



TRIANGLE FRATERNITY

GAMMA CHAPTER - NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Brothers!

As we are gearing up for our start into the Autumn semester of 2021, we wanted to keep all of our brothers up to date with the latest news from our Chapter and how we have kept and will continue keeping our brotherhood alive and healthy while navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic. Perhaps the biggest achievements we have to share are the successes we had with our awards, not only winning IFC Chapter of the Year here at Ohio State, but many other awards from IFC and National Triangle Awards during our Convention, all of which are being displayed on our mantle at the house.

Despite being unable to hold most in-person activities, our Chapter did not let these restrictions hold us down. The Ohio State Chapter went fully virtual, which included having virtual chapter meetings and executive meetings. We even had virtual brotherhood nights, including a murder mystery and poker nights, brotherhood trips, and social events with sororities in the form of online trivia nights with Phi Sigma Rho and Alpha Omicron Pi. Additionally, we were able to volunteer at outdoor work areas in order to maintain our service records while being safely distanced.

While we had to bid our senior brother class farewell this past spring, we were also thrilled to welcome in 7 total new brothers this past academic year, and we don't plan to stop there. Combined with the resources and guidance from our National Director of Growth and Expansion, Jim Phillips, and with our sights on in-person recruitment events, we are more ready than ever to expand and grow our Chapter.

These are just some of the many major highlights for our Chapter this past year, and I am more excited than ever to grow alongside my brothers to make this Chapter the best it can be.

Fraternally,

Jackson Clark '19, President



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CHAPTER AT A GLANCE

AWARDS

OSU SORORITY AND FRATERNITY LIFE

The Chapter was honored to have been presented 4 awards from The OSU Office of Student Life - Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL) this year. We were especially excited about receiving the award of IFC Chapter of the Year.

- IFC Chapter of the Year (!)
- Outstanding Philanthropy Initiative
- Outstanding Member Development Program
- Excellence in Health and Safety

NATIONAL AWARDS

The Chapter was also recognized this year at Convention. The Ohio State Chapter placed 3rd among all other Triangle chapters based on assessment scores for the Building Better Men Award. Additionally, the Chapter was awarded honorable mentions in Outstanding Risk Reduction and Education and in Academic Excellence. We'd also like to recognize graduating brother Tommy Balaj who won Brother of the Year, and our Alumni President Joe Kay who won Chapter Advisor of the Year. Tommy, thank you so much for being an awesome brother and good luck in the Air Force! Joe, thank you so much for your advice and guidance. The Chapter wouldn't be where it is today without you!

CHAPTER STATS

Number of active brothers: 21

Initiates: 7

Graduates: 6

Cumulative GPA: 3.6

Majors:

- **Computer Science and Engineering - 6**
- **Electrical and Computer Engineering - 3**
- **Mechanical Engineering - 2**
- **Computer Information Science - 1**
- **Civil Engineering - 1**
- **Welding Engineering - 1**
- **Biomedical Engineering - 1**
- **Biology - 1**
- **Aerospace Engineering - 1**

(Switched majors)

- **Marketing - 2**
- **Political Science - 1**
- **Psychology - 1**





SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY

SETTING UP SOME SHADE

Though the Chapter's service and philanthropic opportunities were reduced due to COVID-19, the brothers didn't let that deter them as they were still committed to serving the community - albeit masked-up and socially distanced. Last October, the brothers showed off their green thumbs at Wilson Road Park. Brothers Max McGuinness, Patrick Hubbell, Derek Ho, Ben Griffiths, Ben John, and Josh Wiggins spent the day planting trees along the trails of the park.



BRINGING THE A-GAME (FOR THE KIDS!)

Last November, the brothers took their philanthropic efforts to the digital realm. The Chapter participated in their second Extra Life, a 24 hour video game live stream marathon of which proceeds benefit hospitals in the Children's Miracle Network. The brothers played video games and took donations in benefit of Nationwide Children's Hospital. The brothers managed to DOUBLE last year's total donation to \$2,126.00! Way to game, brothers!

BUSY BEES

The brothers showed off their green thumbs again on Earth Day, last April. The brothers helped prep and install a pollinator garden at Kilbourne Run Sports Park here in Columbus. The brothers cleaned and fertilized the area which will be used for the garden. The garden will be used by the park to plants flowers and attract pollinating insects such as bees.





BROTHERHOOD AND SOCIAL

SAFE TRAVELS

Even though COVID-19 put a damper on some of the chapter's most anticipated trips (the fall break and spring break trips), brothers still managed to travel safely in small groups this year. The first of the notable trips was the 8/19/20 Put-in-Bay flight. Brother Tommy Balaj flew brothers Will Shoaf and Keith Nielsen up from Columbus to the island for a night. The brothers had a great time on the island and it gave Tommy some much needed flight hours!



Keith, Tommy, and Will in the plane right after landing.

Brothers Ben Griffiths, Derek Ho, Joey Hughes, James Qin, and Will Shoaf took social distancing to a whole new level and headed to the woods! On October 16th, they went up to Ohiopyle State Park in Pennsylvania and spent the weekend roughing it up in nature. They enjoyed the fresh air and the stunning views.



Some beautiful views from Ohiopyle State Park!

BROTHERHOOD AND SOCIAL

CONTINUED...



Derek, Keith, Sammy, and Zach in Pittsburgh.

Another notable adventure was brothers Sammy Duckworth, Derek Ho, and Keith Nielsen and alumni Zach Ahren's trip to Pittsburgh to watch the Cubs play the Pirates. Despite the Cubs' loss, the brothers had a great time in the city and took some great photos atop the scenic Mount Washington!

