



Iota-Kappa Chapter

Newsletter | September 2021

This Semester:

Fraters, the Iota-Kappa chapter actively strives to be one of the best chapters nationwide. We are working to grow the fraternity in many ways. This semester we have hit the ground running. We hosted a very successful Rush week and are already planning philanthropy events.

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. Rush week was very successful. We had over 60 young men attend our events and express interest in our organization. At the end of rush we handed out bids to 22 great candidates. Nineteen young men accepted the bid and are in our pledge process right now. Yes, you read that right, we have 19 potential new members in our pledge process. They are apart of the Pi (π) class. They will be our 16th class since our rechartering. We are very excited to have this many potential new members. We are proud of all of them for their dedication to our organization. Their initiation is planned for October 22nd and 23rd. By adding 19 new members to our fraternity, we will be growing our chapter from 28 to 47 members.



Picture: The Pi class. Back row from left to right: Jared Hummer ('22), Nathaniel Hayes ('22), Matthew Kosack ('22) Isaac Kiza ('24) Garrett Willard ('23), Jacob Swanson ('22), Alex Nobles ('24), David Guamina ('24), Front Row Left to Right: Devon (DJ) K. ('24), Carson Wescott ('24), Matthew Syzdek ('24), Timothy Abele ('24), Tyler Galli ('24), David Angus ('23), Caleb Courtemanche ('24), Samuel Bagshaw (Fall '21), Rohan Chattergee ('22). Not pictured: Auden Hope ('23) and Colin Foley ('24).

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 pychs@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, a 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 the chapter. If you have any questions please reach out and we will gladly answer them.

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