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Alpha Tau Omega
Gamma Sigma

Fall 2021



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Headlines

Homecoming 2021 - Saturday September 18th

All are welcome as we celebrate Homecoming. The traditional happy hour will kick it off at 3:30pm followed by an Alumni Annual Meeting at 5pm and a brotherhood dinner at 6pm. Men's Soccer faces Coast Guard at 11am followed by Football taking on RPI at 2:30pm. To help balance the worries of covid we will be having Homecoming at the house both indoors and outdoors. All indoor spaces will be available and outdoor the porch and side yard will be utilized. Masks are optional based on comfort. 95% of both the WPI community and ATO Brotherhood are vaccinated. RSVP to roehendrick@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you and see you soon.

Building the Future of ATO Project

Every living ATO has walked through the doors of 8 and 10 Regent Street. We have heard stories of alligators in the bathtubs, pledges being pulled up into the attic, brothers sleeping in Blue Peter, and drinking festivities like 'shot a minute' or the Penthouse Lounge/M-Room parties. We all owe our college experiences to 8 and 10 Regent. The property has been beaten, partied, and well lived in by us for 60 years. We as a grateful brotherhood must now recognize where we stand. These houses have given so much to us and it is time we show our appreciation by giving back with necessary improvements, in order to keep our houses running for generations of Taus to come. This fundraiser and the resulting projects are extremely important. If you would like to be more informed or involved please reach out to Steve Gale.

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President Update

Moving into the summer, we had big plans heading into a hopefully normal year. A brotherhood leadership rebuild took place, which can be seen at the end of my report. The main goals were to improve productivity, balance out leadership positions, and increase engagement and accountability. We have a very motivated group of brothers and Alumni who are putting a lot of time and effort into making the house an awesome place to live for years to come, but a system was needed to make sure this productivity can be sustained. Continuing along the summer two brothers went down to the ATO National Congress and brought back a scholarship award the chapter had earned. WPI and National awards are an area of focus for the chapter over the next few years. We have developed a strong baseline awards packet for submission and will look to improve it every year. With the chapter growing and improving in all directions there is a lot of ground for recognition.

I will end my report here because Homecoming is right around the corner. Homecoming has always been a time for the whole brotherhood to be together, but now more than ever we are coming to appreciate the hard work everyone has put in the past few years. As much as this work has been to make the house great for years to come, it has also been to honor and make those who have come before proud. I know life can be busy but please take the day to come see old friends and appreciate the house for what it was, what it is, and what it's going to be. A strong attendance would mean so much to me and I imagine many others.

New Structure (Four Tier System):

- Goal of new structure: Improve productivity, balance out leadership positions, keep positions engaged, hierarchy

1. Alumni Board/Housing Corp.

- House improvements, set the rules, approve house changes, collect rent, engage with actives, link larger alumni network to actives

2. Executive Board (Top 9)

- Elected board of actives that lead the chapter, plan events, and hold the brotherhood accountable. All of Top 9 will be expected to be a role model, a leader, use authority properly, communicate, and be active in the brotherhood.

- Positions:

i. President

- Improved Responsibilities: IFC, Neighborhood, school, seat on Alumni Board, hold everyone on all levels accountable

ii. Vice President

- New Responsibilities: Bylaws, J-boards, philanthropy

iii. Treasurer

iv. Risk

v. New Member Educator

vi. Rush

vii. Chaplain

viii. Historian

ix. Secretary

- New Responsibilities: Organize school and national awards

3. *New* Leadership/Operations Chairs

- Elected chair positions that function below the executive board. Each position runs a committee and runs a key function of the house.

- Positions:

i. House Manager

- Plans all improvements (must be approved by Top 9 and Alumni Board), works within a budget, organizes house manager committee

ii. Stew

- Approves and unloads food orders, makes weekly menus, helps to put out lunch, works with Mrs. Cat, runs the Stew committee

iii. Social

- Plans parties, hype guy, plans formals, greek life engagement

iv. Media



- Keep up the chapter's social media presence (facebook, instagram, linkedin)

v. Comptroller

- Be the second signature on all chapter checks and keep a log of all expenditures

4. *New* Leadership/Operations Committee

- Appoint positions based on preference. Support system for all the other positions. i.

