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Sigma Chi Chapter at Loyola University Chicago:
What's Coming Spring 2022?



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Consul Update

Our newly elected Consul, Joseph Tomecki, will be leading our chapter here at Loyola this semester. This is what's in store.



Plans for the semester:

We have put together a strategic plan for the semester: it consists of strengthening alumni relations as well as relationships with the general community. We also plan to strengthen Sigma Chi rituals.

Plan of execution for the semester:

This semester we will plan the 10 year anniversary of the founding of our chapter. We will practice our rituals and utilize the ritual peer, as well as involve ourselves more with other organizations and philanthropy, all while building chapter unity. We have a really exciting plan in place for Alumni Weekend, and would love to have as many alumni show up as possible. So please come prepared for a celebration 10 years in the making.

Why did you want to take on the role of Consul: I wanted to be in the position because I saw the potential the chapter has. We really have a good group of guys and I am excited to try to maximize that potential and want to push us out of our comfort zone, with the perpetual goal of high ambition in mind. I'm proud to be in the position because I see us as the predominant social fraternity on campus. I know there are many very qualified brothers in the chapter that would have fit the position, and having my brothers choose me to be Consul and providing me with support through this amplifies my confidence in the chapter's future.

Pro Consul Update

Our newly elected Pro Consul, Ryan Torgersen, is stepping into his biggest role yet, and is excited to serve our chapter in this way.



"It always seems impossible until it is done"- Nelson Mandela

Why you are proud to be in the position:

I am proud to be in this position because I have a lot of respect for our active brothers and their trust in me by allowing me to hold this position, it is very humbling. I wanted to hold this position because I saw the way the chapter is headed and want to promote involvement. I want us to get back to our roots as a tight chapter.

Plans/goals that you have for the semester:

Some goals are to increase attendance in chapter, get everyone completely ritually proficient, promote involvement amongst every member in the chapter, and to bring it towards a centralized group again. With covid, it has been difficult to connect with the brothers as a whole.

One thing we are doing this semester you are proud/excited for:

I am very excited for our ten-year anniversary, and I am really proud that we were able to put this event together. I am also excited for our initiation because a lot of brothers are getting involved, and they all want to ensure we get worthwhile new members as an addition to our chapter.

Brotherhood Update

Our brotherhood chair, Trent Kardell, is excited for this semester to advance the tight brotherhood that has already been built.



"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self"
- Ernest Hemingway

What are you doing with the position currently:

I have put together a few events so far, like the Superbowl brotherhood event and a few smaller sporting events. I'm just hoping to bring back consistency to the events that we host.

Why did you want/are proud to be in the position?

The bond that we have between the brothers is one of the main reasons that I joined this fraternity in the first place. To help facilitate that bond is pretty awesome.

What are you most excited for:

We are planning a brotherhood retreat in August, taking the chapter to the Ozarks. We haven't done something like this in years due to covid, so this trip will be a return of a tradition, we hope that it sticks and we can do it every year.

Recruitment Update

Our recruitment chair, Luke Austin, represented our chapter in this year's fraternity open house.



"Stopping me? That's impossible. There's not anything that can really stop me."
- Chad Ochocinco

Why did you want/are proud to be in this position?

When I joined there was a majesty about the recruitment process and I wanted to be a part of that to show possible new members what I saw. Secondly, I thought it would be a really good life experience. I also wanted something I could talk about in future job interviews and talk about how I did this and did it well.

What have you done with the position so far?

I presented our fraternity in the open house and successfully ran two recruitment events so far. I think I portrayed Sigma Chi in a good way to possible new members and really showed them how great we are.

What do you have planned for the future?

Showing the PNMS headquarters for the invite only event, and seeing the look on new members faces when they receive a bid.

Social Update

Our social chair, Jack Holsworth is also in a band with three other active brothers, called The Liabilities.



"arrive with every
step"-Thich Nhat
Hahn

Why did you want the position?

I felt like this was the best way I could serve the fraternity. Having social skills is an important part of the role and I feel like I excel in that area.

What have you done with the position?

I have thrown successful events and am planning greater ventures in the future.

We have mixers planned with other sororities, and the 10 year chapter anniversary will be one of the biggest events of the year.

Brotherhood Band



The Liabilities are a band compiled of four of our brothers. Shane Riley (drums), Alex Lydon (lead guitarist), Jack Holsworth (bass and production), and Tristan Hart (vocals and rhythm guitar).

I had the opportunity to sit in on one of the band's practices and was impressed with both the level of professionalism and talent.

How did the band start?

Derby days is one of our biggest philanthropic events. It was canceled this fall and was changed to a Sigma Chi talent show. These four brothers stepped up to participate in the talent show. They all either sang or played an instrument and then combined their efforts for the talent show. It went so well that they wanted to continue playing together, and now they are working toward live shows and an EP.

By the end of the year, what do you want to accomplish as a band?

Two main goals for the end of the year are getting music released to multiple platforms as well as playing some live shows for people, additionally marketing ourselves and getting ourselves out there by expanding our social media presence.

Why did you guys decide to do a band for the talent show?

"We worked on music beforehand, Jack is a good producer and I (Shane) am good at playing instruments. It really was a move out of desperation to put the band together, but in the end, it worked out really well and I'm happy that we stuck together." -Shane and Jack

One of our other brothers, Paul Schnell, was at the practice I sat in on, they were recording songs and Paul was recording video.

Paul- "I take inspiration from NPR tiny desk. It is just bands casually performing in their living rooms or studios. I thought helping them get the word out there by recording would be a great way to give these guys exposure while practicing my own hobby at the same time."

Brotherhood Spotlight

Lastly, one of our brothers, Luke Sharpe, is currently receiving first author on a research paper based on interactive models of algae with the goal of creating a new form of sustainable energy.



"I want to do something similar in my PhD, to continue on this process of trying to find a source of renewable energy. The end goal is to be a chemistry professor, and help the world by spreading my love of chemistry"

Luke is a junior at Loyola, in the school of chemistry and biochemistry. Luke's goal is to be a teacher and currently is in an SI (supplemental instructor) position, gaining firsthand experience in teaching students and exploring his two passions, chemistry and teaching.

Tell us more about the study:

The study pertains to growing algae and taking measurements on how photosynthesis functions towards it.

We are switching out the native catalytic metal for a synthetic one. This synthetic metal produces energy at a much faster rate than the native metal, opening up the possibility of powering whole cities with algae farms in the future.

What is the long-term goal of this study?

This is the first time someone is pursuing this catalytic metal modification to speed up the photosynthesis process. This research is still in very early stages, but we are laying the groundwork for further research that could possibly produce forms of sustainable energy

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