

**Alpha Epsilon Pi - Omega Chapter
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2015 Fall Newsletter**



Our newly elected Executive Committee. Not pictured: Jacob Meyer

Greetings Parents and Alumni!

Recently, we held our biannual elections. Above, you can see the new Executive Committee. This year, we elected several members who had never before held an officer position. We're sure you'd like to know more about our new leaders, so we've provided a short bio of each.



First, our Master. The Master is in charge of working with AEPi Internationals and communicating with the university and the InterFraternity Council. In addition, he also manages the Executive Committee. This year, our new Master is Michael Tommer. Michael has previously served as Brotherhood Chair and as Rush Chair. He is a Communication and Political Science major from Merrick, New York.



Our second-in-command is the Lieutenant Master. The Lieutenant Master manages the Minor Board and general day-to-day business within the fraternity. Our new Lieutenant Master is Matthew Greenberg, a sophomore from Charlotte, North Carolina. Matthew previously served as the Exchequer and is majoring in Economics and Communication.



Next is our Scribe, who is in charge of chapter correspondence and maintaining a record of the fraternity's doings. Our new Scribe is Asher Kenen, who has not previously held an officer position. Asher served two semesters on the Housing Committee, and is a former Brotherhood Chair. He is awaiting admission to the Kenan-Flagler Business School.



Our fourth position is the Exchequer. The Exchequer is responsible for maintaining the budget and allocating money to meet chapter needs. This year, we elected highly qualified new member Jason Sewell. Jason is a freshman, who pledged this fall. He is pursuing a degree in Business.



Next comes the Rush Chairman. Our Rush Chair runs both Fall and Spring rush and is the main face of our fraternity for prospective members. The new Rush Chair is Noah Somaratne, a freshman from Santa Barbara, California. Like Jason, he pledged this fall and is also pursuing a degree in Business.



One of our toughest positions is House Manager. The House Manager has to maintain the house and negotiate with our national housing corporation; Esponda Inc. Our new House Manager is Hayden Lawler, a Computer Science major with a minor in Mathematics, from Wilmington, North Carolina. This past semester he served as the New Member Educator.



Our New Member Educator runs the pledge process and is in charge of shaping our rushes into brothers who will be ready to lead this fraternity. This year, we elected Kevin Margolin, a senior from Commack, New York. Kevin has held a variety of positions throughout his time in AEPi, including Exchequer and several semesters on Rush Committee. He is majoring in Sports Administration with a minor in History.



One of the more visible faces of our chapter is our Social Chair. The Social Chair plans and coordinates all of our parties, sorority mixers, cocktails and other social events. Our past Social Chair Michael DeBello did such a good job that we reelected him to serve in the spring. Michael is from Jericho, New York and is awaiting admission into the Kenan-Flagler Business School.



Like all organizations, AEPi needs veteran leadership and that is the role that the Sentinel plays. Our Sentinel is appointed by the Master to advise the Executive Committee on a variety of matters. The newly appointed Sentinel is Jonah Mahrer, from La Cañada, California. He is a Business major with a minor in Spanish.



Finally, there is the Past Master. This is a role played by the previous Master to help maintain some continuity throughout semesters and to provide advice and guidance on a number of issues. This year, our Past Master is Jacob Meyer, a Biology major from Charlotte, North Carolina. He is a junior who previously served as Master and as Rush Chair.

Initiation Fall 2015!

One of the most exciting nights in the semester is the night of initiation. It's the night when our pledges complete their pledgeship and join the fraternity as full, honorable brothers. It is a night of ritual and celebration that every brother will always remember. To honor these newly inducted brothers, we present the Epsilon Deuteron Pledge Class:

Samuel Killenberg is from Chapel Hill, NC and is majoring in Journalism. He currently serves on Housing Committee.

Noah Somaratne is from Santa Barbara, CA and is a Pre-Business major, with minors in Chinese and Hebrew. He currently serves as the Rush Chairman.

