



From the Board President: **Chapter Running Strong**

Brothers:

I am honored to have been elected your new alumni board president. I graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science from the Lally School of Management and have been on the board for two years. I'd like to thank my predecessor, James Porambo '08, for the leadership he provided to the board the past two years. I'd also like to thank John Postulka '02, whose term on the alumni board expired this fall, and I'm delighted to welcome Dave Gardell '99 (second term) and Mike Mucci '96 to the board. I appreciate their willingness to help guide Delta Chapter for the next few years. As board president, I hope to help the current officers increase our chapter membership and to oversee continued house improvements, including a boiler hot water tank replacement planned for 2018 and roof replacement in 2019.

Our current house leadership is very strong, and brothers are working diligently to recruit young men who will be proud Delta Chapter brothers. As part of the suspension described in the past few *Delta Dial* issues, sophomores were not allowed to live in the house last year and were forced to remain on campus. This naturally had a negative effect on the number of brothers living in the house. We expect this to be a temporary issue, however. With the diligent work of current House President Kyle Gross '18 and former Corporation President James Porambo '08, the suspension was lifted. As a result, the brothers are back on the social scene hosting sanctioned parties and recruiting pledges. We have initiated a strong class of 17 pledges, and planning for spring rush is in the works. All sophomores will be required to live in the house next fall, which will surely strengthen the chapter

and ensure that our culture is passed on to the future Delta Chapter leaders.

Although our suspension has been lifted, live-in advisor Brandon Cook '16 will continue working with the actives, alumni, and campus administrators. This is not an easy job and has been a learning experience for Brandon. We are grateful to him for stepping up and demonstrating his leadership skills for our benefit.

With some difficult times behind us, the chapter is still strong and moving in the right direction. Please keep in touch by stopping by our Delta Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity Facebook page and website.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

Fraternally,
Bob Guillerault '96
Corporation Board President



Class of 1967 members who returned to RPI to celebrate their 50th reunion (L-R):
David Martin, Nancy Casteras, John Casteras, Thomas Jones, Peggy Jones.



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Brothers Enjoy an Exciting Fall

The fall semester has just wrapped up. Seniors are searching for a place to start their new careers, while the rest of the undergraduates are looking forward to next semester and beginning their internship and co-op searches.

The fall semester was very busy, with brothers balancing academics, fraternity life, athletics, and pledging 17 future new members. This year, all 17 pledges are freshmen, and all but one of them play football. The brothers proudly welcome these fine young men into our fraternity.

This semester, the brothers dressed up for Halloween and visited a local daycare to spend some time with the children. Our philanthropy chair, Mike Stavropoulos '19, is beginning to plan our annual St. Baldrick's Foundation event for the spring semester. Also, we are currently looking into a USO philanthropy event to host in the spring.

The brothers here at Theta Chi continue to excel at athletics. Steve Munisteri '18 is the president of the club baseball team, and he is joined on the team by Vincent Maffei '18. Joseph Pisacano '20 is an outstanding cross-country runner, helping lead the RPI cross-country team to five first-place

finishes out of seven races. Not surprisingly, the football team is led by many Theta Chi brothers. The brothers helped lead the team to an 8-3 record and an invitation to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

All the undergraduate brothers enjoyed having the alumni around for Alumni Weekend in October. This year's events were a bit different than past years'. As we've done in recent years, we hosted a tailgate party at the house before the football game. But this year, following the game (an exciting win over Ithaca College), we hosted an informal pizza dinner. This arrangement provided a lot of great interaction between the undergraduate brothers and alumni. I hope the alumni enjoyed it as much as the undergraduates did.

The seniors on the executive board have considered this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and look forward to using skills we have learned here in our careers. It has been an honor for all the seniors to represent the great name of Theta Chi for the past four years.

