



# Iota-Kappa Chapter

Newsletter | February 2022

## Regional Leadership Conference:

We were able to send 12 brothers, including 2 new members, to the Northeast Regional Leadership Conference (RLC) in Jersey City, NJ. This year was the first in-person RLC since the start of COVID-19 and there were more fraters registered to be there than ever before. The men of Iota-Kappa took advantage of the opportunity to network with fraters across the entire country to set up chapter visits, exchange ideas, and reignite our passion for TKE. The workshops covered many core topics including resourcefulness, recruitment, risk management, and many others. All of which are relevant to the fraternity and our future careers. We even had the opportunity to see one of our alumni, Logan Reith, Class of 2019, who is currently volunteering as a Province Advisor. Below is a photo of all the active members of Iota-Kappa in attendance with our keynote speaker, Frater Steve Forbes. The photo at the end of the newsletter is from the top of our hotel with Logan Reith and chapter advisor Ed Dominy. We are excited to use the lessons learned to continue to reach our individual and chapter goals.



*(From Left to Right): Matthew Ziccardi, Shamshad Abdullah, Andrew Tota, Kyle Van Blarcom, Connor Clappin, Steve Forbes, Eric Brom, Jared Jiminez, Davone Keovongmanysar, Keegan Flaherty, Rohan Chatterjee, Chandler Kent and Nolan Stone*

*Special thank you [thatarmyguyp photography](https://www.instagram.com/thatarmyguyp photography) for providing this picture*

## Philanthropy

We have been working very hard to reach our chapter goal of raising \$30,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Firstly, we would like to thank all the alumni, family, and friends that have supported our recent philanthropic events. Our Superbowl Squares event recently wrapped up and we were able to raise over \$1,500 dollars thanks to all your support. We have also stepped up our TKE Tuesdays and started collaborating with other organizations to make more food and bring in more students. Several student organizations have reached out to us to collaborate on future TKE Tuesdays thanks to our success. Our two major events for the remainder of the semester will be holding Freeze a TKE, where if a brothers donation board gets filled, they will be recorded doing a polar plunge into the Raquette River, and TKE Week, where we will have a week full of events including Car Smash, TKE saw, Paint a TKE and others. The picture below shows some of our brothers working with the Delta-Zeta sorority selling brownies for our TKE Tuesdays event as well as a link to our fundraising page if you wish to donate to St. Jude through our chapter link.

[https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TKE/TKE?pg=entry&fr\\_id=133641](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TKE/TKE?pg=entry&fr_id=133641)



**TKE Brothers (Back From Left To Right):** Chandler Kent, Caleb Courtemanche, Eric Brom, Nolan Stone, Jacob Swanson, Jared Jiminez



*TKE Brothers (Front From Left To Right): Tim Abele, Matthew Syzdek, Connor Joyce, Josh Adams*

## Rho Class

The Rho new member class has been working diligently to learn about the history and values of TKE. They have held a rush, philanthropy and brotherhood event and have developed a deeper understanding of what it means to be a TKE. We know that each individual of our new member class will help us attain our chapter goals and further develop into better men. We are very excited to welcome Rho class into our bond and would like to formally invite any alumni from our chapter or others to Initiation on Saturday, March 5th. The photo below shows our new member class and their



Hegemon, Sean Brynes, after talking with Clarkson President Tony Collins.

*(From Left to Right): Peter Russell, Moses Tchuinte, Ryan Pearl, Sean Brynes, President Tony Collins, Bryant Connolly, Matthew Ziccardi, Keegan Flaherty*

## Semester Calendar

Listed below are dates of significance for the remainder of the Spring 2022 semester into the summer.

- **Rho Class Initiation: March 5th**

- **TEKE Week: April 4th - 9th**
- **Undergraduate Commencement: May 14th**
- **Conclave, Houston: July 24th - 27th**

## **COVID-19**

Clarkson University has recently enacted the COVID Read & Act policy which has changed some of the rules regarding mask policies on campus. We have also received additional guidance on visitors and guests. The chapter is still asking all guests to either receive a PCR test within 3 days or an at home test within 24 hours before arrival to the chapter house. The new guidance is as follows:

“Visitors and guests are permitted on campus. All visitors who come on campus and have interactions with our students or staff must be fully vaccinated (which includes the booster if eligible). This includes all temp workers, contractors and visitors. Visitors must wear a mask if they will be visiting a classroom, the Student's Health center, or are under quarantine, in accordance with the NYS guidelines. Everyone must carry a mask with them on campus and use it, if required. All contractors and other visitors/guests required to be on campus must be approved through Human Resources first. Please complete [this form](#) to request any exception approvals for visitors on campus. This form will be directly submitted to Human Resources who will subsequently contact you regarding your request. Human Resources can be contacted at [clarksonhr@clarkson.edu](mailto:clarksonhr@clarkson.edu) or 315-268-6497.”

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Thank you to Frater Andres Jiminez (Theta-Kappa Chapter) of thatarmyguypography for volunteering your time, talent, advice and resources to both our chapter and the national fraternity. Please consider reaching out to thatarmyguypography if you have any photography needs. Thank you to all of the alumni that volunteer both for our chapter and the national fraternity. Thanks to the reputation that you continue to help us develop, Iota-Kappa has a great reputation among TKE's nationwide. Thank you to all the members that came before us. We would not be a successful chapter on campus without the hard work, support, and donations that continue to allow us to make a

difference and provide us with amazing opportunities. Please reach out to [clappicj@clarkson.edu](mailto:clappicj@clarkson.edu) or [tkeiotakappa@gmail.com](mailto:tkeiotakappa@gmail.com) for any additional information.

***Pictured:*** Logan Reith, Ed Dominy, Eric Brom, Connor Clappin, Kyle Van Blarcom, Chandler Kent, Rohan Chatterjee, Shamshad Abdullah, Nolan Stone, Andrew Tota, Matthew Ziccardi, Keegan Flaherty, Jared Jiminez

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