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## Letter from the Editor

Dear Brothers,

As we've closed the door on one, dare I say, "unprecedented" year and begin what is inevitably another, I encourage you to reflect on how we've all changed and grown this year, and where we need to continue working. How has this year changed you? What opportunities has it given you, that you may not have had otherwise?

My 2020 silver lining was the beautiful, silly, inquisitive, snuggly rescue dog we brought home in August. For years I've told myself that I "can't get a dog" because I "have too much going on." So while it was challenging to embrace in the beginning, I'm thankful for the time I've been given to slow down. It's helped me realize that I need to do a lot of work on setting boundaries and saying "no" sometimes - one of the hardest things for a millennial to do (right up there with making phone calls).

This theme of reflection is what carried us through crafting this long overdue issue of *The Archi*. It's been five years since Alpha Rho Chi last published a magazine, so there's quite a bit to reflect on beyond the past year. But Alpha Rho Chi is also a forward-thinking organization, so while we reflect, let us take the experiences we've had and lessons we've learned in the past five years and work towards a better future.

When each of us joined Alpha Rho Chi, we pledged to work for the Betterment of the Fraternity. It's been my experience that members of this fraternity dutifully uphold this pledge, whether immediately following college or after many years away. This is especially true of our Grand Council and the dozens of national appointees who have labored tirelessly to maintain this organization in the face of - there it is again - "unprecedented" times. But even before March 2020, the Fraternity has been hard at work.

In these pages, you'll hear more about the Grand Council's work over the past year to maintain our fraternal bonds and support our organizations in moving online; archiving our Fraternity's history; strengthening Alumni programming so that the Fraternity can support its alumni at all stages of life and career; and building a more robust network of volunteers, so that anyone can give time to Alpha Rho Chi, whether it's a few hours or many years.

My hope is that as you read these stories, you'll feel proud to be a brother of Alpha Rho Chi; you'll feel inspired to seek involvement in the Fraternity, in your community, or in your profession; and that you'll be excited to get to work so that, in another five years, we can reflect on even greater change within our communities. Alpha Rho Chi is an ever-growing organization, and the efforts of people like you are what steer it in the direction of Betterment.

Fidelitas, Amor et Artes



Mary Stiger, Publications Director



# Letter from the WGA

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BY Phil Buckberg, Worthy Grand Architect – Metagenes Alumni, Virginia Tech



Dear Brothers,

It is my honor to present to you the latest edition of *The Archi* of Alpha Rho Chi, our flagship publication. It's been over 5 years since we last published an edition of *The Archi*, but I hope you agree that this one was worth the wait.

*The Archi* used to be almost an annual publication, and served as the primary means of communication from the Grand Council to the membership. Over the years, *The Archi* has been primarily a newsletter for fraternity highlights and membership information. In past times, we all received our issue in the mail once or twice a year, and we caught up on news about chapters and brothers from all over the country. Each edition of *The Archi* was really an historical record of Alpha Rho Chi since the previous edition.

These days, Alpha Rho Chi reaches out to our membership in many ways to keep you current on news, events, dues, and other fraternity matters. In a world of instant communications, we no longer depend on *The Archi*, which takes months to write, lay out, publish and distribute, to share fraternity news. Instead, we send official messages via email and social updates via Instagram and Facebook. We maintain [alpharhochi.org](http://alpharhochi.org) with our publications and

organizational information. In the year of the quarantine, we added Zoom to bring brothers together for Awards, End-of-Year Celebrations, and Leadership Conference. Our membership management system, MemberPlanet, is growing as a tool for record-keeping, dues collection, and communications as well. We text, chat, post, and file, and I've heard that some people even call each other, an odd use for cell phones but one that may yet catch on.

I offer all this as a way of explaining that, while we haven't formally published an issue of *The Archi* since 2015, the Grand Council has stepped up the frequency and variety of communications to our membership in many other ways. Hence, we have reimagined the role of *The Archi* as more of a membership-focused publication in harmony with the other communication tools we use to keep our members informed and engaged.

This latest issue of *The Archi* is both a look backwards and a look forward. In this edition, we formally spotlight our fraternity award winners and Bronze Medal recipients from 2020. In feature interviews, we hear from Master Architect Robert Ivy, who provides his

unique insight into the future for design professionals, and Faculty Brother Edson Cabalfin, who shares his thoughts on the role of design in bringing change to the world. We also feature stories from significant chapter milestones from recent years: the Metagenes 50th and Daedalus 40th anniversaries. You will see that these stories, like many of the articles in this issue, are told from the personal perspective of the contributing brothers, about their shared experiences as members of this great fraternity. As you read this magazine, see if it doesn't stir up your own memories, recent or long past, of your time as a collegiate brother of Alpha Rho Chi.

As you read through the stories and spotlights in this edition, you will hear from other members who grew personally and professionally by virtue of their membership in Alpha Rho Chi. If this issue inspires you to action, I promise you that we have lots of opportunities ready for you, as a student or an alumnus, to grow and learn.

This is the first issue of *The Archi* to be published exclusively in digital format. Between sending *The Archi* to you via email, and publishing it on our website for the whole world to see, we can reach

far more people than via hard copy, while saving money and reducing our environmental impact. *The Archi* always ends up missing brothers for whom we don't have a current address, whether it's their home address or email address.

Here's how you can help (thanks for asking): check in with each other, ask fellow collegiate and alumni members if they received this issue of *The Archi*, and help us get their current contact information.

That we managed to produce an issue of *The Archi* in 2021 is all the more remarkable because of, well, 2020. Kudos to our Publications Coordinator, Mary Stiger, working with WGS Catherine H. Berry and all of the contributors who made this issue come together while navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, social unrest, the elections, and all the other gifts of 2020. This issue, in "virtual" format, symbolizes the current state of the fraternity as we meet, collaborate, and celebrate virtually to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A special thanks to the unsung Alpha Rho Chi Foundation. Our Foundation brothers represent the very best of Alpha Rho Chi, giving their time and expertise solely for the benefit of our brothers, chapters, and alumni associations through grants and scholarships. Check out their page in this issue of *The Archi*, and think about how you can help Alpha Rho Chi through the Foundation.

This is the one and only issue of *The Archi* in which I have the honor of writing to you as Worthy Grand Architect. My final thanks in this letter goes to the amazing teams of volunteers with whom I served over these past five years. Many of Alpha Rho Chi's leaders, past, present, and future, are in the pages of this publication. I am already looking forward to the next edition.

Fidelitas, Amor et Artes,

Phil

## A favorite Alpha Rho Chi Memory

At the 43rd National Convention as the banquet was finishing, I was told I had an important phone call at the front desk (which was a ruse). Upon returning, everyone broke out into applause and cheers. When my attention was directed to the front of the room, there stood Christy Cavataio (Rhoecus) and Barry Williamson with the "Worthy Articles" on display. Hanging from the antlers of a buck deer trophy mount on the wall was a pair of my boxer shorts for everyone to see. Not only was the night embarrassing, the story was repeated in the Summer 1990 issue of *The Archi*.

Charles Nickel, Demetrios

The recruitment event where I met my future husband. I didn't know it at the time, but eight years later I married "that cute guy who came to the ice skating event."

Katie O'Donnell, Satyros

The most special part of APX is the ability to create friendships across multiple years of students. Getting and giving that mentorship from someone who has been in your shoes quite literally is so valuable.

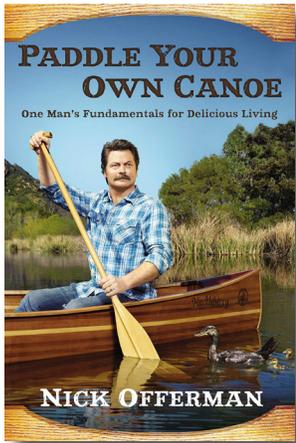
Sara Harpole, Dinocrates

Nashon Jagroop (Senenmut) and I had run into each other at several APX events like Convention, White Roses, initiations and decided to travel Europe together since we both had programs ending at the same time. We spent a semester making plans for a 3 week adventure where we also met up with Margaret Scaglione (Senenmut) for a week in Barcelona. We spent time at architecturally significant landmarks, stumbled into a pride parade, became members of an underground society, and made things up as we went. It was great!

Claire Chirgott, Rabirius

It's impossible to pick just one memory, but they all begin on initiation weekend and end with the words, "Welcome to Alpha Rho Chi."

Lance Karutz, Daedalus



### Paddle Your Own Canoe

Nick Offerman

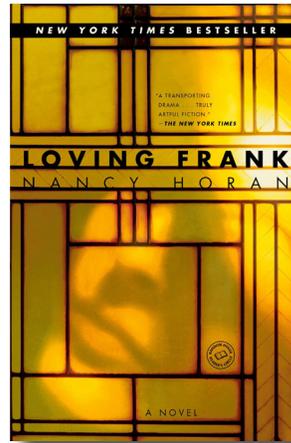
 Try the audiobook

 Long read  
300-500 pages

● ○ ○ ○ ○ Easy read

"This book is a series of great life lessons mixed in between a series of hilarious jokes."

- Brice Ohl, Worth Grand Estimator  
Vitruvius



### Loving Frank

Nancy Horan

 Read the physical book

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"This is a fiction-ish novel based on the true love affair of Frank Lloyd Wright and his mistress, Mamah."

- Risa Schoenfeld  
Hadrian

# READY FOR 2021

## GET INVOLVED!

Learn more about how you can connect to your Alumni Association, find or start a local Metro Group, volunteer your time to the Grand Council or share your story. Email [alumni@alpharhochi.org](mailto:alumni@alpharhochi.org).

## DUES

Your Alumni Dues help fund year-round alumni programs and events, such as lecture series, panels, networking and the Alumni Summit. To contribute, visit [alpharhochi.org/alumni](http://alpharhochi.org/alumni).

# Archiving Alpha Rho Chi

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Danielle Likvan Swanson has been our National Historian since 2013, and over these years she has taken on the rigorous task of sorting and paring down the documents that have been stored and passed down from officer to officer.

When she took on the position, the boxes were in a storage unit in Libertyville, IL. Previous officers had done some general documentation of what was in each box, but each box was still its original contents from the officers. Once the cost of the storage unit became unfeasible, Danielle coordinated the shipment of the 20-something crates to a storage unit outside of Denver so she could bring them home and go through them as a whole.



There were many duplicate documents, outdated and unnecessary documents, as well as some incredibly old and important papers documenting the beginnings of our fraternity. Seven years and two children (which slowed the

process considerably) she is almost done organizing, and halfway through scanning. She has created a digital filing system for the documents, and once they have been scanned or photographed, they are put into acid-free plastic sleeves, stored in binders, and placed in plastic bins. Odd-sized items are stored in bins as well.

