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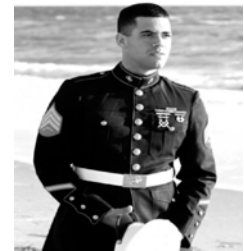
# THE SIGMA PHI CHAPTER OF PHI GAMMA DELTA NEWSLETTER

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## President's Address

Greetings!!

Welcome to the Sigma Phi Newsletter. It is my honor and privilege to address our graduate and undergraduate brothers as the 2010 chapter president. With that said, let me take this time to tell you that there has never been a more exciting time to be part of the Sigma Phi brotherhood. We have kicked off the year with great fundraising events in order to make some additions to the house and quality of living better. Morale could not be better, our soccer and basketball team are representing us well, and because of their hard work and efforts we could go all the way this season. Sigma Phi will be attending the Heat vs. Warriors game in order to celebrate the accomplishments made over the past few months. Furthermore, pig dinner and the retreat are right around the corner, I urge each and every one of you to attend as it will be a night to remember. In keeping with our values, we will be participating in the annual event hosted for cancer victims, "Relay for Life". We will accept donations all night long and in return you will get to dunk the Fiji of your choice. Once again welcome to the 2010 Sigma Phi year and I hope it will be the best ever. PRESS ON!



Sandor Toledo, President 2010  
Sigma Phi Chapter - Phi Gamma Delta

# Recruitment Report for 2009

## **Recruitment Chair Anum Greene**

As we all know, recruitment is what keeps this fraternity growing stronger day by day. After lots of hard work, this past summer was a success. The chapter held BBQ's at the house every Monday night after freshmen orientation fairs and since all of the freshmen were spending the night in the dorms, it offered them something to do after, as well as opened up a large window of opportunity to recruit for summer and fall.

Summer and Fall rush events were planned well and consisted of different activities such as BBQ's where we cooked food and put music on while everyone socialized and played pool, another event was game night where we would set up the poker tables, ping pong, and foosball. The best event was indoor surfing at Adrenalina at Miami International Mall where we rented it out for two hours and let everyone surf on the artificial wave.



The Alpha Lambda summer pledge class started at 16, and went on to initiate 13 great brothers.

The Alpha Mu fall pledge class started with 22 pledges.

## Outstanding Pledges

We would like to recognize the pledges who earned over a 3.5 during their summer pledging semester:

- Artem Volos
- Josue Fernandez
- Andy Leiva
- Mizael Ponce
- Cameron Crawford

## Annual Holiday Dinner Awards

Certificate of Excellence in

*Scholarship:*

- Joshua Acosta
- Artem Volos
- Daniel A. Gonzalez

*Recruitment:*

- Anum Greene
- Joseph Aguila

*Campus Involvement:*

- Renzo Barrantes
- Ian Gonzalez

*Graduate Support:*

- Howard Klahr
- Joel Calafell
- Daniel Lopez

## Sports



Fiji Soccer continues undefeated throughout the season. After our victory against the Pi Kappa Phi chapter (3 to 1) we took second place overall. Finals start Monday March, 1<sup>st</sup>. Victory looks promising.

## The Graduate Spotlight

We would also like to wish the best of luck to the great seniors that have graduated in 2009:

- Andrew Sebastian
- Eric Karker
- Michael Halpert
- Andrew Scharhag
- Troy Bernardo
- Sean Chislett
- Joel Calafell
- Luis Jimenez

### **Graduate Brother Sean Chislett**

“After graduating last spring, I spent the summer doing research/lab work at the FIU engineering center as a continuation of my senior design project. In mid-August, I moved to Houston and started medical school at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston.”



### **Graduate Brother John Fernandez- Rubio**

“After graduating from FIU, I attended the Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC) at Fort Benning, Georgia and the Military Police Basic Officer Leadership Course (MPBOLC) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I won the leadership award for my class at the MPBOLC course and received an Army Achievement Medal for doing so. I am currently stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia and serve as a Military Police Platoon Leader. I am responsible for up to 43 soldiers, including military police soldiers and non-commissioned officers with up words of 18 years experience and approximately \$2 million dollars worth of equipment. I oversee the day-to-day law enforcement operations of the platoon and

ensure the combat readiness thereof. My wife and I are expecting our first daughter, Veronica, in late April.”

### **Graduate Brother Andrew Scharhag**

Andrew Scharhag has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a minor in entrepreneurship. He is currently back in Jacksonville and looking at MBA graduate school programs with aspirations to attend the University of Miami.



### **Graduate Brother Eric Karker**

Eric Karker graduated in Spring 2009 and took a snowboarding trip to New Zealand for two months. Eric moved to Copper Mountain, Colorado in November 2009 and became a professional snowboarding instructor.

## Other News

Sigma Phi held a blood drive in the summer at the FIJI house and raised over \$4,500.

Brothers Sean McCall and Devin Walker helped the Sigma Phi chapter win a contest called “Rock Your Rush” on Y100.7 FM Radio station to have LMFAO, popular electro, hip-hop group, perform live in the back of the FIJI house! Brother Joe Aguila was the DJ that opened up for them as well. That night we had a showing of over 1,500 people to see them and enjoy a party at the FIJI House soon after!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida International University Relay For Life

Date: Friday, March 5 – 6, 2010  
Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 AM (March 6)  
Location: Modesto Madique Campus ( UP):  
In back of the Ryder Business Building facing 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

### Sigma Phi 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Frank B. Norris PIG DINNER

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2010  
Time: 7 – 11pm (*Please be there at the latest 6:00PM*)  
Location: Modesto Madique Campus, Graham Center East Ballroom  
Price: \$35 for undergraduates and graduates  
( *Payment will be accepted at the door **WITH** a confirmation of attendance given to Lukas Calafell **BEFORE** March 20, 2010*)  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Kenneth A. Jessell ( Florida State University 1977)

### Comment Section

by Lukas Calafell

If you have any comments, suggestions or advice, please e-mail me at [Lcala002@fiu.edu](mailto:Lcala002@fiu.edu). This is the first issued newsletter since 2005 I believe. I plan in the future to make our newsletters more creative, better looking, and inclusive of more information. With that said, I am open to comments and advice at any time.

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