

# BETA ALPHA PARTICLES

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## Archon Report

Hello Brothers, welcome to Beta Alpha's 76th Founders Day celebration! My name is Damian Buccine BA 967 and it is with great pride to introduce myself as Archon of the Beta Alpha chapter for the 2024-25 academic year. In coming together we are reminded of the bond we all share, being a Pi Kapp, and being a Beta Alpha.

While looking forward to the year to come we have set many goals, standards, and hold high expectations. We've become very focused on maintaining consistent growth as a chapter and continue to be the largest organization on campus. While holding true to our fraternal values, we have welcomed 28 new members in the last year who have already proved to be greatly impactful to the chapter's success. We currently hold a chapter size of 53 brothers. At Pi Kapp College for Chapter Officers, we have continually been awarded and recognized for our chapters' hard work and dedication, and this year was no different. We received 5 awards in total on behalf of our chapter's amazing accomplishments. Chapter awards included, The Champion Master Award, Founders Award, Outstanding Student Experience, and Outstanding Member Education. Additionally, Michael Schober won the award for Outstanding Archon. I would like to thank Michael for his personal commitment to the chapter, and having set a great example of leadership, and dedication for the chapter to hold as a standard.

The 58th Supreme Chapter meeting in Baltimore, Maryland was another for the Beta Alpha history books in which our Chapter brought home a plethora of awards and was recognized for continued high achievement. Firstly, Beta Alpha was awarded the 2024 Champion Master Award, we received this in respect to meeting all the excellence in engagement requirements, as well as excelling in philanthropy. Individually, John Lee was recognized for his continuous, and selfless efforts in improving the fraternity. He received the Volunteer of the Year award. Along with our awards, we had the privilege of running a model initiation. Working diligently and with long hours of practice, our model initiation team seamlessly ran an initiation ceremony in front of all the chapters of Pi Kappa Phi this year. A special thank you to everyone involved with the team.

While attending Supreme chapter we were invited by Pi Kappa Phi CEO, Jake Hendersen to recharter the Alpha Tau chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. Beta Alpha has had a history with the Alpha Tau chapter as we have chartered them previously, and it was a great honor and experience to continue the tradition. While in Troy we welcomed 19 new brothers into the midst of Pi Kappa Phi brotherhood.

While we have been gifted so many opportunities this previous year for new experiences, and additionally received recognition on multiple fronts, we had not set aside our philanthropic endeavors. This year so far we have raised an approximate amount of \$2,000 on behalf of the ability experience and counting. While fundraising we have also found time to take part in miracle league, being our first held friendship visit of the year and have been invited back by the coordinator in the future. Miracle league is an organization that grants those with people with disabilities to participate in organized sports. It was a great experience for the brothers to first handedly interact in an event involving our philanthropy.

With having many new members and an excited brotherhood we hosted our very first parents day event. The turnout was fantastic and the extended family of the chapter brothers were greatly impressed by our values, and our brotherhood. I would like to give thanks to David White and Ilya Naumov for helping make this possible. I intend to not only continue the chapter's success story, but improve upon it. Thank you to our gracious alumni who continually support us personally, fraternally, in our aspirations professionally, and our goals. Without you all none of this would have been made possible, and in my time as a brother of Beta Alpha from the beginning it's apparent how much the support of the alumni does for this chapter. We will continue to make Beta Alpha an ideal chapter of Pi Kappa Phi and work hard in doing so. I am sure of our current, and future brothers ability to uphold our values and the highest ideals of christian manhood within our fraternity and local community. God Bless this Fraternity. God Bless Beta Alpha!



