



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

**Spring 2010 E-Newsletter**

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Dear Brother,

We are pleased to provide you with the Spring 2010 E-Newsletter.  
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**Alpha Welcomes 22 New Associate Members**



22 Associate Members pledged into the Spring class of Alpha Chapter of Theta Xi in February 2010.

Please welcome the following men into their Quest for Theta Xi:

**Greg Weston** Engineering 2013  
**Kevin Corrigan** Information Technology 2011  
**Dagmawi Yifru** Undeclared Engineering 2013  
**Will Toth** Computer Systems Engineering 2013  
**Jared Corso** Engineering 2013  
**Greg Kirsch** Computer Systems Engineering 2013  
**Vidyavisal Mangipudi** Mechanical Engineering 2013  
**Adam Daniels** Mechanical Engineering 2012  
**Dilpreet Saran** Industrial and Management Engineering 2013  
**Rob Malhotra** Chemistry 2013  
**Dan Rosania** Mechanical Engineering 2013  
**Kevan Chao** Biomedical Engineering 2013  
**Jovan Cruz** Information Technology 2012  
**Mike Carter** Undeclared Engineering 2013  
**Ed Yu** Bioinformatics and Molecular Biology 2013  
**Barry Fortuna** Mathematics 2013  
**Derek Loush** Biomedical Engineering 2013  
**Jake Weinreb** Chemical Engineering 2013  
**Will Gibbons** Nuclear Engineering 2013  
**Brendan Lambert** Computer Science 2013  
**JD DeWaard** Biomedical Engineering 2013  
**Larry Felix** Biomedical Engineering 2013

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

### **6294 Celebration April 24, 2010**

Fri 8pm - All-Star Zoo Olympics at the house - Join your brothers in friendly competition as 4 teams vie for the Gold. The active brothers will take on teams of alumni from the 2000s, 1990s and 1980s and before in a new twist on our annual olympics competition. No registration required. Show up as early as you can and join in the festivities.

Sat noon - Volleyball at the house. The first annual alumni/active volleyball match at 1490 Sage Avenue replaces our traditional alumni/active football game.

Sat 2 pm - Annual alumni corporation meeting and elections on campus in the Biotech building auditorium.

Sat 5:30 pm - Annual alumni/active awards ceremony, on campus. Meet at the house for photos and to walk over to the ceremony for speeches and awards

Sat 7:00 pm First annual Theta Xi Texas Hold Em fundraising tournament (<http://www.zoo-brew.com/txholdem.html>)

Sat 7:00 pm Formal - Any alumni wishing to attend the dinner with the actives must contact **Spencer Anunson A1581** at [anunss@rpi.edu](mailto:anunss@rpi.edu) by Sunday April 11 at the latest. Cost will be about \$60 per person, double with date in addition to any donation to the alumni association.

If you can join us for all or part of the weekend please RSVP so we know to expect you. More details including discount hotel information is available at the 6294 Evite Link <http://www.evite.com/pages/invite/viewInvite.jsp?inviteId=TDDHWQMXPOSJBJPKVFIP>

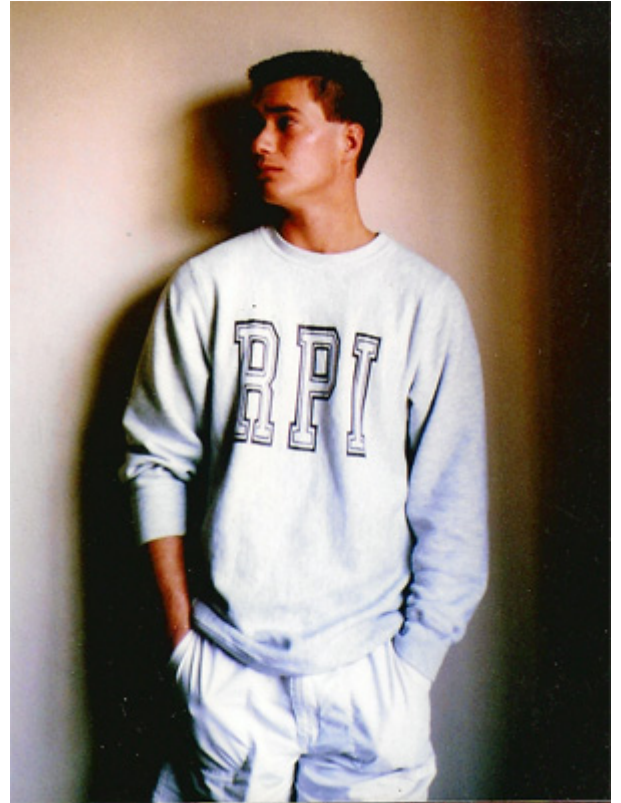
Sign up and pay for your participation in the first annual charity 6294 Poker Tournament. It will be an interesting twist on Texas Hold Em with a portion of the proceeds going toward the annual fund for house repairs. Please sign up at <http://www.zoo-brew.com/txholdem.html>

