

Sigma Pi Alumni Association NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

The Sigma Pi Alumni Association once again set the mark for Hofstra University's greek alumni organizations with an impressive 2010.

The SPAA capped the year with a great showing at Hofstra's 75th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration (see pg. 2). The annual golf outing, which raises funds for our Joe Ades Endowed Memorial Scholarship, helped catapult the SPAA to the top fund raising fraternity and sorority alumni association at Hofstra.

The SPAA is leading the charge in helping Hofstra attain its 75th Anniversary Scholarship Drive goal. We have raised 44 percent of the funds directed to the scholarship drive by all greek alumni associations.

The 75th Anniversary Scholarship Drive runs through August. All money raised by our brothers has been and will be earmarked for the Joe Ades Scholarship. For more information on giving, please visit Hofstra.edu/giving.

We ring in 2011 with change to the SPAA Executive Board. Paul Quinlan has stepped down as president and has been succeeded by me, Chris Falvo. Paul, who still remains an active member of the board, did a wonderful job in keeping the SPAA at the forefront of Hofstra's greek alumni organizations. The time he lent to our organization is greatly appreciated by all.

As president of the SPAA, I promise to work hard to maintain our status as the best greek alumni association at Hofstra, and help put us on the map as the University's most successful organization.

Making the SPAA a pillar at Hofstra does not start and end with our current or past presidents, but with the support of our brothers. Be it the golf outing, Founders' Day or homecoming, your support in numbers speaks volumes to the strength of the SPAA.

I encourage everyone to attend as many of our events as possible this year. Your support is always needed and welcome.

Fraternally,
Chris Falvo

Founders' Day to Take on New Look

Going yard for a cause

The Sigma Pi Alumni Association is putting a new twist on one of our most popular annual events. Founders' Day will be the launch pad for the inaugural Home Run Derby to Benefit the SPAA and American Cancer Society.

We challenge you to come out and prove your prowess at the plate on Saturday, May 14 on the intramural fields at Hofstra University. As always, family and friends are welcome to partici-

pate or just come and socialize. The entry fee for the Home Run Derby is \$30 and sponsorship opportunities will be available.

This is an opportunity for the SPAA to spread its wings as a philanthropic organization. Since we will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the American Cancer Society, we encourage you to inquire about matching contributions from your employer.

Mark your calendars and come enjoy a great day with great friends, while supporting a worthy cause.

—Chris Falvo

Active Chapter 'Most Improved' Fraternity

Dear Brothers of Sigma Pi Hofstra,

My name is Michael Guida and I am the current Alumni Relations Chair of the Eta Gamma chapter of Sigma Pi, and on behalf of the entire active chapter I hope that this newsletter reaches you in good health and spirit.

As we witness the transition

of the seasons into the winter months, our chapter continues to further advance in our endeavor to solidify our standing as the premier fraternity on Hofstra's campus. Since being named the Sigma Pi Fraternity's internationally most improved chapter at the Biennial Convocation this past summer, we have en-

joyed a highly successful semester.

In both the social and professional aspects of the fraternity, we have acquired a distinct reputation as a powerhouse within the Hofstra Greek community. This fall, we pledged seven new members, which is more than any other campus fraternity. In a more personal sense, this Alpha Sigma pledge class is composed of diverse, motivated and sought-after men who will undoubtedly make outstanding contributions to the fraternity in future years.

Additionally, we have officially overcome the debt that plagued our chapter in previous years, and in this breath we eagerly look to the future to expand on our range of possibilities as a fraternity. Our popularity among the university's other organiza-



Active Sigma Pi brothers with Alpha Epsilon Phi sisters at Hofstra's Live at 75 Music Festival Homecoming Celebration.

Homecoming 2010

Best in Show: SPAA well represented at 75th Anniversary Celebration

Despite the change to the format of Homecoming in 2010, the Sigma Pi turnout was strong and the lack of a football squad didn't seem to put a damper on the day. To be 100% honest, I don't remember the headline act (I think it was an old doo-wop band, maybe it was the Capris...), I don't remember if Jimmy Fallon was there or not, and I don't remember what piece of grilled food my little ticket got me, but I do remember it being a good time. Mark

Mihalik even got a nice parking spot for his whip. He'll need one for sure next year so he can roll in that double stroller.....

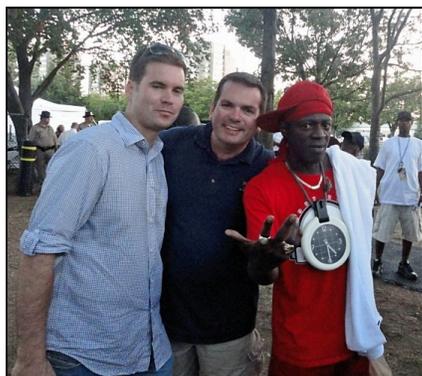
Sigma Pi Alumni continue to display a strong showing at these events, even though some of the aging Sigmas and Pis don't always seem to realize it. They don't get it that they are now the old alumni. Don't get me wrong, Jeff Minihane, Brian Rafft, and Dave Siino are still the

old guys, but some of us are now entering that category as well. I am pleased to see the blending of generations and the willingness of younger brothers to lend a hand and get to know those that came before them. The SPAA will continue to succeed only if we have a pool of involved young alumni. I am confident that we have a core group of new brothers, new alumni, and new old guys to keep the SPAA

the model fraternity alumni association that it is.

Lets all look forward to future homecomings and think of ways we can relate and convene. After all, football was just an excuse to all get together and come home. We just need to build on the strength of this year, build the war chest of homecoming stories, and take homecoming for what it truly is.

—Paul Quinlan



From left, Paul Manson, Jeff Minihane and Flava Flav after Public Enemy's performance at homecoming.



Sigma Pi brothers, active and alumni, at Hofstra's Live at 75 Music Festival Homecoming Celebration on Sept. 25.



Jon Schulman with his wife Jamie and son Parker, a future Sigma Pi.

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tions is derived in large part to our resounding support of Greek Life as a whole. We participated in and volunteered our time towards the American Red Cross blood drive at Hofstra, and we have donated our visible support to the fundraising and philanthropic efforts of other greek organizations.

We hosted a wildly successful fundraising event at the Nacho Mama's Cantina in cooperation with Alpha Epsilon Phi, and a strong turnout helped to fuel our resounding profit from the event. We are finalizing our plans for another large-scale fundraising effort this semester, likely a function mirroring the

overwhelming success of last year's super-market grocery bagging.

Accordingly, we continue to humbly encourage the valued contributions of our respected alumni as we strive to create a more fruitful relationship between alumni and actives. Hofstra's homecoming celebration was a resounding success and a true testament to the relationship among this chapter's brotherhood, as all parties involved in the large turnout enjoyed a great day at our tent in the concert venue.

In the interest of defining and strengthening our avenues of communication and inter-

action between the chapter's alumni and actives, we consistently update, improve and seek to evolve our Sigma Pi Eta Gamma chapter website, located at www.sigmapietagam.org.

As we continue to improve ourselves as a chapter on a daily basis, I ask that you continue to provide the support and resources that have so greatly contributed to our chapter's collective success. As always, thank you for your eternal interest and encouragement.

Fraternally,

Michael J. Guida