



NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE MASTER

Hello Tau Mu Alumni,

I am currently serving as the master of Tau Mu. Before being elected master this past December, I served as the chapter exchequer and focused on creating a more functioning and structured budget for the chapter to follow. I am studying computer information systems with a track in business.

I can personally say that being master has definitely been an interesting experience so far. We raised \$2,000 this past semester for TigerTHON, a Towson-wide event in which every fraternity and sorority raises money to support local children's hospitals. We planned various events on campus like Pie a Pi and penny wars to help raise this money and also had brothers reach out to family and friends.

Tau Mu recruited nine excellent new members in the past academic year and we are extremely happy to have them as part of our brotherhood. This past semester, our 27 brothers got together for numerous events: an overnight trip to Hershey Park, a fantastic weekend on the Ocean City boardwalk and a great game between the Orioles and the Indians. We had a phenomenal time attending these events and grew closer as a brotherhood.

I am extremely excited to announce that we asked the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon to Homecoming and will

be going with them in the fall. Seeing as how the dance was a success in the past, the brotherhood is looking forward to Homecoming.

The last semester has been an incredibly exciting period for the Tau Mu chapter and it has been an honor to serve as master. I can't wait for next semester and am truly looking forward to our continued growth!

Fraternally,

Josh Leckner (2019)
Tau Mu Master



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Written by:
Brother Noah August (2018)

ATHLETICS

This has been an exciting year for Towson athletics. Towson basketball lost in the second round of the CAA tournament to College of Charleston, which ended up making the NCAA tournament. Towson had strong wins throughout the season, putting up triple digits in a few games and coming close to beating the University of Maryland and beating UMBC which accomplished the biggest upset in recent sports' history. Now, Towson turns its attention to lacrosse after coming off its best season in many years and making it to championship weekend. Last year, we lost in a heartbreaking game to Ohio State in the semi-finals, but had our redemption this year when we beat them in overtime on their home turf.



As for Tau Mu athletics, we had our first undefeated basketball season in years. We finished with a 3-0-1 record and truly came together as a team. Thanks to a buzzer beater three-pointer from Matt Halpern (2018), we tied against the team that would go on to win the IFC championship. Unfortunately, we lost in the first round of the playoffs, but we hope to keep up the success in indoor soccer and softball.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We want to hear about YOU and what's going on in your life! Tau Mu would be nothing without the continued support of our alumni. If you have anything that you would like to share, please reach out to Lieutenant Master [Marc Seskin](#).



CHAPTER ACCOUNTABILITY

Written by:
Brother Dean Shilo (2018)

Last semester, our chapter instituted a new points program to ensure that all brothers are involved in the success of the chapter. It began as a program that had quotas for all brothers to reach in order to attend our main events of the semester such as brotherhood retreat. We have started to adjust the program to make it incentive-based and aim to reward the hardest working brothers. At every formal meeting, the brother with the most points receives a \$25 gift card of his choice and the runner up receives a \$15 gift card. Brothers earn points for doing things like attending brotherhood events, cap events, wearing letters and driving brothers to and from events. The more you attend and help, the more points you receive. We felt that it was extremely important to reward these brothers so the chapter can see that hard work is appreciated and does not go unseen.

MEET THE E-BOARD



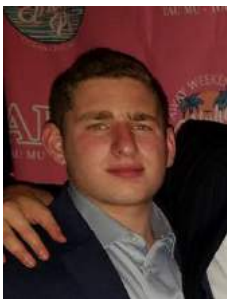
Josh Leckner
Master

I am studying information systems with a concentration in business. Outside of the fraternity, I am very active on Towson's campus, serving as treasurer for UMTTR (a suicide prevention and awareness organization) and a member of Tigers for Israel.



Tzvi Herman
Exchequer

I am always looking to help our chapter change for the better and be the one who finally makes a change. I am just a kid from Chicago, hoping to look back on four years and see what I helped build.



Marc Seskin
Lieutenant Master

I am studying marketing. One of my personal goals is to make sure we not only get gold cap (Towson's instrument of measuring achievements for Greek life), but the highest cap score out of all of IFC groups.



Solomon Solkowitz
Setinel

I am majoring in business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurship. I have taken measures to ensure that our constitution is up-to-date. I will continue to work with these brothers to ensure that the chapter is following the constitution.



Jonathan Tishman
Scribe

I am majoring in Sport Management with a minor in Business Administration. I love how connected I feel to the brothers because of the Judaism we all share.



Ryan Glassband
Pledgemaster

I'm pursuing my degree in psychology. My time in this chapter has been a tremendous influence on my life. I hope to leave a strong impression on the younger brothers by fulfilling my goal of demonstrating the qualities of an overall great brother.



Sean Githens
Social

I'm a newly initiated brother. Born and raised in Philadelphia, I am studying anthropology at Towson. I correspond with other Greek organizations on campus to schedule events while also keeping an eye on our social notoriety on campus.



