

GAMMA CRESCENT

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Alumni and Undergraduate Leadership Emphasize “Getting to the Next Level”

Over the past few years, I have used *The Crescent* as a way to share with you the progress we have made at Gamma. I hope you can appreciate the significant steps that have been taken by your alumni and undergraduate leadership. At our last retreat in August 2012, we decided on a theme for the year of “Making Big Strides,” and from then we have made huge strides in so many areas. We now have more than 80 active undergraduate brothers (40 living in the house), our GPA has been consistently above a 3.0, the house is looking better now than it has in many years, we are very active on Ag Hill, and the number of brothers in ag-related majors is on the rise. We have had success in the Making Big Strides program, but there is still a lot to do.

At this year’s retreat, we again decided on a theme for the upcoming year; “Getting to the Next Level” is our mantra for the 2013-14 year. The undergraduates and your alumni leadership are very aware that getting to the next level will not be easy but are committed to making it happen. Two weeks ago, I sent an open letter to the Gamma brotherhood detailing some of the graduate leadership’s expectations moving forward:

- Let’s raise the standard of keeping our house always neat and clean. If you see a cup, a piece of paper, or something on the floor or grounds around the house, pick it up! If you see someone drop it, let them know that is not how we live at Gamma.
- Let’s bring back the traditions of eating together as a brotherhood, singing a few songs at dinner, and enjoying the fun and fellowship. But if you are not going to eat with

the rest of us, clean up after yourself in the kitchen. If you mess it up, clean it up!

- When your parents, an alumnus, or visitor enters your room, let’s take pride in what we are presenting. Beer cans, liquor bottles, and a messy room do not give a good impression.
- When there is a work session, participate with the other brothers. It is all of our responsibilities to keep Gamma neat and presentable.
- Vandalism to the house is unacceptable. It’s our home; look out for it.
- Enjoy yourself at Gamma, but know more important is your academic success. Balance your academic time with your social time. Know your limits. We are all our brothers’ keepers.
- Let’s always look and act professionally, especially when visitors and alumni are around.

The letter was well received by the undergraduates and, during the retreat, specific goals were set to facilitate Getting to the Next Level.

Brothers, our undergraduates are committed to “Getting to the Next Level.” Support from more alumni will always be helpful and appreciated.



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KEITH MASSER ’70 (Gamma 985) GIVES BACK TO GAMMA CHAPTER

Alumnus Values Fraternal Experience



There are many ways a young man can join a fraternity, but in the case of **Keith Masser ’70 (Gamma 985)** it was based on a potential date with his future wife. Keith was recruited into Alpha Gamma Rho after making a deal with then Pledge Master **John Tallman ’69 (Gamma 956)** to be set up on a date with John’s sister, Helen, in exchange for joining the fraternity. Within 18 months, the couple was married. “Meeting my wife was a great part of Alpha Gamma Rho, but being in the chapter also gave me a great sense of pride because of AIP’s agricultural roots and the importance the ag industry provides to our country’s future,” he said.

After graduating with a degree in agricultural engineering, Keith took a job as a project engineer with Procter and Gamble, but after several years he, went back to his roots to join his family farming operation, Serman Masser Inc., where he serves as chairman

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THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

We are extremely grateful to the generous alumni and friends who contributed \$14,775 to our annual campaign, which is separate from our five-year capital campaign. The support you give makes a difference to our chapter and its future. Our undergraduate brothers greatly appreciate your generosity. We hope more alumni will join their brothers and contribute to our ongoing annual campaign.

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KEITH MASSER '70 (Γ985)

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and CEO. "During my time at P&G and now at my family operation, being an AGP has created a great network of brothers throughout the country. That, combined with the Gamma Chapter helping me maintain my focus on my family and career, AGP at Penn State really set me up for success," Keith said.

The Gamma Chapter has also become a family affair for Keith, with his son, **David '94 (Γ1351)**, joining the chapter. "I have two brothers-in-law who are members of the fraternity, and I also look forward to my two grandsons getting involved with the Gamma Chapter."

