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THE PI IOTA CHAPTER OF PHI GAMMA DELTA

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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS at PI IOTA!

The Pi Iota chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has had an extremely successful school year thus far and we are looking to continue that momentum into Rush. At our Brotherhood Retreat in August, we set goals for all positions and created committees to organize our larger events. The activities at the retreat have shown positive results throughout the year and our chapter continues to strive for ex-

cellence. 125 years of Pi Iota is an amazing accomplishment and a tribute to all the brothers of our chapter. 125 years of history and brotherhood will be culminated this upcoming year and many events will be held in order to prepare for the 186th Ekklesia in Boston. Our chapter is striving to win an award and gain national recognition as the premier chapter of New England. Pig

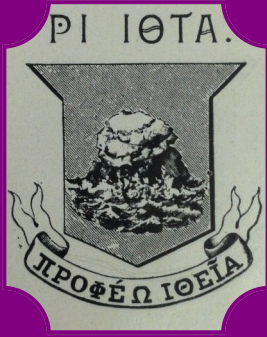
Dinner will be on Saturday April 16, 2016. Many more events will be held this year in honor of our 125 years at Pi Iota. The brotherhood is strong and continuing to grow. It has been my honor to be President of such a successful chapter and fraternity.

Mighty Proud
Pergé!

Mark Chakuroff '16
Chapter President



The brothers at Pi Iota have been working hard to improve the physical condition of the house. Just recently, the brothers ripped up the old back stairs and replaced the tile with hardwood. The brothers at Pi Iota will continue to improve the house for the 125 Reunion and upcoming events this year.



PI IOTA CHAPTER CREST

Pi Iota Receives an Honorable Mention for the Brightman Trophy

The Brightman trophy is "awarded to the chapter which best demonstrates that 'Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone' by maintaining and improving relations between the chapter and graduate brothers."

This past spring, Pi Iota received an honorable mention for the Brightman Trophy. The undergraduate brothers of Pi

Iota would like to thank our alumni brothers who have mentored us and pushed the house to where it is today. A goal that has been set at past retreats is that within the next decade, the Pi Iota chapter will receive the Cheney Cup, the award "for the greatest all-around efficiency in scholarship, fraternity relationships, and general activities."

In order to achieve this goal, receiving an honorable mention for an award is the first of many stepping stones Pi Iota must cross. It is safe to say, Pi Iota is headed in the right direction.

The link to the web page of all the 2014-2015 award recipients for Phi Gamma Delta is listed below.

<http://www.phigam.org/awards-2014>

Philanthropy at Pi Iota

I am proud to say that the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta have been very active in community service this school year. We started off the year with a 9/11 memorial event with the sorority Phi Sigma Sigma. Together we made and sold 9/11 memorial ribbons, raising over \$500 which we donated to the USO. We also held a kickball tournament in honor of our late brother Steve Rubin in which much of the school participated. We made over \$500 which we donated to the Susie Foundation, a non-profit charity supporting people with ALS. We have

also been raising money by grilling and selling food outside during our parties. We have been very successful and all the money we make goes to charity. The brothers have also participated in many events on campus, such as donating \$700 to Alpha Phi's Phi'lympics and cleaning up the city's parks during the Work on Worcester event. We also had several brothers dedicate their time and effort to the ROTC suicide prevention run.

Pergé!

Marc Toomajian

Philanthropy Chair



Pictured above is Brother Joseph Tomellini '18 (right) standing in front of a cannon on a naval attack ship during his summer training in San Diego, California.



Brother John Madura '12 Makes US Olympic Rowing Team

Brother John Madura '12, now at the University of California Berkeley for his PhD in mechanical engineering, will travel to Trakai, Lithuania to compete in the 2012 World Rowing Under 23 Championships. Madura earned his spot on the 2012 United States Under 23 National Rowing during trials racing on Mercer Lake in West Windsor, NJ. "Representing US Rowing Sculling Camp out of Norwalk, CT, Madura and his partner Matthew Schanck (Brownstown, MI), a recent graduate of Northeastern, recently clocked a 6:33.930 during trials racing on Mercer Lake in West Windsor, NJ. The time placed the pair second in a competitive field and earned the World Championship berth as the winning duo is also competing for a spot on a quad boat. This marks the third

straight year a WPI student-athlete will compete at U23 Worlds as Hank Moore '11 (Jaffrey, NH) participated in the 2010 and 2011 championships in Amsterdam and Belarus respectively and Ben Johnson (Northford, CT) '11 and Tobin McGee (Rye, NY) '10 rowed at the 2010 event... Madura also won Elite Nationals in the heavyweight quad while Holak was third in the four without a coxswain behind the US Olympic lightweight four and the US U23 four. (<http://athletics.wpi.edu/sports/mrowing/2012-13/releases/20120702be7f6h>)."

