



**Alumni of Alpha Chapter  
Theta Xi Fraternity  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

**Spring 2009 E-Newsletter**

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Dear Brother Viggiano,

We are pleased to provide you with the Spring 2009 E-Newsletter.  
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**9 New Brothers Initiated into Alpha Chapter**

9 new brothers were initiated into the Alpha Chapter of Theta Xi in January 2009.

A1608 Dan Harris ([harrid11@rpi.edu](mailto:harrid11@rpi.edu))  
A1609 Sean Garvey ([garves@rpi.edu](mailto:garves@rpi.edu))  
A1610 Neil Longfellow ([longfn@rpi.edu](mailto:longfn@rpi.edu))  
A1611 Alex Quirk ([quirka@rpi.edu](mailto:quirka@rpi.edu))  
A1612 Jonathan Li ([lij12@rpi.edu](mailto:lij12@rpi.edu))  
A1613 Marco Balducci ([baldum@rpi.edu](mailto:baldum@rpi.edu))  
A1614 John Miner ([minerj2@rpi.edu](mailto:minerj2@rpi.edu))  
A1615 Jamie Tabanao ([tabanj@rpi.edu](mailto:tabanj@rpi.edu))  
A1616 Matt Laird ([lairdm@rpi.edu](mailto:lairdm@rpi.edu))

We welcome them into the brotherhood and look forward to seeing them at 6294 in April.

### **Welcome to our 8 Spring Associate Members**



8 Associate Members pledged into the Spring class of Alpha Chapter of Theta Xi in February 2009.

Please welcome the following men into their Quest for Theta Xi (pictured from left to right):

John Hosmer IV  
Evan Rapoza  
Nicholas Senno  
Matt Campbell  
Ethan Cohane-Mann  
John Rupert  
Eric Jordan  
Graham Cabrey

Visit our [Alpha News](#) section on our website to read more news about Alpha and our members.

### **2009 Presidents and Rising Stars Academy**

The weekend of January 16-19, Active President A1594 Jeff Kopera and Scholarchip Chairman A1604 Joe Mahonchak joined 130+ Brothers from chapters across the country at the Theta Xi Presidents' and Rising Stars' Academies outside of St. Louis. The 2 academies are part of Theta Xi's undergraduate leadership development initiative funded by alumni donations. The Alpha Alumni Association helps to defray some of the academy expenses for our chapter members.



*The entire group gathered for introductory activities early in the program.*



*A1594 Jeff Kopera and A1604 Joe Mahonchak working with brothers from other chapters in the Northeast Region to capture the Theta Xi trivia bowl contest in a team building exercise.*

## **2009 District Leadership Academy**

On Saturday, February 28th, 8 chapters from the Northeast Region gathered at Lehigh University where Eta Chapter hosted the 2009 Theta Xi District Leadership Academy. After a brief 1 hour stop at the Marlboro Turnpike rest stop, 5 actives (Rob Robles A1577, Carlos Correa A1597, Neil Longfellow A1610, Alex Quirk A1611 and Jon Li A1612) joined brothers from Gamma (Stevens), Delta (MIT), Eta (Lehigh), Pi (Carnegie Mellon), Omicron (UPenn), Gamma Mu (Montclair State) and Gamma Xi (Monmouth) for a one day leadership workshop. 3 Alpha alumni participated as facilitators (Grand Lodge Director David Fowkes A1275, Alpha Chapter Alumni Advisor Norm Baldauf A1487 and Northeast Regional Director Mike Baron A1555).



*Norm Baldauf A1487 leading a discussion about the Purpose of Theta Xi*



*Mike Baron A1555 leading a Marketing Theta Xi session*



*Rob Robles A1577*



*Carlos Correa A1597*



*Jon Li A1612 discussing the Purpose of Theta Xi with his group*



*Neil Longfellow A1610 and Alex Quirk A1611 deliver Theta Xi rush pitch to the group*

### **Alpha Chapter Obtains Highest GPA of any Fraternity on Campus**

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce that Alpha Chapter had the highest GPA (3.14) of any fraternity on campus for the Fall 2008 Semester. The chapter is working hard to keep up the GPA for a repeat performance.

