



PI SIGMA ALPHA

THE NATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY

Chapter Annual Report Cover Sheet

Deadline: June 30 (annually)

Chapters are required to submit an annual report to the national office which identifies key student officers and chapter advisor, and lists the chapter's activities for the past year. The information in this report is used to select the winners of the Best Chapter Awards, so chapters should take care to make them as complete as possible.

Alpha Beta Epsilon
CHAPTER GREEK NAME
Michelle Brophy-Baermann
CHAPTER FACULTY ADVISOR
9,000
TOTAL INSTITUTION UNDERGRAD ENROLLMENT
N/A
ANNUAL BUDGET

Rhode Island College
INSTITUTION NAME
August 2006
CHAPTER ADVISOR START DATE
18 April 13, 2016
TOTAL INITIATES and INITIATION DATE (2014-15)
\$929.04
CASH ON HAND

2015-16 STUDENT OFFICERS (IF APPLICABLE)

Sarah Isherwood
PRESIDENT
Lindsey Callahan
VICE PRESIDENT
Ariana Morroco
SECRETARY
Tina Tavares
TREASURER

2016-17 STUDENT OFFICERS (IF APPLICABLE)

Nicauris Heredia
PRESIDENT
Michelle Arias
VICE PRESIDENT
Brittany Williams
SECRETARY
Derrick Trombley
TREASURER

MARK ANY PI SIGMA ALPHA PROGRAMS THAT YOUR CHAPTER OR CHAPTER MEMBERS APPLIED FOR DURING 2015-16

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER ACTIVITY GRANT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUDENT CONFERENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGRADUATE JOURNAL OF POLITICS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP | <input type="checkbox"/> BEST PAPER OR THESIS COMPETITION |

On a separate piece of paper please describe the activities of your chapter over the course of the past year including:

- Programs sponsored by your chapter (including whether the programs were for members only, for department only, or for the university community or public).
- Any other notable activities during the academic year.
- Be descriptive! We want to learn as much about your activities as possible

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS TO NATIONAL OFFICE VIA
EMAIL (OFFICE@PISIGMAALPHA.ORG) OR
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Annual Chapter Report

Alpha Beta Epsilon, Pi Sigma Alpha
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Rhode Island College
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June 23, 2016

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PROGRAMMING/NOTABLE ACTIVITIES*

What a difference one motivated officer makes! Over eight years, only one Pi Sigma Alpha was interested in programming. And then, Lindsey Callahan came along. Unfortunately, Lindsey wasn't elected President, but she might have well have been. As Vice President she put so much time and effort into Pi Sigma Alpha. It was her idea to have the Primary Debate Watch and to make brochures and flyers. She has even created a brochure for the department that I hope will come out next year. She did all this while working on her yearlong senior thesis and graduating in three years! I will briefly describe the programming and notable activities we witness this year. The best part is that the leadership team for this year was very much involved in helping bring about the Primary Debate Watch and they are active on campus. Also, Lindsey left behind all of the work she did, so that we can use it in the future. I have very high hopes for next year. It would be so wonderful if we could see a change in the culture of students in our department!

- February 11th. Primary Debate Watch (campus community). This was a wonderful event! Lindsey had the idea for this last summer, and she found others to help sponsor the event (the Political Science Club and Student Activities). They picked a night that would work for RIC students, and, though they hoped to have events for both parties, there was never a convenient Republican debate to schedule around. They bought prizes, made t-shirts, advertised heavily, had a trivia contest, registered students to vote and had nearly 50 people from the campus community attend and participate. This may not seem like much, but for a RIC event, it was a big deal! In fact, the event was nominated for a STORGY Award (Student Organization Award) for best co-sponsored event. It lost out to a Festival of Lights that had about 50 student organization co-sponsors!
- February 13th. Lindsey headed to Washington D.C. I was so thrilled that Lindsey's paper was accepted to the Undergraduate Research Conference. I was a little worried that she might get her work ripped apart,

but instead, she got helpful and positive feedback. She had an amazing time (this was her first time in D.C.). I hope that Nicauris Heredia (our incoming president) is able to present her honors thesis at next year's conference.

