Delta Sigma Pi Rho Psi

University of South Florida - St. Petersburg

Sigma Beta Pi Colony



Delta Sigma Pi

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY DELTA SIGMA PI

Dear Board of Directors:

We, the members of the Sigma Beta Pi Colony of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, bring forth this petition for a Chapter Charter of the Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity. We uphold all of which Delta Sigma Pi stands for, and will continue to do so as a full chapter member of Delta Sigma Pi. We will continue to grow as a Chapter and as individual business professionals with the utmost commitment to our fellow brothers and to the community of the world of business.

We pledge ourselves to the standards that Delta Sigma Pi sets forth for all of its Chapters both nationally and internationally as stated in the Bylaws.

Thank you from all the members of the Sigma Beta Pi Colony. Signatures as follow:

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Dean of the College and a brother of the Delta Sigma Pi (DSP), I strongly support and recommend the establishment of the brotherhood chapter of DSP at the University of South Florida Saint Petersburg (USFSP). Our colony has been strong and fulfilled requirements of moving from colony to charter member at DSP Business Fraternity. The Sigma Beta Pi colony at USFSP exhibits the high standards of DSP and their focus on enriching the college experience for business majors.

You have my unequivocal endorsement and recommendation that this colony be granted charter member status with DSP.

Fraternally,

Maling Ebrahimpour, PhD

Dean and Professor of Management

Dr. Debra T. Sinclair, AVA, CMA University of South Florida St. Petersburg PNM 106 A St. Petersburg, FL 33701 September 23, 2012

Subject: Reference letter for Sigma Beta Pi Colony

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the Sigma Beta Pi colony's petition to become a chapter.

I pledged Delta Sigma Pi as an undergraduate at the University of South Florida Tampa. Therefore, I know first-hand what a Delta Sigma Pi fraternity chapter looks like. Based on what I've seen of the Sigma Beta Pi colony, I am confident that they are ready to become a chapter. The students were enthusiastic about becoming a part of Delta Sigma Pi from day one. They quickly established themselves as a cohesive group and, despite the fact that they are not actually brothers yet, they have certainly embraced the qualities of brotherhood. They work well together, support one another's endeavors, cheer each other's successes, and support each other when they encounter adversity. I often see them together on campus. They have quickly gone from being an unknown organization to an asset of the College of Business and the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Within a month of becoming an established colony, the students had already held their first community service event. In the past year, the colony has met all of the requirements for becoming a chapter including holding nine professional events, six community service events, numerous social events, and two fundraising events. Additionally, the colony has already made itself invaluable to the Dean's Office and is often called upon by the dean himself to assist in representing the university and the College of Business in events such as the St. Petersburg Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade.

I am excited for the future of Delta Sigma Pi at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. The colony is off to a strong start, and I am confident that they will become a successful chapter—one that will make Delta Sigma Pi, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, and the College of Business proud. I whole-heartedly recommend the Sigma Beta Pi Colony be established as a chapter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra T. Sinclair, AVA, CMA

Assistant Professor, University of South Florida St. Petersburg

Sigma Beta Pi Colony Faculty Advisor

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter states my strongest support for the establishment of a Delta Sigma Pi (DSP) Business Fraternity Chapter in the College of Business, at the (USFSP) University of South Florida St. Petersburg. The colony has been strong, and has fulfilled the requirements of moving from a colony to a charter member.

The Sigma Beta Pi colony at USFSP has shown the high standards of citizenship on campus. The members have volunteered and worked several university functions, which has served the university well. Delta Sigma Pi has already made a positive impact on this campus, particularly among the business students.

The colony will continue to be successful; and will have my continual support as a charter member of the Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity.

Sincerely,

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Ollie T. Moses District Director Sigma Beta Pi Colony September 18, 2012

To: The Board of Directors

It is with great privilege that I write to you in recommendation of the Sigma Beta Pi Colony. I've had the pleasure of being their District Director since they were accepted as a colony. Over the last year I have watched them grow into a group of individuals who possesses the characteristics of brothers and have taken on the persona of a brotherhood.

Sigma Beta Pi Colony started this process with great zeal and determination, and as we get closer to their inception into our fraternity, that same enthusiasm still exists amongst the members today. Sigma Beta Pi scheduled and executed all of their requirements to become a chapter with anticipatory expectation and ease.

The USF Saint Petersburg Campus does not have a dedicated building for the College of Business, so the business classes are spread throughout the campus. This presented Sigma Beta Pi with their most difficult challenge: recruiting and membership. This obstacle forced them to think outside the box, thus prompting them to get very creative with their recruiting efforts. They setup tables, banners, and flyers throughout different areas of the campus. They co-hosted events with other organizations and used those events as recruiting opportunities. With their professors' permission, they spoke to their individual business classes personally inviting candidates they felt were best qualified for membership. They even hosted recruiting events during the summer months to get a jump-start on the following semester.

From the start they set a goal to become a chapter one year after their colonization. They put a plan into place to accomplish that goal, and I am proud to say that this recommendation letter is proof that they are on track to obtaining that goal. I believe that with the continued support of their national volunteer leaders and the dedication of their members, they are slated to be an outstanding chapter of Delta Sigma Pi. I know they are worthy to be initiated into our great fraternal organization, and I will be honored and proud to call these individuals my Brothers!

Fraternally,

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Delta Sigma Pi USF St. Pete

To whom it may concern:

First, I would just like to thank you for having the opportunity to work with your "Bulls and Lady Bulls" for our cleanup event. I know that we would not have gotten nearly as much debris cleared out without them showing up, but also the job they did clearing out the areas that they were given was eye-opening to say the least. Because we had so many of them show up to volunteer on a cold Saturday morning I was able to give them their own area to work in as a group. From being at the location several times before I knew of the vast amounts of trash, tents, mattresses, cooking equipment and all around leftovers from the homeless that had lived there before. As I was walking through the area with them, showing the different areas that we were looking to be cleared, I knew it would not be an easy task and that there were a lot of areas that many people would just say, "good enough" and move on to the next easy area leaving the "hard to get to" trash there for someone else.

As they got started and I went to aid other volunteers starting out in a different area more volunteers from USF would show up. As I walked them over to meet up with their group I noticed that the area that I had them start in had been completely cleaned out. There were no half measures; the area looked as if a street sweeper had been through. Bags lined the fencing that they were working at and they had moved on to the next area. They had already started taking down tents, removing mattresses and had already coaxed a machete out of me for cutting down branches and random strings holding stuff off the ground. I will say it was a little scary how happy everyone was when they were using the machete. But, by the end they had all their fingers and appendages and I was pulling pickup load after pickup load from the last area and they were done.

As usual, I did a final walk through of the area to see the difference that had been made. The area seemed eerily hollow. Areas that were covered with litter were clear down to the soil, which seemed as though it had not seen the sun in many years. The big thing to me was that there were no left behind supplies. Normally, after a cleanup of this magnitude, after hours of backbreaking effort and the will to leave has set in, I normally find gloves, buckets, and trash grabbers strewn about the place. The place looked empty. We had filled a 40yd dumpster with the debris we had pulled from the area for a grand total of 4640lbs. It seemed as though everyone had a great time at the event and would appreciate any volunteers from USF that would like to help out at future events.

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The History of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) was founded in 1965 as a satellite campus of the University of South Florida (USF). The first classes at this new campus were held on September 7, 1965, for 260 freshmen. This new campus was referred to as the St. Petersburg campus or rather the "Bay Campus" and served as freshman overflow from the main USF campus in Tampa. Since the Bay campus was not yet an official campus, the freshmen who were enrolled in classes in both Tampa and St. Petersburg would get shuttled from one campus to the other. During its early years, the satellite campus worked to gain the support of the St. Petersburg City Council, St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Florida Legislature along with the Florida Board of Regents and Nelson Poynter, the publisher of the St. Petersburg Times.

