

*Alpha Epsilon Pi*  
*2019 Award Winners*



## THE IRVING AXELROD AND RAPHAEL WOLF OUTSTANDING HOUSE MANAGER AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Matthew Gold

Michigan State University, Chi

The Irving Axelrod and Raphael Wolf House Manager Award is presented annually to the Brother who has excelled in managing his chapter residence and working with the International Office to ensure a safe and positive fraternal housing experience for his fellow Brothers. Irving Axelrod (Drake, 1951) and Raphael Wolf (Illinois, 1944) were legendary and tireless volunteers on behalf of the fraternity. Both served the fraternity with distinction and on several International boards and committees but it was their commitment to the undergraduate living experience that made their volunteer hours stand out. Each dedicated innumerable hours to traveling across the country (especially in the Midwest from their homes in Chicago), meeting with undergraduates and working to better AEPi.

Brother Gold's commitment to his chapter's safety and success began with the work he conducted throughout his chapter house. He custom designed and built a security system, block letters, custom tables and accent lighting. Additionally, he handled tasks relating the planning and execution of the chapter's bi-annual party. He takes great pride in the chapter's new house and is working with ESPONDA to install new lighting and sound systems as well as many other touches to turn the house into a model fraternity house on the campus.



## THE ALPHA EPSILON PI OUTSTANDING PLEDGEMASTER AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Taylor Zieper

York University, Eta Pi

Awarded annually to the pledgemaster who demonstrates outstanding leadership and exemplifies the values of AEPi through his training of the future Brothers of his chapter, with specific regard to creating new and innovative programming to accomplish this goal. In addition, he has designed and executed a five-week hazing-free pledge program that successfully educates pledges to be outstanding Brothers.

Assuming the mantle of leadership as pledgemaster, Brother Zieper set out to reform his chapter by working to build better, more involved Brothers. He worked with that chapter's pledges to develop a commitment to philanthropy and community service by helping to pick up litter in a local community and swabbing more than 400 people for Gift of Life. He worked with pledges to discuss and develop new standards for behavior with each other, Brothers and others in the campus community. Leadership is often communicated through action and Brother Zieper set an excellent example for both the new members and his chapter Brothers by stepping up and helping out in a number of different areas including rush and the modification of his chapter's newsletter. Setting that example and teaching those lessons to new members will have an impact on his chapter for many generations to come.



## THE LOUIS V. HELLER OUTSTANDING EXCHEQUER AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Austin Altman  
Rutgers University, Rho Beta

Awarded annually to the chapter exchequer who was considered to have performed best of all chapter exchequers in keeping financial records, making prompt payment of obligations, adhering to a balanced budget, and the collection and payment of any accounts. It consists of a key with the fraternity crest surmounted. The award is named in honor of PSM Louis V. Heller (Wisconsin – Madison, 1928) who devoted himself to multiple terms as Supreme Exchequer also serving as Supreme Master in 1947. Referred to by most as “Uncle Lou,” Brother Heller was a gentle, honorable man with a sweetness of character that was unmatched. He was awarded the Order of the Lion in 1955. After his sudden death in 1960, the Supreme Board of Governors created the award to be presented annually in his memory.

Brother Altman has helped his chapter grow this year by utilizing budgets and communication to enhance Brotherhood engagement. Using an online budget tracker, committee chairs were able to see in real-time where they were on-budget and enabled them to be more efficient about spending. Using the on-line app, Expensify, he kept and recorded all purchase receipts which has helped the chapter develop better spending habits. All of this financial transparency and control kept Brothers more involved and made additional funds available for other events. Working closely with his chapter advisor and the International HQ, Brother Altman build better long-term relationships for his chapter. Using these templates for the future, Rho Upsilon’s future appears very bright.



## THE PHI SIGMA OUTSTANDING LIEUTENANT MASTER AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Marc Seskin  
Towson University, Tau Mu

The Phi Sigma Outstanding Lieutenant Master Award is awarded annually to a Lt. Master who has worked tirelessly for his chapter, having been a productive member of the executive board and presiding over the minor board. He has effectively managed the committees and Brothers to achieve all of the fraternity’s programming goals and to perpetuate future chapter leadership. The award is named in honor of the former field secretaries, chapter consultants and educational leadership consultants for the fraternity. These dedicated employees have committed themselves to the betterment of the fraternity by “going on the road” in the service of the fraternity. No one appreciates a well-run minor board meeting more than a Phi Sigma. Members of Phi Sigma spanning generations have donated to the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation to fund and name this award.

During a year filled with growth, success but also a chapter crisis, Brother Seskin, working with the entire chapter’s leadership, provided strong leadership for the chapter’s committee chairs and the entire Brotherhood. With 18 Brothers, the chapter was facing a possible crisis of low morale and interest. The chapter rebounded with 15 pledges, nearly doubling in size overnight. Brother Seskin kept people involved and engaged and pushed committees to work productively. When two Brothers were assaulted for being Jewish, the chapter’s leadership was again tested and responded by getting the entire chapter to work together to develop an amazing response, pulling together the entire Greek community, the administration, the University president and the Simon Wiesenthal Center to hold a “No Place for Hate” event which has helped educate the entire campus about anti-Semitism and has enhanced the chapter’s reputation on campus, within the Jewish community and with its alumni.



## THE STANFORD AND SHEILA ODESKY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RUSH RESULTS

### RECIPIENTS

**Top:** University of Central Florida

The Stanford and Sheila Odesky Award for Outstanding Rush Results is presented to the chapters which distinguished themselves by bettering their rush goals for the previous year and which are working actively to achieve outstanding growth. Stanford "Stan" Odesky (Toledo, 1959) demonstrated his commitment to the growth of Alpha Epsilon Pi through his volunteer service on the Supreme Board of Governors, Fiscal Control Board and the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation. He was also one of AEPi's first-ever Field Secretaries. He served the fraternity as Supreme Master from 1989 to 1991. In 2000, he was elected to receive the fraternity's highest honor, The Order of the Lion. He and his wife, Sheila, committed themselves to seeing AEPi continue to grow and develop Jewish leadership.

