



# Phi Kappa Psi IL Delta Newsletter

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### *Brothers in ROTC*

*By: Austin Minnigerode*

The Illinois Delta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi takes great pride in those brothers who live by the creed and embrace the ideal of the “great joy of serving others.” No brothers better embody that spirit than the brothers who are members of the ROTC. The ROTC is the Reserve Officer Training Corps which prepares college students to become officers in the U.S. military. Currently, there are four brothers of the Illinois Delta Chapter who are members of this program. They are Colton King, Mitchell Ciszewski, Andrew Lee, and Brian Bell.

Their college experience is different in many ways, but they still enjoy all of the opportunities that ROTC has to offer. Brother Andrew Lee described to me his personal experience as a member of the program.

Around 5:30 am every day of the week, Lee wakes up to get ready for PT which starts at 6 am and lasts until 7:20 am. PT typically consists of a lot of running, sometimes up to three miles, push-ups, sit ups, etc. After PT, Lee goes to class and studies while trying to find time to nap throughout the day to make up for lost hours of sleep. In addition to a full course schedule, Lee also takes a three credit hour ROTC course required by the program. He does receive time off for Spring and Winter breaks, but during the Summer he will take an advanced ROTC camp that lasts 31 days and is intended to be a test for cadets who wish to become officers in the future. Lee says he gets about three hours of sleep a night as he balances school, the ROTC program requirements, and fraternity obligations and duties.



*Andrew Lee with other ROTC members*

Lee decided to join the program after his first semester freshman year of college after exploring new opportunities on campus and deciding that ROTC was a good fit. Although he only averages three hours of sleep a night and is kept busy with ROTC, there are numerous benefits to the program too. ROTC members get their tuition and room and board subsidized by the University in exchange for eight years of military service



*Andrew Lee with tank*

following graduation. Because the program trains members like Lee to be officers, he will start his service as a second lieutenant. The benefits don't stop there as Lee says he really enjoys and gets a lot out of the program as he feels like he is mentally, emotionally, and physically ahead of his college peers.

## *Scholarship Update*

*By: Jake Bohn, Scholarship Chair*

The Phi Kappa Psi scholarship committee was able to make great strides at the end of last semester and the beginning of this semester. The in-house library was expanded and refurbished to make it cleaner and more inviting to brothers. This way, the brothers feel more at home and relaxed in order to complete their work. This had an obvious benefit, as last semester Phi Kappa Psi was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> out of 42 houses in terms of overall G.P.A.



*Scholarship Chairman Jake Bohn*

New ideas have also been introduced in order to rise even higher in the rankings. Study dates with sororities such as Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, and Alpha Chi Omega have been put into place so that a social environment, which also improves grades, could be created. This way, doing homework became more of a social event. Also, for the new members, office hour slips were made. Thus, brothers could take a slip, get it signed by the teacher's assistant, and turn it in for room pick points in exchange for going into office hours! This provides an incentive to keep studies on track. I am very excited for the upcoming semester, and I am confident our ranking will increase.

## *Alumni Golf Event*

*By: Jake Leahy, Alumni Chairman*



*Alumni Chairman Jake Leahy*

This year, the 2018 Alumni golf outing will be held on April 21 at Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana. This is a change from some years past when it was at Orange and Blue.

On top of the morning golf, tee times are set to start around 9:30 or 10:00, there will also be some other festivities going on throughout the

day. Although it is yet to be determined exactly what this will look like, there will be some form of lunch provided as well as likely space in a bar will be rented out for those attending.

If there is enough interest, there will be a significantly lower rate for those who are not interested in participating in the golf outing, but would like to take part in the events for the day.

For more information about the event or to RSVP, email me at [illinoisphipsialumni@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisphipsialumni@gmail.com).

Jake Leahy Alumni Relations Chair

## ***Brother Marko Sukovic Runs for State Representative***

***By: Jake Leahy***



*Marko Sukovic*

In November of 2017, Marko Sukovic announced he is running for the Republican nomination for State Representative. A suburban House seat in the 59th State Representative district in Illinois, Democrat Carol Sente announced

she would not run for reelection. Sukovic is a graduating senior at the University of Illinois, and a Phi Psi.

He will be graduating with honors, with a degree in Political Science. He worked as the Political Director for Congressman Bob Dold and helped launch the nonprofit group Turning Point USA. Despite just being 23 years old, he has a lot of experience and is well positioned for the upcoming election.

Brother Sukovic said, “My time with Phi Psi certainly helped equip me for this run, I am not sure I would be where I am today without my brothers in Phi Psi and the relationships I have formed.”

He has been endorsed by the Chicago Tribune as well as the Chicago Sun Times in the primary. In fact, the Chicago Sun Times described him saying that he, “could be the future of the Republican party in Illinois, and we’re encouraged by what we see.” Similarly the Chicago Tribune described him as, “a policy wonk with entrepreneurial experience, is a rising star voters should not pass up.”



*Marko Sukovich talking to students*

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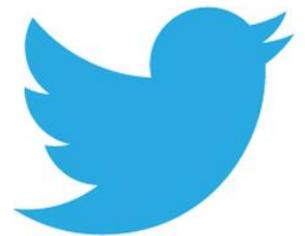
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