After contacting many universities, Danielle recommended that Alpha Rho Chi store its archives with the Rickery Library of Architecture and Art at the University of Illinois. When organizing and scanning are done, Danielle will ship the archives to the library, where everyone will have digital access to them. This step forward will allow members from all over the world to tap into our national history and reinvigorate their connections to Alpha Rho Chi. ■

*Top: Photo courtesy of Anthemios Chapter / Alpha Rho Chi Archives*

*Bottom: Photo courtesy of Danielle Likvan Swanson*

# Looking Back to Look Forward

## Reflecting on Years of Growth and Challenge to Our Fraternity as We Plan for the Future

BY Catherine H. Berry, Worthy Grand Scribe  
Isidorus Alumni, Miami University,  
&  
John Conway, Worthy Grand Lecturer  
Vitruvius Alumni, The Pennsylvania State University

The year 2020 brought a crisis to Alpha Rho Chi not seen since the early days of the fraternity — institutions closed seemingly indefinitely, members scattered to the four corners of the country (and the world), and the future of our programs uncertain. The rapid spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, in the early months of 2020 took many by surprise. On March 3, Convention promotions reassured members that local health guidance still supported domestic travel. Then came the school closures, with chapters one by one reporting revised schedules for the remainder of the Spring term. Then came the registration cancellations, from collegiate and alumni members alike, who faced travel restrictions from their local governments, schools, and employers. On March 12, faced with rapidly changing public health guidance mere weeks before the 73rd National Convention was due to convene in Omaha, the Grand Council petitioned the chapters and alumni associations to postpone, the first in a series of actions taken to protect the membership from undue risk.

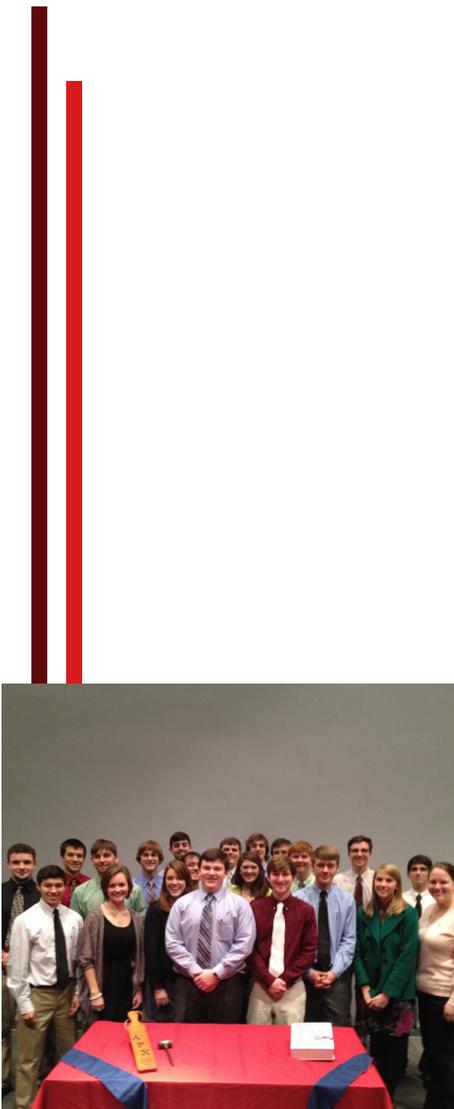
In the days and months following this abrupt course change, the Grand

Council has spent countless hours in reflection on the moments in which we find ourselves, and the legacy that our choices may leave for future generations of Alpha Rho Chi. Such a legacy already exists for a different group of members, those who served the Fraternity over 100 years ago and faced a similar, yet strikingly different set of challenges - the Grand Council and members in 1918.

So as we look forward to our own new normal taking shape, we reflect today on Alpha Rho Chi's past struggles to take lessons from our 107 year history.

### *Looking Back*

Alpha Rho Chi reached its first milestone in 1914: two student organizations became one when the Fraternity was established that April in Chicago. From the start, this new venture faced the age old challenge of finding room to grow. Students around the country took great interest in the years shortly following the Fraternity's establishment, but faced with two World Wars, a global pandemic, and the Great Depression, Alpha Rho Chi was only able to manage limited, albeit crucial, growth in its first 40 years.





Opposite: Photo courtesy of Hippodamus Chapter  
 Photo courtesy of Catherine H. Berry

While Fraternity historical records are far from complete, what we know is that not long after Demetrios and Mnesicles Chapters were established, and just shy of the Fraternity's 3rd Founders Day, Congress declared war on Germany and the United States entered World War I. Shortly thereafter, as if a war was not challenge enough, the Fraternity faced yet another: the "Spanish Flu" Pandemic.

From the May 1918 Issue of *The Archi*, the second to be published, we know that our members remained relatively lighthearted, describing members excelling at their studies, gathering for parties and doing their part for the war effort. Historical public health records show that while the influenza death toll in the United States was in the tens of thousands by summer 1918, it was still in line with previous year's death rates, and touted as relatively mild.

Editorial staff write:

*"BE ON THE JOB. During these trying times, let us not be too easily satisfied with the way in which our fraternity is progressing. It is the dissatisfied man who is the winner, and the same may be said of a fraternity. We have talked about the extension of Alpha Rho Chi into other universities, and now is the time for the big drive! Let's get prospects lined up so that we may discuss them at our next convention. Several opportunities have slipped thru our hands because we have not been on the job, or because we have been rather narrow-minded in our decisions. We must get going if we are to profit by the opportunities that will surely come our way."*

*The Archi, May 1918*

Trying times they turned out to be. Worthy Grand Scribe Samuel P. Albee, elected at the 4th National Convention in January 1918 to complete Chandler C. Cohagen's term, died unexpectedly in May 1918, days before the issue's publication. With Worthy Grand Architect Clair W. Ditchy stationed in France for two years, Worthy Grand Estimator George M. McConkey additionally served as both the acting WGA and acting WGS for the most of the year. As no convention was held in January 1919, no doubt due to the third and much deadlier wave of the Spanish Flu pandemic, the office of WGS remained vacant until the 5th National Convention in 1920.

Further evidence in *The Archi* supports our understanding of the fraternity's struggles in 1918. Despite listing the forthcoming publication for every January, March, May, and November, the third issue of *The Archi* would not be published until May 1919, with none of the previous two staff cohorts serving as its editors. This issue tells us much about the events that transpired during that darker year: members lost to the pandemic and the war, chapter houses closed, meetings in rented club rooms, flurries of letters to lonely members at the front, Armistice Day celebrations, and finally the slow return to a new normal. As members returned from service and shared their stories, it is overwhelmingly clear how tenuous the state of the membership was at that time.

Our Fraternity endured. By the mid-1920s, with war and disease out of mind, interest boomed again with the Kallikrates, Andronicus, Paeonius, Dinocrates, Polyklitos, and Theron Chapters established over four short years. Then once again, economic instability and war threatened Alpha Rho Chi. It would be 29 years before the Fraternity gained another chapter, Vitruvius in 1955, having lost four of the original ten over that time. Over the subsequent 50 years, 15 new chapters were established across the country in fits and starts ... from the Satyros Chapter in Arizona; the Xenocles and Cleisthenes Chapters in Texas; and the Daedalus Chapter in California to the Metagenes Chapter in Virginia; the Apollodorus, Seshait, and Nicon Chapters in Florida; the Pytheos Chapter in Nebraska; and the Rabirius Chapter in Ohio. While most of these chapters are still active today, others faced challenges too difficult to overcome and went dormant.

In 2005, a noticeable shift occurred; and while it feels too simple to say that the rapid advancements in technology and communication in the new millennium sparked an unparalleled interest in Alpha Rho Chi, it is unquestionably true that the internet-age made Alpha Rho Chi more accessible than ever before. The Fraternity has grown by 19 chapters in the last 15 years, exponentially

growing our presence on campuses across the country and widely expanding our regional presence in the South.

Seven chapters were installed in the seven years spanning 2005-2012: Domitian in New Jersey, Senenmut in New York, Hadrian in Louisiana, Cossutius in California, Sostratus in Washington, as well as Isidorus and Severus in Ohio. The following two years set a new record, adding a further seven chapters, three of which were installed in a single month's time: Philon in Missouri, Callimachus in California, Hippodamus in Mississippi, Hemiunu in Washington D.C., Polyidus in Georgia, Numisius in California, and Olynthius in Maryland.

In the Fall 2015 issue of *The Archi*, then Colony Director (now Worthy Grand Lecturer) John Conway wrote a comprehensive article titled "New Chapters, Stronger by Design" in which he touted the 200% increase in active chapters – from ten in 2000 to thirty in 2015 – and outlining the improved expansion and colony education processes that led to the achievement. Having just installed Aristobulus in South Carolina, and with Agamedes in Florida poised for installation in the next year, the Fraternity returned to a slower pace of growth. Theodorus in Tennessee and Amenophis in Illinois were the last new chapters installed in 2017\*.

**\*Note:** In addition to those new chapters installed since 2012, the dormant Mnesicles and Demetrios Chapters were re-installed in 2014 and 2020 respectively. Other currently active chapters that were re-installed from dormancy over the course of the Fraternity's history include Iktinos, Vitruvius, Metagenes, Satyros, Dinocrates, and Cleisthenes.



Photo courtesy of Emily Lewis

## *Adapting to Change*

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Alpha Rho Chi stood at 33 active chapters strong, and poised to consider the 34th — Skopas in New York — for installation. With the re-installation of the Demetrios Chapter unknowingly serving as the last initiation event of 2020, the Fraternity re-focused its efforts exclusively on supporting the existing membership over the past year.

Those efforts began with a renewed push to centralize and digitize critical communications to the entire Fraternity. Mass email, long accepted as the preferred method of communication in the modern world, became the default method of communication. Efforts to coax members to submit their contact information to the Fraternity's database were redoubled. Slowly, the Fraternity rebuilt or re-framed its programming for a life online. Social media also played a significant role with local board members stepping up their digital engagement efforts to reach members scattered across the country, or otherwise restricted from gathering with their fellow members in person.

With online events becoming the new norm, attendance skyrocketed. The Grand Council continued to hold its monthly meetings via video conference and used their remote work experience to advise the appointee teams on how to hold their summer retreats online. Trainings that used to require cross-country travel moved to Zoom, including the annual Leadership Conference, typically held in the fall for current and aspiring chapter leaders, held in 2020 over three consecutive weekends. Alumni Associations who struggled for years with reaching their former classmates report that it is easier to make contact now that members are at home, and have been hosting networking events, game nights and lecture series online.

But the biggest change to the Fraternity would come with the tough but necessary



*Photo courtesy of Emily Lewis*

decision to adapt the Ritual for virtual participation. After extensive analysis of the collegiate membership, factoring in expected graduation rates and hold-over pledge numbers, the math was clear: without a virtual option to welcome new members, many of the Fraternity's long-standing chapters would not survive past the Summer of 2021. So the Grand Council gathered and drafted a plan to present the Ritual, word for word, via video conference. Instructions on how to conduct the Pledging Ceremony virtually were distributed in a Winter 2021 edition of *The Rise*. A Spring 2021 edition, complete with instructions for administering the Initiation Ceremony virtually, is expected in April.

