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**September 17, 2016**
Chicago • San Francisco

**September 24, 2016**
New York City • Houston

Mnesicles 100
October 1, 2016
Minneapolis, MN

LC2016
October 14-16, 2016
Andronicus Chapter at University of Southern California
alpharhochi.org/lc

Hadrian 10
November 12, 2016
New Orleans, LA

Upcoming Events
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Expansion Notes
With the installation of Agamedes Chapter, Alpha Rho Chi now has two colonies working towards becoming chapters. Each has recently been granted namesakes and prospective cadency marks.

Amenophis Colony
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Illinois
A scarab

Theodorus Colony
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee
A checkerboard

About Agamedes
Agamedes and his brother Trophonius are the earliest architects named in Greek legend. Said to be the sons of Erginus, a king in Boeotia, they were best known for their temples in honor of the god Apollo. Some myths would presume them to be sons of Apollo himself.

The works attributed to Agamedes and Trophonius mark the transition from wood to stone construction. The architects constructed a Temple of Poseidon in Mantinea with oak timbers. They built the Temple of Apollo in Livadea with a wood structure and a marble enclosure. The two were most celebrated for the fourth Temple of Apollo at Delphi, constructed entirely of stone around 650 BC.

Another legend claims the brothers constructed a treasury for King Hyrieus in Livadea, incorporating a secret entrance from which the two would covertly deplete the treasury, until Hyrieus set a trap that claimed the life of Agamedes.

The chapter’s cadency mark is a sun in splendor. This not only represents the blazing sun characteristic of Miami’s weather, the symbol has historically been linked with Agamedes’ patron Apollo.
Convention in Charlotte

Archis assembled at the NASCAR Hall of Fame
The 69th National Convention in Charlotte, NC, was one that will live in history. Not for an epic party, extreme number of attendees, or something bad happening, but for all the right reasons.

Convention rocketed from the starting line and didn’t slow down until planes landed at home locations. Thursday was packed with tours, including local architecture firms Odell, LandDesign, and HDR, who graciously opened their offices for attendees to explore and learn. Another tour group visited the Duke Energy Tower. The group of students and professionals toured the building’s waste management systems that clean and store water and electricity for the entire tower. Our brothers also got a preview of the rooftop garden that promotes healthy workplace initiatives. The tour ended with a comprehensive understanding on maintaining and operating the first LEED platinum building in the world.
The annual welcome reception was held at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. Brothers attended a private event where they could enjoy a macaroni bar while viewing the historic automobiles that have spurred one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Brothers tested their driving skills on a virtual simulator and teams raced as pit crews on a physical simulation of a real pit stop. The fastest times belong to Tim Alston of Polyidus for driving, and the team of Joe Henderson of Rabirius, Todd Lewis, and AJ Kessinger, both of Vitruvius, for pit crew!

Our keynote speaker this year was Aaron Shier of LandDesign, a local Charlotte firm specializing in landscape architecture, urban planning and design, and civil engineering. He presented the Little Sugar Creek Greenway project that revitalized a once polluted stretch of creek. The creek, which at one time had such a terrible stench that perfume was hung in barrels at bridge crossings to mask the smell, has a new life as a park, transit path, and social destination for citizens. A few years ago, the creek was covered in sections by parking lots, but now revamped, the area is thriving and property values have increased. The presentation was engaging and thought provoking, as well as a window into the landscape design process.

Convention attendees were able to choose from a variety of workshops during two sessions of one hour. **NCARB: Designing Your Future:**

**Creating Value in Your Career**
Matthew Friesz, Outreach Manager for Experience + Education at National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) hosted a presentation covering many topics relevant to aspiring architects seeking licensure, including the government organizations required for licensure, how to progress through the Architecture Experience Program (formerly Intern Development Program), an overview of the updated Architect Registration Exam, and the value of an NCARB certificate. Attendees were also given tips on transitioning from school to the workplace and participated in a question and answer session.

**Alumni Connect**
Alumni Director and Metagenes alumna Michele LeTourneur led an alumni-oriented discussion session to discuss challenges alumni face and events that they can hold or cosponsor with chapters. Alumni also discussed plans for the forthcoming Alumni Days, ways for alumni to support their chapter, current and future metro groups, and national outreach to alumni and associations.

**Recruitment Workshop**
Colony Director and Vitruvius alumna John Conway hosted a recruitment workshop designed to help participants learn about the strategies behind planning, advertising, and hosting recruitment events. The workshop aimed to bring brothers and colonists together to address common concerns associated with the recruitment process. Students participated in a role-playing exercise to see how difficult conversations and interactions could be addressed. They also shared their personal experiences from past recruitment events and discussed areas for future improvement.

**Architectural Photography**
Tim Buchman, an experienced architectural photographer, gave tips and tricks to workshop attendees to help them capture spaces in photographs. Participants were given advice on camera equipment and shown real life examples around the hotel to show how framing, angle of the shot, and the time of day can affect the composition, exposure, glare, and details in a photograph.

**Oldcastle BuildingEnvelope**
Oldcastle BuildingEnvelope, a North American manufacturer of building products, hosted a 1-hour AIA Continuing Education Unit learning session covering the differences between storefront and curtainwall glazing systems. Participants gained insight on specifying the correct product to meet a project’s needs.

**Finding Your Career**
Justin Glatzer and Matt Wiehe of Aerotek, a staffing firm with experience in the architecture industry, hosted a workshop covering resumes, behavioral interviewing, and continuing education. They also offered advice on keeping skills sharp and how to use staffing firms to help each candidate find the right fit.
Saturday morning started off with a lively discussion with our latest Master Architect, Robert Ivy, CEO of the American Institute of Architects. As always Brother Ivy was gracious and engaged with the attendees, meeting and speaking one on one with as many brothers as he could. When Brother Ivy addressed the group, his respect for the fraternity and its members, and his hope for the future of the industry as a whole, was clear.

The business session this year was unforgettable and offered a great lesson in Robert’s Rules of Order. The fraternity added new Grand Council positions, elected new Grand Council members, and thoroughly and emotionally discussed eight motions that will have a lasting impact on how we govern and protect ourselves moving forward.

Business began with 39 seated delegates, however, the order of business was quickly suspended in order to recognize a petition from the Olynthius Alumni Association. The delegates approved the petition, and Maggie Kleinman took her seat at Convention as Olynthius Alumni Association delegate.

The Nominations Committee presented their report for the Convention President and Secretary. Brian Perez, Pytheos Chapter, was elected and installed as Convention President, and Emily Buckberg, Olynthius Chapter, was elected Convention Secretary by acclamation. Brothers Mary Stiger, Severus Chapter, and Claire Chirgott, Rabirius Chapter, were appointed by the Convention President as Parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms, respectively.