In 1968, Dr. Lester W. Tuttle, Jr. was appointed as the first dean of the campus and is considered the "Founding Dean" of USFSP. That same year, freshman level classes were discontinued at USFSP and the focus shifted to offering upper-level undergraduate and limited graduate classes to commuters. These original classes were offered in marine science, elementary education, engineering technology, English, psychology, history, and engineering administration.

Florida lawmaker John T. Ware created legislation in 1969 that allowed the Bay campus to become an official branch campus of USF properly known as the Bayboro campus for its location on Bayboro Harbor. That same year, the first graduating class consisted of fifty-one elementary education majors. Having been established as an official branch campus, USFSP began its first "big push" at expansion of buildings and course offerings.

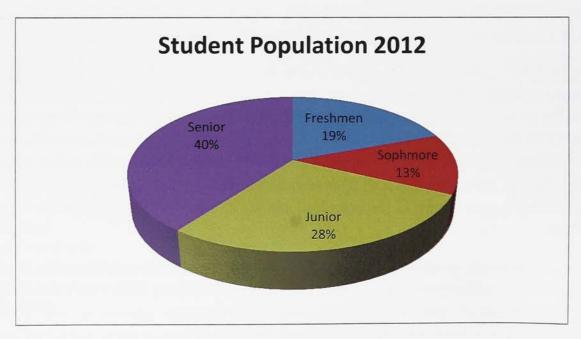
During the 1970's and 1980's, the USFSP expansion took root with expanded degree offerings in accounting, management, general business administration, social science education, political science, geography, and criminal justice. In 1976, after the tireless lobbying of Nelson Poynter, the City of St. Petersburg purchased land for the campus to expand along Bayboro Harbor. In 1981, the original library, named in honor of Nelson Poynter, opened as well as the original Bayboro Hall. In 1984, Coquina Hall opened as a student services building. Today at USFSP, the original library is now known as Bayboro Hall and the original Bayboro Hall is now known as Davis Hall.

In 1993, the university received permission from the city to renovate and restore the historically significant homes of Perry Snell (built 1904) and John C. Williams (built 1891). In 1996, the current Poynter Library opened with a collection of over 200,000 volumes. In 1998, USFSP began offering lower-level undergraduate classes for the first time in thirty years. The continuing expansion of the campus led to a reevaluation of USFSP as a branch campus of USF. In the late

1990's, lawmakers began the process that would lead to USFSP becoming a separately accredited and more autonomous institution in the USF System. In 2002, the Florida Legislature passed the law that officially created USFSP. In response to this separation, new faculty and deans were hired to provide support for the stand-alone colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education. In 2004, USFSP applied for separate accreditation under the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). In 2006, the completion of the Residence Hall One (RHO) and the parking garage allowed for the first crop of freshmen since 1968 to stay closer to the university and made it easier for out-of-state students to attend. With seven floors and 370 occupants, RHO began the shift of our campus from purely commuter to more of a mix. That same year, USFSP was awarded separate accreditation by SACS.

The USFSP expansion has continued with the opening of Harbor Hall in the fall of 2011, which was the former home of the Salvador Dali Museum. This fall, the most recent addition to USFSP opened, the University Student Center (USC), and has become the heart of the USFSP campus with the attached residence hall, first campus dining facilities, and the Grand Ballroom. The USC added 201 residents, but the demand for on-campus housing is still greater than the supply. The overflow of students continues to live at the Hilton Bayfront St. Petersburg that is located a few blocks from campus.

Today, USFSP is a thriving forty-eight-acre campus in downtown St. Petersburg, located along Bayboro Harbor. Total undergraduate enrollment, at USFSP from all USF campuses, is 6,000 students with 4,016 of those being dedicated USFSP students. There are also 453 members of USFSP's graduate programs. Of the underclassmen, there are 779 freshmen, 509 sophomores, 1,132 juniors, and 1,596 seniors. All enrollment figures are current as of the Fall 2012 semester. USFSP has a student/faculty ratio of 1:19 and offers twenty-two Bachelor's programs and eleven Master's programs through the three colleges: Arts & Sciences, Business, and Education.



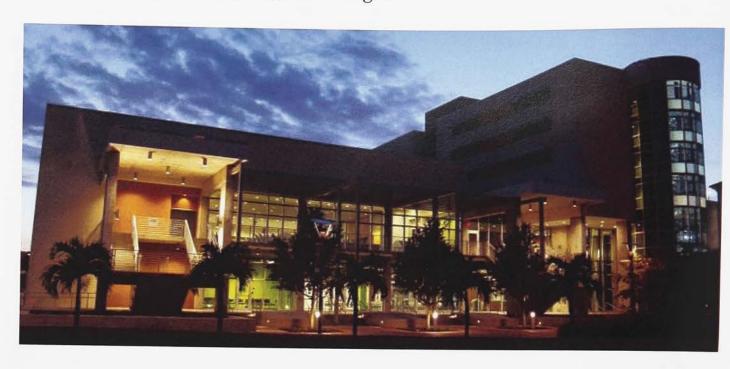
Harbor Walk at night



The newest addition to our campus, the University Student Center



The University Student Center at night



One of the best perks of our campus... the fabulous views!



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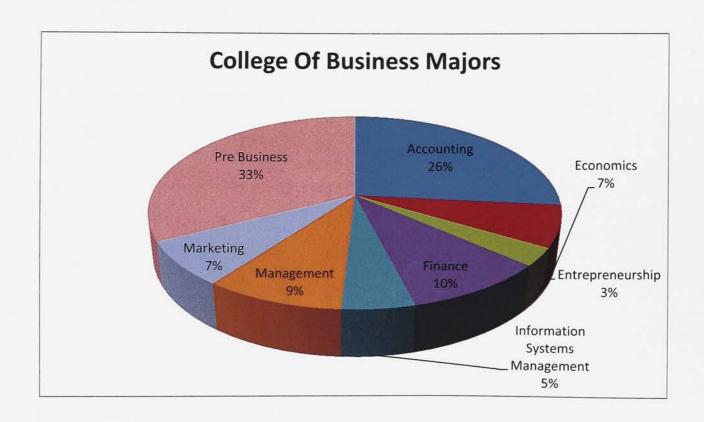
College of Business at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg

In the early years of the Bayboro campus, classes were offered by the College of Basic Studies, which were considered lower-level undergraduate classes. Once the campus became an officially recognized branch campus, upper-level classes replaced the lower-level ones. Beginning in 1968, classes in accounting, finance, data processing, business management, and organizational studies were offered. In the early 1970's, the number of classes in business management expanded extensively. In 1976, fifty students from the campus participated in the Center for Business Research program. This program provided those students with internships and courses in problem solving skills set in a professional business environment. The program was created through a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration, which had an office on campus that was used until 1990. The typical students taking business related classes were mostly adults who worked full-time during the day or a non-traditional college student. In the fall of 1973, a study concluded that fifty percent of people attending classes were employed full time and enrolled in night classes. By the mid 1980's, degrees were being offered in accounting, business administration, general business administration, economics, finance, information systems decision sciences, and management. Success with the programs was tremendous. In November of 1988, seventy-six percent of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg (USFSP) accounting graduates passed the nationwide Certified Public Accountant exam on their first attempt. The exam, administered by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, had a national average passing rate of only twenty percent on the first attempt.