Gamma made such an impact on his life because of what the chapter has done for him over the years. He wanted to ensure that future generations are given the same opportunities. "**Alpha Gamma Rho provides a unique experience for young men in their college days in managing a business of their own and building bonds of friendship at the same time,**" he said. "**That would not be possible any place than living in a fraternity that is as strong as Alpha Gamma Rho.**"

Keith and Helen live in Sacramento, Pennsylvania. He currently sits as Chairman of the Board on the Penn State Board of Trustees and is certified as an instrument rated pilot, flying regularly for his farming business. When not working, Keith enjoys golfing, biking, and skiing. You can contact Keith at kmasser@masserspuds.com.

ALUMNI GATHER FOR SUCCESSFUL REUNION

In January 2013, alumni from the '90s gathered at the house for our first era reunion. We were welcomed by the undergraduates and were impressed by not just the quality of the house and its renovations, but also by the quality of the men living in our house now. The highlight of our weekend was a sit-down dinner in the dining room. The undergraduates deserve a huge thanks for a great kitchen crew, and a big thanks to retired house cook Carol Henry, and her daughter, current house cook, Holly, for making us your signature stromboli.

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ALUMNI IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Jeremy Lettich '94 (Γ1354)
Kyle Hummel '95 (Γ1366)
David Lohmeyer '95 (Γ1363)
Mike Maxson '95 (Γ1368)
Andrew Otter '95 (Γ1358)
Jeremy Reeh '96 (Γ1390)
Jesse Hallowell '97 (Γ1392)
Dan Shallow '97 (Γ1401)
Brian Cane '98 (Γ1410)
Steven Erhart '98 (Γ1409)

Jon Hummel '98 (Γ1412)
Andy Kameen '98 (Γ1414)
Dan Myers '98 (Γ1407)
Dave Stiles '98 (Γ1416)
Keith Bowman '00 (Γ1440)
Ryan Carr '00 (Γ1441)
Nick Martin '99 (Γ1425)
Kris Reitz '99 (Γ1435)
Adam Segalov '99 (Γ1424)

GAMMA UNDERGRADUATES PREPARED FOR SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER

Chapter Looks to Get to the Next Level

Greetings, Alpha Gamma Rho brothers! It has truly been a privilege to represent this chapter as Noble Ruler over the past year and to work with an exceptional executive board. This position has made me a better man, and I can confidently attest that the executive board and I have done our best to work with the brotherhood to make this chapter something all of us can be proud of. We have made a lot of progress over the past year and I am excited to discuss the direction we are heading.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS MADE POSSIBLE BY ALUMNI

In the summer of 2010, thanks to the dedication of brother and former alumni board president **Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289)**, Gamma Chapter was graced with remarkable renovations that transformed the house, inside and out, into a beautiful place to call home. Led by VNR Maintenance & Operations **Jakob Moore '11 (Γ1589)**, we are working diligently to respect the house and maintain its grounds in an impressive and presentable fashion. This was never more evident than when we passed fire inspection last spring with a perfect score on the first time through with the fire marshal.

RECRUITING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST A TOP PRIORITY

The physical structure of the house is not the only facet of our brotherhood that has improved over the past few years. The fraternity has a renewed vigor in recruiting ambitious and bright young men. When I first joined in fall 2010, the undergraduate brotherhood consisted of approximately 32 brothers. This past academic year, we recruited 30 brothers and, with the addition of a fall recruitment class, our brotherhood will most likely eclipse 80 brothers. We could not have accomplished this without our outstanding Recruitment Chairmen **Ryan Stephenson '10 (Γ1569)** and **Kyle Cuba '09 (Γ1550)**. The active brotherhood has embraced an all-in mentality to recruit quality individuals who are committed to taking our fraternity to the next level.

GAMMA REMAINS ACTIVE ON CAMPUS

I made an effort to refer to our recruits with characteristics like

“ambitious” and “quality” because of how well our brotherhood has been establishing its influence around campus. VNR Membership Development **Tyler J. McDonough '11 (Γ1577)** has implemented a membership development program that shapes members into respectful young men. Brothers **Jordan Rolon '10 (Γ1570)** and **Clay Swackhammer '12 (Γ1602)** were elected to the executive boards of the Interfraternal Council and Agricultural Student Council, respectively. In addition, VNR Activities **Sean Sweeney '11 (Γ1587)** was recently nominated to represent all of Greek Life as the University Park Undergraduate Association IFC representative.

