

Sweet Happenings from Your Sweetheart

Sigma Chi ~ Eta Iota

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Happy Holidays to the Brothers of ΣΧ!

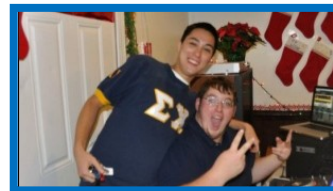
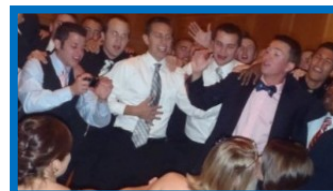
Hi, my name is Michelle Rodio ~ your 2011 Sweetheart! I look forward to meeting all of you outstanding men of the Eta Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi at this year's 40th Birthday Celebration! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends and have an even better new year.

This year, I plan to keep the Eta Iota alumni engaged in what the active chapter is doing and introduce you all to the undergraduate men here at ERAU. I hope that by the time Birthday comes around, you know who is leading the chapter, how the active chapter is doing, as well as how your fellow alumni have been since graduation!

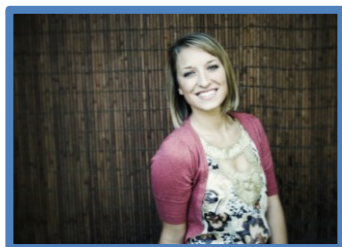
In each issue of *Sweet Happenings from Your Sweetheart*, I plan to introduce you to the active chapter a few brothers at a time as well as rekindling you with other alumni. Also, I will provide highlights as

to how Eta Iota is doing in intramurals, Derby Days planning, and other fun happenings on Ridgewood – the things that created the many fantastic memories of your undergraduate experience at Embry-Riddle.

I hope to get you all very excited for Birthday with each issue I send out and hope that by the time March rolls around, you cannot wait to jump on that plane and make your way to your chapter's 40th anniversary!



A Little Bit about Me



Once again, my name is Michelle Rodio and at this past White Rose, I was named the 2011 Sigma Chi Sweetheart and I couldn't be happier!

In May, I graduated with an undergraduate degree in Aerospace Engineering and am currently working on a graduate degree in Mechanical Engineering (to be completed May 2012).

I am an alumna of Alpha Xi Delta and last year was named Derby Day's Queen. In my last two years at ERAU, I worked as a co-op for United Space Alliance.

While Sweetheart, I plan to help the chapter with recruitment and academics, as well as being there for all the brothers whenever they may need me. I want to help strengthen the Three Aims within each brother and help them towards growing stronger both in the chapter and their brotherhood.

Meet the *Consul* - Taylor Quackenbush



*Eta Iota's two head honchos
leading the way to success!*

Taylor Quackenbush, hailing from Athens, Georgia is really excited about being Consul of the Eta Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi. Born May 22, 1991, Taylor, or "Ducky" to brothers, has previously held the Recruitment Chairmen and Annotator positions for Eta Iota. This past semester, he was even the President Elect of IFC but declined in order

to be Sigma Chi's Consul. In the Gamma Lambda pledge class, he bears the nickname *DryHump* and the number 748. Dating an Alpha Xi Delta, he is also active in ERAU's Orientation Team and acts as their social chair. He enjoys sailing, SCUBA diving, flying, and lacrosse. Studying Aerospace Studies, he is in the class of 2013 at ERAU.



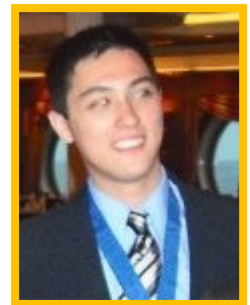
"What you do in life by yourself doesn't mean as much as what you accomplish with a group of people. Sigma Chi was one of the greatest things that happened to me. I really appreciate what it has done for me in my lifetime, and I hope I can continue to give something back."

-Mike Ditka

Meet the *Pro Consul* - Jason Auger

Also in the Gamma Lambda pledge class is the Eta Iota Pro Consul, Jason Auger. From Mandeville, Louisiana, Jason was born on May 11, 1991. With the nickname 16:09 and number 751, he enjoys flying, soccer, rugby, and paintball and attended school in both Taiwan and Qatar. Auger, as everyone calls him, has previously held the positions of

Historian, House Manager, and Assistant Magister. At ERAU, he is entering his 4th semester studying Aeronautical Science with an ATC Minor. During last year's Derby Days, Auger was one of three Sigma Chi brothers chosen along with Consul Taylor Quackenbush by Alpha Xi Delta to coach them during the event.



Meet the *Annotator* - Jim Baldyga

Jim Baldyga is from Castle Rock, Colorado and was born on April 22, 1991. Studying aerospace engineering at ERAU, Baldyga (as he is called by many), is also in the Gamma Lambda pledge class and was the 753rd initiated

brother in Eta Iota with the nickname *Wax Shot*. At ERAU, Baldyga was inducted in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and enjoys playing the guitar, snowboarding, and boating. Set to graduate in 2013, he was also the pool manager.