Dr. James Fellows, an accountant in St. Petersburg, took control of the USFSP College of Business (COB) in 1994. One of his first acts was to direct the COB faculty to contact businesses leaders in the nearby area to create an undergraduate program in international business. That program helped give undergraduate students enrolled in the international business program actual real-world experience. The following year, Dr. Fellows secured an endowment from Florida Power Corporation for \$100,000 and \$50,000 from the state of Florida. The endowment is called the Florida Progress Endowed Professorship program. Dr. Fellows still serves as a professor in the accountancy program and directs the Internal Revenue Service-Sponsored V.I.T.A. tax internship at USFSP. In the fall of 1995, the predecessor to Bright House Networks, Time Warner, created a show called "One Stop Business Solutions". The show was produced by Walter Cotton, an alumnus of USFSP, and highlighted the university's research facilities in thirteen segments of the show. In 1997, USF Tampa began offering a master's degree that focused on developing leadership and organizational effectiveness, and many of the classes were available at USFSP. In the spring of 1999, USFSP created the Saturday MBA program which

provided "a highly qualified, affordable alternative to its traditional MBA, executive MBA, and physician's MBA programs". This allowed for those who were considered professionals in the work place an opportunity to attend classes. In 2002 with the establishment of USFSP, the College of Business came into the form it is in today. With accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the COB chose to pursue accreditation by AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The COB received accreditation, and the Program of Accountancy has achieved its own accreditation from the AACSB.

Currently the College of Business has 1,017 undergraduate and 150 graduate enrolled students. The College of Business offers degrees in accounting, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, information systems management, management, and marketing. Beginning this fall, the COB added a degree in Global Business. The College also offers minors in all degree programs as well as international business, legal studies, and healthcare administration.



History of the Sigma Beta Pi Colony

Colony Development

The idea for a colony of Delta Sigma Pi at the USFSP began with the USFSP College of Business Dean, Dr. Maling Ebrahimpour ("Dr. E" as we call him). Dr. Ebrahimpour, a faculty initiate of the Nu Sigma chapter at Roger Williams University, contacted Brother Janene Winton in February of 2010 after looking up her information on the www.dspnet.org website. He wanted information about gathering student interest for a colony at USFSP. Dr. E met with Brother Winton and signed a permission slip that allowed Delta Sigma Pi to start a colony. After passing out flyers on campus and blast emailing all of the business students, the Sigma Pi Beta colony ("St Pete Business") officially started in April of 2010. The colony held events and stayed active for a few months before a number of students moved away. Interest died out and the Sigma Pi Beta colony closed in the spring of 2011.

That summer, the campus increased their enrollment. In addition, Dr. Ebrahimpour hired Dr. Debra Sinclair, an accounting professor and collegiate initiate of the Theta Phi chapter at the University of South Florida (Tampa). With another signed permission slip, Brother Winton, Brother Ollie Moses, and several brothers from the Epsilon Rho chapter at the University of Tampa, set up a recruitment table in the ballroom on campus for the College of Business's Executive Forum. This was a great recruitment tool because all College of Business students were required to attend one of two sessions. The brothers handed out flyers to every person who walked through the doors at both sessions. They also had a sign-up sheets for interested students. Thirty-nine students signed up! The next week, Brothers Winton, Moses, and Sinclair held an interest meeting on campus. Over sixty-five people showed up to that initial meeting! The statement of intent to form a colony was signed by Senior Vice President Danielle Gamble and Jasmin Weaver. The Sigma Beta Pi colony ("Successful Business Professionals") was founded on September 20, 2011. Our bylaws were enacted on September 27, 2011, at our first official meeting. We held the first colony officer elections on October 11, 2011, where we elected the first full slate of colony officers. We immediately began completing the requirements to become a chapter.

Activities of the Sigma Beta Pi Colony

Fall 2011

October 22 Community Service Event: Make a Difference Day Homeless Camp Clean-Up

We worked with Keep Pinellas Beautiful to clean up an area of woods that had previously been a squatting tent camp for homeless people. Fifteen members attended, including our Regional Vice President, Janene Winton. We picked up copious amounts of trash, broke down abandoned tents, and hauled out abandoned furniture. Keep Pinellas Beautiful even thought it was a good idea to give Vice President of Finance David Kopelman a machete to help chop down noise makers and strings from trees. It was a miracle that we all survived the day without any injuries more severe than a few blisters.

October 29 LEAD School - Atlanta, GA

Jessica Walburn, Ashley Bernstein, and David Kopelman represented the Sigma Beta Pi colony at the LEAD School in Atlanta, GA. When we arrived the night before the LEAD School, we were not quite sure what to expect from our "First National Event." One thing for which we were not prepared was the warm brotherly welcome we received from everyone. That welcome created in each of the attendees the strong conviction that the Brotherhood of Delta Sigma Pi is a collection of amazing people, and that we would work tirelessly to bring a chapter to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. Once the LEAD School began, we separated for the breakout sessions. Member Bernstein went to sessions about smoothing officer transitions, a group discussion about fundraising successes and failures, and guidelines for planning a stellar Delta Sigma Pi event. In one of the breakout sessions he attended, Member Kopelman was able to meet a business consultant who volunteered to help David finish start his Graphic Design business. We also got to know brothers from the Alpha Zeta, Beta Lambda, and Gamma Tau chapters. We all came back to USFSP with a passion for Delta Sigma Pi that has helped drive the colony toward chapterhood.

October 29 Southern Provincial Community Service Initiatives

While attending LEAD, Members Bernstein, Kopelman, and Walburn participated in Money Wars. Members donated money as part of the initiative with proceeds donated to the Atlanta Community Food Bank Kid's in Need project. The colony members also participated in Letter to Troops. For this, the colony members wrote postcards and notes to US troops who were deployed outside of the United States.

November 5 Recruiting Event – USFSP Open House

The colony was invited by the College of Business Dean, Dr. Maling Ebrahimpour, to have a table at the USFSP Open House. We let potential USFSP students get to know us and what our organization has to offer them.

November 8 Professional Event – Tom Edel: International Banking and Marketing

Our first professional event as a colony was Mr. Tom Edel, a former CEO turned entrepreneur. There were twenty one colony members as well as one guest in attendance. Mr. Edel spoke to the colony about his experience as an International Banker and the importance of cultural awareness in the current business world. Mr. Edel also spoke about the marketing firm that he founded and how he is applying the principles he learned in banking to the marketing world. He answered questions from colony members that led to a discussion about the next emerging markets, and where he thinks the economy is going.

November 12 Social Event – 1st Annual Fall BBQ and Pool Party

The colony decided to let our hair down with a BBQ and Pool Party. Twenty-five members, plus five guests, got together for food, fun, and of course, brotherhood, at President Ashley's house. Each colony member brought a dish to share and then we all got in the pool all while minding the Risk Management policy.

November 15 Professional Event – District Fire Chief Randy Keirn: Learning to Lead through Conflict

District Fire Chief Randy Keirn presented his seminar "Learning to Lead through Conflict" to nineteen colony members and two guests. It was the same seminar he has given to management at Harley Davidson and other businesses. Chief Keirn took us through identifying what conflict is, how we individually react to conflict, and strategies that we can each apply when faced with conflict. During the seminar, colony members and guests participated in group activities such as practicing active listening and selecting quotes that inspire us.

November 15 Community Service Event – Thanksgiving Food Drive

We partnered with Metropolitan Ministries to collect food items for disadvantaged families for Thanksgiving. We ran the food drive for two weeks: November 1st through 15th. All colony members donated at least one item, and some members set up collection boxes at their jobs.

December 3 Community Service Event - KaBoom Playground Build

We worked with KaBoom!, Bank of America, and the Pinellas County Housing Authority to build a playground at a low-income family housing project in Largo, Florida. Eight dedicated colony members worked with other volunteers from the community to create an amazing playground for Rainbow Village, the Adams Circle Playground. We worked primarily on a swing set and part of the jungle gym.

