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# #DUFLAG Flag Corner

Use **#DUFlag** or **#DUFlagFriday** on social media to share your DU flag photos! Select photos will be shared in the Flag Corner section of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* or in the Fraternity's Flag Friday series on Facebook and Instagram **@deltaupsilon**.



Clarkson Chapter brothers took a ski trip to Mont Blanc in Quebec, Canada.



Brothers from the Wilmington Associate Chapter took advantage of brotherhood events at the beach.



Nebraska Chapter brothers enjoyed the Jamaican sunset while on the January 2026 Global Service Initiative trip.



The Carthage Chapter paraded with the DU flag during Homecoming 2025.

# Q&A

WITH  
**WILL TAKARA**  
PURDUE '28

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* team sat down with Will Takara, *Purdue '28*, at the 2026 Presidents Academy to learn more about him and his experience at the program.



## Why did you join DU?

When I first came through DU's doors, I was treated with respect, and it felt like I was already there for a long time, even though I was only there for an hour or so by that point. I didn't feel like I was lesser than anyone. I felt like I was seeing eye to eye, and being treated with respect was a huge thing for me.

## Why were you interested in running for Chapter President?

I'm super ambitious, and I'm always trying to find ways to grow as an individual. And in this case, grow the chapter. Our chapter is one of the bigger chapters that DU has, and I just want to keep growing it and grow our reputation and really share the values that we have, not just between our brothers, but across campus.

## What has been the most impactful part of President's Academy so far?

I think definitely seeing how different chapters operate and what their chapter cultures like has been really cool to see. Just getting certain perspectives on how they interpret the Four Founding Principles, how they interpret what it means to build a better man. I think that all has been a great experience for me.

## What is one thing from President's Academy that you'll take back with you in terms of your leadership style?

I think we've honed in a lot on our top five strengths, and I think one thing I've always done, which hasn't been the greatest, is trying to better my weaknesses rather than enhancing my strengths. I've learned that I really need to hone in on my strengths and really use that in terms of my leadership style and let others who are stronger where I'm weaker take control and have them enforce those sorts of things.

## What does DU mean to you?

DU is more than just a fraternity. We're beyond just the stereotypical fraternity. I know a lot of people are scared to go through recruitment. They see that fraternities are just parties, but DU has really represented something much more than that. Being a better man, being a gentleman, treating people the right way, and just really being influences on campus. And I think that's what DU is.

# Historic Updates

## TO ILLINOIS CHAPTER HOUSE

Delta Upsilon's Illinois Chapter has lived at 312 E. Armory Avenue in Champaign, Illinois, since 1926. Just shy of one century later, the chapter house, which has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1990, received its first major renovation.

The multimillion-dollar project first began to take form in 2019 when the Illinois Alumni Housing Corporation began to discuss the idea of a complete renovation. While the property had undergone small renovations over the years mainly to stay compliant with fire codes, it had vastly remained untouched over the previous 90 years. As the house continued to age, repairs and updates were becoming more frequent and more costly. With the help of the fundraising firm Pennington & Co., the alumni completed a feasibility study in mid-late 2021 that showed Illinois Chapter alumni would overwhelmingly support major renovation of the Tudor Revival style home.

The "Honoring the Past, Building for the Next Century" capital campaign launched shortly thereafter with a target fundraising window of \$2.5-\$3.5 million with a stretch goal of \$4 million. Chuck Bleck, *Illinois '90*, then led

the architectural planning and the selection of a general contractor. Construction began in summer 2024.

Over the next 15 months, the chapter house would see most of its interior gutted. Without unduly changing the layout of the home, rooms and features were rebuilt to be more modern and functional without losing their historical touches. As many items as possible were refurbished and put back into the house. Notably, the first floor's original main staircase was also recreated after it had to be removed during a renovation in 1985. Despite all of the work to be done, renovating the existing property proved more cost-effective than building a new house. As alumni put it, "The soul of the original building remains, but with modern conveniences."

Modern updates include new HVAC, lighting, windows, roofing, and high-speed internet, as well as a modern commercial kitchen. Renovations to the attic also allowed for the creation of additional living quarters in the form of four new "suites."

Due to construction, undergraduates were displaced from the chapter house for the entirety of the 2024-2025



academic year. During this time, many chapter activities took place at a Senior House rented by older members or in other spots on campus. With no time to spare, the final occupancy permit was granted for the chapter house the morning students began to arrive back on campus for the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

“I’m very optimistic about this new era of the house, and it’s my goal to make sure that we start this era off right,” said Chapter President Jake Tinoco, *Illinois '28*. “Being back in the house is a blessing, and it’s up to my brothers and myself to honor that and uphold our long-respected legacy. I think that this renovation is a huge boost to making sure that what we have here continues, because what we have here is special.”

The weekend of Sept. 5-6, 2025, alumni traveled home to Champaign for an official ribbon-cutting and reunion weekend. More than 300 DUs and guests were on hand to celebrate the facility. The weekend featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony, house tours, a barbecue, and a watch party for the Fighting Illini football game. A shared online photo album from the weekend led to nearly 500 photos being uploaded from the event.





# Colgate Chapter House Renovated

## AS PART OF CAMPUS INITIATIVE

Colgate Chapter brothers returned to campus in fall 2025 to a newly renovated chapter house. Its renovation is the first in a series of renovations to fraternity/sorority spaces as part of Colgate University's Third-Century Plan.

Colgate University, which was founded in 1819, launched the Third-Century Plan in 2019 as an initiative to preserve and grow the university as it moved into its third century of existence. This comprehensive plan includes goals for academic success, as well as the campus's physical environment. This includes the removal of aging spaces for safer facilities, the revitalization of historic Broad Street housing (which includes several fraternities and sororities) and the creation of new natural corridors to tie the campus together.