Auburn University  
 Boston University  
 California State University-Chico  
 California State University-Fullerton  
 The College of New Jersey  
 Florida Gulf Coast University  
 Florida International University  
 George Mason University

Georgia State University  
 Kent State University  
 Queens College  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Rutgers University  
 Southern Methodist University  
 St. Andrews University  
 Stockton University

Towson University  
 University of Massachusetts  
 University of Miami  
 University of Missouri  
 University of South Florida  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
 York University



## THE ANDREW S. BORANS OUTSTANDING RUSH CHAIRMAN AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Oscar Miskin  
 Birmingham, Upsilon Kappa Gamma

The Andrew S. Borans Outstanding Rush Chairman Award is presented annually to the chapter rush chairman who has performed in an outstanding manner. In addition, he has successfully executed all rush functions including overseeing and participating in the rush committee, the bid giving process and the new member ceremony. Andrew Borans (Florida State, 1980) has committed himself, both professionally and personally, to the betterment of the fraternity. For more than 40 years he worked for AEPi, ultimately serving as the fraternity's Executive Director and the CEO of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation. He is a 2008 recipient of the fraternity's highest honor, the Order of the Lion.

Working tirelessly on behalf of a chapter which had dwindled to just four men, Brother Miskin brought in 17 new men for his chapter over two rush periods last year. Through sheer force of personality, belief in the ideals and importance of Alpha Epsilon Pi and plain old hard work, Brother Miskin has been the driving force behind the chapter's renaissance and continued vitality.



## THE TENZER FAMILY CHAPTER PROGRESS AWARD (FEWER THAN 40 BROTHERS)

### RECIPIENT

The University of Alabama, Iota Deuteron

The Tenzer Family Chapter Progress Award (fewer than 40 Brothers) is presented annually to the chapter whose efforts in rushing, pledging and other areas of chapter operations have resulted in significant chapter progress over the previous academic year. The award was funded by Dr. Jonathan Tenzer (Vermont, 1962). Brother Tenzer served the fraternity in a variety of volunteer roles, including as Supreme Master from 1989 to 1991. "Doctor John" was an "always-on" volunteer who revelled in the fellowship of his Brothers, both alumni and undergraduates, from near and far. In 1999, he was presented with the fraternity's highest honor, the Order of the Lion.

The Iota Deuteron chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi has grown dramatically in the last year and is making its impact on campus. After more than doubling in size during the 2017-18 school year, the chapter focused on building its Brotherhood by devoting itself to the values and mission of AEPi. The chapter co-hosted Israel-Fest with the local Chabad on campus and raised a record amount of money and, just as importantly, worked to change misperceptions about Israel on a campus lacking in education. Additionally, the chapter held several social events with increased attendance at each one. Focusing on internal processes led to better communication and Brother involvement in committees. The chapter began reaching out to alumni from decades ago to let them know that Iota Deuteron had returned to campus and was growing. All of this work culminated in the fall as the group accepted its charter and became an official chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi. Although several founding fathers have begun to graduate, the chapter continues to grow. Due to the hard work of today's Brothers, future generation of Jewish men at the University of Alabama will have a place to call home.



## THE HARVEY S. BODKER EMERGING LEADER AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Jordan Swidler  
University of North Texas, Mu Gamma

The Harvey S. Bodker Emerging Leader Award is presented annually to an undergraduate Brother who has emerged in the past year within his chapter or colony and exemplified the values and characteristics of Alpha Epsilon Pi through his ability to embrace creativity, motivate and inspire others, and act on and execute vision. To meet each of these criteria so early on his fraternal experience is worthy of commendation. Such experiences are not limited to within the realm of Alpha Epsilon Pi operations, but instead extended to all leadership opportunities, both on and off campus. The award is named in honor of Brother Harvey Bodker (Kansas, 1957), a former chapter advisor, regional governor and Supreme Board member. Brother Bodker's passion for AEPi and its mission began at Kansas and has always extended across the International Fraternity's scope. The leadership skills he learned on the executive board in the Kappa Upsilon chapter transferred to his professional life. Always spending his time helping others and looking for ways to give back to the community, he encourages undergraduate Brothers to donate time to their local communities while in college.

Brother Swidler, just a freshman, serves his chapter as Exchequer and has already been awarded the Outstanding Delegate at the 2019 Texas Conclave. He is extremely active in his local Jewish community and represents the future of the Mu Gamma chapter.





## THE ABE AND RENETTE CORENSWET CHAPTER PROGRESS AWARD (40 BROTHERS AND MORE)

### RECIPIENT

University of Arizona, Upsilon Alpha

The Abe and Renette Corens wet Chapter Progress Award (for chapters 40 Brothers and over) is presented annually to the chapter whose efforts in rushing, pledging and other areas of chapter operations have resulted in significant chapter progress over the previous academic year. Brother Abe Corens wet was one of the founders of the Tau chapter of AEPi at Vanderbilt University in 1929. He was a stalwart alumnus, working with “his boys” to make sure that AEPi succeeded at Vanderbilt. He also served as a director of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation. Renette was always by Abe’s side, opening her heart and home to generations of Tau undergraduates and their families. She treated every Brother as though he were family and made sure that no Brother of AEPi was ever alone on the holidays (or ever went home from her house hungry). She provided a home away from home and has been a surrogate mother to hundreds of Tau Brothers.

