

## BROTHERHOOD DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

### WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!

The Nu-Omega Chapter completed its 49th year at William Paterson amidst a global pandemic. COVID-19 had a tremendous impact on all of our lives. For the Nu Omega chapter it completely altered our mission as a social fraternity. Our brotherhood persevered through these challenges and we are now preparing to celebrate our 50th anniversary!

Throughout 2019 the Nu-Omega Chapter continued its commitment to building better men and a better world by hosting several events before



The 50th Anniversary website— [www.tinyurl.com/NuOmega50](http://www.tinyurl.com/NuOmega50)

and during the pandemic. We look forward to joining our nearly 700 members in celebrating this historic year for the Nu Omega chapter.

### CHAPTER EVENTS

Prior to the Pandemic the Chapter had planned several events, fundraiser's and campus programs. Most of these were cancelled when the University moved to completely remote instruction and cancelled all on-campus activities.

One significant event which did take place was our Valentine's Day St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fundraiser. Over a week long period, members of the chapter sold Red Roses and Red Carnations on-campus with proceeds going directly to St. Jude. To increase our contributions to St. Jude we added a bake sale to the Valentine's Day Flower sale. We successfully raised \$300 for St. Jude, adding to our commitment to support our official philanthropy. We also supported a philanthropic event hosted by Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority where many brothers helped create backpacks and care packages for families and children in need.



#### Chapter Leadership 2020-21

President- Gabriel Diaz  
Internal VP- Phil Andre Amiths  
External VP- Sean Dwyer  
Treasurer- Ryan Kim  
Chaplain- Jaime Muriel  
Sergeant-at-Arms- Jack Torchia  
Secretary- Sean Devine  
Historian- Michael Muir  
New Member Educator-  
Michael Ebenhack  
Chapter Advisor- Gary Marks, Jr.  
BOA Chairman- Dave Celeste



Frater Gary Marks, Jr. #477

### CONGRATULATIONS FRATER GARY MARKS, JR. #477

As Chapter Advisor to the TKE Nu Omega Chapter, Gary received the 2019-2020 award for Outstanding Advisor for a Student Organization by the William Paterson Student Government Association.



*Nu Omega Chapter*

*“Because we’re the TKE’s of Nu-Omega...”*

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[WWW.TKENUOMEGA.COM](http://WWW.TKENUOMEGA.COM)**

## **Chapter Update & Alumni Support**

### **PERSEVERING IN A PANDEMIC**

To carry on during the Pandemic the chapter continued hosting social and educational events through virtual tools. A major event which received recognition from the University President was our co-sponsorship of a Voting 101 virtual event. Led by the Cheng Library Civic Literacy Initiative and partnered with TKE and Phi Sigma Sigma, this event helped to inform students, many first time voters, on topics like voter registration, mail-in ballots, and researching candidates and issues. Over 50 students attended this online event which is being nominated for outstanding educational program in the SGA Annual Awards program.

To foster the growth of our bond as brothers we began a series TKE Takeovers on the chapters Instagram story feed. Every week a new brother would add a video blog their day to share their daily experience during these unusual times. Members also built on this venture by using their personal social media accounts to support our philanthropies by creating donation “bingo” boards, highlighting the generosity of those who support St. Jude.

**\*Special Projects Fund**  
When making a donation:  
Please type “Nu Omega Special Projects”  
in the donor comment box.

**\*\* St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital**  
Choose: Donate to your Chapter’s Page  
Enter: William Paterson University

**Thank you for your support!**

This past year has been a filled with challenges, separation, isolation, and has tested our resolve as a society. Our chapter remains the largest fraternity at William Paterson despite the limitations placed on us by COVID-19 such as the inability to have on-campus meetings and events or any type of in-person interactivity for recruitment or fostering the ties of our brotherhood. Our chapter successfully transitioned to virtual meetings and events just as our members adapted to the virtual learning environment. As William Paterson begins the process of restoring campus life, we are prepared to carry on the traditions of our organization.

Overcoming the challenges of 2019, our chapter continues a commitment to our philanthropy goals. We recently launched a new Winter Fundraising Event which began on December 13th, 2020. Once again we are supporting St. Jude Children’s Hospital by collecting donations and raising awareness by providing donors with St. Jude t-shirts. The Winter Fundraiser ends on Founder’s Day January 10th, 2021. Follow link below for more information.

We are also providing information to make charitable donations to St. Jude or the Nu Omega Chapter Special Projects Fund. Both are tax deductible. Be sure to follow the instructions so Nu Omega can honor it’s commitment to these efforts. The Special Projects fund supports undergraduate chapter members in attending leadership and educational conferences offered by TKE. Any donation you make to either St. Jude or the Special Project’s Fund is greatly appreciated. As future alumni we look forward to supporting future generations of Nu Omega TKE’s and to all those in need at St. Jude.

**Winter Fundraising  
Event & Donor Recognition**  
<https://tinyurl.com/NuOmegaNews>

Yours in the Bond,  
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