The Delta Upsilon house at 66 Broad Street was built in 1930 after a fire destroyed the original property in 1928. DU alumni owned the property until the mid-2000s when the university began purchasing all fraternity/sorority houses on campus. As part of the Third-Century

plan, the DU house became the first fraternal property to be updated when construction began in summer 2024.

As part of the renovation, the exterior of the chapter house remained while the interior was reconfigured and expanded. An addition to the house provided space for a new commercial kitchen on the first floor, as well as four additional rooms on the second and third floor to replace sleeping rooms that had been in the basement. Renovations also included a new dining room, living room, library and chapter room. All furniture was also replaced.

Because the house is owned by the university, renovations include some more "residential life" features versus traditional fraternity house features. For example, living and social quarters were separated and require campus ID keycard access. DU member residents are given access to living spaces, while non-residents have access to social spaces, including the use of a new non-resident entrance to the house.



Across the Colgate campus community, there have been mixed opinions among alumni and students on the Third-Century Plan's renovations. Many dislike the idea of the houses becoming more mixed-use spaces and losing some distinct fraternity/sorority touches. While Delta Upsilon undergraduates and alumni were not generally consulted regarding plans for the renovations, alumni were able to successfully lobby for specific furniture design and even for some composites and fraternity paintings to be added back into the facility. Much of the DU-centered touches were funded by alumni, not the university. This includes the digitization of past chapter composites that can now be displayed on an Apple TV in the house's library.

As the first fraternity to complete its renovation, DU alumni hope that Delta Upsilon's experience will help the other fraternal groups in line.

"I hope a lot of the battles we had to fight, and educate Res Life on, will help the other houses as they undergo renovation," said Tom Dempsey, *Colgate '72*.

"I think the school has learned for future renovations on how to make the houses more functional for everyday life and also for social scenes," added Chapter President Patrick Cramer, *Colgate '27*. "On top of that, I think they have a better understanding on how to make the house a home for us instead of just a building where we live."

Despite the challenges, the chapter is happy to be back into the house after a year away due to the construction. Modern features and increased space have been a bonus for the chapter members who are ready to move forward in the updated space.

"I think the new house will impact our social scene and recruitment as a chapter the most," Cramer said. "People want to live in the nicest and best house on campus, and that will get more involvement from potential future brothers."

Photos from Colgate Magazine

# Expansion News

## Associate Chapter Ceremony held for Carnegie, Kent State & Wilmington

Delta Upsilon held the Associate Chapter Ceremony for both the Carnegie and Kent State Associate Chapters in fall 2025, and the Wilmington Associate Chapter in spring 2026, officially marking the Fraternity's return to these campuses.

The Carnegie Chapter at Carnegie Mellon University originally chartered in 1917 but closed in 2016. Expansion recruitment efforts to restart the chapter in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, began in spring 2025 with virtual recruitment events. DU Leadership Consultant Trey McDonald, *Miami '25*, has been on campus throughout the 2025-2026 academic year to recruit more new members and work with alumni and advisors.

The Carnegie Associate Chapter Ceremony was held on Nov. 8, 2025, with nine new associate members. The event was held in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend at CMU and allowed for alumni to attend the ceremony, host a celebratory dinner and more. Alumni have been eager to spend time with the associate members and have hosted three alumni panels with more than 30 alumni participating. Notable alumni speakers include Clem Cole, *Carnegie '79* (a pioneer in the computer science industry); Mike Foster, *Carnegie '96* (a former nuclear submarine captain); and Dave Zinsner, *Carnegie '91* (the CFO of Intel).

The Kent State Chapter originally chartered in 1948 but closed in 2022. Like the Carnegie Associate Chapter, expansion efforts to restart the chapter at Kent State University began in spring 2025 with a number of virtual recruitment events, as well as in-person events.

DU Leadership Consultant Nam Vu, *James Madison '25*, was on campus throughout the fall 2025 term to recruit, work with alumni, identify and train advisors, and set the group up for success.

The Kent State Associate Chapter Ceremony was held on Nov. 15, 2025, with 15 associate members.

Virtual recruitment efforts began for DU's return at The University of North Carolina Wilmington in fall 2025. Going into the spring term, the interest group had 15 members. DU Leadership Consultant Nam Vu arrived on campus in January 2026 to begin in-person recruitment.

The Wilmington Chapter first opened in 1974 but was closed after just three years. In addition to recruitment efforts, Vu worked to re-engage chapter alumni. The Associate Chapter Ceremony was held March 21, 2026, with 18 associate members.

### GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in learning more about any of Delta Upsilon's current and future expansions, including how to become a volunteer or recommend a student for membership, contact Senior Director of Fraternity Growth Hayden Rahn at

[rahn@deltatau.org](mailto:rahn@deltatau.org)

## SPRING 2026 EXPANSIONS



### CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

Fullerton, California  
NEW EXPANSION!

Expansion recruitment efforts at California State University, Fullerton began in spring 2026, marking the first time Delta Upsilon has had a presence on campus.

Cal State Fullerton has an undergraduate enrollment of more than 38,000, and DU will join four other fraternities as part of the campus IFC. The Multicultural Greek Council has eight groups, the National Pan-Hellenic Council has two groups, and the Panhellenic Council has six sororities.

As of March 23, 2026, the group has 12 members and is scheduled to host the Associate Chapter Ceremony on April 11, 2026.

Follow the group on Instagram @csufdeltau.



### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

East Lansing, Michigan  
Original Charter Date: Jan. 15, 1949

In late spring 2025, a group of students at Michigan State University approached Delta Upsilon about affiliating with the Fraternity. Throughout the summer and fall, DU staff worked closely with these young men to keep them engaged as the campus Interfraternity Council worked through its process to bring another fraternity onto campus.