Lastly, our brothers just returned from their Outer Banks trip. This trip was possible due to the relaxing COVID restrictions and great logistics. The brothers spent a whole week beaching it up, playing spikeball, and hang gliding.



The brothers hang gliding and on the beach.

ROCKING THE BLOCK

This spring the brothers launched their own private Minecraft server. What first started out as a fun idea, quickly turned into the chapter pastime. It brought together brothers, pledges, and alumni alike during the lockdown. Some notable construction projects include a large underground strip mine and ore processing operation, the walled castle-town of Charleston (named for its founder - alumni Charlie Hazenfield '17), an interdimensional highway, and of course, a giant Delta T. We invite all alumni to join and build! Message us for the IP if interested!



HOME SWEET HOME

What's a fraternity house without its letters?! Our brothers put their engineering skills to use and mounted a Delta T on the front of the chapter house this summer. The Delta T, which was CNCed by brother Keith Nielsen, was signed by all of the active brothers. The Delta serves not only as a great memory for the brothers but also as a great mark for the chapter's history.



The brothers will continue to work on projects for the house and other events up until the beginning of the Fall semester as part of Triangle Work Week. The Triangle Work Week begins on Monday August 16th at 1:00pm with the kickoff meeting, and ends on Friday August 20th at 7:00pm with the Active and Alumni Happy Hour which will take place at the Gallos Tap Room on Bethel Road in Columbus. We encourage alumni to attend if you can! For more information, reach out to us on social media or contact brother Derek Ho at ho.480@osu.edu.

ALUMNI PANEL

Last February, the chapter held its first alumni panel. The panel hosted 6 alumni: National President Joe Cerrato ('08), National Board Member Pete Satre ('94), Brain McDaniel ('07), Dr. Tim Garcia ('03), Danny Flax ('17), and Stephen Wu ('19). Each discussed how being a brother of Triangle impacted their professional development while at Ohio State, and what the future holds for them. The panel was open to all brothers, alumni, and those interested in the fraternity.



FORMING FRIENDSHIPS

The Chapter recently formed a partnership with fellow Greek organization Phi Sigma Kappa ($\Phi\Sigma K$) to jointly host a block for each home football game this season. The brothers also continue to hold events with the sisters of Phi Sigma Rho ($\Phi\Sigma P$) and Delta Omicron Pi ($\Delta O\Pi$).



CAREERS AND GRADUATES

We would like to dedicate this section to recognizing our brothers who through their maintenance of a creditable scholastic record, dedication to their profession, and their honest effort have secured internships or full time employment opportunities this year. To our active brothers: may you continue this trend of success through the rest of your academic careers. To the graduated brothers: we thank you so much for the memories and the aspects you each brought to the Fraternity. May you continue to be examples of exemplary men, and remember once a brother, always a brother!

ACTIVES

- **Zach Art '23** worked up in Akron at CTI as a mechanical engineer intern.
- **Jackson Clark '22** worked in the Ohio Department of Transportation in Columbus as a construction management intern this summer.
- **Derek Ho '21** worked as a remote instrumentation and control engineer intern for Black and Veatch this summer.
- **Joseph Hughes '22** has accepted a full time position at and is currently working at Root Insurance as a software engineer in Columbus.
- **Kevin Kotobelli '24** worked as an IT Analyst Intern at Sherwin Williams.
- **Robert Kramer '21** was in Groveport, Ohio with Kraft Electrical Inc. as a CAD design intern this summer.
- **Nathan Male '22** was a remote engineering intern for the Office of Naval Research this summer.
- **David Prexta '23** worked as a regional quality intern at the Goodyear headquarters in Akron.
- **Parker Spielvogel '22** worked as a remote intern on the identity and access management team at Nationwide this summer.
- **Jack Woo '23** was a remote IT supply chain intern at Smuckers this summer.
- **Noah Woods '21** worked at P&G in Lima, Ohio as an IT/OT intern this summer, and he has accepted a full time position with P&G at their Cincinnati office as a software developer.
- **Ted Zhou '21** interned as a lab technician at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

GRADUATES

- **Tommy Balaj** was doing remote student research for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for this summer. Afterwards he will continue on to the United States Air Force as a Development Engineer Officer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.
- **Ben Griffiths** is currently working up in Cleveland for STERIS as a Mechanical Engineer.
- **Patrick Hubbell** is here in Columbus working as a software engineer for JP Morgan Chase & Co.
- **Keith Nielsen** will continue to pursue architecture as graduate student at the Syracuse University School of Architecture.
- **Will Shoaf** will be pursuing medical school. We wish him luck on his MCATs and his med school applications!
- **Chris Wagner** is working at GM as a supplier quality engineer up in Detroit.





STAYING CONNECTED

As a result of our safety and recruitment adaptations from COVID-19, the Chapter has introduced new ways of getting in touch and staying connected. We have opened up a recurring Zoom call for our chapter meeting and created a new Discord server for playing video games and casual banter. We know that Triangle would not be what it is today without our alumni, and we are proud of our history. We would love for any past members of Triangle to come to chapter and share some of their stories with us. Whether it's life advice, unique experiences, or your time as an active member, we want to hear from you!



DISCORD



ZOOM

As always, you can also reach us on our Instagram and Facebook pages! Here you can message us, see chapter updates, brother highlights, and pictures from events. Additionally, we have revamped our website with a whole new design. Be sure to check it out!



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