Worthy Grand Architect (WGA) Laura Schmidt delivered the report of the Grand Council. Her highlights included that membership had grown to 919 reported student members and 294 dues-paying alumni members from 30 chapters. The fraternity also hosted 3 colonies and 22 alumni associations. The Grand Council continued a busy year of nationally-hosted activity, including Leadership Conference in St. Louis, MO, Alumni Summit in Tucson, AZ, and Advisor Roundtable in Minneapolis, MN. Brother Schmidt also shared that the Grand Council issued a
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Summary of Convention Business

69-01 Motion to accept Agamedes colony’s petition to become a chapter. Passed.

69-02 Motion to expand the Grand Council to 7 members. Worthy Grand Lecturer and Worthy Grand Inspector (formerly National Director) added as elected positions. Passed.

69-03 Motion to set Grand Council terms to 3 years. Limited to 2 consecutive terms. Passed.

69-04 Motion to redefine specified duties of Grand Council officers. Passed.

69-05 Motion to remove descriptions of most national appointments from the national bylaws. Passed.

69-06 Motion to amend the outline of the Grand Council’s report to each convention replacing disputes between chapters with notable disciplinary actions. Passed.

69-07 Motion to grant the Grand Council powers to act immediately in response to violations of the law or anti-discriminatory policies. Passed.

69-08 Motion to amend the Pledging Ceremony. Passed unanimously after changes.

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The newly-produced costume guide provides detailed instructions to create each ritual costume.

The Alpha Rho Chi Foundation offered their annual report, highlighting the past year’s activity and opportunities for student members to apply for scholarships and for alumni to donate.

The business session was packed with work! The Convention acted on and passed 8 motions, covering everything from expanding the Grand Council and increasing the length of terms of office to approving a new chapter petition. Moving from 5 to 7 positions, the Grand Council was expanded to include the Worthy Grand Inspector (previously National Director) and Worthy Grand Lecturer (previously Grand Lecturer) as full voting members. With the change to terms of office, the Convention elected 4 new officers to full terms, and two officers to complete the terms of vacancies they were appointed to fill.

Making for an interesting vote for WGA, candidate Phil Buckberg, Metagenes, nominated Catherine Berry, Isidorus. Brother Berry in turn nominated Brother Buckberg. Aaron Grant, Cleisthenes, and Christina Anderson, Satyros, were both nominated for Worthy Grand Scribe. A.J. Kessinger, Vitruvius, was nominated for Worthy Grand Inspector and Risa Schoenfeld was nominated for Worthy Grand Lecturer, representing the first Hadrian brother to run for national office. Hao Phung, Daedalus, and Emily Lewis, Vitruvius, were elected to carry out their appointed terms as Worthy Grand Associate Architect and Worthy Grand Estimator, respectively.

The 69th National Convention came to a close with the annual awards banquet. Sharply dressed brothers gathered to honor each other’s accomplishments and to celebrate another successful year for the fraternity. Pytheos received the George “So” Whitten Scholaristic Achievement Award, and Olynthius Chapter received the Alpha Rho Chi Community Service Award. The John R. Ross Scholarship was awarded to three brothers from the Metagenes, Andronicus, and Hadrian Chapters. Former University of Minnesota School of Design Dean Tom Fisher was awarded the Gold Medal (to be presented during the Mnesicles 100th Anniversary celebration in fall 2016), and Rick Jenkins, Metagenes, was awarded the Silver Medal. Celebratory cheers gave way to dancing, and we capped off the night with a round of American Pie. “We were singing…”

This was the best Convention ever!

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APX launches annual Advisor Roundtable

It’s been often said that our on-campus resources—the faculty, staff, and administrators who work with our student members on a daily basis—are some of our most under-utilized resources. The knowledge, experience, and perspective these university-based champions of and for Alpha Rho Chi provide are a unique aspect of leadership and guidance during a student’s most formative years. The Grand Council realized there was probably something more APX could and should do in collaboration with these incredible people.

In 2014, the Grand Council decided it was time to start harnessing the collective power of these collegiate resources by offering them a chance to collaborate, share their wisdom and experiences, and learn from each other. And thus, what had been an idea toiled with and discussed for years, launched that November, as the first Advisor Roundtable.

Hosted at the University of Houston, five advisors, representing Vitruvius, Andronicus, Cleisthenes, Hippodamus, and Nicon, joined Worthy Grand Architect Laura Schmidt, National Director A.J. Kessinger, and Grand Lecturer Scott Swanson for a weekend of brainstorming and sharing lessons learned about what it takes to provide advisor services to APX’s student members. Throughout the day’s gathering, participants offered their insight and vision for how advisors play a vital role in the maintenance and health of chapters and colonies. They discussed ways to support each other and to develop training that would offer advisors tools, contacts, and references to help them in their role back on campus.

That first event had a powerful impact on its participants and helped the Grand Council develop and implement its first comprehensive policy mandating advisors at every chapter and colony. Written by the Grand Council, and reviewed and tested by Advisor Roundtable participants, APX established expectations that answered a question asked many times: “What is expected of me as an advisor?”

Vigilant of the fraternity’s financial resources, the Advisor Roundtable is a no brainer to the Grand Council today. It may have taken a while to identify, plan, and commit to such, but as the fraternity has seen, this is an investment in the growth, support, safety, knowledge, and experience of the people—and often brothers—leading and working with our student members, and that investment is worth every proverbial penny.

This fall, another dozen advisors will join Grand Council representatives at the University of Maryland for our third Advisor Roundtable. The 2017 roundtable will be held at the University of Southern California, by which time all advisors will have been provided the opportunity to attend.
Not just faculty, but also brothers

One of the fraternity’s six classifications of membership is “Faculty,” which is intended to encourage those members of the university’s staff to join the ranks of our student and alumni brothers. Though one of the less common classifications, faculty brothers offer an amazing opportunity to unite our student members and university professionals in ways many student organizations simply can’t. This spring, Severus and Metagenes Chapters made brothers of two most deserving university faculty.

Bill Willoughby, Severus Faculty

In April, Severus Chapter at Kent State University welcomed Bill Willoughby, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, to their 4-year-old chapter. Their chapter advisor, Willoughby was one of 11 attendees at this past fall’s Advisor Roundtable, where, coincidence or not, he expressed his interest in knowing just what it takes to become a brother in Alpha Rho Chi.