By many measures, AEPi at the University of Arizona was very successful but the chapter knew that it could continue to improve to become great. Focusing on community service and the Jewish community have been linchpins to the enhancement of this success. The chapter has organized Brotherhood volunteer events at the Primavera Men’s Shelter, Tucson Community Gardens, Mobile Meals Tucson, Ben’s Bells, Chabad, Hillel, the Tucson Jewish Community Center and many more. As a result of these efforts the chapter – nearly 150 strong – has averaged 14 hours of community per Brother, more than doubling the University’s guidelines. A renewed emphasis on its minor board has led to more involvement in more roles by more Brothers. This has resulted in more activities in alumni engagement and involvement and better communication throughout the growing chapter. Not being afraid to change – to continue to improve and not rest on their laurels – has made Upsilon Alpha better than before and the future now looks limitless.



## THE GEORGE S. TOLL EXPANSION ACTIVITY AWARD

### RECIPIENTS

Individual:

Moises Goodman Guinzberg , Univ. of California San Diego, Chi Sigma Chapter:

University of California San Diego, Chi Sigma

The George S. Toll Expansion Activity Award is presented annually to the undergraduate who provides the most assistance to the Alpha Epsilon Pi International staff with expanding the fraternity to new campuses and communities around the world. Named in honor of George S. Toll (Pennsylvania, 1934), the fraternity’s first full-time executive vice president. Brother Toll oversaw the post-World War II growth of AEPi and shepherded the fraternity through the difficult periods of campus unrest in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Brother Toll, known to thousands of alumni as “Mr. AEPi” personally oversaw the fraternity’s first period of aggressive expansion. He was presented with the fraternity’s highest honor, the Order of the Lion, in 1960.



## THE ALLAN R. WOLFE CHAPTER PUBLICATION AWARD

### RECIPIENT

University of Pittsburgh, Phi Delta

The Allan R. Wolfe Chapter Publication Award is presented annually to a chapter whose publication content presents an overall picture of activity and service to its alumni. Publications can include both print and digital versions. Named for Brother Allan Wolfe (Florida, 1959) whose interests in the betterment of AEPi led him to serve the fraternity as Supreme Master from 1981 to 1982. His larger-than-life personality and outreach to undergraduates as a member of the Supreme Board were his hallmarks. Working with publications for most of his professional career, Brother Wolfe epitomized this and called publication the "love of his life". After he entered Chapter Eternal, the award was renamed in his honor.

The Phi Delta Chapter publication brought together alumni from all areas of the world and all generations in a celebration of AEPi at the University of Pittsburgh. The newsletter paints an overall picture of the chapter's activities and vitality and encouraged interest and participation from Brothers near and far.



## THE ARNOLD B. HOFFMAN UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Stuart Baum  
Wayne State University, Xi

The Arnold B. Hoffman University Service Award is presented to an undergraduate Brother who, by his activities, has demonstrated an understanding of the purposes of his alma mater and has contributed significantly to its advancement. These activities expand beyond commitment to AEPi and include the betterment of the Brother's campus community. Named for Brother Arnold Hoffman (Emory, 1942) who served the fraternity as Supreme Master from 1955 to 1956. Brother Hoffman was a man who understood undergraduates better than almost any Supreme Master and was always able to obtain their best efforts. He was instrumental in building the Emory house and founded Gamma Alpha at Georgia State University. In addition, he served in virtually every fraternity position on the national level and chaired several conventions.

Brother Stuart Baum's outstanding commitment to university service and to Alpha Epsilon Pi has earned him this recognition. Having already served one term as president of the Student Senate, he was recently re-elected for an unprecedented second term. Among the many accomplishments during his tenure are, successfully advocating for University-wide general education reforms, working with a coalition of groups to push the University to more sustainable practices and establishing the Campus Safety Advisory Council. He has worked tirelessly to protect immigrant students and to promote his University to adopt more accepting policies towards LGBTQ students. Outside of his University service, he has worked to register nearly 4,000 Wayne State students as first-time voters. He is an incredibly hard worker, a passionate Wayne State student and an outstanding Brother of the Xi chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi.



## THE ALPHA EPSILON PI CHAPTER RISK MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Chapters which do outstanding work in following the Alpha Epsilon Pi International Health & Safety guidelines receive this award which includes a one-year reductions in insurance charges as recognition that their leadership and hard work has made our fraternity a safer place.

**FIRST** Binghamton University, Beta Nu - When Binghamton University students enter the Alpha Epsilon Pi house, they feel safe, welcomed and cared for. The chapter has outstanding risk and crisis management protocol mapped out and discussed with all Brothers each semester. The protocol includes ensuring that all guests have a safe way home, reviewing fire safety procedures and maintaining proper entrance and exits. Most importantly, the entire risk management protocol is reviewed each semester and is included in the chapter's new member education program as an integral component of building better Brothers.

**SECOND** University of Delaware, Rho Deuteron - Each semester, the chapter's Risk Manger conducts a presentation for the entire Brotherhood to review areas of possible risk – whether that involves chapter social situations, an individual Brother's behavior or social media – and discusses ways to mitigate that risk. Each Brother must take a turn serving on the chapter's risk management team at social events throughout the academic year and they work to develop specific plan to deal with various scenarios throughout the year.

**THIRD** California State University – Fullerton, Chi Phi - Having two licensed EMTs in the chapter has helped the Brothers keep focused on remaining safe and ensuring the safety of its guests. Before each event, the chapter holds a mandatory risk management meeting led by the Risk Management chair to review risk management plans and each Brother's responsibilities for the night.



## THE LEIDER FAMILY OUTSTANDING WEBSITE DESIGN AWARD

### RECIPIENT

University of South Carolina, Gamma Chi

The Leider Family Outstanding Website Design Award is presented annually to the chapter or colony which best promotes the fraternity and chapter via a web page. The design must be current or from the recently completed school year and must be in good taste.

Starting his chapter's website virtually from scratch (the previous site hadn't been updated in more than four years and was deactivated), Brother Brandon Race took on a challenge to build a new site which would engage the campus, the Brothers and the chapter's alumni. Including a constantly updated slideshow of chapter photographs, a brief history of the chapter and AEPi, an up-to-date events page and information about everything from academics to athletics to philanthropy. The site now serves as a central point of information on the chapter for many stakeholders and even includes a welcome letter from Regional Governor Josh Frank.





