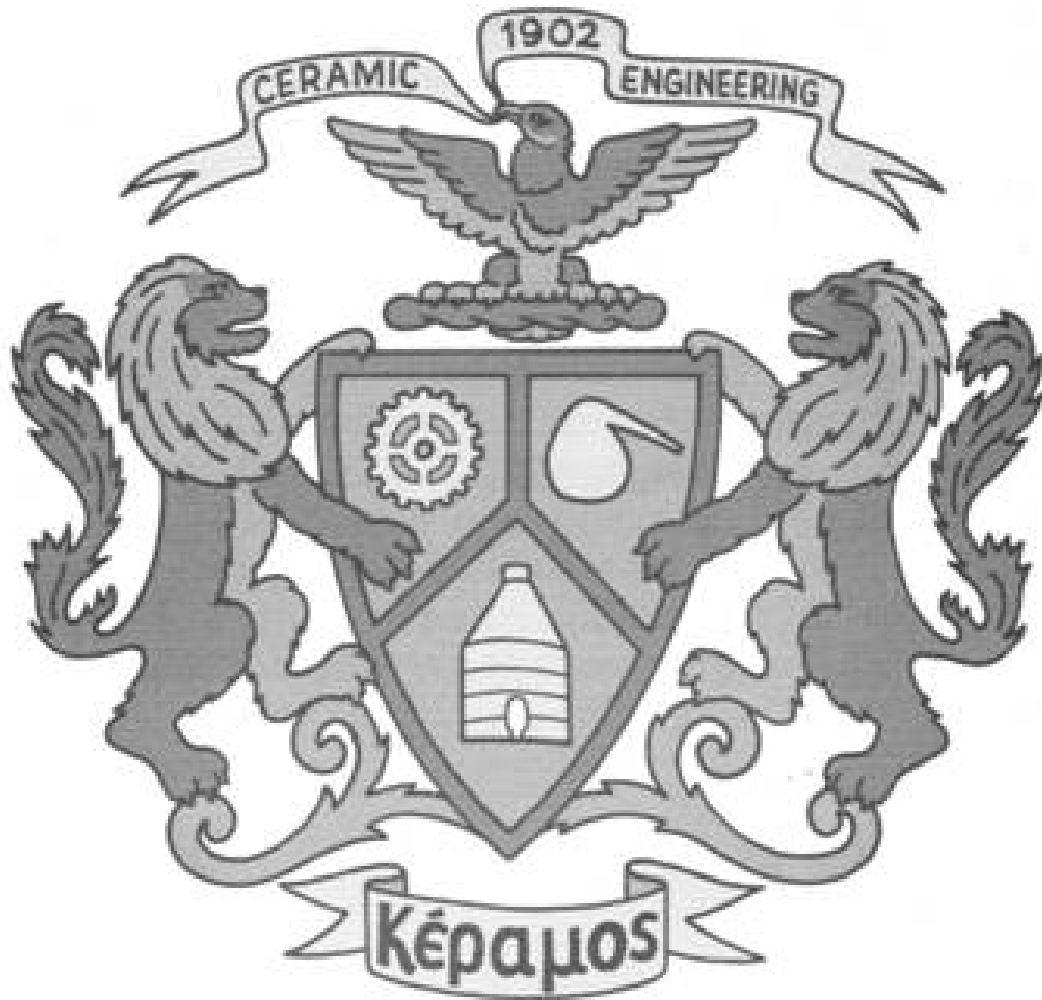


# The New York Chapter of Keramos



New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University

Annual Report

# 2015-2016

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## **I. President's Summary**

This past year the New York State Chapter of Keramos here at Alfred University had a phenomenal year. We hosted professional development events, attended MS&T and began fundraising and planning for next year's convention. We continued to have consistent attendance to meetings but really wanted to have a better representation from our peers, so the chapter voted to lower Alfred's minimum GPA requirement to a 2.5. This helped us to expand our chapter by 29 members. Not only did we add 29 members, but they all seem eager and ready to get involved in fundraising and working on our mug for MS&T 2016. I am excited to see the great year Keramos will have in the upcoming school year!