Nick Rosenthal is a freshman from Providence, RI and is majoring in Biology. He currently serves on Rush Committee.



The Epsilon Deuteron Pledge Class before their sorority serenades. Back row, left to right: Jordan Berkowitz, Marek Buckman, Jeremy McMillan, Jason Sewell, Zach Abdou, Avishai Hilev, Brett Berkenblit and David Gallub. Front row, left to right: Sam Killenberg, Zach Simon, Dan Barondes, Mike Miller, Noah Somaratne, Nick Rosenthal and Sean Kurz

Jason Sewell is a freshman from Downingtown, PA and is a Pre-Business major. He currently serves as the Exchequer.

Brett Berkenblit is a freshman from Briarcliff Manor, NY and is a Pre-Business major. He currently serves on Minor Board as a Trips Chair.

Sean Kurz is a freshman from Raleigh, NC and is a Pre-Business major with a minor in Spanish. He currently serves on Minor Board as a Philanthropy Chair and on Rush Committee.

David Gallub is a freshman from Plainview, NY and is a Pre-Business major with a minor in Music. He plays percussion for the UNC Symphony Orchestra.

Zachary Abdou is a freshman from Raleigh, NC and is a Pre-Business major. He currently serves on our Social Committee.

Daniel Barondes is a freshman from Greenville, NC and is majoring in Global Studies. He currently serves on Social Committee and Rush Committee.



Newly Initiated Brothers enjoy their first Halloween as full brothers.

Back row, left to right: David Gallub, Dan Barondes, Marek Buckman and Sean Kurz.

Middle row, left to right: Brett Berkenblit, Noah Somaratne, Mike Miller, Zach Simon, Sam Killenberg and Jordan Berkowitz.

Front row, left to right: Zach Abdou, Jason Sewell and Jeremy McMillan.

Not pictured: Avishai Halev and Nick Rosenthal

Michael Miller is a freshman from Philadelphia, PA and is a Pre-Business major. He currently serves on Social Committee.

Avishai Halev is a sophomore from Chapel Hill, NC and is double majoring in Math and Physics, with a concentration in Quantitative Finance. He currently serves on Minor Board as a Parents and Alumni Chair, and on the New Member Education Committee.

Jeremy McMillan is a freshman from Boca Raton, FL and is double majoring in Business and Political Science with a minor in History. He currently serves on Minor Board as a Parents and Alumni Chair.

Marek Buckman is a freshman from Chicago, IL and is majoring in Music. He plays Bass in the UNC Symphony Orchestra and for the UNC jazz big band.

Zachary Simon is a sophomore from New York, NY and is majoring in Political Science. He currently serves on Social Committee.

Jordan Berkowitz is a freshman from Delray Beach, FL and is majoring in Business. He currently serves on Minor Board as a Brotherhood Chair.

Homecoming 2015!



Matt Altman and Alyssa Schwartz affirming their marriage vows.

One of the biggest events during the fall semester is homecoming weekend. It's a time when alumni return to their old stomping grounds and meet up with friends and brothers alike. This year, we had a strong alumni turnout, in part due to an alumnus holding his wedding in nearby Raleigh. Congratulations to Matt Altman and Alyssa Schwartz. Mazel tov!

We welcomed back several notable alumni, including former Master Jason Steinberg and former Lieutenant Master Jason Cooper. In addition, we saw Scott Bissinger, who as a student helped us secure the lovely house we have today.

Our alumni weekend began on Friday night with a catered dinner at the AEPi house, followed by a social gathering of alumni and brothers.

The next morning we braved the rain and hosted an early tailgate prior to the football game. We reminisced about old times while we ate Bojangle's and got hyped for the epic rivalry that is UNC vs Duke!

