



Alpha Notes

Alpha Chapter of Chi Phi Fraternity

May 2022

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The Alpha Chapter had an extremely successful fall semester to finish up 2021, and an even better start to 2022. In the spring, we held the most successful rush in the history of our Alpha Chapter, admitting 30 new brothers. The entire Alpha Chapter is thrilled to have welcomed a robust and well-rounded group of new brothers who have already demonstrated an amazing commitment to the house. We are confident that each man will prove a worthy addition to the house, and many of the new brothers are already contributing in roles of responsibility in the Chapter. We are very excited to see what the future will hold this fall as they further develop their roles as leaders for the Chapter.

In addition to the great new group of brothers joining the house this spring, we were also thrilled to have our first semester since the start of COVID in March of 2020 in which our Chapter was able to operate at full capacity without the hindrance of University or State restrictions. As such, we revived our 'Hoodang' philanthropy event to benefit Operation Smile, which

was a great success. The event was held on the quad and featured live music, a dunk tank, food, and drinks, and was aided by terrific spring weather. Moving forward into the fall, as the next class moves into the house, we are looking into ways to further revamp our philanthropic efforts by bringing back the Chi Phi Oktoberfest philanthropy event.

These activities and many others are welcome to any alumni, and we appreciate the alumni who have taken the time to stop by this past year as well as those who have reached out to support our Chapter. The doors of the house are always open, and if we can be of assistance in any way, please reach out to myself or the Chapter Advisor, Jerry Reid, at jmr6rd@virginia.edu.

Alex Vogel '23
President

Beta Notes

The spring semester has been an eventful one for 161 Rugby Rd - we have welcomed 30 new members into the house, hosted a "Spring Quad Party" which raised over \$6,000 (all of which went to the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation to promote mental health awareness), and are hosting a philanthropy event to raise money for Operation Smile.

The brotherhood would like to share some of our renovations we have made to help make our house even better: we have added a new sitting area to our sun deck, have made several additions to our professionally cleaned rock garden, including a man-made fire pit, projector screen, and a table to eat at. In addition, we have built and painted a DJ booth, constructed a new bar, and installed additions to our current party lighting system to further the decor of the house.

While these renovations to the house have made 161 Rugby Rd even more of a gathering location, we still have many projects in the works. The brothers are in the process of planning a deck addition to the side of the house to allow for a more functional outdoor setting as opposed to simply the rock garden. Additionally, we are making the portico a more functional gathering place by reinforcing its structural integrity.

Matt Haber '24
Vice President



Current status of the house's deck

Spring 2022 Pledge Class

The Alpha Chapter of Chi Phi kicked off this spring semester with the addition of 30 new members. With this being one of the largest pledge classes in recent years, the house has been more lively and more diverse than ever. The new members hail from all parts of the United States and bring with them a wide variety of interests that are shown through contributions to our very successful IM basketball and soccer teams, and prestigious clubs around Grounds.

Throughout the semester, we've taken them under our wing and exposed them to house traditions and numerous events. We are very much looking forward to a great fall semester with them next year and hope that you are able to meet them during your next trip back to Charlottesville.