Fraternally,
Kyle Gross '18
Undergraduate President

Alumni Scholarship Program News: Six Awards Made to Junior and Senior Brothers

Once again, in the last 12 months, Delta Chapter alumni made generous gifts to this valuable scholarship program that was set up in 1996 to help our brothers and their families cope with the ever-increasing cost of an RPI education. As of November 30, 2017, fund donations since inception total over \$610,000, an increase of \$60,000 since last year at this time. And similar to last year, a big reason for this increase is the continued extreme generosity of Nick Donofrio '67.

In 2016 Nick broke through the \$50,000 lifetime giving level, which was almost double the highest individual level achieved over the Scholarship Fund's first 20 years; and then in 2017 he actually *doubled down again*, bringing his total giving to \$100,000—a level we never even thought about in 1996 (and probably one that will not be reached again for quite a few years)! The impact of these big increases in the Scholarship Fund brought last year's award pool up to \$22,000, and this year to \$30,000. It is possible that for the 2017-2018 school year the available award pool could approach \$40,000.

But enough about the numbers. Now we present a short biography of each of the

six awardees, in alphabetical order.

Scott Black '19 is a junior mechanical engineering major from Stillwater, New Jersey, who plays right tackle for the RPI football team. Scott is currently the house manager and would like to serve on the executive board prior to graduation. This past summer, Scott completed an internship with Oldcastle Precast, which was attained through an alumni connection. After graduation Scott plans on working in the manufacturing engineering field and studying to get a master's degree. "The relationships and connections I have made through the fraternity have already made an impact on my life, and I know that these bonds will last forever. Living in the house was the best decision I have made since coming to RPI, and it has definitely made me grow as an individual. Going to school at RPI is a financial burden for my family, but the fact that my brothers are there to support me and offer a helping hand with this scholarship is extremely reassuring. I cannot thank the alumni enough for alleviating some of that financial burden. I look forward to being
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able to give back to the Alumni Scholarship Fund so that I can lend a helping hand just as the current alumni are doing.”

Robert Boos '19 is a junior from Sayville, New York, pursuing an electrical and computer systems engineering dual major. Robert is currently a member of the RPI football team, his third year with the team. He has only lived in the chapter house for a few months but states, “I love living here, you get to be surrounded by all your brothers every day. There is always someone around to lend a helping hand.” Regarding winning the scholarship, Robert says, “I am grateful to all the alumni who made this scholarship possible and also to all those who created a lasting culture of helpfulness and integrity. I am proud to call myself a member of Theta Chi and can't wait to give back to this fraternity in a way that honors all that it has given me.”

Aaron Castillo '19 is a junior business management major who hopes also to earn a finance minor with a concentration in entrepreneurship. Aaron is originally from Whittier, California, and acknowledges that becoming a Theta Chi brother helped him overcome some of the obstacles of living so far from home. Aaron has played three years of football at RPI and is currently the starting right guard. He is also a member of RPI's FCA group (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), where at weekly meetings they discuss life, sports, and faith. With his background in business, Aaron hopes to enter the real estate busi-

ness, ultimately hoping to own, renovate, and rent multi-family units in Southern California. “I thank the alumni for the Theta Chi Alumni Scholarship because it has helped my family and me with the finances of such an excellent school. The scholarship from the Delta Chapter has certainly supported me with living in the house, where I have grown both as a man for myself and for others. After graduation it would be my honor to be able to give future brothers the same great opportunity to receive the scholarship and the chance to belong to a fraternity that has transformed me since the time I joined.”

Marquis Francois '18 was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey. He is a business management major with a concentration in finance. While at RPI, Marquis has been on the football team and has served as house social chair for the past two years. He has also served on standards board twice during his tenure at RPI. Marquis states that rushing Theta Chi was one of the best decisions he's made at RPI, and living in the house has been an experience that exceeded expectations. “I would like to thank the alumni for this award. As we all know, the institute is very costly, and my parents work very hard to pay tuition. This award is a big help for my final year at RPI. I have enjoyed the experience and support throughout my years and plan on giving the same support as an alumnus.” Upon graduation Marquis plans to secure a full-time position involving financial services.

