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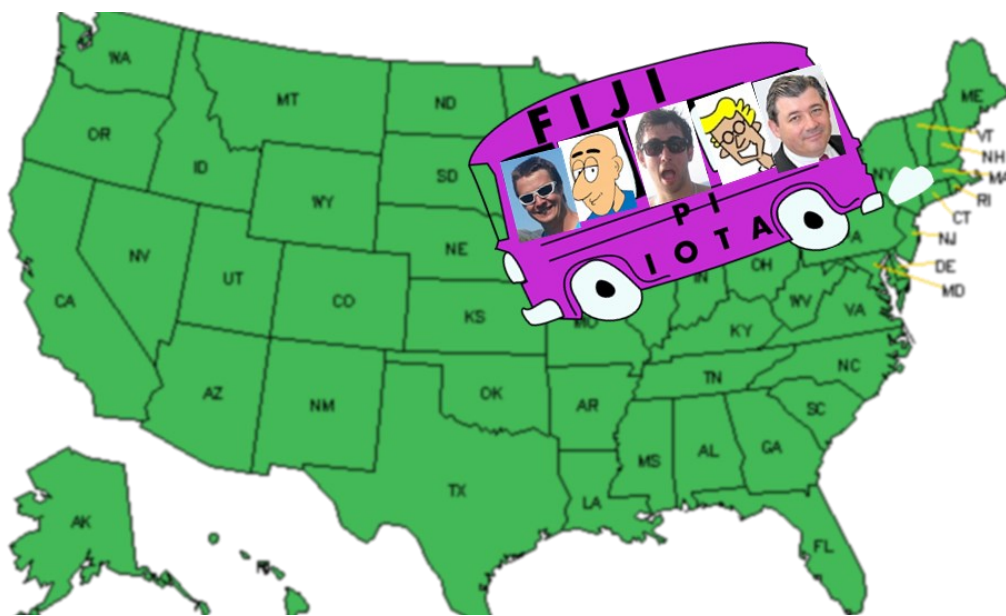
Pi Iota Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta

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FIJI Philanthropy Road Trip



Currently the brothers of Pi Iota are coordinating a philanthropic road trip. The plan is to get sponsors to donate for every mile that we drive and to schedule and perform charity events at the stops we make on the trip. We are coordinating our stops with other FIJI chapters where we will perform the charity as a brotherhood.

The length of our travel will be completely determined by the amount of sponsor participation we obtain. We ask you to help our cause by going to our website

wpifiji.com and clicking the link to donate a set amount for every mile we drive!

We plan to buy a van and paint it in our colors and style. We are going to document and market the trip through social media and ask people to share pictures of the FIJI vehicle wherever they cross our paths.

The brothers have a vision to see this turn into a Pi Iota tradition, building publicity and donations in each coming year.

If anyone has ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact Omri Flaisher at oflaisher@wpi.edu or Mike Bowen at mpbowen@wpi.edu

This is going to be a great experience for the brothers and will set the stage for greater things to come!

Pergé!



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Note from the President

The year 2014 not only brings in a new hardwood floor throughout the first floor of Ole 99, but a new direction within the brothers of Pi Iota. Newly elected cabinet members have been voted upon and have smoothly transitioned into their new positions. Due to the leadership and hard work ethic of last year's cabinet, the house is off to a great start. We are excited to host our annual philanthropy event in D-Term, The Humvee Push, to support our national philanthropy, the USO. The brotherhood is also proud to announce the winning of the 2013-2014 Homecoming Cup!

On March 8th, the brothers of Pi Iota chartered the Eta Mu chapter of

Phi Gamma Delta at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. This being the second year in a row that Pi Iota has chartered another Phi Gamma Delta Chapter. We initiated over 40 new brothers in three different memorized ritual ceremonies. The ceremonies were followed by Pig Dinner, which was hosted by International Headquarters. The brothers were excited to be a part in expanding the brotherhood to the Eta Mu Chapter.

