



SPRING 2020

The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

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70 YEARS REUNION POSTPONED TO 2021

The celebration of 70 years as Delta Psi as Sigma Chi (and 90 years of Phi Epsilon Phi) during 2020 has been delayed to 2021 because of COVID-19. Discussions are underway to plan the reunion for either spring or fall 2021. **Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71**, reunion coordinator, is seeking help and input on the planning and events schedule. Please contact him at bobhutnick@gmail.com and watch for email messages in the coming months.

Spring 2020 Semester at Delta Psi and COVID-19

RPI closed their dorms and in-person spring semester classes after spring break. Summer 2020 classes and Arch will also be online. Our House Corporation followed suit and closed the house on March 22. Twenty-six brothers are contracted for fall 2020. The appeal process for the two-year probation was also postponed. Our proposed Restorative Action Plan implementation, created with help of our General Fraternity, is scheduled around August 24, the week before classes start. All plans are dependent upon the successful opening of the school and in-person classes on August 31.

2020 Graduates

Andrew Aikens
Matthew Bonnette
Jordan Chappel
Ramin Chowdhury
Alexander Cope
Zack Ebenfeld

Noah Falasco
Casimir Harshbarger
Elijah Hinds
Asef Islam
Atticus Lin
Arthur Mosley

Priyank Patel
Eric Pianin
Matthew Ruskamp
Alex Sutherland

Please welcome them to your community if they move or work near you. Our 2020 graduates' school ended with virtual classes, and graduation ceremonies were held virtually. Flashback 50 years, RPI suspended classes after the student shootings on May 4, 1970. Here's the recollections from Pro Consul **Dan Hudson '70**:

"Many people don't realize the turmoil that was going on during the spring of 1970. There were many civil marches against the Vietnam War, and many of them were on college campuses. When the Kent State shootings occurred there was a lot of confusion around our campus. There were rumors that the ROTC building was being taken over by members of several radical groups like Students for a Democratic Society that were on campus. I remember that the school leadership was worried and felt it best to close early. We were given a choice to either take the grades we had in each course at the time or take a pass/fail for each course. I remember that I took several courses pass/fail and the others I had A's in, so I ended up with my only 4.0 at college.

"The graduation was not to occur until several weeks after the school shutdown, and there were not going to be the typical graduation week activities. Since I lived in Virginia, I did not want to come back just for the ceremony. Therefore, I came back to school in early June to pick up my diploma at the administration office. I did this before I started my first job with DuPont on June 15."

RENEW RENSSELAER

Renew Rensselaer are RPI alumni concerned about our alma mater. To find out more and join our efforts, visit renewrensselaer.org.

"This is a very reasonable report concerning what is happening at RPI. They need our support as we cannot rely on the RAA to represent us (alumni) or even reliably report what is happening," **John Pfaff '71** said.

Alumni Notes



Steve "Squash" Matthew '66 passed away in Komomo, Ind., September 18, 2019.

Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71 gathered D.C. area brothers **Bill "Evil" Hanson '73**, **Mike Prescott '78** and **Chas Majdi '76** for RPI Hockey in February 2020.

Sharon Feldman, wife of **Bobby Joe Feldman '75**, and mother of **Sam Feldman '12**, died January 6, 2020.

Brad Mester '76, LSSGB, CPM, is associate director of Contract Administration at AIDS Healthcare Foundation in Miami/Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

John Ulm '78 is an Engineering Fellow for CommScope CTO Network Solutions group, investigating Advanced Technologies for Broadband Systems. John was inducted

into the Cable TV Pioneers in 2019 as part of the DOCSIS Inaugural class.

Richard Debay '88 started May 2020 as senior software engineer at Ordyx POS in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Steve Randall '90 celebrated 27 years and is an account executive at Siemens Industry, Building Technologies Division in Greater Boston area.

Jerry Grassi '91 became Vice President HANA Cloud strategy for SAP in the San Francisco Bay area.

