

Join Us For A Special Evening To Support Autism Programs

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Usually, our email messages to you, a fellow Livingston College alumnus, are about programs related to the Rutgers and Livingston alumni community. This month, I'd like to share a story about a unique organization on the New Brunswick/Piscataway campus that provides mentorship programs for the teenage autism community.

As you may recall, Matthew Cortland SAS'11 was selected as the winner of the 2011 [Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award](#). Matthew's extensive involvement with community service included [Bros United](#), which was developed by the brothers of Theta Delta Chi (TDX) Fraternity at Rutgers University, in collaboration with Autism Speaks to give teenage boys with autism the opportunity to experience fun, safe and meaningful programs and relationships. Each participant is paired with up to three brothers, or "buds", from the fraternity. Each week these groups participate in a structured activity that is designed to be fun, safe, and promote meaningful friendships. Every fraternity brother participating in the program is required to attend a training session conducted by a local autism consultant and Autism Speaks representatives. Planned activities include bowling, rock wall climbing, ice skating and going to a Rutgers basketball game.

From January 18 through the 27, Brothers of TDX will be distributing special "flying lanterns" (in the customary blue color of autism awareness) to members of the Rutgers community and friends. On the evening of Friday, January 27, we will invite all those who purchased a lantern to light them off in unison. The result will be a spectacular show of support for the Big Bros and Little Bros of BUD, as well as the larger autism community in New Jersey. Members of the Livingston Alumni Association board will be flying lanterns in support of this colorful nighttime display, and we invite you to join us. For details on purchasing a lantern or to join the LAA group at the January 27 program, please contact laaemail@gmail.com. For more information about BUD and Light the Sky, please visit www.brosunited.com or email TDXbrosunited@gmail.com.

The TDX Bros United program embodies the leadership and outreach programs that we all participated in while at Livingston. We hope you can join us on January 27.

Best wishes,
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