December 12 Social Event - End of Semester Social

We celebrated the end of our first semester as a colony with a group dinner at Carrabba's Italian Grill followed by bowling at Ten Pins Alley. Twenty-three colony members, five guests, our colony advisor, and our Regional Vice President, Janene Winton, gathered for dinner. We recognized the graduating seniors, our Member of the Semester, and all we had accomplished during the semester. After dinner, fifteen members and guests went for a couple friendly games of bowling.

December 13 Community Service Event – Toys for Tots Toy Sorting

We worked with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation at their sorting warehouse in Tampa, Florida, to help sort some of the thousands of toys, bikes, books, and electronics the community had donated. The toys were sorted by type and age appropriateness. We all had fun going through the toys and reminiscing about our own times with the games and dolls. We were supervised by three Marines from the local military base.

October 22, 2011 - Make A Difference Day Homeless Camp Clean Up



Members Bernstein, Gamble, Roberts, Hoshowski, and Kopelman clean up a mattress.



We even got Central Florida Graduate, RVP Janene Winton, to say "Go Bulls!"

October 29, 2011 – LEAD School Atlanta, GA



Members David Kopelman and Jessica Walburn enjoy lunch with new friends at LEAD.



Members Jessica Walburn, Ashley Bernstein, and David Kopelman rock the mustaches with Brother Lyndsey Yim.

November 5, 2011 – USFSP Open House



Members Kopelman, Bernstein, and Trimble are joined by school mascot, Rocky the Bull.



Members Trimble, Kopelman, Bernstein, and Hoshowski with USFSP COB Dean, Brother Maling Ebrahimpour

November 8, 2011 – Tom Edel: International Banking and Marketing



Mr. Tom Edel during his presentation.



The colony members listen intently.

November 12, 2011 – 1st Annual Fall BBQ and Pool Party



Above, Members Jessica Walburn and David Kopelman; Below, Members Slaine Bryant and Laura Bairam



Members Slaine Bryant, Laura Bairam, Danielle Gamble, and Krystle Hoshowski



November 15, 2011 – District Fire Chief Randy Keirn: Learning to Lead through Conflict



District Fire Chief Randy Keirn passes out the seminar materials.



Members Bernstein, Walburn, Lombardi-Nelson, Hoshowski, and Kopelman.

December 3, 2011 - KaBoom Playground Build



Members Slaine Bryant and Laura Bairam work with volunteers to put together a swing set.



Members Rachel Trimble, Slaine Bryant, and Laura Bairam with a Florida State Representative.

December 12, 2011 - End of Semester Social



Brother Brian Craig and Member David Kopelman wait to see how their rolls went.



From Left to Right: Josh Levinsky, Sky Roberts, Dawn Morgan, Brother Brian Craig, Ashley Bernstein, Jessica Walburn, David Kopelman, Rachel Trimble, Clayton Reavis, and Danielle Gamble

December 13, 2011 - Toys for Tots Toy Sorting



That is a lot of toys that need to be sorted!



Members David Kopelman, Ashley Bernstein, Sky Roberts, Danielle Gamble, and Krystle Hoshowski with the shopping carts of sorted toys.

Spring 2012

January 16 Community Outreach - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade

The colony was invited by the USFSP Student Government to help represent the school in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade in St. Petersburg, FL.

January 18 Recruiting Event – Get on Board Day

The Sigma Beta Pi colony had a recruiting table set up for the USFSP Get on Board Day. Get on Board Day is a campus-wide student organization, local business, and community service fair.

February 1 Professional Event – Dr. Alex McKenna: Career Fair Plan

Dr. Alex McKenna, the founder of McKenna International, spoke to the colony about strategies for having a successful Career Fair experience. About twenty colony members were able to attend this strategy session. Dr. McKenna went over résumé techniques, how to research the companies in attendance, appropriate dress, and follow-up techniques.

February 10 Professional Event – Business in Government: Tour of SPPD Headquarters

The colony was given a tour of the St. Petersburg Police Department Headquarters. Ten colony members were shown around by Sergeant W. Kevin Smith, father of colony member, Jocelyn Smith. Sergeant Smith showed us the command center and various offices in the Headquarters,. He also went over the budget for the department and how it was created.

February 10 Social Event - Friday Funday at Ferg's

Colony members gathered after the St. Petersburg Police Department HQ tour to bond at Ferg's Sports Bar and Grill. We were joined by an additional six colony members who were unable to attend the tour.

February 12 Community Service Event - Rock N Roll Half Marathon Water Station

The Sigma Beta Pi colony partnered with the Mu Gamma Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi to man Water Station 5 on what may have been the coldest day of winter in St. Pete. Our intrepid group of forty colony and Beta Alpha Psi members met at 5:00 am when the temperature was 35°F (wind chill of 27°F). We poured water into thousands of cups for the half marathon runners. Temperatures rose up to 50°F while we handed out the cups of water and shouted encouragement to all the runners. Proceeds from the race went to a variety of charitable organizations.

February 13 Community Outreach - Dr. Anousheh Ansari

Our colony was asked by Brother Ebrahimpour, our Dean for the College of Business, for six volunteers to help greet and escort community members for a VIP reception before Dr. Anousheh Ansari's lecture. Dr. Ansari was the first female private space explorer and the first astronaut of Iranian descent. She spoke on our campus about her work in social entrepreneurship and pursuing dreams.

February 14 Social Event – Valentine's Day Social

Colony members gathered at President Bernstein's house for a night of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and brotherhood. With people dressed in their date night best, both couples and singles alike gathered together for conversation and a great time.

February 17-19 LEAD Southern Provincial Conference - Jacksonville

The Sigma Beta Pi colony sent a delegation of six members, Ashley Bernstein, Danielle Gamble, Krystle Hoshowski, David Kopelman, Rachel Trimble, and Jessica Walburn, to the Southern Provincial LEAD Conference in Jacksonville, Florida. For three members of our LEAD delegation, this was their first experience with a National Event. The greatness of Delta Sigma Pi came to life before their eyes. Colony members attended breakout sessions on topics that ranged from "communicating effectively", "Recruiting Boot Camp", and two sessions with Adam Carroll on "Making Your Network Work for You" and "Living a Level 10 Experience" The formal banquet and awards ceremony was a first time event for all of our delegates. It was an amazing experience to see our future brothers honored and set an example for the colony. President Bernstein represented Sigma Beta Pi at the Provincial Council Meeting on Sunday, February 18th, where she voted on locations for the fall 2013 LEAD School and spring 2014 Southern Provincial LEAD Conference, and the provincial community service initiative.

February 29 Social Event - Group Dinner at the Hangar

After our weekly meeting, twenty colony members had dinner at the Hangar, a restaurant at Albert Whitted Airport that overlooks the runways. This airport and restaurant is across the street from our campus. We continued these dinners through the month of March, creating an environment where a different group of members were able to get to know each other every week.

March 2 Social Event – Beach Day

In another effort to both recruit and create a better sense of brotherhood, colony members and colony alumni met at St. John's Pass for a day at the beach full of sun, laughs, and randomly dug holes.

March 20 Professional Event – Creating Your Own Business with Dr. Melo Ramirez

Dr. Melo Ramirez of Coastal Chiropractic held a workshop with a small group of colony members about starting your own business. He went through raising capital, creating business plans, marketing, pit falls that he has faced in opening his own practice, and how and when to deal with mentors.

March 29 Social Event – Turbo Trivia at Ferg's

Fifteen colony members and guests met up at Ferg's Sports Bar and Grill in St. Petersburg for a night of fun, brotherhood, and random knowledge. We competed in a Pub-style trivia tournament where we came in 13th out of 15. While we may not have won, we learned that none of us are good at math problems without a calculator and that our brains could probably be less filled with trivia about movies, TV shows, and celebrities.