John Madura has an extensive resume being a member of Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Omega, Order of Omega, Skull, and ASME and was a recipient of the Salisbury Prize and the Norton Fellowship during his time at WPI.



Physical Status of Ole '99

The brothers of Pi Iota continue to work on improving the appearance of the house. However, the age of Ole 99 is beginning to reveal itself. We are at the point where long overdue renovations need to become a reality in order to keep the house running. We still need a complete renovation of second head. The piping behind the urinals and shower heads is giving us constant problems, whether it

be clogging the facilities or leaking water into the kitchen. This past summer, we did not have the funds to renovate the back stairs but, a few brothers stepped up and replaced the tile with hardwood. The Hobart in the kitchen will need to be replaced along with the back sink area. In addition, the roof has multiple leaks. Currently pots and pans are strategically placed around

the attic to catch any rain water from damaging the rest of the house. Any contribution towards helping us bring Ole '99 back to a fully functioning state would be greatly appreciated.

Perge!

Brother Tony DiBiasio '17 &
Brother Chris Scangas '17

House Managers



Brother Dave Willens PhD '17 Published in a Manufacturing Textbook

Brother Willens PhD '17 co-authored a chapter in the McGraw-Hill Manufacturing Engineering Handbook with his company Kinefac Corporation. Brother Willens was able to incorporate some of the findings of his metal forming research into the manufacturing textbook. Willens' work can be read in the chapter entitled "Rolling Process," a technical write-up on the thread and form rolling process. The newest handbook is currently available in late October.



Brothers Chris Scangas '17 and Pat Gates '17 Help Move Fire Code

On March 26th 2014, firefighters Michael Kennedy and Lt. Edward Walsh passed away in a nine-alarm blaze in Boston's back bay. During the fire their hose line burnt through, not supplying them with water at the nozzle. Michael Kennedy's mother, Kathy Crosby Bell, started the last call foundation in honor of her son. The first grant went to the WPI fire protection department to improve the fire attack hose so that fire fighters are properly protected with a working fire house during a fire.

Last year, Brothers Chris Scangas '17 and Patrick Gates '17 were on the IQP team that launched the first

ever data base to record burn-throughs across the country. Over the last year, they recorded over 170 burn-throughs nation-wide and rose awareness of the possibility of fire attack hoses burning through during fires.

Recently, Scangas traveled to Atlanta, Georgia where the IQP team drove the NFPA 1961 committee to change national code and make fire hose tests more rigorous to represent the actual conditions of the fire ground. Through hard work and persistence, the brothers efforts are going to protect firefighters lives across the country.



FIJI Brothers' Internships

The house is filled with a very diverse group of majors including Computer Science, Mechanical, Chemical, Bio-medical, Civil, Architectural, Industrial, Management, and Electrical and Computer Engineering. It is always interesting to see the different internships that brothers receive for summer break. The following are descriptions of internships that brothers of Pi Iota worked this past summer.

Brother Reed Gontarek '16 worked for Polaris Industries in Roseau, Minnesota. This small town on the Canadian-Minnesota border is the company's founding place and the only Polaris Snowmobile line in the world. I was fortunate enough to work directly with that line in a Lean Materials role. In this role, I was involved in waste reduction and productivity increase along the entirety line. This led to a cost savings of \$330,000 annually for the plant.

Brother Andrew Mokotoff '17 and Barrett Wolfson '18 worked at Bit9 + Carbon Black, a cutting edge cyber security company based out of Waltham, Massachusetts. Mokotoff discovered a significant vulnerability in Carbon Black's Linux sensor and created a kernel level tamper protection to remove this vulnerability. Wolfson dramatically decreased the loading times of the Carbon Black's user interface by adding custom JavaScript code to selectively load specific templates.

