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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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## Sigma Chi Wins Chapter of the Year

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in May, the brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa hosted the annual Rensselaer Greek Awards Ceremony in their recently acquired church-turned-fraternity-house. In front of Greek representatives, chapter advisors, and members of Rensselaer's faculty and staff, the undergraduate President of PSK exclaimed that they were "damn proud... to have come to where [they] are today." By the end of the day's proceedings, they would not be the only organization to have claim to that sentiment.

In an exceedingly notable performance, Delta Psi took home *seven* of the day's categorical awards, which spanned all facets of chapter operations: Personal Development, Ritual, Membership Recruitment and Development, Leadership Development, Campus Involvement, Chapter Standards and Membership Accountability, and Greek Relations. The chapter was also an honorable mention in the Housing category. For perspective, the next highest performing organization received only two categorical awards.

In this case seven awards were not enough—Sigma Chi was awarded **The President's Cup** for the first time since its adoption, along with the title of

**Chapter of the Year.** Additionally, Delta Psi maintained its status as a 5-Star Chapter for the third year in a row. This is an accomplishment that deserves to be applauded. It not only reveals the strength of our brotherhood, but also the outstanding support of our alumni. It is also tribute to the efforts of all brothers to help raise our chapter from good to great, and for that commitment we are extremely grateful. *(Cont. on Page 2)*



*Kenneth Sobel '12 and Joe Pumper '13 with the President's Cup*



*In Hoc Signo Vinctes*

## Sigma Chi Wins Chapter of the Year (cont.)

However, it is important to remember that awards always point in two directions. They celebrate past achievements and point to future expectations. They ask, "What will you do now?" The bar has been set high, but there exists an insatiable hunger to reach even higher.

As we enter unusual and exciting times defined by the renovation of 58 Pinewoods, the undergraduate membership of Delta Psi is committed to maintain the positive trajectory of our chapter. As we enter this crucial transition, we need the continuing support of our alumni members now more than ever. If possible, I highly encourage you to attend one of our upcoming events (**pg 5**), or visit us if you happen to be in the area. Working in tandem, in thought, word, and deed, we will surely be able to pass on the Sigma Chi tradition to the next set of emerging leaders in the RPI community.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,  
Joseph Pumper '13  
*Consul*

## Spring Initiation

Delta Psi extends warm congratulations to its newest members. On May 5th, Delta Psi initiated (from left to right) Brothers Anthony Maiello '15, Brandon Win '15, and Joe Kalina '15. The undergraduate chapter



would also like to thank its alumni for attending a terrific initiation ceremony.

As has become tradition, the new initiates were joined by family and friends at the chapter house for a delicious banquet prepared by Chris Brunette, Delta Psi's chef. Our new brothers also received letters courtesy of our Sweetheart, lavalieres, and friends of the chapter.

## 1855 Campaign Update

Once again, 100% of Delta Psi's undergraduates have made pledges to the 1855 Campaign. These undergraduates have shown their willingness to repay the generosity of Delta Psi's alumni by contributing \$18.55 out of every biweekly paycheck to Delta Psi.

## Editor's Note

*"Campus Spotlight" is a new segment that highlights the various ways in which Delta Psi Sigs are making a difference on campus.*

### Campus Spotlight—Student Government

Being Class president definitely has its perks. For one, people call you, "Mr. President" or "Prez." People know you even if you have never met them. Sometimes, it even helps you get into an event or woo a pretty girl. Even though this is all great, what people don't know are the requirements for being a good class president: responsibility, respect, communication skills, fortitude, courage, and love for your class. The most important is your commitment to the betterment of the class. I worked hard this year to provide fun activities such as "RPI's Got Talent," "RPI Union Rave," and free admission to some hockey games. We also gave out free class t-shirts to help unify the class.

There are also many meetings with administrators and other student leaders. It was extremely difficult to work with the Senate due to all the turmoil that the Senate experienced these past few years. I had difficulties with my class senators because they were overworked. There were also a lot of issues between members of the class council and myself, due to scheduling conflicts and lack of commitment. It was tough, but the council made it through. As class president, I've also learned to be firm on priorities and resourceful with what the student government is given. Together with the other members of the class council, we budgeted for the next 3 years in order to spend the class's money efficiently. In summary, I'm very proud and honored to have worked with such fine and brilliant men and women. I really had a great time as the president of the class of 2015, and I am looking forward to another successful year when I return in August.