Our Rush Chairs helped us welcome twenty-five gentlemen to pledge our organization through our traditional pledge program. The group offers a diverse array of bright men that the brothers are getting to know. We

held our annual Christmas and Valentines Day Formals where the brothers, pledges, and their dates were able to take a break from their studies and enjoy the memorable moments made at the house.

The house is excited about this year's upcoming Pig Dinner on April 12th. Our guest speaker this year is Tim Kilduff. We are excited to introduce the alumni brothers to our new members. We would like to see all of you there!

Cheers,

Paul Buchanan '15
President

Pergé!

Treasury Report

It is a very rewarding experience to serve as the new Treasurer this year. Coming into the position as a Sophomore, I knew I had signed up for a big challenge. Luckily, the Brothers have been extremely responsible and cooperative in paying their house bills on time, a standard set by the last

treasurer. For the first time in a few years we will be not owing any outstanding debt to FA Morse! The house is in a strong financial position and has the resources available to organize more brotherhood and community service events. Pi Iota is heading in the right direction and I am excited to con-

tinue this financial excellence with our cabinet. It would be my pleasure to get to meet the graduate brothers at Pig Dinner this year.

Fraternally,

Ash Nagpal
Chapter Treasurer

Pergé!

Pledge Education: Building Strong FIJI Men

I am proud to say that the Pi Iota Chapter has 25 pledges this year, all eager to become brothers of our Fraternity. The chapter is excited to have such a large class this year and its size can be attributed to every Brother's dedication to Rush. JU-25 is growing closer by the day and it is great to see them con-

stantly move forward on their journey to becoming FIJI Brothers. These young men are involved in all aspects of campus life from ROTC and sports to student government, just to name a few. We have gentlemen from all areas of the world, every academic major, and of all ages, we even have a PhD candidate

pledging this year! They truly represent the type of men we look to create FIJIs out of. They have really started to unite through our various traditional events such as the Official Pledging Ceremony, the pledges vs. brothers football game and, as always, spending time with each other down at Ole 99. See below for the list of JU-25. Perge!

Paul Francis O'Brien III
East Bridgewater, MA
ME/AE '14
Pledge Educator

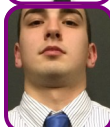
Kurt Sheldon Bugbee
Holden, MA
MIS/CS '17



Zachary Thomas Burgess
Wanaque, NJ
AE '17



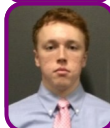
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Hudson, MA
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Antoine Jawan Crews
Detroit, MI
ME '17



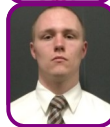
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Budd Lake, NJ
CE '15



Anthony Stephen DiBiasio
Manchester, NH
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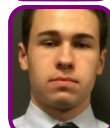
Kyle Bryan Foley
Madison, ME
CE '16



Patrick Christopher Gates
Buffalo, NY
CE/FPE '17



Jackson Nick Gillenwaters
Needham, MA
AE '16



Alexander Grammenos
Dover, NH
ME '17

Hussain Abdullah Riaz Khan
Islamabad, Pakistan
ECE '16

James David Lin
Dartmouth, MA
BME/Pre-health '17

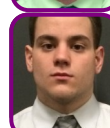
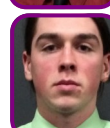
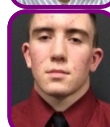
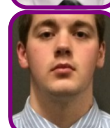
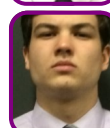
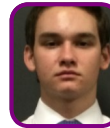
Andrew Jack Mokotoff
Potomac, MD
ECE '17

James Jarlath Mosteller
Springfield, VA
ME '17

Jonathan Marcel Rheume
Salem, NH
ME '17

Dylan Joseph Roche
Colorado Springs, CO
AREN '17

Christopher Angelo Scangas
Peabody, MA
ME/FPE '17



Bruno Barros Scherrer
Boca Raton, FL
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Benjamin Lee Schneller
Arlington, VA
BME '17

