

# CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Omega Epsilon | James Madison University | Spring '24



## A word from Master Josh Young

Brothers, Alumni, Friends, and Family of the Omega Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi at James Madison University. My name is Joshua Young, and I am the newly elected Master! A little about me- I am a sophomore from Norwalk, Connecticut, and a Media Arts & Design/Journalism major. I want to provide a brief update about the state of the chapter.

This past fall we initiated 14 incredible New Brothers as a part of the Alpha Kappa class bringing our active brother count to 50. As the chapter grows, our goal is to adapt to the new while keeping the traditions of the past. With this in mind, Brotherhood engagement is the executive board's main priority, and will always be the most fundamental aspect of this chapter. Brotherhood includes everything from our smaller scale brother hangouts, like poker nights or sitting around the firepit at our Tuesday Bakes, to our larger scale events when we do a Super Bowl potluck and FratsGiving. We are looking forward to our largest brotherhood event this spring semester with our Formal trip to Myrtle Beach in April.

We are also proud to announce that this past academic year, we had the highest GPA in Greek Life. We continue to push for academic success and achievement with over six brothers achieving the presidents list and over ten on the dean's list this past semester.

With the recent increase of anti-semitism across college campuses, some of the policies we have implemented not only keep us safe but also support the local Jewish community. After the events of October 7th, we held a candlelight vigil with Chabad and Hillel in front of Wilson Hall. Leaders in all three organizations gave speeches and Hatikva was sung. We have continued to improve our communication and reputation with law enforcement. This relationship gives us the opportunity to make the necessary calls if we ever feel threatened. Most importantly, all of our brothers have rolled around each other in these hard times.

To the parents, Thank you for entrusting me with oversight of your children.

To the alumni, Thank you for entrusting me with continuing on your legacy.

All of the sacrifices that you make do not go unnoticed and our entire brotherhood thanks you.

Sincerely,  
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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elected November, 2023



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| <p><b>MASTER</b><br/><b>Josh Young</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: School of Media Arts &amp; Design<br/>Minor: Sports Communications<br/>Hometown: Norwalk, Connecticut</p> | <p><b>LIEUTENANT MASTER</b><br/><b>Jack Littman</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: School of Communications &amp; SMAD<br/>Minor: Spanish<br/>Hometown: Ashburn, Virginia</p> | <p><b>SCRIBE</b><br/><b>Elliot Zedd</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: Political Science<br/>Minor: Writing &amp; Rhetoric<br/>Hometown: Richmond, Virginia</p> | <p><b>EXCHEQUER</b><br/><b>Jeremy Frank</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: Finance<br/>Hometown: Hampton, Virginia</p>                                       | <p><b>RUSH CHAIR</b><br/><b>Will Barboza</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: Elementary Education<br/>Hometown: Upperville, Virginia</p> |
| <p><b>NEW MEMBER EDUCATOR</b><br/><b>Kyle Goldstein</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: Finance<br/>Hometown: Chesapeake, Virginia</p>   | <p><b>SENTINEL</b><br/><b>Ari Schultz</b><br/>Year: Freshman<br/>Major: School of Communications<br/>Hometown: Monroe, Connecticut</p>  | <p><b>BROTHER AT LARGE</b><br/><b>Jacob Dinman</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: English<br/>Hometown: Leesburg, Virginia</p>                                  | <p><b>SOCIAL CHAIR</b><br/><b>Benny Apple</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: Kinsiology<br/>Minor: Entrepreneurship<br/>Hometown: Fishersville, Virginia</p> |   |

