



# GAMMA GAB

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## Alumni Board Provides Resources to Thriving Active Chapter

### Your Support Is Needed to Provide Further Chapter House Improvements

As 2016 comes to a close in Happy Valley, the alumni board is proud to share a year's worth of accomplishments. Academically, we are ranked as the second-best fraternity on campus in GPA and are making a push for the first spot. Gamma Omega, along with sorority partner Zeta Tau Alpha, celebrated our 25th anniversary of raising money for THON by ranking first in the Greek division.

We continue to make strides regarding the always challenging scrutiny that comes with risk management at both the campus and national fraternity levels. To improve, we must diligently educate and guide our active brothers on how to make good decisions. To help with this, the house corporation brought in leadership consultant and former Nittany Lion defensive standout, Lee Rubin, to work with the chapter. The first executive session was in November and went great, and we will have the full chapter hear Lee's message at the retreat in January. If you are interested in learning more about Lee's work, you can find him online at [www.leeerubinspeaks.com](http://www.leeerubinspeaks.com).

Our alumni roadshow events in Pittsburgh for the Pitt vs. PSU weekend were a huge success. I want to give many thanks to **PJ McGuigan '92** for organizing this fun-filled weekend. For more details, you can find his recap on page 2. I also want to thank **Aric Wagner '90** for hosting tailgates at Beaver Stadium for the surging Nittany Lions! If you have not been back to State College in a while, we hope to see you in 2017.

We continue to make house improvements but still need your support to our capital improvement fund. The pillars and portico replacements are our next major project. Your board is committed to the restoration work we began in summer 2015, but this endeavor is only possible with your help. **To make an online payment today, please visit our secure giving form at [gammaomegagiving.kintera.org](http://gammaomegagiving.kintera.org).**

Love and Respect,  
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Repainting the chapter house's exterior was one of the projects completed during the summer.



Fred Anton '91 and Dave Woytowich '93 at the ATΩ Michigan State tailgate

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## PITT/PENN STATE WEEKEND RECAP

The renewal of the Pitt/Penn State series lived up to the hype and saw a number of Taus return to the Burgh for a weekend of baseball, football, and most of all, fraternal revelry.

Friday night kicked off the weekend on the PNC Park Miller Lite deck, where we had 75 seats for the Pirates vs. Reds game. The weather cooperated, and we were blessed with a beautiful night in America's best ballpark.

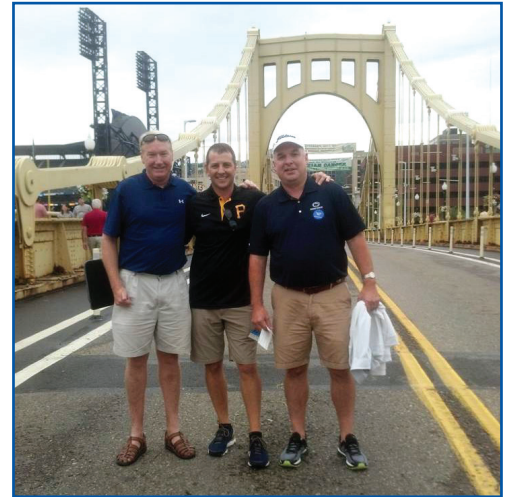
The next day started around 7:30 a.m. as **Mike Beliasov '92** helped set up our tailgate in a lot along the Allegheny River. It was apparent right away how passionate both fan bases were under the scorching September sun. It was great to see a number of alumni present and ready to cheer on the Nittany Lions.

Come kickoff, the atmosphere inside a sold-out Heinz Field was electric, setting an attendance record for any football game, even larger than a Steelers vs. Ravens game. While the Panthers jumped out to a commanding lead, the Nittany Lions never gave up and fought back with a chance to win in the final seconds. Despite the outcome, the Pitt/Penn State weekend demonstrated the spirit from 24 years ago is still alive today. The same can be said of the

friendships within our brotherhood that never seem to miss a beat though many years have passed.

