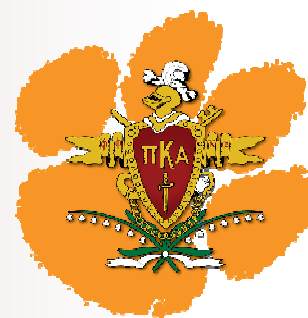


Pi Kappa Alpha

Eta Alpha Newsletter



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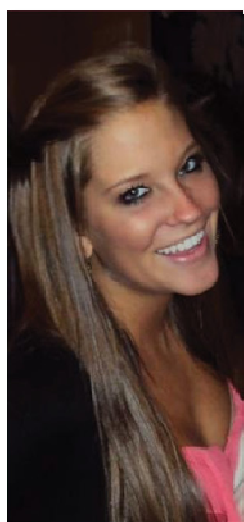
The Eta Alpha Chapter began 2011 with great strides within the community and the University. For the 2010 calendar year, Pi Kappa Alpha was recognized as a Chapter of Achievement, the only IFC Fraternity to receive this honor. Our relationship with the City Police Department has been exceptionally improved and we are now used by Police Chief Jimmy Dixon as “the model for all other Fraternities” when it comes to police relations. During the 2011 Spring Semester, we have had no complaints and have been able to set up a party registration model for each Fraternity to follow. Our relationship with the police has given us great respect within the community and within the University. We have come a long way since our 40th Anniversary Banquet.

In φφκκ,

David Saari, SMC



Dream Girl



The brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha congratulate Caitlin Quinn on becoming this year's Dream Girl. Caitlin is a Junior from Vienna, Virginia and has been a strong supporter of Pi Kappa Alpha since her freshman year. She has been involved in many of our philanthropy events and social functions. Caitlin is a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and was an executive officer last year. She holds a strong passion for Clemson University and serves as a tour guide and is also the Co-President of the Marketing Association on campus. We are very proud of her accomplishments and we thank her for all her support to our Chapter.

Honors & Awards

Chapter of the Year Award

The end of the year awards banquet sponsored by Clemson's Greek Honor Society, Order of Omega, was held in April 2011 at the University Inn banquet hall. Undergraduate and Alumni brothers gathered, including our Faculty Advisor and Chapter Advisor, in hopes of receiving recognition for all of the hard work put forth in the past year. They were not disappointed as Eta Alpha was selected as the Order of Omega; 2010-2011 Chapter of the Year! Criteria included; risk-management, recruitment, academics, community service, philanthropy and many more. Congratulations to our Brothers for your high honor. Clemson City Police Chief, Jimmy Dixon, put it best when he said "the Pikes are the knights in shining armor when it comes to Greek life."



IFC President – Will Bailey

Spring 2008 initiate and former Chapter President (2010) Will Bailey became the Interfraternity Council President for 2011. As IFC President, he will continue to be a voice for Pi Kappa Alpha and all of IFC to the Clemson Community. Congratulations to Brother Bailey for all his hard work!



2nd Place Float – Moving Category

The 2010 Homecoming weekend marked the first time Eta Alpha had submitted a float in the moving category since being re-charted in 2007. The brothers worked with sorority members from Zeta Tau Alpha to construct the float over a week long period. The chapter received 2nd place in the moving category and a check for \$750.



Achievement Award

The office of Fraternity and Sorority Life issues an application to become a Chapter of Excellence each year. There are five different areas that chapters apply on including Social Policy Requirements, Responsible Citizenship, Intellectual Development, Defined and Organized Recruitment, and Goal Planning. A chapter receiving excellence in all five areas is denoted a Chapter of Excellence. A chapter receiving recognition in four areas is considered a Chapter of Achievement. This year Eta Alpha received the Chapter of Achievement recognition, the only IFC chapter to do so.

