



WINTER 2025

# The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

## UNDERGRADUATES WORK HARD GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



*Brothers during the Leaf Rake. From left: Evan Boudreau '27, Eben Negro '28, a neighbor, Vincent Baldassano '25, Scott Sigmund '26, Izik Bakhshiyev '25, Shawn Vembenil '25, Machlin Fellman '25, John Bianco '25, Collin Kolbe '27, Alexander Weiss '26, a neighbor, Quan Dao '25, Troy Guan '27, Andrew Hinckley '25, Scott Lui '27, and Henry McManus '27.*

The Fall 2024 semester at the Pomeroy Chapter House was filled with not only studying and brotherhood but also with hours of community service dedicated to the community and Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Kicking off the semester with Derby Diner, undergrads cooked up dinner-time bites and delivered orders to campus, with all proceeds being donated to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. This event has been a hit over the past few semesters and has raised hundreds of dollars for HCI.

Of course, no Fall semester would be complete without the annual Haunted House! For the 62nd event, the chapter partnered with Alpha Phi to decorate the house to prepare to scare the Pinewoods neighborhood. Even though this was a free event for the community, a bake sale and donations helped raise almost \$900 for HCI.

In a new event, a few brothers joined other RPI Greek societies in cleaning up the streets of downtown Troy. Opportunities like these that are presented by RPI Fraternity and Sorority Commons help bring us closer to our community and to other Greek groups.

And to wrap up volunteer time for the semester, the chapter came together for

the annual neighborhood leaf rake. Every year, the brotherhood gathers to continue the tradition of joining together to support the neighborhood. In just one day of raking, the chapter accumulated 140 hours of community service! Events like these that give back to the neighborhood allow the chapter to show its gratitude to the community in which they reside—and that goes both ways. The thanks, appreciation, and baked goods the brothers received from neighbors for their hard work and dedication were much appreciated and drive them to continue this event year after year.

The chapter has also hosted smaller events on campus, selling hot cocoa and sweet treats to students between classes. Again, all proceeds from these events go toward HCI in hopes of being the Generation to End Cancer!

Chapter Sweetheart Lily Mikell has even joined in the fundraising fun and has been selling Greek Letter apparel, with all proceeds going toward her Sweetheart Challenge for HCI!

All of this work would not be possible without each and every brother that has dedicated time out of their busy academic schedules to give back to the community and causes that Sigma Chi Delta Psi holds close!



**Top:** FSC Day of Service Clean Up. Back row, from left: Matthew Caluri '27, Roshan Patel '26, and Collin Kolbe '27. Front row: Jasen Yang '24, Zachary Paton '26, Benjamin Sepulveda '26, and Ryan Ing '25. **Center:** Sigma Chi brothers and Alpha Phi sisters before the Haunted House. **Bottom:** Hot Cocoa Huntsman Fundraiser Tabling. From left: John "Davis" McCollister '26, Henry McManus '27, Colton Pectal '26, and Nicolas Lipari '26.



# SAVE the DATE

## It's Our 75th Anniversary!

**J**oin your fellow alumni April 4-5, 2025, to celebrate Delta Psi's 75th anniversary! Kick off the weekend on Friday night with a Band Party, hosted by **Bob "Beo" Bedard '75**. Saturday, join the undergrad chapter for a ritual exemplification, followed by an Open House at the Pomeroy Chapter House. Wrap up the celebration at the 75th Anniversary Banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy. Check your email for the invite with more information and the link to RSVP!

## DELTA PSI INITIATES NEW BROTHERS!



*Eben Negro '28, Eric Garnarcz '26,  
Matthew Tavaraz '26, Artur Gevorgyan '27,  
and Jack Murphy '27.*

**F**ive new brothers were initiated on November 8, 2024, under the guidance of Magister **Shawn Vembenil '25**. This semester's pledge class was made up of three sophomores and two juniors.

# Alumni Return for Fall Alumni Weekend and to Celebrate Our Newest Significant Sig

By John "Leroy" Pfaff '71 | johnpfaff3@gmail.com

**W**e had a great turnout for our Fall Alumni Weekend Celebration and the 200th Anniversary of RPI's founding! The highlight of the weekend was welcoming the chapter's newest Significant Sig, **Chuck Maggelet '86**, back to the Pomeroy Chapter House on Friday for the unveiling of his framed certificate in the Alumni Room and his name engraving on the Pomeroy Anvil in the front yard. He was joined by **Steve Rosato '85**, **Ron Gecsedí '84**, **Satbir Nayar '85**, **Kurt Van Wagenen '85**, and **Tom Hamlin '83**, who came out to celebrate this honor.

