

THE PHI DELT TRIBUNE

The Official Newsletter of ΦΔΘ New York Eta



**New York Eta
would like to
wish a Happy
Thanksgiving to
all the family,
friends, and
alumni of Phi
Delta Theta**

Phi Delt Semi-Formal is a Huge Success!

On November 8th, 2019, NYH hosted its annual semi-formal at the River's Edge Party House

On Friday, November 8th, NYH hosted its first semi-formal. The tradition of holding a semi-formal is one that has been present for years, and it holds a great importance in the fraternity life. It is not only a time to celebrate with each other, but a time to bring in friends and acquaintances outside of the brotherhood as well. Through formal we strengthen our bonds together and our bonds with those around us.

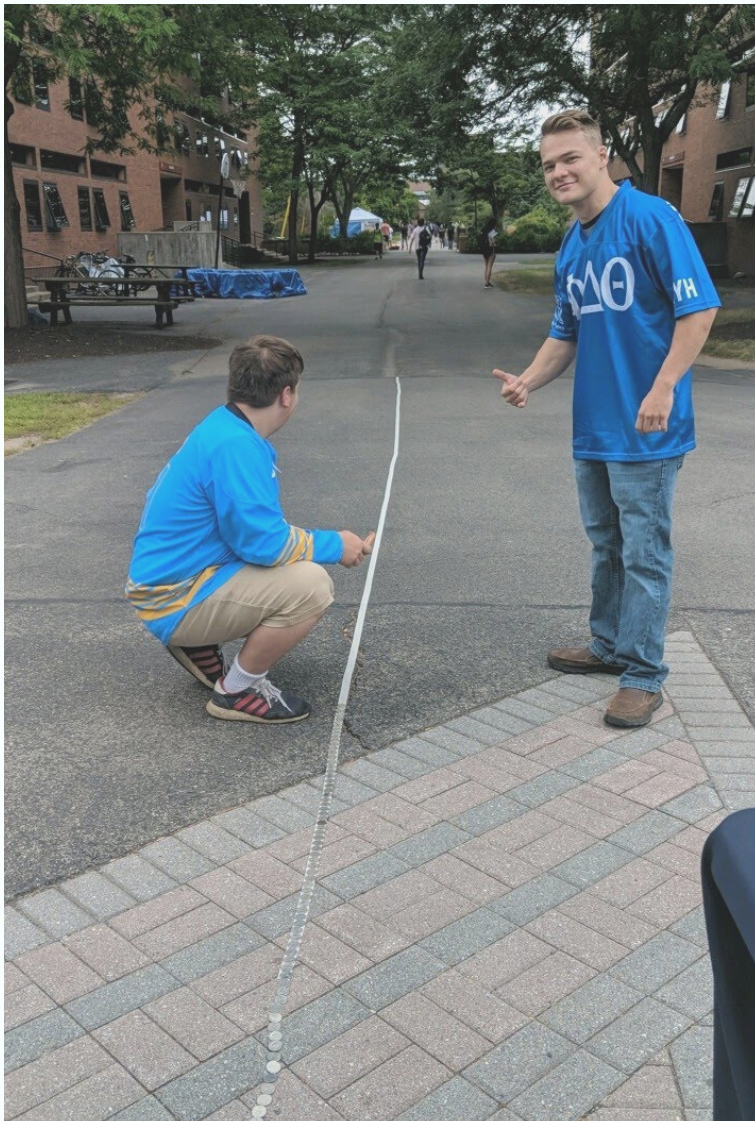
This year formal was held at Rivers Edge Party House and featured around fifty guests. Twenty-three brothers attended along with one alumnus. Guests included friends from every brother's life and members from different sororities across campus. The festivities went splendidly, and all attendees seemed to enjoy themselves. Next year, we plan to celebrate once again, and hope to see some of you there!

Putting the Quarters Back into the "Quarter Mile"

NYH restores lost RIT tradition

Years ago, a group used to host a fundraiser where they lined the entire quarter mile with quarters, hence its name. The actual length of the quarter mile is around 1/3 of a mile, and a perfectly straight line of quarters from the sundial to the infinity statue would take around \$10,000.

This year, New York Eta hosted a similar fundraiser where we asked for donations on the quarter mile, and we would line it with quarters. We started at the sundial, and over the course of only 5 days in September, we raised over \$2,000. This brought us from our starting location, past the Kevin Smith Memorial Tree, and almost to the Gordon Field House entrance. Not a bad showing for the fundraiser's initial return to campus. This event will be hosted again during the first week of classes next fall.



President Sokol Signing Off

As my time as the president of the New York Eta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta comes to a close, it is truly amazing to see all that we have accomplished this year. In March, 39 men signed the bond, and re-founded something that has been a staple on RIT's campus for years. This year, four brothers (Matt Casarsa #394, Max Italiaander #404, Jackson Robbins #396, and Will Sokol #429) have all answered the call to become Iron Phis. Along with this, we have hosted three major philanthropy initiatives, Brackets against ALS, RIT Gets Down, and our Quarter Mile fundraiser. In the limited time that NYH has been back at RIT, our impact has been remarkable.

The external impact of the fraternity is only the beginning of our success. The active brotherhood is as strong as ever. In April 2018, we were all strangers, yet 18 months later, we currently sit at 40 active members. We have hosted several brotherhood events throughout the semester such as Phiday Night Dinners and RoughNRoudy. After initiating a new alpha class that included 8 stellar men, the future of Phi Delta Theta is bright, and I am confident that this fraternity will continue to grow in a positive direction. It has been a pleasure serving.

Yours in the Bond,

Will Sokol #429

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The eyes of the RIT community are upon Phi Delta Theta, and it is up to us to make a difference, and continue to move onward.