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Bill "Evil" Hanson '73, Bob "Ruff" Hutnick, Mike Prescott '78, and Chas Majdi '76 at Crystal City Pub in February 2020.



Our undergraduates received their 10th consecutive Peterson Award at a workshop in August 2019.



Pictured at the August 2019 Work Party are alumni and undergraduates.



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Bill Maslyn '92 was granted U.S. Patent #10,504,158 for systems, methods, and programmed products for electronic bidding on and electronic tracking, delivery, and performance of digital advertisements on non-personal digital devices, December 2019.

Sameer Rao '94 lost his wife, Christine Willet, from cancer in January 2020.

Adam Edelstein '06 started as senior software engineer at Tastytrade in Chicago, Ill., in December 2019.

Brian Friedman '07 became executive sous chef at Levy Restaurants in Chicago, Ill., in February 2020.

Eric Pulvino '09 and his wife, Diane, began their rental property empire in Wake Forest, N.C., in February 2020.

Jared Wall '09 became an energy consultant at Southpoint Solutions LLC in Piscataway, N.J., in April 2020.

Philip Maas '13 was called to the Order of Deacon by the Allentown (PA) Seminary of the Episcopal Church in April 2020.

Joe Pumper '13 became Sr. Supervisor – Upstream Manufacturing at BioMarin Pharmaceutical in the SF Bay Area in March 2020.

Charles Carletta '14 joined FreshAddress, LLC, as product manager in the Boston area in November 2019 after four years at Deloitte Consulting.

Beth Conte (former chapter sweetheart) and **Michael Greenberg '15** were wed July 21, 2019.

Ben Richardson '15 is co-founder of the CU Boulder Alt. Protein Project, which strives to support the development of a healthy, humane, and sustainable food system by creating a community interested in alternative protein research at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Chris Lee '15 and his wife, Meg, relocated to Schenectady, N.Y., from South Windsor, Conn., in March 2020. Chris is the Global Risk Modeling Manager – Renewable Energy for GE.

Damian Amiruddin '18 became the head of the Semi-Volatile Department at Long Island Analytical Labs in Holbrook, N.Y., in October 2019.

MORE RUFFDATES FROM BOB "RUFF" HUTNICK CLASS OF '71: "2020 is the year that Significant Sig **Paul "Cos" Cosgrave '72** and the entire Class of '72 turns 70. A Zoom birthday party for Cos was held on June 2. Order of Constantine and Chapter Advisor **Bob "Justa" Eckart '73** turns 70 next May 14. For the first time in 47 years, Order of Constantine **Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71** will not be at Belmont Park June 20 with co-Sigma Chi Belmont Stakes Founder **Ed Youngkin '74**, due to COVID-19 restrictions. **Steve Embler '75** will not be able to defend his Handicapping Championship this year. **Bill "Evil" Hanson '73** continues

work at IBM. **Shaz Majdi '76** run his Arlington, Va., toy store, One, Two Kangaroo. **Jack "Titty" Belletete '71** bought a winter house in South Carolina according to **Jim "Munger" Banghart '69**, who winters in Bonita Springs, Fla. Other Sigs in the Naples area include Significant Sig **Alfonse Lubrano '71** and **Jeff Cooper '74** and **Don Wemple '75** in Estero. The class of '71 had a Zoom reunion in early May, and the class of '74 and "friends" had a Zoom birthday for **Alan "HJ" Hanbury '74** on May 12 along with two Green Mountain College alumni, including a cameo by Tracy Board, wife of **Jim "Dartboard" Board '75**. Sweetheart Sharon Sullivan, widow of **Ken "Snags" Sullivan '73**, bought a new, winter house in Stuart, Fla., and **Greg "Flip" Chilson '75** has moved back to New Jersey to Barnegat. I heard **Joe Saracino '75** moved 20 miles south of Cos's house in Ponte Vedra, Fla."

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