



Iota-Kappa Chapter

Newsletter | August/September 2021

Summer Recap:

Fraters, we are all excited for this fall semester. We have many events planned and have substantial goals we are already striving to achieve. Before we get into our plans for this Fall semester, we would like to reflect on our summer. We are glad to report that (all or many) brothers have had a summer job or internship. We are also proud to announce that two fraters attended the Tau Kappa Epsilon Leadership Academy. Frater Jared Jimenez (*N*, class of 2023) and Frater Connor Clappin (*μ*, Graduating Fall 2022) both attended this summer's leadership academy from August 6th to August 10th 2021. They took what they learned to heart and we are implementing it into our chapter.



Picture: Present are all the leaders (in grey) of the TKE leadership academy as well as all of the attendees (in red). We are proud to have had two members of the Iota Kappa Chapter, Connor Clappin and Jared Jimenez, attend this past year's Leadership Academy.

Besides all of our success over the summer, we also were able to take the time to strengthen our brotherhood. Over Memorial day weekend, a majority of our brothers and recent alumni gathered at Frater Mitchell Cummings' (μ , Class of 2021) camp. There we had a weekend where we could gather and get to know each other while covid restrictions limited it at Clarkson.



Before the semester began, many brothers moved in early to hold leadership positions in Pre-Orientation trips or to assist freshmen moving in. Frater Eric Brom (*N*, class of 2023) helped lead the Freshmen Orientation with the Office of Student Life. Frater Ethan Laferriere (Ξ , class of 2023) assisted in leading the Pep bands Pre-orientation trip. Fraters Connor Clappin (μ , Graduating Fall 2022), Ryan Kyle (Ξ , class of 2022), Matthew Lanphear (*M*, class of 2022), Jared Jimenez (*N*, class of 2023), and Brian Williams (*N*, class of 2023) are RDs and RAs, and were very busy moving in the incoming freshmen class and returning upperclassmen.



Picture: Frater Eric Brom, First on the right, helped to lead the incoming Freshmen's Orientation with the Office of Student Life.



Picture: On the right, Frater Ethan Laferriere (Σ, class of 2023) helped lead the Clarkson Pep band Pre-Orientation trip.

Semester Plans

The Iota-Kappa chapter actively strives to be one of the best chapters nationwide. We are working to grow the fraternity in many ways. We have a busy semester planned for Rush and Philanthropy.

Rush

Rush is very important for us always, but this year even more so. Last year, we had a large graduating class. About half of our Fraternity graduated. This year we are looking to build back larger than we were. We just finished our first week of Rush week. We have had 3 successful rush events. Our first event was a pickup soccer game. We had a large turnout with 20 new rushes. Our second event was a Pizza and Poker night. We had about 40 rushes playing poker, pool and meeting and hanging out with the brothers. Our third event was a cookout and lawn games. We again had about 40 people show up. With two more scheduled events, and preference dinner left, we are setting up to have a large pledge class. Our last two events this coming week are our annual dodgeball game, and a house tour and meet the brothers event. On Sunday, September 5th, two of our brothers, Gavin Flavel (Λ, Graduating Fall 2021) and Orlando Petterson (O, Class of 2024) took two rushes, David Salvatore and Owen Ameden, to hike Mt. Arab. We are looking to the rest of our events and are excited to induct new members into the greatest fraternity.



Picture: Our first rush event. The soccer rush event was a great success with many new rushes coming out. The event was a great time and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the friendly competition.



Picture: Some rushes and brothers enjoyed a hike to Mt. Arab.

From left to right: Owen Ameden (Rush), David Salvatore (Rush) Gavin Flavel (Ø, Graduating Fall 2021) Orlando Petterson (O, Class of 2024).

Clarkson recently hosted an activities fair where all the clubs and organizations tabled to meet new members. We had a large turnout at the table and were also able to meet with President Tony Collins, and get his support for our Fraternity.



Philanthropy

The start of a new semester also means the start of a new and bigger philanthropy goal. For the 2021-2022 academic school year, the Iota-Kappa chapter has a goal of raising \$30,000 dollars for St. Jude's Children Hospital. This is a large goal, but we believe we will accomplish this, especially after being so close at the end of last year. We have already started fundraising and will have many events this semester. Below is the link to our St. Jude fundraising page. We greatly appreciate all of your generous donations. We thank you for all of your support and helping the chapter to reach our goals.

<https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/school-fundraising-ideas/college/greek-organizations/tau-kappa-epsilon.html>

Alumni Spotlight

This year, we are continuing the Alumni spotlight! We will be creating a post about one of you. It would be posted to both Facebook and Instagram on our TKE pages. If you would like to have a post about you, please reach out to Sam Pych at pychsj@clarkson.edu, or myself at laferre@clarkson.edu. We would like you to reflect on your time in TKE and share your experiences during, and after TKE. Be on the lookout for the post on the Facebook @TKEIKCU and Instagram @tke_clarkson pages.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Covid-19 Updates

Guidelines on Covid-19 are subject to change. As of right now, off campus guests are only allowed on campus if they have received permission from the school. In order to come on to campus, Covid-19 vaccination is required. If you are interested in visiting the Iota-Kappa Chapter, reach out to our Prytanis, Matthew Mace at Macemr@clarkson.edu, to start the process of getting approval to visit campus.

Acknowledgments

The active members of the Iota-Kappa chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to thank all of our alumni. You have helped guide us as a chapter. Without the guidance and leadership of all the members that came before us, we would not be as successful as a chapter on Clarkson's campus. We thank you for all of your hard work, support, and generosity that continue to allow us to make a difference in the world and provide us with amazing opportunities such as our very own chapter house. Please reach out to either laferre@clarkson.edu or tkeiotakappa@gmail.com for any additional information or if you would like to donate any items to the house. We will continue to strive for the excellence that we have achieved thus far and will continue to grow as Fraters in the Bond.

Additionally, we would like to invite all of you to our weekly chapter meetings. Due to the pandemic, we host all of our chapters over zoom. By attending, you can hear what we are doing and how we are striving to reach our goals. We would love to have you attend chapter with us. If you are able to attend, chapter will be held every week on Sundays at 11am. The link below will work for every chapter we have. We really would love to have you join chapter. If you have any questions please reach out and we will gladly answer them.

<https://clarkson.zoom.us/j/94267881594?pwd=NWJtdVRKKytCdFRNWFR2NDlrSG9Zdz09>