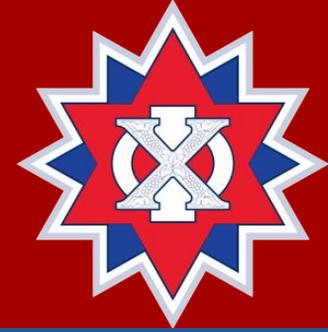


THE OMEGARON

Chi Phi Fraternity, Omega Chapter



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Chi Phi Fights Nicotine Addiction!

The semester may be coming to an end, but that hasn't stopped the Omega chapter from making leaps and bounds all across campus! Read this issue to see how far we've gone in developing relations with other organizations through philanthropy, how one brother may have revolutionized the way we treat nicotine addiction, and how we're creating new resources to better equip brothers for life after college.

The house is buzzing with excitement as we get closer and closer to Shrimp & Beer, and we definitely cannot wait to tell you about the rest of the adventures we've had on campus so far!



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- Shrimp & Beer
Apr. 20th, 12-4 pm at the house
- Georgia Tech Spring Game
Apr. 26th, Bobby Dodd Stadium

Social Media and Links of Interest:

Omega Chapter of Chi Phi:
www.gtchiphi.org

Chi Phi National Website:
www.chiphi.org

Chi Phi – Omega Facebook:
www.facebook.com/ChiPhiatGaTech

Instagram:
[@gtchiphi](https://www.instagram.com/gtchiphi)

Twitter:
[@chiphi](https://twitter.com/chiphi)



Spring Break Cabin Trip

Brother Jose Pimentel

Nature, cozy campfires, and wholesome times with the rest of my pledge class was the ideal way to spend Spring Break. There wasn't a second when we weren't busy laughing, going on crazy adventures, and celebrating our friendship with each other. Whether it was in the kitchen figuring out how to cook, finding a way to fit ten of us in a hot tub, or playing a few games of poker, I am absolutely glad I got to spend my vacation with these amazing guys.

As a current inactive brother, I've come to appreciate every moment I spend with my brothers. I've learned to take advantage of every second I have with not only members of my pledge class but the rest of the fraternity. We learned that through the power of true brotherhood, organizing a trip of this magnitude was a breeze. This proved to us how much we can achieve together. It doesn't matter what your current social status is, what random part of the world you may find yourself in, or how busy others may be. The brothers of Chi Phi will always make an effort to see each other.

All in all, cleaning, cooking, and being with my brothers on this trip made me realize that home is not necessarily a location. It's where your most loved ones are. This trip has become one of the highlights of my time at Tech because it reminded me of what Chi Phi truly is: a home away from home.



Looking Back At Pledgeship

New Member Enrique Quiros

There are multiple things that can be said about the pledge process. Most people are quick to assume that pledgeship is extremely difficult and not really worth the time. While it may have been challenging, the rewards are endless. Not only was pledging a fun and giving experience, but it also helped me become a better person. Chi Phi's pledge process made me more responsible, helped me develop time management skills, and taught me what it really means to look out for someone other than yourself. Fulfilling my duties around the chapter house while also keeping good grades and holding a job required a high level of time management, which I had the opportunity to hone throughout the semester. Pledging also made me more self-aware of my actions and behavior as they were also a reflection of all the brothers of Chi Phi. I had to be conscious of the way I carried myself amongst other people in order to honor and uphold Chi Phi's good reputation. Last but definitely not least, pledging helped me create bonds that will transcend my college years. My pledge brothers have become some of the closest friends I'll have. By going through this with them, we grew closer, almost becoming our own little family. I would trust those men with anything, anytime. As we get closer to initiation, I can say that pledging has been a great experience.



Chi Phi Takes Steps Towards Combating Nicotine Addiction

Brother Thomas Olson

This spring I competed in Georgia Tech's InVenture Prize. InVenture prize is an annual competition hosted by Georgia Tech for entrepreneurs. The competition is aired on television and is very similar to *Shark Tank*. A tremendous amount of effort was put into this project; nevertheless, it was an amazing experience and I'm glad I had the opportunity to participate.

