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## UPCOMING EVENT

**Lehigh vs. Lafayette  
150th Meeting**  
November 22

Stay tuned to [www.lxalehigh.com](http://www.lxalehigh.com) for details of Lambda Chi's celebration at Yankee Stadium.

## ALUMNI OFFICERS

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## ON THE WEB

Alumni Web Site  
[www.lxalehigh.com](http://www.lxalehigh.com)

Facebook Group  
[www.facebook.com/groups/146658925401412/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/146658925401412/)

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

## GRADUATE REPORT

### Shaping Our Men: Who They Are, What They Know, and What They Can Do

#### Gamma-Psi Alumni Association Exists to Fulfill LXA's Mission

By Anthony Franchina, President, Brothers of Gamma-Psi Zeta, Inc.

We all made the promise as undergraduates to follow the Fraternity's mission: Through our core values and ritualistic teachings, Lambda Chi Alpha aims to systematically develop our men by fundamentally shaping who they are, what they know, and what they can do. It is my duty to ensure that our alumni association not only pays the Lambda Chi experience forward for future generations of young men at Lehigh, but also provides you with opportunities to stay connected with our chapter and the friends you met there.

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As you'll read in the enclosed newsletter, our chapter earned the top fraternity GPA on campus last semester and was named Lehigh's "most desirable house." Our undergraduate brothers should be commended for the work they've done to overcome some recent challenges and uphold our fraternity's great reputation.

We're also working on enhancing your alumni experience via a much more vibrant program – most notably through increased communications and a tailgate at the 150<sup>th</sup> Lehigh/Lafayette meeting at Yankee Stadium

this fall. Additionally, we are seeking more brothers to get involved in a volunteer capacity - from advising our active chapter to planning our events to making sure that the organization is fiscally sound. We rely on the dedication of our volunteers to ensure that our chapter exists for generations to come, and that brothers can get the most out of their alumni experience.

The most critical way you can get involved is through your financial support (see page 3 for more information). Then, visit our web site, sign up for our monthly eLetters, share stories and pictures for a forthcoming publication, and plan to join us at our Lehigh/Lafayette tailgate in November.

Think back to those core values that you learned as an undergraduate, and apply them to your alumni experience. How did Lambda Chi shape who you are today? Renew your participation with our fraternity this year. I look forward to connecting with you.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**\*Total alumni: 1,112**

**Valid mailing addresses: 801**

**Valid email addresses: 331**  
(40% of living alumni)

**Lost brothers: 25**  
(no current mailing list on file)

**All-time annual fund donors: 268**  
(24% of all alumni)

*\*Includes 283 deceased*

## CHAPTER REPORT

### Lambda Chi Earns Top Fraternity GPA, Named “Most Desirable House” on Campus 22 New Young Men Welcomed Into Brotherhood

By Henry Smither, Incoming Alpha

Lambda Chi is excelling academically on campus! The chapter achieved a 3.22 GPA for the fall 2013 semester, which ranked us with the #1 GPA out of all fraternities. Twenty-two brothers were also named to the Dean’s list for earning GPAs of 3.6 or higher. This success can be credited to a few ongoing initiatives: productivity hours, which have been put in place to ensure a study-friendly environment in the house from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every week-day; and the Academic Peer Tutoring Program, which brothers continue to use to help assist one another. This year we worked with the Center for Academic Success to train 12 brothers to be certified peer tutors, and also hosted a variety of study skills speaker sessions.

Gamma Psi has been dubbed the “most desirable house” in a poll taken by freshmen and presented to the Office of Fraternity and

Sorority Affairs. That shows in our numbers too, as we recently initiated a 22-man pledge class for the spring semester. Recruitment events included a Sixers’ game, paintballing, dinners, Thanksgiving dinner, Monday night football viewings and a trip to the Eastern State Penitentiary Haunted House.

Philanthropically, the chapter has been busy. We again supported our LXA brothers at Gettysburg College for the 8th Annual For Jake’s Sake 5k. This year we increased brotherhood participation with 10 brothers running in the 5K and then exploring the battlefields afterwards. Through word of mouth, we raised over \$250 for the Ronald McDonald Foundation. The race honored Jake Gurreri, the younger brother of our alumni advisor, who passed away at age 5. It was tremendous to see the support of the Lambda Chis of

Gettysburg who rallied to the cause.