### *Looking Forward*

Students come to Alpha Rho Chi for a variety of reasons: for professional growth, for social connections, to foster good in their communities ... but ultimately, the bond forged between members of Alpha Rho Chi is one only possible between like-hearted spirits. We are not ones to shy away from

a challenge. No, Alpha Rho Chi is an organization that is constantly evolving to meet the needs of its membership. Its processes are iterative, constantly evaluating what works and what doesn't, while always maintaining focus on what's important: people. Since, at the end of the day, we would have no achievements or growth to celebrate if not for the members who make up Alpha Rho Chi.

Despite the pandemic, the Grand Council continues to field inquiries from interested students and faculty groups at institutions eager to form a chapter. The ever-growing presence of Alpha Rho Chi will no doubt bring new opportunities for networking, community service initiatives, and professional development as new leaders continue to rise to the occasion and contribute the effort. So as the Fraternity grows, we must remember the lessons learned over the past year, keeping front-of-mind that our most valuable assets are the knowledge we share with one another, and the relationships we form as members of this organization.

Each chapter has its own identity, and our diverse membership is what allows Alpha Rho Chi to work towards its goal of being a truly inclusive and national organization. It is the members we support now who will go on to take on leadership roles within their chapters, eventually serving nationally as volunteers, appointees, and even Grand Council members. It is this future that we are working towards, one where the Skopas Colony, patiently awaiting their virtual installation, will be known as a stable and long-standing chapter.

The 1919 Issue of *The Archi* opened with a call to FOLLOW THROUGH, entreating the members "to build up the spirit and momentum we had before the war, in our chapters, in our alumni, and in the union of the chapters." The Grand Council makes a similar call to our members now. The coming years are sure to present their own challenges, but remember the hurdles we have overcome, and with a renewed sense of spirit, we hope you will rise up to meet these challenges with us. ■

***Our most valuable assets are the knowledge we share with one another, and the relationships we form as members of this organization.***

*How has Alpha Rho Chi helped advance your career?*

When I was Worthy Architect, our chapter was small and struggling to grow our numbers. We had talked about our budget and recruitment expenses and realized that with only 7 actives, our funds were stretched too thin to pay for our storage unit, national dues, and other expenses so we decided to ask alumni for help. One Saturday over winter break, I attended an alumni association meeting with a report showing what our finances looked like and explaining that we had already voted to increase dues by \$10 a semester, but we were still only breaking even. I asked if the alumni would be willing to cover the storage unit payments for the summer so that we could spend more money on recruitment events and fliers. Not only did the alumni agree to help with the storage payments, one of them offered to let us print materials at their office and another asked for my resume. I got my first summer internship working for that alumni, and after graduate school was over I ended up working for people who I had met at that first internship. Alpha Rho Chi kicked off my career by giving me opportunities to show off my skills beyond what was in my portfolio or on my resume.

Christina (Caputo) Anderson, Satyros

Through Alpha Rho Chi I have not only gained valuable friendships with people that I can trust to help me in difficult classes, but I have also gained friendships that are genuine, lasting, and committed to making me be the best version of myself. Now that I have these wonderful friendships, along with them, I have also gained valuable connections to further develop myself towards a better future career.

Ryker Hoy, Pytheos

# Update your Contact Information with APX Today!

Have you been getting emails from Alpha Rho Chi? Mail from the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation?

Alpha Rho Chi transitioned all communications, payments, and record keeping to Memberplanet back in 2018, but we noticed that many members still have not claimed their profile or updated their contact information – this means that you have likely been missing important emails, events, and announcements!

As the Fraternity continues to expand our initiatives, up-to-date membership data is crucial to our success.

Update your contact information today at

[memberplanet.com/apx](https://memberplanet.com/apx)

**If you've recently received an email prompting you to update your profile,** please take a moment to verify your contact information! You can customize your profile and communication preferences (including options like digital contact only and unsubscribe).

While you're there, feel free to browse the features available to you. All members should have access to the Alpha Rho Chi parent group. Collegiate members will additionally have access to their chapter subgroup, while Alumni, Honorary, and Faculty members will have access to their alumni group

**If you haven't received an update email,** we likely don't have an email address on file for you. Please email [memberplanet@alpharhochi.org](mailto:memberplanet@alpharhochi.org) for assistance in claiming your account.

## What has Alpha Rho Chi taught you?

I learned how to step outside of my comfort zone and build relationships across chapters, states and professional industries. I met great people, built skills that will forever support my career and established many lifelong friendships along the way. The best part is when traveling: chances of getting together with a brother in another city are always high!

Kristen (Ruch) Pfister, Metagenes

I learned that everyone has something in common. There are brothers I wouldn't normally have become friends with, but in the course of getting to know them through the chapter and fraternity, they've become great sources of friendship and knowledge.

Danielle Likvan Swanson, Anthemios

Throughout my APX experience, I've held positions of action, decision making, delegation, and leadership. I could never have imagined the impact those roles had on me as a person and professional. They instilled in me confidence, and abilities that would have taken years to develop on my own. I use these skills on a daily basis and remind myself of them when I fall on challenging times at work. I constantly wonder what my life would have been like without APX.

Erika Laux, Olynthius

## Spicy Honey Mustard Pretzel Chicken Fingers

Submitted by: Maggie Mueller

### What you'll need:

Large Bowl  
Medium/Small Bowl  
Baking Sheet  
Parchment Paper

### At a Glance:

Estimated time: 40 minutes  
Skill level: Easy

*I love this fun spin on chicken tenders from Half Baked Harvest! They are easy to make and super addicting! Don't be afraid of spicy honey sauce; it's not too spicy and is the perfect complement to the chicken. Enjoy!*

### Ingredients

#### Chicken Tenders:

1/4 cup dijon mustard

1/4 cup plain yogurt, sour cream, or olive oil mayo

2 Tbsp. honey

2 pounds boneless chicken tenderloins

2 cups finely crushed salted pretzel twists

1 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. onion powder

1/2 tsp. smoked paprika

1 tsp. black pepper

Extra virgin olive oil for brushing

Ranch dressing for serving (optional)

#### Spicy Honey Sauce:

1/4 cup honey

3 tbsp. salted butter

1 tsp. cayenne pepper, to taste

1/2 tsp. chili powder

1/2 tsp. smoked paprika

Kosher salt to taste

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment.
2. In a bowl, whisk together the mustard, yogurt, and honey. Add the chicken and toss well to coat.
3. Add the pretzel crumbs, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika and a pinch of pepper to a medium sized bowl. Stir to combine. Tip: The finer the pretzel crumbs, the better. Bigger chunks don't cook as well.
4. Remove each piece of chicken from the honey mustard, and dredge through the crumbs, pressing gently to adhere. Place on the prepared baking sheet. Repeat until all the chicken has been used. Make sure not to crowd your pan, if necessary use two baking sheets. Lightly brush/drizzle the chicken with olive oil. Transfer to the oven and bake for 15-20 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through.
5. Meanwhile, make the spicy honey sauce. Melt together the honey, butter, cayenne, chili powder, paprika, and a pinch of salt.
6. Serve the chicken topped with flaky salt and spicy honey sauce for dipping. Add a side of ranch if you prefer. Enjoy!

# DECADES

To reach a major milestone as a chapter is something to be celebrated. So celebrate we did. Here, we reflect on memories and accomplishments of chapters who have recently reached one of those decade milestones.



## Metagenes 50

BY Phil Buckberg, Worthy Grand Architect -  
Metagenes Alumni, Virginia Tech



*Photo courtesy of Roberta Buckberg*

The Metagenes 50th Anniversary Celebration in April 2019 brought together charter brothers Troy Watson, Hunter Bristow, and John Kudravy, Delta Class's Charlie Hildebrand, our current chapter, and alumni from the 50 years between (I was Alpha Epsilon, class of 1982). From floor-to-ceiling photo collages to historic artifacts, the day-long celebration was packed with nostalgia, fraternalism, and optimism for the chapter's future.

In addition to the chapter's collegiate brothers and alumni, Metagenes welcomed Vitruvius alumni WGE Brice Ohl, then-WGI AJ Kessinger, and Regional Director Ricky Fryer; along with Sama Verdina, a Domitian alumna (and soon to be Regional Director) as well. The Vitruvians represented an important link to the past: the Vitruvius Chapter played a key role in the Metagenes installation and many subsequent Rituals and road trips that followed.

By all measures, the Metagenes Chapter has thrived in recent years, and we alumni are proud of our collegiate brothers. The anniversary weekend gave the alumni a chance to connect with the chapter and to reconnect with each other, to tell stories of days gone by and to fill in the gaps of the past decades. The chapter got to see the strength and longevity of our fraternal bonds, and to learn some Metagenes history at the same time. At Saturday's banquet, I had the honor of sharing with the chapter some of the highlights of Metagenes' storied past.

First, they missed "The House." For three decades, Metagenes lived at 105 Lucas Drive, a sparse 3+ bedroom shell of a house with the APX shield painted on the outside. The House was the chapter's home, our meeting place, our sandbox, and our canvas. It's where alumni reunited to brag about how much cooler they were in the old days (now we do that at banquets). The House was our shelter: it kept us warm in the summer and cold in the winter. In winter we put groceries in the refrigerator so they wouldn't freeze on the countertop. Brothers who had "bedrooms" in the attic crawl spaces would wake up on a winter morning with their hair frozen to the windows, because the attic bedrooms were in the space where the insulation should have been.

The best part of the house was the basement. Almost all of our social events happened in the basement, a large, unfinished space with a bar and a dart board, and little else. The rafters in the basement were filled with staples, which, to the uninitiated, seemed like the only thing holding the house together. As was tradition, at the end of every event the diehards gathered in a circle around our late Brother Kim Clark, who led us in singing Motown classics.

Technology has made a big difference in the lives and schoolwork of our new brothers. In the old days, "rhino" was just an animal, "PC" was a member of the Alpha Delta pledge class, and Revit is what you did to your car's engine on

a cold morning after you unstuck your hair from the attic window. We communicated via the pay phone at the top of the stairs. When we needed something for the house (like a working stove), we contacted the mysterious "Mrs. Hill," who always found the cheapest way to fulfill her obligation as a landlord ("most of the burners still work, right?").

In the old days, the official sport of the Metagenes Chapter was Gorilla Ball, which was volleyball with a creek hazard. Today, the chapter's outdoor activities are Relay For Life and Virginia Tech's "The Big Event." Well done!

