



Iota-Kappa Chapter

Newsletter | November and December 2021

This Semester:

Fraters, the Iota-Kappa chapter actively strives to be one of the best chapters nationwide. We are working to grow and develop the fraternity, and to aid our members in their mental, moral and social development. This semester is coming to a close, and finals week is upon us. The fall semester ends December 17th. Although the semester is over, we will not stop working to better ourselves and work towards our chapter's goals. We return to campus January 13th to begin our spring semester.

Officers:

On December 5th, we held our final chapter of the semester. In it, we held our transition of officers. We thank the past eboard for the great work that they have done and where they brought the chapter. We elected some of our greatest men to lead the chapter. Our newest Prytanis is Kyle Van Blarcom. His Epiptytanis is Eric Brom. Returning as Grammateus is Brian Williams. The next Crysopholes is Caleb Courtemanche. The new Histor is Connor Clappin. Matthew Syzdek is taking over as the Hypophetes. Nolan Stone is the next Pylortes. Our last position, the Hegemon, is being taken over by Sean Byrnes. We wish the best of luck to the new officers. We look forward to seeing what they can do for us.



Picture: The 2022 Eboard. Back row left to right: Histor Connor Clappin, Prytanis Kyle Van Blarcom, Hegemon Sean Byrnes, Epiprytanis Eric Brom.

Front row Left to Right: Grammateus Brian Williams, Hypophetes Matthew Syzdek, Crysopholes Caleb Courtemanche, Pylortes Nolan Stone.

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. One event was that we sold squares for the World Series. This raised over \$1,200 for St Jude. Additionally, the Pi pledge class held a BBQ where they raised over \$600 dollars. Below is the link to our St. Jude fundraising page. The website is a little unintuitive. If you wish to make a donation, you first need to click on the find your school button. This brings you to a page where you can search for Clarkson University. After searching, scroll to the bottom of the page where you can click on Clarkson University. Clicking on the make a gift tab will bring you to the page where you can make a donation. 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 the new Histor, Connor Clappin at clappicj@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, Kyle Van Blarcom at vanblakd@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 clappicj@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.



We are thankful for all the alumni who came up to visit on initiation day. It is because of all of you that we can be as successful as we are.

We would also like to thank Frater Andres Jimenez-Urbe from the Theta-Kappa chapter, class of 90, for taking all of the photos on Initiation.

Additionally, we would like to invite all of you to our weekly chapter meetings. Our chapters are now back in person, but we will still be hosting a zoom meeting if any alumni would wish to attend the chapter. Chapter is at 11am every Sunday morning during the semester. Chapter will return when we come back to campus next semester. If you would like to attend chapter via zoom, please reach out to Ethan Laferriere at laferre@gmail.com, or Matthew Mace at macemr@clarkson.edu. Below is the zoom link for chapter meetings.

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