Risk

- work with Risk Manager to help with parties and general risk

ii. Brotherhood/Social

- work with chaplain and social chair to plan events

iii. Rush

- attend rush events, help with set up, extra eyes at events

iv. Stew

- work with Stew Chair to get tasks done

v. House Manager

- work with house manager chair

vi. Merit/Awards

- work with secretary to complete and submit True Merit and Chapter Excellence

Love and Respect,
Alex Poll

Vice-President Update

Over the summer, I read through and updated the bylaws to reflect the positional changes described above. In the new system, the VP acts as a philanthropy chair that should coordinate community service opportunities, setup/run our signature event, and deal with internal affairs. In terms of our community service opportunities, we were put into contact with a service group known as Worcester Green Corps. Our partnership is built on our manpower as they are a new organization and will consist of monthly cleanups in designated locations throughout Worcester. There will also be occasional projects that they want us to participate in, such as constructing a garden. This service opportunity provides the ability for the guys in the house to give back to the community by volunteering for a couple hours each month. The kickoff cleanup event is scheduled for September 12.

In the past couple years, our chapter has not had a signature event that we are known for on campus. This year, through a vote at our house meeting, we decided on solidifying the polar plunge that we did in the spring into a

signature event that will raise money for the special olympics community. We plan on doing more



than just the polar plunge; however, this event is still in the planning phase and will likely not occur until early spring semester.

Love and Respect,
Mike Biando

Treasurer Update

The status of our bank accounts are gradually getting better, and we are getting by in terms of paying bills. With that being said, all bills are up to date and being paid accordingly. Most of the brothers have successfully paid all of their national dues and house dues in a timely manner, with some exceptions that are being handled.

Looking ahead, I want to keep the house running accordingly in terms of finances and making sure all bills continue to be paid properly as we work through the fall and its numerous events, such as Homecoming, Recruitment, etc.. We are also trying to save money in any way we can by making some changes around the house. For example, we are planning to get new chairs for Angel Hall that will last for years to come. I have also been working closely with the House Managers to budget for numerous projects to renovate some areas of the house that have aged, such as the right side wall in Alcove, as we are working to put up new drywall and repaint the soundboards, among some other smaller projects outlined in the House Manager update below. I also want to make sure all active brothers are up to date on their payments through OmegaFi. We will work hard as an executive board to remain under budget and use our finances intelligently.

Love and Respect,
Colin Canniff

Rush Chair Update

We are excited to host and recruit a new class of members that embodies the values of ATO and our brotherhood and will carry on our spirit for years to come. Unlike last year, we should be able to host our more common events in recent years such as our kick off BBQ, Skyzone, Chinese and Italian Nights courtesy of our beloved Ms. Cat, and a brotherhood favorite, bowling. We are looking to incorporate some new events such as homemade mini golf here at the ATO house, bubble soccer, or catering from a local restaurant. We expect to see great attendance throughout rush and are very excited to show off the brotherhood and house improvements during house tours. Thanks to the tireless effort of the alumni board, and brothers and alumni of all classes, the restoration of the house will surely attract more members. Our goal is to recruit at least 25 new members this year which we all feel is a very obtainable target.

Love and Respect,
Mike Levene

Secretary Update

The mail is organized into the mailbox system inside the front door of Main House. Each resident brother has a label for their designated mailbox. The whiteboard calendar in Angel Hall is kept up to date with important brotherhood and school events as well as birthdays, class GPA, and a quote of the month. I am maintaining the excel file to manage attendance at house meetings, and the meeting minutes from those meetings are sent out to the entire brotherhood. This year marks the beginning of our return to pre-COVID normalcy, and I am looking forward to seeing you all at Homecoming.

Love and Respect,
Joshua Reeder

House Manager Update

Projects completed or in the process of being completed by the brotherhood under the direction of House Manager Luke Reid:

- Replaced the drywall in alcove and repainted the walls and soundboards to match Angel Hall
- Reprinted and reframed all composites on record dating back to 1905
- Hung the newly reframed composites in the Chapter Room
- Added lighting to room with Mrs. Cat's Fridge
- Remodeled laundry room
- Fixed the pocket doors in Main 1

We plan to continue making improvements to preserve ATO for years to come. Any and all help (physical, financial, etc.) is greatly encouraged and appreciated!

Love and Respect,
Luke Reid, 339-832-5759, lreid006@gmail.com



This is a list of our seniors and their majors. These seniors are hungry to get out into the real world and we encourage you to reach out if you know of opportunities.

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Historical Spotlight



Classes of 1945-46



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Dear Ms. Fell:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I send my congratulations to the newly-elected "Homecoming Queen" of Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Your years of dedication to the student body and the obvious high esteem in which you are held have made you a source of great pride to the community you serve so well.

Again, my very best wishes to WPI's "Surrogate Mother" and to all of the young men and women who made this honor especially meaningful. As a former fraternity member at Tufts, I can appreciate all that you mean to the young men of Alpha Tau Omega.

Sincerely,

LOUIS P. BERTONAZZI
State Senator