Virginia Tech is a school known for the unusual devotion of its students and alumni, and the Metagenes Chapter represents that ideal for the fraternity. In 1969, the sixteen Hokies who became brothers in Alpha Rho Chi formed a fraternity chapter that has stood the test of time. Happy 50th, Metagenes!



Photo courtesy of Emily Lewis

## Finding my People

BY Kate Albee - Daedalus Alumni,  
California Polytechnic State University

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It's hard to even know where to start when trying to put into words what my Alpha Rho Chi brotherhood means to me. I entered college shy, self-conscious, and looking for a sense of purpose and belonging. I didn't live in the architecture dorm because I thought that would help me expand my social network (in the days before Instagram), but instead it caused a disconnect from my peers. From the very first rush event, I knew I'd found my people, full of creativity, hilarity, kindness, and the "vigor" that Daedalus is so famous for.

Today, I am a Marketing Manager at an architecture firm in San Francisco and I am often complimented on my confidence, my leadership, and my desire to mentor others. I am told I move with purpose and direction. My involvement with Daedalus has waxed and waned over

the years as the overwhelm of everyday life (especially during a pandemic) sometimes takes over, but my Big recently reached out to me and gently pulled me back, and it only reminded me that everything I am, and everything I am perceived to be, stems from being a brother of Daedalus. We come from a demanding program, and from a university that didn't always understand us, yet we worked collaboratively where other students stood alone. My closest friends to this day stem from an esoteric bond that spans miles, states, and even countries. My brothers are always there for me, and I live my life trying to repay that dedication and loyalty to them and anyone else in this industry who needs guidance and support. FAeA, and horns up, bros!

# Growing with Daedalus

BY Lance Karutz - Daedalus Alumni,  
California Polytechnic State University

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I may not have been there at the beginning of the Daedalus chapter, but I was not that far off, and I hardly know where to start. I came from a small town of only three hundred people (in college I had the road sign to prove it), so the mere act of driving 330 miles to go to college in San Luis Obispo was a huge accomplishment for me. A few months later one of my dormies, Lorenzo Lopez, recommended that I join him at some fraternity's recruitment event. It may sound cliché, but my future pledge brother's casual suggestion ended up changing my life.

Life happens, and fate often circles us back where we need to be. After returning to Southern California, I got home from work one night to find a postcard that had been forwarded from an old address up north. It was an invite for White Rose Bowl weekend, and it said the collegiate members would be arriving at the Andronicus house about the same time I received the invite. I called to make sure I was welcome (there were these things known as pay phones back in the day, and the house had a couple of them), and I quickly made my way up the 5 to rejoin my brothers for the first time

in years. At the time, I had no idea how often I would end up making that same drive over the next few decades.

Over the years, I've learned more about the history of Daedalus. The most important lesson is this: do not underestimate the power of a chapter. As the tale goes the Foundation pledge class, which was coed, was told that women were not allowed in the fraternity. The colony's response was that they would no longer seek to join the fraternity if the female members would not be admitted. Although there had been a female member of APX in the past, I believe this is what led our organization to evolve into the pioneering coed organization we know today. In my thirty-plus years in the fraternity, I've helped initiate just about every member of Daedalus since 1995, as well as many others from the Andronicus and Satyros chapters.

I served three years as Regional Director, during which I pushed for and presided over the re-installation of the Satyros chapter. In all that time, there is one lesson that I think every alumnus needs to

take to heart: I believe it is our most sacred duty as adults to teach the generations that come after us the importance of honesty, empathy, and responsibility. So I challenge you, my fellow alumni: if you are within arm's reach of an active chapter, please sign up for their mailing lists and their social media groups and go - go to their recruitment events, go to the formals, and most importantly go to their initiations. Things will likely be different than when you were in school, because the rules are different now. By the simple act of being there you will have the opportunity to mentor brothers who will benefit from learning from your experience, and everyone will benefit from learning how our fraternity has evolved over the years. Simply put, the vigorous Daedalus chapter of Alpha Rho Chi is the single greatest group of people I've ever had the honor to be associated with. They have an incredible ability to continue to find more great people to invite into the fraternity, and it is one of the greatest wishes in my life that they continue to do so far past my time on this Earth.



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## Daedalus Through the Years

BY Mark Posnick - Daedalus Alumni,  
California Polytechnic State University

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The Daedalus Chapter owes its start to Steve Redmond and Jim Harvey, who initially contacted the Grand Council about starting a chapter of Alpha Rho Chi. The initial meeting was attended by a number of students, but only a few of us actually ended up becoming brothers of Alpha Rho Chi ... it was a slow process to build momentum and gather enough potential members to petition the Grand Council to establish the colony. After extensive research and discussion, we decided upon a chapter namesake and cadency. Daedalus and the story of his labyrinth designed to imprison the minotaur, as well as imagery of the bull's horns, were overwhelming favorites. As our numbers grew, the Grand Council sent Worthy Grand Lecturer Howard VanHeuklyn and Worthy Grand Scribe Ronnie Grogan to San Luis Obispo to perform the pledge ceremony, introduce us to the members of the Andronicus Chapter, and officially start our journey.

There was no house so we had no "place" to be our hub, to have events, or to gather as brothers. We had to get creative, especially that first year. We were mostly working on our own, trying to figure out what to do and how. Our contact was really only through letters (not emails but old-fashioned writing on a piece of paper and mailing it) and occasional phone calls

(from one of our apartments because there were no cell phones - I know these are ancient times right - almost like the Greeks!). Daedalus is indebted to the Andronicus Chapter, and Freddie Figueroa, who acted as our remote pledge trainer. Being three hours away made regular interaction difficult, but Andronicus was our tie to the whole Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, and that bond that still lasts today.

With no house of our own, Daedalus frequently travels to USC for events like White Rose Formals, and to perform joint initiation ceremonies at the Andronicus house. These trips have inextricably linked the two chapters. During our time as a colony, we learned what we could learn from Andronicus. We had no big brothers and so we created "Alpha Buddies". We administered our own pledge lessons from what Freddie sent us each week. We had to figure out events to do and places to try and do them. Luckily, we always found places around campus that we could use.

After almost a year-long colony process, the Grand Council announced that we were ready to become a chapter. Colony President John Love, Colony Treasurer Randy Bichler and I (Colony Vice President) were chosen to be

initiated early, so the 3 of us headed to Los Angeles for our initiation. The excitement of our initiation as a small pledge class was a much different than the colony class of 26 we had been used to, but it made the experience extra special (and added a lot of pressure). The exhilaration of being accepted into Alpha Rho Chi and understanding the "why" of all of what we had been through, and knowing our Colony Pledge Class brothers were going to do the same, was fantastic.

As Daedalus began its new life as a chapter, we struggled to recruit new members and plan the unique events specific to the Daedalus Chapter, like a Big/Little Ceremony. There were disagreements along the way, and while we did not realize it then, we were learning to collaborate, negotiate and compromise for the overall good of the chapter. We had set the foundation, which is why we chose that pledge class name, but not many of us were thinking 40 years in to the future, or could imagine what the chapter would become. Most of the time, it felt like we were just trying to get through that year and that pledge class. For those of you who were founders of your chapter, I am sure you know some of these feelings. Sometimes, I did wish the Chapter was already established and running, and I could have joined it in full swing. But

honestly, it was exciting and well worth it to help get it started.

I joined Alpha Rho Chi for the fun and social aspects, but it ended up being so much more. I never anticipated that APX would help me develop skills that I still use in my professional life. As the first chapter officers (WA with Cliff Young as WAA, Dave Larsen as WE, Gary Hitesman as WS and Bill Weinberg as PT), we learned to lead and collaborate, to mentor and train. Later, out in the professional world, this served each of us well in advancing our careers. I had not given much thought to what being in the fraternity and holding various offices had done for me until my first boss asked me where I had learned to become such a strong leader at such a young age. It was all the challenges and opportunities that Alpha Rho Chi and the Daedalus Chapter offered, that led to those qualities in myself and in my brothers, and many others since.

I remember chatting with members at the 25th anniversary of the chapter and realizing that none of the collegiate members in attendance that night were even born when we started the chapter. We had created something that continued to be nurtured and had grown tremendously since we started it ... years or efforts by members so that all who came after them could also be part of Alpha Rho Chi.

When my roommate Mark Tucker (Threshold Pledge class) and I went to the very first meeting about starting an Alpha Rho Chi chapter at Cal Poly, we had no idea the change and impact it would have on our lives. The brothers that we met in those first couple years as a colony and chapter built those bonds of brotherhood that Alpha Rho Chi professes. You don't fully realize it while you are in school. Enjoy the fun of being in college and being part of the chapter, but also look forward to what more Alpha Rho Chi will give you. Those early friendships will remain some

of your closest bonds. Mine have been for over 40 years. We did things together from the start and that continues to this day.

Immediately after initiation Bill Weinberg and I headed to France for a summer session of school. We traveled around Europe together along with friend Lewis Springer, who saw the fraternal bond Bill and I had, and joined Alpha Rho Chi the next fall. We have remained great friends ever since. I was Bill's best man at his wedding and he is my daughter's godfather. Lewis and I worked together, invested, designed and built a project together (and still stayed friends!).

While I tried to stay in contact with the chapter after graduation and come down for events (refereeing at the White Rose Bowl and helping with initiation), I was starting a family and launching a career, and it became more difficult to make time for the chapter. Even so, Mark Tucker was my best man at my wedding and we were in business together. He, Bill, Lewis, David Larsen and Chuck Sinkey, have had numerous adventures together through all these years, including 4 wheeling, camping, racing, road trips all over the country and Canada (including driving from Alaska all the way to California, and a BBQ and Bourbon tour through the south). We planned various annual events throughout the year that became traditions for our families, and allowed us to get together often. We worked together, fixed up and built houses together (ask Dave about painting his house trying to watch the World Series at the same time), helped each other move (ask Chuck about his move to Hayward) ... it has been great fun and friendship. There are many others who, while we are not as close physically, we still remain connected (Cliff Young in Nashville, Alexis Nichandros Moyer out

in the coastal forests of Mendocino, Brad Conrad in Boulder, Steve Kuklin in the SF Bay area, Stan Smith in LA, Ken Zamora in Fresno).

We have lived our lives and continued to be brothers through good times and bad, weddings and divorces, births of children and deaths of parents. Our kids have grown up together and our families continue to do things together on a regular basis since we all live close to each other in northern California. These brothers are my closest friends that I can trust completely with anything, without hesitation. All because of the bond that started with the Daedalus Chapter and Alpha Rho Chi 40 years ago. I hope that all of you fellow brothers have or will create those bonds too, for you to enjoy over the next 40 years and more.

