The Penn Gamma Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi is proud to announce a successful spring semester under the guidance of its new executive board. This has successfully translated into recognition on campus as we were also awarded Most Improved Chapter on campus. This is in doubt part due to our dedicated President, Chet Otis, who is a Junior Economics and Political Science double major from Princeton, NJ. It is no coincidence that he also received the most prestigious individual award of Fraternity Man of the Year.

Current Vice President Chris Brown is a Junior Education and Psychology Double major from Conshohocken, PA. Besides his fraternity involvement, Brown is involved in the campus orientation program and will be doing research this summer in Danville.

Treasurer Mark Crimmins is a Junior Economics and Math double major from Middle Village, NY. Mark is also current head of the Club Baseball team on campus.

Corresponding Secretary Chris Mahder is from Cold Spring Harbor, NY and is a Junior Economics major with a concentration in Finance. Besides being involved in the orientation program with Chris Brown, he is also a TA for the Management 101 class.

Recording Secretary Mike Nicholson is a Junior Economics and Sociology double major from Chappaqua, NY. He was recently elected one of two co-captains for the Bucknell Men’s Swimming and Diving team and has set four school records to date.

Pictured above from the left: Back Row: Chris Brown VGP, Chet Otis GP, Mark Crimmins P, Front Row: Chris Mahder AG, and Mike Nicholson SG. They also have recently shaved their heads for our St. Baldricks fundraiser.

Hosting the Regional Workshop

Psi regional workshop. This annual event allows members of nearby chapters to interact with experienced members from the national organization. Furthermore, inter-chapter bonding created great opportunities to share success stories and help develop ideas to cultivate future development. In attendance were National President, Jim Miller, Executive Director, Shawn Collingsworth and Assistant Executive Director, Chad Stegemiller, and Penn Gamma Chapter Advisor, Bob Goldman. At the conclusion of the workshop, these members opened up a panel discussion to address chapter concerns and general questions. This event managed to bring together over forty brothers from four local chapters and we hope to expand this attendance when we host again next year.
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Brother Involvement on Campus

Jon Como ‘14 is currently the President of the Interfraternity Council. A lot of his work involves meeting with chapter leadership as well as the executive board and to figure out both what is done well, and what needs to be improved in the Greek system on campus. His proudest accomplishment so far is creating a new annual event called Go-Greek Fest that united all fraternity and sorority chapters on campus one weekend afternoon in order to attract new members to join the Greek community, as opposed to a specific chapter. It was unlike any event previously, and has received extremely positive feedback so far. Going forward, there is still a lot of room for improvement in both the perception and actuality of Greek life on campus. Throughout the next semester of his term, he hopes to continue to steer the Greek community in the best possible direction.

Zach Gillan ‘14 is BSG President for the Class of 2014. His position on campus puts him in a unique opportunity to mold decisions that will affect the very livelihoods of all of the students involved whether it may be helping organize unity events, opening forums for discussion, or fundraising for our Senior Gift and Senior Nights. His proudest accomplishment thus far has been aiding congress's ability to help unite the campus across Greek lines with unity events. One goal he is hoping to accomplish in the future is either to try to get a bar placed on campus, in order to help pull students away from high risk drinking activities towards a more monitored community nightlife center.

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Spring semester has provided many opportunities to get involved in the local community. A major highlight was an Easter egg hunt that was organized for the children of Lewisburg. Phi Kappa Psi cosponsored this event with the newest sorority on campus, Alpha Xi Delta. Through utilization of the local school district and help of our new chapter advisor and head of Civic Engagement for Bucknell, Lynn Pierson, we were able to reach over one hundred and twenty five children to participate in our planned activities. Besides the egg hunt, members of Phi Psi and Alpha Xi Delta organized various lawn games like Duck, Duck, Goose and Red Light, Green Light. This complimented various arts and crafts stations that allowed children to get their faces painted, dye Easter eggs and create bunny hats. Though this is the first time our chapter organized this event, a member of the community was so impressed that he asked to cosponsor with us next year so that we can expand the scope of our positive influence on the community. Besides this event, a notable leader for the chapter has been sophomore Brother Emerson Davis. Going above and beyond his position as community service chair, he is currently working towards a community service scholarship for which 300 hours of community service is required. Brother Davis and Lynn Pierson currently help to run Community Harvest every Monday in Milton. This has helped provide a consistent outlet for brothers to remain active in the community and highlight the positive qualities our fraternity values.