In December 2025, the Fraternity notified Michigan State Chapter alumni about the chapter's fall 2026 return pending a vote from the IFC. When that vote took place in March 2026, the IFC not only approved DU's return, but sped up the chapter's return timeline.

The Associate Chapter Ceremony will be held at Michigan State on April 18, 2026, with more than 20 associate members. As originally planned, DU staff will be on campus throughout the fall 2026 term to help recruit additional members and work with the associate chapter to meet the requirements for rechartering.

Follow the group on Instagram @msudeltau.



Carnegie Associate Chapter



Kent State Associate Chapter



Wilmington Associate Chapter



# Chapter News

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Arlington Chapter



## ALBERTA

The Alberta Chapter has partnered with the Edmonton Food Bank for many years and recently took its support even further. The chapter created a private endowment fund called the Delta Upsilon Building Better Futures Fund with a target of \$10,000 raised to support the food bank. Brothers also work with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton to support after school care programs.

2025 marked the Alberta Chapter's 90th year as a chapter. Brothers celebrated with a large event with alumni and by continuing to be an active part of the campus community. This fall, the brothers hosted a barbeque and open discussion with the UAlberta Men's Health Group, as well as a paint night with Kappa Alpha Theta.



## ARLINGTON

In summer 2025, the Arlington Chapter took its recruitment efforts to a new level. Knowing that many students remain on campus in the summer, the chapter hosted tabling events to meet prospective members and hosted mini recruitment workshops. By the time Orientation Week came, the chapter was prepared to turn every orientation event into an opportunity for engagement. Through strategic tabling and genuine conversations, members introduced the chapter's mission to hundreds of incoming students. These efforts not only boosted the chapter's visibility but also laid the groundwork for a thriving fall recruitment season.



Alberta Chapter



## CLARKSON

This past fall, the brothers of the Clarkson Chapter hosted their first parents' weekend barbecue at the chapter house. They followed up by watching the Clarkson Golden Knights win against Michigan Tech. The chapter hopes to host this event again next year and wants to thank all the families who participated. The Clarkson Chapter also welcomed six new members in the fall, its biggest fall class in recent years.



## DEPAUW

The DePauw Chapter had more time to focus on campus and community engagement this fall after the university moved primary recruitment to January. The chapter hosted several small service events throughout the fall in hopes to get brothers involved, and it worked. The brothers logged 636 service hours in the semester. The chapter partnered with the local Rotary Club, food pantries and several other organizations. It hosted a sexual assault awareness event with Alpha Chi Omega and put on multiple trick-or-treat stations for their neighbors. After Halloween, the brothers hosted a pumpkin smashing event that raised \$250 for cancer awareness.

Over the summer, the DePauw Chapter hosted an Alumni Reunion Weekend with associate member classes ending in 0 and 5. Forty alumni returned home to 626 Seminary Street to be gifted with commemorative mugs and composite reprints. Notably, 10 members of the class of 2000 and 10 out of the 13 members of the 1985 class visited.



## ILLINOIS

The Illinois Chapter has been making the most of its renovated house. In September, an alumni reunion was held to show off the renovations, and in October, the men hosted an event called Pupsilon in the yard to raise money for Moore's Rescue Ranch. During this event, the animal shelter brought its cutest dogs to the house. For a small fee, those on campus could come play with the dogs and purchase donuts and apple cider. Then in November, the chapter celebrated Dad's Day with a football game tailgate, as well as a rock concert from a band called Vertigo to end the day.

The chapter also believes having the renovated chapter house helped its recruitment efforts this year. In December, the chapter initiated 17 new brothers.



Clarkson Chapter



DePauw Chapter



## IOWA STATE

So far this school year, the Iowa State Chapter has continued its focus on service and philanthropy. The first of its two philanthropy events was a DU Car Wash where the chapter members washed cars and handed out snow cones. During Delta Scoopsilon, the chapter sold ice cream sundaes. Both events were sponsored by Red Bull who donated energy drinks to be given away/sold at the events. In total, both events raised more than \$5,000. By working concession stands at basketball games and selling its parking lot for football games, the chapter raised an additional \$3,400.

The chapter is proud of recent renovations that have been made to the chapter house. This includes new hardwood flooring on the second floor of the house, a new roof, and renovated second-floor bathrooms. On Dec. 6, 2025, the chapter initiated 30 new brothers.



Missouri Chapter



## KANSAS STATE

This fall, the Kansas State Chapter focused on philanthropy, service and building brotherhood within the chapter. It's annual Delta Hoopsilon and Delta Spooksilon events raised money for the Global Service Initiative. Meanwhile, the chapter stayed active in service by participating in events like neighborhood leaf raking and volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters. To strengthen its brotherhood, the chapter also hosted events like paintball, a Madden tournament, a bowling night, a Kansas City Chiefs watch party, and more.



## LEHIGH

In November 2025, Lehigh's Office of Student Involvement recognized the Lehigh Chapter at the Fraternity and Sorority Life Leadership Awards. Delta Upsilon was named Most Improved Chapter, and Chad Paul, *Lehigh '76*, was recognized as Lehigh's Greek Life Chapter Advisor of the Year.

The Lehigh Chapter also carried forward its strong tradition of community service. Brothers once again volunteered at Broughal Middle School, helping prepare meals and supporting students during homework hours. Others dedicated weekends to keeping Bethlehem, PA beautiful by cleaning parks, playgrounds and public community spaces. Through fundraising for cancer research and contributions to Delta Upsilon's Global Service Initiative, the Lehigh Chapter deepened its commitment to philanthropy.



