



Iowa State University

Keramos Annual Report 2013 – 2014



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Chapter Advisor Executive Summary

The students of the Keramos Professional Fraternity have had a successful year with a focus on recruitment, doubling their membership over this time period. Continued activities include fund raising, student recruitment, professional development, and social events. Strengthening Keramos ties with other organizations on campus including Material Advantage and the Gaffer's Guild, and with other Keramos chapters has begun and will continue to be an emphasis for 2014-2015.



Plan for 2014 - 2015 School Year

In the 2013-2014 school year, the ISU chapter of Keramos made a tremendous effort to boost membership and rejuvenate the club. These efforts have been remarkably successful, as evidenced by the doubling of our membership. In the upcoming 2014-2015 school year, the ISU chapter of Keramos will work to continue this trend, organizing events ranging from professional (such as industry tours, an MS&T trip, and guest lectures) to social (such as glass-candy making, pottery throwing, and 'Break-Stuff night').

By reforming the chapter charter, we hope to modify the requirements for membership in Keramos, making the club more inclusive and allowing us to recruit younger members. We also hope to improve communication with Keramos chapters from other universities, improving our chapter's ties with the national organization and providing networking opportunities for ISU Keramos members.

Through glass blowing events with the ISU Gaffer's Guild, we have strengthened Keramos' ties to other ceramics-centered organizations on campus. We hope to continue this trend, organizing more events with Gaffer's Guild and putting on joint events with Material Advantage - another campus organization for materials scientists. By redoubling our efforts of collaboration, we will both broaden the experience of our current members and improve our ability to recruit new members.



Glassblowing at Gaffer's Guild

List of 2013-2014 Officers



Kelsey Draus
Office: President

[Redacted]



Rachel Schmidt
Office: Vice President

[Redacted]



Steph Choquette
Office: Treasurer

[Redacted]



William Lindemann
Office: Secretary

[Redacted]



Ruth Sunderman
Office: Herald and Chapter Reporting Chair

[Redacted]



Kristen Constant
Office: Advisor

[Redacted]



Mufit Akinc
Office: Advisor

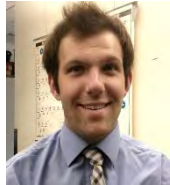
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List of Upcoming Year's Officers



William Lindemann
Office: President

[Redacted]



Steven Kmiec
Office: Vice President

[Redacted]



Ruth Sunderman
Office: Treasurer

[Redacted]



Tyler Bell
Office: Secretary

[Redacted]



Megan Olson
Office: Herald and Chapter Reporting Chair

[Redacted]



Kristen Constant
Office: Advisor

[Redacted]



Mufit Akinc
Office: Advisor

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List of Active Members

Returning Members:

Stephanie Choquette
Kelsey Draus
Rachel Schmidt
Wendy (YuShen) Su

December Initiates:

Tyler Bell
Matt Kenney
Steven Kmiec
Travis Norton
Abby Reese
Robin Lindemann
Ruth Sunderman
Ian Toppler
Jordan Vetter

May Pledges:

Megan Olson
Emily Rinko
Mitchell Rainey
Andrew Kitahara



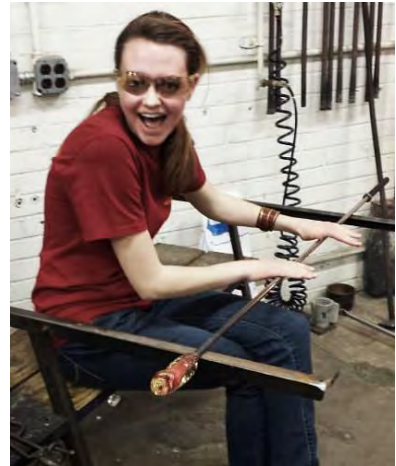
December 2013 Initiates

Treasurer's Report

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Total
09-09-2013	Pizza for General Meeting	\$50.00		\$1,613.89
10-18-2013	Glass Candy Supplies	\$16.01		\$1,597.88
09-30-2013	GSB Allocations		\$1091.11	\$2,687.99
10-09-2013	Pizza for General Meeting	\$50.00		\$2,637.99
10-20-2013	MS&T	\$853.50		\$1,784.49
11-04-2013	MS&T Reimbursement		\$571.00	\$2,355.49
11-06-2013	Pizza for General Meeting	\$50.00		\$2,305.49
11-06-2013	Member Dues		\$110.00	\$2,415.49
02-05-2013	Pizza for General Meeting	\$50.00		\$2,365.49
02-22-2014	Keramos Bowling Event	\$149.78		\$2,215.71
03-05-2014	Pizza for General Meeting	\$50.00		\$2,165.71
04-02-2014	Pizza for General Meeting	\$50.00		\$2,115.71
04-03-2014	Pizza for Officer Transition Event	\$30.00		\$2,085.71
04-07-2014	Member Dues		\$90	\$2,175.71

Chapter Activities

This year, the ISU Keramos chapter succeeded at organizing more member activities. Several invited speakers discussed their research on ceramic materials, allowing students the opportunity to network with professors and professionals in the ceramics field. Several members attended the Annual Convocation meeting at MS&T. We also organized recreational events outside of the normal meeting times.



Students were invited to blow glass with the Iowa State Gaffer's Guild and to throw pottery at the ISU Workspace, helping students work with ceramics in a fun, social setting. These activities reinforced the idea of ceramics as an art form, introducing students to enthusiasts of many backgrounds



The ISU chapter also sponsored various social events including a game night, a bowling party, and glass-candy making, in order to promote friendship between members. We see these activities as crucial to building a strong community within our Keramos Chapter. To this end, we also designed and ordered t-shirts specific to Keramos and Iowa State.

A Facebook page was created to increase awareness among members and alumni of current activities, meetings, and events. This has helped to increase and maintain active membership. It has also helped to keep track of alumni and maintain contact with them.



To prepare for initiation into Keramos, new students worked with the executive board to slip-cast their own plaques. Members of the executive board perfected firing and glazing techniques for Keramos plaques. In previous years, this work was neglected; by refining this process, we have enabled members to complete their plaques, allowing them to be more formally recognized as Keramos members.

In order to better model our chapter after the national chapter requirements, the executive board worked with the Iowa State Government of the Student Body to change the minimum GPA required for new inductees to be initiated. We expect this to assist in building the number of chapter members.

General Meeting Speakers

Dr. Kristen Constant: Undergraduate experience in ceramic academia, research and industry

Dr. Pratik Ray: Metallic Glasses

Dr. Timothy McGee: Ceramic uses in industry



Summary Article

The Iowa State University Keramos Chapter has had a successful year consisting of a large increase in membership, activities, and involvement with other ceramics and materials organizations. Our membership has more than doubled in size, and will hopefully continue to grow in years to come. Various professional, ceramics related, and social activities have helped to create a tight knit group of active members. These activities have also promoted networking with other campus organizations, professionals in the ceramics industry, and professors at Iowa State. Plans for the future include continuing to recruit more members, maintain active members, and continue to work with other ceramics related organizations both on and off campus.