ALUMNI COME HOME TO GAMMA

All of these individual accomplishments have given rise to a united sense of pride in our revitalized brotherhood. The chapter is also proud to welcome back brothers who have graduated to alumni status. VNR Alumni Relations **Stylios Tsinaroglou '10 (Γ1564)** did a great job of organizing the '90s reunion last spring. Not only was the event very well attended and well received, but it also offered alumni an opportunity to feel at home again, as they rightfully should.

No saying may be more appropriate for our fraternity at this time than “you reap what you sow.” The undergraduate brotherhood has made huge strides over the past few semesters to ensure a continued period of excellence socially, mentally, and morally. Now, we are reaping the harvest of our hard work and are proud to showcase it to all brothers who stop by. So I will leave you all with a challenge to come back to the house. It could be for a football game, Homecoming, Founders' Day, or a random week or weekend day. As long as you come back and see what the brotherhood is up to, I promise you will not be disappointed. Thanks for taking interest in your brotherhood. I hope to see you soon!



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AFP brothers get together after a game.



Legacy brothers at Founders' Day in the spring.



A view of the new fence and landscaping.

GAMMA HOUSE FACELIFT MAKES IMPACT Improvements Made Possible by Alumni

As Gamma Chapter has made strides toward a larger, stronger, and more active brotherhood, the house has not been left in the wake. This previous spring and summer, the house received a much-needed facelift. During the closing weeks of the spring 2013 semester, I, along with a few other undergraduates, installed a post and rail fence in the lower yard and along the sidewalk running toward the rear of the house. The chapter also planted hedges in a mulch bed behind the fence.

ΑΓΡ PILLARS GIVEN NEW LIFE

One of the most exciting outdoor improvements our house received was the renovation of the portico. The white pillars were faded, chipped, and weak with age. It was decided they were to be replaced with strong new pillars that would bear the weight of the freshly painted portico, our proud Greek letters, and the beautiful stars and stripes we all cherish.

GAMMA CHAPTER GOES GREEN

The final large improvement of the summer was the installation of a new high-efficiency boiler. Our old furnace from 1967 was replaced by two Weil McClain Ultra 399 high-efficiency natural gas boilers, which have a combustion efficiency of 91.7%, half the fuel of the old furnace. This was a large and in-depth project as it involved the

removal of asbestos in the process. Although the project was not easy or inexpensive, it is a great improvement to a recently renovated house.

The alumni board was crucial in implementing these improvements. A special thanks to **Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289)** and the alumni board as a whole for making this all possible.

Fraternally,

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The portico received a much-needed renovation, complete with new pillars to give the house a rejuvenated spirit.

Chapter Embraces the AGRconnect Way *New Member Program Maintains Gamma Traditions*

As VNR Membership Development of Gamma Chapter, I am honored to have the responsibility of developing our members morally, mentally, scholastically, and fraternally. At Gamma Chapter, each brother makes it his duty to engage in leadership, educational, and professional development, ultimately promoting lifelong career success. The AGRconnect website has allowed the men of Alpha Gamma Rho to accomplish these goals more effectively through modular system learning.

One of the most important aspects of AGRconnect is the new member education program, which is broken down into six modules. Each module is geared toward accomplishing a different goal, whether it is learning house policies and regulations, the meaning of unity and bonding among members, conflict resolution management, or how to be more involved in Greek Life. By integrating the modular system with our current program, we are able to exceed our membership development expectations and continue producing higher quality brothers.

Another great feature of AGRconnect is its ability to develop current members. A problem most fraternal organizations experience is the lack of active brother development. The website supplies a learning program for all executive board positions, including risk management and recruitment modules, which promote a more sustainable and well-rounded organization. AGRconnect has truly changed the face of membership development in the most positive manner and will continue to allow each Alpha Gamma Rho chapter to make better men.



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CHAPTER MAPS OUT PLAN FOR GETTING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Actives and Graduate Leadership Retreat Key to Accomplishing Goals

Brothers, we would like to share with you the specific goals, established at our retreat, for the 2013-14 year:

NOBLE RULER

- Develop a theme for the 2013-14 year.
- Further pursue the possibility of using Nittany Coop for kitchen management.
- Discuss with brotherhood professional cleaners for the bathrooms.
- Develop an election of officer process.
- Invite older, informal brother leaders to executive committee meetings.