## Domitian 15

BY **Sama Verdina** - Domitian Alumni,  
New Jersey Institute of Technology

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As one of the last colonies to be sponsored by another chapter, Domitian had a unique colony experience. Vitruvius agreed to sponsor our colony as well as the Senenmut Colony, and A. J. Kessinger served as our colony educator. Domitian's petition was approved in October of 2004, and planning of the installation started. During that time, Domitian lost a colonist, and the colony's numbers fell to 9, and at the time, a colony was required to have 10 members to be installed as a chapter. The Grand Council allowed the 9 colonists to be initiated by Vitruvius in December of 2004, but they were Brothers without an official chapter. A month later, in January of 2005, Thomas Navin, a professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, was initiated as the 10th charter member, and the colony was officially installed as the Domitian Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi.

Three years later, I started my journey to become a brother of Alpha Rho Chi. When I first arrived at NJIT, I was adamantly against the idea of Greek life. I only went to an event because my next door neighbor was a brother, and he would not leave me alone until I promised I'd show up to a recruitment

event. After that first event, an information session baited with pizza, I started to rethink everything I had assumed about Greek life. I kept going to recruitment events, and was excited to accept my bid in February of 2008.

The chapter was very young, and there were charter class members still active. As a pledge, my favorite task was interviewing all the brothers of the chapter. Learning about the beginning of the chapter from those who went through it, and what this organization meant to them, was what made me determined to finish the process, even when circumstances outside of Alpha Rho Chi told me it wasn't worth it.

Domitian quickly became the family I didn't know I was looking for. Being a brother of Domitian was the most exhausting, yet rewarding part of my college experience. We fought and disagreed on a lot, but always found a way to common ground, and to better ourselves and Domitian. My tenure as an active member of the Domitian Chapter taught me to seek ventures that I'm passionate about and that challenge me to believe in myself, and to always lend a helping hand to a stranger in need.



*Photo courtesy of Sama Verdina*



Photo courtesy of Julia Ramirez

## Senenmut 15

BY **Julia Ramirez** – Senenmut Alumni,  
State University of New York at Buffalo

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Most people will say Alpha Rho Chi changed their lives because of brotherhood or career opportunities. That's half true for me, this organization truly made my college years so rich in laughter and fun. But, really, I am so grateful to APX for something deeper. The Senenmut chapter of APX gave me the love of my life.

Anthony Tornambene and I were both on the outskirts of architecture. I can now admit to everyone that we both weren't really in it for the professional aspects. One of us an ex-archi-turned-theatre student. The other a communication major attached at the hip of her best friend Eliana. If not for Senenmut, I probably would've never met Anthony.

I became enamored the day I attended a recruitment event at Manor Lanes, some fall day in 2013. Anthony was so

unaware at the time, simply just friendly and talkative as ever. I knew even then that we were going to be something. We had to be. It will surprise nobody that during the pledging process, my interview with Anthony went way beyond its scheduled end time. Later, post-active brotherhood, we spent an entire evening secluded from everyone else at a brother's graduation party. The rest was history.

Anthony visited Buffalo often while I was still in school and we attended every possible APX event together. Ritual, White Roses, you name it. Everything APX became even sweeter because we were in love. What made it even more amazing is that we loved and were loved by all the same people. Now, after seven years of knowing each other and six years of dating, we are surrounded by so many memories, lifelong friendships, and most of all, love.

*Also celebrating major anniversaries are the Sostratus Chapter, Seshait Chapter, and Vitruvius Chapter.*

## Coconut-Braised Chicken with Chickpeas and Lime

Submitted by: Michele LeTourneur

### What you'll need:

Large Pot  
Cutting Board  
Knife

### At a Glance:

Estimated time: 45 minutes  
Skill level: Easy  
Gluten Free and Dairy Free, can be made vegetarian/vegan

*The best thing about this recipe is that it is really one pot and easily modifiable - use baked tofu/ veggie stock instead of chicken / chicken stock to make it vegan, use chicken thighs instead of bone-in if you want to have it cook faster. Using baked tofu makes it even quicker.*

*Don't be put off by the ingredients; it really does work and is fantastic!*

### Ingredients

3-1/2 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken, preferably a mix of breasts, legs, and thighs.  
  
Salt and pepper  
  
2 tbsp Canola Oil  
  
4 Garlic cloves, thinly sliced  
  
2 tbsp gochujang (Korean chili paste), or tomato paste  
  
2 tbsp grated fresh ginger  
  
2 tbsp finely grated fresh turmeric, or 1 tsp ground  
  
1 tbsp cumin or fennel seeds  
  
1-1/2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes  
  
2 (15-oz) cans full-fat coconut milk  
  
3 cups low-sodium chicken broth  
  
2 (15-oz) cans chickpeas, drained and rinsed  
  
2 tsp fish sauce (optional)  
  
2 limes, quartered  
  
1 cup cilantro, tender leaves and stems  
  
3/4 cup roasted peanuts, coarsely chopped (optional)

### Directions

1. Season the chicken with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a large, heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat. Sear the chicken, skin side down, until the fat has started to render, and it's evenly browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Turn the chicken over to continue to brown on that side too, 8 to 10 minutes.
2. Transfer the chicken to a large plate. Add garlic and 3/4 of the onion to the pot; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes.
3. Add the gochujang, ginger, turmeric, cumin, and red pepper flakes and cook until the mixture is caramelizing on the bottom of the pot, about 2 minutes, adjusting the heat as needed to prevent scorching.
4. Add the coconut milk and chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Return the chicken to the pot and add the chickpeas, seasoning again with salt and pepper. Reduce the heat to low, and place the lid on the pot, and walk away for at least 45 minutes.
5. After about 45 minutes, remove the lid and continue to gently simmer, uncovered, until the chicken is, indeed, fall-off-the-bone tender and the liquid has thickened, looking all nice and stew-like, 20 to 25 minutes. Add the fish sauce, if using.
6. Serve stew alongside the remaining onions, cilantro, peanuts (if using), and lime for squeezing over.

Original recipe found at: <https://www.saltandspine.com/recipe/coconut-braised-chicken-with-chickpeas-and-lime>

# 2020 Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal Awardees

Since 1931, the Alpha Rho Chi Bronze Medal has recognized graduating architecture students for their leadership and service and what they offer the future of the profession. Alpha Rho Chi believes strong leaders are just as essential as strong designers. The award was established to recognize qualities not necessarily pertaining to studio and scholarship. Judged by the faculty of each school, the medal is presented to the graduating student who has shown an ability for leadership, performed willing service for their school or department, and gives promise of real professional merit through their attitude and personality.

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 & Alexander Mitchell  
**Boston Architectural College** Lindsey Douglas  
 & Vasillios Vervitas  
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**California State Poly. University of Pomona** Juveriyah Salat  
**Clemson University** Edin Wright  
**Cornell University** Eleanor Jane Krause  
**Dalhousie University** Caleb McGinn  
**Drexel University** Jacobie Smith  
**Drury University** Nia Jordanova Damgova  
 & Morgan Harper  
**Florida Atlantic University** Maria Villegas  
**Illinois Institute of Technology** Andrew Jiang  
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**Kent State University** Kentrell Lodge  
**Louisiana State University** Malachi Pursley  
**Louisiana Tech University** Judy La  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Angeline Jacques  
**McGill University** Lara Isaac  
**NewSchool of Architecture and Design** Kaylee Drexel  
**North Carolina State University** Natalie Williams

**North Dakota State University** Helen Johnson  
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**Princeton University** Jamie Lipson  
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 & Madeleine R. Pelzel  
**Roger Williams University** Nicholas Marchio  
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**Savannah College of Art and Design** Denzyl Zhang  
**SCI-Arc** Nancy Ai  
**Syracuse University** Hanneke Van Deursen  
**Temple University** Emma Frecon  
**Texas A&M University** Andrea Batarse  
**The Cooper Union** Kayla Montes de Oca  
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**University of California, Los Angeles** Rayne Laborde  
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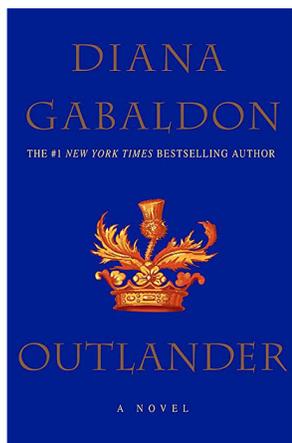
Designed by sculptor and Alpha Rho Chi Member Robert Merrell Gage, the medal portrays Athena seated upon an Ionic capital with a skyscraper resting in the palm of her hand. The words "Alpha Rho Chi" are arranged in an arch over her head. The reverse side depicts elements from the fraternity's badge along with the words "Leadership, Service, Merit."

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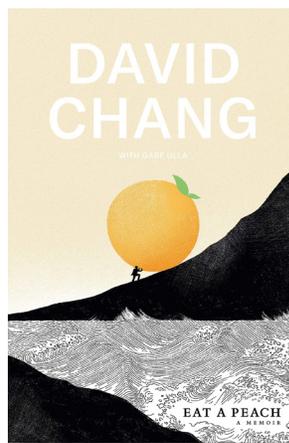


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# Breakfast

with

# Robert



BY Vicki Horton, Grand Advisor – Xenocles Alumni, University of Texas at Arlington & Chooch Pickard – Anthemios Alumni, University of Illinois

We've all had to change a lot of plans lately in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. As you know, the Grand Council had to make the difficult decision to postpone the Fraternity's 2020 National Convention. What you likely do not know is that the Grand Council had planned to commemorate Robert Ivy's tenth anniversary as Master Architect of Alpha Rho Chi at that convention. Chooch Pickard (Anthemios) and I have been on the "Robert Ivy, Master Architect" ride since 2006, and now we've been forced to re-imagine how we celebrate this distinguished milestone.

In keeping with the theme of this issue of *The Archi*, let's look back to 2001. The Grand Council held several breakout sessions during our summer meeting, and one of those centered around the appropriateness of bestowing the honor of

Master Architect on a brother, or several brothers, while I.M. Pei was still alive. This conversation launched what would be a years-long search for another Master Architect. We felt we needed to find the perfect individual(s): those who would appreciate the honor, and would build a relationship with the Fraternity, having a positive impact on not only our collegiate members, but also our alumni. Highest priority was given to those who were either already members of Alpha Rho Chi, or who would soon be initiated. We also began compiling a healthy list of criteria we felt would be helpful in identifying the ideal candidate(s).

Five long years later we had compiled a short list of highly qualified candidates during our summer meeting in Richardson, Texas. We formalized the

plan and we began the delicate task of contacting each candidate. Brother Chooch Pickard's assigned contact was Robert Ivy. Chooch had met Robert in 2004 through his daughter, who was a close friend. Robert was editor of *Architectural Record* at the time. He was recognized around the globe and was well respected by not only those in the profession, but also by architecture schools across the country. Robert's passion for education and development of the next generation of architects made him the perfect fit for Alpha Rho Chi. As luck would have it, the Imhotep Chapter (University of Memphis) had built a relationship with Robert as well, and they soon nominated him for Honorary membership. The stars were aligning, and the pieces of this complex puzzle were finally falling into place.