Stefan McMillan Smith
Kingston, Jamaica
ME '16

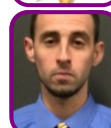
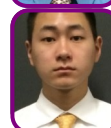
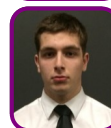
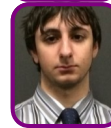
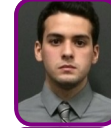
Marc Charles Toomajian
Malden, MA
AREN '17

Jonathan Edward Jack Viens Jr.
Wilbraham, MA
ME '17

Damani George Neil Walder
Kingston, Jamaica
ECE '16

Jamie James Wang
Acton, MA
ECE '17

David Charles Willens
Paxton, MA
ME '18 (PhD Candidate)

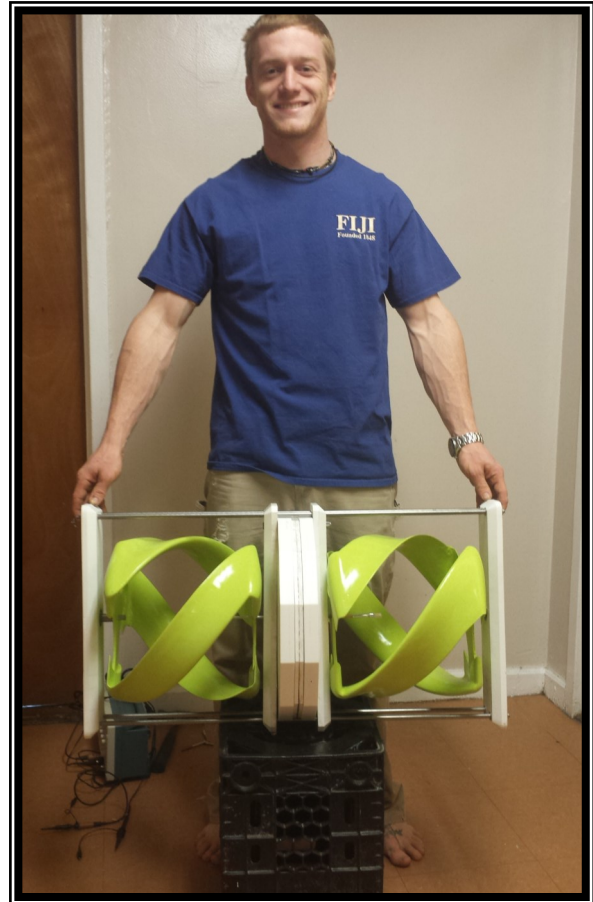


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FIJI Innovation

Brother Turgeon built an ocean current turbine. His team researched an optimum turbine design and produced a working prototype. They 3-D printed the turbines and reinforced them with fiberglass. The team also hand-built the generator located in the center of the two turbines. Their outcome is great engineering work. To reduce the cost of infrastructure to house the turbines, the team suggests attaching them to existing ocean buoys. Brother Turgeon says they start in-water trials soon.

Mighty Proud!



Sports Report

The brothers of the Pi Iota Chapter participated in intramural flag football, floor hockey and basketball this year. All the teams had great participation, but unfortunately we weren't able to bring back any intramural league championships. In this upcoming term we will have teams in intramural soccer and volleyball. These FIJI teams hope to take a turn in the right

direction and make playoff runs in both leagues. We have some strong athletic pledges entering the house which will greatly improve our gameplay.

Our participation doesn't stop with intramural sports as we have many brothers and pledges participating in varsity and club sports. FIJI's are included in crew, hockey, track and field, skiing, rugby, and

wrestling. FIJI's are consistently involved in WPI sports and we hope to continue that tradition, while improving our overall success in intramurals.

Pergé!

Brendan Connolly ('16)
Sports Chair



House Manager's Report

The Brothers of Pi Iota have continued to show their dedication and love for Ole 99 over the past year through numerous projects and renovations. The middle stairs connecting 2nd hall to 3rd hall was almost completely rebuilt and now boasts plywood reinforced walls and a banister and railing that will hold strong for years to come. Brother Calamari drew up floor plans in the fall to expand the house manager's closet into the top landing; a project that was completed later that term. It has proven useful as the project almost dou-

bled the square footage of the closet allowing for more tools and better organization. Over winter break, extensive work was done to the floors in both the dining room and the foyer. The foyer rug was ripped out and a brand new hardwood floor was put down. The existing hardwood floor in the dining room was also sanded and stained to match the foyer. It has instilled new life into the first floor of the house.

