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Jonathan Spiegel '04

"Without Beta Sigma Beta, I wouldn't have met some of my best friends who've influenced my life in more ways than they know."

Jonathan Spiegel graduated from Penn State in 2004 with a degree in business management. Jonathan's career has been largely focused on asset management, and he currently works at IndexIQ, a boutique ETF provider, as head of Product Development.

During his time in Beta Sigma Beta, he was pledge number 512. He served as social chair, vice chancellor, and chancellor.

When asked what impacted his decision to pledge to Beta Sigma Beta, Jonathan says, "Pledging a Jewish fraternity was important to me which narrowed the field quite a bit. Beta Sigma Beta stood out to me based on what I observed as the closeness of the brothers and the quality of the person that was already a brother."

Jonathan says the brothers and independence of the fraternity is what stood out to him on the campus of fraternities. "Beta Sigma Beta was and remains a local fraternity without any national organization overseeing it. That showed through in the brotherhood with undergrads stepping up and taking on a lot of responsibilities in order to effectively run the house."

Some of his favorite memories in the house included some good, old-fashioned brotherhood bonding. "One of the best memories I have was playing beach volleyball outside the House on nice



weather days. That's something that always seemed to bring brothers together."

Jonathan says that being a part of Beta Sigma Beta affected both his professional and personal lives after graduation. "Taking on leadership roles in the house was far more valuable than I realized at the time. Professionally, it helped me to understand

the value of organizing, delegating and managing others. Personally, I made some of the best friends I've ever had and still maintain today. Life gets really busy, but it's great when we have my pledge class still keeping in touch via group text."

Giving back to the fraternity is crucial for Jonathan. He currently serves on the Beta Sigma Beta alumni board as the President. "Beta Sigma Beta has given a lot to me over the years. Some of that took time to see and other parts were more immediately obvious. I volunteer out of a sense of duty to this great organization and wanting to see it continue to thrive. We are a locally run/organized fraternity and alumni association. We don't have support from a larger national organization. That comes with benefits and disadvantages and certainly brings folks closer together."

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Kenny Dubin '86

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Kenny Dubin '86 graduated from Penn State in 1986 with a degree in accounting. After two years in public accounting and passing his CPA, Kenny became a recruiter. After years of working to build his recruiting firm, Kenny recently sold it to a Publicly Traded Company.

Kenny has two sons, Jack (19), an active Beta Sig brother and member of the class of 2025, and Asher (18) as well as a fiancé, Cassi Cohen. Having sold his house in Merion, PA, Kenny plans to spend his time in Margate, NJ and will travel to Florida for the winter.

Kenny Dubin '86 currently serves the Beta Chapter as a General Board Member. Looking back at his past positions, Kenny says, "This is my second stint on the Board after being Treasurer for 6 years in the 90's. I am now seeing the difference in the house and brothers from over the years."

When deciding whether or not to join a fraternity at Penn State, Kenny says the demeanor of the brothers in Beta Sig were his deciding factor. "After starting in the summer in 1986, I reunited with some old camp friends who said they were looking at fraternities. We started to hang out and talk about Beta Sig, and I immediately felt comfortable with the brotherhood. I pledged for a chance to meet friends and enjoy a whole new life experience. Unbeknownst to me, it

would be a life changer that my parents afforded me. Neither of them went to college, but they experienced both Penn State and Beta Sig through my eyes."

Kenny reminisced on his favorite memories from his time in Beta Sig. "The house in the 80's was simply FUN. Different than today's house in which my son, Jack '25, is living in my old room #12. We had socials with sororities every Friday night, and Formal Dinner every night at 6PM when the Chancellor let us in the dining room. Dinner was fun, and we were able to relive the day's social events, the weekend parties, and simply one laugh after another."

After graduating from Penn State, Kenny started off his career thanks to a Beta Sig alumnus. "A Beta Sig alumni afforded me my first accounting job out of school as well as innumerable social and business contacts."