On Saturday, at our tent set up on the lawn in front of the Student Union, we were surprised by a visit from Brother **John Gotsch '54**, celebrating his 70th reunion. John's sons had driven him to Troy from his home in New Jersey. What a great honor it was to greet one of our oldest alumni.

In addition, we had alumni join us from the Class of 1963 all the way through the Class of 2023! Besides the 200th Anniversary celebrations on campus and our Friday event honoring Chuck, we also had dinner at the Pomeroy Chapter House on Saturday, provided by Chef Mike and the undergraduates. It was a great event getting to spend time with my Sigma Chi brothers and this Alumni Weekend did not disappoint!

In hoc,  
**John "Leroy" Pfaff '71**



*Chuck Maggelet '86 standing in front of his  
Significant Sig plaque in the Alumni Room.*



*Steve Rosato '85, Ron Gecsedí '84, Satbir Nayar '85, Chuck Maggelet '86, Kurt Van Wagenen '85, and Tom Hamlin '83 on the front porch at the Pomeroy Chapter House.*



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**WILL D'ENTREMONT '22**

**W**ill completed his undergraduate degree in Industrial and Management Engineering in 2022 and stayed for an additional year, earning his graduate degree in Systems Engineering and Technology Management. Post-graduation, he accepted a job at Sunrise Erectors, a construction company in Massachusetts, where he is working as an assistant project manager for several commercial jobs in the Greater Boston area.

**Q: What leadership positions did you hold as an undergrad in the chapter and on campus?**

**A:** As an undergraduate, I did not hold any positions on campus; however, within the chapter, I was the House Manager twice, a Derby Days chair, Kustos, and participated on several committees planning events like Haunted House or recruitment. As a graduate student, I served as the live-in advisor for the chapter and as a teaching assistant for two courses on campus.

**Q: What did Sigma Chi offer that helped develop you into a leader?**

**A:** Being an active member in the chapter who participated in the planning and organizing of events helped to give me confidence as a leader. Leading events in the chapter helped to teach me how to handle both the successes and

failures that come with that role. It is always easiest to manage people and tasks when everything is going well, but it was when things went poorly that I grew the most.

I was also able to attend Sigma Chi's workshop in Utah, the Horizons Leadership Summit. While there, we were encouraged to spend a week in deep introspection and discussion on our personal leadership capabilities. We specifically looked into our strengths and weaknesses. This workshop allowed me to clearly identify areas in which I could actively grow as a leader. Putting into practice what I learned at the workshop most effectively showed itself in the manner in which I could inspire others and maintain positive morale amongst a team.

**Q: After you graduated and entered your career, how were you able to apply what you had learned at Sigma Chi to your role?**

**A:** Entering into the construction industry in project management, two of the most important skills are planning and adaptability. In Sigma Chi, I planned many events, and one of the biggest takeaways I always had at the end was that the more upfront work I completed the easier the event would be. It is the same now at work. The more items that can be identified

early the easier the fabrication and installation will go. Then as an undergraduate, there were always events that failed to go to plan, and as a team, we would always adapt our focus or change our methods in order to achieve the best possible outcome. This could be something as simple as making a house repair with limited materials or it could have been a failing fundraiser in which we would pivot to a different plan in order to try to make it a success. Within my budding career in project management, there have already been several instances in which we spent months of planning on how we were going to fabricate and install according to the schedule released by our contractor to suddenly have to pivot and change our directives based on an unforeseen and unexpected condition.

**Q: As an alum, what are you looking forward to hearing about within the chapter as the newest members strive to become leaders of men?**

**A:** I look forward to hearing personal stories about an undergraduates' experience at a Sigma Chi workshop and what it meant to them. Additionally, I would love to hear about an event in which an unexpected leader rose to the occasion and turned something that could have failed into a success.

# MAKE A DONATION TO THE HUNTSMAN CANCER INSTITUTE

## *Sweetheart Challenge*

**C**hapter Sweetheart Lily Mikel is raising money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute as part of the 2024 Sweetheart Challenge. Please consider donating by visiting [tinyurl.com/HCSweetheart](https://tinyurl.com/HCSweetheart) or by scanning the QR code to the right and finding Lily's page.



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ON WITH THE CHAPTER!

## Introducing the New Phi Epsilon Phi Board!



Satbir Nayar '85, Ron Gecsedl '84, Tom Hamlin '83, John "Leroy" Pfaff '71,  
and Mike Greenberg '15. Not pictured: Gary Stottler '82 and Patrick Conroy '98.

**W**elcome to the new Phi Epsilon Phi Board! **Gary Stottler '82** has recently joined the board as the seventh member. We are always looking for volunteers so reach out to any of us if you are interested!