## MISSOURI

Homecoming remains one of the top events of the year at the University of Missouri, and this fall, DU partnered with Alpha Phi on a Sorry! board game themed week. Throughout the year, the brothers also enjoyed participating in other fraternity/sorority events such as Gamma Phi Beta's Moonball volleyball tournament.

The chapter was proud to welcome 47 new brothers in the fall, bringing its membership total to 170. To strengthen its brotherhood, the chapter hosted several brotherhood events including a Ryder Cup style golf tournament where brothers from different classes competed against each other.



## NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota Chapter hosted two notable philanthropy events this fall. It's biannual Quesadilla Feed raised more than \$2,700 for the Global Service Initiative by selling quesadillas to those on campus. Dogs and Donuts featured dogs from a local animal shelter and the opportunity to purchase donuts. The chapter also initiated 22 new brothers in the fall and had an average fall GPA of 3.37. A Homecoming formal brought more than 100 undergraduates and alumni together.



## PENN STATE

The Penn State Chapter values campus involvement and is an active participant in Thon each year. In 2025-2026, past Chapter President Austin Parisi, *Penn State '26*, is serving as president of the Penn State Interfraternity Council, and Brother Brandon Bayer, *Penn State '26*, leads the PSU Asset Management Group as its president.



## ROCHESTER

The Rochester Chapter stayed busy this fall by hosting or participating in a number of events. Brother Noah Selo, *Rochester '28*, took home first place in Sigma Delta Tau's Mr. University of Rochester competition, and a number of brothers participated in No Shave November to support cancer education and awareness. The chapter also hosted its annual Pig Roast during Alumni Weekend giving undergraduates and alumni the chance to interact.



## SAN DIEGO STATE

During the fall 2025 semester, the San Diego State Chapter organized and led a series of philanthropy events with Chi Omega in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Events included a custom T-shirt fundraiser, a Pie a DU and Chi O event, a giveback night with the local frozen yogurt shop, and more, all designed to increase student participation and charitable impact.

The chapter initiated 17 new brothers this fall and hosted a chapter awards ceremony with alumni. During the ceremony, Oliver Tracy, *San Diego State '27*, was recognized with the Most Valuable Brother Award; Ahmad Seris, *San Diego State '28*, received the Most Improved Member Award; Robbie Perez, *San Diego State '28*, was honored with Brother of the Year; and Matthias Wolf, *San Diego State '29*, received the Erik Stroman Associate Member of the Year Award.



Lehigh Chapter



Rochester Chapter



San Diego State Chapter



Syracuse Chapter



Tampa Chapter

## S SYRACUSE

The Syracuse Chapter was actively involved in philanthropy and service this fall by both hosting events and participating in campus and community initiatives. The brothers organized a Mud Tug philanthropy event benefiting The Thirst Project, raising funds and awareness for global access to clean drinking water. To further support this cause, they hosted a guest speaker from The Thirst Project who educated members on the organization's mission and the tangible impact of their fundraising efforts.

The chapter also created a new housing position dedicated to bringing more life and character to the chapter house through the development of murals and creative visual improvements throughout the space. This role focuses on fostering pride in the house, creating a more welcoming environment for members and guests, and strengthening the chapter's identity.

## TP TAMPA

This fall, the Tampa Chapter supported the Merciful Project in Tampa by volunteering to foster dogs for the day. Brothers helped provide temporary care, attention and exercise for the dogs while giving them a break from the shelter environment. This, along with other brotherhood activities, helped the chapter members connect with one another, including six new initiates. The chapter is also proud that seven brothers earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher this fall.

## WESTERN ILLINOIS

The Western Illinois Chapter successfully hosted its annual Haunted Trail philanthropy event this fall. Thanks to the outstanding support of alumni and campus and community members, the event exceeded expectations and resulted in a \$3,000 donation to the Global Service Initiative. The chapter was also excited to host a Building Better Men Retreat with Fraternity staff and initiate 15 new brothers.

## WICHITA

The Wichita Chapter hosted its first Delta Spooksilon fundraiser this fall where brothers hosted a Halloween costume contest, mummy wrapping competition, pumpkin bowling and more. The chapter also wishes to congratulate Brother Elliot Cotterill, *Wichita '26*, on his acceptance into the WSU nursing program.

## W WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Chapter hosted two great events with Kappa Kappa Gamma this fall. One was a hotdog eating contest that was announced by Mike Mahnke, *Wisconsin '84*, who also announces Wisconsin Badger football games. The other was a philanthropy/social event where the DU and KKG members worked with the Milwaukee Brewers to reserve a section of the ballpark. The chapter also had more than 50 attendees at its annual alumni dinner. This year, Jeff Stoltman, *Wisconsin '84*, served as the guest speaker. Stoltman is the program leader of the Oscar Mayer Wiernermobile program and spoke about his experience in the professional world.

# Alumni News

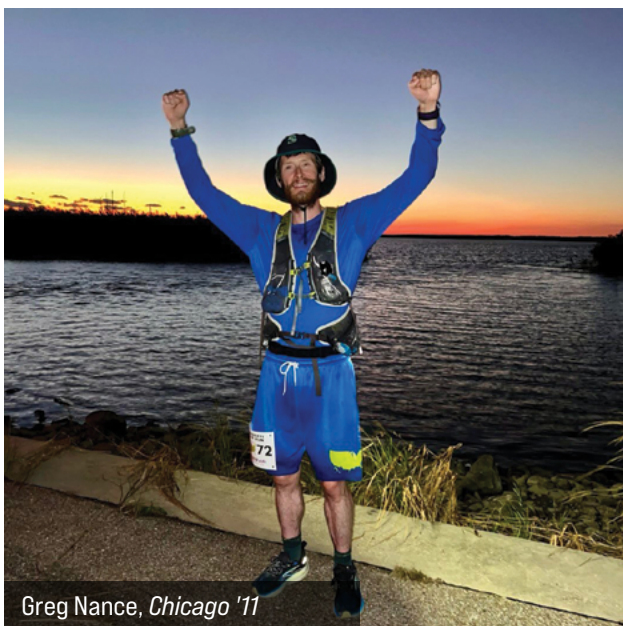
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OR the General News Submission Form: [deltau.org/submit-news](https://deltau.org/submit-news).