## THE PHILIP H. AND SUSAN RUDD COHEN

### EDWARD AND FRANCINE GOLD

### JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITY AWARDS



Jewish Communal Activity Awards are presented to undergraduate chapters which have distinguished themselves through a commitment to the Jewish people, culture and religion and show a steadfast commitment to the people of Israel. The awards for first and third-place and honorary mentions are funded by Brother Philip H. Cohen (Alpha, 1957) along with his wife, Susan Rudd Cohen. The second-place award is funded by Brother Edward Gold (Wayne State, 1961) and his wife, Francine. PSM and Centennial Founder Philip H. Cohen and his wife, Susan, have committed their lives to building Jewish ideals and communities. Brother Cohen has served on the international boards of several Jewish organizations including Hillel International. Susan Rudd Cohen has served as International President of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority and is also active in numerous local and national Jewish causes. Brother Cohen has served on the Boards of Directors of Jewish communal organizations such as Hillel International and AIPAC. He served AEPi as its Supreme Master from 1974 to 1976 and was presented with the fraternity's highest honor, the Order of the Lion, in 1982. PSM Edward Gold has a similar commitment to those ideals. He served as Supreme Master from 1976 to 1977 and continued his leadership with a lengthy tenure on the fraternity's Fiscal Control Board. Gold is a lifetime member of the Board of Directors of Detroit's Jewish Family Service and served as its President. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and chaired its Attorney Division and also served on one of its Budget and Allocation committees. In 1985, he was awarded the Order of the Lion, AEPi's highest honor.

**FIRST** *Appalachian State, Mu Theta* - Throughout the past school year, the Mu Theta chapter has demonstrated its commitment to Jewish communal activity and service by working closely with the local Hillel, the Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Peace Studies and the Temple of the High Country. The chapter holds weekly Jewish education sessions with the local Rabbi (who lives two hours away but commits to coming on a weekly basis) and have integrated the sessions into its new member education program. The chapter held its first ever "Man Seder" which brought together undergraduate Brothers, their fathers and grandfathers for a Passover seder. The chapter also has a mission to further the advancement of Hillel by serving on its board (the majority of Hillel Board members are AEPi Brothers). Following an anti-Semitic incident on campus, the chapter rallied local Jewish and non-Jewish organizations to hold "Two Days Against Hate" on campus, winning recognition from the University for collaboration and response to hate. The chapter has helped start a local Students Supporting Israel group to promote pro-Israel messages and a number of Brothers intern for pro-Israel and other Jewish organizations including Olami, StandWithUs and as an Emerson Fellow. It is safe to say that Jewish life at Appalachian State would be much less robust without the presence and involvement of the Mu Theta chapter.

**SECOND** *Northeastern University, Sigma Kappa Psi* - The chapter's interwoven and unbreakable bond with the campus Jewish community has resulted in a growing Jewish life for all. Chapter Brothers are leaders at Hillel and Chabad and are always there to provide volunteers and manpower at every event. This year, a bi-weekly bagel brunch with Hillel was established to help build relationships in the Jewish community. The bagel brunch was so successful that a chapter alum made a generous donation to expand them to the entire Jewish and non-Jewish community and they still sell-out. The chapter's annual Jews Cruise (a night cruise around Boston) has raised between \$10,000 and \$20,000 annually for AEPi's Repair the World Fund. Moving forward, the chapter continued to look for new and innovative ways to positively impact Jewish life on campus.

**THIRD** *University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Omega* - From leadership in Jewish organizations to trips to Israel to engagement with other campus communities, the Omega chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi has made a difference in Jewish life on its campus. Brothers provide leadership at Hillel and Chabad and many also work as camp counselors at local Jewish camps in the summer. This year, six Brothers went on Birthright and returned home to engage others on campus with pro-Israel messages. Individual Brothers have done yeoman's work leading Jewish initiatives on campus including leading a trip of non-Jewish students to Israel to educate them about the country and the Palestinian conflict and engaging the entire campus in a Holocaust Memorial event and an event following the Tree of Life shooting in Pittsburgh.

## THE PHILIP H. AND SUSAN RUDD COHEN

## EDWARD AND FRANCINE GOLD

## JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITY AWARDS

### ADDITIONAL RECIPIENTS:

The College of New Jersey  
Kent State University  
University of Missouri  
University of Hartford  
University of Kansas  
California State University – Fullerton



### THE A. EDWARD SCHERER OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ADVISOR AWARD

#### RECIPIENT

Martin Volinsky  
Florida Atlantic University, Phi Alpha

The A. Edward Scherer Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award is presented annually to a chapter advisor whose work has been consistently outstanding and whose service goes above and beyond the call of duty. The award has been funded by Brother A. Edward Scherer (Worcester Tech, 1963), one of Alpha Epsilon Pi's hardest workers and a Brother committed to the concept of mentorship. Brother Scherer has served the fraternity as a volunteer in virtually every possible role, including as Supreme Master from 1982 to 1984, chairman of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation and a long-time member of the AEPi Fiscal Control Board. Through all of this service, he still believes his time as a chapter advisor was the most impactful and rewarding of his volunteer career. Brother Scherer was presented with the fraternity's highest honor, the Order of the Lion, in 1993.

More than eight years after graduating from Florida Atlantic University, Brother Volinsky continues to give back to his chapter in his role as chapter advisor. By attending chapter meetings, he communicates with Brothers about the values of AEPi and the importance of building Brotherhood and focusing on things like philanthropy and community service. Brother Volinsky serves as the Director of Social Media for the Gift of Life Foundation and has helped the chapter engage, not just with Gift of Life, but also with other beneficiaries of the Repair the World Fund and the local Boca Raton Jewish community. His reputation in the community led the local Jewish Community Center to help fund undergraduate Brothers to attend AEPi's regional conclave at the University of Georgia last year. Brother Volinsky plays an integral role in communicating with both undergraduates and alumni. The chapter would not be as successful as it is without the help and support of its advisor. Perhaps most telling of Brother Volinsky's impact is the comment made by another past Master who said, "If I needed help or to talk with someone at 5:00 in the morning – even today – I know that I can call and Brother Volinsky would pick up the phone and help."



