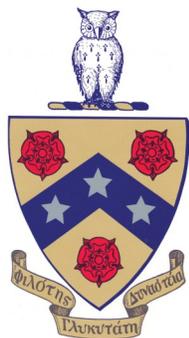




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## Moving On As A Graduate Brother



### Upcoming Dates

- ◆ **May 9: Pig Dinner and Rho Phi Open**
- ◆ **June 13: Baseball Outing—Indianapolis Indians**

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This year marks another successful year for Brothers who have moved on to represent and uphold the values Rho Phi Members and continually strive to obtain in every aspect of their lives. These Brothers have excelled at Rose-Hulman and continue to excel in the private sector. Brothers **Caleb Comstock, Ezra Bates, Daniel Maginot, Eric Schaible, and Joel Stiffler** are continuing to pursue academic means to continue their education in their prospective fields. **Spencer Chestnut** has been having success in Kansas City working for Eli Lilly, **Terry Chin** has worked hard for Exxon Mobil in Houston Texas, **Joshua Cribelar** serves in the National Guard and is continuing to work hard for American Structure Point. All these successes are attributed to their success at Rose-Hulman academically and are a direct result of numerous hours of work with brothers to achieve a common goal academically. These are just some of the success Rho Phi members have had following their academic careers here. This year over half of the seniors had already secured jobs before returning to school and the rest have accepted positions this past quarter. The Rho Phi Chapter will continue to excel and we look forward to sharing the success of this year's senior classes and wish them the best following their graduation.

*Submitted By: Georges Valcour*

## Rho Phi Athletics

### Football

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Brothers led the Rose-Hulman Fighting Engineers through another successful year on the field in football. The team finished the season with a 7-3 overall record and went 5-3 in the conference. Members of the Rho Phi Chapter who were involved on the team brought numerous achievements with their efforts. Three out of five named Academic All American were Fijis, and of the eleven All HCAC Football Team, six were Fijis: **Alec Fisher, Zac Erba, Chris Sander, Aaron Abbott, Josh Sonnerberger**



Quarterback **Austin Swenson** throws for the end zone.



and **Austin Swenson**. **Austin Swenson** set the single season school passing record with 31 touchdowns and over 3,400 passing yards. **Aaron Abbott** also set a school record in receptions with 76 catches for over 900 yards. Also **Alec Fisher** set a single season record with 15 touchdowns and is currently second in Rose-Hulman History. Members of the Rho Phi Chapter put forth a tremendous amount of effort for a winning season.

Receiver **Alec Fisher** set a single-season record with 15 touchdown receptions.

## Grad Brother Parker Speaks at Rush Dinner

Guest Speaker Brother Steve Parker:

Our Celebration of Brotherhood banquet, occurring at the conclusion of fall rush, is an opportunity for those who are rushing to see the FIJI difference. Steve Parker, a graduate brother who has had entrepreneurial success and currently resides in Indianapolis, spoke about FIJI's strong influence in his life. Steve was a computer engineer in the class of '04, served as pledge class president, and served as pledge educator during his undergraduate tenure. He told an inspiring story detailing how FIJI is, "Not for college days alone." He has been to over 30 FIJI weddings, including several for brothers that were members of other pledge classes. His speaking highlighted how FIJI's influence translated from undergraduate experiences to life-long benefits. Steve's words were the high point of an influential, professional event that showcased the FIJI difference.

*Submitted By: Chris Grable*



Speaker-Steve Parker shares words of wisdom with prospective pledges.

## The 2014 Fall Pledge Class

A new year brings a new opportunity to add quality men to our brotherhood, and Rho Phi conducted another strong rush led by junior **Chris Grable**, ME from Cincinnati, OH. Chris, backed by a hard-working rush committee of brothers from all classes, led the chapter through the Rose "rush marathon" spanning from early September with bid Tuesday not occurring until October 28. The chapter offered 41 bids with 33 accepting, all freshmen. And as the Rose admission stats have gone, so has our chapter—2/3 of the class is comprised of out-of-state students. For those grads reading this who graduated 15 or more years ago, this is hard to believe, but Rose has truly become a national—and international—engineering school.

