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Chi Phi Fraternity, Omega Chapter



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Philanthropy Update

Dom D'amico – Philanthropy Chair

So far, this semester has had a lot in store in terms of philanthropy for Chi Phi. In addition to sending our brother's to the Boys and Girls Club of Atlanta, we put on our own events here on Georgia Tech's Campus. We strongly believe in helping serve the Atlanta community, while striving to motivate other Georgia Tech students to also participate in philanthropy around campus.



We recently had our first event, Chi Phi Comedy Night in February to raise money for our philanthropy organization, the Boys and Girls Club. Our comedy show was hosted by the very talented brother, Will Farr. In addition to 12 comedians from around the Atlanta area, we had a special visit from Los Angeles comedian Dave Ross. The event was put on by several dedicated brothers of Chi Phi and was able to raise over \$1000 for the Boys and Girls Club.

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Shrimp and Beer:

April 16, 2016
12-4 PM

TopGolf:

April 3, 2016
5-7 PM

Links of Interest -

Omega Chapter of Chi Phi:
www.gtchiphi.org

Chi Phi National Website:
www.chiphi.org **Omega**

Giving Club:
www.chiphigivingclub.com

Chi Phi — Omega Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/ChiPhiatGaTech



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In addition to hosting our own charity events, we send our brothers to the Boys and Girls Club headquarters in Atlanta. Every week some of our brothers go to tutor, coach, and generally hang out with the kids. We take great pride in being able to consistently contribute to the success of the Boys and Girls Club. Also, since they are our national philanthropy, all of our proceeds go straight towards the continued progress and success of the students of the Atlanta area.

In case you were wondering, we are definitely contributing in more events for the rest of the semester. One of the biggest things we are looking forward to is For the Kid's Dance Marathon in March. We have more than half of our chapter signed up to attend the Dance Marathon and we expect to raise a lot of money for the event. In addition, we are once again participating in St. Baldrick's, where some of our brothers shave their heads in order to raise money for cancer research. With all the money we raise, we are able to directly contribute to the members of the Boy's and Girl's club by buying them new supplies and hardware. Last semester, we used half of the money we raised to buy two families their Christmas gifts for that holiday season. In addition, we purchased a new projector system and computer for the club's headquarters. We plan to use the money we have raised to once again directly help out the families of the Boy's and Girl's Club.

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Spring Rush

Thanh Nguyen



I had always been curious about Greek life here at Georgia Tech. Coming into college with a preconceived idea of what Greek life based solely on young adult novels and *Animal House*, I was turned away from the idea of going Greek before I really understood what it was. I went through my entire first year at Tech with no intention of going Greek until I began to realize maybe I was missing out on something. No matter how many times people say Tech's Greek life is nothing compared to that of SEC schools, its influence on the campus is undeniable. Almost every event on campus is dominated by Greek involvement, many of them catering specifically to Greek-affiliates. I decided to cast away my uneducated view of Greek life and participate in spring rush this year and it has proven to be a decision that I regret not making sooner.

I came into the whole rush process with absolutely no information on where I should go or how the process even really worked. For the first few days, I aimlessly walked into random fraternity houses...

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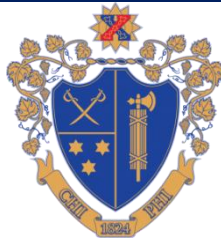


...Even though I got a few bids, I still had a feeling that Greek life wasn't really my thing. Luckily, with the guidance of a few good friends, I decided to visit Chi Phi on the second-to-last day of rush.

It was a cold and rainy Atlanta Thursday so Fraternity Row was mostly deserted apart from the few brothers unhappily sitting under tents outside waiting for potential rushees. I walked up to the tent in front of Chi Phi and was enthusiastically thanked by one of the brothers for showing up even in this weather. I was led up the slippery stone stairs and into the house where I was introduced to my first Chi Phi brother, Alex Berlinsky. He offered me some soda in a wine glass and gave me a brief tour of the house before introducing me to some other brothers. I remember feeling very fancy sipping Sprite out of a wine glass while admiring the artistry of the door covered in bottle caps. While I don't remember exactly who I talked to since I'm terrible with names and I must have met 30 different brothers that night, I distinctively remembered Armando, Shan, and Jake Rejwan were extremely friendly and easy to talk to...



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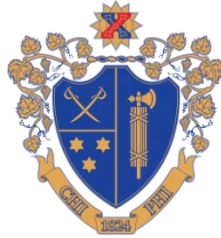
...The one conversation I can fully recollect was the brief conversation I had with Reed right as I was about to walk out of the door. He walked up to me and asked about my music taste. After I told him I didn't listen to much EDM, he told me I should listen to his favorite artist, Migos. Thanks Reed.

I left Chi Phi that night feeling like I just discovered this whole other side of college life that I had been missing out on. Even though Migos ended up not really being my thing, I had a feeling after that night that Chi Phi might be.

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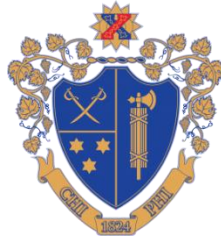
RLA Conference

Sujay Kalathoor – Gamma

The weekend of February 26-28 gave rise to one of the most informative and educational weekends of the semester: the Southeastern Regional Leadership Alliance (RLA). This year's RLA was held in the simple town of Chapel Hill, where the beautiful and historic campus hosted our conference in one of its spacious student halls. Entering the conference on the first morning and seeing all the other Chi Phis from other chapters was eye opening to say the least. It was almost like I was being welcomed home.

The Georgia Tech brothers really hit it off with the other chapters. We all learned so much about how other chapters conducted their business and how to become better leaders. The workshops and different activities really facilitated our enjoyment and personal improvement, as we got to do things like practice making a first impression and bettering our interpersonal skills. After lunch, we all received the privilege of listening to our one and only Grand Alpha, Ron Frank. He talked to us for about an hour about his life and his thoughts on Chi Phi. We even got a chance to see his Grand Alpha badge which was an incredible moment for all of us in attendance. After that spirited discussion, we finished off the day with facilitator Erin Caldwell, whose efficient use of funny pictures and mature activities really connected with us all on a personal level. "RLA really taught me a lot about Chi Phi and what it really means to be a brother. When I'm a dad, I know I'm going to encourage my son to be a Chi Phi," said Domenick D'Amico, a first year brother. "One of the things I learned was about how to improve our rush and New Member education program," mentioned Reed Haury, another first year brother. "I think I can definitely take the wisdom from this weekend and apply it to the Omega Chapter." Overall, it was a great weekend filled with tons of laughs and even more memories.

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Alumni Dinners

Be on the lookout for regular Alumni Dinners! Get a chance to meet some of the active Brothers of the Chi Phi Fraternity while enjoying the tastes of Atlanta.

If you have any questions regarding the dinners, or would like to suggest times or restaurants, feel free to contact our Zeta, Brother Reinhardt at creinhardt6@gatech.edu.

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