



To Parents of Prospective Members:

My name is Tyler Papham and I serve as the President of the Triangle Fraternity Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh. I'm writing to you because your son has expressed an interest in joining Triangle. I understand that as a parent you may be wary of your son joining a fraternity. I completely understand, and I want to be transparent with you, so you can make the most informed decision possible regarding your son.

Obviously, the primary issue on everyone's minds is the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has dramatically altered how students interact in a university setting. This has presented a unique challenge for organizations such as Triangle, but we have been hard at work adjusting our operations and developing new protocols which will allow us to maintain the positive impact we have on our members and our community while prioritizing their safety and well-being. This includes recommendations around housing, sanitization, food service, member meetings and more. Triangle even hosted a webinar with Dr. Kristina Box, Indiana's Health Commissioner, to answer member questions and talk about what the Fall semester might look like. You can find this information and more online at www.triangle.org/covid.

Another major concern which has become unfortunately inextricable from fraternity life is hazing and alcohol use. We at Triangle strongly value the development of a healthy brotherhood and positive personal development, ideals which hazing and irresponsible alcohol use are entirely antithetical to. As such, our chapter HAS NEVER and WILL NEVER haze, and we actively work in promoting education and stewardship of responsible alcohol use. We provide our members with educational programming – both online and in-person – around recognizing warning signs, bystander intervention, and reporting methods with respect to both hazing and alcohol use. Triangle chapters also receive professional staff visits from individuals trained to recognize and address problem behaviors. A full list of our policies and programs can be found online at www.triangle.org/thsi.

Triangle's benefits are far more than its health and safety or risk reduction efforts. Here is a summary of what Triangle can offer your son:

Friendship & Support

Having a brotherhood of exclusively STEM majors creates a fraternity of like-minded men whose similar coursework and mutual desire for success creates an environment which drives our members to excel. Outside the classroom, the bonds formed within Triangle and with members of other organizations help to create a memorable and meaningful college experience.

Education & Training

We have numerous leadership programs, including Leadership & Training Weekend in January, the Herb Scobie Leadership School in the summer, and regional leadership conferences, as well as online education programs.

Our Professional Development Institute connects active and alumni members for resume and cover letter reviews, mock interviews, and career counseling. At a chapter level, we traditionally co-host a co-op panel shortly before Pitt's co-op fair in which our members who are completing or have completed a co-op can share their experiences and advice for members looking to receive a co-op offer.

Life Skills & Experience

We are consistently involved in philanthropy and service projects, both by ourselves and in conjunction with fellow student organizations. Recently, we have hosted events which directly benefit the National Ataxia Foundation and the Semper Fi Fund.

Our members develop crucial soft skills such as leadership, communication, and work ethic by holding positions within Triangle that are directly responsible for creating these events, collaborating with other organizations, and managing our operations.

Scholarships

Our Triangle Education Foundation provides over \$100,000 of scholarships and grants to chapters and individuals, based on merit and need. Learn more at their website here: <http://www.triangleef.org>

Networking

Our brotherhood provides a network of active and alumni members nationwide, both at universities and in industry. The experience and influence of these connections are invaluable resources which we have seen give our members a step up against their peers and professional competitors.

Triangle is a unique fraternity. The high caliber of students we attract leads to these young men bringing out the best in one another as they navigate some of the most rigorous curricula their campuses offer. We look forward to your son enhancing both his and his closest friends' collegiate experience through membership. As a final point, please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns (our contact information is below). Your son's safety and well-being are Triangle's top priority, as is ensuring the high quality of his collegiate experience. I know that these are priorities for you as well, and I hope you will trust us as a partner in seeing them accomplished.

Respectfully,

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