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Alpha Kappa



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| <p><b>Lucas Bart</b><br/>Year: Freshman<br/>Major: Sports Management &amp; Hospitality<br/>Hometown: Comack, New York</p>  | <p><b>Jason Caldwell</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: Finance<br/>Hometown: Virginia Beach, Virginia</p>                    | <p><b>AJ Derone</b><br/>Year: Freshman<br/>Major: Statistics<br/>Hometown: Mooresville, North Carolina</p>      | <p><b>Brayden Dobrinski</b><br/>Year: Freshman<br/>Major: Marketing<br/>Hometown: Virginia Beach, Virginia</p>  | <p><b>Jacob Goldfarb</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: Health Science<br/>Hometown: Cherry Hill, New Jersey</p> |
| <p><b>Todd Hallberg</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: School of Communications<br/>Hometown: Virginia Beach, Virginia</p> | <p><b>James Judson</b><br/>Year: Freshman<br/>Major: Secondary Education &amp; History<br/>Hometown: Winchester, Virginia</p> | <p><b>Matthew Levi</b><br/>Year: Freshman<br/>Major: Computer Science<br/>Hometown: Sterling, Virginia</p>      | <p><b>Will Patten</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: Political Science<br/>Hometown: Williamsburg, Virginia</p> | <p><b>Nick Pollard</b><br/>Year: Freshman<br/>Major: Psychology<br/>Hometown: Harrisonburg, Virginia</p>         |
| <p><b>Noah Ramsay</b><br/>Year: Freshman<br/>Major: Finance<br/>Hometown: Virginia Beach, Virginia</p>                     | <p><b>Ari Schultz</b><br/>Year: Sophomore<br/>Major: School of Communications<br/>Hometown: Monroe, Connecticut</p>           | <p><b>Evan Shapero</b><br/>Year: Freshman<br/>Major: Intelligence Analysis<br/>Hometown: Leesburg, Virginia</p> |   |  |

## PHILANTHROPY

This past Fall, the brotherhood planned and executed a brand new philanthropy event called AEPalooza in support of Israeli Cancer Research. We sold over 400 day pass wristbands. The day consisted of live music from the 81 Traffic Band, and DJ Griffith to wrap up the night. We had local food trucks, Tacos el Primo, and Smokin' Q, who had full lines and tasty food. AEPalooza was sponsored by Celsius Energy, SOS Greek, Kings Mart, and BunBelievable. The chapter raised over \$5000 from wristband sales, and from generous donations made by friends, family, and alumni. The chapter is proud to say that AEPalooza is now a staple fall philanthropy event! We are also happy to announce RAVEPI will be April 13th at 9PM.



## JEWISH IDENTITY

This year, our brothers have united within the Jewish community, fostering a strong sense of solidarity and shared purpose. Following the incredible turnout at the annual Mega Shabbat, we were honored to assist the local Chabad House in hosting their first-ever Shabbat Minyan the following evening. Our collective efforts have showcased our commitment to service and community engagement. Looking forward, we are gearing up for our annual march in commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day this May. Additionally, we plan to deepen our understanding of history and heritage through a visit to the Holocaust Museum in Richmond, Virginia, alongside our new members. This journey promises to further strengthen our bonds as a fraternity rooted in shared values and respect for our past.

## BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

**Johnny Schoefield**  
Schoefield, a senior from Virginia Beach, Virginia, has played a pivotal role in shaping our chapter's identity. Pursuing a degree in Psychology, Johnny has not only demonstrated academic excellence but has also assumed various leadership positions within our fraternity, including roles as Social Chair, New Member Educator, and Vice President. Despite initially not considering fraternity membership, Johnny discovered a sense of belonging within AEPi and has since embraced our fraternity with unwavering dedication.

What Johnny values most about his membership in AEPi is the profound sense of unity and support that characterizes our brotherhood. He believes that our unique camaraderie distinguishes us from other organizations, enabling brothers to rely on one another in times of both celebration and adversity. Johnny emphasizes the importance of our fraternity's close-knit community, a sentiment further reinforced by his residence in the fraternity house. As Johnny prepares to pursue graduate studies in clinical psychology with the aspiration of becoming a licensed therapist, his contributions and presence will be sorely missed by our fraternity.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**Aidan Weatherly**  
Weatherly (Class of '23), a distinguished alumni from Alpha Beta, continues to embody the values instilled during his time in AEPi. From Dunwoody, Georgia, Aidan now calls Arlington, VA home as he excels in his role as a Business Analyst on the Fraud Prevention Team at Capital One. Personally, Aidan finds solace in maintaining an active lifestyle through workouts, running errands, and exploring new destinations, recently embarking on a post-graduation trip to Europe.

Reflecting on his journey in AEPi, Aidan reminisces about the profound impact the fraternity had on his college experience and beyond. During the new member process, he not only forged enduring friendships but also discovered mentors whose guidance proved invaluable in navigating the complexities of university life and beyond. Having graduated as part of the Alpha Beta class, Aidan cherishes the leadership opportunities afforded to him, recognizing how they have contributed to his personal and professional growth. What he found most rewarding was not merely making decisions for the fraternity, but genuinely caring for the well-being of his brothers. Aidan's journey stands as a testament to the enduring bonds and transformative experiences fostered within the AEPi brotherhood.

## SAVE THE DATE

RAVEPI: April 13, 2024  
Parents Weekend: September 27-29, 2024  
Homecoming: October 26, 2024