### **Radiator Work Completed at the House**

This past winter, the alumni association performed significant maintenance on the radiator heating system. Every bedroom in the house is occupied and a number of radiators had fallen into disrepair over the past years. Many rooms were being heated with expensive and dangerous space heaters.

Work included replacing 2 cracked radiators and replacing the steam traps, repairing the valves and re-leveling 11 additional radiators. All bedrooms now have adequate heat and the system continues to effectively heat the house.



### **6294 Celebration April 25, 2009**

This year 6294 will be held on April 24-26. The weekend will kick off with the second annual Theta Xi Olympic games at the house beginning at 8 pm. To sign up go to <http://www.zoo-brew.com/olympics.html>. Saturday activities will include the annual alumni-active football game (noon - location TBD), the alumni association annual meeting (3pm - location TBD) and the evening 6294 dinner. Please go to <http://www.evite.com/pages/invite/viewInvite.jsp?event=IUELROSWBTBPKCOYTLHP&inviteId=XIVKXGBSLAIGOWPBJSO&showPreview=false&x=770911991> for details, to register and for lodging information.

### **Annual Corporation Meeting April 25, 2009**

The Alpha Alumni Association will hold it's annual corporation meeting on April 25th, 2009 at 3 pm in Troy, NY, location TBD. During this meeting elections will be held for all alumni officers (President, Vice President and Treasurer) as well as for Members at Large for all expiring board seats. All Alpha chapter alumni in good standing are eligible to run for election and to vote (you must attend the meeting to vote). If you have any questions about the positions or are considering running and would like to discuss the positions, please email questions to David Fowkes A1275 at [david@rfowkes.com](mailto:david@rfowkes.com) or to any alumni board member.

### **2009 National Convention in Chicago**

Put it on your calendars. This year's National Convention is scheduled for August 6-9th at the Marriott Lincolnshire in the Chicago suburb of Lincolnshire, Illinois.

If you can find your way into the Chicago area or if you live in the area we will be gathering at a place near the convention on Friday night (Aug 7) for a night out. If you can plan to be in or around Chicago for business or pleasure please join us at the convention or for a few beers.

### **100th Anniversary of Alumni Association**

This year, the Alumni Association proudly celebrates 100 years of existence. Incorporated in late 1909, the Theta Xi Association of Troy, New York sought to “promote social intercourse and mutual improvement,” “acquire and hold real property,” and “to erect, improve or furnish, manage and operate a building or buildings thereon for the occupancy, use and benefit of its said members.” It took more than twenty-years of effort to realize the goal of a permanent home for Alpha Chapter culminating in the building of the chapterhouse we all know at 1490 Sage Avenue. To learn more about the early work of the Association, please visit: [http://www.alpha6294.com/history\\_house\\_construction.php](http://www.alpha6294.com/history_house_construction.php)

### **Grand Lodge Appoints Alpha Alumni as Leadership Coach to Upsilon Chapter**

Nick Constantine A1451, current Alumni Association board member at large, has been appointed by the Grand Lodge

as an mentor and Leadership Coach to the Upsilon Chapter at the University of Washington. Nick currently lives in the Seattle area and has volunteered to provide guidance to Upsilon's senior officers as a component of their chapter's All True Men designation. We thank Nick for becoming yet another Alpha alumnus to step up to help Theta Xi both locally and nationally.

## **Annual Fund Update**

We are off to another great start to our Annual Fund. Thank you!! *We have set a goal of \$40,000 and 150 donors for the 2008-09 fraternal year.* To see the fraternal year-end results, please visit our [Alpha Fund Drive web page](#). If your name is not in the list from this past year, you can give directly on the site via PayPal and get on this year's list.

