

# Alumni Newsletter

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## Welcome!

to the second edition of the  
Alpha Pi Alumni Newsletter

We're excited to launch our newly revamped alumni program, starting with our now-semesterly newsletter, The Nest.

We aim to bridge the generational gap across our brotherhood through more updates, alumni events, and engagement.

The Nest is the first step to reinvigorating the Alpha Pi community, and we'd love to hear from you all!



### Our Brotherhood:

25 Undergraduate Brothers  
6 Graduating May 2025

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when  
brothers dwell together. - Psalms 133:1*

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# Chapter Update

## What's new with Alpha Pi?

Alpha Pi initiated eight new brothers as part of the Delta and Epsilon classes. Many of our new brothers have taken on leadership roles, and have become key components of our fraternity. Two of those brothers will be attending AEPi's 112th Convention in Houston this year.

In addition, our brotherhood has become extremely close. Some special events include: presentation night, video games, fratsgiving, brotherhood retreat, Purim pregame, highs and lows, and Mother's weekend.



### Philanthropy

Philanthropy was a major success this year, with Alpha Pi raising money for the Repair the World Fund, The Next Step Foundation, and tabling for Gift of Life.

### Jewish Engagement

Alpha Pi began Shabbat dinners with Hillel, bagel brunches at Chabad, Saturday services, continued learning with Meor, and wrapping tefillin.

### Academics

We have one of the highest GPA's on campus, and amongst Fraternities at Temple. This spring, we had a cumulative GPA of 3.56.



# 2024 - 2025

## Chapter Officers

### Master

Zachary Fajge '26

### LT-Master

Ben Lotman '26

### Scribe

Danny Podolsky '26

### Exchequer

Gavin Nickol '27

### Sentinel

Andrew Paul '26

## Chapter Operations

### Rush Chair

Noah Sickman '27

### Philanthropy Chair

Ben Handwerker '27

### Alumni Chair

Garrett Sabol '26



## Master's Message

### The Future of Alpha Pi

It is a great honor to introduce myself as the current Master of the Alpha Pi Colony of Alpha Epsilon Pi at Temple University. I began my journey in the fraternity as a Founding Father and Recruitment Chairman, later serving as Exchequer before being elected Master.

Academically, I am a Finance major with a minor in Management Information Systems in the Fox School of Business Honors Program. Outside of AEPi, I am actively involved in several campus organizations, including the Temple Consulting Club, Temple Finance Association, Hillel, Chabad, and Meor. This summer, I will be interning in Financial Planning and Analysis at The Campbell's Company in Charlotte, North Carolina, focusing on Supply Chain Finance.

We have an incredible group of brothers, and we have made tremendous progress as a colony. Our next goal is to become an official chapter, and we are well positioned to achieve it. At this year's 112th AEPi International Convention in Houston, Texas, we will be sending four brothers to present our case for chartership.

Alumni are a core pillar of our fraternity, and we are committed to strengthening our connection with you. I look forward to meeting many of you in person soon. In the meantime, feel free to connect with me on LinkedIn.

# Meet Our Brothers



**Harrison “Indy”  
Calig**



**Ben Handwerker**



**Gage Bernstein**

Indy, graduating Summa cum Laude, is a double major in History and Greek and Roman Classics (language track) with Distinction, and a Minor in Anthropology. Previously the President of Temple University's Rohr Chabad, he is a two-time L.A.U.R.A. Research Award Scholar, working with the Chair of Classics on an upcoming book *Tanaquil Rex*. He is currently the Editorial Assistant for the *Classical World Journal*, and was awarded the Nicholas P. Vlachos Memorial Award for Excellence in Classical Languages and Literature from Temple University's Department of Classics. Indy was recently admitted to Pitt Law with the Dean's Scholarship and is planning to publish his honors thesis research paper.

Ben is a rising Sophomore majoring in Film and Media Arts at Temple University. Ben is a legacy, as his father was in AEPi at the University of Florida. He is heavily involved in Alpha Pi and has become a rising leader. He currently serves as a member of the Rush Committee, and is our Philanthropic and Community Service Chair. He is one of four brothers attending this year's 112th AEPi International Convention in Houston, Texas. He enjoys spending time with brothers. Outside of AEPi, Ben is a native of Westfield, New Jersey. He is a fan of the New York Rangers and Yankees. His favorite movie is *Reservoir Dogs*. When Ben is home, he enjoys going on fishing and hiking trips with friends.