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# The Ability Experience

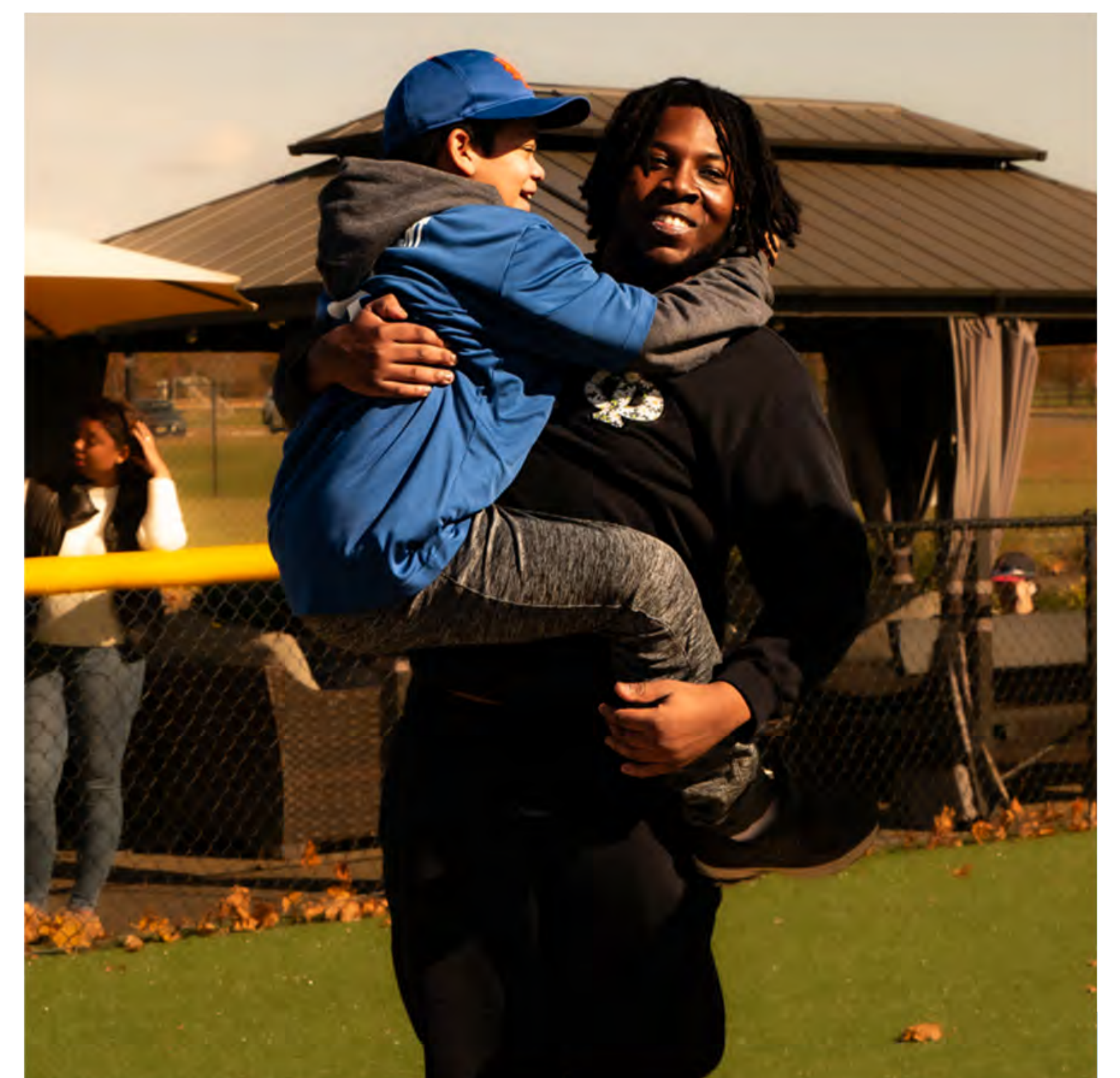
By Brother Philanthropy Chairman Marcus Louis BA 981

This year, Pi Kappa Phi has continued to advance our commitment to The Ability Experience, focusing on both fundraising and community engagement to foster a more inclusive world. In the spirit of our fraternity's values, we have worked diligently to create positive impacts and raise awareness for those with disabilities.

Throughout the year, our chapter has raised funds to support The Ability Experience, with \$550 raised this semester and \$1,303 from last semester thanks to former philanthropy chair, Brother Keith Thomas BA 977. We have set ambitious goals to further enhance our philanthropic contributions, aiming to reach \$1,000 by the end of this semester and \$2,500 by the year's close. Our primary fundraising activities consisted of baking and selling brownies and of course Pie a Pikapp. This has not only provided us with a successful revenue stream but has also served as a means to connect with the campus community. Additionally, we've conducted tabling events where our members share information about The Ability Experience, advertise our fraternity's mission, and engage in meaningful discussions with students and faculty interested in supporting our cause.

This year also marked the revival of a cherished tradition—our participation in the Miracle League in Trenton, NJ. We were honored to spend a day playing baseball with children who have disabilities, creating joyful memories and emphasizing our dedication to supporting and uplifting these communities. This event was more than a philanthropic gesture; it was a way to bring smiles, laughter, and a sense of camaraderie to everyone involved.