Brother Brendan Connolly '16, a senior Management Engineering major, worked at Mack Technologies in Westford, MA over the past summer. Connolly was the Operations Intern and worked with the VP, Supply Chain Manager, Program Managers, Buyers, Sellers, and the production floor to implement Lean Manufacturing techniques.

Brother Tony DiBiasio, a junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering, worked at Phoenix Inc. in Seekonk, MA. At Phoenix, Tony assisted in the modeling of parts that would go into large manufacturing machines. Tony designed parts, assemblies, and drawings for turning, drilling, and milling machines. Tony worked alongside Pi Iota brothers Geordie Folinas '13 and Alex Segala '12 who currently work at Phoenix.



Brothers Kevin Kerhulas '16 (back row, third from right) and Fernando Gonzalez '16 (back row third from left) completed their MQP this summer in Beijing, China at Pacific Can China Holdings Limited and the Beijing University of Chemical Technology. Kevin studied the paint coatings applied to the aluminum can and made recommendations to decrease the amount of cans that experience paint failure. Fernando helped design a robotic arm to pick up and place recycled aluminum blocks onto pallets.



WPI posted a picture of (From Left to Right) Brothers Stefan Smith '16 and Paul Calimari '16, getting ready for the Fall Career Fair on Wednesday, September 16. If you look closely, you will see that Brother Smith is wearing his badge, showing his FIJI pride at the career fair.

Brother Omri Flaisher '15 Wins MQP Provost Award

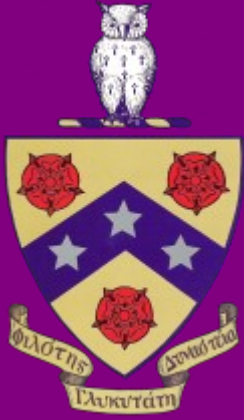
This past academic year, Brother Omri Flaisher '15 developed a Micro-Lithium Ion Battery in completion of his Master Qualifying Project (MQP). Through hard work and persistence, his team won the Provost Award in Mechanical Engineering and received 1st place from the American Society of Materials. Congratulations Brother Flaisher!!



Brothers Jeff Chaves '17, Kurt Bugbee '17, and Zach Burgess '17 traveled to Switzerland this A term to complete their IQP. Here is a picture of Jeff and Zach (From Left to Right) on the top of a mountain in the Swiss Alps.

Brother Antoine Crews '17 Wins Emerging Leader Award

Last spring, Brother Antoine Crews '17 won the Emerging Leader Award. The award is given to a sophomore or freshmen that demonstrates leadership and has made an impact on his or her community. Brother Antoine Crews received this award for his work as a STEM Outreach Coordinator, in which he co-created a curriculum for Worcester High School students to engineer a Rube Goldberg machine. With other STEM Outreach Coordinators, Crews used Mechanical, Electrical, and Chemical Engineering principals to design the Rube Goldberg Machine. Crews' persistence, hard work, and community involvement made him the go-to guy for the Emerging Leader Award. Congratulations Brother Crews!!



Brother Tanner Landis '15 Travels to Thailand with Free Burma Rangers

This summer I traveled to Thailand and worked on the Thai Burma border to provide peace, hope, and love to the displaced people of Burma. During my time there, I worked to coordinate transportation, logistics, and supply for training and relief missions. The organization I was working with is called the Free Burma Rangers (FBR). FBR's purpose is to train the people of Burma with medical relief skills in order to send them out on missions to help their own people. There are currently around 80 teams operating inside Burma. Recently, work has been done to establish teams in Sudan and Kurdistan as well. In addition to medical relief, FBR provides a Good Life Program for children to teach them basic hygiene and to show them love in the midst of the conflict zones they are living in. Thank you to all of the brothers that supported me financially in this endeavor.

Pergé!

Tanner Landis '15



(From Right to Left): Brother Tanner Landis '15 met up with Brother Marcus Knodler '18 in Thailand to celebrate the 4th of July. Knodler was stationed in Thailand for his Army ROTC CULP summer training.

