



Brother Spotlight: John DiSarro and the Outstretched Hand Emergency Fund

This month, the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation is thrilled to spotlight Brother John DiSarro, Phi Zeta Chi '07, a lifelong advocate for Alpha Chi Rho (AXP) and higher education. From his undergraduate days to his work as a Trustee and higher education professional, Brother DiSarro exemplifies our commitment to Brotherhood and service.

During his time at SUNY Geneseo, John served as Scholarship Chair and Brother-at-Large within the Chapter, and represented the Fraternity as their Interfraternity Conference (IFC) representative. These roles not only developed his leadership skills, but shaped his dedication to helping others. After graduating, he remained connected by advising his Chapter and, in 2016, he took a larger role in reinvigorating AXP initiatives. Today, John is a proud Trustee and continues to champion Brotherhood through his work and philanthropy.

John's latest endeavor is the creation of the **Outstretched Hand Emergency Fund**. Unlike traditional restricted funds, this fund focuses on aiding Brothers facing unexpected hardships. Unexpected personal tragedies can arise suddenly and disrupt lives. This is why the Outstretched Hand Emergency Fund is so important – it provides crucial financial support to Resident Brothers during these unforeseen hardships, ensuring they have access to the basic necessities they need to recover and move forward. John was inspired by witnessing fellow Brothers endure challenges during their college years and recognized a gap in resources to support them.

"The whole idea of being there for Brothers in need reflects the values of Alpha Chi Rho. Many members struggle privately, and this is a tangible way we can demonstrate that we're there for one another."

He hopes this fund will leave a lasting legacy by not only helping those in need today but also inspiring future recipients to stay involved with the Fraternity, the Foundation, and to give back in their own ways.

As a higher education professional, John's passion for supporting students drives his work. He finds fulfillment in building relationships and empowering students to succeed, noting that his own experiences in college laid the foundation for his career.

"Higher education is a lot of work, but it's incredibly rewarding. Supporting students and ensuring they have a great experience throughout college is something I find deeply meaningful."



John's involvement extends to programs like the Indeed Institute and partnerships with organizations like NGLA (Northeast Greek Leadership Association). Through these initiatives, he helps connect Brothers with broader networks, offering opportunities to learn from peers and professionals across Greek life.

"Indeed Institute is unique—it's not just about the Fraternity Landmarks, but also about creating lasting connections and memories with Brothers from other Chapters. NGLA builds on this by exposing our Brothers to diverse perspectives from across the fraternity and sorority world."

Some of John's favorite memories as a Brother come from the lifelong friendships he built during his time in the Fraternity. These connections have stood the test of time, continuing to enrich his life long after graduation. And when it comes to embracing a local Rochester favorite, John never passes up an "OG Garbage Plate", complete with a little bit of everything.

John's story reminds us of the power of Brotherhood and the impact of staying involved. As we look forward to the future of Alpha Chi Rho, let's support initiatives like John's emergency fund and encourage one another to uphold our shared values.

P.S. To learn more about the new *Outstretched Hand Emergency Fund* and how you can help Brothers in need, click [here](#). Together, we can make a difference!





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