



PSI NEWS

The Psi Chapter of Psi Upsilon Newsletter

by Samuel Vigneault '21, Jack Sullivan '22 and Rick Stone '79

Dear Brethren,

We hope all is well with you and yours as we continue to move through these tumultuous times of pandemic. The Psi Chapter Undergrads returned to campus in August, adapted to COVID-19 campus life and have exemplified what it means to be a Brother, providing one another support during challenging times.

In early September, the Psi Alumni Trustees held a series of Zoom meetings with the undergraduates and agreed to provide a variety of resources and opportunities to weather this difficult period. These benefits included financial support for Psi U International dues, as well as the addition of paid undergraduate positions. This year, the Chapter was also awarded a record number of Psi U International Scholarships.

Our undergraduates and alumni continue to face **an uncertain job and summer internship market**, and we ask for your help with providing opportunities by contacting **Nate Harris '07**, our Career-Mentor Program Co-Chair (nateharris31@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can post a position on our private Psi Chapter Hamilton College LinkedIn Group (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4339681/>). These past months have seen an outpouring of support from alumni, for our chapter - for that, we are truly thankful.

As you read through the Psi News and reflect upon the Psi accomplishments and activities, we ask that you **consider making a contribution** to support our robust programs. Contributions can be made online at www.psiofpsi.org, or by way of check payable to "Psi of Psi Upsilon" (directed to the Alumni Association's Treasurer David Nichols '77 at 3 Upland Road Greenwich, CT 06831).

A special thank you to our alumni volunteers and undergraduate executive committee members for their extraordinary work and commitment during these trying times. Please do not hesitate to reach out with additional thoughts and ideas to help the Psi. (Contact: pjgilrane@gmail.com or 203.570.5503).

Keep well, be safe.

Yours in the Bonds,

Patrick Gilrane '83 aka "Gil"
President
Psi of Psi Upsilon



Record number of scholarships recipients!

This year, a record four undergraduates of the chapter have been awarded Psi Upsilon Foundation scholarships. One of the scholarships, the **Gardner A. Callanen Psi 1929 Award**, is funded by a fund in honor of **Gardner Callanen '29** and his devotion to Psi Upsilon. Gardner distinguished himself through his unwavering devotion to our very own Psi chapter during and after his Hamilton days, as well as his involvement with both Psi U International and the Foundation.

Sam Vigneault, Andrew Charman, Michael O'Hare, Jake Valensi, and all the undergrads want to thank the Psi Upsilon Foundation and its members for providing this great opportunity to our members! If you would like to make a difference by contributing to the Foundation, you can do so by reaching out to bethann@psiu.org.

Gardner A. Callanen Psi 1929 Award
Andrew Charman '21
Sam Vigneault '21

Benjamin T. Burton Chi 1921 Award
Jake Valensi '22

Earl D. Babst Iota-Phi 1893 Award
Michael O'Hare '21



Undergraduate Activities: Fall 2020

Pledging delayed by the College

Abiding by the college's current normal rules for fraternities and sororities, a typical year would find freshmen rushing Greek-life in the spring, to then pledge in the fall of their sophomore year. However unorthodox compared to larger schools around the country, such a schedule allowed Hamilton fraternities ample time spent with newly initiated members in that first fall, followed by a welcomed time spent with existing brothers before beginning the process of finding new ones.

Yet despite bids being given for the new class of pledges before COVID took its toll, the college decided to alter this pledging schedule in keeping with general safety advisory. That being said, the current wave of Psi U sophomores will now be pledged in the spring. While great times were spent with this group of rushes as they were exempt from pledging through the fall, the brothers are all quite excited to educate this group on the ins-and-outs of Psi U in the coming months!

Socializing in COVID-19 era: "Psiturdays"

Coronavirus has touched every aspect of our lives over the last year, and fraternal socialization has been no exception. Prior to arrival on campus, Hamilton's COVID regulations seemed a great hindrance to the football-throwing, music-blasting, beverage-consuming activities that remain so fond in our memories. And so, our chapter was presented with a challenge: watch from the wings as the semester faded into a prison-spawned obscurity, or put our beer-damaged brains together and create a solution. As it happened, our collectively questionable intelligence gave rise to more than a solution. From the fire of coronavirus rose a *tradition*, thanks to a true stroke of brilliance from our revered and heavily moustached Archon: in an amalgamation of the two things any brother loves most - Psi Upsilon, and Saturdays - Archon Charman decreed 11 AM brunches to hereby be known as Psiturdays.