Philanthropy

Fireman's Challenge



Spring 2011 marked the beginning of something new to Eta Alpha, the first annual Fireman's Challenge Philanthropy event. The Fireman's Challenge raised money to donate to the Clemson University Fire Department and the Southeastern Firefighters' Burn Foundation. The Fireman's Challenge consists of sorority competitions where sororities sponsor a team or numerous teams of 10 girls to compete in Fundraising "Dalmatian Dollars", a Casserole Cook-off where the Judges were Clemson Firemen, and a Firefighter-themed Field Day of events and games. The weeklong event concluded with the main Field Day competition on April 16th at the YMCA fields. With the help of the Clemson University Fire Department and local businesses in the Clemson area, we raised \$3,300. This money was intended to be split between the Fire Department and the Burn Foundation, but Chief Daniel wanted all of the money raised to go to the Burn Foundation. According to the president of the Burn Foundation, Jo Maypole, our check was the largest single donation they have received. Many thanks extended to this year's PiKA "Fire Chief" Drew Casella and to all the brothers and sororities who participated.



Philanthropy

Bone Marrow Drive

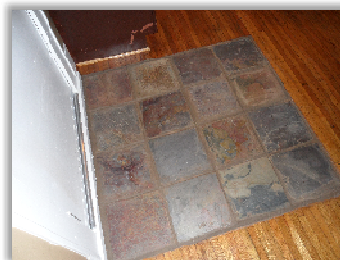
Also this past Spring Semester, Clemson Pikes teamed up with several other organizations to create a Bone Marrow Drive. Eta Alpha was inspired to create this event when they learned their recent alumnus, Matt Cash '07, had been diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia. The event resulted in hundreds of new people on the Bone Marrow Donor Registry in hopes of finding a match for Matt and for others in need of a transplant.

Housing Update

This summer marked the biggest overhaul the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house has ever experienced. Alumnus Chuck Weaver, House Manager Trey Hughey, and many other Chapter members and Alumni worked many hours the entire summer to make this all possible. The new summer renovations can be seen below:

Lounge:

The Lounge floors have been buffed and sealed and also has a new slate tile east entrance. Also, the walls, trim, and columns have all received new paint. The trophy cases and cabinets received new brown paint with new lighting. The coffee table, fireplace, and bar received fresh paint and the bar has the fraternity coat of arms painted in the center and also has new bar stools. The windows all have new blinds and the front and side exterior doors have been painted as well.



Housing Update

Annex Hallway:

The Annex Hallway has new vinyl floors, new baseboards and trim, and fresh paint.



Kitchen:

The Kitchen was furnished with a dishwasher, a gift from Faculty Advisor Eddie Smith. The floors have been waxed and cleaned and the cabinets and walls received a new coat of paint.



House Exterior:

The House now has brand new windows along the back side of the house and in the annex. The driveway consists of a new turn around to support heavy traffic outside of the fence. A bush-hog was used to remove the brush outside of the fence, and then gravel was delivered and spread for the turn around. Inside the fence, railroad ties have been added to the parking area and grass was added to the back yard. A new light illuminates the letters on the front of the house.



Main House Hallway:

The Main House Hallway received a fresh coat of paint, painted hand rails for the stairway, and steam cleaned carpet.



Housing Update

Annex Bathroom:

The Annex Bathroom has a new architectural tile shower with new doors, new tile floors, fresh paint, new mirrors and pictures, new trim and painted vanity.



Room Renovations:

Each room in the main house received a new coat of paint on the walls and trim, new blinds, and steam cleaned carpets.



Housing Update

Main House Bathroom:

The Main House Bathroom also has a new architectural tile shower with new doors, new tile floors, polyurethane wood walls, new trim, new vanity and mirror, new ceiling, new shower fan, and a new glass block window replacing the metal cover on the outside of the house.



Room Renovations:

The rooms in the Annex received brand new carpet, a new sheet rock wall, new baseboards, and new trim around each window and closet.



Please come by the fraternity house to see all the renovations! We look forward to giving you a tour and showing you all the improvements.

Spring 2011 Initiates



The Chapter received 12 new brothers upon conclusion of initiation on April 17th, 2011. During Pledge Season the Chapter had a retention rate of 12/14. This far exceeds the amount of new members and retention rates of other top tier fraternities at Clemson. Each new member's parents received a letter from the Chapter and from Faculty Advisor Eddie Smith congratulating their son in joining Pi Kappa Alpha. The brothers of newly initiated Theta Class are listed below with their names, where they're from, major, and email address.