## THE NEHEMIAH GITELSON MEDALLION

SILVER - ALUMNI  
BRONZE - UNDERGRADUATE

The Gitelson Bronze Medallion recognizes Alpha Epsilon Pi undergraduates for their commitment to Jewish communal services. The Medallions are presented in memory of the scholarship and communal activity of Nehemiah Gitelson, Talmudic scholar and father of M. Leo Gitelson, a 1921 graduate of New York University. The Bronze Medallions recipients are selected by a committee of the Supreme Board of Governors of AEPi and the Silver Gitelson Medallion is awarded by a vote of the AEPi Foundation Board of Directors.

## THE NEHEMIAH GITELSON MEDALLION - SILVER

### **Brother Theodore F. Perlman University of Michigan, Omega Deuteron**

Brother Perlman founded The Havi Group L.P. in 1974 and serves as its Chairman of the Board and also served as its Chief Executive Officer. Ted has supported the Jewish United Fund in Chicago since the 1960s and began taking on leadership roles in JUF in the 1980s. His numerous positions include serving as JUF's Advance and Major Gifts Chairman, and as a member of JUF's Board and its Executive Committee. He is actively involved with his synagogue, North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, as well as the Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith Foundation, B'nai B'rith Beber Camp in Mukwonago, Wisconsin, the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel and the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Most notably, this past year at BBYO International Convention, Ted pledged \$25 million to accelerate BBYO's initiatives for young Jewish women and teens. The gift, one of the largest single commitments to a youth-serving organization in modern history, provides immediate resources for BBYO to launch and expand new programs and provides endowment funding that will support such activities in perpetuity.



## THE NEHEMIAH GITELSON MEDALLION

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## THE NEHEMIAH GITELSON MEDALLION - BRONZE

### **Aaron Carpenter, Appalachian State University, Mu Theta**

After arriving at Appalachian State University, Brother Carpenter realized that if he wanted a Jewish community, he would have to build it. Aaron jumped at the opportunity to become a Founding Father of the Mu Theta chapter and, prior to becoming Master, served as the Tikkun Olan/Social Action chair. Aaron has worked closely with Hillel, the University's Center for Judaic, Peace and Holocaust Studies and the Temple of the High Country. He has dedicated himself to educating the student population and administrators about the Jewish community, inviting both groups to chapter and other Jewish programs throughout the year. In response to rampant anti-Semitism on his campus, Aaron and his chapter helped plan "Two Days Against Hate" on campus, bringing together representatives from across the campus, the ADL and the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Brother Carpenter is a founding member of Students Supporting Israel and has recently accepted a fellowship position with StandwithUs. His commitment to the University's Jewish community transcends that of his involvement within his chapter.

### **David Saxe, University of Alabama, Iota Deuteron**

On a large campus not known for its Jewish community, AEPi's Iota Deuteron chapter has become a growing force in educating the campus community about Judaism and the need to fight anti-Semitism. As master of his chapter, Brother David Saxe has helped lead that charge. His commitment to AEPi's mission and to the Jewish community has helped to grow AEPi and has begun to transform the Jewish community. As chartering chair, he planned an event rivaling a local Bar Mitzvah and did so with grace, vision and a commitment to our ideals and community.

### **Zachary Lempert, University of Cincinnati, Omicron Deuteron**

After attending AEPi's 105th International convention in 2018, Brother Lempert saw the power that AEPi could bring out of him to change his community for the better. Having heard her speak at convention, he brought Caroline Rothstein to his campus and helped to host two events for the campus and Greek community to tackle issues of sexual harassment and assault. As philanthropy chair of his chapter, he helped organize LatkeFest into a resounding success and has involved his chapter's alumni in their efforts to raise money for the fraternity's Repair the World Fund. Brother Lempert has served in multiple positions on his campus' Hillel board and is the IFC's Vice President of Diversity.

### **Solomon Solkowitz Towson University, Tau Mu**

When two Brothers on his campus were assaulted for being Jewish, Brother Solkowitz led his chapter Brothers to organize an amazing response, pulling together the entire Greek community the administration, the University president, Artists 4 Israel and the Simon Wiesenthal Center to hold a "No Place for Hate" event which helped educate the entire campus about anti-Semitism and enhanced the chapter's reputation on campus, within the Jewish community and with its alumni.

### **Charles Volk, San Francisco State University, Beta Alpha**

On a campus which has often served as the front lines for campus-based anti-Semitism and Israel bashing, Brother Volk has been recognized as one of the campus leaders standing strong for Israel and fearlessly proclaiming his pride in being Jewish and his Jewish heritage. Brother Volk was one of the first students to courageously serve as a plaintiff on a lawsuit against the University administration for condoning anti-Semitism, anti-Israel rhetoric and discrimination. Working with The Lawfare Project, a lawsuit was filed saying that a Jewish group's exclusion from the "Know Your Rights" fair violated California's Civil Rights Act. Thanks to the landmark settlement reached in the case, the University has taken the previously unthinkable step of recognizing that Zionism is an integral part of Jewish identity – a major victory for Jewish students not only at SFSU, but those across the country who understand all too well the inextricable connection between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism.



## THE PHILIP H. AND SUSAN RUDD COHEN UNDERGRADUATE ACHIEVEMENT KEYS

The Philip H. and Susan Rudd Cohen Undergraduate Achievement Keys are presented to undergraduates who exemplify the ideals of the fraternity through individual achievement for the betterment of the fraternity. The legacy of Brother Philip Cohen (Alpha, 1957) is one of service and commitment to his fraternity, the interfraternal world and the world's Jewish communities.

