



The Alpha Rho

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Moving into the House

Moving back into the house members of Alpha Rho have used for decades was an exciting event for the student chapter. The house currently has 20 of our brothers living there this year and is expecting to house 25 next year. Having a common place for the brothers to live and spend time together has helped to foster the brotherhood of our fraternity.

Not only did we move back into our house over the previous semester, but it also went through a number of renovations. The house has been beautifully restored on the inside with improvements ranging from new furniture to new flooring. The party room inside the house was completely redone and a new bar was put in. On the outside of the house we now have a large deck, illuminated letters on the house, doors with our letters carved in, and a whole new roof.

Philanthropy this Semester

During the fall semester we held our first annual Pi Kapp dodgeball tournament. The tournament consisted of brothers hosting a dodgeball competition between the sororities on campus and had an excellent turn out. In total the event ended up raising almost a thousand dollars for The Ability Experience.

As well as our dodgeball tournament, brothers volunteered throughout the community. During the semester we continued our partnership with Stepping Stones. Members of the student chapter helped to throw a Halloween party for the organization. Our members collectively spent a total of 769.25 hours volunteering.

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The 2020 Executive Council

Archon- Jaron Bragg



Jaron Bragg is a sophomore, political science and history double major, from Shady Spring, WV. Between the Student Government Association, Model UN, and YAF, Jaron's main focus is continuing the greatness of Alpha Rho.

Vice Archon- Blake Vilga



Blake Vilga is a sophomore and is studying global supply chain management. He is interested in skiing, fitness and sports. He is very excited to help lead Pi Kapp in 2020 and grow the brother hood.

Treasurer- Cameron VanDeMark



Cameron VanDeMark is a senior sports management major from Brockport, NY. His hobbies include soccer and skiing. He is excited for what 2020 has in store for Pi Kapp.

Secretary- Michael Calabro



Michael Calabro is a junior, who's from Ocean City, NJ. During the summer he spends his days on the beach. In the winter he goes skiing in the mountains.

Warden- Arlie Hitt



Arlie Hitt comes from Baltimore, MD. He studies recreation, parks and tourism resources while also completing a minor in conservation ecology. Arlie is very passionate about the environment and hopes to have the opportunity to educate future generations in environmental science. He spends his free time working out or watching soccer with his family and friends.

Historian- Evan Penrose



Evan Penrose is a sophomore from Martinsburg, WV. He is currently a double major in political science and communications. Evan is interested in fitness and spending time with his friends.

Chaplain- David Nichols



David Nichols is a junior majoring in global supply chain management. He has previously served as the chartering Warden and is looking forward to serving as the chapter as chaplain.

Philanthropy Chair- Ryan Robinson



Ryan Robinson is excited for his new position as philanthropy chair. His passion for volunteering and bettering the community around him make him a great fit for the position. Originally from Philadelphia, Ryan is a sophomore majoring in international business management and minoring in marketing.

Risk Management Chair- Joe Phelan



Joe Phelan is a junior political science major from Annapolis, MD. He is the current risk manager and has served as the head of the associate member Ed committee and a member of the recruitment committee in the past. When not in school Joes hobbies include working out, fishing, and snowboarding to name a few.

Standards Board Chair- Robert Plews



Robby is a management major from Crofton, Maryland. After school Robby is looking to pursue a career in human resources. He enjoys going skiing over the weekends at Seven Springs with his friends.

Our Brother Max Heckrote is committing himself to philanthropy this summer!

Donation Link:

<https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2343822>

“Over the past 5 summers I have spent my time working on constructions sites. So, when I was presented the opportunity to help translate the skills, I learned over those summers into helping others I leapt at the opportunity. If anyone can help me reach my goal for BAM this summer any amount would be very appreciated!”

CHAPTER UPDATES/Letter from the Archon

Ever since I began to converse and befriend the men of Pi Kappa Phi I knew that I wanted to be among their ranks. Now, as a sophomore and an initiated brother for less than a year I have a lot on my shoulders as your new student chapter archon. As archon my first duty will always be to protect the charter, there will be no repeat of past events and I promise you Alpha Rho is strong. Coming off Pi Kapp College and the awards gathered there I realize that I'm taking the reigns from an exec board that not only got us started here again, but also excelled at everything they did. This made itself clear when my newly elected exec board was presented with all the awards, won thanks to the previous exec, last weekend in Columbus. We cannot accept anything less than what we've been achieving so far. From the newsletter to our GPAs I expect nothing but greatness, and I have an overwhelming faith in my brothers to not only be the best fraternity at WVU but to be the best chapter of Pi Kappa Phi in the nation. Please feel free to reach out to me if needed, and I look forward to the great success we shall come across in this coming year and those after.

—Faithfully your Archon, Jaron Dale Bragg

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