With several more projects on the horizon, the appearance and functionality of the house will only improve over the months to come.

Pergé!

Brother DiMaggio
(‘16)
House Manager



TOP: The new hardwood floors in the Foyer

Bottom: The new rebuilt middle stairs

Brothers Traveling the World

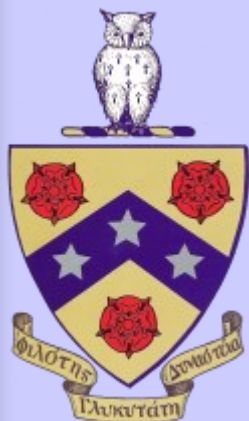
In completion of his Interactive Qualifying Project, Brother Omri Flaisher spent a term abroad in Hong Kong. For the project he worked for a housing developer, dealing with minimum housing size standards. He was able to experience many different cultures during his stay and grew from the trip. As seen to the

right, while visiting the Big Buddha, Brother Flaisher took a picture of this years rush shirt.

Its great to see our members taking advantage of such awesome opportunities. Currently Brother Nicholas Pakatar is performing his IQP in Costa Rica.

Mighty Proud!





Pictured at right
is Brother
MacDowell pinning
his girlfriend



Brotherhood

I am proud to report on the state of Brotherhood in the Ole 99 this year. I'd like to start off by congratulating the brothers who pinned their girlfriends this past Valentine's Day: Brothers Hassan ('13), Hagger ('13), MacDowell ('14), Dwan ('14), O'Brien ('14), Lowery ('14), Cieslewicz ('14), Bowen ('14), and Hartzell ('15). This year we started off with a retreat that involved the BCA along with the Purple Legionnaire (Walter Towner

'83), Brother Rubin ('74), and Tim Kilduff our Section Chief. We came up with year-long goals and ways to go



about them. Another congratulations I would like to extend is to Brother Rubin ('74) for being honored with the naming rights to the

campus center. Although many of the brothers were not too happy with the results of the AFC championship game, we all gathered in the foyer to watch the Superbowl. This year's game may not have been the most exciting in recent memory but that did not stop the brotherhood from having a great time all-around.

Perge!
Reed Gontarek ('16)

2nd Annual FIJI Humvee Push

Last year the Pi Iota chapter of Phi Gamma Delta held it's first FIJI Humvee Push. We were able to raise over \$2,000 for the USO! This year we are pushing to beat last year's numbers. If any Brother would like to form a team and participate in the event

please email our Philanthropy Chair,
Reed Gontarek at:

rcgontarek@wpi.edu



Scholarship

As always, Scholarship remains a staple of Pi Iota's efforts to epitomize excellence. As a reflection of this emphasis, our GPA continues to climb, a trend we have proudly continued over the past few years. We continue to outreach to campus organizations to facilitate

presentations on topics to increase academic focus such as time management. To ensure the success of our posterity, collaboration with the newest pledge class is proving to develop their strengths and encourage our priority of scholarship above all. While we close out 2013-2014 we

look to finish another strong academic year, remembering the wise words of our brother Calvin Coolidge that "Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

Pergé!
Nicholas Pakatar ('15)



**"Scholarship,
Fraternity,
Self"**

Memorial for Walter Knapp '38

Walt's son, Stephen, is a world-famous contemporary artist who does "Light Paintings." Walt was a Purple Legionnaire for Pi Iota and won the Durrance Award from Phi Gamma Delta national headquarters. Walt was a great PL and coach – he spent a lot of time at Pi Iota! Walt was the first alumnus to be tapped for

Skull. Stephen is going to do a Light Painting on the front of Gordon Library. It will be seen by students, faculty and visitors.

Below is an example of one of Stephen's Light Paintings.