## **Theta Xi City Clubs**

The New York City, Boston and Capital District clubs continue to meet periodically and have grown in number of participants and chapters attending. For information about the next events, please contact David Fowkes for the NYC club ([david@rfowkes.com](mailto:david@rfowkes.com)), Chris Blanc for the Boston club ([cblanc@gmail.com](mailto:cblanc@gmail.com)) and Brad Spencer for the Albany/Capital District club ([bspencer1517@gmail.com](mailto:bspencer1517@gmail.com)).

The next NYC Theta Xi alumni club meeting will be on Wednesday June 10th at 6pm at Mustang Harry's (352 7th Avenue). Please email David Fowkes ([david@rfowkes.com](mailto:david@rfowkes.com)) for details.

## **Get Connected through Online Networks**

Connect with Brothers through online social and professional networks.

LinkedIn.com: <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/95974/613485187C67>

FaceBook.com: Over 115 brothers now connected through FaceBook. Search for 'ThetaXi TroyAlumni'.

## **Call for Photos/Yearbooks**

WANTED: Alpha Chapter composites for pre-1958,1962,1963,1964,1969 to 1978, miscellaneous pictures or any yearbook that you would like to donate to the chapter's collection. If you have one of these, please contact Matt Glaccum at [mglaccum@geosphereinc.com](mailto:mglaccum@geosphereinc.com)

## **Volunteers Needed**

Want to help out but not sure how? Contact David Fowkes ([david@rfowkes.com](mailto:david@rfowkes.com)), Matt Glaccum ([mglaccum@geosphereinc.com](mailto:mglaccum@geosphereinc.com)) or Chris Baldauf ([chris.baldauf@gmail.com](mailto:chris.baldauf@gmail.com)) to find out what you can do to help the chapter organizations continue to grow. Whether it is acting as a mentor to the Actives, working on the website or joining in organizing alumni events, please consider helping to strengthen the chapter network connection.

## **Alpha Alumni Website**

Have you visited our new alumni website? Have you updated your contact information so we can continue to send you your AlphaBet and electronic newsletters? Please visit our website at [www.alpha6294.com](http://www.alpha6294.com) or [update your contact information](#) if it is incorrect or missing as listed below.

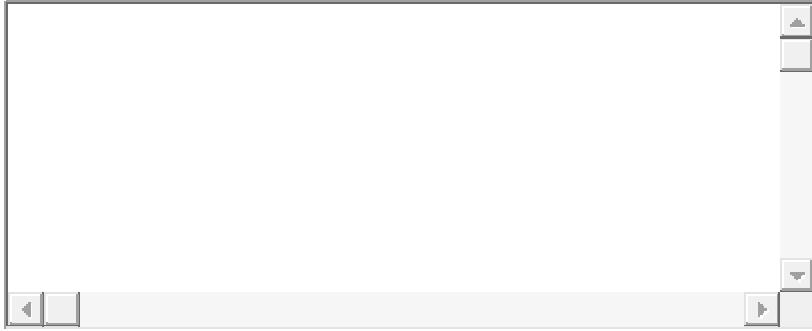
## **Find Alpha Alumni**

Looking for Alpha Alum? Our website provider, alumni owned and operated Destined Studios (**John Viggiano A1488 and Ben Haynes A1526**) have added a new feature to our website. Please sign in/register at [www.alpha6294.com](http://www.alpha6294.com) and look for the Google Maps logo and search field. Type in any address and a Google map will provide you with a listing

of all Alpha alumni living near that address. Thinking of moving or going on a trip? Check out alumni who you may want to call to grab a beer.

### **Send Us An Update - News Wanted for the Alphabet's Alumni News Section**

Have news about your family or work that you want to share with your fellow Brothers? You can send text and pictures to [alumni-update@alpha6294.com](mailto:alumni-update@alpha6294.com) or use the form box below. Updates will be included in the Alphabet's Alumni News Section and will be posted where Brothers signing in to the alumni website can see what you have been up to.



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Yours in the Bonds,  
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