## CHICAGO

Greg Nance, *Chicago '11*, completed a Fastest Known Time (FKT) for running source to sea along the Mississippi River from Aug. 20-Oct. 30, 2025. He ran the Great River Road scenic byway from the headwaters of the river in Lake Itasca, Minnesota, to the Gulf of Mexico in Venice, Louisiana. The run was over 2,000 miles (about five million steps). Through his run, he hoped to spark nation-wide conversation about youth mental health and connected with news outlets and youth organizations along the way.

Brother Nance holds 58 Fastest Known Times, including a 3,156-mile run from the Puget Sound to Mt. Rainier. The ultra marathon runner has also completed the World Marathon Challenge. He is the current Representative of the 23rd Legislative District in the Washington state legislature.



Greg Nance, *Chicago '11*



## FLORIDA

Brother Ed Book, *Florida '84*, retired from 40 years of public safety service in summer 2025. He spent 26 years with the Gainesville Police Department and the last 14 years of his career with the Santa Fe College Police Department (SFPD), where he served as Chief. His retirement announcement came on the heels of SFPD winning the Rocky Pomerance Law Enforcement Excellence Award, an award it also won in 2012. The award recognizes innovation within community safety, and Santa Fe College is one of only two higher education institutions to have won the award.

In honor of his service, Santa Fe College has officially named the Santa Fe College Emergency Operations Center the "Chief Ed Book Emergency Operations Center." Brother Book also serves on the Gainesville City Commission following his election as a commissioner in 2022.



Ed Book, *Florida '84*

## BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

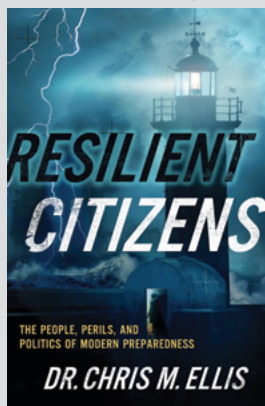
## DU Entrepreneurs

No matter where you look, you can find a DU doing something great. Across the globe, DU brothers have created their own businesses and are using skills learned through DU to propel themselves to success.

To nominate yourself or a brother to be featured in an upcoming *DU Quarterly*, contact Senior Director of Communications Ashley Martin Schowengerdt at [amartin@deltatau.org](mailto:amartin@deltatau.org).

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### CHRIS ELLIS, WASHINGTON '99



Brother Chris Ellis published his book "Resilient Citizens: The People, Perils, and Politics of Modern Preparedness" in November 2025. The book covers disaster preparedness and resiliency in America and around the world. It traces

the psychology, history and controversy of "preppers" and explains that the rationality of governments preparing applies to citizens as well ([www.ResilientCitizens.com](http://www.ResilientCitizens.com)). The book can be purchased through a number of online and in-store retailers.

Brother Ellis holds a Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University, along with advanced degrees covering public policy, military strategy, and international security. A career Army officer, he continues to serve in the U.S. military and has conducted hundreds of disaster exercises, presentations, conferences, and real-world responses across the globe.

### FLORIDA (CONTINUED)

Roger Austin, *Florida '79*, was recognized by the University of Florida Student Government Association with the C. Arthur Sandeen Award, which recognizes a UF faculty member whose efforts and service have made the University of Florida better for all students.

In summer 2025, Bryan Griffin, *Florida '10*, was appointed by the governor to lead Visit Florida. In this role, he now oversees the organization's mission to market the state of Florida to visitors nationally and internationally. He had previously served as Communications Director in the Executive Office of the Governor.



### OHIO

In December 2025, Brother Mike Wells, *Ohio '88*, was elected to the Ohio University Alumni Association Board of Directors. Brother Wells is a Board-certified Internal Medicine physician and has spent most of his practicing career with the Pioneer Physicians Network. As an attending physician at Summa Health Systems in Akron, Ohio, Dr. Wells received several outstanding teaching awards.



### WASHINGTON STATE

Brother Chuck Arnold, *Washington State '93*, is adding another Super Bowl ring to his jewelry collection. Brother Arnold has served as the President of the Seattle Seahawks and First & Goal, Inc. since 2018 and has spent three decades with the Seahawks organization. Seattle won Super Bowl LX in February 2026 and Super Bowl XLIX in February 2014. Players, coaches, executives and other essential personnel from the winning team receive Super Bowl rings each year.



### WESTERN ONTARIO

Michael Daley, *Western Ontario '05*, received a Goderich Citizenship Award from the town of Goderich, Ontario, along with others on the Goderich Remuneration Task Force and Goderich Memorial Arena Task Force. The Remuneration Task Force helped recommend fair and sustainable compensation for the mayor and town council, while the Memorial Arena Task Force explored the future of the arena as a multi-use community facility.

# Alberta Chapter

## Celebrates 90 Years

The Alberta Chapter of Delta Upsilon celebrated its 90th anniversary the weekend of Sept. 25-27 in Edmonton, Alberta. More than 225 Alberta DUs from around the world attended. A highlight of the weekend was a banquet held Saturday evening. NY1 News anchor Pat Kiernan, *Alberta '90*, served as the keynote speaker.