Said Willoughby, “My desire to become a brother was because Kent State did not have a chapter when I attended the program in the 1980s. I was very involved in the life of the school when I attended. Since returning in the role of Associate Dean, I still harbor the same passion to be a part of every aspect of the college. Severus Chapter is an active part of the college’s overall esprit de corps, and the students who are a part of it are among our best and most ethical. Fidelity, a sense of brotherhood, and aspiring toward perfection are all values my brothers emulate. Who would not want to be a part of that?”

Like his fellow university administrator and brother from Metagenes, Willoughby sees the invaluable effect and experience Alpha Rho Chi’s presence brings to Kent State. “The worthiness of the chapter is clear to me as it serves to bond us and our diverse majors together in ways that I now understand much better than before I became a bother.” He continued, “I really value the feeling of connection regardless of discipline (a large number of our members are interior design), gender, race, or creed. Overall, it feels really good to be greeted by another brother in the hall or around campus. The connection is true and genuine.”

Henri de Hahn, Metagenes Faculty

Henri de Hahn, Director of the Virginia Tech School of Architecture + Design, joined Metagenes Chapter in late April. According to de Hahn, “As an academic leader I am always looking for ways to engage students in more than their class work. APX’s role in promoting the professions is critical for a well-rounded education and how each of the professions works ethically and in a collaborative manner, similar to the principles that are the pillars of this fraternity.”

Perhaps it was fate—and Metagenes was the lucky recipient—that de Hahn joined Alpha Rho Chi when he did. Prior to his role at Virginia Tech, he served as Provost at the NewSchool of Architecture + Design in San Diego, home to Numisius Chapter. Of course to get there, he moved south from San Luis Obispo, home to the vigorous Daedalus Chapter, after completing a term as Head of the Department of Architecture at California Polytechnic State University. Bottom line: we’re elated to call Director de Hahn brother (and offer the hat tip to Metagenes for their great choice).

Given his diverse academic experience, Brother de Hahn has a firm grasp on the role APX plays at the university. “APX’s interest in architecture and the allied professions keys into a fundamental principle of education,” said de Hahn. “Working together this way as students can only enhance later professional life(s) as they unfold within and outside of their disciplines.”
Silver Medal

Richard L. Jenkins recognized with APX’s highest honor for fraternal service

By Christina Caputo, Satyros, Worthy Grand Scribe-elect

The 69th National Convention had the honor of granting APX’s highest recognition, the Alpha Rho Chi Silver Medal, to Brother Richard L. Jenkins. Chapters and alumni associations voted a few months earlier in favor of this substantial achievement for his many years of service to the fraternity. Most deserving of such recognition, Brother Jenkins was presented with the Silver Medal during the annual awards banquet at APX’s National Convention on March 19, 2016.

Brother Jenkins is a 1994 graduate of Virginia Tech, from which he holds a degree of Bachelor of Architecture. He lives and works as a graphic designer in Northern Virginia.

Brother Jenkins’ accomplishments and service harken back to his days in college. He was part of the colony that reactivated the Metagenes Chapter in 1991. During his time as an active he served as Worthy Clerk, Design Chair, Worthy Estimator, and Worthy Superintendent, and he became very aware of chapter operations. He received the Dwight Palmer “Pop” Ely Award in 1994 for his valued service to the chapter.

As an alumni, Brother Jenkins continues to help the Metagenes Chapter behind the scenes, serving as a mentor to many actives. Nathan Strother, Worthy Architect of Metagenes, described him as the person the chapter looks up to as a fraternal role model because he is always seeking opportunities to serve and encouraging others to do the same.

In 2001, Brother Jenkins attended the 54th National Convention in Washington, D.C., where he served as Secretary, with the encouragement of Vicki Horton, Worthy Grand Scribe at the time. Since then, he has not missed a convention. During convention he is an invaluable resource to brothers—whether he is recalling important historic details or helping students and alumni to better understand Robert’s Rules of Order.

Serving as Convention Secretary was the start to years of service to Alpha Rho Chi on a national level. Soon after Convention, Brother Jenkins was offered an appointment to Regional Director, which he turned down, instead taking on small projects for the Grand Council where he felt he could make a difference. He revised The Archi Pledge, updated the national website, and in 2004, he started editing the Alpha Rho Chi Letter.

Passionate about the fraternity’s publications and history, Brother Jenkins served a single term as WGS from 2006 to 2008, later returning to the post for two additional terms from 2010 to 2014. In between his terms as WGS, he continued to tackle larger projects. In 2009, he led the effort to develop and launch the online Chapter Reporting System, addressing operational issues that were identified while he was WGS. At the same time, worked to digitize past issues of The Archi so that they would be available for everyone to read online. He also served one year as Grand Lecturer during that productive gap.

In Brother Jenkins’ words, “The best moments are when you have an idea you think would be cool and then get to make it happen. It can be as small as slipping a visual joke into The Alpha Rho Chi Letter, or as grand as helping produce the first new bound edition of The Ritual in 45 years.”

Brother Jenkins’ dedication and contributions to the fraternity are apparent in the design and style of our many publications. He has helped to shape the face of Alpha Rho Chi and he continues to look for ways to serve that captivate his imagination. There’s no doubt—as the unanimous vote of the chapters and alumni associations proved—that Brother Jenkins is deserving of Alpha Rho Chi’s highest honor. We are proud and honored to call him “Brother.”

Fellow silver medalists Chuck Nickel and Greg Pelley congratulate Rick Jenkins following the award banquet.
Mnesicles lends a hand and plays with honey and power tools along the way.

by Natalie Rethlake, Mnesicles

Each spring, the University of Minnesota’s College of Design sponsors Design Forward, an annual day of service focused around supporting a specific charity within our local community. Mnesicles Chapter rallied the troops and 11 of us managed to crawl out of bed on an early Saturday morning to join this year’s organization: Urban Ventures.

Just outside downtown Minneapolis, there is a stretch of Lake Street often referred to as “Crack Alley.” This abandoned sector has been plagued by drug addiction, gang violence, and prostitution rings. Urban Ventures, a faith-based nonprofit, has worked to transform this area of warehouse wasteland into a viable community epicenter.

In addition to their Minneapolis focus, Urban Ventures has a plot of land in the southern suburb of Lakeville, MN, and have worked with the university to establish a colony of beehives there to harvest and sell organic honey. Our brothers, along with other College of Design students and design professionals, were lucky enough to help produce some honey-based products including soap, lip balm, and dog treats (we’re still trying to get the honey out of our hair, but it’s fine!). These products help fundraise for community programs, and will be appearing on their website soon!