We look forward to next year's contest and urge you all to consider a trip back to State College for the game, reconnect with old friends, and once again be a part of the legacy we all have forged. WE ARE! Are Taus by God!

Love and Respect,  
**PJ McGuigan '92**  
House Corporation Secretary  
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*Rich Goldbeck '89, PJ McGuigan '92, and Aric Wagner '90 walking on the Roberto Clemente Bridge on the way to Gamma Omega's reunion during a Pirates vs. Reds game at PNC Park.*



*After 16 years, the Pitt vs. Penn State rivalry is back!*



*Aric Wagner '90 hosting a tailgate at Beaver Stadium.*



*Devin Arrigo '18, Stephen Dellafera '18, Tyler Brown '18, and Cole Leff '18 after climbing Mount Nittany.*



*Will Tabola '19, Ryan Schmidt '19, and Chad Rex '19 with the rest of the brotherhood at Thanksgiving dinner.*

## Building a Foundation of Academics, Service, & Leadership Gamma Omega Needs Your Help to Maintain Success

Greetings, alumni brothers. As the newly elected chapter president, I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to represent our fraternity and to continue to carry on the prestigious reputation and traditions of our chapter.

We began the year with a very successful recruitment. Led by Recruitment Chairmen **Phil Littleton '19** and **Chris Russo '19**, we gave out 37 bids, and 30 accepted as new members. This group is full of unique personalities and will provide our chapter with valuable leaders for the next several years. We are proud of our recruitment chairmen and the results of their hard work. We look forward to another successful recruitment period in the spring. Following recruitment, we had our housing inspection. Housing Chairman **Eric Myers '19** worked for several weeks to make sure the house was up to

code, and thanks to his efforts, we passed on the first inspection with zero corrections.

We are working to maintain our position in the top five GPAs among fraternities. Gamma Omega has also improved the bond between the upperclassmen and underclassmen. The upperclassmen have given more guidance to the underclassmen compared to past years, and everyone is benefitting. Our executive board is thrilled with the direction past Chapter President **Shea O'Neill '17** has taken us in regard to cultivating our brotherhood, and we hope to utilize our fortified chapter to better our stance on campus and within the national fraternity.

One of our main goals is to increase the interaction between alumni and undergraduates. To be the best chapter, it takes a strong relationship with



# ANSWERING THE CALL

## Brian Schwartz '14 on Donating Time Post-Graduation

For many fraternity seniors, life is consumed by what is next after college. Finding a job, relocating, and growing relationships take priority, and involvement in their chapters takes a back seat. However, for some like recent ATΩ graduate **Brian Schwartz '14**, he was compelled to give back to his chapter right away and took on the role of alumni board treasurer.

“After graduation, I just felt called to serve and still felt I had more to give back to ATΩ,” Brian said. “As an undergraduate, I was the exchequer (treasurer) and had a great relationship with my predecessor, who provided a general understanding of the job. It came down to my having the time, and ultimately, I still wanted to engage with the chapter that has done so much for me. There is a lot left in me to help foster these brothers.”

Coming into Penn State, Brian knew right away he wanted to go Greek. His father, uncle, and a few other relatives had positive experiences, and Brian wanted to follow suit. After the various recruitment events, it was Gamma Omega that stood out. “On a campus of over 40,000 people, I wanted to get involved and find my pocket,” Brian said. “Alpha Tau Omega just had a grand presence in the middle of the Greek community, and I was impressed with the chapter’s diversity and how dedicated they were to philanthropy.”

Throughout his undergraduate experience, Brian enjoyed immersing himself in the chapter’s philanthropic efforts, especially THON. He also enjoyed the date functions hosted by the chapter because he got to spend time with his now fiancée, Brittany, and his brothers.

With the fun also came some struggles, and during his first year, Brian suffered academically. His grades were suffering so much that his parents threatened to take him out of school. However, Brian pulled himself up and got his grades on track and graduated from the college of business with a degree in supply chain. “I think the most important thing undergraduates should know is that you need to bust your butt; there is not a day off,” he said. “Some days will be a struggle, and you will not always get the recognition, but you need to find something that spurs you and to be your own engine.”