This year we decided to start producing our own novelty toilets. We plan to market these to our Alfred student body as mementos to our ceramic heritage. We also hosted talks from new staff members as well as continued our involvement with STEM outreach programs like A3. Last, but certainly not least, we had many chapter bonding events, predominantly impromptu meet ups to help bring our members closer together and strengthen our brother/sisterhood.

With a large incoming class of members, I am confident in the chapter's ability to further our involvement both on and off campus. I have the utmost faith that the new E-board will carry the club to more and more involvement.

*Benjamin Castner*

2015-2016 President

## **II. Annual Plan**

For the 2016-2017 school year the Alfred chapter of Keramos plans to increase our chapters' involvement within the community as well as the university itself. We intend to increase our representation of non-chapter members at Keramos events as well as continuing to build rapport among our group along with new inductees. We plan to continue to raise funds via our two vending machines located on campus. We are also anticipating to hold another hot dog fundraiser which not only brings in funds but, more importantly, is a great bonding experience for our members. Finally, we will continue selling our Alfred Engineering polos which have been a great success thus far. This coming year our chapter plans to stay involved with our community outreach programs such as A3, as well as participating in Visitation Days for both accepted and prospective students. This coming fall Keramos plans to once again attend the Materials Science and Technology conference which will be hosted in Salt Lake City, Utah.

### III. Officers

#### **Incoming officers (2016-2017)**

##### **President**

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##### **Herald**

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## IV. Active Members

### Undergraduate:

Evan Schwind  
Nickolas Cooper  
Brian Oistad  
Matthew Curtis  
Benjamin Castner  
Charles Bellos  
Maddi Flint  
Andres Garcia  
Troy Hugick  
Alex Jackson  
Andrew King  
Rachel Cook  
Peter Hoskins  
Joshua Pritchard  
James Horwath  
Madison Maley  
Ashley Burdett  
Nathaniel Jacobs  
Tiffany Chen  
Katie Weiss  
Kathryn Tierney  
Kurt Bennett\*  
Daniel Carter\*  
Zachary Cesarino\*

Brannan Chen\*  
Connor Cox\*  
Cody Cronmiller\*  
Jeffrey Daneault\*  
Daniel Delia\*  
Joshua Facey\*  
Erin Gendreau\*  
David Guapisaca\*  
Daniel Gueli\*  
Lucas Holmes\*  
Hayley Katz\*  
Samuel Kearns-  
Stanley\*  
Daniel Kutzik\*  
Peter Lotocki\*  
Alicia Mayville\*  
Kade McGarrity\*  
Jenna Metera\*  
Andrew Ricci\*  
Luke Rich\*  
Nicholas Roberts\*  
Samantha Scott\*  
Emily Steiner\*  
Nicholas  
Tostanoski\*  
Dustin Travis\*  
Ashlee Wilmier\*  
Ruby Wisniewski\*

### Graduate:

Patrick Cigno  
Sean Locker  
Alec Ladonis  
Peter Sowinski  
Corine Pettit  
Michael Alberga  
Brittany Higgins  
Peter Metz

### Faculty:

Vasantha  
Amarakoon  
William Carty  
Alexis Clare  
Alastair Cormack  
Doreen Edwards  
Andrew Eklund  
Herbert Giesche  
John Gill  
Matthew Hall  
William LaCourse  
Garrett McGowan  
Scott Misture  
Steven Pilgrim  
Arun Varshneya

*\*- New Inductee*

## V. Treasurer's Report

This year members of Keramos have been busy fundraising and planning for next year's MS&T conference. We were able to increase our balance throughout the year while still partaking in MS&T 2015 as well as hosting numerous other events like professor talks and plant tours.