Meet the *Quaestor* - Chuck Kwon

Along with Taylor, Jason, and Jim, Chuck was also in the Gamma Lambda pledge class and became the 756th initiate into the Eta Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi. Before coming to ERAU, Chuck was enlisted in the United States Army and worked as a mechanic on the

AH-64D Apache Attack Helicopter from August 2001 to March 2009. From Diamond Bar, California, he was born on March 17, 1982. With nickname *First Base*, Chuck is a fan of the Lakers and Dodgers. At ERAU, Chuck is studying Aeronautical Science.



We all know that the Quaestor and Annotator are important positions but what we didn't know that the Quaestor carries the entire load!

Where are they now? Catch up with alumni and see what they have been up to!

Derek Pizzo

Pledge Class: *Gamma Gamma*
698th Initiate of Eta Iota
Nickname: *Gordon*

Known to fellow Brother's as Pizzo, Derek graduated from ERAU in May 2009 with a degree in Air Traffic Control. He received his call from the FAA and on February 23rd he will begin his Air Traffic Control training out in Oklahoma City. After two months of training, he will report out to Tallahassee Tower where he will begin his career controlling the skies.

Still living locally with fellow Brother, Nick Weiss, Derek stays active with Eta Iota and helps the chapter with recruitment, Greek Week, Derby Days, and during I-Period and initiation events.

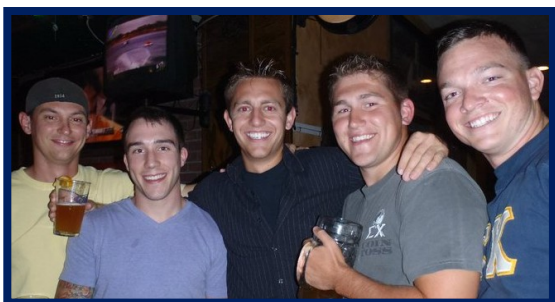


Nicholas Weiss

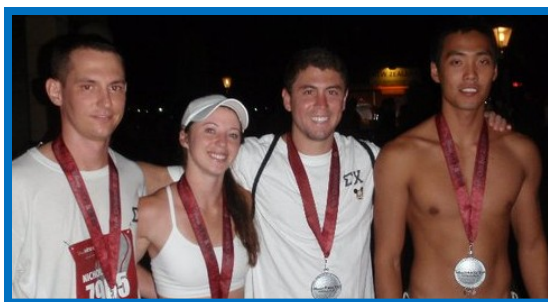
Pledge Class: *Gamma Alpha*
688th Initiate of Eta Iota
Nickname: *Schiezer*

Weiss, as he is called by Brothers, graduated with a degree in Aerospace Engineering in May 2009. He is currently a valet at a The Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach. Weiss is currently looking for employment ... anywhere. **hint hint* to all of the engineers out there*

Since graduating, Nick has competed in the Disney Half Marathon and is training for the Full Marathon later this month. He, like Derek, stays very active with the chapter and currently is the Vice President of House Corp. He also is now a parent to a black lab, Wrigley.



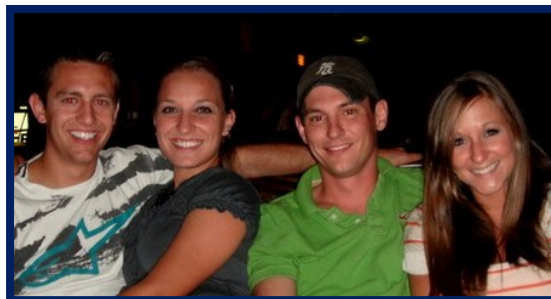
Alumni always have a good time hanging out at McKay's. From left to right are Nick Weiss, Kyle Fanelli, Derek Pizzo, Taylor Roynon, and Zach McKenna.



Alumni Nick Weiss, Nick Nelson, and Daniel Lee all participated in Disney's Half Marathon. Also in the picture is Brother Cameron Radford's sister Heather.



Several of HI's Consuls took a picture at Paul Smith's wedding: Derek Pizzo, John Gagne, Nick Weiss, Perry Lewis, Paul Brandau, Paul Smith, Nick Hoefer, and Brent von Stein.



Jamie Szczecinski, Sweetheart from 2004-2006, came back to visit Daytona and hung out with alumni and roommates Derek Pizzo, Nick Weiss, and myself.

The Norman Shield Award - To be presented to the most deserving Brother at 40th



At HI's 40th Birthday celebration, I would like to reward the Brother who best lives up to the values of Sigma Chi and what the Fraternity aspires to become and believes in, and present him with the very first *Norman Shield Award*.

For this award, many things will be taken into consideration such as personal accountability, service to others and the willingness to help Brothers who may be struggling, their financial obligations, as well as their personal and outward respect to one's self and one's brotherhood.

I want to honor the active Brother who most exemplifies the qualities of a man that is presented within the Norman Shield.