Another part of our group joined other volunteers to clean up gardens from the rough winter and construct retaining walls and “pools” where vegetables and plants can grow, utilizing a hydroponic technique. Hydroponics uses the natural production value of water to retain higher crop yields with elevated growth rates. “The hydroponic greenhouses are awesome,” said Brother Megan Ziesemer. “They’re more efficient than typical soil gardens and allow Urban Ventures to reintroduce natural land back to this area. They’re rebuilding the earth right over the pavement!”

Conveniently located on one of city’s busiest bike paths, Urban Ventures has plans for a summer marketplace right on the Greenway. Brother Cara Haberman was part of a volunteer group who created the office structure where Urban Ventures will operate the summer’s food market. “We helped frame a shipping container for insulation that will be usable through all seasons,” Haberman said. “They trusted me with power tools!”

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As design students we are not afraid of hard work. We brought that nose-to-the-grindstone work ethic to this day of service, and really had fun doing it! As design thinkers we were able to lend our problem-solving skills to work through hiccups along the way. By the end of the day, Urban Ventures helped us achieve a deeper understanding of our community and our role within it as citizens and future designers.

Many of our neighbors lack the infrastructure, programs, and opportunity to achieve what they are capable of. We might not be able to personally alter policy and years of socio-economic divides, but working with the Urban Ventures team showed us that there is strength in the numbers of our chapter. As design students we are not afraid of hard work. We brought that nose-to-the-grindstone work ethic to this day of service, and really had fun doing it! As design thinkers we were able to lend our problem-solving skills to work through hiccups along the way. By the end of the day, Urban Ventures helped us achieve a deeper understanding of our community and our role within it as citizens and future designers.

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“In Their Own Words”

Incoming and departing Grand Council officers were asked to share—in their own words—their goals, memories, perspectives, and general thoughts about national service. Our newest officers introduce themselves, and our departing officers share their goodbyes.

Phil Buckberg, Metagenes, Worthy Grand Architect-elect

It is the honor of a lifetime to be elected Worthy Grand Architect by my APX brothers. I look forward to serving our fraternity, continuing the excellent work of the current Grand Council, and leading the new Grand Council to make Alpha Rho Chi even better.

Like all alumni, my role in the fraternity has evolved. As a student at Virginia Tech, the Metagenes Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi became the center of my life. As a young alumnus, I served as Regional Deputy-East before being elected WGAA in 1989. After serving a term as WGAA, I was appointed Archi Editor.

Then came kids and a whole new set of priorities! Now, like all alumni brothers, I balance my roles as a parent, husband, professional, community member, and fraternity brother. As a family man, I have volunteered where I was needed: PTA, local politics, a therapeutic horseback riding center, and leading and teaching school in our congregation. Alpha Rho Chi was my escape, the one activity in my life in which I participated just because I wanted to, for my own love of our brotherhood.

All the pieces came together when I visited the architecture program at the University of Maryland with my daughter Emily as a prospective student, and we discovered an APX colony there! Now my daughter is an Olynthius brother, and I have a unique perspective: I am connected to APX as an alumnus, as the parent of a student brother, as a former Grand Council officer and appointee, and now as WGA beginning July 1.

As an alumnus and the parent of a student brother, I see firsthand how the roles of students and alumni are very different and vitally important for our success as an organization. After all, we’re students for a few years, but we’re alumni for the rest of our lives. In addition to student life and national leadership roles, I want our new Grand Council to create and find opportunities for brothers in all stages of their personal and professional lives to serve Alpha Rho Chi and experience the rewards of giving back. I want to help us to build on the successes of alumni associations and metro groups to create a national community that integrates well with the personal and professional lives of our brothers.

I chose to run for WGA because I want to give back to our fraternity in the best way I know how. I am very excited about the future of Alpha Rho Chi, and grateful to my brothers for the opportunity to lead.
Christina (Caputo) Anderson, Satyros, Worthy Grand Scribe-elect

I’m a Satyros alumna, and I’m very excited to serve as Worthy Grand Scribe. I was initiated in 2005 and have served in many positions in the Satyros Chapter and Alumni Association. This is my first leap into serving Alpha Rho Chi on a national level.

I’m a proud Sun Devil who has lived in the Phoenix area for most of my life, receiving both my Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture in 2008 and Master of Architecture in 2012 from Arizona State University.

I work at a small architecture firm called suoLL Architects that specializes in higher education design, and I am currently taking my Architectural Registration Examination. I like to keep busy!

In my time as a brother I’ve seen the Worthy Grand Scribe position evolve, and our outward face shine, through our publications and expansion. I want to build on all of that good work. I know that in times when I wasn’t able to attend conventions, watching Alpha Rho Chi social media accounts and reading the APX Letter were how I kept up with how our fraternity was growing and changing. I see this role as important in keeping in touch with our membership, universities, and even future members, and that is something I’m passionate about.

When I’m not working or studying, I enjoy traveling, trying new restaurants and recipes, photography, and yoga. I currently live in Tempe, AZ, with my husband Nate and two goofy rescue dogs.

Risa Schoenfeld, Hadrian, Worthy Grand Lecturer-elect

I was initiated into the Hadrian Chapter in March 2009 and subsequently served as Worthy Scribe, Pledge Educator, Worthy Associate Architect, and Worthy Architect. During my time as WA we hosted the Hippodamus Chapter’s installation, which piqued my interest regarding the colony process. I had gotten to know the Hippodamus colonists the previous year and was interested in all of their programming, since it seemed much better planned and executed than the events Hadrian had been hosting at the time!

Upon my relocation to the northeast, I was appointed Regional Director for the illustrious Region 6. I had taken a couple of years to settle into my adult life, so I was thrilled to be involved with the fraternity again. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working so closely with active brothers and learning how different chapters function.

I’m honored to serve as the Worthy Grand Lecturer and to help continue the vast growth that Alpha Rho Chi has experienced in the last decade. I’m eager to promote APX’s risk management and anti-hazing policies, especially in regard to The Ritual, in order to ensure meaningful initiation experiences for our newest brothers. Finally, I’m excited to oversee our impressive colonies, and to show our active brothers that they have just as much to learn from colonies as colonies have to learn from actives.

In my outside-APX life I am a designer at Gerner Kronick + Valcarcel Architects in New York City, where I work mostly on office interiors. I also enjoy bagels, BuzzFeed, and Arrested Development.

AJ Kessinger, Vitruvius, National Director/Worthy Grand Inspector-elect

I was born and raised in Mill Hall, PA, and graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in architectural engineering. Currently, I live in Houston, TX, where I am employed as a Senior Project Manager with the City of Houston’s Department of Public Works and Engineering.