- March 23rd. Alumni Luncheon. (open to Alumni and Political Science Department/students). Pi Sigma Alpha helped sponsor this event by advertising it and making programs. It was really neat to welcome back some Pi Sigma Alpha alumni!
- April 13th. Annual Induction Luncheon (members only plus a few invited guests). Treasurer Tina Tavares submitted a grant proposal for \$560 to help fund our annual Induction Luncheon. The luncheon was held in on April 13th and was a success; most inductees, as well as all four officers, were able to attend and we inducted an honorary member, Phil West, who has been involved in ethics reform in Rhode Island for years. You will find more information about the luncheon in the Chapter Activity Grant Report.
- April 16th. Accepted Students Day (community of accepted students). Lindsey accompanied the chair of the department and handout out brochures. She also has ideas for future Accepted Students days (like handing out pencils and having decorations to make our table stand out).
- Brochures/Fliers (for department and political science students). Lindsey created a flyer and brochure about the benefits of joining Pi Sigma Alpha. She put the flyers in the cups for the Primary Debate Watch. All new inductees received a brochure and they are also available to any student who walks by our lounge.
- We also had a student apply for a Washington Internship Scholarship. While she did not receive one, I was very pleased to have a student apply. I think this is only the second time that has happened at RIC.

FINANCES

The organization is unable to receive regular funds from Student Community Government due to its exclusive nature and we have no official budget. However, we decided, while writing our Constitution, to add a ten-dollar "local" fee to the \$30 (\$35 as of January, 2010) in dues required by the national office. The ten dollars per new member allows us to have some funds for programming as well as the purchase of medallions for our graduating seniors.** This spring, our Induction Luncheon cost \$415.00 (\$16 dollars per person for lunch plus lemonade, water and coffee); 25 people attended this event (including 19 students, four faculty and two honorary members). Fortunately, we once again received a Chapter Activity Grant (for \$490), which covered the entire cost of our luncheon. We hope that it is okay that we apply \$75 left over towards the cost of

Thank You

We would like to thank all the Rhode Island College Alumni for taking the time to come back and share their stories about their time at RIC and their careers.

This event is geared to help students learn about the opportunities that exist when they graduate and we could not do this if it were not for our alumni.

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The Rhode Island College Alumni Association

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The Political Science Club

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RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNI LUNCHEON

March 23, 2016



Graduate Students

- Lucas Dieter '14**
University of Connecticut
Masters of Public Administration
- Brian Luther '14**
University of Connecticut
Masters of Public Administration
- Gary Pascoa '14**
Northeastern University
Masters of Public Administration
- Patrick Pride '14**
Boston College
Masters of Political Philosophy

Law Students

- Jonathan Lamantia '13**
University of Connecticut
J.D. Candidate

Private Sector

- Travis Escobar '13**
Project Manager
United Way of Rhode Island
- William Fazioli '86**
Director
Public Financial Management Group
- Terri Rodriguez '13**
Development and Grants Manager
AS220



Attorneys

- Curtis Pouliot-Alvarez '12**
Staff Attorney
Rhode Island Center for Justice

Public Sector

- Brian Hull '08**
Director of Community Development
City of Providence
- Robert Kalaskowski '06**
Chief of Program Development
Real Jobs RI
- Jason Natarano '12**
Special Assistant to the Governor
Office of the Governor
- Jason Pezzullo '99**
Principal City Planner
City of Cranston
- Kevin Simpson '10**
Chief of Data and Analytics
Department of Human Services
- Britni Gorman '13**
Reference and Multimedia Archivist
Providence City Archives
- Hollie (Saunders) Mellen '07**
Case Worker
United States Senate- Sheldon Whitehouse
- Lavonne Nkomo '00**
PBIS Coordinator
Sherlock Center on Disabilities
Rhode Island College
- Kathryn Sherman '93**
Human Resources Coordinator
Department of Administration
- Milton Taylor Jr. '12**
International Trade and Development

Student Testimonials

At last year's Alumni Luncheon I met Budget Analyst, Ryan Gardiner. Mr. Gardiner helped me get an internship at the Office of Management and Budget, where he worked. This internship has been a great experience for me and I am so lucky that I had the opportunity to intern in the field that I hope to work in someday. As a result of meeting and working with Mr. Gardiner, I have learned so much about the public sector and I know this experience will help me in graduate school and in my career.