A Sigma Chi is a man who

- ... Continues a pursuit of learning for the development of knowledge, wisdom, and character
- ... Is a man with diverse temperaments, talents, and convictions
- ... Believes in the inherent value of all individuals and he treats others with respect and dignity
- ... Acknowledges and accepts responsibility for himself and his actions

As I have served as Academic Chair for my sorority, I will be working closely with this year's Scholarship Chair to help improve

upon the chapter's GPA. Study hours will be set up to have tutoring availability from both myself and Brothers who are able.

Each week, Brothers will also send their grades, good or bad, to the Scholarship chair. By doing this, poor grades can be assessed and a solution to fix them determined. Good grades will also be rewarded and acknowledged in chapter. The reward will be personal treat from me – a Smarties candy to keep the Brothers trying hard to maintain good grades!

The recipient of the *Norman Shield Award* will be the Brother who best held himself responsible for his grades through remembering to send them in each week – whether good or bad, attended his necessary study hours and/or went to assist other Brothers in need of tutoring, who asked for help when struggling and who offered to help. He will be the Brother who attended the most amount of recruitment, philanthropic, and social events as well as who put in a valiant effort in ensuring he paid his dues on time. He will be the Brother who held himself accountable for his actions, his Brother's responsible for theirs, and treated everyone with the utmost respect.

This award will not only be judged by myself but also be determined from a

chapter vote for which Brother they feel gave the most respect and is most deserving of this great honor. To be a great man and Brother, it takes hard work and dedication, but to be the best man and Brother, it takes strength, valor, promise, and the motivation to live each day according to the Three Aims.

If you are able, please donate money to the *Norman Shield Award* – it not only will be a great honor to the Brother who receives it, but will encourage the active chapter to become better men! The winner will be announced at Birthday, and if there is a great turnout, a recipient will be named each year after.

To donate to this esteemed award, please send cash or checks to either myself, or the Quaestor, Chuck Kwon.

Michelle Rodio
ERAU PO Box 147110
600 S. Clyde Morris Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Attn: *The Norman Shield Award*

Chuck Kwon
520 S. Ridgewood Ave.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Attn: *The Norman Shield Award*

If writing a check, please make it payable to Sigma Chi Fraternity. Let's hope we can raise enough donations to make this 1st time away very special for the Brother who receives it!

Sigma Chi Shirts - Order now and pick up at 40th!

Word spread that many of you wonderful alumni wanted some new Sigma Chi shirts. Well here you go – new designs *a la Rodio*. All proceeds from the shirts will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Instead of the yellow Norman Shield "Sigma Chi Pledge" shirts that were seen in the Fall 2010 Newsletter, you can get blue Norman Shield "Sigma Chi Alumnus" shirts! If you would like it to say "Sigma Chi Brother" instead, then that is possible – I just need your feedback!

You can also get a Children's Miracle Network shirt to support your philanthropy. This shirt shows the world what organization you support and you can wear it proudly! And don't forget about the very special ladies in your life – you can get a shirt made especially for your wife, girlfriend, or mom.

The designs, sizes, and prices for each shirt can be seen on the next page. **Please make checks payable to Sigma Chi and mail to either my address or Chuck's address above – Attn: Alumni T-Shirts. Please include which shirts you would like as well as sizes.**

Just for You - Men's "Sigma Chi Alumnus" T-Shirt

Available in: Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, and XXXL
Price: \$14.00

*Design could also say "SIGMA CHI BROTHER."
It depends on whichever design has more requests.*

This shirt would be great for the Alumni vs. Brother football that may be happening at Birthday!



For Anyone

Unisex "Philanthropy" T- Shirt

Available in: Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL, and XXXL
Price: \$18.00



For the Ladies

"I Love my ΣΧ" Short Sleeve V-Neck Shirt

Available in: Adult S, M, L, and XL
Price: \$20.00

These shirts fit just like normal.

This shirt would be great for your wife, girlfriend, mom, or any of the lovely Sweethearts of Sigma Chi! It would be a perfect gift.



"Sigma Chi's are my favorite Guys" Fitted Shirt

Available in: Adult S, M, L, and XL
Price: \$17.00

This style runs small, so you may want to consider sizing up.

This shirt would also be great for your wife, girlfriend, mom, or any of the lovely Sweethearts of Sigma Chi!



You can *contact* me at any time!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to let me know at any time!

My email is: sweetheart@etaiota.org

I look forward to meeting all of you at Birthday this year and I hope you enjoy receiving these newsletters! I hope to introduce you to most, if not all of the active Brothers by the end of March.

If you would like to donate money to reward the recipient of the Norman Shield Award, please do so as well! It will be a great honor for the Brother who receives the award.

Also, if you would like any shirts/have comments about them, please let me know as well. If ordering shirts, please remember to include the design name, size, and amount of each size. They will be distributed at Birthday. In order to get everything complete by then, all orders must be received by March 1st.

If you are not attending Birthday, you will be missed! But don't worry – you can still order some shirts ☺ We can work out a shipping method!

Finally, if you would like to be featured in the "Where are they now?" section, let me know! I'll need your picture and a short bio of what you have been doing! It will be a great way for fellow Alumni to see what you have been up to since graduation and an even better way to catch up with each other!