VNR PLANNING

- Goal is to achieve Chapter of Excellence award.
- Continue to work on new philanthropy programs.
- Check AFP National website for various awards.
- Recommendation on which awards we should apply for.

VNR MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- New initiates are now called "New Boys."
- If a New Boy is expected to do something, existing brothers will also be doing it.
- Work with National on a new member program that satisfies National and PSU Greek Life standards.
- New Boys will focus on IFC and AFP bylaws.
- AGRconnect will be utilized effectively in the New Boy program.

VNR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

- Instill in New Boys as well as all brothers that keeping the house in a prestigious manner is key.

- Lead by example to the rest of the brothers.
- Discuss with alumni the need for new Great Hall furniture.
- Implement a program that ensures all keys are returned. If not, the brother will forfeit his security deposit.
- "All-in" chapter mentality to ensure damage does not occur in the future.

VNR FINANCE

- Keep undergraduate budget in the black
- Work to make more events free to brothers.
- Continue working with **Matt Keil '00 (Γ1446)** on perfecting the finances at Gamma.
- Pay back rent to alumni in 2013-2014.
- Ensure that all brothers living in the house sign the fall and spring lease at the beginning of each semester.
- Establish and confirm rules for living in/out of house.
- Discuss those rules with **Bryan Dillehay (Γ1638)** and have them reviewed at an upcoming house meeting.
- Work with Nittany Coop on a location for additional washers and dryers.
- Develop a brotherhood schedule for times to use the washers and dryers.

VNR ALUMNI RELATIONS

- Continue to work on social media to reach out to alumni.
- Members of active chapter reach out to alumni via phone to update them on house information.
- Promote having more reunions at the house.

- Work to get all alumni on a mass e-mail system, which can be generated from Gamma.
- Ensure that all undergraduates get an alternate e-mail to psu.edu.

VNR ACTIVITIES

- Promote another large-scale bone marrow drive.
- Work to make the Bone Marrow Drive a National AFP philanthropy.
- Socially reach out to new organizations, Greek and non-Greek.
- Be cognizant of budget to ensure there is enough to go through the entire semester.
- To be sure to keep alumni president informed of activities, especially those that use Great Hall.

VNR RECRUITMENT

- Will strive to always have a minimum of 40 brothers living in the house.
- Will look to train someone this semester to continue the recruitment success we have enjoyed over the past few years.
- Emphasis on recruiting quality brothers.
- Continuing our growth in ag-related majors.
- Work on a plan for movement of brothers in and out of house.

HOUSE OPENING AND CLOSEDOWN PLAN

- Develop a step-by-step house closedown plan for spring semester, detailing responsibilities and actions to be taken.
- Develop a step-by-step opening plan for fall semester, detailing responsibilities and actions to be taken.
- Establish dates for summer retreat and work sessions.

40 GAMMA BROTHERS EARN GPAs ABOVE 3.0



In spring 2013, 16 Gamma brothers made the President's List. Eleven are pictured here in Great Hall.

The brothers of Gamma Chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho have continued another semester of academic excellence. In recognition of this high academic performance, Gamma Chapter was awarded the 2013 Academic Excellence Award: Honorable Mention, one of three chapters nationwide to receive recognition for academic success.

During the spring 2013 semester, 40 brothers earned a GPA of 3.0 or above. Furthermore, 25 brothers were named to the Dean's List in recognition of their academic achievements. The Chapter GPA was a 3.01 for the semester.

In addition to classroom excellence, brothers have been acquiring professional experience in a variety of aspects, including research, internships, and jobs.

- **Michael Cameron '13 (Γ1631)**: Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency-IT Level 2 Desktop Support Intern
- **Kyle Cuba '09 (Γ1550)**: Communication Consulting Services Inc.-Telecommunications Engineering Intern
- **Alex Gilliland '12 (Γ1601)**: CBS Sports-Sports Production Intern
- **Sean Gunning '12 (Γ1595)**: Northwestern Mutual-Financial Representative
- **Eric Hewitt '06 (Γ1526)**: 343 Industries-Halo 4 TTD Playlist and Halo 4 Global Championship Settings Designer
- **Tyler McDonough '11 (Γ1577)**: Penn State Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department-Research Assistant
- **Brad Nixon '12 (Γ1597)**: Pfizer-Research Intern
- **Dan Silverman '11 (Γ1588)**: SAP-Active Global Support, Mission Control Center, HANA Deployment Room Intern
- **Jeff Sim '12 (Γ1606)**: Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center-Summer Clinical Preceptorship Programs
- **Stylianios Tsinaroglou '10 (Γ1564)**: United States Army-Military Intelligence Intern



Due to the scholastic diligence both in and out of the classroom, the future is bright for many of our Gamma brothers.