Malik Joseph '18 is a senior engineering science major from the Bronx, with a focus in industrial and management engineering. He has previously held internships with MFM Contracting and AECOM, working in the electrical and mechanical departments. Malik has been a member of the RPI football team for five years, missing one year due to injury, and was selected as a team captain in 2017. “Being the youngest and most recent family member to go to college, receiving the Theta Chi alumni scholarship was a huge blessing to help lighten the financial burden my family faced, and I am extremely grateful.” Malik has served as a cook for brother dinners for several years. “Joining this fraternity is a decision I'm glad I made, and I would love to be able to give back to the house when I finally settle down and find a career after graduation.”

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Ed Trimper '19 is a junior from Hillsborough, New Jersey, who has played football for three years. With plans to major in mechanical engineering, Ed hopes to pursue a career in the field of aeronautics concentration of mechanical engineering. Ed became a brother in May 2016, and he states that since then the

brotherhood of Theta Chi has helped all of his professional dreams begin to come to fruition. Ed acknowledges that the relationships he's built while at RPI have helped him strive to be the best student and athlete he could possibly be. “Many of my strongest relationships have come from the roots of this fraternity. All of the friendships I've made in Theta Chi are bonds that will never be broken. Through thick and thin, the brothers of this house stand together, and

time and time again they unite as one for a single purpose: to extend a helping hand to those who need it.” Ed wants to express his thanks to alumni by stating, “Theta Chi and its alumni have supported me tirelessly, have given me every opportunity to be successful, and I couldn't be more thankful. For these reasons and many more, I sincerely express my gratitude and look forward to being able to give back to the Delta Chapter so other Theta Chi brothers may have the same opportunity—if not more—to be successful in their lifetimes.”

Continued Support will be Much Appreciated

Going back to 1996 when Rich Bolam '66 and Rich Boroway '73 first had the idea of setting up an endowed scholarship fund, it has proven to be much appreciated by the large percentage of Delta Chapter of Theta Chi brothers whose parents struggle to come up with the high cost of RPI's tuition, room, board, books, etc. Since the inception of the scholarship fund, RPI students' total cost has gone up faster than inflation almost every year. This has been a problem faced by almost all of the top United States colleges and universities during this time, especially the private STEM universities, which must acquire

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DUSTY RHODES GOLD SOCIETY

(Lifetime contributions of \$100,000 and over)

Nick Donofrio '67

DUSTY RHODES LEGACY SOCIETY

(Lifetime contributions of \$25,000–\$49,999)

Rich Bollam '66
Roland Garlinghouse '66

Paul McLaughlin '67
Richard Spillane '72

Kenneth Schmalz '76
Mike Miller '80

Joe Missbrenner '93

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFACTORS

(Lifetime contributions of \$10,000–\$24,999)

Arthur Wills '55
The classes of 1960–1966,
in memory of Nicholas Humber '63

Gordon McIntosh '64
William Follit '66
Kurt Hollasch '67
William Nareski '70

Greg Seleman '72
Jerry Duffy '88
Robert Gray '90
Ray Moran '95

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(Lifetime contributions of \$5,000–\$9,999)

The Graham Williams '52
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Joel Walker '60
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of his brother, Tom Perucci '70*
John Lippold '73
Ray Rumanowski '73

Stoyan Lokar '77
Stanley Kaplita '84
William Windel '86
Wesley Kern '89

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

(Lifetime contributions of \$2,500–\$4,999)

Sheldon Roberts '48
James Hamilton '55
Eugene Fuller '57
Everett Molony '63

Van Thompson '66
Greg Hughes '67
Richard Mowrey '68
Sergei Yevich '68
Michael Gonzalez '69

Richard Podolec '70
Bob Wright '72, *in memory of
his wife, Deborah*
Chris Vasiloff '73
William McIntyre '74

David Uhlig '83
John Auletta '93
Greg Dietrich '96
Drew Spitzer '96

SCHOLARSHIP LEADERS

(Lifetime contributions of \$1,000–\$2,499)