-Lindsey Callahan '16

Internships were a critical part of my time as an undergraduate at RIC. They allowed me not only to gain real-world experience and to figure out what career path was best suited for me, but also an opportunity to network and meet new people that could provide me with a variety of career opportunities in the future. The Alumni Luncheon provides a means for students to do just that.

-Gary Pascoa '14



Political Science Alumni Luncheon

Donovan Faculty Center South Dining Room
Wednesday, March 23rd 12:30pm

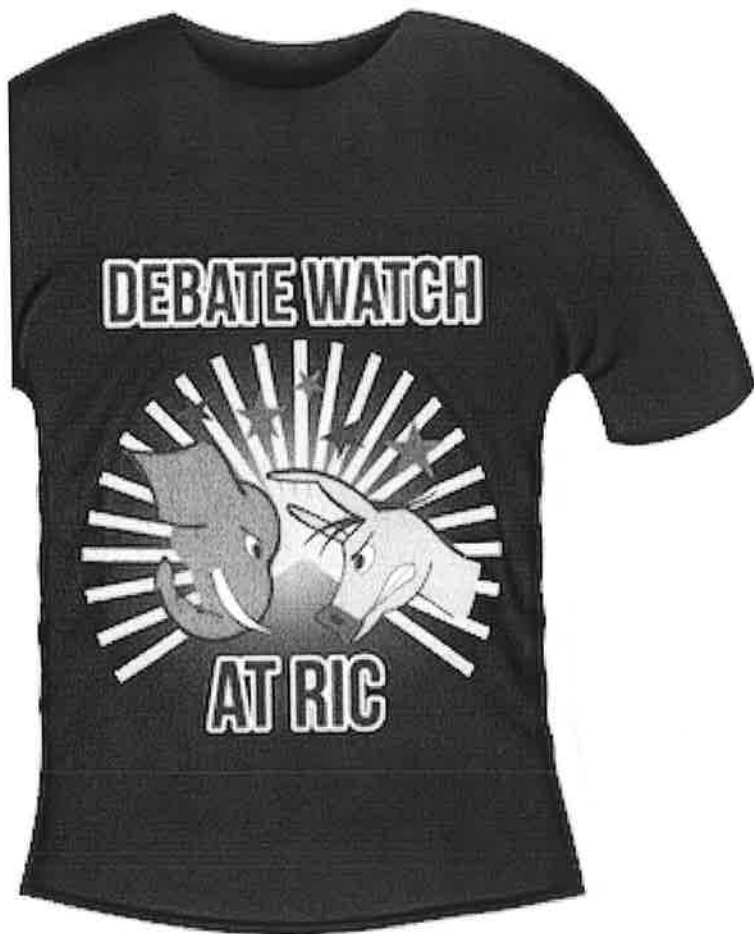
Join us in a luncheon with Political Science Alumni and network! Alumni will be willing to speak with students. There will be graduate students, law students, lawyers, professionals from non-profit organizations, and others from the public and private sector.