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The following brothers earned GPAs above a 3.0.

- **Gary Andalora '11 (Γ1586)**: 3.21
- **Nathan Bevans '11 (Γ1590)**: 3.33
- **Samuel Black '11 (Γ1592)**: 3.72
- **Brandon Camarre '12 (Γ1598)**: 3.60
- **Michael Chubinsky '12 (Γ1620)**: 3.77
- **Peter Clark '13 (Γ1629)**: 3.63
- **Thomas Dillon '09 (Γ1551)**: 3.61
- **Michael Doroski '11 (Γ1593)**: 3.67
- **Michael Eastlack '10 (Γ1571)**: 3.12
- **Christian Fake '12 (Γ1618)**: 3.08
- **Shae Ferguson '12 (Γ1624)**: 3.10
- **Alex Gilliland '12 (Γ1601)**: 3.62
- **Mark Gombita '09 (Γ1553)**: 3.25
- **Michael Grzywacz '12 (Γ1617)**: 3.42
- **Sean Gunning '12 (Γ1595)**: 4.00
- **Joep Huijts '09 (Γ1560)**: 3.59
- **Ryan Lynch '10 (Γ1565)**: 3.76
- **John Lysowski '09 (Γ1559)**: 3.56
- **Tyler McDonough '11 (Γ1577)**: 3.52
- **Jakob Moore '11 (Γ1589)**: 3.80
- **Brad Nixon '12 (Γ1597)**: 3.65
- **Ariel Prochowski '12 (Γ1599)**: 3.84
- **Sebastian Redcay '09 (Γ1554)**: 4.00
- **Zack Reyna '13 (Γ1632)**: 3.19
- **Chris Roditis '11 (Γ1578)**: 3.53
- **Jordan Rolon '10 (Γ1570)**: 3.35
- **Andrew Saba '12 (Γ1621)**: 3.60
- **Josh Salvisburg '11 (Γ1579)**: 3.00
- **Dillon Santopietro '11 (Γ1594)**: 3.93
- **James Schlupp '12 (Γ1619)**: 3.33
- **Justin Shaffer '12 (Γ1611)**: 3.65
- **Louie Shi '12 (Γ1608)**: 3.18
- **Shahar Shpun '13 (Γ1636)**: 3.26
- **Dan Silverman '11 (Γ1588)**: 3.33
- **Jeff Sim '12 (Γ1606)**: 3.26
- **Joe Sim '12 (Γ1612)**: 4.00
- **Ryan Stephenson '10 (Γ1569)**: 3.60
- **Gregory Surine '12 (Γ1603)**: 3.77
- **Clay Swackhamer '12 (Γ1602)**: 3.81
- **Stylianios Tsinaroglou '10 (Γ1564)**: 4.00

GAMMA BROTHERS COME TOGETHER TO FIGHT LEUKEMIA

Last fall, the brothers of Gamma Chapter teamed up with Delta Gamma to register potential bone marrow donors on Penn State's campus. The project dates back two years, when **Ryan Lynch '11 (Γ1565)** organized a smaller drive in our house. Brother **Dillon Santopietro '11 (Γ1594)** and I worked on that success, putting together a larger-scale event. The event was held in the alumni hall on campus and, between our brothers and Delta Gamma, we registered 356 potential donors. The drive ranked within the top one percent of all college bone marrow drives. Our work on this project would not have been possible

without the effort, commitment, and teamwork of our entire brotherhood and Delta Gamma. Our goal next year is to introduce this service project to other AGP chapters and establish it as the national service project for our beloved fraternity.



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Congratulations, Graduating Seniors

Gamma Chapter would like to extend hearty congratulations to the four senior members graduating this May. If your firm is looking for sharp new graduates in a specific career field, why not contact one of your fellow AGPs who might still be seeking a job opportunity? Simply e-mail or call, request their résumé, and schedule an interview. Their fraternity leadership skills and valued education at Penn State will be immediate assets to your organization.

