

# THE BENCHMARK

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CONNECTING UC TRIANGLE ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD

## UC TRIANGLE – ONCE AGAIN AN OFFICIAL CHAPTER

It's been a long time coming, but we are proud to announce that we were granted our charter on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

For us, the charter is a mark of all the hard work that the Actives, Alumni, and Greek Life staff have put in over the last three and a half years.

The Re-chartering Ceremony was very well attended with nearly 100 Alumni, parents, and guests attending as well as staff from the National Office. We were also honored to host Leah Howell, the Program Manager for Fraternity and Sorority Life, who shared kind words on behalf of the entire community.



Chapter President Jim Kimbro led off the ceremony by welcoming the many honored guests who took time out of their busy schedules to attend and share this momentous day with us.

Toward the end of the ceremony, Executive Director Brian Tenclinger honored us by awarding us our charter, which currently hangs alongside the charter that UC Triangle was granted in 1921. It stands as a constant reminder of the value of hard work, dedication, and how much this fraternity means to each of us.

For those who were able to attend, we were glad that we were able to share this event with you. If you weren't able to attend, you are always more than welcome to visit.



Sean Gleason  
Cin '12  
Vice President  
Active Chapter

## Dean Of Engineering Initiated As Honorary Member

On the day of our re-founding, the Cincinnati chapter of Triangle had the privilege of initiating a very special honorary member: Dr. Teik C. Lim.



Dr. Lim, Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science, was welcomed as a Brother alongside our largest initiating class ever.

Dr. Lim has been on the mechanical engineering staff since 2002 and was appointed interim Dean of Engineering in 2012. He is now the official Dean and a new Triangle initiate.



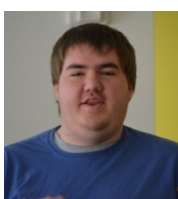
Ben Haller  
Cin '12  
PR Director,  
UC Triangle  
Active Chapter

## UC Triangle Continues Academic Leadership

Triangle at the University of Cincinnati continues to keep academics important in the eyes of all of its members.

This past fall the group achieved a 3.2 GPA, placing us 2<sup>nd</sup> among fraternities and 5<sup>th</sup> among all of Greek Life.

We continue to offer many opportunities to help our members achieve their academic goals. By utilizing our new library, we have facilitated Brothers and Pledges collaborating with each other for them to succeed by paying the price of success in honest effort.



Andrew Welch  
Cin '13  
Secretary,  
UC Triangle  
Active Chapter

## First Formal Held By The New UC Triangle Chapter

As members of Triangle, the Cincinnati chapter is hard-working and honest, just as our ritual teaches us to be. Sometimes, however, we need to take time to blow off some steam and reward ourselves for our work ethic both in school and on coop jobs.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, UC Triangle paired up with UC Phi Sigma Rho to hold a formal at 20<sup>th</sup> Century Theater in Cincinnati.

The unique attribute of this formal was the invitation of Triangle and Phi Sigma Rho members from other chapters across the midwest region of the country. Visiting members came from universities such as Ohio State, Kentucky, and North Carolina Charlotte.

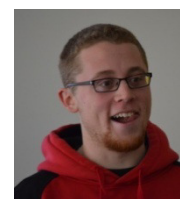
The event was a rousing success. Those who attended had a great time dancing, conversing, and laughing, and those who were of age enjoyed beverages from the in-house cash bar. Buses were provided for transportation to and from the venue to ensure the safety of our chapters and our guests.



After the event, those who attended spent time at the recently acquired UC Triangle chapter house to share more laughs and relax.

Also, the chapter house was offered to our out-of-town guests for hospitality and shelter. This created a great environment to network with Brothers and Sisters, and also to take some time to enjoy the benefits of the organization we are so dedicated to.

As social director, I am more than pleased with how the event turned out, and I believe it added to our chapter's appreciation of Triangle both locally and nationally and strengthened our relationship with Phi Rho.



Ryan Terry  
Cin '13  
Social Director  
UC Triangle  
Active Chapter

## New E-Board To Focus On Planning, Alumni Involvement

This coming year, the Cincinnati Chapter plans to start being more proactive in the community by planning out our calendar a year in advance. This will allow us to plan more efficiently and give people in the community as well as Alumni time to schedule in advance.

That being said, I would really like to start getting the Alumni more involved with the chapter and helping with member development. By member development, I mean sharing your professional experience with the chapter to help us land our dream jobs. To do this I want to set up a list of Alumni and their current and past job experiences. I hope by doing this we will create a medium that Brothers will be able to look at and get in contact with Alumni to ask questions and gain connections to peruse their dreams after college.