Robert Lukens '38
Fred Crossman '43
James Bryce '44
Henry Schnabel '50
Robert Lytle '57
Louis Takacs '57
Bill Osswald '59
Robert McIntosh '60
Allan Whittemore '61
David Steele '62
Frederick Boehm '63
William Stitt '63
Stanley Lewczyk '64

Joseph Bonn '65
Jeffrey Brown '65
Jay Jackson '66
Chuck Oraftik '66
John Casteras '67
John Isaac '67
Richard Stieglitz '67
Ned VanHeuvel '67
Bill Fernandez '68
Terry Rostker '68
Jan Pirrong '69
Rand Edwards '70
Mark Rice '71

Robert Baron '72
Martin Evans Jr. '72
Richard Marra '72
Melford Placilla '72
Peter Skiff '72
Richard Boroway '73
Carl Nasca '73
Mike Wollman '74
Kurt Woodward '75
Paul Farrar Jr. '76
James Fortune '80
Kenneth Giachetta '81
Kevin Horne '81

Dominick Conde '82
Lew French '83
William Clem '84
William Connor '84
Joseph Johnson '84
Scott Virkler '87
Peter Gillies '89
Paul DiChristina '91
Michael R. Phinney '95
Matthew Dias '99
Adam LeBlanc '04
Jim Adams '05
James Porambo '08

SCHOLARSHIP SUSTAINERS

(Testamentary contributions of \$5,000 or more)

John Casteras '67

Ray Rumanowski '73

Bold font denotes first time at this lifetime leadership level.

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expensive equipment required to keep up with all the rapid changes in technology that have been constantly invented and refined. The fact that the total cost for attendance for 2017-2018 freshmen actually seems to be about the same as the previous year is small consolation to most RPI students' parents when this "unchanged" amount is roughly \$70,000 per year. So we are proud to say that over the last 20 years, 101 worthy and needy Delta Chapter brothers have received scholarships totaling \$217,000.

So, if you can afford it, please mail your tax-deductible contribution to Stephanie Smith, Senior Advancement Officer / Chasen Building, 2nd Floor / Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute / 110 8th St., Troy, NY 12180-3590. Please note: Make your check out to RPI, but be sure to indicate "For Delta Chapter Theta Chi Fraternity Scholarship Fund" on the memo line (or on a separate memo in the envelope). Also, if your employer has an educational institution gift-matching program, most will match this gift because it is through RPI (and if the matching paperwork asks for the purpose of your gift, just say "for scholarships"). Finally, if you have any questions about giving appreciated stock, your 401K minimum annual distribution, or any other non-cash gifts (or anything else), call Rich Bollam '66 at 518-459-6700, ext. 303.

Thanks to All of our supporters

As always, we want to thank all of those Theta Chi alumni whose gifts over



Several brothers attending the football game during Alumni Weekend (L-R): (top row) Matt Siegel '85, Mike Bartikoski '84, Barry Essig '85; (bottom row) Robert "Rip" Collins '85, Doug Jablonski '85.

the years have helped increase the size of this Scholarship Fund to its current level of over \$610,000. This in turn has helped us increase both the number and the size of these annual scholarship awards. Over the last 20 years, 190 brothers have made at least one gift, and 98 of these donors have given at least \$1,000 (this latter group is listed on the previous page). We welcome any new donors—especially if they are one of the prior scholarship recipients who is now in a position to give back to help future brothers' parents cope with the cost of their sons' RPI education. Last but not least, we loudly applaud those very successful and generous donors who have made large and/or multiple gifts!

Chapter Eternal

Louis H. Aricson '41
August 5, 2012

Robert A. Cishek '61
May 31, 2016

Douglas W. Ronaldson '40
August 17, 2017

Alumni Send Their News

Retired from Chevron Oil & Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, **Bill Brook '50** makes his home at 822 Golf View Dr., Apt 336, Medford, OR 97504. Get back in touch with him by email at bsbrook@gci.net.