Not only did Beta Sig prepare Kenny for his professional life, but he owes it to the fraternity for connecting him to many lifelong friendships. Kenny says, "I value [these friendships] more than anything. To this day, my closest friends are part of Beta Sig: my pledge class (Spring of 83),



including **Brad Stoltz, Stephen Holstein, Paul Miller, Craig Garfield, Jack Collazzo**, all the brothers I lived in the house with, any brother that overlapped from '83-'88, as well as our 30-year-old Fantasy Football league, which is now Beta Sigs and now their sons."

When asked about the value of Beta Sigma Beta

on Penn State's campus, Kenny says, "To me, Beta Sig was just as important as Penn State itself. To go anywhere, and mention Penn State, so often people say, were you in a Fraternity? When I proudly say, 'Yes I was a Beta Sig', I get two responses: 1. They threw great parties! 2. Do you know....."

After all his years and experiences with Beta Sig, Kenny chooses to give back to the fraternity that gave him so much. "To get, you must give. I give my time, advice, and knowledge to the Board. In response, I get satisfaction knowing that the House is still there, standing and thriving."

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Here is how the brotherhood benefits if we all stepped up.

With the beginning of a new school year comes a new class of Beta Sigma Beta brothers. Our brotherhood is growing!

Thanks to donations of both time and money by our brothers and alumni, we are able to keep the brotherhood strong throughout the years. We have put together a list of benefits that brothers, current and future, are able to enjoy when we choose to give back.

1. **Networking:** Fraternities have the ability to form connections like no other group. With members of all ages and stages of life, there is always a brother with the knowledge needed to help in any situation. A good chapter always keeps in touch with their alumni.
2. **Lifelong Friends:** Not only are they able to help, but brothers are able to form a special bond through shared traditions. After countless professional and social events spent together,

connections like these are often strong enough to last a lifetime.

3. **Professional Skills:** Not only does the fraternity help us form bonds, but it teaches us vital skills that will be crucial to future career success. Many alumni site these skills as their top reason for giving back to the fraternity!
4. **Social Events:** No matter how old you are, revisiting the old 'stomping grounds' to meet up with your old college buddies is always a good time! With the Beta Chapter, there will always be a group back at PSU to visit. Whether it be homecoming, a football game, or an alumni reunion, Beta Chapter alumni and brothers are present.

It is time we thank the fraternity for all it has done for us. We give so that future generations can experience the same great benefits of brotherhood!

Larry Raiman '82

Chosen for Penn State's Alumni Fellow Award

Source Courtesy of Penn State

A press release earlier this fall by the Smeal College of business featured one of our own, **Larry Raiman '82**, as one of 13 recipients for the Penn State Alumni Association's Alumni Fellow Award.

The article featured this section on Larry:

Larry Raiman said that the lessons he learned outside of the classroom at Penn State gave him a broader perspective on how to be a positive community member, a charitable individual and how to "pay it forward."

One way Raiman is paying it forward is by mentoring Penn State and Smeal students.

"My relationship with each of these young adults has been a gift far beyond my wildest expectations. It's incredibly rewarding to stay connected and celebrate with them as they accomplish their goals in both life and business," Raiman said.

Raiman graduated from Penn State with a degree in accounting in 1982 and earned an MBA from Columbia Business School in 1989.

He has more than 30 years of experience in the real estate industry, starting as a research analyst covering real estate investment trusts. He was a managing director at Donaldson,

Lufkin & Jenrette/Credit Suisse Group for more than 15 years, running the firm's Global Real Estate Securities business before he founded investment advisory firm LDR Capital Management in 2011. Today, Raiman is managing principal, chief investment officer and portfolio manager of the firm.

He has also served as an adjunct professor at Columbia Business School, teaching Introductory real estate finance.

"Larry's had a very successful career as a real estate investor and has graciously shared his experience and expertise with our students and faculty," Whiteman said. "Beyond his business acumen, Larry's a man of great integrity and someone who is driven to make a difference at his alma mater through his membership on several boards and committees, his philanthropy and his mentorship."

Raiman said that being named an Alumni Fellow is one of the great honors of his life.

"I'm so proud of my Penn State roots, and I feel such a tremendous loyalty, passion and appreciation for the University," he said. "When I consider there are more than 700,000 living graduates, I am just so humbled to be included among such a distinguished group as Penn State's Alumni Fellows."