A recipient of the North American Interfraternity Conference's (NIC) highest honor, the Gold Medal, he was also one of the founders of the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group (FIPG). He has served on the Boards of Directors of Jewish communal organizations such as Hillel International and AIPAC. He served AEPi as its Supreme Master from 1974 to 1976 and was presented with the fraternity's highest honor, the Order of the Lion, in 1982. He was the fraternity's first Centennial Founder, recognizing lifetime giving to the AEPi Foundation of at least \$100,000.

### **Bryan Ruef, California State University – Fullerton, Chi Phi**

Brother Ruef works hard to improve his community, school and chapter. As an EMT, he often works overnight shifts to assist in emergency situations. Through that work, he developed his own dispatch software, 10-8 systems, which has been adopted in more than 300 counties across the country. His company recently won the California State University – Fullerton Start-Up competition, receiving a \$5,000 grant and recognition from his school and the investment community. In addition to this involvement, he continues to excel academically and has served multiple positions on the Chi Phi chapter's executive board.

### **Ethan Shemoney, Illinois State University, Iota Beta**

After a longer than average time as a colony, it was time for AEPi at Illinois State University to either grow and become a chapter or remain lingering on the edges of success. Brother Shemoney took on the challenge of leadership and guided his chapter to unprecedented success and, ultimately, the colony received its charter. His unwavering commitment to the fraternity and its ideals will continue as he has been hired to work as an Educational Leadership Consultant for the coming year.

### **Nicholas Lowinger, New York City, Alpha**

Brother Lowinger's commitment to the ideal of Tikkun Olam is represented throughout his chapter as he constantly encourages Brothers to be involved with philanthropy and giving back to the community. He was exposed to the concept of Tikkun Olam at a young age, volunteering at a homeless shelter with his mother at the age of five. He was shocked to see other children walking around barefoot or in shoes that were falling apart. In 2010, he decided to start Gotta Have Sole as a bar mitzvah project in his community to provide footwear to homeless youth. Since then, the idea has taken off and has expanded to every state in the country. Working with more than 160 shelters throughout the country, his organization has donated shoes to more than 99,000 children.





## THE COHON FAMILY LEADERSHIP AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Regional Governor Jason Rieger  
California State University – Northridge, Chi Nu

The Cohon Family Leadership Award is presented annually to a Brother or non-Brother whose positive impact on the fraternity embodies the goals and ideals of Alpha Epsilon Pi. Established in 2017 by then Supreme Master Scott Cohon (Wayne State, 1991), this award represents Brother Cohon's commitment to the ideals and mission of Alpha Epsilon Pi. Brother Cohon served the fraternity as a chapter consultant and director of risk management as well as being an active volunteer before becoming Supreme Master in 2016.

Brother Rieger is a former member of the AEPi Professional Staff and has a passion for our Jewish mission. He has repeatedly shown this passion when starting new colonies, mentoring younger volunteers and when tasked with very difficult chapter issues. Jason is a key facilitator for our conclaves and Leadership School and is never shy to ask questions or to suggest alternatives. It is our pleasure to present this award to Jason Rieger for his leadership and dedication to Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity.



## THE ROBERT SILVERMAN OUTSTANDING SCRIBE AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Joshua Mitnick  
James Madison University, Omega Epsilon

Awarded to that chapter scribe who consistently prepared accurate minutes of each meeting, conducted prompt correspondence with the Executive Office, International officers and other chapters, and who kept the alumni of his chapter posted on any chapter developments. Originally presented by Executive Vice-President Emeritus George S. Toll (Pennsylvania, 1934) in memory of his parents, Harry and Mary Toll, it was taken over by the Supreme Board of Governors in 1951. The award was renamed after PSM Robert N. Silverman (Boston, 1958) for his dedication to the fraternity and love of the scribe position on executive board. He was proud of the fact that he was scribe of his chapter and was named Outstanding Scribe in 1956. Brother Silverman served as chapter advisor, Regional Governor and Supreme Governor until assuming the position of Supreme Master in 1977. He is the only Supreme Master to enter Chapter Eternal while in office. The Supreme Board of Governors renamed this award after him in his memory.

Brother Mitnick went above and beyond in his role as scribe and set new standards for the position for future Brothers. With a goal of increasing communication with chapter Brothers, the International HQ team and the University, Brother Mitnick grew the chapter's social media presence through regular posting and features as well as documenting the chapter's many successes in philanthropy and other achievements. Despite being the smallest chapter on its campus, AEPi became the most "followed" fraternity. Additionally, he utilized his social media and marketing skills to enhance the chapter's philanthropy activity. This year, the chapter raised nearly \$8,000 for the Repair the World Fund. Brother Mitnick organized documents and sent the entire Brotherhood weekly emails about events with links to sign up forms to get Brothers involved. He worked closely with the pledge education program to ensure that new members were learning topics not usually discussed including risk management, the importance of attendance at international convention, risk management and the role that Brothers should play in leadership throughout campus. Brother Mitnick has set a standard for his chapter and all of Alpha Epsilon Pi.



## THE SAMUEL J. BLUSTEIN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP

### RECIPIENT

Brother PSM Marc P. Katz  
Phi Delta Chapter, University of Pittsburgh

The Samuel J. Blustein Award for Outstanding Foundation Leadership is presented annually in recognition of a Brother's exemplary dedication, outstanding service, and commitment to the advancement of Alpha Epsilon Pi through leadership and support for the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation. The award is named and was funded by Past Supreme Master Samuel J. Blustein (Memphis, 1975). As an undergraduate and young alumnus, Brother Blustein was very involved in the International Fraternity and working to further its goals and mission. After taking several years off to build his career as an attorney in Houston, Sam returned to the fraternity as an alumnus volunteer, serving eventually as General Counsel and then on the Supreme Board of Governors. He served as Supreme Master from 2010-2012. During his tenure, he put great emphasis on re-energizing the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation and helping to ensure that it worked more effectively to support the fraternity's mission. Brother Blustein's courage, strength and resolve in the face of a degenerative disease continues to be an example for all Brothers of AEPi. In recognition of his lifetime of service, Brother Blustein was awarded the Order of the Lion in 2012.