With the passing of Motion 69-02 at the 69th National Convention this past March, the National Director position was elevated to a full-voting member of the Grand Council and assumed the title Worthy Grand Inspector, a title which I am both excited and honored to be the first to hold. For the past 3 years I have served as National Director and really wanted to continue in this role as it offers me the opportunity to be closely involved in the operations of all our fraternity’s chapters.

Together with the team of Regional Directors, we assist our chapters on many levels, including helping them manage dues and the Chapter Reporting System, planning events and workshops, ensuring compliance with our risk management policies, and aiding in any general chapter operational issues that they may encounter. Being a part of the Grand Council, as well as working so closely with our fraternity’s active brothers, is a very rewarding and sometimes very challenging position, but it is one I greatly enjoy.

In my spare time—when Alpha Rho Chi allows—I enjoy running and training for marathons. I belong to the 50 States Marathon Club, and in May 2016 I completed my 20th marathon in my 20th state.
Emily (Dziubek) Lewis, Vitruvius, Worthy Grand Estimator

I am excited to enter this next year as your Worthy Grand Estimator (WGE). I had the great opportunity to work closely with our previous WGE, Emily Bowers, to understand the ins and outs of the position to be ready to step up when she resigned. Alpha Rho Chi has been the constant through my years at Penn State and my transition into the professional world of landscape architecture in Baltimore, MD, and I’m thrilled to serve the fraternity in this national capacity. I’ve had the opportunity to meet many wonderful and diverse people across the country, and have enjoyed turning those encounters into meaningful relationships.

With the changes and expansion APX has undergone in recent years, it is important to ensure that our budget reflects the changing needs of our membership. As we grow, the need to streamline our processes increases. I look forward to continuing to find new and innovative ways to process payments, respond to inquiries, and decrease reimbursement turnaround time, leaving more flexibility with expanding programs and desires such as Advisor Roundtable and Alumni-centric events. Technology continues to forge ahead, and I believe that Alpha Rho Chi should be alert and able to take advantage of new opportunities available to us.

Outside of APX, should there exist such a thing, I started in a new position at Floura Teeter Landscape Architects this spring and will graduate with my Master’s in Environmental Science and Policy in the fall from Johns Hopkins. I’m an avid photographer and love exploring new environments and listening to live music with my husband, Todd.

Hao Phung, Daedalus, Worthy Grand Associate Architect

My appointment, and now election, to WGAA emphasizes a stronger focus on our alumni members. With convention planning duties responsibilities moved to the WGA, the Grand Council and I are able to closely execute beneficial programs and tools for our alumni base.

Over the past year, the Grand Council piloted three focus areas aimed at developing those alumni programs and tools. The pilots include increased alumni recognition, opportunities for greater involvement, and more communication from the Grand Council.

We introduced the monthly online Alumni Spotlight to profile and recognize alumni, highlighting professional and individual diversity. We added new metro groups in Philadelphia, Seattle, and San Diego, and we appointed alumni directors to develop regional director-like communications with our alumni associations. I hope to strengthen and continue these focus areas as I serve on the remainder of my current term.

This past January, the Grand Council made a tough decision to re-evaluate the goals of the Alumni Summit. As a result, new experiments to engage our alumni base became visible. The Grand Council is pleased to pilot a new event series, termed Alumni Days, in September 2016. Alumni Days will be held in four cities: San Francisco and Chicago on September 17th, and Houston and New York City on September 24th. We hope that this inaugural year of Alumni Days generates continued interest and excitement in our alumni base, especially recent graduates.

Last, I would like to recognize the alumni leaders that have helped tremendously with Alumni Spotlight, metro groups, and support of our alumni associations. Without alumni participation, the arch is incomplete. If you are looking to get involved, please reach out!

Laura Schmidt, Anthemios, Worthy Grand Architect

After four years as Worthy Grand Architect of Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, I’ve been given the space to wax poetic about the pride I feel in the changes that have been enacted during my time in this office. After all, some significant changes have taken place. The way we govern ourselves is now by a seven-person board, rather than five. I expect that this will allow future Grand Councils to work much more efficiently and allow room for the continued growth of the fraternity. Much of the focus of the last four years was rooting out and preventing hazing and ensuring effective risk management on a national and local level. With the redesigned leadership conference, we ensured that every single chapter president knew exactly the expectations being placed on their shoulders.

But in this short space, I’m also given the responsibility of talking about the insights I’ve gleaned in my time as president. Brothers, there is only one insight I can impart: trust. As pledges, the first instruction we’re given is to trust our brothers, and while at 19, I may not have fully understood this instruction, I realize now that this is the one truth I returned to again and again.
All those changes I talked about? Those weren’t done by me alone, nor did they happen at the snap of my fingers. They came about because I trusted my fellow Grand Council officers, and they trusted me. We came to decisions together. This was the only way any of us would be successful, and the only way Alpha Rho Chi was going to make it through challenging times.

Finally, I have to extend my gratitude to each and every one of you. To those on the outside, Alpha Rho Chi might look like just a small architecture fraternity. But on the inside, it’s a big deal to a lot of people. And I get to be one of them. Your trust, your companionship, your guidance, and your brotherhood has made it worth giving up many work-nights and weekends over the last four years. And that’s because Alpha Rho Chi has never stopped giving back to me. This organization will always be a part of me, and I’ll continue to participate and serve and I’ll continue to participate and serve and I’ll continue to participate and serve.

In other words, meet me at Convention!

Scott Swanson, Daedalus, Grand Lecturer

The other day I was thinking about all the places I’ve traveled during my time serving as an officer of and an appointee to the Grand Council. Starkville, Pullman, Blacksburg, Carbondale, Lincoln. The list goes on and on.

Now to the uninitiated these might not seem like sought-after destinations packed with exciting nightlife, cutting-edge architecture, 5-star hotels, and chic dining. But that would be to the uninitiated. Trust me. Milan’s got nothing on Lincoln!

But what Kent and San Luis Obispo lack in sightseeing opportunities and fine dining (Firestone excluded of course) is made up for by the unforgettable lifelong experiences and friendships gained when traveling two-lane highways or by prop plane to APX’s hinterlands.

Early morning drives drift into packed daylong events which turn into late nights envisioning the next great thing we could create, all before the 6 a.m. flight out from that airport that’s still another hour or so drive away. Of course those drives are filled with conversation, storytelling, and reliving the glories of youthful indiscretion—I can’t believe we did that and lived to talk about it—and strategizing the day’s plan—teach them what we always wished someone would have taught us. Of course, we’re not traveling to visit a place. We travel to interact with our brothers, share some proverbial wisdom, and pass on a lesson or two that (we hope) helps those brothers maybe make one fewer mistake than we did.