Every homecoming is special, but nothing can top a homecoming with a UNC/Duke home football game. At the stadium, Chancellor Folt honored the alumni present and introduced a special group of alumni; the six Tar Heels who played on the World Cup champion USA Women's Soccer team. Our Tar Heels made the Alumni proud by trouncing Duke 66 - 31, to the jubilation of all.

Following our resounding victory against the Blue Devils, which featured a record setting performance by Tar Heel Quarterback Marquise Williams, brothers and alumni alike headed back to the house for some more socializing.



What would a Tar Heel wedding be like, if not for a little bit of Tar Heel cake?

To conclude our homecoming weekend, we hosted a light brunch at the house on Sunday morning. We bid a sad farewell to our alumni, and we look forward to hosting them next semester.

Here's a complete list of the alumni who attended, with their pledge class in parentheses:

Zacc Wolf (Pi)

Scott Bissinger (Pi)

Joe Ades (Pi)

Adam Bush (Pi)

Brendan Kaminsky (Pi)

Greg Becker (Pi)

Eli Colman (Pi)

Sam Rinderman (Sigma)

Oliver Rose (Sigma)

Alec Ginsberg (Sigma)

Jason Steinberg (Upsilon)

Jason Cooper (Upsilon)

Alex Katz (Upsilon)

Hillel Price (Upsilon)

Aaron Nichols (Upsilon)

Ian Lipman (Upsilon)

Joey Fleishman (Upsilon)

Matt Boehm (Upsilon)

Steven Wulfe (Phi)

Adriel Lubarsky (Phi)

Eric Branse (Phi)

Ben Olderman (Phi)

Corey Barchat (Chi)



Alumni and brothers gather for a catered dinner during Alumni weekend

Where are they now?

Greg Becker (Class of 2012) is the founder of bBox – building robots that cook hot breakfast sandwich and brew fresh coffee

Igal Bucay (Class of 2014) is studying at UT Austin pursuing a PhD in physics

Jason Kass (Class of 2014) is an associate at KPMG in NYC

Andy Schwartz (Class of 2011) is studying at Cal Berkeley pursuing a PhD in Finance

Matthew Ross (Class of 2012) is an Energy Strategist at Real NewEnergy in San Francisco.

Brendan Kaminsky (Class of 2012) is a Social Media Coordinator at ESPN

Andrew Putterman (Class of 2012) works in DC as the Senior Field Sales Manager for Charlotte based company called Infinisource;

Jacob Plitman (Class of 2014) is a Mayoral Security Force Listening Unit Tech Officer for NYC's Mayor Bill de Blasio

Jason Cooper (Class of 2014) is a Technical Services Analyst for Epic in Madison, WI

Sam Rinderman (Class of 2012) is an Account Executive for Largemouth Communications in Research Triangle Park

Alex Katz (Class of 2014) is an Account Strategist for Google in Mountain View, CA

Zacc Wolf (Class of 2012) works as a Trader Assistant in Fixed Income for Morgan Stanley in NYC

Adam Bush (Class of 2012) is a Workplace Planning and Guidance Consultant for Fidelity Investments in Research Triangle Park

Daniel Marchon (Class of 2011) is a Senior Research Associate at Raymond James in NYC.

Adriel Lubarsky (Class of 2015) is the CEO of Morph, a company based in Chapel Hill

Scott Bissinger (Class of 2012) is the East Coast Account Manager for Glooko, a company devoted to fighting diabetes.

Dan Leibel (Class of 2015) is working for the New York City Department of Design and Construction as a media consultant.

Steven Wulfe (Class of 2015) is a research associate for the UNC Computer Integrated Systems for Microscopy and Manipulation.

Benjamin Silverberg (Class of 2002) is one of our original refounding members. He is pursuing a fellowship in Community Medicine at Kaiser Permanente in Los Angeles.

James Kaminsky (Class of 2014) works for NBC Sports as a Football Researcher

Sam Hughes (Class of 2013) is an Analyst at Analysis Group an economic consulting firm in DC

Gabe Gorelick (Class of 2014) is a Commercial Real Estate Broker for KW Commercial in Chapel Hill.