Fiji and ΦΣΣ Remember 9/11



Fiji and Phi Sigma Sigma hosted the second annual 9/11 Remembrance Event on the WPI campus. Yellow ribbons were sold for \$1 to raise money for the USO, Fiji's official non-profit organization. After the event, the brothers of Fiji and the sisters of ΦΣΣ took a picture next to the Fiji rock. Every year, the brothers ensure to make the 9/11 rock the most detailed rock painting of the year. This year, the rock was a painting of the new World Trade Center, an American flag, and the words "Still We Rise, From Ashes, We Build."



FIJI SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS

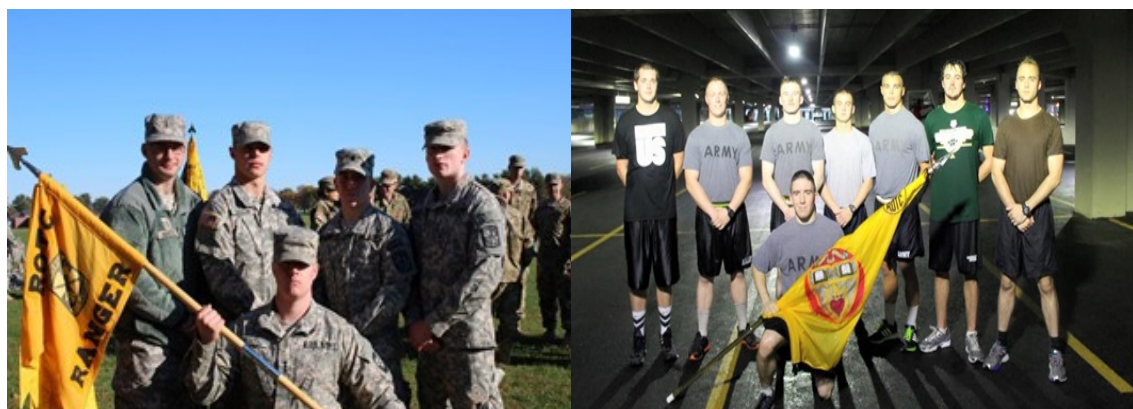
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The FIJI chapter has a strong military presence in the house, with a total of 6 WPI ROTC members. With our national fraternity non-profit organization being the USO and Pi Iota's strong sense of patriotism, the brothers always support our fellow ROTC brothers and any soldier or veteran who has served for this country. The following are missions that Pi Iota brothers embarked on this summer as ROTC cadets.

I traveled to San Diego, California for a month of training at Naval Station San Diego. Along with 300 midshipmen from across the country, I took part in a Career Orientation Training to further prepare myself to become a U.S. Naval Officer. While there, I spent time on a destroyer and submarine. Pergé. Brother Joe Tomellini '18

This past summer, I was granted the opportunity to travel to a foreign country with the U.S. Army for a peace keeping mission known as a CULP, Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency, in Paraguay, South America. I stayed on a Paraguayan army base, ate traditional meals from a local vender, played soccer, and taught English to junior officers in the Paraguayan Air Force. I learned a lot about Paraguayan culture and the process of overseas deployments for the U.S. military. Pergé. Thatcher Van Atten '18

I earned the opportunity to travel to Fort Benning, Georgia to learn to fall out of airplanes and earn the coveted airborne wings of the United States Army. I learned unique skills through constant repetition of proper exit and parachute landing fall techniques from mock planes, 34' towers, and the difficult to master swing landing trainer. Landing a total of five jumps, I successfully completed my first Army school and now find myself more excited than ever for my career and future opportunities in the US Army. Pergé. Jonathan Rheume '17



(From Left to Right): In the picture on the left, Brother Zach Hartzell '15, Marcus Knodler '18, Kyle Foley '16, Jonathan Rheume '17, and Thatcher Van Atten '18 represent Phi Gamma Delta at the annual Army ROTC Ranger Challenge. Brothers Knodler, Foley, Rheume, and Van Atten were starting members of the Bay State Battalion Ranger Challenge team. Brother and 2LT Zach Hartzell, a former member of the Ranger Challenge team during his college years, was there to support his fellow FIJIS as a volunteer Cadre member for the competition.

(From Left to Right): Brothers Jimmy Mosteller '17, Riley McManus '18, and Tanner Landis '15 joined the FIJI ROTC boys in PT the morning of Wednesday, September 28th, for the 3 – mile Suicide Prevention Run.