Abiding within the rules of the college, Psiturdays were an immediate success. Masks intact, our neophytes had the pleasure of exercising their culinary prowess, serving brothers bacon and eggs between games of socially-distanced beer die. Such has been a trope of this semester: organized fun, with an emphasis on safety and adherence to the Hill's policies. As is typical, Psi U has made the most of their circumstances, adapting to (and finding enjoyment within) circumstances that seemed impossibly bleak.



Left to Right: Ethan Wallis '21, Matt McGoey '21, Jack Sullivan '22, Tex Galinovsky '22, Jake Valensi '22, Alex Clark '22, Jason Healy '22, Jack Mckeen '22, Josh Caplan '21, Mikey Gillis '22, Dave Yang '22, Sam Vigneault '21, behind sitting legendary Archon Andrew Charman '21 rocking his signature mustache on a Psituesday.

Psi U well represented in Hamilton Athletics

Matt Zaffino is a current senior captain on the varsity baseball team, and has found great success in his years at Hamilton. He hit a smooth .340 in his first two years, garnering the first Rookie of the Year award in Hamilton history. Perhaps more importantly, he also holds a .526 career batting average against rival Amherst. Matt's junior year was cut short three games into the 2020 season, however the team is hopeful for an opportunity to play this Spring (despite current affairs). In the summer of 2018, Zaffino kept busy playing in the South Florida Collegiate League - fellow teammates and Psi brothers Matt Cappelletti '21 and Michael O'Hare '21 joined Zaffino in The Sunshine State. The next summer, Zaffino was the second player in Hamilton history to participate in the New England Collegiate Baseball League. He plans to return to the NECBL in the summer of 2021 for the Danbury Westerners, due to the extra year of eligibility granted to all spring athletes from this year's past cancellation. Bearing the continuation of Spring sports, Zaffino and the rest of Psi's baseball players look to further their success on the field.



Varsity Athletes of the Psi

Tennis: Josh Caplan and Ronnak Saxena

Swimming: Jack Sullivan and Alex Clark

Golf: Tom Graham, Mikey Gillis, Jason Healy, Jack McKeon

Baseball: Mike O'Hare, Matt Zaffino, Matt McGoey, Matt Cappelletti, Jarrett Lee, Jacob Han, Ethan Wallis, Arlyn Lopez, Ethan Harrast, Jack Clougherty, Tom Reilly, Cole Robertson

Football: Owen Burke, Jake Valensi, Joseph Park, Alex Halouchanka, Aiden French, Matt Banbury, James Lewis, Mark Howrigan, George Johnson, Jack Clougherty, Tom Reilly

Archon's Report

Dear Brothers,

This semester has been difficult. The college imposed strict COVID regulations that outlaw large, in-person gatherings, and encouraged students to report any peers who break the rules. This is not what I expected for my senior year. Despite what the college may portray via email, student morale across campus was low. However, all hope was not lost. Those of us who remained on campus did our best to remain in good spirits by gathering in inconspicuous, socially distant groups. Such strict regulations resulted in weekend cat and mouse games with campus safety, wherein we found secluded spots around campus in order to get a taste of our pre-COVID weekends.

I wrote to you last semester about the three goals the executive committee and I had for the chapter during our tenure: to foster brotherhood, to reimplement lost traditions, and to improve our rush and pledging process. I'm proud to say that we have met our goals. This semester, we've held numerous fraternity events including Career Mentor zoom calls, rush events, and social gatherings with aplomb. Through it all, the Brothers of the Psi remain united. By making the best of each day as it comes, I am confident that we will finish the year knowing we did the best we could with what we had—a testament to the unwavering strength and perseverance of the brotherhood. This semester's circumstances tested the moral, social, and intellectual excellence towards which we aspire. I am proud to have led the Psi chapter during this tumultuous time, for a smooth sea does not a skilled sailor make.

Yours in the Bonds,

Andrew E. Charman, '21

Fall 2020 Archon

The Club Hockey Pipeline

The club hockey team is alive and well at Hamilton College. It's full of freshly washed up high school and prep players, many of whom have already peaked and are just trying to keep some semblance of the dream alive before men's league. We currently have 5 brothers on the team, with our very own Archon, **Charman '21**, in his third year as a team captain. Our biweekly practices give the boys an opportunity to get together, relieve some stress, and get some exercise. With such a limited number of available social outlets, the rink has become a sanctuary of sorts.