"Only four of us left from the class of '52," muses **Jim Mead '52**, "**Jim Schnable**, **Graham Williams**, **Bob Abernethy**, and me." Jim was sorry he couldn't make the recent RPI reunion. He's been living in Palm Springs since 1996 (35584 Calle Martos, Cathedral City, CA 92234). After graduating, Jim spent two years in the Navy, followed by 18 with the Reserves, retiring as a commander in 1972. He worked for National Gypsum Company for three years then, in 1957, took over the reins of the family newspaper business. His last move before California was to Syracuse in 1988. Jim served as president of the New York Press Association in 1976 and was a county legislator from 1974 to 1979. "Have four children and eight grandchildren," he adds. Catch up with him by email at jimead@hotmail.com or by USPS mail at the address above.

Carl Meyer '52 has a new postal address: 8357 38th St., Circle E, Sarasota, FL 34243. He writes, "Have been in Sarasota for 20 years; however, with the loss of my partner decided to downsize." Carl explains that he spent only one year with Delta before transferring to Xi at UVa. Nonetheless,

he has "many good memories of 57 Second Street." Reach him by email at carl@carlmeyerrealtor.com.

We have a new mailing address to report for **Norman LaFrance '69**: 19 Rue Raffles, Hudson, Quebec, J0P 1H0, CANADA. Email him at normanlafrance@gmail.com.

"Whazzzup, brothers?!" writes **Chris Gent '95**. "It was so great to see so many of you at our 'Yo Brah' winter festival. And how much have I missed DJ!" He continues, "Like Brother Dusty always said, 'the third time's the charm.' I got married last month! Thanks to Brother Deacan and Brother D-Day for attending. Once Melinda gets her visa, she will join me at my new residence in Poughkeepsie. Everything in P-town is good. Successfully engineered new routes for all sanitation trucks! If you're ever in the area, hit me up!" In addition, "Pence" reports that he's started clogging again. "It's like riding a bike; you never forget. I hope all is well with all of you!" Check in with him at gent38@juno.com or 10 Woodland Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Congratulations to **Andrew Gawrys '17**, who married his high-school sweetheart in August. Send your wedding cheers to gawya@rpi.edu or to 1 Saddle Club Hill Dr., East Greenbush, NY 12061.

Brothers Come Together To Enjoy Alumni Weekend



Brothers from the class of 1977 celebrated their 40th reunion during Alumni Weekend (L-R): Jim Merrick, Joe Schewe, Stoyan Lokar, Frank Kruse.



Brothers from the mid 1990s attended the house tailgate party during Alumni Weekend in October (L-R): Rich Barbara '97, Bob Guillerault '96, Greg Dietrich '96, Mike Malling '97, Eric Flynn '96, Mike Mucci '96, Paul Cocuzzo '93, Jim Kirkwood '97.



Recent Delta Chapter graduates enjoying themselves at the house tailgate during Alumni Weekend.

Remembering Jeff Calero '96



On October 14 a group of nearly 40 Theta Chi brothers, family, and friends gathered at the ECAV stadium for a ceremony to unveil a memorial paver in honor of Brother Jeff Calero '96 (major, U.S. Army), who was killed in action 10 years ago during his second deployment to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jeff was born in Puerto Rico and grew up in Queens, New York City. While at RPI, Jeff majored in mechanical engineering, played football, participated in the Army ROTC program, and was an active member of Theta Chi. During his time in the service, Jeff earned numerous awards and decorations, including three Army Commendation Medals and the coveted Green Beret in 2001.

Brothers can help preserve Jeff's legacy by contributing to the purchase of his memorial paver. Go to alumni.rpi.edu/giving. Enter your donation amount and click on "Rensselaer Annual Fund" under designations. Complete the remaining information and at the bottom of the form, be sure to enter "Jeffrey R. Calero '96" in the "In Honor Of" section. Your designation will go directly to purchasing the paver in Jeff's honor. If you wish to write a check, make the check payable to "Rensselaer" with "Jeffrey R. Calero '96" in the memo section. Send the check to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 3164, Boston, MA 02241-3164.