Imhotep brothers and Chooch had already met Robert, but in 2007 the rest of the fraternity members, who had never met him, gathered for the 60th National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. So, after herding 150+ members and Robert into the group convention photo, Robert graciously accepted our invitation to go someplace less chaotic and spend some time getting to know each other better. He had no idea the work simultaneously being done by scores of brothers to prepare for what was undoubtedly the most highly attended initiation in the fraternity's history. For everyone in attendance, including Brother Ivy, it was an experience we'll never forget. Despite the momentous, joyous occasion, I.M. Pei was still the Fraternity's sole Master Architect. There was still work and due diligence to be done.

Over the next 2 ½ years, Robert displayed time and time again why Imhotep Chapter was right to nominate him for membership. So, in January of 2010, the Grand Council held a special meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas for an intense face to face work session to finalize and formally adopt the Master Architect criteria and nominate Robert Ivy as Master Architect. The rest, as they say, is history.

Chooch and I recently sat down with Robert – virtually, of course – to recreate “Breakfast with Robert” as closely as we could. Enjoy the following interview as we caught up with our dear friend and Brother, and had him share some of his recollections of the past, and insights into the future.



*Opposite: Photo courtesy of Robert Ivy / AIA  
Photo Courtesy of Emily Lewis*

**Chooch/Vicki: When you think back to 2007 and your initiation into Alpha Rho Chi, what memories do you treasure most?**

Robert: In thinking back to 2007, I was frankly overwhelmed by the level of care, personal attention, planning, and sheer work that went into my initiation. In coming to Memphis, my expectations were simple: that I would deliver a speech to the group, and that Alpha Rho Chi had hoped to recognize me or my efforts in some way. Honestly, nothing could have prepared me for a major effort on the part of so many people for me, alone. It was humbling and made me an instant convert.

**C/V: Just three years later, you were officially named Master Architect of the Fraternity. Are there any recollections you'd like to share with our members related to that momentous occasion?**

R: By the time I was named Master Architect, my appreciation for the fraternity had grown with each event or encounter. To realize that my intended role as Master Architect could help new generations of future architects was inspiring to me, and continues to fuel my desire to help.

**C/V: What have been some of the highlights of your membership and service to Alpha Rho Chi?**

R: My favorite opportunities inevitably come back to the chance to meet new students on their paths toward development and fulfillment. Early on, we instituted a series of meetings, called "Breakfast with Bob" that invites them to come and share where they hope to go with their career development, and I get to share my own lessons and life with them too.

**C/V: What excites you most about your role in the Fraternity?**

R: Alpha Rho Chi remains a tremendously diverse, rich gathering of young people in formation to become architects (or

other professionals). This gathering of people with common hopes and dreams continually gives me energy and happiness. I equally love being with seasoned graduates and alumni who support the fraternity and the new generations coming along.

**C/V: You've been a great source of support for APX and its members. In what ways has APX supported you over the years?**

R: Time after time, friends from Alpha Rho Chi have reached out to me when I least expected it. Believe me, Master Architects have their times that they need hugs too, and how wonderful to have a network of people who care about each other.

**C/V: What are your views on the profession and changes that have taken place, especially regarding how young people are treated?**

R: There is tremendous interest in improving conditions for emerging professionals in the design professions. A decade ago, a major study produced by the Carnegie Foundation informally called the "Boyer Report" outlined how architectural education should change. Today, many architects and our associations are committed to seeing that those changes for the better flow into the practice—with improved work/life balance, greater gender equality, racial justice, and climate action, for example. It is an exciting time to be an architect or a designer.

**C/V: How has your connection to emerging professionals changed as you've transitioned from the leadership role with a publication to a membership-focused organization?**

R: It was easier to be an editor! I wrote over 150 editorials, in which I could state my beliefs and welcomed letters or emails of any points of view. In a membership organization, we have 95,000 smart members who each have a piece of ownership in the organization—and they

are all trained to criticize. You have to learn to listen really well, respect everyone, and take a deep breath from time to time.

**C/V: Where do you envision the design professions going with respect to the critical issues of diversity and equity?**

R: We have a long way to go to achieve social justice. While the number of women has been rising annually, in the schools and in the practice, we still have not reached parity of female to male licensed architects. Racially, the disparities are even more significant, particularly with African-American architects. Presently, less than 2% of America's architects are African-American. At the AIA, we are taking significant steps to improve those numbers, including partnering with NOMA and helping to sponsor minority and diversity scholarships, to name a few efforts, but the work is for all of us.

**C/V: What actions can individual members of Alpha Rho Chi take to promote change - whether in their school or office, their community, or within their profession?**

R: Each of us has a responsibility and an ability to be change agents. Even though the world has been confined by COVID-19, we still can reach out to other people to share the potential that good design can

bring to the world. We also can declare that the world needs to change. Climate action is a reality that good design can improve: we can make a difference, since buildings emit roughly 40% of carbon—more than automobiles. We also can call for racial justice, and in the fraternity we can model the kind of behavior we expect the rest of the world to exhibit.

**C/V: If you could impart any golden nugget of knowledge or advice to our members, what would it be?**

R: As you are encountering choices in your life, follow the things that make you happy. We all confront change, every day. The times we are going through are unprecedented, and they are tough. But if you follow your heart, with all your heart, you can help us all design our way to a better world.

P.S. from Chooch and Vicki: Thank you, Robert! It was fantastic to catch up and hear how your family is doing, what life is like for you as AIA's CEO, and to share the impact you have had on Alpha Rho Chi and vice versa. You continue to set ever higher standards in your service to Alpha Rho Chi as our Master Architect. Thank you for your emotional, professional and generous financial support\*! We look forward to another 10 years! ■

*The Grand Council continually seeks Master Architect candidates to serve alongside Brother Ivy. If you'd like more information about the process or you'd like to get involved, please contact Grand Advisor, Vicki Horton, or WGA, Phil Buckberg.*

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## On Alpha Rho Chi Friendships

Growing up, I never found a true group of friends that could relate to my hobbies and the activities I was interested in. I joined a "normal" sorority trying to find that connection. While I found good friends in my sorority, Alpha Rho Chi was the first time I met people I could relate to. I don't have just one friend in APX, I have many. All of these friends share similar interests with me which is very refreshing, considering I've been looking for these kinds of people my whole life. I love hanging out with my brothers and I value my friendships with everyone.

Morgan Rapp, Agamedes

Alpha Rho Chi has given me the opportunity to make many friendships in my life. There's so many Brothers I met during my time as a member of this organization that I can confidently say I have friends from coast to coast. There's not enough space in this magazine to list how many people I've made friends with and still contact today, and can't wait to see in person at Alpha Rho Chi events.

Josh Naputi, Cleisthenes

One of the most beautiful things about Alpha Rho Chi is that it brings you together with people you may not have sought friendship with otherwise. Alpha Rho Chi has given me the most remarkable group of people, that I am humbled to call my friends. They are so much more than that. They are teammates, mentors, sounding boards, fountains of wisdom, and role models. While we are lucky if we see each other once a year, I've never felt closer or more included in a group of friends. With people like that in your life, there's no reason for new friends, right?

Mary Stiger, Severus

## Water

Submitted by: Brice Ohl

### What you'll need:

Glass or Bottle

### At a Glance:

Estimated time: 0 minutes

Skill level: Easy

Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-free, Dairy-free,  
Nut-free, Kosher, Halal, Paleo, Keto

*Everyone should drink more water, it makes you healthier.*

### Ingredients

Water

### Directions

Not sure how much water you should be drinking every day? Here's a helpful tip: you should try to drink between half-ounce to one ounce of water for each pound of body weight. For example, if you weigh 150 lbs, you should try to drink 75-150 oz of water per day.

Try using the chart below to track how much water you're drinking in a day. It's helpful to use a bottle with ounces marked on it to keep track, like a blender bottle. Try setting smaller goals to hit throughout the day that total up to your daily goal!

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## *What is Alpha Rho Chi to you?*

For me, Alpha Rho Chi has been so much more than a collegiate organization. I consider my brothers to be my closest friends (many of them national) and believe that they will remain in my life long after graduation. This organization is more than just a professional resource, but truly a family through its roots in brotherhood.

Samantha Ihle, Daedalus

Alpha Rho Chi has been the gateway for my success at the University of Florida and beyond. When I was searching for friends, mentors, and an outlet to serve my community, APX was there. The Apollodorus chapter has brought me many opportunities in the academic and professional realms. If I had not felt called to serve as the chapter's Worthy Estimator and, now, Worthy Architect, I would not have had the confidence, let alone the support, to coordinate such efforts for the professional development of the student body of our college. I owe everything to my brothers and their support.

Thomas Wyatt, Apollodorus

# A Year of Accomplishments

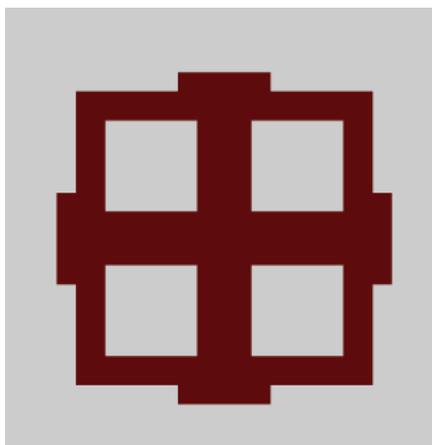
2020 Awards

BY **Emily Buckberg**, Awards Coordinator -  
Olynthus Alumni, University of Maryland

The Alpha Rho Chi Awards Program celebrates the various fraternal, academic, and philanthropic achievements of our brothers. Through the recognition of various local and national awards, the awards program seeks to honor the dedication that our brothers show their communities, their studies, and each other.

## *So Whitten Award for Academic Excellence*

Academic achievement is a consistent cornerstone value of Alpha Rho Chi, and we are consistently impressed by the work and dedication shown by the members of this fraternity. Each year, the So Whitten Award is given to a chapter that displays exemplary academic success. In 2020, the Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity awarded the Pytheos Chapter (University of Nebraska) with this award. Holding a remarkable 3.72 chapter average GPA, their chapter GPA is well above that of the University as a whole. Additionally, several of their members have received prestigious undergraduate research stipends, and hold spots on the Dean's List for continued academic achievements.



# Dwight "Pop" Ely Award

The Dwight "Pop" Ely Award for fraternal service, while distributed by individual chapters, is recognized nationally to celebrate the brothers who exemplify dedication to their chapters and the fraternity as a whole. The following members were awarded the Dwight "Pop" Ely award by their chapters in 2020.