Mark your calendars now

PSU announces Blue-White Game and fall football schedule!



Start planning your next visit to State College now, because Penn State has announced the dates for the Blue-White Game and fall football schedule. With the Blue-White game falling on **April 15th**, there is plenty of time to reach out to your old college buddies and plan your next get-together.

Check out the full schedule at gopsusports.com.

April 15 Blue-White Game (2 p.m.)

Sept. 2 vs. West Virginia

Sept. 9 vs. Delaware

Sept. 16 at Illinois

Sept. 23 vs. Iowa

Sept. 30 at Northwestern

Oct. 7 Idle

Oct. 14 vs. UMass

Oct. 21 at Ohio State

Oct. 28 vs. Indiana

Nov. 4 at Maryland

Nov. 11 vs. Michigan

Nov. 18 vs. Rutgers

Nov. 25 at Michigan State

Already have something planned? Share the word and email alumninews@affinityconnection.com, and we can include it in the next communication to your fellow alumni!

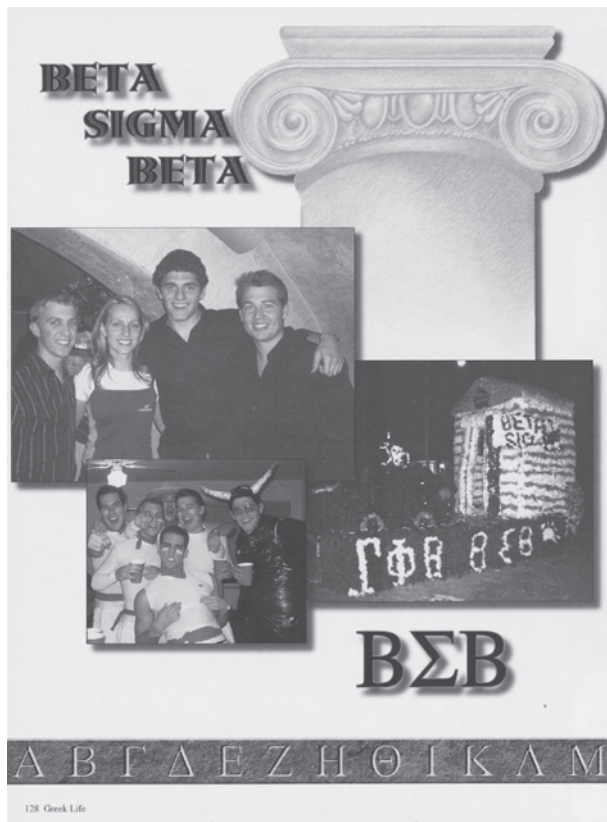
Throwback to Beta Sigma Beta in 2005

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Check out this blast from the past, all the way back to 2005! Beta Sigma Beta is featured in Penn State's Yearbook, LaVie, do you recognize anyone in these photos? Email us at alumninews@affinityconnection.com and let us know who they were and what events they were from! We will publish them in an upcoming e-letter or newsletter.

The origin of Beta Sigma Beta can be traced back to October 22, 1910 at Cornell University. This fraternity would be based on the principles of scholarship, mutual aid, and companionship. At the time they chose the name Beta Samach. The ideals of the fraternity spread elsewhere and in 1913 a second chapter was established at Penn State. In its early years, the men of Beta Samach, Beta Chapter resided in a boarding house on Allen Street. However, the house grew inadequate for the needs of the members, so in 1930 the present house was constructed. In 1972, the national chapter

of Beta Sigma Rho decided to merge with Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity in hopes of strengthening the remaining chapters. In exchange for financial assistance, all Beta Sigma Rho Chapters would change their name and adopt a new set of traditions. On some campuses, this merger enjoyed a degree of success. However, at Penn State, the brotherhood and alumni of Beta Chapter felt that they would rather remain as an independent fraternity then give up their traditions. In the spring of 1975, Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Rho was officially chartered by Pennsylvania State University as Beta Sigma Beta fraternitiy.



Welcome new members!



Beta Sigma Beta is happy to welcome 35 new members to the Spring Class of 2023! Can you believe it's our 110th year at PSU and our 93rd at 255 East Fairmount?