Several recognitions took place during the banquet. A tribute was played for Dr. Allan Warrack, *Alberta '61*, for his contributions at both the chapter and international level. He has served as chapter advisor and mentor for Alberta for many years, served on both the International Fraternity Board of Directors and Educational Foundation Board of Trustees, and been a member of the International Headquarters staff.

Four other brothers were also honored with a Delta Upsilon Key Leader Award. This award recognizes a volunteer for their dedication to Delta Upsilon at the local, regional or international level. The intent is to recognize individuals who have the best interests of DU at heart, and who understand the requirements and expectations of a DU chapter and an effective DU leader.

Key Leader Award recipients include Herb Reynolds, *Alberta '65*, who was instrumental in the support of the Calgary Chapter during its existence and provided the \$200,000 start to the DU Building Better Men for the Global Society Fund that provides more than \$15,000 in DU scholarships at the University of Alberta. Myles Palmer, *Alberta '74*, was key contributor in the chapter's multi-year search for a new house in the 1960s. Hilliard MacBeth, *Alberta '70*, was another critical player in that chapter house search and financing. He also led the DU Canadian Foundation for many years, which provided tax receipts for donations made in Canada. Finally, Craig Boyer, *Alberta '87*, has served as the long-time volunteer legal counsel for DUBS.

The anniversary weekend also included a Friday evening informal stag at Sutton Place, campus and chapter house tours, scholarship presentations, Sunday brunch, and updates to the chapter history project.

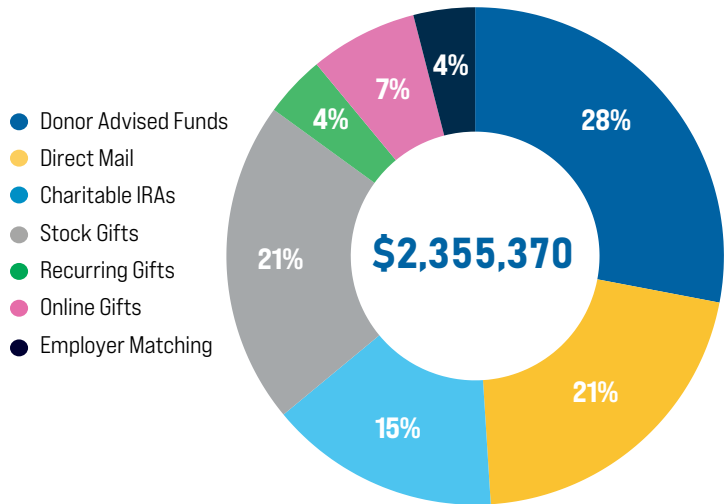


Alberta Chapter alumni from the 1960s and 1970s

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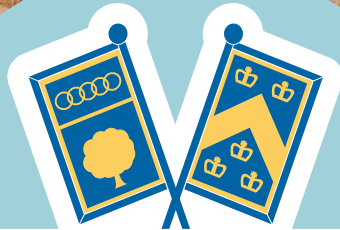


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# FROM THE Archives



When the Social Fraternity was founded in 1834, the Founders felt no need for a membership badge. By 1837, they changed their mind, believing a common badge would bring greater loyalty among members, and a golden key was decided upon. However, as the Anti-Secret Confederation was formed, each chapter had its own badge design. It wasn't until 1949 that the members of the A.S.C. would choose the Union Chapter's design as the official badge design.

**This A.S.C. key was used from 1849-1858 and was the Fraternity's first common badge.** In the center, A.S.C. and the year it was formed are featured prominently. A scroll at the top and bottom contain the Fraternity's first motto: "Ouden Adelon," which means "nothing secret."

**This particular A.S.C. key on display in the International Headquarters is from Edward "Edwin" Davis, *Union 1851*, and is the oldest item in DU's archives.**

# Richard X. Taylor

"a true DU representative of our times"



Delta Upsilon mourns the loss of Past International Fraternity Board Chairman Richard X. Taylor, NC State '82, who passed away surrounded by his family on Feb. 3, 2026. Brother Taylor and his leadership were instrumental in the development of much of today's current Delta Upsilon undergraduate experience. Programs and initiatives like the Global Service Initiative, the Men of Merit Chapter Standards Program, the Associate Member Education Program, current assessment practices, and much more were developed and nurtured under his care.

"More than anyone I have ever met, Rick lived our Four Founding Principles of Friendship, Character, Culture and Justice," said Past International Fraternity President Bruce McKinney, Missouri '74, who worked on the Board with Brother Taylor. "His faith and love of family were unconditional."

Born July 4, 1958, Rick grew up in Burlington, North Carolina, and went on to receive a chemical engineering degree in the pulp and paper field from North Carolina State University. He owned Refiners Products Manufacturing until he retired in 2022.

Rick's dedication to Delta Upsilon began as an undergraduate at NC State. The chapter was just two years old when Rick was initiated in April 1979, and Brother Taylor went on to serve as Chapter President during the 1980-1981 academic year. Even as a young DU, he was driven by the Fraternity's mission of *Building Better Men*.

This commitment to the Fraternity could be seen throughout the rest of Brother Taylor's life. Locally, he served as a long-time volunteer and mentor for the NC State Chapter, and he was fortunate to watch his

To honor the life and legacy of Rick Taylor and his commitment to the Fraternity's Principles, you can make a gift to the DU Educational Foundation at [www.deltatau.org/give](http://www.deltatau.org/give).

brother Paul (*NC State '89*), and three sons (Ashton, *NC State '09*; Michael, *NC State '11*; and Britt, *NC State '13*) join the chapter. When the chapter reopened in 2004 after a 10-year absence, Rick was an instrumental figure in the chapter's return. At this same time, Rick joined the International Fraternity's leadership upon his election to the Board of Directors. He served as an Alumni Director from 2004-2009, then as Chairman of the Board from 2009-2017.