I’ve lost count of the delayed flights, weekends away from home, pre-dawn hotel check-outs, and answering the same old question from numerous coworkers: “Tell me again why you’re going to [insert chapter location here]?” But, honestly, I’d do every single one of those things again if it meant I could have just one more workshop, one more installation, or one more chance to live those ritual oaths in a way that’s made sense and allowed me to give something back to this great fraternity that’s given me more than I could ever express in these few words.

All I can say is thank you for the opportunity to serve you, Alpha Rho Chi. As an old song goes: “We’ll meet again. Don’t know where. Don’t know when. But I know we’ll meet again some sunny day.”

Gregory Pelley, Anthemios, Grand Advisor

The American novelist, Jodi Picoult wrote, “In the space between yes and no, there’s a lifetime. It’s the difference between the path you walk and the one you leave behind; it’s the gap between who you thought you could be and who you really are...”

For fifteen of the last twenty-one years, I have served on the Grand Council. Ever since I became a brother of Alpha Rho Chi (twenty-eight years ago), I have, for the most part, said “yes” when a brother asks me to help, to serve. “Yes,” even when it was inconvenient, even when I was tired and frustrated. “Yes,” even when I had no idea what I was getting myself into. True, I did not always say “yes.” Sometimes, for many reasons, the answer needed to be “no.”

Still, I have wondered about this habit of me saying “yes” to Alpha Rho Chi. Does is come from a sense of obligation, a sense of duty? Perhaps. Does it arrive from a sense of commitment, from promises I made when I was eighteen? Well, sure. In part, I guess. But I think my “yes” goes beyond all of that.

Picoult’s quote resonates with me: “it’s the gap between who you thought you could be and who you really are.” My “yes” to APX has always been me stepping into the space between who I thought I could be and who I really am. A space of possibility, a space of hope, a space of connection to something larger than myself alone.

So, as I end this term as an officer of the Grand Council, I look to each of you, and wonder - where will you say “yes?” Where will you step into that unknown space of connection to something larger than myself alone.

From my experience, I can say - it will make all the difference in your life.
Cossutius Chapter

The Cossutius Chapter has been on the up and up this year, bringing six new brothers into the fold and adding another four pledges this past semester. We have maintained a strong presence on campus by having events often and stretching our reach between campuses. Having a school split between Oakland and San Francisco can cause us to sometimes forget that we are one student body, and so to connect our chapter better, we have made efforts to hold events in both cities.

This year we have made efforts to host more events such as tutorials, firm tours, soup kitchen participation, and ecology restoration in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park. We have come to be closer and stronger as a chapter then ever before, with brothers representing many disciplines: architecture, illustration, textiles, painting and drawing, sculpture, interior design, interaction design, and graphic design. With this new sense of diversity among the chapter, we have become even more entrenched in the community. Finally, our White Rose was an absolute success with alumni and actives turning up en masse!

Domitian Chapter

This past year has been dedicated to preparing our chapter for the future. We are developing our identity and purpose at NJIT by establishing projects that define us. We have been pushing events with our alumni association as well as locating new outlets for philanthropy.

In September, we allowed students to copy an organized file of hundreds of vector and silhouette images for use in architectural drawings and renderings. This was helpful since most students don’t have an organized file and waste time during reviews searching for images.

Another highlight event our chapter decided to take part in was the Newark Breast Cancer Walk. For the weeks leading up to it, we sold pink ribbons to both students and staff. Between ribbon sales and private donations, our chapter was able to raise over $300! Several brothers participated in the walk, but we also encouraged all students to come be a part of the walk and several came to join us.

We have a strong group of brothers ready to fill the roles of the graduating class. At the end of the spring 2015 semester, we initiated seven new brothers from our Rho class. With 10 of our 31 brothers graduating in spring 2016, recruitment is of vital importance to our future success. The Domitian Chapter is proud to announce that we are growing larger, stronger, and continue to be a thriving chapter of Alpha Rho Chi.

Hemiunu Chapter

Over the last two years, the Hemiunu Chapter has matured greatly since our installation in 2013. Not only has the chapter continued to be on top of filing all the necessary paperwork with the District of Columbia government and Howard University, but this past fall we had the opportunity to offer membership to 10 students in our School of Architecture and Design. Because of this we were able to almost triple our membership.

In addition to our membership increase, the chapter hosted and participated in a variety of events. Fraternally, we submitted an entry to the “Who is Alpha Rho Chi?” video contest, held a game night for prospective members, held a Ritual costume and mending session and attended the Olythius fall initiation.

Professionally, we hosted a speaker from New York Architecture firm Rafael Vinoly Architect PC, a minority in architecture discussion panel called “Archi Talk.” Our chapter served our community at the Columbia Heights Initiative Halloween festival, and participating in the Adopt-a-Block Service day. To top that off, we held two fundraisers, one with Chick-Fil-A, and a Valentine’s Day fundraiser we titled “14 Shades of Love.” Last, this year the Hemiunu Chapter proudly participated in the National Convention in Charlotte, NC, as we had the opportunity to seat our first active delegate. Look out for the Hemiunu Chapter; we are making moves!
Metagenes Chapter

Metagenes is proud to welcome two new pledge classes to our brotherhood. The Gamma Tau Pledge Class was initiated November 14, 2015, and Gamma Upsilon was initiated April 30, 2016.

- Professional Development - We have multiple Metagenes alumni to thank for preparing us for our career searches by generously assisting us in conducting résumé and portfolio workshops this semester.
- National Involvement - Through taking a road trip down for the colony installation at the University of Tennessee, we began to meet the goal for our chapter to become more involved with our brothers from other chapters.
- Philanthropy - Our university motto is Ut Prosim, meaning “That I May Serve.” Metagenes embodies this by participating each year in Virginia Tech’s Relay for Life and The Big Event, a local service project. In addition, this semester we hosted a silent auction to give back to our college.
- Social Events - Each fall we hike in the mountains, go to the pumpkin patch, and celebrate the holidays with a gift exchange. We participate in intramural sports like volleyball and softball. And how could we forget White Rose?

We congratulate our graduating brothers: Lucy Arledge, Allison Baker, Aspen Brown, Jay Carson, Chanel Carter-Harris, Raj Chowdhury, Joy Cunningham, Brandon Holcombe, Judith Johnson, Amber Jurgensen, Jarred McGowan, Teryn Murray, Stephanie Pekala, Angela Ranalli, Cody Snively, and Nathan Strother.

We also welcome our 2016 executive board: Melissa Boudreau, WA; Leira Carreon, WAA; Alexis Michael, WE; Laurel Minnick, WC; Bryanna Dering, WS; Tori Spencer and Santiago Sanchez, Co-Superintendents; and Sue Jung, Historian.