					Starting Balance	\$1,243.99
					Current Balance	\$1,324.61
Date	Check #	Description	Merchant	Deposit (+)	Withdrawl (-)	Total
9/21/2015		Vending Machine	Wegmans		\$24.59	\$1,219.40
10/5/2015		MS&T Expenses	MS&T Conference		\$150.00	\$1,069.40
10/9/2015		Dinner MS&T	Stack City Burger		\$338.10	\$731.30
10/9/2015	1005	Clay	Alfred University		\$32.55	\$698.75
10/16/2015		Vending Machine	Wegmans		\$114.38	\$584.37
10/23/2015		Vending Machine Deposit		\$291.00		\$875.37
10/26/2015		Vending Machine	Wegmans		\$62.72	\$812.65
11/13/2015		Dinner Food	Alfred Arrow Mart		\$50.11	\$762.54

11/18/2015		Vending Machine	Wegmans		\$132.91	\$629.63
11/20/2015		Vending Machine Deposit		\$361.00		\$990.63
11/23/2015		Professor Talk	Dollar General		\$26.39	\$964.24
11/23/2015		Professor Talk Pizza	Zippy's		\$66.00	\$898.24
1/29/2016		Toilet Bowl	Alfred University		\$29.30	\$868.94
2/12/2016		Vending Machine	Wegmans		\$96.71	\$772.23
2/29/2016		Induction Food	Wegmans		\$110.62	\$661.61
4/15/2016		Vending Machine/Induction		\$663.00		\$1,324.61



## VI. Chapter Activities

### Meetings

This year's meeting attendance went above and beyond what we were expecting. We sent out surveys in order to organize a time where the majority of our members were free and able to attend. We started off the year with pizza at our meetings to piggyback off of our last year's officers and this led to the high attendance that lasted through this school year.

### Inductions

In order to increase student representation throughout campus, we voted on lowering the GPA requirement to 2.5. This not only increases our presence on campus, but will also increase the number of people at our meetings and increase our ability to attend more outreach events and more activities. This year we inducted 29 students into Keramos. Following our ceremony, we served spaghetti and meatballs, salad, and beverages all cooked by our executive board.

### Fundraising

We are continuing to sell our polos at our events and events put on by the school. We are also in the process of making slip casted novelty toilets to sell for an indefinite amount of time. We designed this idea around its longevity due to the ease of making molds.

### MS&T in Columbus

This past year we sent 9 Keramos members to MS&T. We are extremely thankful for Dean Doreen Edwards and Mr. & Mrs. Bernstein for helping us fund our trip to MS&T this year. This is always an importance conference to attend due to its educational talks and also the networking between fellow Keramos members as well as people in industry. We attempted to participate in the mug drop this year,

however due to an error in calculation, our mug did not hold enough liquid after firing.

### Professor Talks

This year we hosted a new professor at Alfred University, Dr. Steven Tidrow. We were very grateful for him to come spend an hour with us on a Tuesday night to talk about his research and his passion to reach out to less privileged students. He has taken a strong interest in the engineering clubs after this talk. It was a great welcoming gift for both us and Dr. Tidrow.

### STEM Outreach

This year we helped out with demos for materials science and specifically ceramics at Alfred's women in engineering day. Our most popular event was making liquid nitrogen ice cream. YUM! We also volunteered to help with A3. A3 is a local STEM outreach program here on campus that targets fourth through eighth grade students.

## *Awards*

To follow tradition, Keramos continued to grant awards at Alfred University's honors convocation. As usual, the recipients were nominated by and voted for by Keramos members and a plaque was donated by Keramos for the John F. McMahon Ceramic Teaching Excellence Award. This year's award recipients are listed below:

### **John F. McMahon Ceramic Teaching Excellence Award**

- **Hyojin Lee**

### **Advancement of Women in Engineering Award**

- **Barbara Churchill**

### **Dr. Richard C. Martin Outstanding Senior Scholarship**

- **Matthew Curtis**

### **Dr. Richard C. Martin Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**

- **Brittany Higgins**

*Congratulations to this year's winners!*

## VII. Summary

With a lot of momentum from the past two years, this year's New York State Chapter of Keramos was able to have an extremely successful year. With higher attendance at our meetings we hope to continue to contribute to the community as well as better all of our members. I am confident this pattern of improvement will continue next year.

Keramos here at Alfred University has made significant strides in recent years. We continue to participate in events like professor talks, bonding activities, demos, and fundraising. We also are continually looking for new and exciting activities to get involved with both locally and regionally. Our chapter will absolutely continue this positive trend and achieve even more next year.

Best of luck to the new officers!