

Triangle Newsletter 2021 - 2022

Gamma Chapter at OSU
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Letter From the President

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Hello Brothers, friends, and family,

We are nearing the beginning of our Autumn 2022 semester, and as we prepare for another academic year, it's important to look back at how far we've come in just the past 12 months. Our chapter began the year by slowly adjusting to life after quarantine, opening up our chapter home for brotherhood, social, and philanthropic events. It was an amazing experience finally seeing all the brothers face-to-face, and allowed us to take our chapter to new heights.

In terms of recruitment, we brought in two of the largest pledge classes in recent history with 9 new brothers in the Fall and a staggering 14 in the Spring, bringing our active chapter above 30 members for the first time in 20+ years. We continued to show why Triangle is a special place on campus, winning a total of 8 awards at the annual IFC awards ceremony, most notably winning Chapter of the Year for the second year in a row. Nationally, OSU was recognized as a Top Chapter, and placed in the top 3 for GPA, recruitment, and risk management at the bi-annual convention.

Our chapter continued to strengthen brotherhood through numerous brotherhood nights, trips to both Shenandoah and the Outer Banks, and various social events throughout the year. We got more involved in the greek community here at osu, holding social events with organizations such as Phi Sigma Rho, Alpha Omicron Pi, and Delta Omega Kappa. And as always, we continued to give back to the community, volunteering at local animal shelters, homeless shelters, and parks.

This small excerpt captures just a small portion of the many highlights this chapter has had in the past year, and with a highly motivated group of brothers, I'm extremely excited to see what this chapter can pull off in the upcoming year.

Fraternally,

Steven Egnaczyk sp21, President



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Chapter at a Glance

Awards

We at the Gamma Chapter were honored to be presented with eight awards from Ohio State's Sorority and Fraternity Life (SFL) Department and five awards from the Triangle National Convention.

We'd also like to thank our brother's for once again making a great effort to represent our organization, as this year we had three brothers receive individual awards for their outstanding work at Ohio State. (pictured below)

SFL Awards

- IFC Chapter of the Year
- Outstanding Marketing and PR
- Outstanding Member Development Program
- Outstanding Service Initiative
- Excellence in Innovation

Chapter Statistics

Actives: 36

Initiates: 22
From AU21-SP22

Cum. GPA: 3.41

Graduates: 7
From AU21-SP22

National Awards

- Honorable Mention for Risk Management and Harm Reduction
- Honorable Mention for Recruitment Efforts
- \$1,000 Grant for 2nd Highest GPA
- One of Top 5 Chapter's of the Year
- 2nd Place in the Garatoni Building Better Men Application





Service and Philanthropy

New Connections!

Over the last year, we started volunteering with new organizations in the Columbus area.

One of the new and best places to volunteer at was Star House Columbus, a homeless service initiative primarily helping the homeless teen population in the area. Whether it was sorting food, inspecting donated clothing, or organizing their inventory, we felt proud in volunteering for a great cause, and were able to do so twice in one semester! Thank you to Kevin Kotobelli, former S&P chair, for reaching out to Star House and giving us this great opportunity. Our other new connection this year was Columbus Humane Society. Doing both equipment moving, packing and unpacking, and sorting for them, we were always glad to help out rescue animals (and pet them after).

We also had a few smaller philanthropy events. Our Triangle Battleship held in the RPAC Aquarium last fall was a huge hit, and was also helped in collaboration with Phi Sigma Rho and Alpha Omicron Pi Sororities.

Star House Columbus



Columbus Humane



Triangle Battleship

FIRST and Extra Life

A fun event put together by us to help raise funds for FIRST, our national philanthropy to encourage and develop STEM skills in kids, we held a fundraising event outside of the Wexner Center for the Arts on 15th Avenue, selling grilled cheese sandwiches on football game day. We were very happy to do this event and while very simple, we'll continue to do this into the future!

Extra Life last year was one of our best, raising over \$1,000 for the Nationwide Childrens Hospital here in Columbus. COVID-19 restrictions were loosening up by this time, and we were able to bring get multiple people within the house to do a 24-hour stream and game for Extra Life, which was much more lively and fun!





Social and Brotherhood

BLOCK!

With COVID-19 restrictions loosened up, OSU announced football games would be making a comeback, and we decided to give our try at a good ol' block party tailgating. Partnering with Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and Phi Sigma Kappa, we held block in our parking lot every home game. After the end of the football season, we thought to do block again for the next year, but we did want to change some things like our partnering and time starts, waking up at 7AM almost every Saturday gets tiring!

