



The Rho Chapter Crest

House Association
Officer Contact
Information

President:

Michael De Lisi
delisim@comcast.net
781-234-8485

Vice-President:

Sal Caiazzo
caiazzos@hotmail.com
570-236-2446

Treasurer:

Peter Carlson
phhcarlson@gmail.com
240-401-3929

Scholarship Director:

Scott Harris
scottmharris@yahoo.com

Communications:

John Crerand
jcrerand@gmail.com
908-930-9674

Chapter Adviser:

Jared Piette
jaredpiette@gmail.com
860-221-8312

Rho News Editor:

Michael Kelley
mdavidkelley@gmail.com

Young Alumni Giving:

Michael Rupolo
rupolom@gmail.com

Fall 2014 Edition
Volume CLIV, Issue 2

The Rho News

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a year for Rho! Our new Rho News Editor, **Michael Kelley '14**, implored me to keep this letter brief because of the exciting information in the rest of the issue. **President Byerly** joined DKE and our friends at a groundbreaking ceremony (p 3) to fully renovate the DKE House to commemorate our 160th anniversary at Lafayette College on October 15th, 2015. Several Rho Dekes reminded your faithful leader that he should refer to her as "President Byerly" instead of "Alison" during formal remarks. Duly noted! If you have not already made your pledge to the DKE 160th Anniversary Capital Campaign, please do so. We need the support of our entire brotherhood to achieve our lofty vision for DKE!

With the DKE House offline for the renovation (p 4), our undergrads are living in the KDR House for this year. They, and Walt, are adjusting to life at the center of campus in their temporary home.

When we started our Strategic Planning series in 2011, the Rho House Association hoped student leaders would step into leadership roles including facilitating this series. **Jared Piette '12** and **Michael Rupolo '12** have done just that, leading the DKE leadership Conference to kickoff this school year.

Since then, another Bid Day has already come and gone, with **26 young men** accepting bids to our great fraternity.

For at least the third straight year, Rho Deke alumni received awards from the Lafayette College Alumni Association at the fall awards ceremony. The strength of our brothers and activity in alumni chapters does not go unnoticed.

The College is kicking off a capital campaign in NYC this year around the 150th playing of Lafayette v Lehigh in football at Yankee Stadium. As usual, Dekes are leading the way with **Dan Huffenus '86** planning events (p 3) for Friday 11/21 and Saturday 11/22.

There are many opportunities for you to lend your talents to DKE in ways that will have a major impact. We placed second in the Lion Trophy competition (p 5) for best overall DKE chapter internationally for the second year in a row. Help put us over the top this year.

In campus news, the Board of Trustees put to rest the long lived issue about the role of Greek Life at Lafayette College. **Fraternities and sororities are here to stay. Period.** We are fully included in the vision President Byerly and the Trustees put forth for an Integrated Student Experience in an initiative called Connected Communities. Groups, including fraternities, can apply for recognition under robust recognition procedures currently being written.

Unfortunately, Zeta Psi recently received notification that the College suspended their recognition for five years due to multiple violations of both alcohol and hazing policies while already on probation for the same. This was a very long time coming. For our part, DKE's leadership will continue to offer advice to each fraternity and sorority and looks forward to supporting new and renewed fraternities. We want the strongest possible fraternal community.

As we approach our 160th Anniversary, this is a year of laying a new foundation upon which to build an even greater fraternity! I look forward to seeing parents on Family Weekend (9/27), our brothers at the annual meeting during Homecoming (10/25), and everyone in NYC (11/21-22)

In the bonds of brotherhood,

Michael De Lisi '03

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat"

- Brother Theodore Roosevelt
Alpha/Harvard '80

2014 DKE SUMMARY OF GIVING

Giving To Operations

William Magee '47
 Richard Heller '49
 John Wynn '50
 Matthias Sheeleigh '50
 Frank Bailey '51
 John Scott '53
 Joseph Pew '55
 Edwin Case '59
 Thomas Neff '59
 John Hossenlopp '61
 Robert Rothman '66
 Alan McFarland '72
 John Krah '75
 Steven Vecchione '76
 Richard Moller '83
 Christopher Nolan '86
 Peter Glock '86
 Richard Ryan '86
 Victor Diaz-Gonzalez '86
 Gregory Bahtiarian '87
 Michael McCormack '87
 Mark Fedorov '91
 Eric Abbott '92
 Mark Suffredini '93
 Asela Gunawardana '95
 J Smith '95
 Scott Harris '95
 Fletcher Thomson '98
 Stephen Scioscia '98
 Timothy Reinking '99
 Peter Carlson '02
 John Sheehy '05
 Kevin Fitzpatrick '05
 Robert Schiller '06
 Jonathan Winn '07
 Christian Garelli '09
 Peter Crouse '10
 William engel '10
 Bradley Helland '10
 Andrew Casey '11
 Jared Piette '12
 Peter Phillips '13
 Chris Pregler '14