We take full advantage of open ice time, and many brothers without hockey backgrounds get together to enjoy the sport. We're even finding new members through the club hockey team. The 5 current brothers, as well as 2 of the current neophytes, were all invited to Psi U rush events through connections they made on the team. With many other recruitment avenues disrupted, club hockey provides a steady source of bold young men that, after some education, have made and will continue to make fine brothers of the Psi Chapter.

Psi Chapter Programs and Alumni News

Career Mentorship Zoom Call

As has been mentioned in previous Psi Newsletters, one of our chapter's most revered and continuously successful institutions is our alumni network. For those uniformed: since its creation, the Psi U Career Program has flourished here on the Hill to the extent that the school's career center has been coming to *us* - yes, the same Psi U that you all know - for guidance in setting up *their* alumni network.

Alas, Covid-19 has rendered previously successful events - such as our annual on-campus Career Day - impossible. Yet in continuation of this semester's "adaptation" theme, the importance of alumni-to-undergrad connection did not fall by the wayside. Through a collaboration between Career Chair Jono Quinn '21 and various alumnus, regular Zoom calls have been organized, each focusing on a different area of career interest and advice. From basic resume organization and interview skills, to alumni panels centered on career path, the continued guidance of Psi U's career mentors has proven to be invaluable, and undoubtedly useful.

It should be recognized that, in today's iteration of the Psi chapter, our prestige is twofold: yes, we have maintained the rowdiness of bygone pledge-classes, but now, our career network receives a similar level of reverence. Thanks to the alumni involvement in play with undergraduate commitment, the Psi U career network has remained infallible, and certainly effective in this unprecedented semester. The picture below is a screen capture of one of those Zoom career calls. Included in the shot are alumni **Paul Giuliano '19**, **Nate Harris '07**, **Andrew Madigan '14**, and **Patrick Gilrane '83**.



Send us your news!

We would love to hear from you and be able to share any exciting news or gatherings involving brothers in the next Psi News. Any news can be sent to our alumni relations chair svigneault29@gmail.com and will be included in the next newspaper. Thanks to Jace for staying in touch with us and sending some news!

2021 Psi Upsilon Events Calendar

January 8th	- Psi U International Archon's Academy
January 14th	- NYC Psi Chapter Trustee Meeting
February 8th	- Start of the pledging process
March 12th	- End of the pledging process
March 13th	- Virtual Initiation and Traditions Day
March 22nd	- Start of rush period
April 16th	- Biannual Call-A-Thon
May 11th	- End of rush process
June 4th	- Raise A Glass for Brothers Who've Passed - Virtual event, details to come

Support the Chapter!

The Psi Chapter Alumni Association sponsors an annual Career Day for undergraduates, with alumni participation, and oversees all chapter operations and programs. This includes the publication of the *Psi News* to keep you informed and much more. But we need your help to continue these efforts! Please **DONATE** your tax-deductible & matching-grant-eligible donations—which directly benefit Hamilton Psi U undergrads—at this link:

<https://www.hamilton.edu/give/PSIU>

Thank you to all our loyal alumni for their support in keeping our chapter striving. **Please note the April 16th Call-A-Thon. Undergrads have put a lot of effort into planning the event and look forward to getting on the phone with you!**

Alumni News

From brother Jace Kahn '63: "A few brothers met up at the 2020 Charlotte, NC alumni gathering. Myself (Jace Kahn '63, left), Gary Ferraro '62 (center), and Bob Joseph '63 (right) all had the opportunity to catch up and share some old memories. The two men on the ends of the picture were alumni from the later 1960s classes, and had the misfortune not to be Psi U's."



In loving memory of brother
Andrew C. Burns
1956-2020

by David K. Nichols '77

Dear Brethren,

Andrew Conover Burns, Sr. (Andy) passed peacefully at home in Chapel Hill, NC on Friday, October 30th, 2020, surrounded by his family.

Andy, class of 1978, served as Social Chairman during his time at Psi U, and as my roommate for two years; we shared the Cave and Room 8. Beyond that, Andy has been a good friend for 40 years, so it is with sadness that I bring this news to the brothers of the Psi Chapter.

Andy was born on June 26, 1956, to Nicholas Kennedy and Claire Conover Burns in Clinton, New York, where seven generations of the Burns family have lived since 1850. In 1978, he became the third-generation, and the 14th Burns, to graduate from Hamilton College.