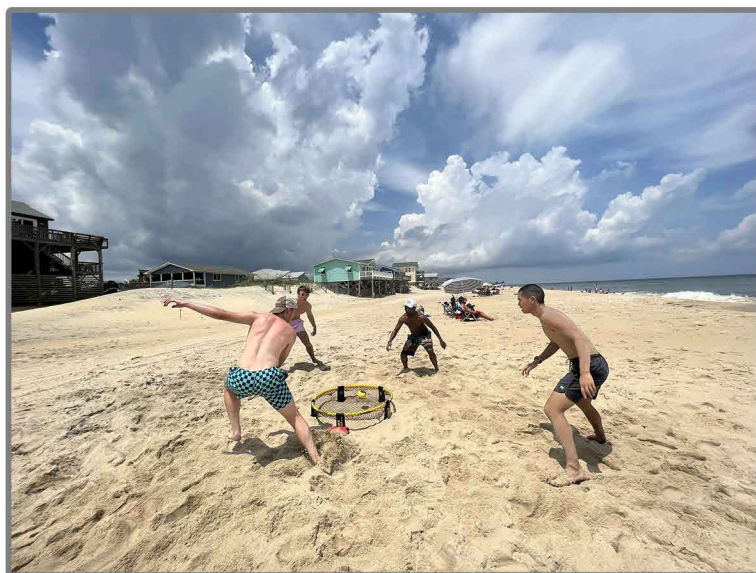


Shenandoah

For our fall break trip, we took a drive out to the mountains in Shenandoah, Virginia. More than 10 guys staying in a cabin gets packed, but we made sure to spend most of our time outside. With kayaking, hiking, or visiting the local town of Harrisonburg, this was a great time for us to get to know our new pledges, who we were very happy to have with us.

Glowing in the Night

A long time ago (around 4 years) an alumnus of our chapter named Tommy Balaj suggested an idea for a party; a highlighter marker theme. Tommy thought this was a genius idea, but his peers did not, and he never got his highlighter themed party. We decided to carry out his legacy and give this theme a shot. With blacklights, paper-lined walls, and a highlighter for each person, people were free to decorate and let it light up the room with a neon hue. After doing this party and having a blast, we're unsure why Tommy was struck down in his day...



The Beach Boys

With the spring semester over, we put together a plan for a summer break trip out to the beach. Just like last year, we decided to go with the Outer Banks in North Carolina. A 10 hour drive with only a 3 day stay, we had to make it worth it, and we did.

Complete with spikeball on the beach, kayaking in the marshlands, and 9AM Zoom meetings for those had internships, we were able to have a blast in North Carolina. Taking alumni with us, as well as a brother from the Kentucky chapter who was staying in our house for an internship.

Thanks to all the guys who were able to go. Using several bottles of sunscreen (and still getting burned) and late night walks on the beach in the cold sand are times to remember.

A Wrap Up

To conclude, let's congratulate several of our brothers who were able to secure internships or co-ops with great companies over the summer, and foster professional development as they head closer to graduation.

Aidan Macaskill assisted in gene research at the Cleveland Clinic.

Brad Ott was a manufacturing engineer at Battelle Ground Systems.

Cole Davis interned as a software developer at Caterpillar.

Edward Kubit did cyber security at Schneider Downs.

Jack Woo interned as a software developer at J.P. Morgan Chase.

Jackson Clark was a project engineer at Grunley Construction Company.

J.D. Black interned as a network engineer at AEP (American Electric Power).

Jonathan Hom interned as a software developer at Rotunda Scientific Technologies.

Joseph Hughes continues to work as a software engineer at Root Insurance.

Kevin Kotobelli interned as an engineer at Sherman Williams.

Mitchell Weitz interned as a mechanical engineer at Assembly Alliance Automation.

Nolan Kachmar interned as a geologist at Wertz Geotechnical Engineering.

Ryan O'Donnell was a physics research assistant at the Ohio State Department of Physics.

Sam Duckworth is a biomaterials researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Steven Egnaczyk interned as a technology developer at Optum Insurance.

Ted Zhou interned as a full stack developer at Maxar.

Telmo Zamarbide was a summer fellow at J.P. Morgan Chase.

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