Noah Caplan
Member at Large

I have organized events to bring the brothers together and keep our focus on maintaining a great brotherhood. Ultimately the goal is to continue planning events for the brothers to enjoy together and maintain a vital aspect of this fraternity: brotherhood.

IFC ELECTIONS

Written by:
Brother Marc Seskin (2020)

Once fraternity rush ended, I was informed that the position of Vice President of Recruitment was open. I wanted to run because as Lieutenant Master, I have learned a tremendous amount of leadership skills. I realized that this position would not only help me gain more leadership experience, but also help the chapter by having a representative on the IFC executive board. During the elections, three people ran for the position. Although I did not win, I do believe it was beneficial. I hope that running will spark a trend in the chapter and encourage younger brothers to serve on the IFC executive board.

PHILANTHROPY

Written by:
Brother Jeff Pollak (2021)

We held our spring philanthropy week during the first week of April. On the first day, we bought two big tubs of Rita's Italian Ice and sold it in the lecture hall. Even in the cold, we managed to make a nice profit. We held a penny wars on the second day, where sorority girls stopped by our table and donated spare change to their sorority's jar. Delta Phi Epsilon won and will receive \$50 towards their philanthropy. We also held Pie a Pi, where students came and threw a shaving cream pie at their favorite AEPi brother. The final event of the semester was having a jar full of jellybeans and letting people guess the amount in the jar. All of our proceeds from the week went to the Children's Miracle Network, the recipient of all donations from TigerTHON.

STRIVING FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Written by:
Brother Sam Bolen (2020)

In the past, the academic chair has had a stigma of being a "joke position". A lot of academic chairs have taken the job and never truly done anything with it. This semester, I took this responsibility seriously and decided to make a change. Our constitution states that brothers are to have weekly study hours in the library and the academic chair will reserve rooms for those hours. This is the first semester where we are actually following these guidelines. I reserve rooms in the library two days a week from 10am-6pm to give brothers a definite spot to sit and get studying done. If brothers know they are going to have a long week and a lot of work to complete, they have the opportunity to reach out to me to reserve a room or two outside of our study hours. In the last two semesters, we have won highest IFC GPA and hope to win again with these additions.

Another part of the academic chair's job is to manage those brothers who are on academic probation. In the past, being on academic probation meant nothing and there were no consequences. I made a change so that the people on academic probation are held accountable and are required to get the minimum 10 hours of studying per week. I created a Google form for the brothers on probation to submit the time they entered and left the library as well as a picture to prove that they were there. Just to make things a little fun, I have a picture contest each week with a theme and the best picture wins a prize. So far, academics have been going great for Tau Mu. Brothers are working hard, studying and improving their grades.

TIGERTHON

Written by:
Brother Sean Githens (2021)

This semester we participated in TigerTHON, a campus wide dance marathon where all proceeds benefit The Children's Miracle Network. The Children's Miracle Network is an organization that provides the best care for children in need at Johns Hopkins Children's Center, located near our campus. This year, we teamed up with the Fusion Dance Team to fundraise as much as we could towards this amazing organization



GREEK SING

Written by:
Brother Sean Githens (2021)

This year's Greek Sing theme was superheroes, connected to the idea of helping children in need and being a superhero to them. Greek Life organizations competed in a dance competition to earn points and work towards the goal of placing first, second or third. This year, I choreographed our performance.

GRADUATING BROTHERS



Matt Halpern

In my time with the fraternity, I served as Scribe and Sentinel and held a few minor board positions. As far as academics go, I'm graduating with a degree in computer information systems with a focus on interface design. After graduation, I am hoping to land a position as a business analyst or something similar in either the greater D.C area or Baltimore.



Alex Berman

If it weren't for Tau Mu, I would not have spent my entire undergraduate career at Towson. Between serving as pledge master, member at large as well as committee chair/member for just about everything possible, I was able to learn an incredible amount about myself. I also learned the tricks to helping a fraternity or other organization run smoothly. I am extremely proud to be working for Alpha Epsilon Pi as an Educational Leadership Consultant.



CHAPTER ETERNAL

Please e-mail thugo@aeppi.org with updates about our chapter brothers including marriages and births.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

This upcoming fall will be Tau Mu's 25th anniversary! We are in the beginning stages of planning and do not have a set date, but we are aiming for a weekend in which either the football or lacrosse team plays at home! This weekend will be a great way to get together with alumni, learn about what is going on in our chapter and understand more about what the Tau Mu chapter was like over the years. Please reach out to our Master [Josh Leckner](#) if you're interested in helping us plan out the weekend!

HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER

In November, the Alumni Board launched the Tau Mu Educational Development Fund. The fund is a branch of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation, and is for the exclusive use of the Tau Mu Chapter. Donations made to this fund can be used to:

- Foster educational and leadership development
- Encourage Judaic and Israel programming
- Promote academic excellence

Please consider making a tax deductible gift to help strengthen the Tau Mu chapter. If interested, please reach out to [Matthew Scher](#).



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