Brian and Brittany relocated to Michigan, where he took a job with General Motors. He manages a \$30 million transmission parts inventory and forecasts all the transmission demand on a global level for one of the most complex supply chains in the world.

Though this keeps him busy, Brian still makes Gamma Omega a priority, and he encourages any of his alumni brothers to get involved if they feel the same call. “I think that Greek life as a whole is often admonished incorrectly by the general public. Greek life is a wonderful thing.” Brian said. “I believe that the power of many is greater than the power of one. As an organization with common goals, we can achieve great things. Anything that I can do to promote that culture and my organization is in my mind good work and beneficial to the community.”

Brian is studying for the GMAT, which limits his free time, but when the opportunity arises, he enjoys golfing and skiing. He can be reached at [thebrianschwartz@gmail.com](mailto:thebrianschwartz@gmail.com).

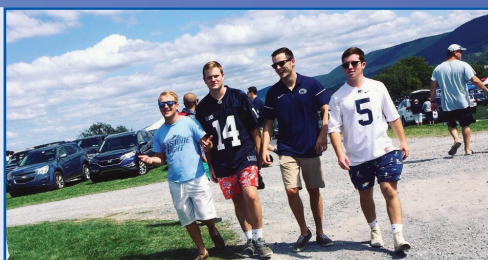
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alumni. We also want to increase engagement within the community through service projects. This includes a project organized by **Tyler Smith '19** and **Nick Jacobs '18**. Taus and Tots is a project where brothers host a field day in the spring with a local youth group for underprivileged children in Centre County. We would love to grow this project and make it a Gamma Omega staple.

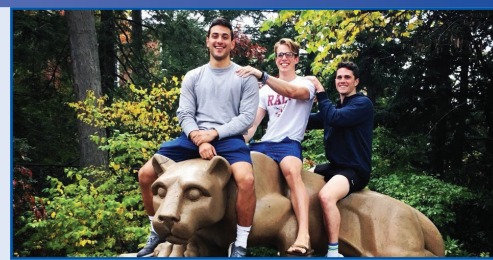
Over the next year, I hope to make all of these goals become reality. I also want to thank you for all the continued support and please feel free to reach out to me at any time.



Love and Respect,  
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*Adam Evans '19, Bobby Newman '18, James Whelan '18, and Ryan Schmidt '19 on their way to a Penn State football game.*



*Scott Zelle '17, Kevill Riley '17, and Jake Rex '17 taking a ride on the Nittany Lion.*



*Stevie Sharon '17, Vincent DeAngelis '17, Aidan Riehl '19, Matthew Holloway '19, Jon Winter '17, and Shea O'Neill '17 after their tour of the Hershey Medical Center with sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha.*



*Nick Jacobs '18, Nick Pilhuj '19, and Ben Lucier '20 fundraising around campus for THON.*

## Save the Dates

### Blue-White Game

April 22, 2017

Beaver Stadium

### Happy Valley Jam

July 8, 2017

Beaver Stadium

### Penn State vs. Pittsburgh Gamma Omega Alumni Tailgate

September 9, 2017

Beaver Stadium



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ATΩ and ZTA  
25th Anniversary Year  
2016 Dance Marathon  
\$257,678 For The Kids!

Gamma Omega #2 Ranking GPA  
All-Fraternity Organizations  
Penn State Spring Semester 2016

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**James Barton**  
Medford, N.Y.  
Kinesiology

**Eli Crone**  
Lancaster, Pa.  
Undecided

**Kyle Cyphers\***  
Hellertown, Pa.  
Undecided  
(Father **Kevin Cyphers '88**)

**Sanjay Deel**  
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Political Science and  
Economics

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Biomedical  
Engineering

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Pre-Med

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Technology  
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Luttmann '16**)

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San Marino, Calif.  
Undecided

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Undecided

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Bethlehem, Pa.  
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Avoca, Pa.  
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**Carlos Tribaldos**  
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Enterprise Risk  
Management

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