### **Annual Corporation Meeting April 24, 2010**

The Alpha Alumni Association will hold its annual corporation meeting on April 24th, 2010 at 2 pm in Troy, NY, in the Biotech building auditorium on campus. 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.

### **Memorial for Alan Miller**

A memorial page for **Alan Miller A1317** has been added to our website. We encourage all who knew and loved Alan to visit the page <http://www.alpha6294.com/memorial-alan-miller.php> and share any thoughts, memories or photos.



### **2010 Presidents and Rising Stars Academy**

This year's annual Theta Xi Presidents and Rising Stars Academies were held in St Louis, MO on January 15-18. **Nick Senno A1620** joined over 90 Theta Xi brothers from around the country to attend Rising Stars. Presidents and Rising Stars Academies are annual leadership retreats hosted by Theta Xi headquarters and funded by the Theta Xi Foundation to provide leadership training to chapter presidents and select brothers identified as potential future chapter leaders. Alumnus **Nick Constantine A1451** participated at the conference as a leadership trainer. For more details on the Rising Stars Academy program please visit our HQ website at <http://www.thetaxi.org/Events/RisingStar.php>



### **2010 District Leadership Academy**

The District Leadership Academy ("DLA") is another component of Theta Xi's National leadership programming initiative. It is a one day seminar addressing leadership skills and allows brothers to meet with brothers from all the chapters within their district to exchange ideas. This year's Northeast District DLA was held on February 27th at Gamma Mu chapter at Montclair State University in NJ. Grand Lodge Director **David Fowkes A1275** led the academy. 2008-9 Northeast District Chapter Advisor of the year **Chris "Norm" Baldauf A1487** participated as an instructor and Regional Director **Mike Baron A1555** conducted a rush techniques seminar for those chapters in attendance.

### **Alpha Chapter Scholarship Strong**

Alpha Chapter continues to rate in the top 5 GPAs for all Fraternities on campus. From it's top semester GPA last Fall to its top 3 cumulative GPA (above all men's average), Alpha has proven itself one of the top academic groups on campus.

### **Rush Seminar**

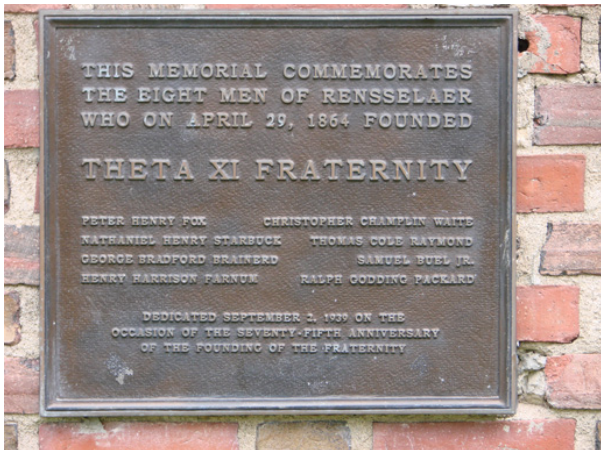
**Chris Riismandel A1356** and **Chris Blanc A1404** conducted a Rush Seminar for Alpha Chapter on Saturday January 23rd. Chris and Chris focused on developing sales skills and marketing themes for the chapter. These skills will help the active brothers in rush, in finding a job and in their career after graduation. All active brothers participated and many spoke highly of the material presented. So how did our boys do? Their success showed that they were the best prepared house on campus for Spring rush with an amazing Associate Member class of 22. This seminar is a perfect example of how dedicated alumni can help our active brothers reach their potential at the house. We can't thank Chris and Chris enough for the impact they have had on Alpha chapter.