In other philanthropy news, the chapter raised money for the Second Harvest Food Bank in Allentown through a 3 vs 3 basketball tournament, and hosted a car bash with ATO and AXO in the fall.



Brothers after the 3 vs 3 basketball tournament, which raised funds for Second Harvest Food Bank.

### Our Award-Winning Chapter

#### Celebrating Brothers Who Have Been Recognized for Success On and Off Campus

Join us in congratulating the following brothers for their accolades this academic year:

- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Award (ACFE) – **Jeremy Bailey** (Senior)
- CBE Tauck Scholar (2) – **Jeremy Bailey** (Senior), **Sean Joy** (Senior)
- Geraldo Vasconcellos Thompson

International Award – **Mathew Jacobs** (Senior)

- Presidential Scholarship – **Sean Joy** (Senior)
- IBE Top Scholar (2) – **Lou Battaglia** (Junior), **Tommy Pine** (Sophomore)
- Iacocca International Internship – **Henry Smither** (Junior)
- IFC President of the Year – **Matthew Jacobs** (Senior)

- Honors Fraternity- **Henry Smither** (Junior)

Gamma-Psi brothers were also recognized with:

- Phi Beta Sigma membership
- Beta Gamma Sigma membership
- Chi Epsilon – Civil Engineering
- Class of 1904 Scholarship Award
- PWC Case Competition 1st Place 2013 and 2012

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Learning from Experiences and Developing Sustainability Gamma-Psi Looks to Build for the Future and Lay the Foundation for Success

By Patrick Stock, Outgoing Alpha

As our chapter looks forward to next year we intend to learn from our past experiences, positive and negative, and pledge to use those experiences to our advantage in the future. Specifically, we want to focus on creating a relevant theme, which we intend to be “sustainability.” Community development as a whole centers around sustainability and constant improvement each year, and we want

to end the current trend of the metaphorical “roller coaster” from year to year. We plan on concentrating our events on continuing what has worked in the past, as well as laying the foundation for success on behalf of brothers for years to come.

Too many times in the past, the philanthropy and community service chair(s) have been relied on too heavily to formulate,

organize, and execute community developing events, activities, and opportunities. Next year, we as a chapter will focus more greatly on developing the community as a collective unit. Through community development, we can better understand, aid, and learn from those around us, and our intention is to cement this idea into the chapter.

## ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

### Why Is It Important to Give?

While we often do fundraising for a direct purpose, like the recent renovation of the bar room or chapter room, your donations are always put to good use. For example, thanks to alumni donations in reserve, we were able to fund the chapter for the spring semester. For those alumni who are not aware, the Fraternity Management Association went bankrupt and as a result, the active chapter's semester budget was lost. We could not have gotten through the semester without your help, so thank you to our donors for helping us keep an active reserve account.

As we revitalize our alumni relations program in 2014, the board has compiled a list of our most pressing needs and desired activities. This "wish list" is supported

exclusively through the generosity of brothers like you. Why is it important to give, and what do we do with your donations on an ongoing basis?

- The support we receive from alumni goes directly back to you in the form of communications, events and other opportunities to help you maintain a lifelong bond to the fraternity and your friends. More support will help us grow and improve these important efforts.
- Alumni giving allows us to support our undergraduate members as they seek the same benefits we enjoyed—leadership and character development, opportunities for community service and philanthropy, and a

support network of lifelong friendships.

- Our legacy is in all our hands. Making a gift goes a long way to assuring that we continue to be here for one another and for future generations of brothers.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to meet our expenses and to improve the alumni relations experience for all brothers. We are in the process of restarting a vibrant alumni relations program—so we really need each and every brother to get involved and give back. Your participation is critical to our program's continued success.

*Make your gift online at [www.lxalehigh.com](http://www.lxalehigh.com) or by calling 800-975-6699.*

## HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

*Thank you to the following alumni who have supported Brothers of Gamma-Psi Zeta, Inc. so far this fiscal this year through their financial support.*

### Joe Lambda (\$500+)

Christopher Michael Scott '95  
William E. Kirwan '81  
Lynne Valitski Finnegan

### Gold (\$250-\$499.99)

James C. Perry

### Green (\$100-\$249.99)

Kuzma Leschak '48  
Richard A. Van Kampen  
Theodore J. Dahne '73  
Walter C. Keiper '85