Reunion Weekend

Mark your calendars!! The weekend of June 1st-2nd is Reunion Weekend! Come join us Saturday June 1st from 12-5 for a barbeque in the backyard. During that time current brothers will be around the house talk about current life in the house. We will have a barbeque as well as all the fixings. Please come stop by and remiss about your time in the house. We would love to hear your stories about those “two wild and crazy guys.”
New Phi Kappa Psi Leadership Scholarship

Phi Kappa Psi Executive Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to rising sophomores who have a GPA of a 3.0 or higher and are leaders on campus as well as exemplify what it means to be a Phi Psi. Through generous donations, we were able to provide three $1,500 scholarships! The winners were recently announced and they include Zach Crowley, Nick Geissler, and Robbie Johnson. The process of selecting the finalists started with an application. Out of a vast pool of applicants, we managed to narrow the field down to 16 candidates. Those gentlemen were then invited to share a formal dinner with the fraternity. During the dinners the brothers talked to the applicants and learned more about them. After the dinners had concluded, the group was narrowed down further and invited the finalists to interviews conducted by the executive board. We then voted as a fraternity who instilled the ideals of a Phi Kappa Psi and then they were awarded the scholarships. We hope for more donations in order to continue this scholarship fund.

Meet The Recipients

Zach Crowley
Hometown: Pelham, NY
High School: Pelham Memorial High School
Major: Financial Management and Political Science

Zach was chosen because he exemplified the qualities outlined in our mission statement. He wants to be a leader on campus in everything that he does. He does multiple activities to make him better rounded and pushes his boundaries and comfort zones. Zach is a perfect example of what we look for at Phi Psi, someone who is involved in various aspects of the campus and maintain leadership roles in those activities.

Nick Greissler
Hometown: Lake Forest, IL
High School: Stevenson High School
Major: Political Science and Economics
Extracurricular: Varsity Golf Team and Alpha Delta Lambda Honor Society

Nick believes that leadership started with confidence in your ideas and beliefs. He says that golf has taught him many valuable lessons and vital skills that are needed when being a leader. Nick explained his beliefs about leadership as “Focus and embracing solitude build the foundation for effective leaders. Being able to internally reflect on your opinions in a focused environment is the only way you will know how to act when placed into a situation that demands leadership. Time alone on the golf course, often entire days, has provided me with the necessary time and focus that it takes to become a leader.”

Robbie Johnson
Hometown: Duxbury, MA
High School: Duxbury High School
Major: Computer Science and Engineering
Extracurricular: BU Orchestra, BU Symphonic Band, Bicycles Against Poverty, Admissions Tour Guide, and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

Robbie believes that the best way to be a leader is by setting the example. He started getting in many different groups on campus to push his comfort zones. He likes being in a leadership role. He also exemplifies the Phi Psi trait of serving others with not only his extensive community service, but also helping out a hallmate. Robbie told us, “Last semester, one of my hallmates was having trouble getting up for his morning class. To keep him from oversleeping every day and failing the course, I woke him up when I got up for my early class. This is one small way in which I did what I could to help another.”
This Year’s Rush Events

In our continuing effort to strength our chapter membership and reach out to rising sophomores on campus, Phi Kappa Psi hosted two large open rush events this spring semester. The first event occurred the night of the Super Bowl. With over two hundred potential new members stopping by, our fraternity was able to interact with many promising candidates on an individual basis. Though many jeered and cheered as Baltimore fans paraded around the house after victory, much friendly conversation occurred over various appetizers and desserts prepared by our favorite chef, Beth Sparaco. Following its’ successful first rush event, Phi Psi hosted a second event for the March Madness Championship. This event had over two hundred and fifty potential new members stop by throughout the night. As new faces become familiar and potential new members grow more and more comfortable around brothers throughout the semester, we feel these events have accomplished their goals and more. Similarly, our chapter prides itself on having a widespread leadership influence throughout the campus. Currently, brothers are presidents of five different club sports teams, hold four of the six orientation leader positions, hold positions in both the school and Greek life government. Similarly, we have over twenty varsity athletes in the fraternity. We believe this combination of rush and leadership roles on campus puts us in a strong position for a successful fall rush.

After several tedious days of meeting every eligible potential new member on campus during the fall rush of 2012, our fraternity was able to narrow this group down to eighty five potential new members to move on to meal bids. For the next two days, Phi Kappa Psi events giving these students a chance to eat with the brotherhood and get to know us on a more individual basis. The final selection process narrowed this field once again, creating our new pledge class of twenty six. This class has done nothing but blow away our expectations thus far. Filled with campus leaders and athletes, the Phi Psi Class of 2015 has big shoes to fill, but all of the necessary tools and members to do so. Initiated November 1st, they have now had more than a full semester of experiences taking on pivotal roles within the fraternity.
New Members Initiated

We are proud to announce that our Pledge Class for 2012 was initiated on November 1st, 2012. Our new brothers include:

We are delighted to have such fine gentlemen join our fraternity.

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Above is the new members at our annual Winter Formal.