One of our main goals for the upcoming year is to have our new house full. We are almost at capacity for the upcoming fall term and are excited for all of us to live under one roof to create a strong brotherhood. This could not have been done without the hard work of the chapter to keep the house presentable and recruit our largest pledge class so far last fall.

As our numbers continue to climb, I am going to push us to venture out and start hosting events with other groups on campus to allow us to be more sociable and active in the community.

I am looking forward to the next coming year and cannot wait to see everything come into place.



Jim Kimbro  
Cin '12  
President  
UC Triangle  
Active Chapter

## Chapter Makes Big Impression During E-Week

Triangle recently participated in the 2014 Engineering Week known as "Eweek". Eweek involved a variety of engineering challenges, fun games, and donations that benefited the free store food bank.

The Cincinnati chapter hosted an egg drop challenge off of the roof of Zimmer auditorium where teams had to construct a device to safely protect their egg from a 25 foot drop. At the end of the week, against 20 plus other teams, we took third place overall!



Ben Haller  
Cin '12  
PR Director  
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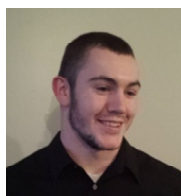
## Actives Raise Money For Brother's Injured Brother

This past Fall, the Fundraising Committee organized an event to benefit the family of a Brother at Michigan State University.

A son in the family had an accident while playing hockey and became paralyzed from the waist down.

The committee ran a bake sale on Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon. During the event we sold about three gallons of hot chocolate, eight large pans of deep fried macaroni and cheese, and over 300 chocolate chip cookies.

In the end, thanks to a large group effort, the sale brought in over \$300 that went directly to the family.



Jacob Wells  
Cin '14  
New Member Educator  
UC Triangle  
Active Chapter

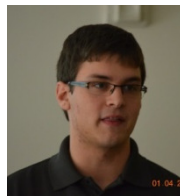
## Recruiting Efforts Continue

After re-chartering and initiating our fall pledge class, we jumped right back into recruitment.



Our recruitment events included going to a Cincinnati Cyclones game, video game nights, and Cincinnati basketball watch parties.

We brought in three new members, Tom Mighton, Nick Steltzer, and Austin Wanek. Tom is a Chemical Engineering major, Nick is a Mechanical Engineering major, and Austin is a Biomedical Engineering major. We're very excited to welcome our new members into Triangle!



Max Inniger  
Cin '13  
Director of Recruiting  
UC Triangle  
Active Chapter

## Alumni Serve Up "Beef and Beans Challenge" To Recognize Academic Success

Last fall the Alumni issued a first-ever challenge to the Actives and Pledges: whichever group achieves the highest collective GPA in the fall will be treated to a steak dinner prepared and served by Alumni. Alumni will make dinner for the losing group too, but a more modest fare of beans (and a few hot dogs).

The Actives prevailed with a 3.44 GPA, and once grilling weather returned, everyone gathered at the house for a delicious meal and good-natured celebration, followed by the inaugural signing of the official Beef and Beans Apron.



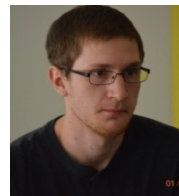
## House Near Capacity In Fall '14

The acquisition of a new chapter home is perhaps the most exciting thing that has happened to UC Triangle in the past few years.

In the Fall of 2013, immediately following the purchase of the house, we had eleven men living in our newfound home. This Spring, that number grew to fifteen. While that was progress, it still paled in comparison to our 26 man capacity. However, we now have 22 Brothers signed up to live in our home for Fall of 2014, and we couldn't be more excited.

Having a chapter home has given us a place where we can bond and grow together as Brothers. We've truly created an environment in which enduring friendships may be formed, and we intend on laying a foundation that will promote this environment for years to come. This past year has cultured innumerable experiences that would have been impossible without a common place to call our home.

We could not have possibly acquired a home this quickly if it weren't for our motivated and dedicated Alumni base. Our Alumni Board has given us invaluable support and guidance, and the entirety of our Alumni base has shown us the generosity and character that true Triangle men possess.



Derek Busdiecker  
Cin '12  
House Manager  
UC Triangle  
Active Chapter

## Participation In 5in5 Campaign Continues To Grow

Alumni continue to show their generous support by contributing to the 5in5 fundraising campaign.

At the end of March, 10 months into the 5 year campaign, the effort has achieved 16% of its \$500,000 goal.

A hearty THANK YOU to all contributors!

For information visit:

[www.uctriangle.org/5in5](http://www.uctriangle.org/5in5)