### Purple (\$50-\$99.99)

Carol Battaglia  
Sean H. Kelly '88  
Keith Lawrence Janosky '00

D. Bruce Jones '77

### Other (Up to \$49.99)

Barbara Stoy  
David Jacob Langsam '07  
Archie S. Robertson '65  
Andrew M. Zak  
Gregory Scott Owen  
Sean Michael Joy

### Make Your Gift

There are three ways to make your 2014 contribution:

1. Return the enclosed form with your gift.
2. Log on to [www.lxalehigh.com](http://www.lxalehigh.com).
3. Call 800-975-6699.
4. Using the Giving page at [www.lehigh.edu](http://www.lehigh.edu). Be sure to direct your gift to Student Life/Fraternities/LXA under Gift Options/Area of Choice

## ALUMNI EVENTS



### Another Great Tailgate for Lehigh vs. Lafayette

Nearly 20 alumni attended the 149th Lehigh vs. Lafayette Lambda Chi tailgate on November 23, 2013. Thank you to all brothers in attendance!

Make plans to tailgate with us at the 150th meeting of the Rivalry at Yankee Stadium on November 22, 2014. Stay tuned for more information.

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### George Albert '91

(PO Box 143, Bear Creek, PA 18602; galbert@engineer.com) Presently, I am managing several businesses in northeastern Pennsylvania. Using my background in Civil Engineering from Lehigh, I have a successful consulting business, a refuse coal mining business, and a start-up in the Marcellus Shale industry recycling waste materials. Other than businesses my other time is dedicated to my three amazing children. We all love to ski, ride dirt bikes and thoroughly enjoy the outdoors!



*George with two of his three children.*

We are appreciating the recent warm-up after the long winter and looking forward to some trout fishing in the near future.

### Jeff Richman '01

(1 14th St., PH7, Hoboken, NJ 07030; jrlehigh@aol.com) I'm married to Kim Richman (Lehigh alumna), and we are the proud parents of two beautiful daughters.

### Nathan Krieger '02

(65 Brentwood Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136; nmkrieger@gmail.com) I finished my MBA at the University of Pittsburgh in April 2013. On September 8, 2013, my wife Jennifer gave birth to our first son, Cameron Michael. In February 2014, I was promoted to Team Leader, Project Financing at SunConnect Corporation.

## OUR NEWEST BROTHERS

### Gamma-Psi Initiates 22 Associate Members in April

#### Welcome to our spring 2014 initiates:

Jared Eisenberg  
Joseph DeMeiri  
Logan Banning  
Collin Davis  
Collin Nardella

Miles Johnston  
Spencer Bianco  
Mitch Summerson  
Ian Beach  
Kevin To  
Sam Hernandez  
Brett Gore  
Matthew Kleinhenz  
Jad Groome

Gil Lubkin  
Paul Asadourian  
David Blake  
Mark Schatzman  
Brian Oliver  
Carl Neubardt  
Gregory Joseph  
Brian Farrell

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Can You Believe It's Been 20 Years?

We're so thankful to have captured so many great memories from our chapter's history on film. We need your help to preserve those moments in time for our archives, and continue to build them with new memorabilia as we revitalize our alumni program.

Share your best photos and stories on our web site, [www.lxalehigh.com](http://www.lxalehigh.com), which is now equipped with the ability to upload your own pictures to the albums and to comment on others' submissions. Thank you for your help in preserving the best moments from Gamma-Psi's history!

**In this photo:** A party in the 1950s.



## CHAPTER OFFICERS

#### Alpha

Henry Smither '14  
IBE Civil Engineering

#### Beta

Tommy Pine '15  
IBE Mechanical Engineering

#### Gamma

Brian Oliver '16  
IBE Mechanical Engineering

#### Delta

Spencer Bianco '16  
Bioengineering

#### Thetas

Matthew Kleinhenz '16  
Undeclared Business

Mark Schatzman '16  
Computer Science

#### Iota

Jared Eisenberg '16  
Economics and Neuroscience

#### House Manager

Brian Farrell '16  
Undeclared Business

#### Sigma

David Blake '16  
Biology

#### Tau

Matthew Roth '15  
Civil Engineering

#### Rho

Collin Davis '16

#### Senior Rho

Sean Joy (Grad Student)  
Finance and Business Economics

#### Epsilons

Brett Gore '16  
International Relations &  
Economics

Kevin To '16  
Undeclared Business

#### Senior Rep

Jake Nieslanik '14  
Civil Engineering