March 31 Professional Event – "Tell Me About You" seminar with Dr. Alex McKenna

Dr. Alex McKenna came back to USFSP to share his "Tell Me About You" seminar. We opened this seminar up to the all College of Business students at USFSP. There were ten colony members and eight guests that were able to cultivate the ultimate job or internship search. These are the same strategies that Dr. McKenna shares with executives who are employed by Global 200 companies, legal professionals, and public accounting firms, in his work in career transition consulting. Dr. McKenna walked us through campaign planning, networking, résumé writing, interview management techniques for human resource interviews, interview management techniques for decision maker interviews, and how to deal with compensation issues. This seminar has since helped numerous attendees to gain jobs.

April 2 Central Office – Consultant Cory Stopka Visit

The Sigma Beta Pi colony had our first visit from Central Office with the visit by Cory Stopka. While here, Cory had meetings with the entire colony Executive Board, each executive individually, the Dean of the College of Business, Brother Maling Ebrahimpour,, our Colony Advisor, Brother Debra Sinclair, our District Director, Ollie Moses, and the entire Sigma Beta Pi Colony.

April 5 Fundraising Event – Bake Sale

The Sigma Beta Pi colony baked delicious goodies for our first official fundraiser. We sold treats to students on campus where we made \$75 for our efforts. We also used it as a recruiting opportunity by branding our baked goods with "DSP".

April 23 Awards – Leadership and Engagement Awards

Our colony was nominated for "Outstanding New Student Organization" at USFSP. Although we did not win, Colony President Bernstein and our Colony Advisor, Dr. Sinclair, did attend the awards ceremony to support all the exciting groups on campus.

April 25 National Alumni Day – Delta Sigma Pi at the Tampa Bay Rays

On National Alumni Day, we invited members from the Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter to join us for a night of baseball and brotherhood at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida. Five brothers from the alumni chapter joined thirteen colony members and two guests for a thrilling game between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Of course, the Rays came away with the win!

May 4 Social Event - End of Semester Social

The Sigma Beta Pi colony celebrated our first academic year of existence with a banquet at 400 Beach in St. Petersburg, Florida. Twenty colony members were joined by our Colony Advisor, the Dean of the College of Business at USFSP, our District Director, and Regional Vice President. We recognized our graduating seniors, the outgoing officers from 2011-2012, and the incoming officers for 2012-2013.



Members Reeann Hansen and Jessica Walburn hold the banner while marching.



Members Reeann Hansen, Dani Gamble, Jessica Walburn, and Mark Lombardi-Nelson.

January 18, 2012 – Get on Board Day



Members Dani Gamble and Slaine Bryant work hard at recruiting.



Members Sky Roberts and Dawn Morgan have their winning smiles.

February 10, 2012 - Friday Funday at Ferg's



Members Desiree Perez, Marbili Walters, David Kopelman, and Dani Gamble



Members Mike Cardozo, Reeann Hansen, and Dani Gamble

February 12, 2012 - Rock N Roll Half Marathon Water Station



Members Ashley Bernstein, David Kopelman, Dawn Morgan, Marbili Walters, and Josh Levinsky work at prepping the water for the runners.



The intrepid group of Delta Sigma Pi and Beta Alpha Psi showcasing the finest of Florida Cold Weather Apparel.

February 17-19, 2012, LEAD Southern Provincial Conference – Jacksonville, FL



Members Dani Gamble, Rachel Trimble, Jessica Walburn, David Kopelman, Ashley Bernstein, District Director Ollie Moses, and Krystle Hoshowski

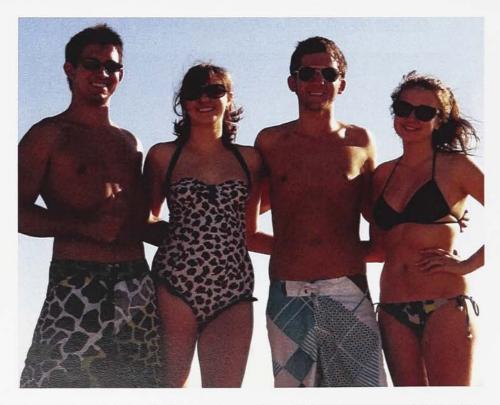


Members Dani Gamble, Krystle Hoshowski, David Kopelman, Ashley Bernstein, and Rachel Trimble at the banquet.

March 2, 2012 - Beach Day

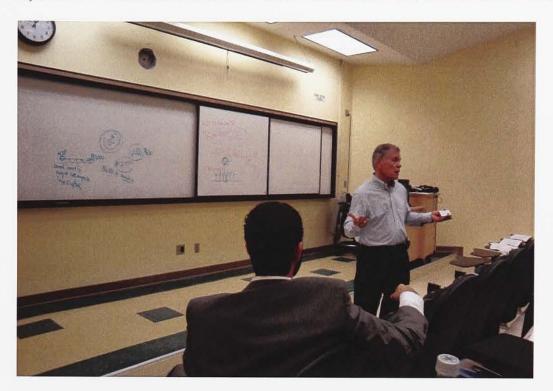


Members Laura Bairam, Slaine Bryant, and Sky Roberts relax on the beach.



Members Matt Mitchell, Sky Roberts, David Kopelman, and Slaine Bryant

March 31, 2012 – "Tell Me About You" seminar with Dr. Alex McKenna



Dr. Alex McKenna

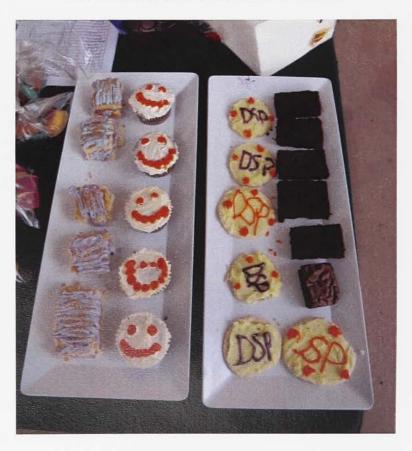


The group of Saturday morning participants.

April 5, 2012 – Bake Sale

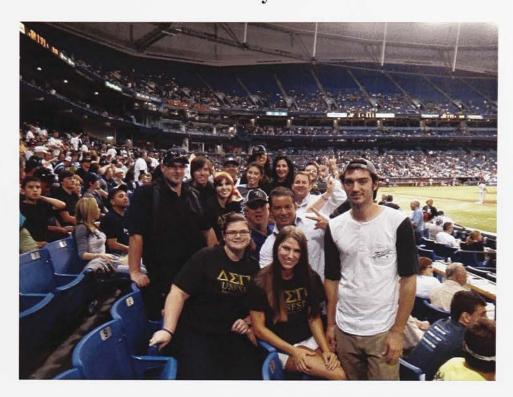


Our delicious treats that we had for sale!



Why not remind people who they bought the treat from?

April 25, 2012 - National Alumni Day — Delta Sigma Pi at the Tampa Bay Rays



The Sigma Beta Pi colony members with local fraternity alumni and guests.



Members Bernstein, Roberts, Walters, Perez, Hansen, Cardozo, and Kopelman celebrate the Rays win!

May 4, 2012 - End of Semester Social



Sigma Beta Pi Colony members at 400 Beach for the Banquet.



The Sigma Beta Pi Colony with Dr. Maling Ebrahimpour, RVP Janene Winton, Colony Advisor Dr. Debra Sinclair, and District Director Ollie Moses

Summer 2012

June 9 Community Service - Animal Needs Drive

We gathered pet supplies for a local no-kill animal shelter called Pet Pals. We donated cat and dog food, pet beds, and pet toys.