Bryce Hak '23
Alumni Chair

Name:	Hometown:	High School:	Major:
Gabriel Thomas Amacher	Chicago, Illinois	St. Ignatius College Prep	Commerce and Economics
Walter Flanagan Auby	Austin, Texas	Liberal Arts and Science Academy	Commerce and Computer Science
Christian Joseph Baumer	Miami, Florida	Gulliver Prep	Commerce
Uzair Jawad Bhatti	Richmond, Virginia	Maggie L. Walker Governor's School	Computer Science and Commerce
Malcolm Robert Brickhouse	Charlottesville, Virginia	Charlottesville High School	Commerce
Gaston Frederick Caperton	Cornelius, North Carolina	Christ The King High School	Commerce
Herminio Travon Cervantes	Orange, Virginia	Orange County High School	Statistics
Alec Sampson Cooper	Potomac, Maryland	Walt Whitman High School	Commerce
Maximus Anthony Cresti	Chester, New Jersey	Delbarton School	Biomedical Engineering
Tyson David Denton	Hampton, Virginia	Kecoughtan High School	Public Policy
Cole Edward Downs	Virginia Beach, Virginia	Cape Henry Collegiate	Commerce
Andrew Yearsley Eagle	Bethesda, Maryland	Walt Whitman High School	Commerce
Joseph Robert Eliades	Hopewell, Virginia	Hopewell High School	Commerce
Julian Francisco Escoba	Norfolk, Virginia	Granby High School	Mathematics
Daniel Evan Farmer	Sterling, Virginia	Potomac Falls High School	Computer Science
Nick Patrick Kellogg	Williamsburg, Virginia	Jamestown High School	Computer Science
Matthew William Lawrence	Rockingham, Virginia	Spotswood High School	Economics and Commerce
Joseph Thomas Leonard	New Hyde Park, New York	New Hyde Park Memorial	Computer Science
Jonathan Harry Lowenthal	Rockville, Maryland	Bullis School	Politics
Phi Phung Lu	Virginia Beach, Virginia	Frank W. Cox High School	Computer Engineering
Mike Thomas Magnano	Richmond, Virginia	Steward School	Commerce
Samuel Laurence Martin	Virginia Beach, Virginia	Frank W. Cox High School	Chemical Engineering
John Nathan Moss	Richmond, Virginia	James River High School	Commerce
Michael Traser Nopper	Virginia Beach, Virginia	First Colonial High School	Environmental Science
Dervon Stephen Parchment	Madison, Wisconsin	Madison West High School	Civil Engineering
Mason Garret Pearce	Virginia Beach, Virginia	Frank W. Cox High School	Civil Engineering
Gabriel Ari Rayev	Dedham, Massachusetts	Noble and Greenough School	Commerce
Bennett Komins Ross	Wilmington, Delaware	Wilmington Friends School	Statistics
Kyle Bentsen Simard	Reading, Massachusetts	Phillips Academy Andover	Commerce and Chemistry
Samuel Mark Sylvester	Hopewell, Virginia	Hopewell High School	Public Policy



Looking Forward

As we quickly approach our chapter's 165th Anniversary and Chi Phi's 200th Anniversary, we are planning a Chapter reunion for some time in the next academic year. The reunion is currently being finalized and details will be sent out in the fall newsletter so that you may plan accordingly. Additionally, we are planning to introduce our 165th Anniversary Fundraiser next fall in hopes of using the money raised to fund much needed house projects like bathroom and kitchen renovations. The exact distribution of funds will be clearly broken down in a spreadsheet by our treasurers and alumni chair at the time of the fundraiser. In the meantime, we wanted to thank the alumni for all they have done. We sincerely appreciate everything and are excited for what the future holds.

Finally, in an attempt to keep the brotherhood more connected, we've created a LinkedIn group called "[University of Virginia - Chi Phi Network](#)." For those reading the print version, it should show up after searching the group name on LinkedIn, but please reach out to me at my contact information below if you are having any difficulty.

Feel free to reach out to myself (bh3vsd@virginia.edu), or any of the others mentioned, about anything on your mind and keep an eye out for future newsletters and updates. I hope this letter finds you well and hope to see some of you on Grounds next fall.

Bryce Hak '23
Alumni Chair

Chi Phi Approaches Major Milestones

We should take enormous pride in the fact that in less than two years, Chi Phi will be the first college social fraternity to celebrate its bicentennial anniversary. 2024 will also mark the 165th Anniversary of the Alpha Chapter and the 100th Anniversary of our beloved Chapter House.

A Chapter House does not a Fraternity make, but it has served us incredibly well as a domicile and gathering place for many decades of Chi Phi brothers. It has been important part of our history and remains critical to our future growth and relevance. Since the completion of construction in 1924, the facade at 161 Rugby Road has remained relatively unchanged. However, in the spirit of modernization and to address the anticipated wear, there have been numerous repairs and renovations over the past 60 years. Basement, roof, bathroom, and kitchen renovations, floor replacements, HVAC, and a sprinkler system are some of the improvements that have been undertaken to maintain the quality and safety of our property. This summer we are planning to renovate the third-floor bedrooms with the second-floor bedrooms to follow next summer.

Our Chapter has two accounts with the UVA Fund. These "chapter specific" accounts were established 20+ years ago and are held as:

The Alpha Chapter Excellence Fund (FAA263), for need based scholarships, and **The Chi Phi Alpha Home Association Fund** (FAA262), for capital improvements. Donations to either fund provide the donor with a gift recognition to the University's Annual Fund. Even though we have not undertaken any major fundraising projects since 2009, we continually have brothers who donate to these funds. We are most appreciative for their ongoing generosity and sincerely welcome new donors.

Donations can be [made online](#) or sent via check to Alumni Hall:

UVA Fund
c/o Chi Phi Fraternity
P.O. Box 400314
Charlottesville, Va. 22904

As always, thank you for your continued support and loyalty to the Alpha Chapter.

In the Bonds,
Jim Soderquist A'67
Alpha Chapter Alumni Association