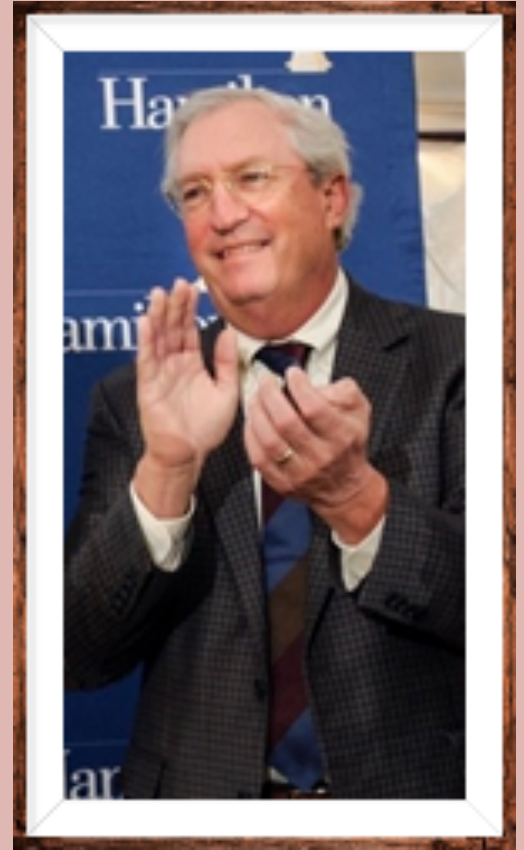
I expect that the statute of limitations is now over, and both Psi brothers involved are now deceased, so I think it would now be safe to share just one story about Andy from his college days that reveals his mischievous sense of humor. It was a wintery night in mid-December 1977, when Andy and David Garfinkel ("Garf") '78 were returning from a late evening at Don's Rok. They couldn't help but notice the two companion spruce trees flanking the gracious entrance to Dean of Students Bingham's house (the large yellow colonial just downhill from the House). It being the Christmas season, and the Psi being in need of a Christmas tree, Andy and Garf cut down one of those spruce trees, dragged it through the snow and up the front steps of the Chi Psi House, and then picked the tree up and walked it back to Psi U, where they proudly displayed the tree in the Great Hall. You can imagine Dean Bingham's surprise the next morning when he barged into Chi Psi, yet his tree was nowhere to be found.

Andy had an incredible sense of community. He was a "townie" who went to Hamilton. He frequented Don's Rok from his High School days (shh...don't tell anybody), and dined often at Alteri's, the owners of which are part of the larger Burns family. He knew how lucky Hamilton College and Clinton were to have each other and, when he moved back to Clinton in 1992, he dedicated himself to strengthening their bond. Andy was instrumental in establishing Hamilton's Town-Gown Fund which facilitates support from the college to the community. For his role in organizing the 100 Years of Hockey event, along with his other various engagements with the College, Andy was presented with Hamilton College's Jeff Little '71 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Upon Andy's death, an academic scholarship fund was established at Hamilton in Andy's name. Jack Withiam, Psi '71, a good friend of Andy's, provided the leadership to get this fund launched, and it is now well-funded.

Andy was an avid golfer, among his many interests. He was also a lifelong fan of The Grateful Dead. One of Jerry Garcia's melodies, provided his life's soundtrack, the "Eyes of His World." He often said that making people laugh was the nicest thing you could do for them. His spontaneous wit brought laughter to all. He could instantly connect with people from all walks of life. He dearly loved his family. He is survived by his wife, Julia; his children, Andrew, Owen and Wilton; his siblings, Nicholas (Suzanne), David (Lisa), Jane (Deborah), Carrie Evans (Chris) and William (Elizabeth); and fourteen nieces and nephews. They are all saddened by the loss of Andy which came too early, but are incredibly proud of everything their husband, father, brother and uncle accomplished.

Memorial gifts in Andy's honor may be made to Hamilton College to either the Andrew C. Burns '78 Scholarship Fund or The Town-Gown Fund and sent to the attention of Lori Dennison, Hamilton College, 198 College Hill Rd., Clinton, NY 13323.



Current Chapter Leadership and Member Info

Andrew Charman '21 retires as Archon

At the end of the Fall 2020, **Andrew Charman '21** stepped down as Archon of the Chapter after a full year of service to the chapter. All the undergraduates thank Andrew for his incredible leadership and during the Covid-19 pandemic. **Jake Valensi '22** took over the role of Archon starting Spring 2020 and has ambitious plans for the chapter.