Mnesicles Chapter

It has been an exciting year for Mnesicles. Adding 20 new members this past fall, our reinstated chapter is alive and well, reaching beyond the College of Design to connect with new brothers from all backgrounds.

This year we paired with local companies for design competitions, volunteered with grade school art programs to help kids design their own costumes, have been playing with honey because we love bees (it’s for charity, we swear), and dominated at APX Trivia.

We were blessed to host the Advisor Roundtable in fall 2015 and are very excited to welcome APX brothers back to Minneapolis for the Mnesicles 100.

Plans are currently in the works for the centennial celebration of our chapter at the University of Minnesota. Be sure to save the date for October 1, 2016!

As we wrap up the semester, we’re ready to support our fellow design students battle studio deadlines with late-night grilled cheese fundraisers in our architecture building, as well as preparing to send off 6 seniors into the “real world” - wish them luck!

We hope to see you all at Mnesicles 100!

Olynthius Chapter

The Olynthius Chapter welcomed a number of students to our brotherhood: Lamees Alkibsi, Monica Caley, Kira Zelnosky, Amy Duan, Danielle Hinds, Taina Peters, Satoko Tanabe, Sean Nemec, Brandon Levy, Liam Berson, Anja Hein, and Jason Brostoff. We celebrated one year as a chapter on September 6th, 2015!
Pytheos Chapter
Pytheos Chapter has had a great year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Last spring, the chapter initiated five new members: Alaina Boudreau, Amina Cheikh, Ashley Hendrickson, Danny Ortega, and Manny Ruiz. In September 2015, members participated in DeFloat, a philanthropic event in which they disassemble floats and displays from UNL Greek Life homecoming then donate materials to a recycling center.

Pytheos decided to take a year off of recruitment in order to grow closer as a chapter. Together we have gone laser tagging, attended firm tours at The Architectural Offices and Leo A. Daly in Omaha, NE. To fundraise for the fraternity, Pytheos conducted bake sales on Valentine’s Day and St. Patrick’s Day, and we held our annual basketball tournament, Basketbrawl, at UNL’s Architecture Hall.

Three of the chapter’s members (Kylie Miller, Abigail Nelson, and Bryan Perez) attended the convention in Charlotte this March. Kylie represented Pytheos by serving as the chapter’s delegate while Bryan was elected Convention President. While at convention, Pytheos received the George “So” Whitten Academic Achievement Award for being the chapter with the highest grade point average.

Five Pytheos brothers graduated this spring: Hannah Hoppmann, Fashion Merchandising; Ethan Hale, Allen Phengmarath, Brian Duncan, and Ben Ludeman, Bachelors of Science in Architecture. Though the chapter will be losing some members, we look forward to recruitment next fall and hope for a large pledge class.

Rabirius Chapter
While the start to 2016 has been a transitional one for Rabirius, the entirety of 2015 was a positive year for the chapter. 2015 saw significant professional development within the chapter. We attended various visits with local design consultants and firms, such as People’s Liberty, Kaleidoscope, and LPK. The Rabirius house is in top shape with a new set of couches, updated outdoor fence, and repainted billiard lounge. We’ve restructured our basement, which is used as a storage area for brothers. New shelving was installed and the area was reorganized, keeping it up to code.

Our efforts to give back to the community have been incredibly hands-on. All co-op rotations have worked closely with Cincinnati non-profit organizations. One issue we’ve always had as a larger chapter is brothers avoiding dues payment, so we may amend our bylaws to keep brothers mindful of payment dates. Currently, we’re developing a budget for the next year.

Rabirius has also been working to make the pledging process more rigorous. Recently, we’ve had great outreach when a group of brothers went to visit the Senenmut Chapter for their White Rose, giving them a chance to meet many fellow brothers.

As Rabirius looks forward, our goal is to assure that the transition between co-op rotations are as smooth as possible, working toward optimal functionality as one united chapter.

Senenmut Chapter
Currently standing at 22 brothers and 6 pledges, our chapter is becoming a bigger influence in our school by participating in and hosting more department events. For department staff, we recently hosted an annual Faculty Appreciation Day. Our firm visits benefit both brothers and other students. Philanthropically, our outreach is extending farther than ever before. Our recent flash mob for Sexual Assault Awareness Month was a success, and smaller events such as bake sales benefit a multitude of charities.

To raise money for our Relay for Life team, seven brothers volunteered to shave their heads in a competition to see who could raise the most money for the cause. Morale is at a high throughout the chapter, and is greatly influenced by our many social and chapter bonding events. With everything from pajama day chapter meetings, to impromptu movie nights, to trips to a local art gallery, brothers can always count on a nice break from school work.

On a national basis, our organized camping trip last semester and road trip to convention promoted bonding not only with our chapter, but also with other chapters in and around our region. Our 11th Annual White Rose was a great success, with over 70 guests from our chapter and alumni association, as well as various other chapters. We are extending our outreach within our school and community more and more each semester, and we can’t wait to see what the future has in store for us!
Severus Chapter
The Severus Chapter, currently supported by 54 active brothers, has had a busy and productive year. We started the year with a successful White Rose, followed by a great recruitment, and the addition of fourteen new brothers. We are proud of our lecture series and resume/interview workshops conducted by the professional committee. The chapter has also been very active in the region and school community through multiple philanthropic events, including Strikes for Tikes, volunteering for a regional food bank, and Relay for Life.

As a chapter, we are proud of our new website and growing communication. As the weather improves, brothers will be taking a road trip to Falling Water and will be hosting other brotherhood events. We are collaborating with Olynthius Chapter for a Washington, D.C., firm crawl and brotherhood bonding.

Third year brothers spent the spring semester in Florence, Italy, and have been checking in frequently as they travel across Europe. With the new 2016 school year, Kent State Architecture and Severus will be moving into a new home designed by Weiss Manfredi. We continue to grow and strengthen our chapter through another pledge class of seven this spring semester, and we are excited to see what the future holds as our chapter progresses.

Vitruvius Chapter
This past year has been a very important one for the Vitruvius Chapter as we’ve undergone a number of changes. We have hit an outstanding stride in terms of recruitment. In fall 2015, we gained seven new brothers, thus doubling our chapter’s size. In spring 2016, we welcomed seven more new brothers. Even though we are losing two brothers to graduation, we will have 19 brothers to start the fall 2016 school year.

Our relationship with Penn State’s Interfraternity Council (IFC) is changing, as we’re currently negotiating to leave. This is mainly due to the fact that our chapter simply does not fit with IFC, with regards to its membership, their gender-specific programs, the style of recruitment they employ, and a number of other factors.