### Memorial Seat Upgrade

RPI is upgrading our Memorial Seat as part of its campus renovation project. The benches have been removed and the grassy area in front of the column and plaque has been replaced with a paver stone patio. RPI plans to replace the benches and landscaping once weather permits.

[Click here](#) to view the original 75th anniversary Memorial Seat dedication article printed in the Unicorn in 1939.



## **Graduating Seniors**

Alpha chapter has 5 seniors graduating in May. Looking for a new employee? Interested in networking? Willing to provide guidance to a young brother entering into your field of expertise? You know how tough their school is and how well prepared they will be. Please reach out to one or more of the following graduating brothers if you are willing to lend a hand.

### **Mike Martin**

Alpha: 1586

Major: CSCI

Looking to live and work in NYC area doing IT work.

[mikey1987@yahoo.com](mailto:mikey1987@yahoo.com)

### **Maxim Mendelson**

Alpha: 1591

Major: Games & Simulation Arts and Sciences

I'm looking to go into videogame design/art. I can do 2D and 3D art with experience in Maya 2009 and Adobe CS3&4. I've made a few student collaborated games, as well.

[http://rpinfo.rpi.edu/~mendem/Anim\\_01.html](http://rpinfo.rpi.edu/~mendem/Anim_01.html)

[mak.mendelson@gmail.com](mailto:mak.mendelson@gmail.com)

### **Clayton Kotulak**

Alpha: 1592

Major: IT/Computer Science dual (3.71 GPA)

Looking for IT analytic/engineering job in the west of east coast.

### **Jon Shepard**

Alpha: 1600

Major: Mechanical Engineering

[shepaj@rpi.edu](mailto:shepaj@rpi.edu)

## **Annual Fund Update**

While donations are slightly above pace from last year we are down significantly from recent years. There are over 200 brothers who have donated in the past but not yet this year. Last year was down over 40% from the year before. Unless more alumni choose to join their brothers by providing annual support we simply cannot continue repairs and improvements to the house at the pace we have been. Please consider donating whatever amount you feel comfortable with every year. If we can get our 200 lapsed donors to give something and get some of the 350+ brothers yet to contribute to our annual fund to make a small donation we will have the resources to make a real impact on the competitiveness of our chapter. We are rapidly approaching our 150th anniversary in 2014. Now is not the time to lose our momentum. [Click here](#) to visit the donations page.

## **Theta Xi City Clubs**

**Albany, NY Club** - Brad Spencer A1517. Email Brad at [bspencer1517@gmail.com](mailto:bspencer1517@gmail.com) about upcoming events.

**Boston Club** - Chris Blanc A1404 – For more information please contact Chris at [cblanc@gmail.com](mailto:cblanc@gmail.com).

**Chicago Club** - Weston Harding Gamma Tau 1 – Contact Weston at [weston.harding@resavvy.com](mailto:weston.harding@resavvy.com). com if interested in future events.

**NYC Club** - Please send an e-mail to David Fowkes A1275 at [david@rfowkes.com](mailto:david@rfowkes.com) for more info.

**Washington DC** - Dan Daly Beta Omega 187 – The Washington DC Alumni Club has a happy hour the first Friday of every month. For more information, please contact Daniel Daly, DC Alumni Club President at [dand187@gmail.com](mailto:dand187@gmail.com). com. John Reinhardt A1358 has also recently gotten together Alphas in the DC area. Contact John at [john@teamreinhardt.com](mailto:john@teamreinhardt.com) for more details.

### **Upcoming Calendar of Events**

#### **April 24, 2010**

Join us on Saturday for our annual corporation meeting and 6294 Celebration in Troy, New York.

#### **October 15-17, 2010**

Homecoming/Reunion. RPI has combined Reunion with Homecoming in the Fall.

#### **April 29, 2014**

150th Anniversary

### **Get Connected through Online Networks**

Connect with Brothers through online social and professional networks.

LinkedIn.com: <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/95974/613485187C67> (64 Brothers)

FaceBook.com: Over 157 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.

Yours in the Bonds,  
Theta Xi Association of Troy, New York