

# ARM & HAMMER

Alpha Tau Omega

Gamma Sigma

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## Headlines

### ATO x NSBE Basketball Tournament

This term a goal of ours as a chapter was to partner with another on campus organization, and we are excited to announce we succeeded in this regard. We partnered with the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) to put on a basketball tournament to aid them in fundraising for a trip to their national convention. We were thrilled with the success of the event, and we hope this is a relationship we can maintain in the future.



### ATO Nike Golf Polo Available

Price: \$50.00

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# President Update

As we look to end our fall semester, I am pleased to report that our fraternity has achieved notable progress and garnered positive recognition within our university community and the surrounding neighborhood. Our steadfast dedication has put us in this positive situation where we have the creative freedom to grow our chapter. At the beginning of the school year, my executive board sat down and drafted three primary objectives for the fall semester. Firstly, we aimed to raise more funds for our cherished philanthropy, Special Olympics. Secondly, we aimed to recruit a strong pledge class of 20 or more students that embody the future leaders of our chapter. Lastly, we strive to continue to nurture the growth and development of our underclassmen, guiding them to become the future leaders within our fraternity.

As it stands this year, we have raised \$3,261.11 for Special Olympics, Worcester Fire Department, Worcester Police Department, and the American Breast Cancer Foundation. Following the conclusion of rush, we happily welcomed 22 new pledges into ATO where they will undergo new member education until the end of C term. After the elections in November, we were able to happily say that all of our overarching goals had been accomplished. Additionally, our brothers have embraced various leadership roles in a multitude of campus clubs, reflecting not only our pursuit of a vibrant social scene but also our determination to uphold the values that define our fraternity within our campus community.

Over the past year, we have established a Board of Trustees (BoT) for our chapter. Their role is not to supplant the executive board but rather to facilitate our chapter's operations and ensure we remain on the right path. In times of adversity, should the university levy charges against us, the BoT will serve as our advocates and mentors.

I would like to take a moment to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed alumni in the Housing Corporation for their relentless efforts in maintaining and improving our fraternity house. Your dedication to 8 and 10 Regent St is what makes this chapter great. For an update on the house, please read the Housing Managers Update.

Love & Respect,  
Dante Amicarella



## Vice-President Update

This semester we have been doing a lot of work on the house while also keeping good relationships with the neighbors and finding new ways to raise money for our main philanthropy, Special olympics. On October 28th we helped put together a haunted house event at Bancroft Tower for the neighborhood kids. As we did last year we also collected halloween costumes from families around our neighborhood, WPI, and Worcester as a whole. They were donated to underprivileged children in the community that couldn't afford halloween costumes.

We will also look to hold a car wash to collect more donations for Special Olympics in the Spring. We are unable to hold this event in front of our house due to obstructing traffic but we were able to work with the school to find a suitable venue.

We tried to plan a barbecue block party for the neighborhood to welcome the new president last spring, but no dates were sufficient for all parties. After going to a neighborhood meeting we discussed having a block party further but no dates were decided upon, so we will look to plan this for the spring. Moreover at that meeting the neighbors decided to officially accept ATO into the neighborhood organization, GHHNA, and graciously waive the fee.

Love and Respect,  
Giovanni Vecchiarino

## Treasurer Update

Over the summer after taking back my role from the Interim treasurer, I focused on getting caught up on anything I missed and making sure our accounts were in order. During the summer months we had 5 brothers living in the house, myself included, and we had to be on top of the bills that resulted because of this. This caused us to end up a little in debt coming out of the summer but that was quickly recovered from as soon as the school year started.

Another main responsibility over the summer was creating the budget for the 2023-24 school year. We have increased the budget in some areas and decreased in others where we saw best fit. Right now we have around \$350,000 budgeted for the entire school year. This increase in budget is partially due to the past terms rent which we owe to the ATO Alumni Board. It has gone on for a while now that we are a term behind on rent very consistently and this is something that I plan on removing. If all goes according to plan the debt will be removed by the end of D term this year with the possibility of it being paid off earlier depending on leftover money. As an executive board we plan on running the chapter as close to or under the budget if possible and use our finances in a wise manner.

Love and Respect,  
Antone Mello

## New Member Educator Update

As we begin the fall semester our underclassmen are looking to grow in their professional spheres by learning how to network, build a strong resume and create LinkedIn profiles. The role of the new member educator this semester will be to help the underclassmen develop into strong students in the classroom and well rounded young men. We appreciate all the hard work that the alumni put into connecting with our brothers at the career fairs and at networking events on campus.

Love & Respect,  
Frank Ford

## Rush Chair Update

As the fall semester progressed, our chapter shifts its focus to recruitment as we begin the search for the next generation of leaders. During A term we continued to showcase our chapter at different on campus events such as the Greek Carnival and at the end of the term, the IFC showcase followed by house tours. We also finalized our 2023 Rush shirts and event calendar. The first day of B term was the start of Rush, when potential new members could officially come to our house. We prepared a vast number of events both on campus and at our house. Throughout the process we decided as a chapter which potential new members met our standards and will continue on to new member education. With rush now being concluded we are thrilled to say we have 21 new members that will be going through the new member education process, and we are confident they can grow and develop into future leaders of this chapter.

Love & Respect,  
Ryan Dalton



## House Manager Update

The alumni, my committee and I worked very efficiently to get a lot done around the house that was required on our inspection list and was recommended by both past and present brothers. During A term the biggest project we

worked on was clearing out unnecessary objects around the house that were old and taking up a lot of space. This included 3, 30 yard dumpster worth of couches, refrigerators, scrap wood, cement, etc. Along with this we started chipping away at the items on the fire safety inspection from the beginning of the year. This included items like hanging new carbon monoxide detectors, replacing and securing fire detectors, cleaning ventilation etc. During A term, we also replaced and fixed much of the plumbing around both Main and the Carriage house. In the Main house we replaced the Brigg/CQ toilet, replaced one of the Main 3 Toilets, replaced the left faucet in the kitchen, and repaired a leak in the apartment head shower. In the Carriage house we fixed a clog in the left sink and a clog in the urinal. Throughout B term many similar projects were done, as well as maintaining the general upkeep of the house. Doors around both houses were fixed and maintenance will continue to happen moving forward. The alumni and I will continue to work together for the betterment of this house we call home. Over the summer, the alumni were able to repair and fix the pocket doors to the chapter room and Angelhall. Thank you to Dave, Steve, and all the brothers who continue to be the biggest component in the house's upkeep.

Love and Respect,  
Andrew Kovacs

## Social Media Chair Update

Social media has historically served as an excellent means of keeping past brothers connected to the brotherhood. This is primarily achieved through forums such as Instagram or the chapter website. I've continued posting updates on these platforms, with 'Brother of the Week' being a prime example. 'Brother of the Week' features a specific brother, highlighting their major, hobbies, and general information. This provides alumni who follow our Instagram with an active glimpse into the current ATO and the new faces they may encounter when visiting the house.

I've also worked to enhance our already impressive website with the addition of rush calendars, alumni composites, and more information about the brotherhood. My goal is to make the website as user-friendly and informative as possible. Social media serves as an outlet for sharing the highlights of our brotherhood, whether it's our charitable activities on campus, our involvement in neighborhood events, or the achievements of our active brothers. I believe there's value in showcasing to the world that at ATO, we are leaders among our fellow students on campus.

Please if you have any input, reach out to me and I would love to hear it.

Love and Respect,  
John Michienzi



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