Ranger Challenge

The Ranger Challenge is an annual competition that brings Army ROTC Cadets together from all over the northeast to compete against each other in various events that measure both tactical knowledge and physical ability. This year we had four brothers travel to Ft. Dix in New Jersey to represent WPI in this rigorous competition, making up half the starting team. Being a part of this team requires these individuals to invest a much greater time commitment to the already taxing schedule of an ROTC Cadet at WPI. The hard work preparing for the Ranger Challenge always pays off because these individuals are always looked at as leaders in the battalion. This earns them the respect of both the Cadre and their peers. It is great to see our brothers representing our chapter by leading from the front and carrying FIJ's great name with them along the way.

Pergé!

Brother Kyle Foley '16



Brother Jonathan Rheume '17 holds the Phi Gamma Delta flag proudly after he finished the 2015 Boston Marathon Tough Ruck.

Brother Jonathan Rheume '17 takes on 2015 Boston Marathon Tough Ruck

On April 15th, 2015, I participated in the Boston Marathon Tough Ruck, a partnership of the Military Friends Foundation and the Boston Athletic Association. The Military Friends Foundation is a group of military members whose sole purpose is to come together to honor and remember our fallen comrades while raising funds to support their families and service members in times of need. On April 15, 2013, the Tough Ruck members were on the finish line of the Boston Marathon with

Tough Ruck volunteers & Gold Star Father Carlos Arredondo just before the horrific bombings occurred. The Tough Ruck joined the first responders to aid those injured in the blasts and exemplified the best of what our military has to offer. Since that year, the Tough Ruck has been held at Minuteman National Park in Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts where the first shots of the Revolutionary War were fired. I carried a 45lb ruck sack the 26.2 miles of the Boston Marathon in 7 hours

and 15 minutes and earned a Marathon medal. To honor the fallen, I carried the names of six Pi Iota Fiji's who gave their lives in service during World War II and that of a friend, PVT Jesse McNally. This event challenged my physical and mental stamina, but with persistence I found the strength to dig deep and press on to represent myself, my comrades in arms, and the names I carried on my back.

Pergé!

Brother Jonathan Rheume '17

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Social Life at Pi Iota

With 125 years of tradition, the Pi Iota Chapter continues to have a social presence on the WPI Campus. The themes of FIJI's first three parties of the year was Country Fest, Risky Business, and a Halloween party. The brothers of Pi Iota also held a social with the ladies of Alpha Phi where we watched the movie Billy Madison. Fiji continues to play an active role in social life on campus and keeping spirits high within the brotherhood.

Pergé

Jamie Wang '17

Rush FIJI 2015

It's that time of year again, it is recruitment season at Phi Gamma Delta. As rush chairs, Jamie Wang and I will lead the house as we select a group of WPI students for the 2014-2015 FIJI rush class. House tours were on November 2, marking the beginning of the month long rush. Rush Events will include classics such as Fight Night, Sundeck Smash, and the Paintball. We hope to have another successful Rush at Ole '99 and continue the Pi Iota tradition.

If you know anyone attending WPI currently, please send us their names so that we can reach out to them. Send their names to rush@fijiwpi.edu. Thanks.

Pergé!

Patrick Gates '17



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The FIJI rock has been receiving a lot of publicity recently. Above, the Worcester Telegram and Gazette quickly acknowledged the rock after Judge Richard Berman nullified Patriots QB Tom Brady's 4-game suspension for "Deflate-Gate."



(From Left to Right): Brothers Chris Scangas '17, Jeff Chaves '17, Zach Burgess '17, and Kurt Bugbee '17 stand in front of the Parthenon. Scangas hosted the brothers at his family's Greece home for a week prior to Chaves, Bugbee, and Burgess leaving for IQP in Switzerland.

2016 Frank Norris Pig Dinner

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The Pi Iota brotherhood watches the Pig Dinner speaker Brother Sean Mahoney '09 as he describes how the house changed his life during his college years, challenging him to create his own startup. Brother Sean Mahoney '09 is the President and CEO of AndPlus LLC.

Thanks to all of the alumni that attended the 2015 Pig Dinner at Pi Iota. It was great to see our network of brothers gather and reminisce on our times at the house. With a great attendance from our alumni and performances by Brothers Robert Ferrari '74 and Sean Mahoney '09, it's hard not to say Pi Iota puts on one of best Pig Dinner seen to the international fraternity.