Programming & Capital Giving

Edward Jesser '39 *
 William Magee '47 *
 Dana Hughes '49
 Donald Engesser '51
 Edmund Whitby '51
 Frank Bailey '51
 Allan Kirby '53 *
 Robert Loughlin '53 *
 Robert Lundquist '55
 James Lieu '57
 Thomas Neff '59 *
 John Hossenlopp '61
 George Benson '61
 Richard Gurzynski '63
 Manfred Geiger '63
 David White '67
 Richard Shupp '67
 Tim Whiting '69
 James Raywood '73
 John Krah '75
 Steven Vecchione '76
 Douglas McCorkle '78
 Eli Lambert '83
 Scott Gordon '83
 J.B. Reilly '83 *
 Neill Kling '85 *
 Christopher Nolan '86 *
 Daniel Huffenus '86 *
 Peter Glock '86
 Richard Ryan '86
 Todd Wiltshire '86 *
 Victor Diaz-Gonzalez '86
 David Wolff '87
 Gregory Bahtiarian '87
 Francis Colizzo '87
 Walter Gurzynski '87
 Thomas Blanchard '89
 Kristian Bornemann '91
 Eric Abbott '92
 Jonathan Novaco '92
 James Hooper '92
 Brett Opell '92
 Kevin Coll '92
 Mark Suffredini '93
 John Terembula '94
 Matthew Perez '94
 Brian Ciuffreda '94
 Asela Gunawardana '95 *
 J Smith '95

Programming & Capital Giving

Scott Harris '95 *
 Kevin O'Brien '96
 William Forbes '96
 Kevin Johnston '96
 Eric Fink '96
 C. Anderson '01 *
 Andrew Batchelor '01
 Jason Monico '02
 Lance Lacoff '02
 Peter Carlson '02 *
 Steven Rosen '02
 Michael De Lisi '03 *
 Michael Gentile '03 *
 Scott Yunes '03
 Joseph Galyean '04
 R. James Madigan '04
 John Troup '04 *
 Anthony Hawthorne '04
 Michael Troxell '05 *
 Todd Palo '05
 Marshall Massey '08
 Jonathan Jaye '10 *
 William engel '10
 Bradley Helland '10
 Conrad Shrager '11
 Jeff Marver '11
 Andrew Uzenoff '12
 Jared Piette '12 *
 Joshua Tufts '12
 Michael Rupolo '12 *
 Chris Pregler '12 *
 Benjamin Paro '12 *
 Andrew O'Brien '13
 Peter Phillips '13 *
 Dashiell Schwartz '13 *
 Dave Eckelmann '13
 Danny Ladd '13 *
 Adam Szklanny '13
 Matthew Tindall '14
 Constantine Deir '14 *
 Daniel Maccabbe '14
 Wiley Houldin '14 *
 Tyler Stearns '14
 David Goldberg

* Indicates Marquis Society



DKE PREPPING FOR 'THE RIVALRY'

The Rivalry will take center stage on November 22nd when it takes its luster to one of the marquis venues in all of professional sports – Yankee Stadium.

Lafayette and Lehigh first met in 1884 and this latest get together will mark the 150th time these two institutions have squared off, making it the most played rivalry in college football.

The brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon are happy to announce their planned attendance at this historic event! Dekes far and wide will travel to New York City to partake in a weekend full of festivities. DKE has one entire section of the Mohegan Sun Sports Bar reserved and several rows in the Delta Sky Suite plus sixty tickets in Section 116.

There will also be a Friday night reception at the DKE Club which will provide Dekes of all ages the opportunity to both meet and catch-up. More details as to the specifics of both events will be communicated through our website.

We thank **Dan Huffenus '86** and Director of Young Alumni Giving and former Brother Beta **Michael Rupolo '12** for their work in coordinating aspects of the weekend.

See you all in nine short weeks!

A REUNION WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

Reunion Weekend 2014 had an added significance as **President Alison Byerly** and DKE Brothers **Michael De Lisi '03** and **J.B. Reilly '83** led a groundbreaking ceremony to renovate the DKE House.