In closing, Pi Kappa Phi remains dedicated to our mission through The Ability Experience, combining efforts in fundraising, awareness, and direct action. We look forward to building upon these successes as we continue to make a difference for children and families in need.



# Gear Up Florida

By Brother Suraj Rajesh Bhardwaj BA 982

As a freshman coming to NJIT, I was introduced to Pi Kappa Phi quite early in the first few weeks of school. While I connected with the brothers, what made this fraternity exceptional was our engagement with the differently abled through the ability experience. Soon after crossing, I already heard about 3 different brothers' experiences and how life changing the journey was for them and those they were serving. After consulting a close Pi Alpha I decided to register for this summer event myself and I can confidently say that it was an amazing decision. Every day I was happy to hop on my bike, ride until my legs were numb and meet many wonderful people once we finally arrived at our destination. As I rode, I saw amazing things and explored the beautiful state of Florida however I couldn't wait until we arrived at our friendship visit. At every friendship visit, I met at least one person who told me how grateful they are that the GUF team cycled to their disability center to meet them. Many of them look forward to the annual friendship visit. This really touched my heart and I am forever grateful to the brothers of this chapter and the greater fraternity for enabling me to take advantage of this incredible opportunity.



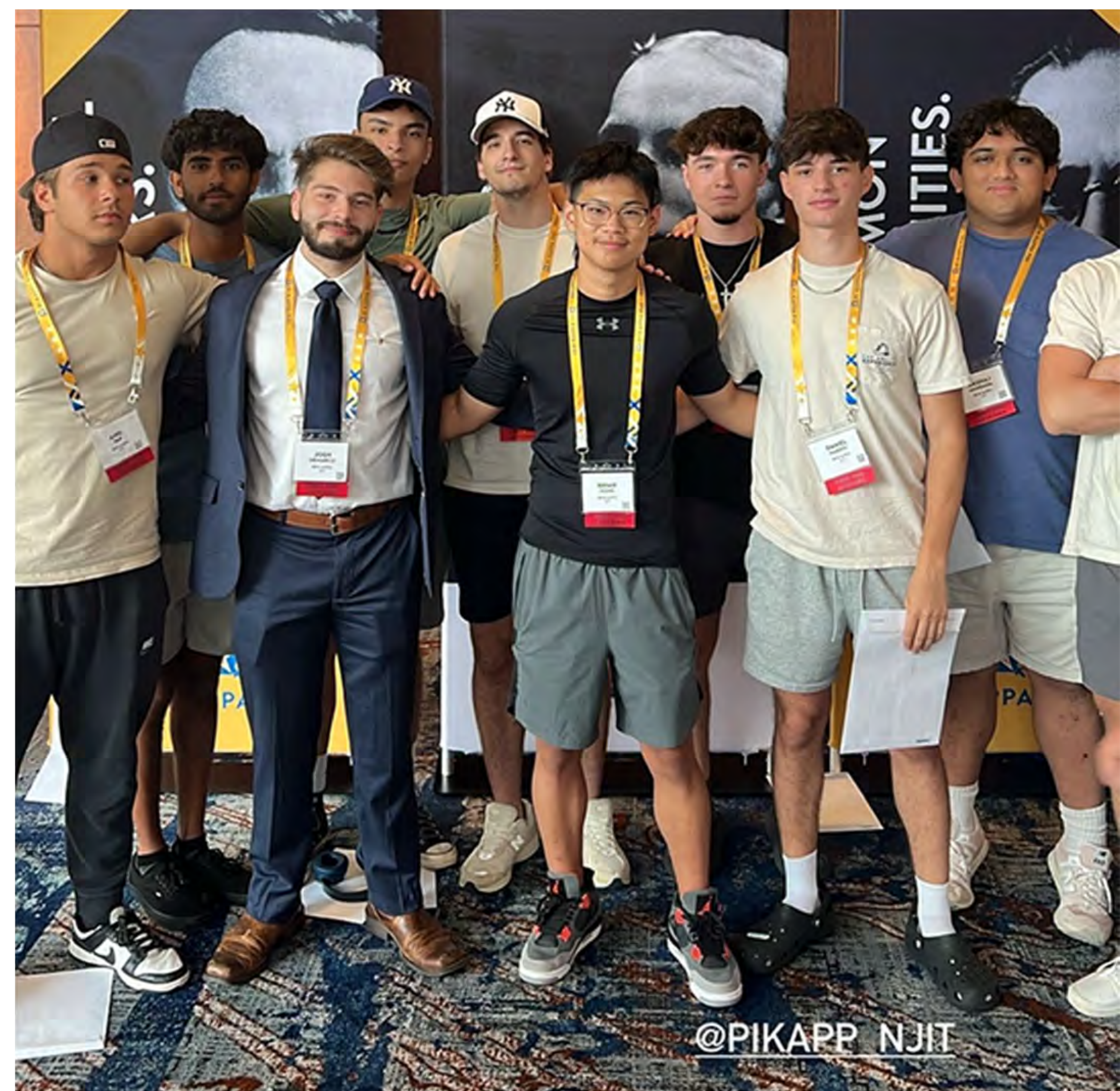
# Beta Alpha Travels

By Brother Historian Daniel Haxhiu BA 990

Beta Alpha has gone above and beyond the past year when it comes to stepping out of our comfort zone. Like previously mentioned, we started off the Fall semester early by traveling to Baltimore, Maryland for Supreme Chapter. We had the pleasure of performing the Ritual of Initiation. Myself along with 10 other brothers spent hours memorizing the lines for our roles. Luckily for me, I only had to remember one line. Regardless of the hurdles we had to overcome, we created unforgettable memories and I am proud to be able to experience new things with my brothers.

Once the Semester started it was time to charter RPI. Me and 9 brothers drove to Troy, New York where we saw the beautiful and historic Castle chapter house in person. Being able to meet strangers but still have a common denominator between us made our two chapters bond rather quick. We felt a sense of pride being able to recharter Alpha Tau and had a great time throughout the whole experience, except for the three hour drive back home.

Last but not least we took a shorter trip to Trenton, NJ for Miracle League. There was a group of almost 20 of us that got to give these kids a companion for the day. I have known these brothers for a few semesters now but nothing brought out their smiles and soft side like Miracle League did. Waking up at 7:00 am after a Friday night was not ideal but in the end it was all worth it and I guarantee we all left with our hearts fulfilled. We also all learned something that day, whether it was to be grateful for what we have, or to realize it's the simple things in life that bring joy.