Rho Phi bided and pledged 4 legacies, all with Phi Gam brothers. **Justin Baker** has a brother, **Zach**, a current DePauw Fiji while the other 3 are all brothers of current or graduated Rho Phis. **Brayden Betz's** brother, **Cameron**, and **Michael Landwehr's** brother, **Ryan**, are both Rho Phi grads. **Tamas Truckai's** older brother, **Daniel**, is currently a Rho Phi junior. For the first time in several years, we did not bid any upperclassmen; that may change if we decide to take a small spring class.

Academically talented and involved would be two words that might best describe this fall's pledge class. Of the 33, many are involved in sports or other campus activities and volunteer groups. Every pledge was active in some high school club, honorary or sports team. Three were valedictorians, two were salutatorians, and many were honored by being named National Merit Scholars. Eight were on prom or homecoming courts or kings, seven participated in high school musical or drama clubs, and many received either state, local, or Rose-Hulman scholarships. Those awards included Eli Lilly Scholarships, the Bemis Scholarship, the Phillips 66 Scholarship, the Ball Metal Scholarship, and various Rose-Hulman scholarships including Rose Merit Scholarships.



Brother-**Ryan Dick** at enjoys corn hole at a Rush Event

*Submitted By: Timothy Harlan*

# Brothers Shop with Underprivileged Terre Haute Children

Submitted By: Timothy Harlan

Very early--5:30 AM to be exact--on Saturday morning, Dec. 13, more than 45 Rho Phi brothers gathered at Wal Mart south to assist the Terre Haute Noon Optimist Club to provide warm winter clothing to over 750 needy local children, from kindergarten through 5th grade.

Groups of 4-5 young boys were paired with two brothers who guided them through the process, helping them pick out pants, underwear and socks, a hoodie sweatshirt and a warm winter coat. The brothers got to know each child as they not only helped him choose clothes, but also assisted him and his group to a visit with Santa Claus.

Brothers who did not act as hosts directed the children to get their snacks, helped them with their visit to Santa and then announced their parents' names to pick them up.

Despite being hobbled with a broken leg during football season, Community Service chair **Barry Tomasetti**, Rho Phi junior, still over saw the event from his motorized cart! It is the 6th year Rho Phi has volunteered with the Noon Optimists, and we are the only Rose fraternity to participate.



Brothers flank Social Chair **Barry Tomasetti** in preparation for Clothe A Child.



Brothers **Alec Thompson** and **Justin Velasquez** help carry gifts for children at Clothe a Child.



Brother **Ryan Meyer** helps children pick out new clothes.

## Service Event Success: Bikes for Tykes



Brothers left to right: **Jason Waldenmeyer**, **Shawn McCown**, and **James Ernst** work together.

Following the Clothe a Child event, brothers quickly made it to Rose-Hulman campus in order to help with another major service event. Saturday on December 13, Brothers arrived at 8:00 am to put together bikes for Bikes for Tykes. There was a fantastic turnout and over fifty bikes were built for children. The event was an overall success and the bikes were sent out to the Vigo County area for children to get something extra this Christmas.

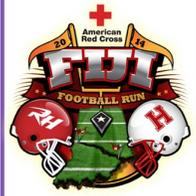
Submitted By: *Georges Valcour*



Brother **Ethan Kroh** works to get a bike together.

# Philanthropy Events: Football Run

Submitted By: Georges Valcour



This year the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta partnered with Fiji Brothers from Hanover College to once again participate in the Football Run. This year the funds raised aided the American Red Cross in Indiana significantly and has continued to be one of the most important events of the year. Brothers from Rose-Hulman started the run by carrying the game football over 100 miles to link up with Hanover Brothers at Bloomington. Those brothers then carried the football all the way back to Hanover across the state. Members of the Rho Phi Chapter brought awareness and aid to the American Red Cross while offering a memorable event for Brothers and those involved.

2014 marked the fifth running of the annual FIJI Football Run for The American Red Cross. The game ball covered the 150 mile distance from Rose-Hulman to Hanover with time to spare, and the Brothers of the Tau and Rho-Phi chapters were able to help their local communities.