Rho Dekes from the '50s through 2015 were joined by many friends of DKE including family, fellow alumni, trustees, campus administrators, and a representative from DKE International.

The ceremony was yet another indicator of the strong relationship between DKE and the College. All three addressed the crowd to thank them for the many generous donations received and let them know the added strength the renovation will bring the fraternity.

Then, as is tradition, the three initiated the renovation with the first shovels in the ground. Undergraduate President **Brett Lederer '15** joined them after to dig and get a head start on the progress!

The new DKE House will surely be a hallmark on both March Field and the Lafayette campus for years to come, but Dekes past and present took the opportunity to enjoy the house as is one final time.

Again, we thank those who put forth time and monetary contributions to help make this possible.



Rho DKE is active on social media! Like us on Facebook (DKE Lafayette) and follow us on Twitter (@DKERho) for updates throughout the year!



DKE HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

The DKE House Renovation kicked off with the groundbreaking ceremony held over Reunion Weekend in June. Now over three months into the project, visible progress has been made and the renovations remain on track for completion before the start of the 2015-16 academic year.

The second and third floors were completely gutted over the summer. Thanks to the generous support of so many Rho Dekes, the renovation includes the full scope of improvements, including the oft-discussed cupola, upgraded façade enhancements, a mix of singles and suite style living with integrated social spaces, a state of the art commercial kitchen for the one and only Walter Luby, and the solarium.

Enjoy the pictures of the progress below. More updates will continually be posted on our website and Facebook page. Details for a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony are still to be determined. None of this would have been possible without your continued support.



ACTION PACKED SUMMERS

DKE undergraduates were busy this summer garnering real world experience through the form of summer internships. Below is a sampling of those internships and the responsibilities each brother held in his respective position.

Thank you to PR Chairman **Michael Morgan '16** for his fine work in compiling this information in the DKE Summer Series 2014.

For more coverage, please visit the DKE Summer Series News Blog on the undergraduate website.



Zach Lizmi '15 worked as a Project Finance Intern at Kroll Bond Rating Agency in New York City. Zach was largely responsible for collaborating with financial analysts to help assess strengths and risks of energy industry firms.

Sam Todd '15 interned at General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, CT for the second consecutive summer. Sam worked within the Weapons & Mechanical Systems department.

Ryan Flynnne '16 interned for WPS Advisors LTD and was responsible for evaluating businesses for potential investments.

Matthew Soloway '16 served as the workshop coordinator for StreetSquash Newark, a non-profit organization that aims to create well-rounded scholar athletes through academic tutoring and instructional squash sessions.

Bakari Boone '15 was at PBS in Arlington, VA this summer. He worked on talent acquisition and data analysis for employee learning programs while also managing the PBS Jobs Twitter account.

Brian O'Neil '16 spent the summer abroad in Madrid, Spain. There, he completed the Boston University study abroad program with a film focus.

Rob Pollastro '16 worked as a security guard at the World Trade Center Memorial in New York City. Rob aspires to work for the NYPD upon graduating.

Nicholas DiNino '15 interned with Exelis, a military contractor based in Clifton, NJ. There, he worked in the Electronic Warfare Systems department.

RHO PLACES SECOND IN LION TROPHY COMPETITION!

Rho is inching ever closer to its goal of winning the Lion Trophy, the crown jewel of DKE awards given to the strongest overall chapter.

This year, we are happy to announce that we placed second in this prestigious competition, finishing behind the Alpha Phi chapter from the University of Toronto.



The convention was held at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky and Rho had two brothers – **Rob Pollastro '16** and **Henry Boozan '16** – on hand to accept the award and represent our chapter.

Legendary Deke and astronaut Alan Bean was the keynote speaker at the convention.

The application is broken up into four sections – Chapter Operations, Philanthropy and Service, Scholarship, and Leadership.

We are both proud and honored to accept this award, but have in mind our higher aspirations for future competitions. We look forward to contributing further to both the mission of Lafayette College and DKE International.



GOT NEWS?

New Job? Engagement?
Recent Grad? Marriage? Newborn?
Kids at Lafayette? Alumni Outing?
Other Announcements?

LET US KNOW!

POST YOUR STORIES AT www.rhonews.org/about/submissions **OR EMAIL US AT** rhonews@rhodke.org !

Lafayette College
Delta Kappa Epsilon
Farrinon Box 9449
Easton, PA 18042

THE RHO NEWS