FIJI brothers can give money to WPI to help pay for the memorial to Walt Knapp. We need to raise \$40,000. Please provide gifts before June 30, 2014.

Pergé!
Brother Rubin





Social

The FIJI brothers have been very socially active this semester. We held a neon paint social with the Phi Sigma Sigma sisters that went very well! Brothers and sorority sisters had a great time throwing paint filled balloons at white canvases with Fiji and Phi Sigma Sigma taped

off.

The Pinning Ceremony took place on Valentines day back in February, showing just how alive tradition is within the house. A few brothers pinned their girlfriends while *FIJI Rose* was sung, a memory they will surely never forget.

We really look forward to continuing socializing with other members of the greek community as the year comes to a close.

Cheers!
Kevin Rondinone ('16)
Social Chair



Join the 1899 Club

Pi Iota is now starting the 1899 club! Brothers can donate either \$1.89, \$18.99, \$189.90, \$1,899.00. The donations can be made monthly or in a single payment. The money raised will go towards general improvements to the chapter house.

Brothers can easily donate by going to our website wpifiji.com and clicking the 1899 tab. Here you will find the various payment options to choose from. If you do not wish to donate online, feel free to mail donations to:

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99 Salisbury St.
Worcester, MA 01609

Brothers who donate will be mentioned in the next edition of the Pi Ides!

FIJI

Donate A New Front Door

Brothers,
The current front door was donated 20 years ago by John B. Willard Class of 1937 and it has provided the house with great service. Unfortunately, the door is in need of replacement. If you would like to contribute and help out at Ole 99 by donating a new door, please contact either the

President, Paul Buchanan at:

pmbuchanan@wpi.edu

OR

The House Manager,
Paul Calamari at:

pjcalamari@wpi.edu

If you choose to donate a new door, a plaque will be placed on the door commemorating your generous donation to the house in its time of need.

Pergé!

Know A Potential FIJI

You can help us have a successful rush next year. If you know of anyone who will be attending WPI next fall, please send us their names so that we can reach out to them. You can send names to the rush

chairs, Kevin Rondinone or Kevin Kerhulas at:

kmrondinone@wpi.edu

OR

kjkerhulas@wpi.edu

We would like to thank you for your support.

Pergé!

Kevin Rondinone ('16)
Kevin Kerhulas ('16)
Rush Chairs

Note From The Editor

I am so proud to serve the house and my great brothers as their Corresponding Secretary! Living in Ole 99 has been such an amazing experience. I remember the first time I came across the house and the brotherhood during my freshmen year at WPI. It was move in day, and I was walking to Institute Park to check out the area. The campus seemed like a ghost town and I was disheartened by the lack of people and

fun which I was witnessing. On my way to the park, I approached a big white house on the corner. As I pass by, I hear cheers and laughter roaring from within. At that moment, I knew I had to be a part of that chapter. I was hooked to FIJI and have never even thought about looking back since. I am so excited to see where this chapter heads because the potential of this brotherhood is enormous. With

a large pledge class coming in and accountable, motivated Brothers holding positions within the chapter; expect big things from Pi Iota!

Mighty Proud To Be A FIJI!

Omri Flaisher ('15)
Corresponding Secretary
Pergé!



Pictured Above in front of the crest in second hall is this year's new cabinet!
From L to R: Ash Nagpal - Treasurer, Omri Faisher - Corresponding Secretary, Paul Buchanan - President, Michael Bowen - Recording Secretary, and Joe Cieslewicz- Historian.

Final Remarks

In an effort to save the chapter some money, we will be trying more and more to digitize the Pi Ides. I am attempting to create a complete and accurate email alias so that future *Pi Ides* can be sent completely elec-

tronically. If you could please send your updated email addresses to oflaisher@wpi.edu

If you have any suggestions for future issues of the *Pi Ides* please send all suggestions using the cut-

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If you would like to include articles and stories in the next issue of the *Pi Ides* please send them to:

oflaisher@wpi.edu

Suggestions to include 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!

**PIG DINNER
REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE AND
RSVP FOR PIG DINNER**



APRIL 12th 2013

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