The Rho-Phi chapter alone was able to raise nearly \$5000 for the Wabash Valley Chapter of the Red Cross. The funds will go towards helping local Indiana residents suffering due to fire, flooding, or other disasters to get back on their feet and rebuild.

**Phil Koranteng**, this year's chairman, said, "It was great to see all the support that we received from brothers, our families, and our community. This event would not have been possible without so many generous donors."

Follow the FIJI Football Run on Facebook to stay updated on the planning of next year's run. Thank you to all who donated!

## Strong Chapter Led by a New Cabinet

Submitted by Georges Valcour

In September of this year there was rotation in cabinet members. With aid from the previous members on cabinet and hard work the new cabinet members the Rho Phi Chapter has continued to excel and move forward without missing a beat for the upcoming year. Their efforts, as well as the efforts of the brothers have allowed the Rho Phi Chapter to continually remain strong and improve upon last year's cabinet. Joining President **Tyler Rockwood** and Historian **Ethan Kroh** were **Koby Close** stepping in as Treasurer, **Jacob Whitacre** taking over as Recording Secretary and **Georges Valcour** joining as Corresponding Secretary. We hope to have another successful year.



**Jacob Whitacre**  
Recording Secretary  
Class of 2017



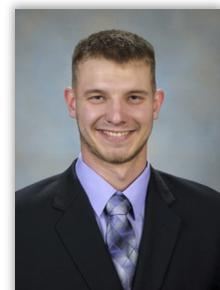
**Koby Close**  
Treasurer  
Class of 2017



**Tyler Rockwood**  
President  
Class of 2016



**Georges Valcour**  
Corresponding Secretary  
Class of 2016



**Ethan Kroh**  
Historian  
Class of 2015

# The 2014 Fall Pledge Class

Name	Major	Hometown
Justin Baker	BE	Fishers, IN
Noah Bawel	BE	Jasper, IN
Brayden Betz	EE	Jasper, IN
Camron Borders	BE	Sweeny, TX
Grant Brown	ME	Austin, TX
Tyler Brutofsky	EE	Madison, AL
Joey Callahan	ME	Plainfield, IL
Ryan Coffman	CS, SE, MA	Paris, IL
Walter Dearing	ME	Indianapolis, IN
John Evans	Civil	Tuscola, IL
Daniel Ferguson	Chem E	Brownsburg, IN
Kaelen Garner	Civil	Ocean Springs, MS
Brendan Goldacker	CSSE	Jerseyville, IL
Cameron Hart	ME	Hilliard, OH
Chris Johanningman	ME	Greensburg, IN
Zachary Kanz	BE	Austin, TX
Seth Knoll	ME	Wharton, OH
Justin Krouse	ME	Van Buren, OH
Michael Landwehr	Civil	Tipp City, OH
Logan McDaniel	Chem E	Paris, IL
Cameron Metzger	ME	Westfield, IN
Jon Poore	ME	Fort Wayne, IN
Aaron Starlin	CE	Danville, IN
Cameron Taylor	ME	Castle Valley, UT
Alec Thompson	ME	Clermont, FL
Tamas Truckai	ME	Saratoga, CA
Justin Velasquez	BE	Marengo, IL
Joshua Vincent	EE	Frankfort, IL
Brandon Volmerding	Chem E	Fort Wayne, IN
Justin Whitaker	ME	Thorntown, IN
Parker Young	ME	Manhattan, IL



Fall 2014 Pledge Class

# Rho Phi of Phi Gamma Delta

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

## Frank Norris Pig Dinner & Rho Phi Open

Saturday May 9, 2015

Rho Phi Open Golf Tournament—During the day

Reception—Meadows Banquet Center (S 25th & Poplar St) - 6:00—7:00 pm

Dinner—Meadows Banquet Center (S 25th & Poplar St) - 7:00 pm

**Please note the venue change for the dinner this year**

Please RSVP to [PigDinner@rosefiji.com](mailto:PigDinner@rosefiji.com)

### Are you interested in volunteering?

There are many ways in which you can give back to Rho Phi. Let us know if you are interested in helping out in any of these ways:

1. Plan a social event in Indianapolis. Past events have included a brewery tour, dinner and an Indianapolis Indians game.
2. Serve on the Rho Phi House corporation on one of the committees of the board.
3. Offer advice to a chapter committee chairman.
4. Call pledge brothers and invite them to Pig Dinner, Homecoming or another event.
5. Speak to the chapter about your career or other interesting topic.
6. Set up a class reunion for Homecoming. Reunion years will be 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010.