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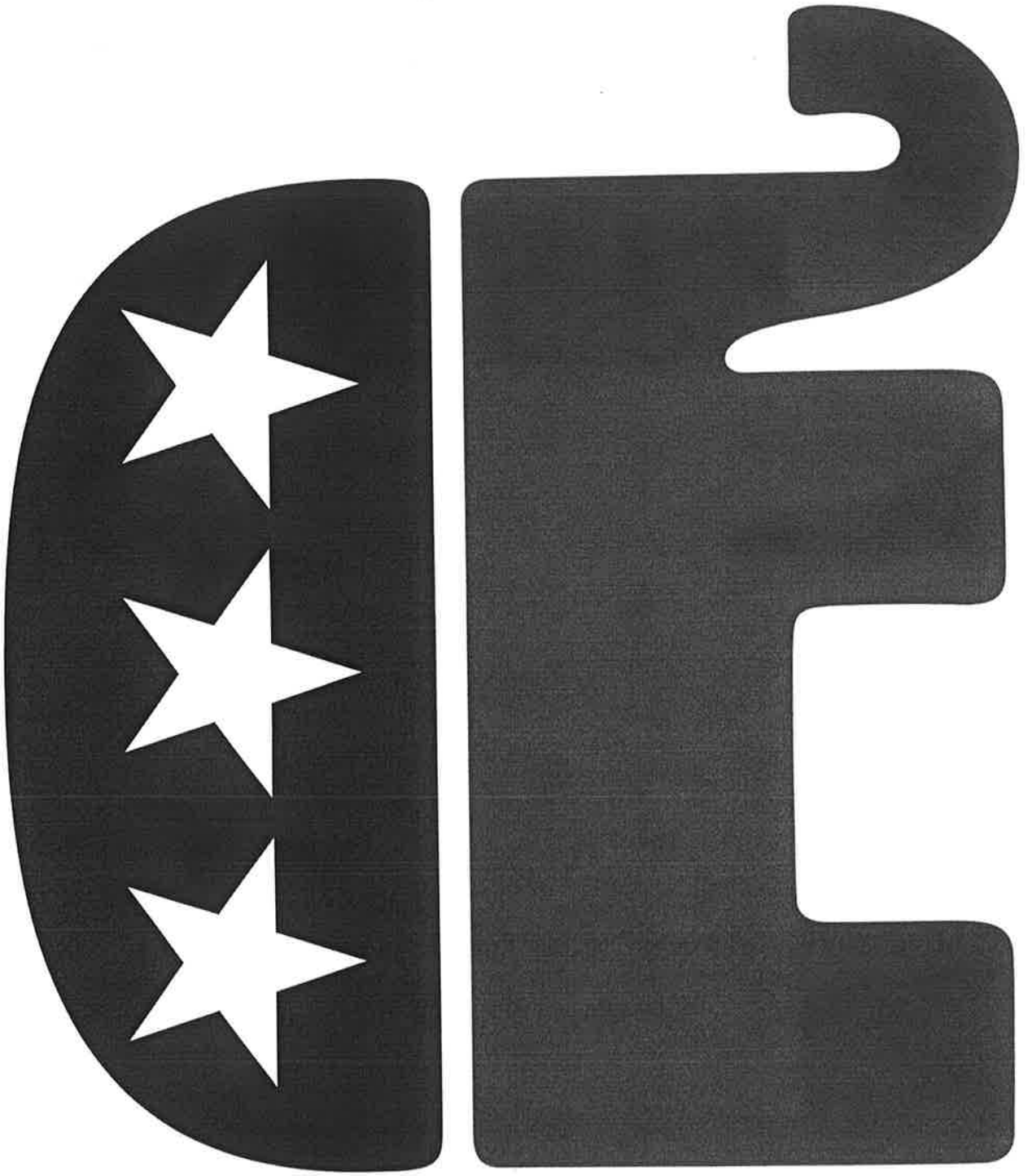
cups (\$72) for the Primary Debate Watch and the printing cost of programs (\$21) for the Alumni Luncheon.