Miles Basila '11 (Γ1583)

Moscow, Pa.

Major: Food science and print journalism

Minor: English

Mark Gombita '09 (Γ1553)

Moscow, Pa.

Major: Enterprise risk management

Minor: Economics

Vincent Nicchi '11 (Γ1581)

Schenectady, N.Y.

Major: Accounting

Minor: Management information systems

Jack Rowley '09 (Γ1559)

Reading, Pa.

Major: Aerospace engineering

Minor: Information sciences and technology for aerospace engineering

GAMMA CHAPTER GOES VIRAL

As VNR Alumni Relations at Gamma Chapter, I have been striving to come up with new and innovative ways in contacting and keeping up with our alumni. A couple of things that I have implemented while in office are creating an AGP Gamma Chapter alumni Facebook page and creating a universal e-mail.

On the Facebook page, alumni and undergraduates have been able to post comments and pictures about what is going on in their lives and at the chapter house. Some alumni have even been able to reconnect with brothers from their classes that they haven't spoken to in years.

The universal e-mail that I created is agrgammaalumrelations@gmail.com. This e-mail will be passed down from the previous VNR AR to the new one, and gives Gamma alumni a standard, non-changing e-mail that they will always be able to use for questions and find out about the new and exciting things going on at Gamma.



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ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Robert Pennington '43 (Γ507) entered Chapter Eternal on January 18, 2013. He was a resident of Malvern, Pa.

Richard M. Bauer '51 (Γ623) entered Chapter Eternal on May 5, 2013. Dick is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Joan, and their four children: Elisabeth, Richard Jr., Benjamin, and Caroline, and his four grandchildren: Benjamin Jr., Laura, Erin, and Elizabeth.

David Bolton '62 (Γ830) entered Chapter Eternal on April 20, 2010. He was a resident of Climax, Mich.

ALUMNI NEWS

Phillip M. Pitzer '65 (Γ884) was installed as president of the Penn National Lion's Club in 2012. He and his wife, Jane, live in Fayetteville, Pa., and have six children: Ben, Becky, Kim, Tony, Tammi, and Jeremy. E-mail: ppitzer@embarqmail.com

Aaron C. Clark '07 (Γ1530) was hired by WFMZ-TV, Channel 69 News in Allentown, Pa., as a producer. He now produces 69 News at Sunrise, the most widely watched local morning newscast in eastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey. He also coaches high school softball at Abington Friends School in Jenkintown, Pa. Aaron is a resident of Perkasio, Pa. E-mail: acc5144@gmail.com

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*This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents.
If your Alpha Gamma Rho son is still attending Penn State, he will receive a copy at the chapter house.
If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

WELCOME, NEW INITIATES OF FALL 2012 AND SPRING 2013

John Paul Baugher
Biglerville, Pa.

Kevin Brennan
Warren, N.J.

Mike Cameron
Hershey, Pa.

Michael Chubinsky
Trumbull, Conn.

Peter Clark
Chadsford, Pa.

Kurt Dehnert
Limerick, Pa.

Mark DiMonte
Malvern, Pa.

Matt DiSanto
Malvern, Pa.

Christian Fake
Reading, Pa.



The new members of the Gamma Chapter.

Shae Ferguson
Phoenixville, Pa.

Mckenzie Gary
Portland, Maine

Michael Grzywacz
Barto, Pa.

Coleman Hoffman
Bellfonte, Pa.

Kyler Houser
Netcong, N.J.

Erik Johnson
Old Hazelton, Pa.

Anthony Lantonio
Limerick, Pa.

Dan Lynd
Hanover, Pa.

Andrew Muntean
Meadville, Pa.

Tom O'Neil
Philadelphia, Pa.

Zach Reyna
Fairfax, Va.

Andrew Saba
Harleysville, Pa.

Jimmy Schlupp
North Wales, Pa.

Justin Shaffer
Sharon, Pa.

Louie Shi
New York City, N.Y.

Shahar Shpun
Nazareth, Israel

Joe Sim
Annville, Pa.

Trevor Stauffer
Reading, Pa.

Justin Strine
Hershey, Pa.

Corey Tokar
North Huntingdon, Pa.

Evan Whidden
Portland, Maine