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Fall 2011 Associate Members



The Chapter received 18 Associate Members upon conclusion of rush week on Friday, September 2nd 2011. During Rush, the Chapter had over 200 rushees visit their tent and had one of the larger pledge classes of the top tier fraternities at Clemson. Two of the Associate Members dropped due to extenuating circumstances. The remaining 16 members of newly pinned Iota Class are listed below with their names and where they're from:

Matt Marflake
- Myrtle Beach, SC

Jon Creighton
- Simpsonville, SC

Patrick Corley
- Duluth, GA

Jack Mohan
- Atlanta, GA

Jack Southers
- Atlanta, GA

John Ruch
- Chapel Hill, NC

Kevin Gale
- Alpharetta, GA

Max McWey
- Alpharetta, GA

Chris Stern
- Fairfield, CT

McLain Reese
- Charleston, SC

Trenton Parete
- Jacksonville, FL

Jimmy Moore
- Mt. Pleasant, SC

Russell Moore
- Pawley's Island, SC

Mark Bach
- Greenville, SC

Brett Beidel
- Roswell, GA

Sam Sullivan
- Atlanta, GA

Alumni Golf Tournament



Eta Alpha Chapter proudly announces the 5th annual Alumni Golf Tournament that will be held Friday, October 7th at Cobb's Glen Country Club in Anderson, SC. Cobb's Glen is located conveniently off of interstate 85 and offers a challenging, yet rewarding layout.

Our chapter is accepting the help of a promotions company this year in order to offer several exciting prize packages including: a weeklong vacation, a trip for 2 to Vegas and a \$500.00 Callaway gift certificate. Also, for \$30, players will receive 2 mulligans and will be automatically entered into the competition to win these prizes. Of the \$30 fee, \$10 will come directly back in support of our chapter.

In addition to all of this, we have graciously been offered several additional prizes to award the winners of our tournament and will be facilitating a closest to the pin and longest drive contest.

Please arrive at Cobb's Glen at **11:30 am** for a barbeque lunch in preparation of our **1:00 pm** shotgun start. The format this year will remain Captain's Choice. We look forward to seeing you all on October 7th!

Please visit www.clemsonpikes.org, select the finance tab and follow to the pay site to pay with card for the event. You can pay for yourself, your team, and also sponsor a hole.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this year's golf tournament chairman, Ben Winter, at (864) 506-6388 or email him at bwinter@g.clemson.edu

Directions from I-85:

Take Exit 27, SC-81, toward Anderson

Drive 4 miles on SC-81 then turn left of Crestview Rd.

Drive 2.1 miles then turn right on Old Williamston Rd.

Drive 0.9 miles and turn left onto Cobbs Way (the Second Entrance to Cobb's Glen)

The Cobb's Glen Clubhouse will be on your left.



2201 Cobbs Way
Anderson, SC 29621
(864) 226-7687

Announcements

Thank You: Rush Recommendations

Thank you Alumni for all of your rush recommendations! You aided Eta Alpha in recruiting the most best men and led us to a very successful Rush.

Save the Date: Alumni Golf Tournament

Eta Alpha will host their 5th annual alumni golf tournament on Friday, October 7th at Cobb's Glen Country Club in Anderson. Please read the Alumni Golf Tournament article (page 10) for more details.

Want to be More Involved?

If you want to be more involved with the chapter or join the Eta Alpha Alumni Association, please contact our Chapter Advisor, Chuck Weaver, at cweaver@acutherm.com or the Chairman of the Alumni Advisory Board, Chris Peters, at peterc@clermson.edu. Your involvement can range from House Workdays, Sponsorships, Scholarships, special events, Housing Committee, or membership in the Eta Alpha Alumni Association. We look forward to your involvement!

Homecoming

If you will be in town for Homecoming Weekend for the Football Game against Boston College on October 8th, please show your support of Eta Alpha by stopping by Bowman Field to check out the Chapter's Float. Brothers will be there to greet you and take pictures by the float. With all the success in last year's float, this year's float will truly be outstanding!

Check us out at www.clemsonpikes.com to stay up to date with both the chapter and alumni updates.