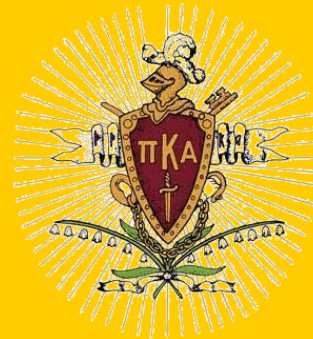




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A Message from the President

Brothers,

As SMC of the Alpha Alpha Chapter, it is my distinct privilege to extend our greetings to you and your family on behalf of the entire fraternity. I hope this newsletter finds you well, and that you will share in the enthusiasm of the active brotherhood in making the bonds of Pike stretch far beyond the confines of four years in college. Some of you have just graduated, and some of you have spent a great deal of time away from this campus, but I'm hopeful that you will all welcome this chance to reconnect with the people and places that defined your Duke experience.

By all measures, the Alpha Alpha Chapter is thriving. Pike boasts the third highest grade point average of all Inter-Fraternity Council recognized fraternities on campus. Two weeks ago past SMC Zachary Prager was elected President of Duke's IFC, ensuring Pike a strong voice in all matters pertaining to Greek life at Duke. Outgoing seniors have accepted offers at some of America's top consulting, financial, and technological firms, while Pike's underclassmen excel in a wide variety of majors. Our chapter is poised to claim the title in intramural basketball and has already captured this past fall's intramural soccer championship. Reaching out to the Durham community, the name "Duke Pike" can be seen on the jerseys of local Little Leaguers, and Pikes can be found in the dugouts assisting with coaching and player development. Through all this success, however, we are still mindful of our place in the rich history of this chapter. On March 26th, we will celebrate one of Pike's most time-honored traditions, Pikes of the Caribbean.

This year, eighteen new men accepted bids to join our fraternity. This group can be considered a cross-section of the campus's most elite leaders and students. Hailing from Los Angeles to Boston, Houston to upstate New York, this class will continue Pike's tradition of exceptional men from diverse and eclectic backgrounds brought together by the same bonds shared by Alpha Alpha brothers for 110 years.

April 8-10 marks Alumni Weekend here on campus. I hope you'll join us on the 9th outside our new section in Edens 1C for a barbecue from 2 to 6 p.m. to reconnect with old friends and meet the new brotherhood. Please contact myself or Jason Palmatary, our head of Alumni Relations, if you plan on attending. We look forward to welcoming you back to the brotherhood.

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Philanthropy

Over the last year and a half, Pike has been active in a variety of different types of philanthropy. During the 2009-2010 school year, we partnered with The Kappa Alpha Order and Kappa Alpha Psi to throw the Kappa Cookout. We sold tickets and t-shirts for what turned into a well attended campus-wide barbecue catered by student-favorite Tommy's. The proceeds from this event benefited Duke Children's Hospital. Following the 2010 Haitian earthquake, our chapter thought quickly and arranged a fundraising event at a local restaurant, Metro 8, which raised almost \$1000 for the victims of the disaster. This past semester, Philanthropy Chair Brad Lightcap, worked diligently to bring a DKMS Bone Marrow Registration Drive to campus. Brothers both worked and donated at what turned out to be an incredibly successful drive. Additionally, we partnered up with the sorority Kappa Alpha Theta to co-host an outdoor music festival called Rock the Casa. The revenue generated was donated to an organization advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children in court. Most recently, this semester, we have pledged a donation to sponsor a Durham Little League team. This donation will help cover their uniform and equipment expenses, and brothers are looking forward to the chance to spend time in the dugout mentoring the local youngsters on both baseball and life.



Brother Profile: Scott Brigeman by Jason Palmatary

A few weeks back in section, a group of us was passing time, shooting the breeze, when an unusually mature subject matter snuck into the conversation. Someone proposed the question of which of our Pike brothers would you most want your son to grow up and be like. For me, the answer was pretty easy: Scott Brigeman.

Scott is a senior from Bentleyville, Ohio, completing a double major in Biomedical Engineering and Electric Computer Engineering while also minoring in Chemistry. A self-proclaimed math and science nerd, he was attracted to Duke early in high school because of its strong engineering program but also because of its social balance. When rush rolled around freshman year, it was not a very tough decision for Scott.

"Since the first week of rush, Pike was where I wanted to go," he said. "It's definitely a decision that I do not regret."

Looking back on his fraternity experience, Scott cited our tradition of Friday barbecues in the Spring as one of his favorite conditions. At the end of a tough work week, he could always look forward to catching up with his brothers and basking in some good weather. Still, more than anything else, the bonds of brotherhood have made his experience special.

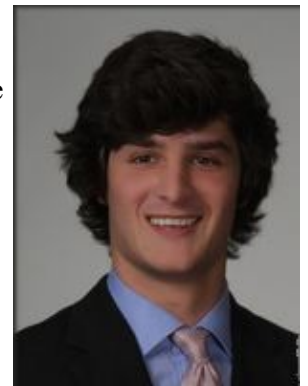
"It's a big family," he said. "Everyone here has each other's backs."

Describing Scott's weeks as tough is an understatement. In addition to pursuing two notoriously difficult majors and a minor, the Ohio native is a pre-medical student. Acknowledging his selection of a particularly tough path to medical school, he also stressed the benefits of the engineering curriculum.

Outside the classroom, Scott was equally as busy as a member and also finance manager for Duke EMS. That group is a student-run, volunteer organization that responds to medical emergencies on campus and any Duke-owned property. While Scott makes the rest of us feel bad about ourselves by volunteering 40-plus hours weekly, he has gained tremendous experience to ready himself for his medical future.

