



Iota-Kappa Chapter

Newsletter | October 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.

Initiation:

On October 23rd, 2021, we held our fall initiation. We are proud to announce that we initiated 18 fine men into the Iota-Kappa chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Their six week pledge process went by quickly. We are proud of how much they have grown and accomplished during that period. We know that they will continue to grow and further the fraternity.



Picture: The Pi class. Back row from left to right: Jacob Swanson ('22), Caleb Courtemanche ('24), Garrett Willard ('23), Nathaniel Hayes ('22), Timothy Abele ('24), Auden Hope ('23), David Guamina ('24), Colin Foley ('24), Alex Nobles ('24),

Front Row Left to Right: Taiyo Galli ('24), Jared Hummer ('22), Hegemon Jared Jimenez ('23), Matthew Syzdek ('24), Rohan Chattergee ('22), Samuel Bagshaw (Fall '21), Devon (DJ) Keovongmanysar. ('24), Matthew Kosack ('22), David Angus ('23), and Isaac Kiiza ('24).

With the initiation of these 18 young men, we nearly doubled the size of our chapter. We increased from 29 active members to 47. We are very excited to have such a large, and active chapter. We are currently the largest Fraternity at Clarkson University. Additionally, by initiating a class of 18, we set a record for the largest pledge class at Clarkson.



Here is a photo of the active members of the Iota Kappa chapter, with some distinguished alumni. Ed Dominy, our Chapter Advisor is present, and we are very fortunate to have him as our advisor. Pete Dawson, our regional advisor also attended this year's initiation.

We would also like to congratulate our two newest sweethearts. Maddie Pratt and Micaela Niskala have done a lot for our chapter over this past year and have helped us start this year successfully.



From Left: current sweetheart Olivia Robillard. Middle: new sweetheart Micaela Niskala, Right: new sweetheart Maddie Pratt

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. 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.



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. 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=NWJtdVRKKytCdFRNWFR2NDIrSG9Zdz09>