Tex Galinovsky '22 is the chapter's new Vice President, replacing **Tom Graham '21**. **Jason Healy '22** will join the executive council as Treasurer. **Ethan Wallis '20** will be replaced by **Mikey Gillis '22** as the head social chair. The pledge educators **Sam Vigneault '21** and **Jono Quinn '21** did an outstanding job educating our new class of 15 members.



Jono Quinn '21 and Andrew Charman '21 after a rugby match sporting the Hamilton colors.

Psi Chapter Undergraduate Leadership

Position	Fall 2020	Spring 2021
Archon	Andrew Charman '21	Jake Valensi '22
Vice-President	Tom Graham '21	Tex Galinovsky '22
Treasurer	Jake Valensi '22	Jason Healy '22
Social Chairs	Ethan Wallis '21 Jack Sullivan '22	Mikey Gillis '22 Jack Sullivan '22
Pledge Educ. (F)	Sam Vigneault '21	Aidan French '23
Rush Chairs (S)	Jono Quinn '21	Alex Smith '23
Career Chair	Jono Quinn '21	Alex Clark '22
Alumni Relations	Sam Vigneault '21	Jack Sullivan '22
Data Analytics	Jack McKeon '22	Jack McKeon '22
Fundraising	Tex Galinovsky '22	Tex Galinovsky '22

Psi Chapter Alumni Leadership

Position	Brother
Chairman, Board of Directors	Patrick Gilrane '83
President	Patrick Gilrane '83
Vice President	Nate Harris '07
Vice President	Robin Mancuso '81
Vice President	Jeb Beckwith '84
Treasurer	Dave Nichols '77
Secretary	David Holgate '83
Counsel	Bob Guth '82
Alumni Fundraising Lead	Andrew Madigan '14
Psi News Alumni Editor	Rick Stone '79

Psi Undergraduates Hometowns

Class of 2021

Jonathan William Quinn. Pleasant Valley, NY
 Michael Patrick Blaise O'Hare. Manasquan, NJ
 Arlyn Lopez. Glendale, NY
 Jarrett Wai-Ming Lee. Medfield, MA
 Matthew Austin Cappelletti. Fayetteville, NY
 Joshua Robert Caplan. Brookline, MA
 Andrew Emery Charman. Missoula, MT
 Thomas Kevin Graham. Sherborn, MA
 Matthew Jonathan Zaffino. New Canaan, CT
 Jaydin Knight. Mount Vernon, NY
 Ethan Gerard Wallis. Manhattan, NY
 Matthew Stephen McGoey. Montclair, NJ
 Samuel Vigneault. Quebec City, Canada
 Jacob Ryan Han. Vienna, VA

Lineage

Silver
Goons
Wild Girls
Vikings
Vikings
Strawberry
Strawberry
Bugle Boys
Bugle Boys
Football
Pineapple
Pineapple
Canines
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Class of 2023

Aidan Sean Avraham French. Mamaroneck, NY
 James Joseph Lewis. Scranton, PA
 Samuel Louis Born. Hingham, MA
 Johan Omar Lopez Alvarado. Warrington, PA
 Matthew Brian Banbury. Pittsburgh, PA

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Class of 2022

Jake Ryan Valensi. Staten Island, NY
 Alexis Noah Galinovsky. Woodbridge, CT
 Joseph Minwoo Park. Guilderland, NY
 John Rossi Sullivan. Mount Kisco, NY
 John Francis McKeon. Sudbury, MA
 Michael William Gillis. Hamilton, MA
 Aliaksandr Glennovich Halouchanka. Belarus
 Jason Richard Healy. Lexington, MA
 Owen Francis Burke. Milton, MA
 Alex Goizueta Clark. Darien, CT

Class of 2023 - continued

Williamson Brooks Bradford. Jackson Hole, WY
 Mark Edward Howrigan II. Fairfield, VT
 Alexander Kingsley Smith. Bethesda, MD
 Thomas Joseph Kai Reilly. Closter, NJ
 Charles Eric Luft. Ridgefield, CT
 George Phillip Sebastian Johnson. Summit, NJ
 Ethan John Harrast. Oak Brook, IL
 John Paul Clougherty. Hingham, MA
 Matthew Cole Robertson. Houston, TX
 Ronnak Kumar Saxena. South Windsor, CT

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