Upon his retirement from Board service, Brother Taylor was presented with the Distinguished Delta Upsilon Award, the Fraternity's highest individual honor, at the 2017 Leadership Institute in Milwaukee. At the time, Steve Rowley, *Ohio '65*, who served the DU Educational Foundation as Chairman during Rick's tenure on the Fraternity Board, spoke of Rick's commitment to DU.

"As a leader, Rick always put Delta Upsilon's interests above his own, and he constantly encourages those around him to do the same," Rowley said. "He chose Delta Upsilon because he shared DU's values, and he continues to practice our Four Founding Principles every day."

In Brother Taylor's passing, Rowley offered the same observation.

"Rick has left Delta Upsilon with a legacy of reinforcing our commitment to our Four Founding Principles. To put it simply, Rick was a delight to work with. He was open-minded, and then decisive. Rick understood the value of different points of view while working toward a common commitment to getting things done right. He was the right leader at the right time for Delta Upsilon."

Brother McKinney agrees. "Rick was one of the most effective leaders I ever met. He was a terrific listener, which allowed him to read people very well. He would then take that information and align it with his agenda and goals of the Board. His collaborative style encouraged other Board members to step up if needed so that buy-in was achieved without friction."

During Rick's 13 years of Board service, the Fraternity saw unprecedented growth and change. This included transitioning the nature of the Board of Directors

from tactical to strategic governance, as well as creating several new programs and initiatives. Rick was perhaps most passionate about the development of the Global Service Initiative. He, along with his brother Paul, were the first DU Educational Foundation donors to endow a scholarship for GSI.

Dr. Bernard Franklin, *Kansas State '75*, who served as International Fraternity President through much of Rick's time on the Board, also attests to Brother Taylor's leadership and character, calling him "a man for all men, a true DU representative for our times."

"I loved his heart, his soul," Franklin said. "He wanted to make meaningful, purposeful change for our Fraternity. ... At the heart of Rick Taylor was an abiding faith in God. Unashamedly, his faith was central to who he was as a man. He was confident in his purpose knowing that he had been placed on the earth for something greater."

Brother Rick Taylor is survived by his wife of 42 years, Teresa (Terri); their three sons; two daughters-in-law; and three granddaughters.



(From left) Dr. Bernard Franklin, *Kansas State '75*; Rick Taylor, *NC State '82*; and Steve Rowley, *Ohio '65*, as Taylor was presented with the Distinguished Delta Upsilon Award at the 2017 Leadership Institute.

# Alpha & Omega

## ALBERTA

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Phillip J. Ciz, '76  
James E. Fyles, '59  
Dr. Richard MacDonald,  
'52  
Gerald H. Morton, '60  
William A. Thorsell, '66

## BOWLING GREEN

William G. Broaddus, '62  
John H. Eisenhour, '61  
Jeff R. Puckett, '79  
Ian A. Tharp, '03  
Douglas A. Wiles, '53

## BRADLEY

Paul A. Wolfman, '77

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

Kenneth O. Macgowan, '43

## BUCKNELL

Douglas R. Lebda, '92

## CALIFORNIA

R. Kent Brewer, '64  
John W. Fisher, '54  
Craig R. Harper, '52  
Patrick S. Hobin, '59  
John A. Holt, '57  
Robert W. Merrill, '56  
Robert H. Sherman, '51  
Michael K. White, '57

## CARNEGIE

Robert K. Biggart, '65

## COLGATE

Richard L. Lowenberg, '59

## CORNELL

Peter M. Blaauvelt, '57

## DENISON

Robert W. Hooper, '68  
David A. Jones, '61

## DEPAUW

Douglas McLaren, '62

## ELON

Charles E. Blake, '22

## ILLINOIS

Joseph G. Lateer, '78  
Steven E. Stroh, '57

## INDIANA

John Agler, '46  
George T. Beck, '45  
Warren Carmony, '44  
Thomas D. Cook, '48  
Robert S. Curry, '45  
John Demos, '44  
Paul R. Disser, '44  
Meredith I. Flory, '50  
Robert L. Graf, '47  
Byrne E. Hallett, '42  
Gerald J. Hennessy, '48  
Robert H. Hirschauer, '49  
Jack F. Holmes, '41  
Donald E. Hyer, '47

James E. Jarvis, '49  
Robert E. Mehl, '49  
F. E. Mock, '44  
William H. Poth, '47  
John J. Seimetz, '45  
Larry L. Wible, '59  
Paul A. Zerkel, '42

## IOWA

Michael W. Angerth, '98  
Keith D. Schulz, '60  
David W. Sherod, '65  
George W. Vest, '50  
Barry C. Ward, '95  
John M. Welch, '61

## IOWA STATE

Charles P. Arthur, '55  
C. Norman Brown, '51  
John O. Cronk, '60  
Dr. John R. Dunn, '74  
John O. Hayes, '65  
Mark D. Kuchel, '76  
William J. Rameker, '65

## KANSAS

Larry K. Burke, '61  
Jim W. Dykes, '63  
Christopher A. Jeter, '68

## KANSAS STATE

George Beck, '59  
James E. Runberg, '58  
Dr. Karl K. Stevens, '61

## KENT STATE

William G. Gelatka, '64  
Louis L. Holtz, '59  
Roger L. Magill, '63  
James M. Maurer, '61