For the second time in a row, Past Supreme Master Marc P. Katz' dedication to the advancement of the AEPi Foundation is being honored. Being a Centennial Founder (recognizing cumulative giving of at least \$100,000) is just the beginning of his commitment. Brother Katz has helped oversee a transformation of the Foundation into a more dynamic arm of the Fraternity, with clearly defined goals and renewed emphasis on supporting the fraternity's mission. Brother Marc Katz has been a defining figure in the history – and the future – of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation.



## THE ZACK RAMPANT LION AWARD

### RECIPIENT

Tal Edelstein  
Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo, Sigma Omega

The Zack Rampant Lion Award was established by Brother Stephen N. Zack (Florida, 1969), to recognize members of Alpha Epsilon Pi who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in fighting anti-Semitism on the university campus and beyond. Brother Zack was served as the President of Board of Governors at American Bar Association (ABA) from August 2010 to 2012. At present he is a partner at the Boies Schiller Flexner Law firm in Miami. He is a founding member of the Cuban American Bar Association and a life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, which promotes justice through research on the law and its impact on society.

Brother Edelstein has been recognized by a number of different organizations for his leadership on his campus in his fight against BDS and anti-Semitism. In 2017, he and Mustangs United for Israel (MUFI) were presented with the David Bar-Ilan Award for Outstanding Student Leadership award by CAMERA on Campus for "bravely and publicly defending Israel against hostility and distortions on campus." He also helped lead his campus' AIPAC cadre. For the last year, he has served as the Springboard Ezra Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Hillel. Edelstein is also the recipient of the Karno Law School Scholarship.



## THE JACOBSON FAMILY AWARD FOR MILITARY SERVICE

### RECIPIENT

Major General Larry Taylor  
Georgia Institute of Technology, Zeta

The Jacobson Family Award for Military Service recognizes an outstanding active Brother or alumnus of Alpha Epsilon Pi who exemplifies the values of the fraternity in his ability to inspire and motivate others, has made a significant impact on the fraternity during his undergraduate and/or alumnus years, and is an active duty, reserve, volunteer or retired service member in a branch of his country's armed forces. The award recognizes outstanding service not only to Alpha Epsilon Pi, but also values demonstrated leadership in his country's armed forces. The award is funded by Brothers Jeff (Northern Arizona, 1992) and Alan Jacobson (Queens College, 1982) and their wives, Rachel and Jill. The Jacobson family reveres the ethos of service and the willingness to make the supreme sacrifice in defense of freedom. Brother Jeffrey Jacobson is the fraternity as its 74th Supreme Master.

Major General Larry Taylor (Georgia Tech, 1962) has a long and distinguished career in Armed Forces. He served as a squadron pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadrons 264 and 263 in 1964 and 1965. During this time, he participated in operations in Santo Domingo during the Dominican Republic crisis. He completed his initial active duty in December 1966 while serving as Platoon Commander, Air/Naval Gunfire Platoon, 2d Marine Division. For all of 1967 and most of 1968, General Taylor served in Laos and Vietnam as a pilot for Air America, flying the H-34. In 1968, he began his Marine Corps reserve career flying the H-34, the UH-1 "Huey", and the AH-1 "Cobra". He served in a variety of billets at the squadron, wing, and division levels. General Taylor then served in Central and South America as Deputy Commander, Marine Forces South, based in Panama. He retired from the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1997, after 38 years of service – 5 years active and 33 years reserve. General Taylor is active with the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, the USO Council of Georgia, the Reserve Forces Policy Board, the Society for American Baseball Research, and is chairman of the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Greater Atlanta. In civilian life, he retired in March 2001 as a Captain with Northwest Airlines. The grandson of Russian Jewish immigrants to America, General Taylor regards his highest honor is to hold the title of United States Marine.



## THE DAVID M. BACHARACH, JR. OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY NIGHT

This ring is awarded to an undergraduate based on his service to the fraternity, his school, his community and his academic accomplishments. The awarded was funded in memory of David M. Bacharach, Jr. (Old Dominion, 1966). Brother Bacharach was a dedicated volunteer for the fraternity and, though he loudly proclaimed that he had no interest in serving on the Supreme Board of Governors (preferring to stay active at a chapter level and working directly with undergraduates), he served as Supreme Master from 1996 to 1997. During his time on the SBG, he strongly championed working with and for undergraduates. He was also a strong proponent of updating the then outdated technology used at the International Headquarters. In 2002, Brother Bacharach was awarded the Order of the Lion, the fraternity's highest honor.



## THE SIDNEY E. GOLDBERG OUTSTANDING DELEGATE RING

TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY NIGHT

Originally known as the Seymour Goldberg Trophy, in memory of a deceased Brother of Alpha, and donated jointly by the New York and Chicago Alumni Clubs, it was succeeded by the Sidney E. Goldberg Ring, in memory of PSM Sidney E. Goldberg (Emory, 1935). It is awarded annually to the outstanding convention delegate. The award was named for PSM Sidney E. Goldberg (Emory, 1935). Under his direction as Supreme Master from 1945-1946, the entire pattern of growth for Alpha Epsilon Pi shifted. He stressed the necessity for the fraternity to assume a position of leadership on college campuses. He was honored with the Order of the Lion in 1952 for his efforts to build up the fraternity and map out a course for post-World War II Alpha Epsilon Pi. Even when his service as Supreme Master was over, he never truly stopped working for the fraternity. He was instrumental in bringing in AEPi's next generation of leaders such as Executive Secretary George S. Toll (Pennsylvania, 1934).