# Accomplishments

By Brother Historian Daniel Haxhiu BA 990

I had the honor to host our first Parents day in recent Beta Alpha History. We had the event during homecoming weekend so families could experience the other events campus had to offer. With careful planning, a physical invitation card that was mailed, and with the help of our brothers, we had a very successful Parents day. We started off the evening with appetizers and conversation. Then a tour of our amazing chapter house was given where the Parents were pleasantly surprised with the cleanliness and size of the house. Later, our chapter advisor Dave White gave a wonderful speech about Beta Alpha explaining to the Parents how much the fraternity has to offer. We took a picture outside of the house and then finished off the day with some very competitive games of cup pong. A total of 20 families came this year. After this year's success, we aim to not only continue, but also expand on this day so Parents look forward to coming every year.

I would like to add and give thanks to everyone who showed up to the NJAA meetings held this semester. Being able to connect and converse with alumni helps us not only steer the chapter in the right direction but to also feel closer and personal to the names that help us every year.



# Looking Forward

By Brother Historian Daniel Haxhiu BA 990

The future of Pi Kappa Phi shines brightly as we look to build on our recent accomplishments and strive for even greater impact. As a chapter, we are dedicated to strengthening our philanthropic efforts for The Ability Experience, aiming to increase donations and broaden our reach within the community. We believe that by expanding these initiatives, we can make an even more meaningful difference for individuals with disabilities.

Additionally, we are ready to welcome a big spring class, bringing in new members who share our passion for service, leadership, and brotherhood. A larger membership will enable us to extend our influence on campus and deepen our bonds within the fraternity. We are also committed to enhancing our academic standards, recognizing that academic excellence is essential to personal and collective growth. By supporting one another in achieving academic success, we uphold the core values of Pi Kappa Phi and prepare for future accomplishments.

As we strive to be more active and engaged on campus, we aim to foster meaningful partnerships with other student organizations and participate in more university events. Through these efforts, we hope to make Pi Kappa Phi a prominent and respected presence on campus, known for our commitment to both philanthropy and personal development.

With these goals in mind, we look forward to an exciting and impactful year ahead. We are confident that our fraternity's journey will continue to inspire and empower each member, creating a legacy of service, brotherhood, and excellence that will resonate for years to come.





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