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ALL ABOUT ΣΦΔ

Motto of Sigma Phi Delta:

“Pro Bono Professionis”
which is translated
“For the Good of
the Profession.”

Founded:

April 11, 1924 at USC-LA

Colors: Red & Black

Flower:

American Beauty Rose

Meaning:

Sigma Phi Delta translates to
“Science, Friendship, Duty.”

Chapters: 19 Active

Headquarters:

Mansfield, Texas

Homepage:

www.sigmaphidelta.org

Delta Chapter

University of Illinois

The Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta was founded on January 25, 1928 by a group of students that included a brother of an Alpha Chapter Founder and an Alpha Chapter Alumnus. Delta Chapter has traditionally provided leadership for the fraternity, witnessed by the fact that it has produced five Grand Presidents who have guided the fraternity 4 of its 90 years of existence. The only two members who have been named Grand Old Men of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity were Delta Alumni.

Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

May 2014

Delta Dispatch

www.spdillini.org

University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois



CHAPTER HOUSE RENOVATIONS

Updates Abound as House Manager and Alumni Alike Jointly Improve House's State

We are pleased to announce that we have made renovations at the chapter house, including purchasing new sofas, replacing all dining room chairs, and refinishing the flooring in several rooms. Under the direction of House Manager **Michael Congdon '15**, the pledge class of Fall '13 has undertaken several key projects aimed at improving the functionality and appearance of the house.

Congdon has carried out significant house renovations since becoming house manager. His major projects included building a new shelf from scratch for the boiler room, reorganizing the file room to be used as a study area, and much more! His current project is fixing the latch on the dryer.

In addition to Michael's great work, the weekend of April 11th was Alumni Work Weekend. During this weekend several projects were accomplished, including resolving the plumbing issues brought on by the coldest winter in 50 years, and



putting a fresh coat of paint on the front doors. There was an excellent turn out from the Pledges during all this work, and alumni volunteers have said, “It looks

like they have a pretty stand-up group of pledges”.

The undergraduate brothers would like to send their heartfelt thanks to the alumni, who have provided the funds necessary to purchase new couches for the living room and replace all the dining room chairs.

Alums would like to reward the hardworking pledges and undergraduate brothers by replacing and updating the French doors in the front of the house; the dollars donated by alumni like you help bring in more actives by keeping the house looking great.



The brothers hard at work, scraping, spackling & painting.

WHY SIGMA PHI DELTA

Remembering Our Roots

THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF SIGMA PHI DELTA

“From time to time the Fraternity, or Greek, system is called upon to set forth the principles for which it stands. So far, it has been able to offer a satisfactory explanation for its existence. As a part of this system - as a Fraternity of Engineers - we insist that whatever our own superficial peculiarities, we exist for a purpose.

We stand steadfast and firm in our belief that we serve as a necessary adjunct to our Colleges and Universities in the training of young engineers. Our Constitution states, without equivocation, that the Object of the Fraternity shall be to promote the advancement of the Engineering Profession; to foster the advancement of Engineering Education; to instill a greater spirit of cooperation among Engineering Students and Organizations; to inculcate in its members the highest ideals of virtuous manhood, good Citizenship, obedience to Law, and Brotherhood; and to encourage excellence in scholarship. These objects we endeavor to fulfill in our Laws, in our Ritual, in our conduct and in our relations with others.

The Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity has,



We believe in true Fraternity, exemplified by genuine fellowship and perpetual friendship.

since its founding on April 11, 1924, at the University of Southern California, been a Professional-Social Fraternity of Engineers. We are Professional in that, unlike the General Fraternity, we admit to membership only students enrolled or working in a curriculum, or program, leading toward a degree in engineering; that we encourage and expect our Chapters to conduct and

to participate in a continuing professional program through symposia, seminars, field trips, and similar programs; and that we encourage our members to give the fullest support to the faculty of the Colleges and Schools of Engineering throughout North America.

We are Social in that, similar to the General Fraternity, our members maintain and live in Chapter houses; have a social program; participate in athletic programs; and foster a close relationship with our graduated, or alumni, members...

We believe in the message of Brotherly Love as the emotionality power in the lives of men. We believe in true Fraternity, exemplified by genuine fellowship and perpetual friendship. Further, we believe that the thoroughness with which our members live up to their principles governs, to a great extent, the soundness and success of this Fraternity.”

“A Declaration of the Principles and Objects of Sigma Phi Delta”

*Manual of Procedure - First Edition
printed August 10, 1927*

CHAPTER HOUSES

Brothers From All Over The World!

There are currently 39 active members in the Delta Chapter. Many of them are from Illinois, but we have a large international contingency- brothers from the United Kingdom, India, Costa Rica and South Korea! Look through the list and take the opportunity to “meet” all the members. Maybe you’ll see a familiar name!

