastic semester for community service. Since my last update, we have had many more events. Several of our brothers participated in the Rensselaer Students Association's Freshman Hill Trick or Treat, where families from around campus came and toured the halls of the freshman dorms, receiving candy from the residents. Our brothers served as tour guides, leading the families around.

Our next community service helped our former chapter adviser Chris Gribbin. Unfortunately, he suffers from the effects of Lyme disease. To help him and his family, a group of brothers went to his house to rake leaves, remove branches, and generally clean the yard. Another group of brothers performed yard-work for a friend-in-need of the Freshman Experience Dean, Amanda Bingel.



*Brothers Ray Kowalski '14 and Marshall Shortledge '16 get to work*

As our final community service event, we held our annual Pinewoods Leaf Rake. Our entire brotherhood mobilized to rake up the leaves of our neighbors at 58 Pinewoods. Many neighbors expressed surprise and gratitude at work, as they did not expect us to do it this year due to the construction. Over the course of the semester, we had 721.5 hours of community service contributed by our brothers. Our average was around 10 hours per brother. During Spring 2013, I hope to increase the average hours per brother past its remarkable rate, and to continue displaying Sigma Chi's values through community service.

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## Campus Spotlight—Student Government



*Chuck Carletta '14*

One of the many things that I like about RPI is all the opportunities that are available to its students through clubs. There are over 200 clubs that students can join that vary in purpose from cheese and wine tasting to archery. I am involved in many, but the one in which I have invested the most dedication and ambition is the RPI Student Senate. I am currently a junior and I have been involved with student government at RPI for 2 years. I was just elected for a third term last spring for the Class of 2014 and was more recently appointed as Vice Chair of the Student Senate by the Grand Marshal. Before that I was involved with student senate at my high school for my junior and senior year. I think it goes without saying that I really enjoy being involved with the politics of my surrounding environment. I enjoy it because of the difference I can make and the different

## Campus Spotlight—Student Government (cont.)

perspective I gain from being on the more administrative level with how the school operates.

The RPI Student Senate is the legislative body of student government and functions as an entity which oversees many facets of a student's life on or off campus. The senate meets with many RPI administrators on a weekly basis to understand what projects they are working on and how we as student leaders can assist them. The renewal of the Rensselaer Plan was a major project on the Senate's agenda that affected all. The Rensselaer Plan is the document that detailed the path RPI has taken in the past ten years in terms of academics, policy, and infrastructure. As you can imagine, the renewal of this plan is vital because it will affect students for years to come so we as senators want to make sure that this document shows us heading in a direction that we think will be positive to us and our posterity.

Senate isn't all about these big administrative projects though. Sometimes it's the small things that make students on campus take notice. When I was a freshman one small task I did in the beginning of my term was get strawberries for the waffles at the cafeteria. That sounds trivial to most people, but students were appreciative of this because it was a visible change that many of them wanted. Thankfully as I got more experienced I worked on more engaging projects such as having brainstorming sessions with students in between classes to figure out what they wanted, working on the union annual report for the 8 million dollar budget that is distributed among clubs, and getting a Moe's Southwestern Grill to come on campus. These are just a few projects I have worked on, but they have affected many students in different ways. I am always looking to better the lives of students, which is why I work tirelessly with the student senate to try and make our ambitions of a better school a reality.

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## Picture Highlights



*Construction on the Pomeroy Chapter House Renovation began in earnest during the Fall 2012 semester.*

### Editor's Note

*All photos taken by Drew Kopicki '15. For more pictures, go to [sigmachi-rpi.org](http://sigmachi-rpi.org) or visit us on Facebook*

## Picture Highlights (cont.)



*Latest progress on the Pomeroy Chapter House*



*Latest progress on the Pomeroy Chapter House  
(pictured: the rear of the house)*



*Twenty-two fine men became brothers on December 1st.  
(pictured: the initiates along with the many ladies that  
made the initiates' first sets of letters)*



*Delta Psi maintained its strong record of community  
service, donating hundreds of hours to the Rensselaer  
and Pinewoods community.*

*(pictured: brothers walking Pinewoods during the  
Annual Leaf Rake)*

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# Upcoming Events

*Upcoming Delta Psi Chapter, Alumni and Sigma Chi Events*

Spring Break Commences:	March 9
Spring Formal:	March 23
Flag Replacement Ceremony:	March 27
Grand Marshall Week:	April 5-12
Brotherhood Open Mic:	April 12
Relay for Life:	April 26
Last Day of Classes:	May 8



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