June 16 Professional Events – Financial Markets

John Gade from JP Morgan Chase spoke to the colony about jobs as a financial advisor. He described his typical day and the necessary requirements to be in that field.

June 29 Social Event – Summer BBQ

Held at Colony President Cardozo's house, the colony had a fun summer BBQ for new summer recruits, current members, and alumni.



June 9, 2012 - Animal Needs Drive

Members Danielle Gamble, Mike Cardozo, Reeann Hansen, and David Kopelman dropped off our donations.

June 29, 2012 – Summer BBQ



Hanging out and Looking Good!



Go Bulls!

Fall 2012

August 26 Social Event – Semester Kickoff BBQ

New summer recruits joined the returning colony members for a night of fun, food, and brotherhood at VP of Alumni Relations Matthew Mitchell's house. Even in the face of Tropical Storm Isaac, we had a great time.

September 5 Recruiting Event - Get on Board Day

We again participated in the student organization fair on campus. We worked to continue to build the Delta Sigma Pi name at USFSP. We even had brothers from the Pi Upsilon chapter stop by and say hi.

September 5 Central Office Visit – Visit from Jeremy Levine

Jeremy Levine came to visit us on the same day as Get on Board Day. He was shown around our campus by colony President Cardozo, and he was able to meet with our colony advisor, Dr. Debra Sinclair. He also met with the colony Executive Committee and helped us better understand the petition for a charter process. He also met with the colony and new recruits.

September 14 Community Service Event – Beach Clean-Up at USFSP

Twenty colony members gathered together to help clean up our campus beach. The beach leads into the harbor that our campus is built around. Over the summer the berm line that prevents trash from floating onto the beach broke, so there was a significant amount of trash build up.

September 19 Professional Event – What Employees are Looking For and What to Expect in the Business World

Dr. Todd Shank, of the USFSP Finance Department, spoke to the colony about different resources that are available for finding information about careers in business. Dr. Shank spoke about the importance of finding out what skills are needed for different fields and matching those skills to the job seeker. The lecture applied to all majors, and all the majors offered at USFSP were represented in the thirty colony members who attended.

September 20 Fundraising Event – Black and White Party

The Sigma Beta Pi Colony hosted our First Annual Black and White Party at The Lobby in downtown St. Petersburg. Thirty colony members and many more of our friends joined together for a night of food, fun, and dancing. We raised about \$150 that will go towards chapter installation.

September 14, 2012 – Beach Clean-Up at USFSP











We make cleaning up beaches look good!

September 19, 2012 – What Employees are Looking For and What to Expect in the Business World



Dr. Todd Shank



The colony members listen and take notes.

September 20, 2012 – Black and White Party



Member Marbili Walters, Jessica Thigpen, and Ashley Bernstein are all smiles!



Members Rachel Trimble, Marbili Waltersm Reeann Hansen, and Mike Cardozo.

Membership Statistics for the Sigma Beta Pi Colony

Colony Members

Nicole Barber Ashley Bernstein

Eric Borow

Trevor Boscacci Joanne Brenzo

Michael Cardozo Kyleigh Cobett

Jesse Daw

Danielle Gamble

Matthew Ganio Cristina Gil Cano

Jessica Griswold

Roberto Guerrero

Reeann Hansen

Russell Heller

Krystle Hoshowski Colton Jeck

Kelley Johns

Logan Kelly

David Kopelman

Elliott Lightfoot Mark Lombardi-Nelson

Kristopher Madias

Amanda Maldonado

Livia Mane

Kevin Mircovich

Matthew Mitchell

Dawn Morgan

Desiree Perez

Michael Poudziukas

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Sky Roberts

Thomas Skidmore

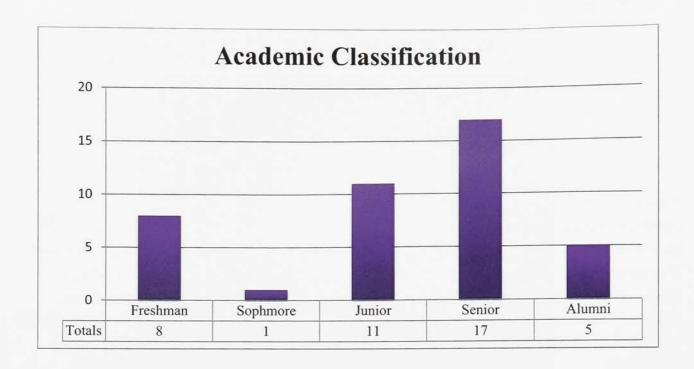
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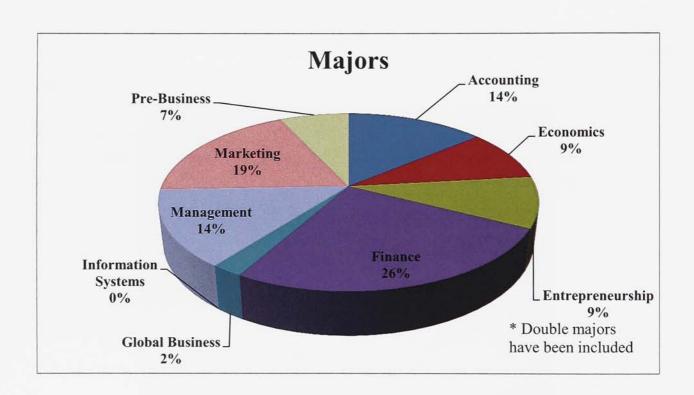
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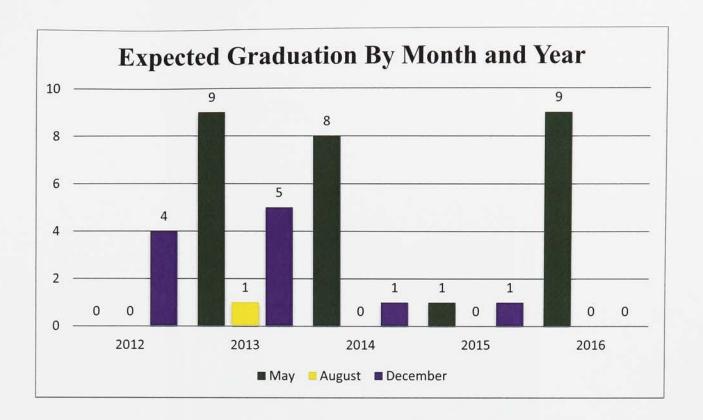
Marbili Walters

Alumni Members

Slaine Bryant Wendy Herkenratt Joshua Levinsky Aubrey Suberman Rachel Trimble







Member Biographies



Name:

R. Michael L. Cardozo

Officer Position:

President

Major:

Finance

Year:

Junior

Expected Graduation:

December 2013

Hobbies:

Golf, Tennis, Swimming



Name: Danielle Gamble

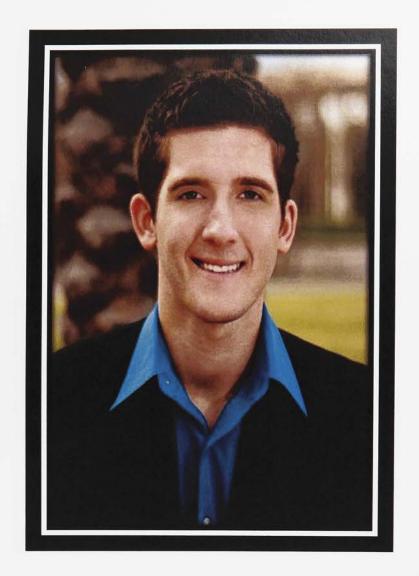
Officer Position: Senior Vice President

Major: Marketing

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: Photography, Cosmetology, Shopping, Fishing, Travelling