If you are interested in volunteering, let us know by email at [info@rosefiji.com](mailto:info@rosefiji.com)



# Graduate Updates



Submitted By: Colton Motz

Grad relations at the Rho Phi chapter of Phi Gamma Delta is an integral part of our fraternity. Each year we strive to maintain a close, personal relationship with those who have come before us and continue to aid in our brothers' success. We understand the importance of experience, and are eager to learn all we can from our graduate brothers.

One thing that truly sets our chapter apart shines through during Rose-Hulman's career fairs. At this year's fall Rose-Hulman career fair, over 20 of the companies represented had Rho-Phi Chapter alumni as recruiters. This gives our brothers an incredible advantage when they begin to look for jobs and internships to carry on their education with hands-on experience. Rho-Phi's take pride in knowing their grads are continuously providing outstanding opportunities and many of our undergraduate students gain jobs simply because they were given a chance to excel by a Rho-Phi graduate. A very helpful tool for those looking for these connections is our chapter's own online resource called Fiji Finder. This allows our undergraduates convenient and useful access to former Rose-Hulman Fiji's.

Each year, homecoming is a special time for our chapter, because many of our members play, or have played football, or simply enjoyed the school spirit that swells throughout the entire student body. This year we were honored to have many grad brothers return to attend the festivities. Our graduate relations enjoy providing entertainment throughout the day by welcoming our grads back to both our chapter house and our football field. After the game, we have a reception at our chapter house for the graduate brothers to cap off the night and share stories of when they played at Rose Hulman or their experiences as a member of our chapter.

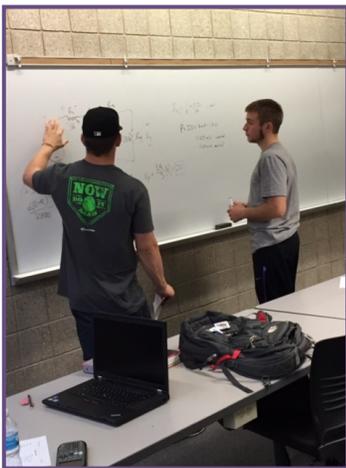
Graduate relations at the Rho-Phi chapter of Phi Gamma Delta are fundamental to our chapter. The members of our chapter are grateful for the opportunities presented to them by our dedicated graduates. Each year, we strive to create enduring friendships with our graduate brothers and thoroughly enjoy when they return to dear old Rose.

## Brothers Helping Brothers

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### Finals Study Session

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**Koby Close** and **Jacob Whitacre** collaborate over a review problem.

In conjunction with the Scholarship Board, every year brothers prepare for finals by working together to achieve academic success. This year, the scholarship committee was able to reserve two academic rooms on campus to allow brothers to work together in order to prepare for Fall Quarter Finals. Scholarship Chairs **Tanner Mitchell** and **Aaron Abbott** have worked very hard to continue to pursue new means for the Chapter to excel academically and the continuation of finals week study sessions is just one means by which they have accomplished this task. We will continue this tradition and hope to keep improving academically as a chapter. Over Fall Break, **Tyler Rockwood** and **Greg Callegari** re-worked the chapter's online test and file system.

Submitted by Georges Valcour

# Rose-Hulman Fall Career Fair Success

The fall Rose Career Fair was the largest in recent history, with well over 200 companies represented. Our graduate brothers were well-represented, many of whom contacted either Joe Weist or Tim Harlan regarding their attendance at the fair.

It was amazing for our undergrads to be able to meet and visit with so many Rho Phi representing their companies. Prior to the fair, several grads invited chapter brothers to interest meetings or dinner presentations. Following the fair, well over two dozen brothers continued to interact with organizations represented by grads.

