

Virginia Kappa Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Virginia Tech

Special Points of Interest:

- *First Annual Balanced Man Scholarship (BMS)*
- *13 Applications received*
- *6 Finalists Interviewed*
- *\$1000 BMS awarded to Alex Nussbaum*

VA KAPPA AWARDS FIRST ANNUAL BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Virginia Kappa Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon awarded the first annual Balanced Man Scholarship on August 27, 2008 in a ceremony at their Chapter house in Blacksburg. Nearly 100 attendees comprised of brothers, golden hearts, alumni, and finalists gathered to see the \$1000 award be given to incoming freshman Alex Nussbaum of Ellicott City, MD.

In line with the National Balanced Man Scholarship template, the Virginia Kappa Chapter sought to recognize an exceptional incoming freshman that exemplifies the Balanced Man by unknowingly living by our three cardinal

principles: Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love.

The existence of this new scholarship opportunity was advertised through the Chapter website (designed by Brother Grant Gardner), University Financial aid website, and various other scholarship websites. Thirteen excellent applications were received from 6 different states. A selection committee comprised of Brother Ryan Clark - BMS Chair, Brother Will Jernigan - VP Recruitment, Brother Tyler Valtin - Chapter President, and Brother J. Ryan Parker - Alumni Board BMS Director chose finalists based on their applications' ability to



Virginia Kappa Representatives (Top Left to Right): Brothers J. Ryan Parker, Ryan Clark, Tyler Valtin, Will Jernigan, and Sam Lionberger III. Finalists (Bottom Left to Right): K.C. Harrison, Mike Kulikowski, Adam Segal, Mark McKenzie, Jacob Sherry, Adam Nussbaum

demonstrate characteristics of a Balanced Man. The six finalists were invited to interview with the selection committee on August 25 and the ceremony was held on August 27th. All finalist interviewed well, which made the selection committee's job all the more difficult. After considerable deliberation, the selection committee chose Alex Nussbaum as this year's recipient.

Throughout Alex's interview and application there were many examples of how he has learned from his parents, friends and experiences to be a virtuous individual. His leadership and experiences within the Boy Scouts of America provide great examples of how his life aligns with our three cardinal principles, most notably diligence. Lastly, compassion for helping others illustrated by his work as a tutor to intellectually challenged fellow students exemplifies our third cardinal principle of brotherly love.

During the ceremony, Brother J. Ryan Parker highlighted the Alumni Board's goal to support the development of balanced men through scholarships such as this one. Additionally, guest speaker Brother Sam Lionberger gave an inspirational speech detailing how the Balanced Man concept has guided him in living his life, and encouraging the finalists and undergraduates to consider it as a guide for their futures.

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(Left to Right) Balanced Man Scholarship Recipient, Alex Nussbaum, with Alumni Board BMS Director, Brother J. Ryan Parker, Chapter BMS Chair, Brother Ryan Clark, and Alumni Board Guest Speaker, Brother Sam Lionberger III



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