Name: David Kopelman

Officer Position: Vice President of Finance

Major: Management

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: December 2013

Hobbies: Beach, Graphic Design, Traveling, Dogs and Cars



Name: Ashley Laughton Bernstein

Officer Position: Vice President of Colony Operations

Major: Accounting and Finance

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: Travelling the World, Watching Sports; Reading; Visiting

Art Museums; Collecting Tampa Bay Rays Cowbells



Name:

Sky Cherie Roberts

Officer Position:

Chancellor

Major:

Marketing

Year:

Senior

Expected Graduation:

December 2012

Hobbies:

Sewing, Reading, Writing, Tap Dancing, Playing Video

Games, Playing Bass Guitar



Name: Jessica Thigpen

Officer Position: Vice President of Professional Activities

Major: Finance

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: Yoga, Running, Shopping, Volunteering, and Anything

with Glitter



Name: Reeann Hansen

Officer Position: Vice President of Community Service

Major: Marketing

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: December 2012

Hobbies: Yoga, Travel, Knowledge by Interaction, Music



Name: Matthew Mitchell

Officer Position: Vice President of Alumni Relations

Major: Management

Year: Junior

Expected Graduation: May 2014

Hobbies: Fishing, Diving, Long Boarding, Cooking



Name: Marbili Walters

Officer Position: Vice President of Fundraising

Major Entrepreneurship

Year: Junior

Expected Graduation: May 2014

Hobbies: Running, Cycling, Going to Movies, Watching TV,

Dancing, Traveling



Name: Desiree Perez

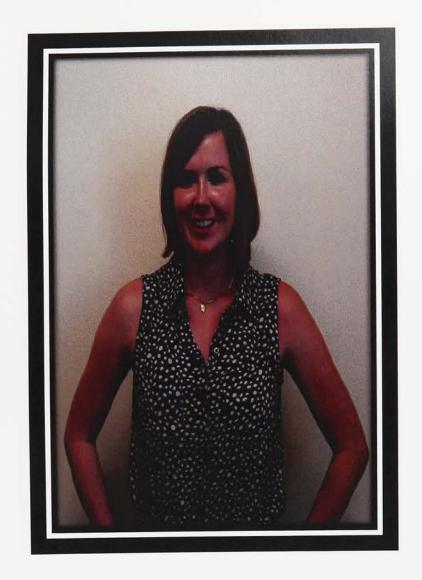
Officer Position: Vice President of Public Relations

Major: Economics and Finance

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: Travelling, Reading, Dancing



Name: Nicole Barber

Major: Global Business

Year: Junior

Expected Graduation: May 2014

Hobbies: Traveling, Kayaking, Rock Climbing



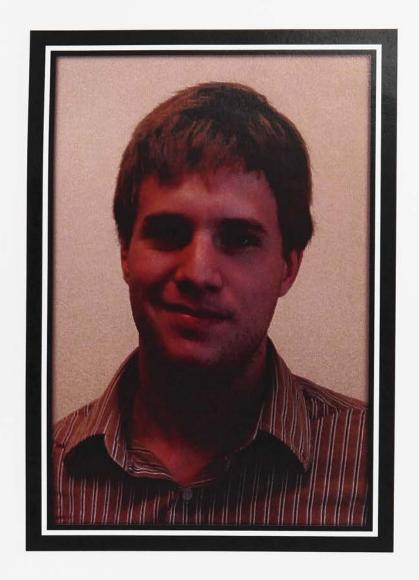
Name: Eric Borow

Major: Accounting

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: December 2012

Hobbies: Fishing, Shooting, Sports, Motorcycles and Cars



Name: Trevor Boscacci

Major: Finance

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: December 2013

Hobbies: Motorcycles, Cars, Home Improvement



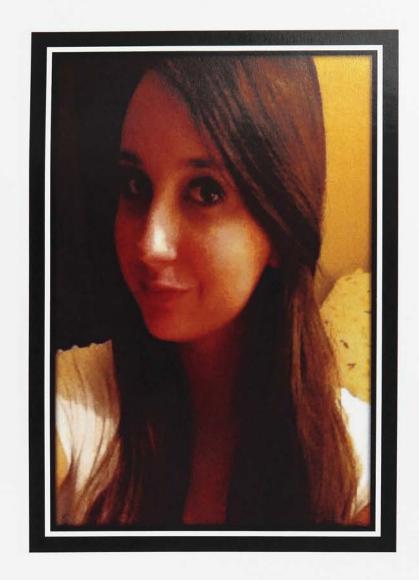
Name: Jo Anne Brenzo

Major: Marketing and Economics

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: August 2013

Hobbies: Travelling, Reading, Anything Fun in the Sun



Name: Slaine Bryant

Major: Marketing

Year: Alumnae

Graduation: May 2012

Hobbies: Making stuff I find on Pinterest and watching reality TV

shows



Name: Kyleigh Michelle Cobett

Major: Pre Business

Year: Sophomore

Expected Graduation: May 2015

Hobbies: Studying Law and Expressing Myself Artistically



Name:

Jesse Daw

Major:

Management

Year:

Junior

Expected Graduation:

May 2014

Hobbies:

Long Boarding, Reading, Water Sports, Biking, Playing

Piano and Drum



Name: Matthew Ganio

Major: Economics

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: December 2013

Hobbies: Fishing, Playing Guitar, Making Art, Exercise, Cooking,

Social Activities and Sport



Name: Cristina Gil Cano

Major: Accounting

Year: Junior

Expected Graduation: May 2014

Hobbies: Spending time with friends and family, Going to the Beach,

Going to the Florida Orchestra, Kayaking.



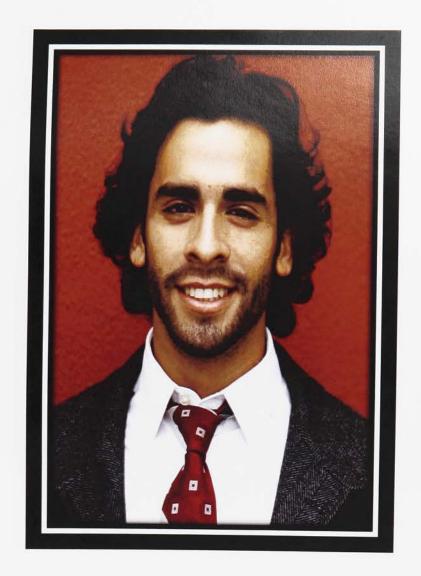
Name: Jessica Griswold

Major: Finance

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: Work, School, Tennis, Walking My Dogs



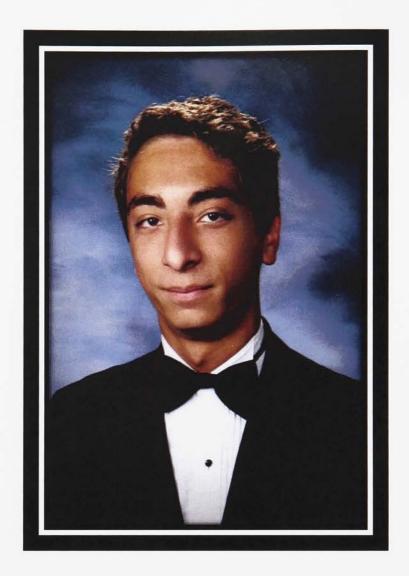
Name: Roberto Guerrero

Major: Finance

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: School, Gym, Running, Biking, Reading



Name: Russell Aric Heller, Jr.

