



# Iota-Kappa Chapter

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## **This Semester:**

Fraters, we are continuing to stay strong and active during this challenging semester. Together, we have been actively working to better ourselves and the chapter. We have inducted seven young men into the new pledge class. They represent the Omicron class. They have almost completed their process. The class has only two weeks left. Five of the new members are pictured below. Two of them were present on zoom. We are hoping to have initiation in person again this semester. Clarkson is currently not allowing large group activities to try to limit the spread of the coronavirus. We may have to host a virtual initiation this semester. We are trying to figure how to effectively do this. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please reach out. We would love to hear them.



*From left to right, Back row: Connor Brown, Joshua Boos, Front row: Colin Graham, Andrew Tota and Nolan Stone. Not pictured, Nate Armano and Orlando Peterson (Were on Zoom).*

## **Philanthropy**

All things considered, the chapter still has the goal in mind of raising \$25,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We have many philanthropy events planned for this semester including our esteemed Teke week. To start off Teke week, we of course have our Teke Saw. We follow that up with paint a Teke on Tuesday and Wednesday we will be hosting a basket raffle. Thursday will consist of a gaming tournament. Friday we are attempting to host a car smash again. We will round out the week with a bottle drive. We are planning on having Teke week start on April 5th, and continue to Saturday, April 10th. We are all very excited for this year's Teke week and are hoping to have as many events in person as possible.

Currently we have raised a total \$13,329 for St. Jude. We are close to our minimum goal of \$15,000, but we are striving to go above and beyond. The link below is a link to our St. Jude fundraising page. We greatly appreciate all of your generous donations..

[https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TKE/TKE?pg=entry&fr\\_id=126510](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TKE/TKE?pg=entry&fr_id=126510)

## **Alumni Spotlight**

We are starting something new for the newsletter. We are creating an 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](mailto:pychsj@clarkson.edu), or myself at [laferre@clarkson.edu](mailto:laferre@clarkson.edu). We would like you to reflect on your time in TKE and share your experiences during, and after TKE. The first Alumni we will be highlighting is a recent alum, and our assistant chapter advisor, Jacob McNamara. 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**

Due to the pandemic, Clarkson is not allowing any outside guests to visit the campus. Because of this, we will unfortunately not be able to have any guests to the house. Clarkson has been quite diligent with assuring proper PPE and requiring social distancing to ensure Covid will not be a problem on campus. We have been abiding by these guidelines and have only had one brother be put into quarantine so far.

## **Acknowledgments**

The active members of Iota-Kappa 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](mailto:laferre@clarkson.edu) or [tkeiotakappa@gmail.com](mailto: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/94018653050>