While we may have missed a few brothers, here are the companies represented by Rho Phi grads:

**Austin Marshall:** North Amer. Lighting, **Sam Hill:** Bowen, **Garrett Roecker:** Texas Instruments  
**Matt Fuson** and **Matt Levora** and **Curtis Preston:** Freescale, **Brent Frizzell:** Endress Hauser,  
**Terry Chin:** ExxonMobile, **Raymond Chin:** Weitz Co., **Charles Biggs:** Eli Lilly, **Josh Cribelar:** Structurepoint  
**Spencer Schipper:** VM North America, **Brandon Shields:** Lexmark, **Steve Parker:** ORS, INC  
**Nate Richter:** Bastian Solutions, **Jason Cooper:** Kimley Horn, **Steve Davidson:** Allegion  
**Ethan Kestenman:** Allison Transmission, **John Burkett:** North American Lighting  
**Maceo Lewis:** Black and Veatch

With the Winter Career Fair coming January 21, 2015, please let us know if you are coming with your company. We will put your name and company out to our brothers. Thanks in advance!



Recently-hired by Arco, brother **Ethan Kroh**, left, discusses his company with Rho Phi freshman **Kaelen Garner**.



Photo from Fall 2014 Career Fair

Submitted By: Timothy Harlan



Rho Phi brother **Michael Landwehr** left, speaks with Grad Brother **Sam Hill**, representing Bowen, a construction firm.

## Rho Phi #1 in Fall Quarter Grades

This past quarter the Rho Phi Chapter continued to excel academically in part due to the hard work by its members and excellent teaching by the Rose-Hulman Faculty. This fall quarter members of the Rho Phi Chapter claimed top scholarship honors compared to all other Fraternities on campus. Due to the hard work by its members the Rho Phi Chapter was able to obtain a 3.1 average overall Grade Point Average. The 2014 Fall Pledge class also excelled and started their first quarter at Rose-Hulman with a 3.3 average overall Grade Point Average. This quarter the brothers efforts are due in part to our Scholarship Chairs; **Tanner Mitchell** and **Aaron Abbott**. We look forward to continuing to uphold strong academic standards for the upcoming quarter.

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## Football Players Named Academic All Americans

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This past season, the members of the Rho Phi Chapter excelled both on and off the field. Most notably **Aaron Abbott**, **Zac Erba**, and **Chris Sander** have worked tremendously hard and in the end their efforts paid off. They were apart of five football players this year to receive the Academic All Americans award for their efforts. They mark the 106th, 107th, and 108th Academic All American awards in Rose-Hulman's history of athletics and set an example for fellow player in all athletics alike.

**Aaron Abbott** set the single season record with 76 receptions this season and was marked for 927 receiving yards. He currently ranks 165th among career receptions for a student at Rose-Hulman and 2nd for total touchdown catches. In the classroom he upholds a **3.85 grade point average** as a mechanical engineer.

**Chris Sander** also excelled in the classroom with an average **4.00 grade point average** and ranked second in defense with 74 tackles. His total career includes 142 tackles and two interceptions.

**Zac Erba** a senior biomedical engineer, earned Capital One Academic All-America Honors in track and field this last year and doubled this effect with football. He caught 21 passes for 289 yards and carried a **3.97 grade point average** in the classroom. He continues to set an example among his brothers on and off the field.

The Rho Phi Chapter is proud for the efforts of all our brothers who participate in athletics on campus and the efforts of those who succeed in their field. The Rho Phi Chapter will continue to strive for excellence, and are always humbled by experiences and acknowledgements such as these.



Brothers named Academic All-Americans: left to right, **Zac Erba**, **Chris Sander**, and **Aaron Abbott**

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## Cross Country Wins Conference

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This year Rose-Hulman's Cross Country team hailed many successes this year due to the cooperation between team members and the involvement of Brothers in the Rho Phi Chapter. The team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Great Lakes Competition, in part to the efforts placed forth by brother **Addison Williams** who was also an honorable all conference award winner at the HCAC Championship. Overall the team has been ranked number 4 in the Great Lakes Regions and continues to improve throughout their 2014 season.

*Submitted By: Phil Korentang*



The 2014 Cross Country Team at the Great Lakes Heartland Championship



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