Arie Wolf (Class of 2014) is a Freelance Programmer in Chapel Hill.

Bryan Friedman (Class of 2013) works as an Analyst at Citigroup in NYC.

Lee Becker (Class of 2009) is the District Manager for Anheuser-Busch in Boise, ID

Corey Densing (Class of 2013) is a Senior Sales Consultant for SinglePlatform in NYC.

Philanthropy

This semester's philanthropy event was called **Movember**. It is a global movement to raise money for Men's health, especially Prostate and Testicular Cancer. To show support, men around the world grow mustaches during the month of November, and AEPi is no exception. To the right, you can see a picture of our brothers attending a UNC



basketball game at the Dean Dome, a game that Carolina Athletics dedicated to the Movember movement. If you wish to make

a contribution to the Movember group, please visit moteam.co/alpha-epsilon-pi-aepi. We are proud to say that we have already raised \$20,000 in close collaboration with the UNC Medical School. A special thanks is owed to our Philanthropy Chairs, Michael Lebharr (pictured above in the black sweater) and Michael Roochvarg for coordinating this movement throughout the campus.

Jewish life at the Omega chapter

Throughout the semester, our chapter receives visits from several Jewish organizations. Every week we have dinner with Rabbi Zalman of Chabad. He brings us warm, homecooked meals and we discuss philosophy and religion. In addition, we also host Itay, Hillel's Israeli Fellow. Our last frequent guest is Rabbi Ari. Ari is the new Rabbi at Hillel and he also sits down with us for dinner. Ari helps get us involved with Hillel and with Jewish life on campus.



Top: Itay visits the AEPi house

Below: Brothers dine with Rabbi Zalman at the Chabad house



Other Chapter News



We recently had our first sorority mixer of the year with the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. Pictured here are brothers dressed for our theme, Mash Bash.

This past year, AEPi ranked in the top 5 of fraternity GPAs at UNC.

Congratulations to Michael Roochvarg for being elected as UNC Hillel's Vice President!

We've updated our website! We encourage all of you to go check it out at www.aepiunc.org.

Please feel free to send us any questions or comments you might have. We always love to hear from you!

Housing Updates:

This semester we made some major improvements to our lovely house. First of all, we installed a fresh new lawn, which will be professionally maintained on a weekly basis. Also, thanks to a few generous alumni, we have installed several flags outside of our house. Finally, we painted the entire first and third floors!

There are several projects we're currently working on, such as converting the third floor into a library for brothers to study in. We've made great strides in this endeavor, but we're still looking to add more bookcases and tables to make it a larger study space. We're also currently working to remodel our living room by adding stadium seating and new couches so that we can host larger brotherhood events and make our home more inviting.



Sadly, two of our brothers are graduating this semester and so with heavy hearts we prepare to say goodbye to Douglas Jampol and Derek Sekuler. Doug will be graduating as an Economics major with a minor in Mathematical Decision Sciences. After graduation he will be pursuing employment with Major League Baseball. Derek is graduating with a major in Political Science and a minor in History. Next year he will be searching for a job in a variety of fields.

Congratulations to Doug and Derek, and we hope to see you often!

Donations

As a fraternity, we truly value any and all contributions from parents, alumni and friends. Our leaders, especially our Executive Committee, work tirelessly to keep improving our fraternity, our house and our reputation on campus. We are constantly looking for new ways to expand our chapter, whether through more community service, major philanthropic efforts, housing improvements or brotherhood events.

As we're sure you can imagine, growing our chapter is not easy, which is why your contributions can make all the difference. If you'd like to make a donation, please visit our website at www.aepiunc.org. Thank you so much for your continued support and we wish you all a very happy Hanukkah and Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Michael Tommer, Master
Asher Kenen, Scribe