Next year, Pi Iota will celebrate the Frank Nor-

Pig Dinner on April 16, 2016. The Pig Dinner reception will begin at 3:00 pm at Ole' 99 followed by an F.A. Morse meeting at 4:45 pm. The dinner will officially begin at 6:00 pm. Each year, we pride ourselves on making the Pi Iota Pig Dinner better by increasing the attendance. Reach out to fellow members of your JU class and remind them of Pig Dinner this April. Looking forward to another great Pig Dinner!

Alumni Weekend at Pi Iota

After the success of last year's reception, it is safe to say that the alumni weekend at Ole' 99 has become a permanent, annual event. From June 2-5, 2016, WPI will be celebrating Alumni Weekend for the following class years, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011. Come by the house on June 4, 2016 from 3:00-6:00 pm for an open house at good Ole' 99. Refreshing drinks will be provided along with finger food, cooked by our amazing cook Tim Friend. All brothers are welcome to come by the house with their families even if it is not their reunion year. We look forward to seeing you this upcoming June!



Pi Iota House Emails Aliases

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Not for college days alone! Brothers gathered this summer at Brother Bob Ferrari's '74 house for the 2015 FIJI summer reunion. Some undergraduate brothers living at Ole '99 over the summer were in attendance. Thanks to Brother Ferrari for holding such a great event.

Editor's Remarks

Over these past few years, I have witnessed Pi Iota change as different JU classes entered and left the house as their college years expired. I have made many friends and memories during my time at Pi Iota and I wouldn't change one thing about it. I am in debt to the house for pushing me to be the best person I can be in all aspects of life and all the opportunities it has given me. This 2016, Pi Iota will celebrate their 125th

Anniversary on the WPI campus. Clear your calendars to come by the house this Pig Dinner and Alumni Weekend to help celebrate 125 years at Pi Iota. You know what they say, the more the merrier. Here's to 125 more years at the Pi Iota Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.

Pergé
Kevin Kerhulas '16
Corresponding Secretary

For Future Pi Ides...

If you would like to include an article or story in the next issue of the *Pi Ides*, please send them to correspondingsecretary@fijiwpi.com. Suggestions to include in the email are: Name, class, nickname, favorite Fiji memory, engagements, reunions, retirement, recent run-ins with other FIJI's etc...whatever you'd like, just write it down and send it in!



In Memory of Brother Stephen E. Rubin '74

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"Steve loved WPI and he poured his time, talent and enormous energy into WPI, making our university a much better place. The list of his accomplishments and contributions are legendary, however several in particular stand out in my mind: his connections and relationship building with students, alumni, faculty and staff; Steve's standard-setting philanthropy; his exceptional service for three years as our Board Chair; the dedication of the Rubin Campus Center in Steve's honor, and his speech, with the help of Tracy and an assistive device, when he received his honorary Doctorate degree in May 2014. Steve was an active contributor as a member of the Presidential Search Committee when we so successfully recruited Laurie. It was a real effort for Steve when he joined us at Laurie's Inauguration, another example of his unwavering commitment to alma mater. Unfortunately, this was one of the last times many of us saw Steve. Although limited in his speaking ability, Steve had that warm, bright smile of his and he flashed many thumbs-up signs, indicating his pride and how delighted he was to participate in the events of that special day.

It is so appropriate that the heart of our campus, The Rubin Campus Center, will remind us and generations to come of Steve. This was Steve's 'office' on campus and one of his great joys was meeting and visiting with folks and getting a pulse of our university. I recall saying at the dedication of the Rubin Campus Center that if anyone wanted to know what makes an outstanding alumnus or an outstanding trustee, all you need to do is to follow Steve around for a day or two and you will have your answer.

Most importantly is Steve the person we all came to love, respect and admire. Steve was genuine... he was warm, welcoming, caring, giving, approachable, comfortable with who he was, always interested in others, willing to offer help and always with a smile. He brought joy to those who were fortunate to know him and he made us feel better about ourselves.

Steve will be missed and fondly remembered by so many of us who were blessed to know him. May his indomitable spirit, courage and wonderful memories live forever.

May our dear friend Steve rest in peace."

Phil Ryan '65, WPI Board Chairman



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