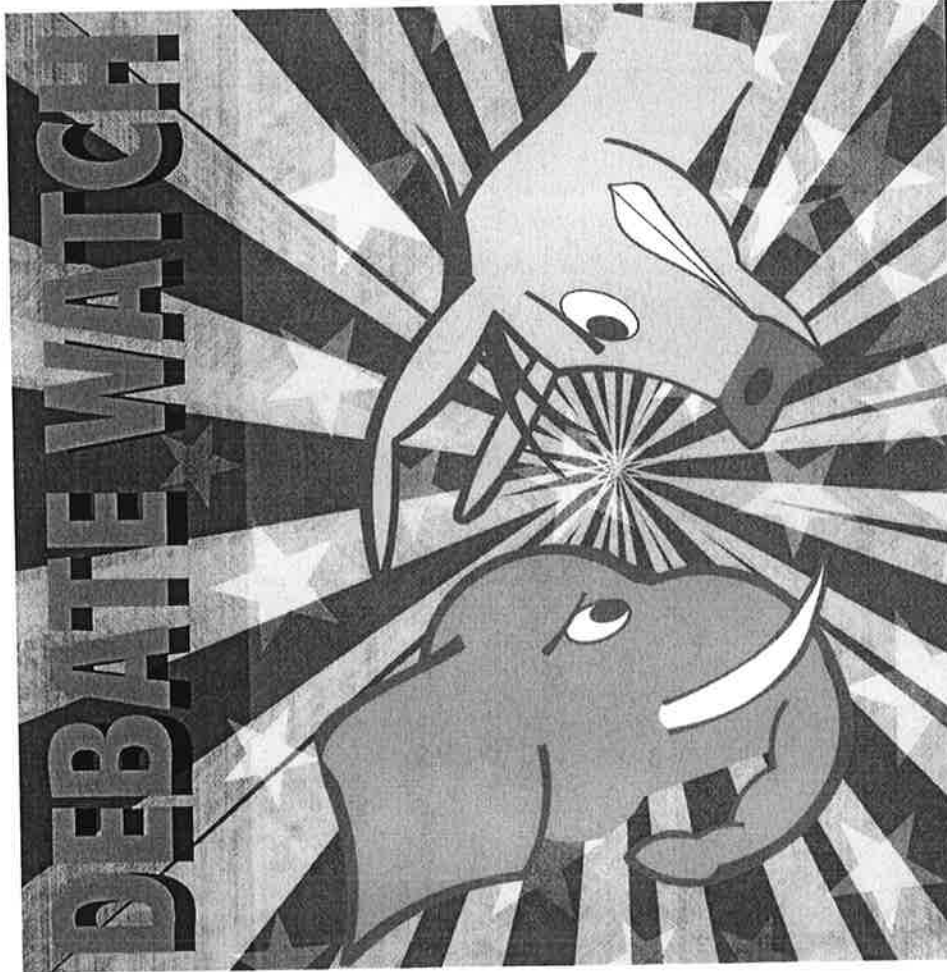
* I will attach a few pictures from Primary Debate Watch as well as the poster, T-shirt design, and trivia questions Lindsey developed. Additionally, I'm attaching the flyer and her program for the Alumni Luncheon, and the idea she had for next year's Accepted Students Day.

**Our chapter provides graduating seniors with a medallion, but many seniors also choose to purchase a cord. We charge them \$15 for the cord.

These are some photos I printed for accepted students day to make our dept's table look a bit better, Prof Schmeling has 2 frames which have the debate watch flyer (5x7in) and alumni luncheon (4x6in) flyers in them. I just stuck the donkey and elephant on the sign for our table w/ some balloons







FEB 11TH 2016
8:00^{PM} - 11:30^{PM}
STUDENT UNION 307

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Dear Professors,

On behalf of the Political Science Club, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Student Activities we would like to invite you to *Debate Watch*. At *Debate Watch* we will be streaming the Democratic Primary Debate on February 11th at 8:00pm in the Student Union Room 307. At the beginning of the event, we will be hosting a Voter Registration Drive and Trivia with several prizes to hand out for any students, staff, or professors to participate in. Also, we will be giving out T-Shirts prior to the event, and we thought you might be interested in having one, before we hand them out to the student body. Below you will see the t-shirt design, and if you would like one please either fill out the form below and you can either email or hand it back to Michelle Arias or Lindsey Callahan.

We are also asking any professor's teaching lower level classes (200's) to please consider giving your students an incentive to come to our event. We are trying to revitalize both the Political Science Club and Pi Sigma Alpha and can only do so if students are willing to participate. As well, we would love to see you all at this event since the Political Science Department is such a small community, and embracing this will be key to the success of this event. We want to make this happen next year, but this can only happen if we have a great turnout!

We hope to hear back from you soon, and to see you all at *Debate Watch*!

Sincerely,

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Professor's Name	Office Location	Size: S,M,L,XL,XXL