



Initiation Dinner

# Michigan Tech Spring 2014

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## President

This semester has brought some large changes to our chapter as a whole. To start, we brought in another large class of 11 new men into our organization which means we have effectively doubled our chapter's size in a single year. With this large increase in membership we have started the process of reorganizing some of our leadership along with taking our first steps towards formalizing transition material. Additionally these changes have us looking forward towards more long term goals as a chapter such as home ownership, and greater financial stability. It is without a doubt that I can say that our future looks bright.

-Matthew Porter

## VP of Membership

When I look over the past year, it is incredible to see the growth our organization has achieved. Not many fraternities can say they over doubled their membership in a year, but I feel even these large

numbers fail in comparison to the strength of the bonds forged between brothers.



From Left to Right: Brett Billington, Joe Halford, Matt Porter, and Dan Sullivan

With so many new faces and ideas, it is an understatement to say there was tension. Our eboard was being driven into the ground by the weight of the majority. However, the conflict brought us together, more than any event could have. We realized the strength we had in every member and became more aware of the support we all needed. As an organization we made adjustments and have come out stronger for it.

I had a lot of time to reflect on the events of this past year

while constructing the formal slideshow. We had a lot of success with Pi-Mile, our first 5k philanthropy run. The cardboard boat race was ours from the beginning. Thanksgiving and the superbowl gave us a chance to cook dinner as a family at the house. We even experimented with glass making, turning old bottles into house glasses. Our winter carnival statue was awesome and we were winter carnival broomball champions!

Our brothers can be found almost anywhere on campus: ResLife, IT, orientation, student government, hall councils, ROTC. Not to mention, the name "Triangle" couldn't be better perceived in the eyes of students, faculty, and members of the community. I feel honored to be working in the position I currently hold and I could not be more proud of where we stand as a brotherhood.

- Cameron Smith

## Recruitment Chair

Triangle had a phenomenal spring semester for recruitment! The Beta Beta class was initiated on April 6th, with 11 new members. Our recruitment efforts for the semester consisted of the classic, Triangle Tuesday held every week, along with various other events each week. A lot our recruiting efforts were done on a personal level more so than at events, which helped us to gain strong bonds with our new brothers. With the school year ending on such a strong note for recruitment, I can only anticipate great things for the fall as well.

-Mike Spenle

## VP of Member Development

During my semester as Vice President of Member Development, my goal was to encourage growth in both new and old members alike. To achieve this goal, many of the new-member education meetings I considered to be "hybrid" sessions - sessions which educated both new and old members.

An example of a hybrid session was the history module as part of my curriculum. Both new members and their bigs were to construct a history of triangle, from their varying perspectives. As new members to the organization, they were encouraged to compile a large timeline of fraternal history from their books. Older members, based on class, compiled a local chapter history on large poster board. Once completed, a larger timeline was compiled which filled the entire room and a complete history was formed.

The idea of history sparked an idea, an idea to bring back the

triangle historian. The triangle historian was created to educate the body and compile a history of the chapter, just as we did during the hybrid session.

Again, this semester was devoted to strengthening the educational bonds between all chapter members (brothers and new members alike). Although we still have a long way to go, we are on the right path.

-Joshua Manela

## Social Chair

We started the semester by bring more people, friends and recruits alike to Tuesdays.

From there we started to branch out a bit by having a nice get together for winter carnival. After we went with a bit of interaction with a few sororities, Deephers and Alp Gams throughout the semester for some icebreaker games. From there we wrapped up the semester with planning a street party similar to mini K-Day for next year.

## Philanthropy Chair

The main events that occurred during my semester as Philanthropy chair were Joey's Charity Seafood Event and a charity movie with film board. Those two events raised over \$700 for charity. Other smaller events included Relay for Life and aiding Theta Chi Epsilon with their pie throwing charity event. We had a decent turnout at all the events, especially the seafood for charity, which is something I hope to continue to see in the future.

## Treasurer

**Pledge Fee:** \$90

**Initiation Fee:** \$

**Active Dues:** \$430

## Formal Awards

**Man of the Year:** Alex Ott

**Cutest Bromance:** Alex Ott and Brett Billington

**Cutest Couple:** Alex Ott and Allie Van Duzer

**Cutest Big/Little Couple:** Danny Chappell and Andy Hartz

**Most Valuable Pledge:** Andy Hartz

**Triangle Scholar:** Dustin St.Arnaud

**The "10<sup>th</sup> Ethic" Award:** Nick Ditta

**Orange Jumpsuit Award:** Joe Halford

## New Triangle Brothers

We are pleased to present these ten men who were initiated as brother of Triangle on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at our own chapter.

### Kevin Erkkila (Pictured in Front)

Kevin is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Computer Science Major from Midland, MI. He is a ROTC cadet who enjoys picking on people who can beat him up.

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### Andrew Hartz

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### Eric Hecht (Pictured on Right)

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**Jared Richards**

Jared is a 1<sup>st</sup> year Mechanical Engineer from Little Lake, MI. Jared enjoys fishing and taking naps in Jerry's room while Jerry isn't there.

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**Kyle Tice**

Kyle is a 5<sup>th</sup> year Mechanical engineer from Novi, MI. Kyle enjoys playing poker and taking selfies with snowmen after being left at the Mariner.

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**Braden Bennett**

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**Christopher Jagusch**

Chris is a 4<sup>th</sup> year Computer Science Major from Houghton, MI. He enjoys Nicki Minaj and is the Weblord!

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**Daniel LaForest**

Dan is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Chemical Engineer from Harrison Twp. He is usually out exploring random hiking trails or plotting his next road trip. Or more likely I'll be at Applebees eating half off apps.

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**Ian Wakely**

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**Andrew Webb**

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**Matt Byrne**

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## Winter Carnival



This year's winter carnival statue theme was "Nostalgic Films of Childhood Days come to Life in Frosty Ways" and we chose to build Rapunzel's Tower from Tangled



Triangle won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Fraternity division of the 2014 Winter Carnival Broomball tournament!

## Officer Transitions

Position	Off the Hook	Now In Charge
New Member/ Member Educator	Josh Manela	Alex Ott
Service and Philanthropy Chair	Daniel Sullivan	Richard Taglione
IM Chair	Danny Chappell	Andy Hartz
Sergeant at Arms	Daniel Sullivan	Nick Coon

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