## LAFAYETTE

Ralph E. Rossheim, '54

## LOUISVILLE

James C. Boone, '57  
Robert A. Culberson, '58  
Matthew W. Golden, '73

## MAINE

Russell N. Banton, '70

## MASSACHUSETTS

Nicholas P. Poshkus, '80

## MIAMI

Michael D. Annett, '69  
Herbert H. Canada, '51  
Owen T. Carter, '62  
Richard W. Daley, '61  
James A. Divis, '61  
Gail N. Duff, '51  
Donald S. Fleischer, '60  
Philip G. Kelly, '59  
Lynn W. Moorehead, '54  
Thomas M. Seger, '68  
Terry N. Thies, '64  
James A. Wade, '70

## MICHIGAN

Robert F. Burke, '51  
C. David Hetrick, '61

## MICHIGAN STATE

Robert W. Doll, '59  
Bradley B. Hoot, '65  
George M. Whitson, '52  
Dennis M. Wright, '62

## NEBRASKA

Nelton G. Friesenborg, '45  
John D. Nielsen, '61  
John P. Williams, '61

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Richard X. Taylor, '82

## NORTH DAKOTA

Robert E. Alexander, '69  
Douglas M. Nash, '64

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Bruce A. Niemi, '79

## NORTHWESTERN

Edward M. Carney, '59  
Michael D. Creighton, '59  
Lawrence A. Renfrow, '73

## OHIO STATE

William R. Anders, '70  
Earl L. Bohachek, '68

## OKLAHOMA

Dr. Hugh D. Braymer, '55  
Clark D. Rother, '86

## PURDUE

Lee C. Alexander, '45  
Robert M. Mount, '68  
Donald A. Paltani, '63  
James A. Walton, '58

## ROCHESTER

Don E. Stocking, '50

## RUTGERS

Richard A. Alaimo, '56  
Richard G. Whitson, '51

## SAN JOSE

Donald O. Delaney, '59

## SWARTHMORE

Wilbur G. Streams, '67

## SYRACUSE

William B. Ayars, '56  
Davis H. Burbank, '69  
Stratis Lazarou, '52  
Kevin M. Palmieri, '92  
William J. Schroeder, '56  
Richard D. Sullivan, '52  
Raymond T. Warren, '52  
Kenneth D. Zeller, '70

## TECHNOLOGY

Kim C. M. Sloat, '64

## TEXAS

Justin T. Hall, '99

## TUFTS

William C. Blanker, '49  
Richard H. Gavoor, '58

## VIRGINIA

Al P. Saufley, '54

## WASHINGTON

V. Ronald Martin, '66

## WASHINGTON STATE

Robert I. Pearson, '66  
Patrick S. Stare, '79

## WESTERN ONTARIO

David G. Carr, '74  
J. Richard W. Cluff, '74  
Edward C. Corrigan, '80  
Ronald C. Eaton, '79  
A. Lawrence Gagner, '75  
Charles R.W. Knight, '55  
Stephen K. Tilley, '78  
James T. Walker, '78  
James S. Weary, '78

## WESTERN RESERVE

Dr. Phillip E. Peck, '63

## WICHITA

L. Elvin Ambler, '68

## WILMINGTON

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John P. Munroe, '71  
Ronald R. Pasqualone, '73  
Zacky C. Sessions, '73  
Joseph L. Shoub, '73  
Samuel P. Swett, '73  
John E. Trowbridge, '76

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James D. Bernd, '55  
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# Remembering

## LOU HOLTZ, KENT STATE '59

Delta Upsilon mourns the loss of Brother Louis L. Holtz, *Kent State '59*, who passed away on March 4, 2026. Brother Holtz is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and had a 34-year coaching career, most notably at the University of Notre Dame. He is the only college football coach to lead six different programs to bowl games, as well as four different programs to final top 20 rankings. He led the Fighting Irish to win the 1988 national championship and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2020.

Brother Holtz was born Jan. 6, 1937, and grew up in East Liverpool, Ohio. While a student at Kent State University, he was a member of Delta Upsilon, a walk-on for the football team, and a part of Kent State's U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps where he earned a commission as a Field Artillery Officer. He began his coaching career in 1960 as a graduate assistant at the University of Iowa, where he received his master's degree. Then, after several stops as an assistant coach, Holtz took his first head coaching job in 1969 at the College of William & Mary. He also went on to head coaching roles at NC State University, University of Arkansas, University of Minnesota, Notre Dame, and University of South Carolina. He also spent one season as head coach of the New York Jets. He wrote or contributed to writing 10 books and spent time as a college football TV analyst.

While his coaching record speaks to his success, Brother Holtz is also widely regarded for his philosophy as a coach and his ability to build his players into good teammates and human beings.

In 2015, Holtz was on hand to accept DU's inaugural Holtz-Munson Award of Merit in Sports at the Leadership Institute in Atlanta. The award is named after Brother Holtz and Brother Thurman Munson, *Kent State '69*, who served as captain of the New York Yankees. As he spoke to the LI crowd, Holtz talked about his coaching philosophy and how it also relates to Delta Upsilon.

"A fraternity is no more than different than a football team or a family," Holtz said. "The first thing you have to do is you got to be able to build a trust among each other. If you can't trust one another, you have no team.



Watch Lou Holtz address the 2015 DU Leadership Institute after receiving the inaugural Holtz-Munson Award of Merit in Sports.



You have no organization. And if I was head of a fraternity and we're going to go recruit people, I want to get somebody that I can trust. If they say they're going to do something, they're going to back up. They're going to be a person of their word. And they're going to do the right thing."

For Holtz, the three most important aspects of creating a good team and fraternity were a shared vision, trust and a commitment to excellence.





"Whatever we're going to do, we're going to do the very best of our ability," he said. "Not everybody can be all-American, not everybody can be first. Everybody can be the best they can be."

Brother Holtz is preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Beth. The couple had four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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