Gage is graduating with an Environmental Science major with a concentration in Applied Ecology. He has previously been involved in the Temple University Diamond Marching Band, as the Cymbal Captain during this past year, and the Historian in '23 and '24. This year, Gage researched the effects of climate change on Spotted Lanternfly dispersal by converting a fellow student's Master thesis data into an interactive webapp on the Google Earth engine. He presented his research at Temple's Undergraduate, and Biology symposium. He is planning to work in environmental consulting for a year, before pursuing a graduate degree in Climatology. Gage is also HSK 2 certified in Chinese.



# Alumni Spotlights



**Jeff Graber '82**

Jeff Graber was a refounding father in '79 with 19 other brothers. He served as Exchequer for two years and graduated with a BBA in Accounting in '82. Jeff began his career in public accounting but soon transitioned into private accounting, working mostly for tech companies. At age 39, he completed his MBA (with a focus in financial planning) and pursued his second career, teaching at the postsecondary level. Jeff teaches courses in accounting, finance, real estate, and financial planning. He is married with two children, and lives with his wife in West Chester, PA. Jeff's fondest memories include road trips with brothers and attending conclaves at the University of Maryland and Rhode Island. He cherishes his experience and has attended many of his brothers' weddings, their children's birthday parties, and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs.



**Jon Alexander '07**

Jon Alexander had an active role in Alpha Pi when he pledged in the Fall of 2003. Over his four years, he served as the Sentinel, Lieutenant Master, and Master of the chapter. Following his graduation from Temple, Jon worked with AEPi at their International HQ in Indianapolis. While he initially went back to school to pursue a degree in dentistry, he currently works in the financial industry. He is married, has two kids, and resides in Bryn Mawr.

Jon has many funny stories, but one that stands out is Brad Hoffman's cooking during their brotherhood retreat. Let's just say his bad cooking led to many brothers with upset stomachs.



**Mitchell Pisarz '19**

Mitchell Pisarz pledged Alpha Pi in Spring '16 and served as Lieutenant Master for two years. He graduated from Temple in 2019 with a degree in Insurance and Risk Management, and started his career in the insurance industry. After a couple of years in the field, he took a break to study in yeshiva in Israel - a meaningful detour that helped shape his path forward.

Since returning, Mitchell launched his own agency, Oxfordshire Insurance Brokers, specializing in property and casualty insurance. He now lives in Far Rockaway, New York with his wife. Mitch has too many memories from Alpha Pi to count, and still stays in close touch with many of his brothers to this day.

# What's Next

We are excited to meet new faces, but we are sure that you want to see some familiar ones as well. We are planning events that are for both everyone and solely alums, so there are opportunities to meet us and to catch up with your brothers.

## Thank You

Please consider donating to the Alpha Pi Colony via the AEPi Foundation, which you can do by [clicking here](#). We are looking to fund dues scholarships, purchase a grill, secure a house for our brotherhood retreat, and funding for a Shanghai Showdown.

## Keep in Touch

Currently, there are three preexisting Facebook groups for Alpha Pi alumni:

- Temple AEPi 1985-1992
- Alpha Epsilon Pi - Alpha Pi Chapter 1995-2005
- AEPi - Alpha Pi Chapter (Temple) Alumni Group

In addition, we have our own Facebook group, Alpha Epsilon Pi - Alpha Pi, for the current colony. Our Instagram handle is on the bottom of every page.

## Noteworthy Dates

- **Saturday, 11 October 2025:** Football Homecoming, families invited.
- **Friday, 7 November 2025:** Shabbat across AEPi, and Founder's Day at Hillel. Begins at 5pm.
- **Sunday, 15 March 2026:** 70th Anniversary of Alpha Pi at Temple University, more info to come.



# Alumni Gallery

Alpha Pi, 1982



Semi-Formal, 1989



Date Party, 1998



Initiation, 2000





# Alumni Gallery

Date Party, 2006



Alpha Pi, 2008



Hillel, 2013



Israel, 2018