## THE ARONIN FAMILY OUTSTANDING DELEGATION AWARD

TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY NIGHT

The Aronin Family Outstanding Delegation Award is presented to the delegation at the Alpha Epsilon Pi International Convention which does the best job of promoting the spirit, values and mission of the fraternity during the convention. The award is named for Paul Aronin (Georgia Tech, 1950), a longtime volunteer for the fraternity based in Atlanta, GA. Paul's dedication to the fraternity was legendary, spending countless hours working with chapters throughout the southeast. As a professional accountant, he constantly worked with chapters and their budgets. He served the fraternity as Supreme Master from 1969 to 1970. Paul's love for AEPi was seen each year as he came to the International Convention with his wife, Bonnie, and their three sons, Michael (Georgia Tech, 1993), Ivan (Georgia, 1986) and Adam (Texas, 1989), all of whom have worked and volunteered for the fraternity. In 1988, Paul was presented with The Order of the Lion.



## THE ISIDORE (I.E.) GOLDBERG OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE RING

TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY NIGHT

This award, a gold ring set with an onyx stone and the AEPi letters, is awarded to that undergraduate who has discharged his chapter obligations in a way to indicate his belief in the ideals of the fraternity and has also contributed to the general welfare and advancement of the fraternity, both locally and internationally. This award was established by the Supreme Board of Governors to honor the memory of PSM Isidore (I.E.) Goldberg (Marquette, 1927) who lost his life in a plane crash at a very untimely age. Brother Goldberg had done so much to plan the progress of the fraternity and help broaden its national horizons.



## THE MARC AND DANA KATZ OUTSTANDING COLONY AWARD

TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY NIGHT

The Marc and Dana Katz Outstanding Colony award is awarded to that colony which is outstanding among all colonies in scholarship, activities, community service and work on behalf of and for the advancement of the International Fraternity. The award is named for Marc Katz (Pittsburgh, 1976) and his wife, Dana, a past National President of Alpha Epsilon Phi. Brother Katz' service to the International Fraternity began as an undergraduate when he served as the fraternity's first Undergraduate Service Governors. After several years as a Chapter Advisor and Regional Governor, Marc joined the Supreme Board of Governors and served as Supreme Master from 1993–1995. Additionally, he has served as the International Fraternity General Counsel and interim Executive Director. In 2011, he received the Gold Medal from the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) for his service to the interfraternity movement. He was awarded the Order of the Lion, AEPi's highest honor, in 2005.





**THE MORRIS BERKE  
OUTSTANDING MASTER AWARD**

**TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY NIGHT**

Awarded to that chapter master who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities while conducting the business of the chapter, including producing results which are indicative of a stronger chapter and as a result of his term in office. The award is named in honor of Brother Morris Berke (Ohio Northern, 1939), a former chapter advisor, chairman of the Central Region, regional governor and Supreme Board member. Brother Berke was known for his dedication to the fraternity as master of the Kappa chapter. He served two terms as master before graduating in 1939. Under his direction, Ohio Northern progressed financially and advanced materially. A consistent honor student, he was able to balance both college and fraternity well. He was named the Outstanding Delegate at the 1938 Milwaukee Convention.



**THE LOUIS SHERR  
OUTSTANDING CHAPTER REVERE BOWL**

**TO BE PRESENTED SATURDAY NIGHT**

This award was created by the Supreme Board of Governors to honor that chapter which is outstanding among all chapters in scholarship, activities, community service and work on behalf of and for the advancement of the International Fraternity. The award was established in honor of the late PSM Louis Sherr (Pennsylvania, 1926) who was active in the fraternity from the time of his initiation until his death and instrumental in shaping the AEPi convention as we know it today. AEPi's 51st Convention was held at Camp Akiba, owned by Brother Sherr. This was the first convention where only Brothers were allowed to attend, and the purpose was to re-examine the fraternity's goals and how to achieve them. After being elected to the Supreme Board of Governors in 1952, he rose through the ranks steadily and was appointed Supreme Master in 1958. Beloved by the fraternity, he was given the Order of the Lion in 1968.

# THE ALPHA EPSILON PI OFFICIAL PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

One of the values that the Alpha Epsilon Pi Brotherhood holds highest is a commitment to Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Chapters which do an exemplary job of raising funds for the fraternity's Official Philanthropy Program (OPP) are recognized each year both for their success in raising funds and also for the creativity and effort demonstrated in their philanthropy events.

## ESPONDA AWARD IN OFFICIAL PHILANTHROPY | #1 IN AMOUNT RAISED

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Pi

## FOUNDER'S ACHIEVEMENT IN OFFICIAL PHILANTHROPY | \$10,000 AND MORE

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## COMMUNITY HERO IN OFFICIAL PHILANTHROPY | \$5,000 - \$9,999

University of Tampa, Tau Phi  
Binghamton University, Beta Nu  
Georgia State University, Gamma Alpha  
Michigan State University, Chi  
James Madison University, Omega Epsilon  
University of Kansas, Kappa Upsilon  
Drexel University, Delta Rho  
University of Minnesota, Mu Upsilon  
Appalachian State University, Mu Theta

## LION'S LEGACY IN OFFICIAL PHILANTHROPY | \$1,000 - \$4,999

New York City, Alpha  
University of Iowa, Iota Upsilon  
Miami University, Alpha Tau  
Florida Atlantic University, Phi Alpha  
Elon University, Epsilon Phi  
Kent State University, Phi Deuteron  
Purdue University, Pi Upsilon  
Towson University, Tau Mu  
University of Arizona, Upsilon Alpha  
University of California-Riverside, Chi Rho  
North Carolina State University, Nu Chi  
Wake Forest University, Gamma Beta  
University of Cincinnati, Omicron Deuteron  
University of North Texas, Mu Gamma  
West Virginia University, Mu Lambda  
College of William and Mary, Tau Pi  
Rutgers University, Rho Upsilon  
George Mason University, Gamma Mu  
Florida Gulf Coast University, Delta Chi  
University of Central Florida, Nu Delta  
California State University - Fullerton, Chi Phi  
Kennesaw State University, Gamma Pi