## Abigail Frankel

*Amenophis*

Having served as New Member Educator, Worthy Superintendent, and Worthy Architect of the Amenophis Chapter, Abigail Frankel's fraternal resume is extensive. However, her dedication to the fraternity extends beyond her various executive board roles. As nominator Anthony Loverher explains, "Abigail's skills do not end with her position as Worthy Architect. She also projects a warm, cheerful attitude to not only our brothers, but also those around her... She goes out of her way to help people in need by always giving her time... She loves people, works hard, and always tries to lift the spirits of those around her."



## Jonathan Levitske

*Anthemios*

Brother Levitske's dedication to his community is not limited to his fraternity. During his time in the Anthemios Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi, he has completed upwards of 180 community service hours, received national community service honor and merit awards, and has been a recipient of the Global Goals Pin from the United Nations, honoring his continued dedication to community service. He is an exemplary brother, and has "achieved strong grades, award-winning or nominated studio projects, a scholarship for academic excellence and good character, and leadership in student professional Architecture organizations," says nominator, Shivom Patel.



## Thomas Wyatt

*Apollodorus*

The Apollodorus chapter honored Brother Thomas Wyatt with the Dwight Pop Ely Award for his endless dedication and commitment to his chapter and to his community. Always looking to better his chapter and his brothers, Brother Wyatt has served as Worthy Estimator and Fundraising Chair, Pledge Class Treasurer, and works as a teaching assistant in the school of architecture. Nominator Cassidy Kramer says that "Thomas inspires the best out of his fellow students and brothers by constantly exuding a passion for all things architecture and Alpha Rho Chi. We in the Apollodorus Chapter appreciate the amount of loyalty Thomas conveys for his chapter through his hard work, outgoing attitude, and immense love for his brothers."



## Kyle Reid

*Domitian*

Brother Kyle Reid has served as several positions on the Domitian Chapter's executive board, including Worthy Architect, Worthy Estimator, and Worthy Advisor. He also frequently organizes social events for the chapter, and is a vital piece of his chapter's culture. When describing his dedication to his chapter, his nominator Laura Gould says that "at every opportunity to help make our chapter better or run events, Kyle is there. [He] fully recognizes the challenges of being a part of a small chapter, and steps up to the plate any time there is a task that needs doing. Most notably, Kyle's main focus is on brotherhood and extending it past our time at school."



*Photos courtesy of Abigail Frankel, Jonathan Levitske, Thomas Wyatt, and Kyle Reid*

# Community Service Award

In Alpha Rho Chi, our dedication extends past our chapters and universities to our broader communities. Each year, the national fraternity seeks to recognize our chapters' philanthropic efforts. The 2020 recipients participated in projects involving design, sustainability, and cross-discipline (and cross-species) collaboration.

## Born Free Pet Shelter

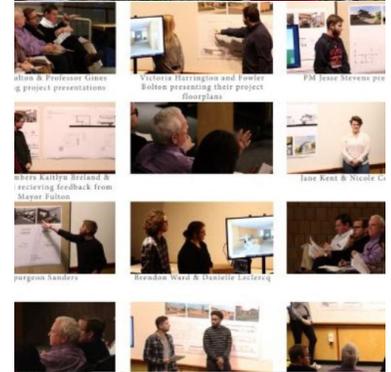
Agamedes Chapter

Seeing a need in their non-human community, the Agamedes Chapter was recently participated in a philanthropic project with local, no-kill Born Free Pet Shelter in Miami, Florida. They were able to help build an obstacle course for the dogs at the shelter, repair some of the storage at the shelter, and work to create a more positive shelter environment for both canines and humans alike. When asked about their contribution, their point of contact at the shelter said "we were blessed to have students from Alpha Rho Chi want to help our dogs and our shelter. They asked what items were on our wish list for our dogs and put together 4 dog obstacle courses to help stimulate and exercise our dogs. They also built a shed for us to keep our supplies, dog beds, and collars and leashes safe and dry from the elements. Both much needed items. The students were amazing putting this all together... All of this was accomplished with smiles and lots of love for our dogs."

## Mass Timber Housing Prototypes

Hippodamus Chapter

In 2019, the Hippodamus chapter had an opportunity to use their design skills to contribute to a philanthropic project in the City of Quitman, Mississippi by designing Mass Timber Housing Prototypes as part of an upcoming bond. Through their hard work and dedication, the students contributed to the funding and further development of this project. Quitman Mayor Eddie Fulton said that "The students were simply put, Wonderful. Their energy and vision was refreshing, as they held nothing back. We gave them input as to what size and type of houses we were looking for, and they answered brilliantly. These students deserve national recognition for their work, withstanding challenges to their designs, and enabling our State to get moving into the use of timber"



Photos courtesy of Domitian, Demetrios, and Olynthius

## Mental Health Garden

Olynthius Chapter

Being familiar with the stresses on architecture students, and university students as a whole, the Olynthius Chapter has been involved in an ongoing effort to design and implement a mental health garden on the University of Maryland campus. The effort has brought together students studying architecture, planning, and landscape architecture, encouraging cross-departmental collaboration on

campus. Former Worthy Architect Nilo Exar says that the project was inspired by a need that was close to home, that "many times, students give their own mental health a backseat to looming project deadlines and extracurriculars. The mental health garden will be a place that students can kindle their own sense of self and mindfulness."

# HANDS of NA

## Domitian Chapter

The Domitian chapter has been involved in an ongoing partnership with the HANDS of North Arlington organization, a group in North Arlington, New Jersey dedicated to assisting and supporting adults with developmental challenges.

The chapter has participated in weekly events, and has been involved with the group's summer camp for the past several years, and have expressed that "once a week, it is a moment for us to be selfless, and put someone above ourselves."



# Little Libraries

## Demetrios Chapter

As part of their chapter's revitalization, the Demetrios Colony engaged in the creation of several "Little Libraries" around Columbus, Ohio. They facilitated a book drive, constructed several library units for installation, and placed one in a local metro park, and the other in a neighborhood. The libraries have been active and in use for several months, and are already being used by the community.

# Boy Scout Merit Badge MLK Day of Service Habitat for Humanity

## Anthemios Chapter

The Anthemios Chapter has been involved with various philanthropic efforts around campus, participating in their university's MLK Day of Service and Habitat for Humanity builds consistently. Additionally, they have been involved with a local Boy Scout Chapter for several years, working with scouts to earn an Architecture merit badge. The local troop leader said in regards to the chapter's efforts that "the

local Alpha Rho Chi chapter has been a great partner for many years to help make this event possible. We certainly could not do it without such civically involved groups. Architecture merit badge has been a popular option, so we were excited at the chance to offer it again."

*Photos courtesy of Anthemios, Agamedes, and Hippodamus*

# Kenneth Kohlen Faculty Advisor Award

Timothy Frank, Polyidus

At the 2019 Alpha Rho Chi Convention, the Polyidus Chapter (Kennesaw State University) honored their faculty advisor, Timothy Frank, with the Kenneth Kohlen Faculty Advisor Award for his continued enthusiasm and engagement with the chapter. Brother Frank has aided the chapter with academic and professional measures, by providing guidance for executive board members, assisting with community outreach efforts, and working with teams during design-build competitions. Additionally, his presence

in Alpha Rho Chi extends beyond his involvement at Kennesaw State. Brother Frank has been an active participant in both regional and national events, including the White Rose Symposium in 2017 and Faculty Advisor Roundtables in both 2015 and 2017. Brother Frank's professional accomplishments are extensive as well. His various contributions to Alpha Rho Chi, professionally and fraternally, have been recognized both locally and nationally with this award.

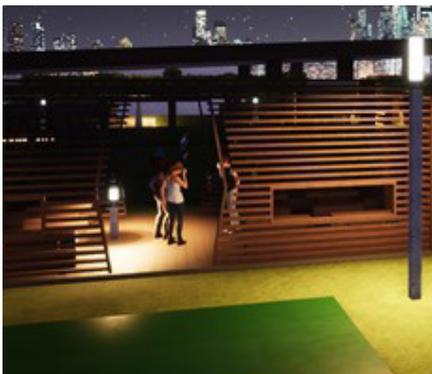


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## Seshait Chapter Community Service Projects

In 2018, the Seshait Chapter recognized an opportunity to improve and impact their local community, and took action. Using their design and communication skills, the chapter proposed a beautification project within the Bond neighborhood, adjacent to the Florida A&M University (FAMU) campus, in the form of a linear park and walkway, with several amenities to bolster community activity and increase the health and happiness of members of the community. During a presentation to the Community Redevelopment Agency, one brother mentioned that the Bond community used to feel connected to the University, but over time, the connection has faded, and with it, the residents' clear connection to the pursuit of higher education. Through the development of their beautification project, the Seshait Chapter, as well as other campus organizations from FAMU, is hoping to reignite the connection between the campus and the neighborhood. The design for the linear park would include

pavilions, to encourage celebrations and community events, and would connect to existing running and walking paths. The walking path, an elevated "floating" path, would be a minimally invasive approach environmentally, allowing water to percolate and drain easily, while still creating and reimagining connections between FAMU and the Bond neighborhood. Brother Ross emphasized the importance of these paths during the chapter's presentation to the Community Redevelopment Agency, stating that "it's important that children see what their future can be". The pathways would connect to a busy campus street, and would terminate in a sculptural archway, with each side wrapping around an eternal flame, symbolizing the everlasting prestige of FAMU. The Seshait Chapter's presentation on December 13, 2018 helped secure the funding for a \$6.4 million development project, with \$500,000 dedicated specifically to improvements in the Bond neighborhood, where their work was focused.



Photos Courtesy of Seshait Chapter

## Thumb Print Cookies

Submitted by: William Bradford

### What you'll need:

Large Bowl  
Medium/Small Bowl  
Baking Sheet  
Mixer/Whisk

### At a Glance:

Estimated time: 30 minutes  
Skill level: Easy

*I quadruple this family recipe for the holidays. I've also been taking these to office holiday parties for years, and they're always a hit!*

### Ingredients

1/2 cup butter, softened  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1 egg, separated  
1/2 tsp vanilla  
1 cup sifted flour  
1/4 tsp salt  
Finely chopped nuts  
Jelly or preserves  
Powdered sugar

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375.
2. In a bowl, beat butter, sugar, egg yolk, and vanilla until combined
3. Gradually add sifted flour to wet ingredients, stirring until combined.
4. Roll dough in to 1-inch balls. Coat dough in egg white, and then dip in finely chopped nuts to coat.
5. Place on ungreased baking sheet, leaving about 1 inch between cookies. Bake for 5 minutes and remove from oven. Gently press thumb or back of spoon in to center of each cookie. Return to oven and bake another 8 minutes.
6. After cookies have cooled, place a bit of jelly or preserves in the thumbprint. Dust with powdered sugar.