Major: Economics

Year: Freshman

Expected Graduation: May 2016

Hobbies: Running; Painting; Sailing; Swimming; Reading; and

Exploring



Name: Wendy Sue Herkenratt

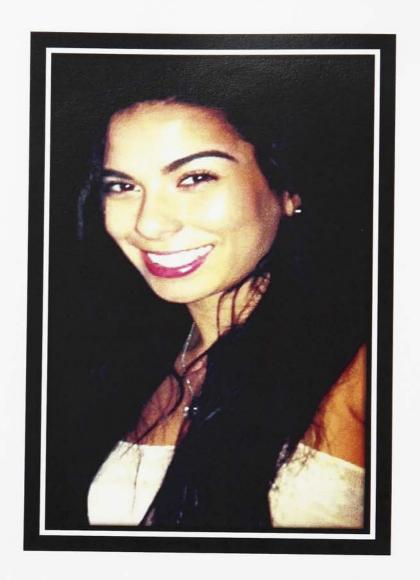
Major: Accounting

Year: Alumnae

Graduation: August 2013

Hobbies: Boating, Travelling, Reading, Volunteering at my Local

Animal Shelter, Spending Time with Friends and Family



Name: Krystle Hoshowski

Major: Management

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: Swimming, Reading, and Practicing within the Senior

Community



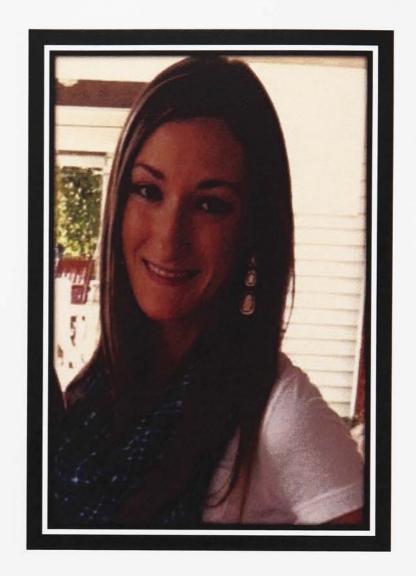
Name: Colton Jeck

Major: Accounting

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: Sports, Movies



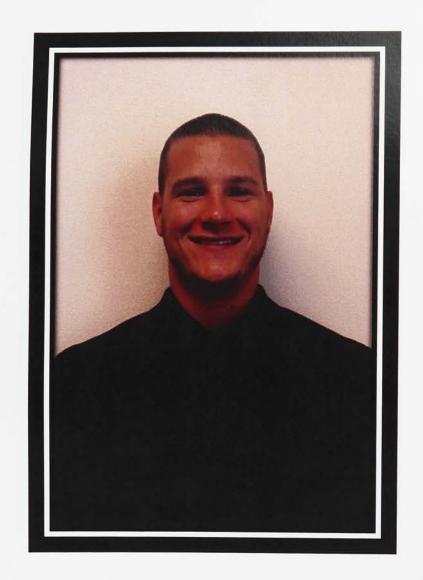
Name: Kelley Johns

Major: Finance

Year: Junior

Expected Graduation: May 2014

Hobbies: Reading Crafting, Traveling



Name:

Logan Kelly

Major:

Marketing

Year:

Freshman

Expected Graduation:

May 2016

Hobbies:

Football and Weightlifting



Name: Josh Levinsky

Major: Accounting

Year: Alumnus

Graduation: August 2012

Hobbies: Going to the Beach, Beach Volleyball, Going to the Gym,

Surfing, Pool Parties, Relaxing by the Pool, Football,

Basketball, and several others



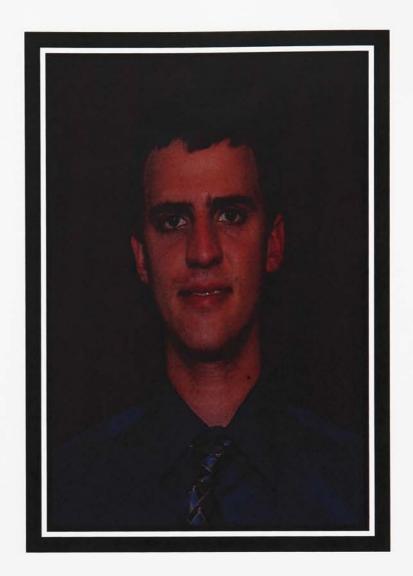
Name: Elliott Lightfoot

Major: Marketing

Year: Junior

Expected Graduation: December 2013

Hobbies: Music and Sports



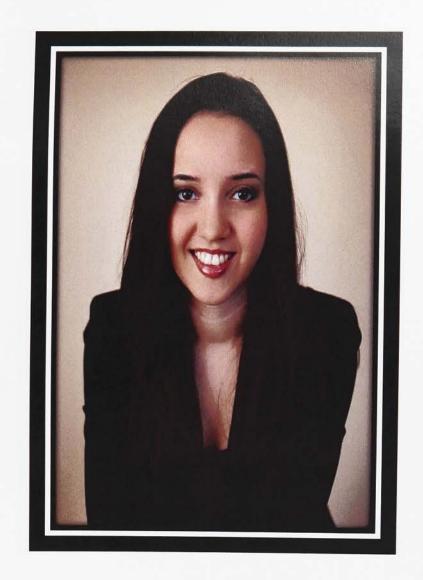
Name: Kristoffer Madias

Major: Finance

Year: Junior

Expected Graduation: December 2014

Hobbies: Dancing, Gaming, Hiking, Tennis



Name: Amanda Maldonado

Major: Marketing

Year: Freshman

Expected Graduation: May 2016

Hobbies: Volunteering, Playing Board Games, Working at Bush

Gardens, Zumba Class, Trying New Things



Name: Livia Mane

Major: Accounting

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: Reading, Walking, Movies



Name: Dawn Morgan

Major: Accounting

Year: Senior

Expected Graduation: May 2013

Hobbies: Going to the Beach and Exercising



Name: Michael Puodziukas

Major: Finance

Year: Junior

Expected Graduation: May 2014

Hobbies: Cooking, Working Out, Meeting New People



Name: Coleton Reece

Major: Entrepreneurship

Year: Freshman

Expected Graduation: May 2016

Hobbies: Going to the Beach, Hanging Out with Friends, Playing

Sports



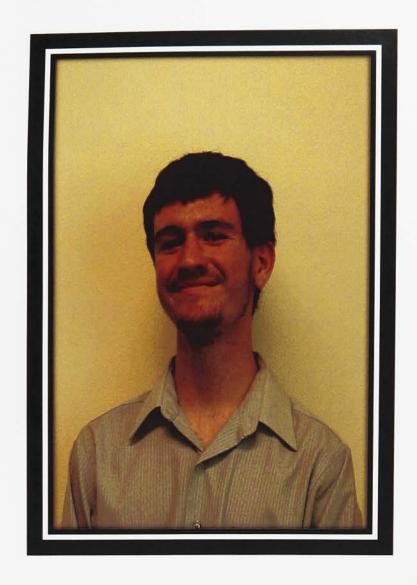
Name: Thomas John Skidmore

Major: Marketing

Year: Freshman

Expected Graduation: December 2015

Hobbies: Playing Poker and Skydiving



Name: Michael Stolfi

Major: Management

Year: Freshman

Expected Graduation: May 2016

Hobbies: Kayaking, Reading books, video games



Name:

Aubrey Suberman

Major:

Finance and Economics

Year:

Alumnae

Graduation:

August 2012

Hobbies:

Fantasy Football; Working for her Not-For-Profit

Organization for Competitive Drumline for kids 14-22

years old



Name: Rachel Trimble

Major: Finance

Year: Alumnae

Graduation: December 2011

Hobbies: Volunteering, Dance, Traveling