My team and I started working on this project last fall as part of our senior design course. After a few weeks of research, we decided to develop an e-cigarette that helps you quit smoking instead of keeping you addicted. We worked hard all semester and by the senior design expo we had built a functioning prototype... it exploded about half an hour into the expo. However, people saw a lot of potential in our idea leading us to receive a "golden ticket". This ticket granted us acceptance into Create-X's startup launch program and the semi-final round of the InVenture prize.

The semi-finals consisted of the top 25 teams out of more than 100 who had competed in the preliminary round. Only the top 6 teams would go onto the final and we were ecstatic once we learned our team was one of the selected 6.

Now that we were in the finals, there was so much more work to be done. We had weekly meetings with the other 6 teams to work on our pitches, b-roll shoots, video shoots for our introduction videos and Georgia Tech's social media, dress rehearsals, a Facebook livestream, and the competition itself.



The night of the competition made all the work totally worth it though. I still remember the feeling of walking out on stage in front of hundreds of people. All my fellow brothers were right there in the first row, and they were LOUD. I don't think anyone has cheered as much in all of InVenture prize history as they did that night. Being up on stage and looking out into the crowd to see my family, my brothers, and my friends was an amazing experience and something I'll never get to live through again.

We had re-written our presentation from scratch the night before so we really weren't sure how well we would do. Thankfully everything went well and we got to enjoy some free time to sit backstage and watch the other teams present. By the end of night they brought back out all 6 teams to the stage to present the awards. "And the People's Choice Award goes to *opens envelope* Team Nix!". The whole place went crazy.

This summer my team and I will be participating in Create-X's Start-Up Launch program as we work full time on developing our company, Nix. If you want to find out more about us you can look at our website quitwithnix.com

For all of the brothers who came out and supported me, thank you guys so much. I never would have won people's choice without your help. More than that though, thank you for always being there for me when I needed it. You guys mean the world to me and I'm proud to call all of you my brothers. Love you guys.



Philanthropy with Alpha Omega Pi (GSU)

Brother Cooper Link

On Saturday morning, March 9th, us Chi Phis saddled up and headed over to GSU's soccer fields. We got the chance to team up with a sorority from Georgia State University for their annual philanthropic soccer tournament. The sorority, Alpha Omega Pi, conducts *Kick Out for Childhood Arthritis* every year and this year we were lucky enough to help out. When we arrived to the fields, AOPi had already put together some of the amenities. They had cornhole, a "Pie a President" station, and even a food truck set up. So we set to work on preparing the fields.

After we had set up the fields, the teams got prepared for their tournament. A total of 7 teams competed in two brackets for glory and a Chi Phi catered lunch. It was a competitive grouping, with Georgia Tech fielding 3 teams and GSU fielding 4. The Chi Phi pledges even competed in their own team. By the end of the day, a Georgia Tech team had won the women's bracket and a GSU team had won the male's. Overall, it was a great opportunity for us to branch out and meet some people from another university. It also led to GSU's AOPi joining Chi Phi for our recent Comedy for the Kids event which was another huge success.



Friends of the house, fielding a team at our soccer tournament



Chi Phinances

Brother David Frey

This semester brother Chris Connelly (Delta) organized an event, Chi Phinances, to give brothers an introduction to basic financial concepts. Several brothers attended Chris's presentation and gained useful insight on the Omega chapter's finances as he discussed how we create our semester budget, and how we use our billing service. After chapter finances were discussed Chris gave a discussion on basic financing concepts, covering several topics such as the time value of money, risk and return, and investment instruments. Chi Phinances turned out to be a very informative and engaging presentation that will prove useful for developing skills within our chapter and perhaps even inspiring the newest generation of brothers to run for Delta.



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