

# Tau Kappa Epsilon- Rho Eta Chapter

## November Newsletter

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Fellow fraters, honorable alumni, I am your current Histor Jake Wolfson and October has come and gone with flying colors. The past 31 days have proved to be a month of stabilization for our ever-growing chapter, both hosting and participating in a multitude of events. Attending events

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such as Joe's Talk to support Wolfiethon and the B+ foundation, widened our eyes on the impact childhood cancer truly has and taught us what our mission as a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon is. Homecoming came as a great success with many active brothers and esteemed alumni in attendance (photo above). With the highway we have taken up through the Adopt A Highway initiative, we were able to have a blast cleaning up the garbage and making a difference together. We've also been doing a lot of planning for our future, whether it be recruiting and educating our new class of candidates or coming up with our schedule of philanthropy events for the rest of the year. With all that and midterms to deal with, we've had our hands full. But one must remember that we're all TKEs, so we're all quite resilient. We made it through, and we'll continue to push even higher. -**Jake Wolfson #468 Beta-Psi, Histor**

## Philanthropy Update

This semester has been a pretty active one in terms of charity events. We started it off with Soak A TKE, pouring water and throwing water balloons at whichever member people liked and then moved to our TKE Thrift Shop which together raised an immense amount of money towards St. Jude Children's Hospital. Additionally, we held a pumpkin smash event (put together by our Wolfiethon chair Andrew Garcia #474) which did an incredible job raising money towards Wolfiethon and the B+ foundation. As a fraternity, we feel that our biggest accomplishment and celebration would go towards the ending of chemotherapy for our B+ hero Tenzin. Him, his mother and brother have gone through immense challenges and we were so excited to hear that his battle



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with cancer was slowly coming to an end. While during October the entire chapter found themselves busy, we're glad to have still managed to put on a few successful events, and have many more planned. Was also ecstatic to meet many esteemed alumni at Homecoming and can't wait to see everyone again! -**Kartik Singh #484 Gamma-Alpha, Philanthropy Chair**


## State of Rho-Eta Address

Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon, alumni, friends, and guests,

As President of the Rho-Eta Chapter, it's my honor to speak with you today about the incredible progress we're making and the exciting future we're building together. This year, we have dedicated ourselves to upholding the ideals of Tau Kappa Epsilon and creating a legacy of brotherhood, philanthropy, and impact that will resonate far beyond our years here.

First, I want to emphasize our commitment to strengthening our ties with alumni. Our chapter is actively reaching out to our brothers who have come before us, ensuring they remain connected to the brotherhood and can see the impact their legacy continues to make. By organizing events and improving communication channels, we're building a network that allows alumni to not only reconnect but also mentor and support our active members. Through these efforts, we're forming a lifelong bond that goes beyond the campus, creating a powerful network of TKE men united by common values and dedication to each other's success.

Our chapter remains deeply committed to the spirit of giving back. This year, our philanthropic efforts are focused on two remarkable causes: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Wolfiethon. Supporting St. Jude's groundbreaking work to fight childhood cancer aligns with our values and enables us to make a difference in the lives of families and children facing unimaginable battles. Additionally, Wolfiethon, Stony Brook University's charity that supports families of children with cancer, allows us to make a direct impact in our community. This is



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personal for us as members of the Stony Brook family, and we are stepping up to make sure our presence is felt. Every dollar we raise, every event we host, brings us closer to making a substantial impact in the lives of these children and their families.

A strong brotherhood is at the heart of what it means to be a TKE. This year, we've focused on fostering stronger bonds within our chapter, knowing that the strength we build internally will drive our external impact. With dedicated events, team-building exercises, and open forums, we're enhancing the brotherhood experience for every member. We're also extending our reach to the national level, representing Rho-Eta with pride at events and initiatives. We are making sure that Rho-Eta is not just a chapter that belongs to Tau Kappa Epsilon, but a chapter that stands out as a leader within TKE nationwide. Through this engagement, we're learning, growing, and showing what it means to be one of the best chapters in the country.

With every achievement, we are positioning Rho-Eta as a leading chapter within Tau Kappa Epsilon. Our work on campus, with our philanthropy, and in our representation at national events is building a legacy of leadership, brotherhood, and service. This year is not only about maintaining our place in the fraternity but about setting a new standard of excellence for those who will come after us. We are here to lead by example, ensuring that the Rho-Eta chapter is respected, recognized, and remembered within Tau Kappa Epsilon and beyond.

Brothers, I am proud to serve as your President, and I am inspired every day by the dedication, strength, and unity I see among us. We are building something great. Together, let's continue to make history, support each other, and bring honor to Tau Kappa Epsilon, both here at Stony Brook and beyond.

**Yours in the Bond, MD. Islam Prytanis, Rho-Eta Chapter, Tau Kappa Epsilon Beta-Chi #465**





## Brother of the Month

This month's inaugural Brother of the Month is our honorable Histor, Jake Wolfson. A constant positive presence whether it be at chapter, at on-campus events, or just hanging out with the fraters, Jake played a huge role in connecting and bringing many alumni to homecoming as well as finding many lost scrolls preserving the history of the chapter. Additionally, he serves as VP of administration for IFC, treasurer for the psychology honor society Psi Chi, Executive VP of OOO Chi Kappa chapter (the Greek life honor society) and Histor and social chair for TKE. Keep up the incredible work, Jake!

## Upcoming Event Schedule

**November 1st- Wolfiethon Trunk or Treat-** Us and the B+ heroes come by as we wear costumes and trick or treat with them.

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