Even though our chapter has undergone these and other changes, we are still very active. We continue to be heavily involved with Penn State’s IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, also known as THON. This year we raised $7,350.39 for THON’s beneficiary organization, The Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

We also have a number of other important events that we look forward to every year, including our annual White Rose Banquet and The Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. The Vitruvius Chapter continues to make positive strides forward with each passing year and this coming year will be no exception.

Callimachus Alumni Association
The Callimachus Alumni Association continues to grow in numbers, now including members of the last three graduating classes. The association focuses on chapter involvement and support, including numerous joint socials and an annual Convention Scholarship Fundraiser. Last year, we raised enough money to send three actives to Convention. The association also participates with the San Francisco Bay Area Metro Group, and is looking forward to more events this summer.

Cleisthenes Alumni Association
For the 2015-2016 school year, the Cleisthenes Alumni Association has partnered with Cleisthenes Chapter to offer a mentoring program for upper-level students. The mentoring program is to better prepare students for the realities of working in an architecture firm. Building relationships with architects in the workforce will help the students build connections and better expectations of what to expect once they graduate, gain new perspectives on their current or future goals, as well as begin building a bond with the alumni association.

We currently have five mentor/mentee pairs that have spent the past eight months discussing topics related to school, work-life balance, managing stress, preparing a portfolio, job hunting, and anything else important to continued success in professional life. Along with a stronger professional image for the chapter on campus, the mentoring program has also helped to create a stronger bond between the chapter and the alumni association. We are planning to offer the program again this fall for the 2016-2017 school year, and we anticipate even higher rates of participation given this successful first mentoring class.
Pop Ely Award Winners

Two chapters recognized distinguished alumni with the Dwight Palmer “Pop” Ely Award this spring. Given by chapters, the Pop Ely is a national Alpha Rho Chi award recognizing love, dedication, and diligent service to the fraternity in the best tradition of its namesake, APX’s Worthy Grand Architect from 1923-1953.

Michele LeTourneur
A large contingent of Metagenes actives in Charlotte presented the award to Brother LeTourneur immediately prior to the convention banquet on March 19. A graduate of Virginia Tech in 1993, Michele was a long-serving president of the Metagenes Alumni Association. She continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of the chapter as well as an advocate for APX alumni.

Linda Lilly
Iktinos Chapter recognized Brother Lilly at their Founders’ Day event on April 23. In 1967, Linda was the first woman to become a member of Alpha Rho Chi. More recently, Linda served several years as president of the Iktinos Alumni Association and currently serves on the association’s board and as editor of their newsletter.

New initiates

Cleisthenes - 6/1/15
Adrian Marcelo Cardenas
Garrett Luck
Jennifer Orellana

Cossutius - 8/15/15
Jimmy Don
Troy Hughes

Iktinos - 9/1/15
Josh Hedgecoc
Jordan Miyaman
Henry Isaac Olistoin
Alex Matthew Rossetti
Nhi Tran
Angelina Tsai
Jared Whitney

Iktinos - 11/1/15
Evan Crawford
Marshall Herbert
Amanda Aprilia Kalbuadi
Giovanni Martinez
Noelle Christina Ridley
Vassilissa Semouchkina

Hemiunu - 11/14/15
Cydney Anderson
Kennedy Carter
Bria Johnson
Cazembe Nicholas
Maya Piquant
Dae’Ja Slack
Sean Sullivan
Christopher Taylor
Kevin Thompson
Renew Whiteley

Isidorus - 11/14/15
Lynn Belhumeur Leung Tuk
Bryce Belyeu
Edgar Claire Meruvia
Kai Devaleria
Annika Dodrill
Mason Eagle
Meaghan Fitzgerald
Callie Ford- Rippolone
Jacquelyn Hecker
Emma Hierholzer
Elizabeth James
Daniel Lang
Myunghyun Lee
Katie Mitchell
Danny Nolan
Isaac O’Bryan
Nicole Rusk
Rachel Staley

Metagenes - 11/14/15
Lindsey Blum
Sue Jung
Jon Lowin
Andy Stepka
Emily String

Severus - 11/14/15
Nicholas Edmund Button
Carra Marie Garlitz
Kristin Marie Goodwin
Angelina Maria Laudato
Allison Dannon McClure
Shaina Millington
Brian Scott Pekar
Vince Anthony Pitassi
Courtney Smith
Amy Spanos
Stephanie Stirm
Elizabeth Tartabini
Steven Urchek
Michael Dennis Wazeевич

Nico - 11/20/15
Austen Bryan Cabret
Aida Natasha Diaz
Mario Josue Garcia
Camila Lohezic
Harley Oreste Martinez
Immanuel Patricio
Miranda-Burns
Gregory Moyse
Elaine Marie Navarro
Lea Marie Santano

Olynthius - 11/21/15
Lamees Abdulkhaliq Alkibsi
Liam Berson
Jason Brostof
Amy Duan
Monica Haley
Danielle Hinds
Brandon Levy
Sean Nemec
Taina Peters
Satoko Stephanie Tanabe
Kira Zelnosky

Senenmut - 11/21/15
Kalyn Rose Faller
Christopher Rivera

Rabirius - 12/1/15
Henry Becker
Mason Boling
Allison Brinkman
Abby Cronin
Matt Davis
Liz Ginter
Alexandra Hayes
Lydia Huggins
Biz Kiley
Alexis Lindsey
Sara Masminter
Em Meurer
Abbie Miller
Alyssa Pack
Natalia Rozic
Erin Schaefer
Emily Silvius
Amy Tam
Vince Wang
Matthew Weiss
Based on reports filed with the Grand Council.
So why do you volunteer your time with Alpha Rho Chi?

Service to APX deepened the promise of fraternity in ways that have made a difference in my work and my relationships.

I enjoy volunteering nationally because it opens my eyes to other chapters, other ways of doing things, and brothers who have become friends.

I get to travel to places I have never been and watch young brothers grow into leaders.

When I was an active member I was worried about only my chapter and how it was doing. Now, I can appreciate the accomplishments of both individual chapters and APX as a whole, especially knowing that I helped with that growth.

I have the opportunity to travel the country visiting different cities and universities, all while working with groups of some of the most enthusiastic students imaginable.

All of the skills I learn as RD—from Leadership Conference to working with chapters—are applicable in my professional and personal life, most notably organization, public speaking, and understanding my own level of personal responsibility.

I would encourage other brothers to serve because they will continue to grow as professionals and continue to make stronger lifetime connections with brothers around the country.

Love it! How can I get involved?

Start at alphanrhochi.org/contact