## How has Alpha Rho Chi impacted your life?

In college, struggling like so many do to find myself, I found solace and acceptance in a group of Brothers at Penn State. They made me feel welcome, at home, comfortable with being myself and ultimately coming out as a gay man. Since that time, my APX family of love and acceptance has grown across the country from coast to coast, chapter to chapter. It's why over the years I have continued to serve and volunteer for such an amazing organization. To a certain degree, APX saved me and helped me accept myself, and if my service can help one more Brother come out, feel accepted and comfortable in their own skin, then it's all been worth it.

AJ Kessinger, Vitruvius

Joining Alpha Rho Chi changed my life. I come from a very small town in Central Pennsylvania and was so unsure of myself and my major coming to college. My brothers gave me the confidence to excel in school and to discover who I was, not only in architecture but in life. I found my strength through the support system that is our fraternity and I am so excited to continue to share that with other architecture students. I look forward to meeting more of my brothers as I continue down my career path, wherever it may lead.

Eleanor Cromwell, Olynthus

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# Edson Cabalfin

on Design, Social Justice, and Making Change

BY Mary Stiger - Severus Alumni, Kent State University

Edson Cabalfin is a designer, historian, architect, and researcher, with work spanning practice areas and continents. He is also an honorary member of Alpha Rho Chi, initiated at the Rabirius Chapter while serving as the faculty advisor there. Cabalfin is now a Professor of Practice in Design Thinking, and the director of the Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship (SISE) Program at Tulane University, where he promotes design thinking as a tool for social innovation within the School of Architecture, while providing interdisciplinary experiences for students in the SISE Program. Just two months in to his new position at Tulane, Cabalfin sat down for a chat with Publications Coordinator Mary Stiger.

**You work at this very compelling intersection of sociology and architecture. How does design influence your understanding of social theory, and how do you see social theory influencing design?**

Design and design thinking are innovative ways of addressing systemic social problems. Design thinking offers a way of re-framing problem-solving through an iterative process -- problem identification, ideation, prototyping, and testing. Design thinking also takes a user- or human-centered approach through empathy. Social theory can be tested and verified through this design thinking process. On the other side of this, insights from social theory can inform how design and designers can approach problem-solving, by offering deeper insight in terms of how people think, behave, and act. Social



theory can provide the basis for making informed decisions in design. I see that design and social theory can mutually inform each other.

**How would you define social innovation and social entrepreneurship through the lens of architecture?**

Social innovation can be broadly defined as finding new ways of solving social problems with the goal of achieving more effective, just, and sustainable solutions that benefit the broader public. Social entrepreneurship, on the other hand, can be generally defined as finding opportunities and innovations, whether through the non-profit, private, or public sector, to address social problems. Through the lens of architecture and design, social innovation and social entrepreneurship is about finding new and innovative ways of solving problems and making connections and opportunities either by using architecture as the agent of change or as the avenue of framing these problems. This means that architecture should not be seen as

*Photo courtesy of Edson Cabalfin*

the silver bullet that solves complex social problems, but rather we should consider possibilities for architecture to become an instrument or catalyst of change, while at the same time acknowledging that architecture is but part of a larger solution.

**What role do you see architecture and design taking in moving toward a more equitable future for all?**

Architecture and design have a remarkable potential in becoming instruments of change for a more equitable future for all. This can be achieved by architecture and design serving as platforms for broader systemic changes to occur. For example, looking at architecture and the built environment as sites where people live, work, and play, we can then recognize

the big impact of the built environment on people's lives. Thus, as we begin to introduce innovative and positive change in the built environment, we are also directly affecting changes in people's lives. We need to first identify how our built environment is currently dispossessing, disenfranchising, and marginalizing people to be able to change it to a more equitable, inclusive and just environment in the future.

**What are some things you hope to impart on students you work with in the Social Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship Program at Tulane?**

Overall, the Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship (SISE) program at Tulane University hopes to catalyze a

new generation of changemakers to create ethical, sustainable, and scalable solutions to pressing social challenges. Specifically, we hope that students will learn the following: understand design thinking and human-centered design as process and framework in problem-solving; how to engage and collaborate with various communities and organizations in finding new solutions to social problems; how to understand various pressing socio-cultural and economic-political issues surrounding systemic societal problems; and how to creatively develop possible solutions for these urgent issues. We also want our students to understand social problems as systems, that is, as a complex and interconnected network of agents, institutions, and contexts.

## what can I do to make change?

**Become aware**

You can educate yourself on how systemic oppression and marginalization occurs at various places, contexts, and scales, and become aware of the problems that are happening around you. Read books, newspapers, and magazines to learn more about social issues. Talk to people in your neighborhood, workplace, or school to see what issues others are facing. Reach out to organizations, such as non-profits and governmental agencies who are addressing social problems, to learn more about the work they do. Be empathetic and have an open heart and mind in becoming aware of your surroundings and the people who are around you.

**Introduce incremental and/or systemic change at various levels**

Try changing small things within your life, for example, taking public transport instead of driving your car, or donating to your local food bank, or volunteering to a local shelter. You can also participate in larger activities such as protests or demonstrations advocating for larger changes in society. You can participate in committees within the professional organization to propose changes in the system, whether education, profession, or industry. You can also mobilize action groups or join community organizations that are advocating for social change.

**Advocate for a better built environment**

Work within the space you currently have, at school, at work, or in your community, by participating in disseminating information and advocating for social change. You can use social media as a platform to help raise awareness regarding inequities in the built environment. You can submit an article to a magazine, newspaper or journal advocating for change. You can influence others by advocating in other venues beyond the organization, institution or setting you are currently within. You can go beyond your circle and create new connections with other changemakers to find other ways of contributing change.

Architecture and design fields have a unique opportunity to catalyze social change. Educators like Edson Cabalfin are working to mold a new generation of designers, who are keenly aware of the impact their work has, not just for clients, but for people who live, work, and play in their communities. Cabalfin sees architecture as part of a larger solution to social issues, and he was drawn to education because it gives him the opportunity to instill a new mindset in future generations of architects. Cabalfin's students are encouraged to think critically about social issues that they see around them, and then consider what they can do as a designer to affect change. By encouraging students to change their perspective, Cabalfin is promoting empathy for others and responsiveness to social issues through design and design thinking. Students are brimming with potential to make change as designers, researchers, leaders, and educators. As Cabalfin says, "the best way to institute change is by changing hearts and minds." ■

Questions about Tulane's SISE Program or social innovation design? Contact Edson Cabalfin at [ecabalfin@tulane.edu](mailto:ecabalfin@tulane.edu)

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## Readings on the Intersection of Design and Social Innovation:

Design Justice: Community-Led Practices to Build the Worlds We Need  
*Sasha Costanza-Chock, 2020*

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*Arturo Escobar, 2018*

Design for Social Impact: How-To Guide  
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Design Thinking for the Greater Good: Innovation in the Social Sector  
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Inquiry by Design: Environment/Behavior/Neuroscience in Architecture, Interiors, Landscape, and Planning, Revised edition  
*John Zeisel, 2006*

# How is Alpha Rho Chi present in your life?

I've felt a tiny bit isolated since moving away from my home state, and that hits on top of quarantine. It's nice to have regular video calls to talk to everyone and feel more comfortable. My chapter has also slowly improved their social media presence as well. I really enjoy seeing all the new things that they're doing.

Taylor Eyo, Olynthus

When we moved to Lakewood CO, I started the Denver Metro Group in 2013 and met brothers of all ages from many chapters. It helped me feel comfortable in a new state, knowing I had brothers to lean on.

Danielle Likvan Swanson, Anthemios

While I'm still fairly fresh out of college and haven't had the proper time for APX to resurface, I believe the national network of brothers will be impactful down the line, and I hope that alumni resources like metro groups will aid my transition from California to Virginia.

Samantha Ihle, Daedalus

## Building Confidence

### How Alpha Rho Chi Helped Shape My Communication Skills

BY **Emily Lewis** - Vitruvius Alumni, Pennsylvania State University

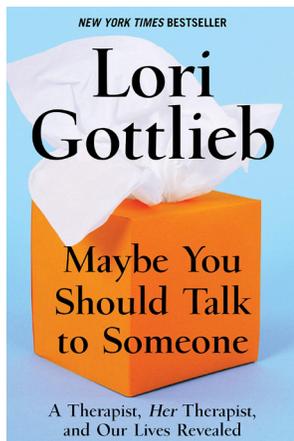
Recently I had a conversation with my supervisor at work regarding my ability to speak the language of engineers, work well with a variety of disciplines, and take on tasks outside of my job description as a landscape architect. I commented that I've come a long way from the days where a simple phone call would cause me to break down in tears and want to hide under my desk from the panic and anxiety that ensued; the times when Imposter Syndrome would get the best of me and I'd be overly concerned with how I perceived what everyone else thought of me. He asked how and when that changed. I considered for a moment, then responded "During my time as Director of Finance for Alpha Rho Chi."

Alpha Rho Chi certainly granted me many

opportunities to grow as a leader, professional, and person throughout my affiliation and through positions held as a collegiate, alumni and national volunteer, but it was when I was appointed and subsequently elected to the position of Worthy Grand Estimator in 2015 that I truly found my voice. Suddenly people were looking towards me to be the expert and to make decisions that would directly affect hundreds of students and indirectly affect many more. I stumbled and shook through presenting my first Grand Council Report in Charlotte but gradually over the next 3 years I learned how to better assert my opinion and firmly present my decisions based on facts, numbers, and data, speaking in front of groups of students and alumni without fear. Knowing that I had a team

of 6 people who would support me as I learned about taxes, phishing scams and database management, have my back in times of struggle, and question me when needed, gave me the confidence that I could do this job and do it well.

I didn't come away from my experience as WGE thinking that I knew everything about finance, but rather I discovered that I can take disparate pieces of information, sort them out into a logical manner, and ask for help when I need it. That's more important than being an expert. Finally, just as important as the personal and professional confidence I have gained from Alpha Rho Chi are the relationships I have built across the country, forged by working together on common goals. ■



## Maybe You Should Talk To Someone

Lori Gottlieb



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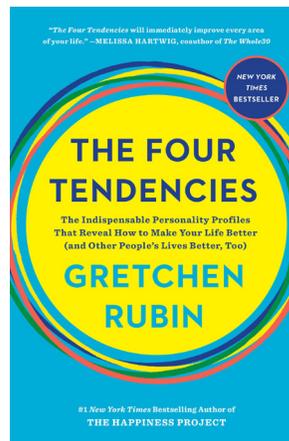


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- Danielle Likvan Swanson  
Anthemios



## The Four Tendencies

Gretchen Rubin



Read the physical book



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"Have you ever wondered why you may respond to certain expectations the way you do? Learn more about yourself and those around you by discovering why you are more apt to do specific tasks over others and how you may come to the conclusions to do those things. Test your findings on yourself, fellow brothers, friends, and family!"

- Maggie Mueller  
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# thank you!



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