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In Hoc,  
Brandon Win '15  
Class President

### Campus Spotlight—WRPI

Working at WRPI is an honor and a fulltime volunteer position. WRPI is not only a full-scale radio station with a 75-mile broadcast radius, but also a Union organization which possesses over 60 active members as well as the largest budget of any Union-funded organization. As Chief Engineer and a member of WRPI's executive committee, my position deals with the repair of WRPI equipment and the representation of WRPI in the Union. One of the Chief Engineer's most important assets is the tech department, which is "on call" at any moment. WRPI's tech department currently consists of 2 members: EE Kate Marciano '13 and Systems Engineer Dan Weeks '11 (current employee at Computational Center for Nanotechnology Innovations).

To avoid service interruptions, most tech work is performed during "Tech Time," taking place on Saturday evenings after station hours. In addition to Tech Time, weekly meetings are held to discuss problems, upgrades, and work schedules for the next Tech Time. Current projects include broadcast digitalization, installation of a GPS synchronized clock system, and a \$110K fundraising effort to replace WRPI's aging transmitter and upgrade the tower site.

In Hoc,  
Nick Pitt '15  
WRPI Chief Engineer, Delta Psi Webmaster

## Campus Spotlight—Inter-Fraternal Council

### Brian Allen '12—Executive Vice President

The IFC will be working hard this coming semester to improve Greek relations with our community as well as increase our positive influence on the campus as a whole. I will help accomplish this in part by continuing the recently-introduced regional meetings. During these meetings each fraternity in a region (e.g Pawling) gets together and plans an event for the semester. The IFC has high hopes that each region will host its own philanthropy, recruitment, or community service event. Through these events fraternities are able to give back to their respective communities and change the opinions of our neighbors. I will also be working on updating the IFC bylaws to ensure their compliance with the national IFC bylaws.

In Hoc,  
Brian Allen '12  
IFC Executive Vice President

### Jabari White '14—PanHellenic Representative

I serve as a liaison between the IFC and the PanHellenic Council and as the spokesperson for Greek Spectrum, a new organization on campus that serves as a resource for information regarding LGBT issues within the Greek community. I attend each of the PanHellenic Council's general body meetings, taking notes on sororities' events as well as any information coming from their nationals. I am also there to answer any questions that the girls may have about the IFC, and to update them on what we are doing. Each week I also meet with Greek Spectrum, sitting on their executive board as the treasurer, and now their newly elected secretary. At each meeting I record each of the important dates and events that the organization is doing. All of the information that I get from both groups is then taken back to the IFC executive board meeting to update the other officers on the board. As an IFC executive board member I also give reports at our general body meetings and help with the running of regional meetings.

In Hoc,  
Jabari White '14  
IFC PanHellenic Representative, Annotator

### Stephen Sobel '14—Vice President of PR

As Vice President of Public Relations, my job is partly to serve as a public relations resource to the IFC's member organizations. Currently, the office accomplishes this in several ways. Firstly, brief information about each fraternity is hosted on the IFC website, which I am responsible for maintaining. Secondly, the office holds "PR 101" programs which inform fraternities about various issues surrounding public relations. I plan to expand the responsibilities of the office by maintaining a list of public relations contacts (newspapers, RPI administration, etc.) for use by IFC member organizations. I also plan to work with The Polytechnic to periodically include highlights of Rensselaer fraternities. Finally, I will expand the breadth of topics covered in "PR 101" to include websites and social media.

In Hoc,  
Steve Sobel '14  
IFC Vice President of PR, Chapter Editor

# Upcoming Events

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

**Balfour Leadership Workshop: August 2nd**

**Summer Work Party: August 17th-18th**

**Classes Commence: August 27th**

**Alumni Dinner: September 15th**

**Alumni Weekend: October 5th-7th**

**Parent's Weekend: October 19th**



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