"It's been a great experience being put in pressured situations involving someone's health," he said. "You also get to see immediate results. I love making someone's day a little better when it's not going well at all."

Next year, Scott will take a gap year to perform research in a Duke lab while also applying to medical schools. He says his ideal place to attend medical school would be Duke, citing their research-focused program. His potential presence in Durham is certainly something that excites the rest of us.



Brother Involvement on Campus



In addition to the social, philanthropic, and academic commitments that the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha pride themselves on, we also strive to make an impact on Duke's campus outside of the fraternity. Listed below are some activities and accomplishments where members of the brotherhood are recognized for their outstanding contributions.



Naval ROTC: Kevin Holland, Chris Gierl, and Woody Bruno are all training to be commissioned as officers in the Navy.

Dukes and Duchesses: Clarke Hitch, Kevin Obana, and Brad Lightcap work in this service organization as student ambassadors for the President of the university. The trio represents the university in front of distinguished visitors and caters to the needs of the board of trustees.

University Shipping: Jason Palmatary, Greg Dunn, and Will Young took over the fraternity tradition of managing University Shipping, an East Coast shipping and storage business. Estimates put the business at over 10 years old, though no public financial records could be found online.

Club Sports: Louis Hellman has been a four-year member of the Duke rugby team serving as both Match Secretary and President. Trip Parran has been a four-year contributor to Duke hockey, doubling as both captain and treasurer. Dan Lasowski and Chris Tschudy represented the club golf team at a national tournament in Las Vegas. Lastly, Brad Lightcap currently serves as captain of the water polo team.

Music: Zach Starr, Julian Jacobson, and Tyler Matte spend a considerable amount of time writing music and playing concerts at charity events and bars for their band, Point Break. The group is also signed to Small Town Records, a student-run record label and studio on campus. Further, Ben Klitus, Kevin Obana, and Jordan Regenie are members of DUU Executive and serve as directors for Jazz Night at the Mary Lou. Lastly, a capella group Speak of the Devil has morphed into the 'voice of Pike' featuring Clarke Hitch, Eric Zwiener, Chris Gierl, Harry Guilfoyle, and Corley Gibbs.

Welcome Pledge Class of 2011

David Allen (Richmond, VA)	Conor Leister (Navesink, NJ)
Paul Axelrod (Newton Square, PA)	John Lucas (Roanoke, VA)
Sammy Brunelle (Los Angeles, CA)	Tyler Matte (North Attleboro, MA)
Sam Bursten (Houston, TX)	Riley Pratt (Hudson, OH)
Jack Davis (Los Angeles, CA)	Brendan Potocki (Greenwich, CT)
Michael Di Nunzio (Middletown, NY)	Jack Reidy (New York, NY)
Samuel Friedman (Sacramento, CA)	Jordan Rogers (Greensboro, NC)
Matthew Gianuzzi (Charlotte, NC)	Malone Sheppard (La Canada, CA)
Tommy Heenan (Manhasset, NY)	Bryan Trader (Los Angeles, CA)

RUSH

If you would like to recommend anyone for next year's rush, please do not hesitate to reach out to SMC Vanderslice.

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Message from the Alumni Chair

Alpha Alpha Alumni,

Near the end of my sophomore year, our Pike Executive Board was taking applications for chair positions. Having a desire to make a difference within my fraternity, I applied to serve as the Alumni Relations Chair. In the past, we have struggled to maintain connections with alumni. The difficult reality of building such a network is that it doesn't happen overnight. Still, my goal during my time at Duke is to start rebuilding a network that will not only allow students to contact alumni, but also allow alumni to contact other alumni. The benefits from such interaction would be two-fold. One, our brothers would be able to gain access to professional mentoring, potential internships, and other career advice. If you are interested in helping in this capacity, please reach out directly to me. Secondly, our alumni would gain the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and also network with other brothers whose time at Duke may not have overlapped with their own. As Pike brothers, I think we all have an obligation to help each other. So, please visit our website at www.dukepikes.org and create a profile beneath the Alumni tab, and encourage your pledge brothers to do the same. Lastly, please remember that we will be hosting a Barbecue outside of our Edens 1C Section on Saturday April 9th during Reunion Weekend. If you are going to be on campus, please stop by for some food and refreshments; we look forward to meeting you.

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REMINDER: Reunion Weekend BBQ
April 9th, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Congratulations Graduating Seniors

While it will be tough to see our seniors depart, we are thankful for their contributions and memories they have helped to create. We know they will do well in the next step of their lives and encourage you to reach out if they will be close by.

Brett Cook will move to Chicago and begin a career in consulting with McKinsey.

Louis Hellman and **Brendan Walsh** are headed to Madison, WI., to work for Epic System in sales and technology.

Clarke Hitch will be in New York at Morgan Stanley.

Matt Isabel heads to the west coast to work as a program manager for Microsoft in Seattle.

Chris Keith and **Scott Brigeman** plan on doing research for a year before attending medical school.

Andrew Harris and **Dan Koslow** will both be in Atlanta to work as Associate Consultants for Bain and Company.

Zach Starr starts school again in the fall, this time at University of Maryland Dental School.

Alex Wang will do investment banking for Bank of America Merrill Lynch in New York.

Bobby Rasul will be working as a credit trader with BNP Paribas in New York.

Trip Parran III joins several of his pledge brothers in Atlanta and will be at Deloitte.

Joe Wilson will also be in Atlanta, working at Accenture.

Greg Kerzhner is also headed west and will be working with systems integration firm Amentra.

Marc Shepsman is still deciding between several law

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