Name	Hometown	Name	Hometown	Name	Hometown
Boomer, Nick	Schiller Park, IL	Hill, Brady	Champaign, IL	Obstoj, Michal	Arlington Heights, IL
Brooks, Sam	Oxfordshire, United Kingdom	Hill, Ray	South Beloit, IL	Parkinson, Tom	Evanston, IL
Chung, Shaun	Saratoga, CA	Horbacz, Chris	Aurora, IL	Pukelis, Louis	Aurora, IL
Chuttani, Aashish	New Delhi, India	Johnson, Adam Jacob	North Aurora, IL	Ramos, Isiah	Aurora, IL
Congdon, Michael	Moline, IL	Kelly, Sean Joseph	Arlington Heights, IL	Rendino, Matt	Mt. Prospect, IL
Cunningham, Dillon	Weldon, IL	Kim, Hyunsuk (Antonio)	Seoul, South Korea	Richard, Drew	Downers Grove, IL
Dobles, Adrian	San Jose, Costa Rica	Kolmodin, Nicholas	Lockport, IL	Schofield, Brody	Paoli, PA
Foti, Chris	Baton Rouge, LA	Krol, Przemyslaw	Roselle, IL	Sheehan, Kyle	Oak Lawn, IL
Fuchs, Bernard	Los Angeles, CA	Kus, Joseph Michael	Lockport, IL	Valente, Anthony	Green Oaks, IL
Gibson, Cory	Mount Vernon, IL	Maxheimer, Erich W.	Pulaski, IL	Williamson, Vince M.	Oak Lawn, IL
Giocolo, Michael	Joliet, IL	McGovern, Daniel	Arlington Heights, IL	Zacek, Scott A.	Oak Lawn, IL
Harley, Will	Lake Barrington, IL	McLain, Jake Thomas	Lockport, IL	Zarnowiecki, Henry	LaGrange, IL
Haseltine, Jake	Lisle, IL	Meehan, Troy Alexander	Plainfield, IL	Zhao, John Y.	Golf, IL

BUILDING FUND MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Delta Alumni Select Douglas Capital Management, LLC. To Manage Building Fund

Delta Alumni recently selected Douglas Capital Management (DCM) to manage their Building Fund. In the past, the Building Fund was managed by the Building Fund Manager or Treasurer and was invested in low earning money market accounts or ETF investments. Going forward, the Building Fund will be actively managed by DCM much like their other accounts are managed with oversight provided by the Alumni Treasurer and Alumni Exec Board.

Douglas Capital Management was founded and is headed up by **Brett Douglas (Delta, BS-EE '88, MS-EE '89, PhD-EE '93)**, and is a Registered Investment Advisor in Illinois and California. DCM serves more than 160 clients in 14 different states.

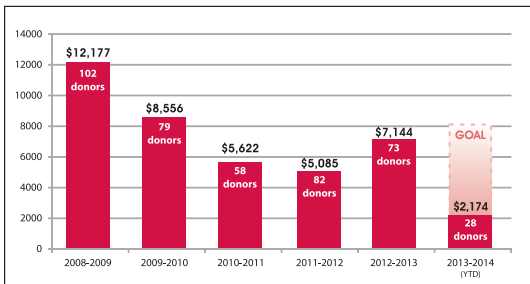
DCM's investment philosophy is a product of over seventeen years of research performed on stock market data, and many years of attempting to maximize the returns for accounts under management:

- Asset allocation must be tailored for each client and must take into account the global macroeconomic views, the risk tolerance, and the tax implications of active trading for each individual client.
- An investment adviser must attempt to outperform the broad stock market indices on a post-tax basis in order to provide value to clients.

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ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

The Time is Now



This represents an average donation amount of almost \$94. Last year, totals received by the end of the fiscal year equaled \$7143 from 55 brothers.

If you have already given this year, please accept our heartfelt thanks. Your contributions enable us to keep communication flowing between alumni and undergraduate brothers, and make necessary repairs to the

chapter house.

If you have not yet taken the opportunity

to make your gift to the chapter house in this fiscal year, it is not too late! Help enable us to continue in our communication efforts. You can simply visit our website at

<https://spdillini.2stayconnected.com/> and click on the DONATE tab or call **800-975-6699** and make your pledge over the phone.

Listed below are all the Brothers who have made their gift to the Delta Chapter in this fiscal year. Thank you, all, for the generosity that extends through the ages.

Our Annual Fund campaign began on September 1. To date, we have received donations from 22 Brothers totaling \$2053.

HONOR ROLL

Thank You!

Donations reflected to date in this fiscal year through April 18, 2014

Castle Level (\$250 - \$399.99)

Joseph F. Kennell 1958

Cog Level (\$100-\$249.99)

Duane W. Pick 1957
John S. Perry III 1959
Richard E. Thompson 1963
Glen A. Zumwalt 1963
F. Roger Matiasek 1965
James N. Blecker 1966
Ronald D. Davis 1969
Rick Woods 1986
Timothy A. Staber 1987
Jack L. Howard 1988
Bradley R. Tillock 1995

Patrick A. Cox 2001
Ian P. Santarinala 2002

Chapter Room Level (\$50-\$99.99)

Raymond F. Siewert 1954
John P. Kos 1976
Daniel L. Deyoung 1982
Andrew S. Hill P.E. 1988
David L. Kintz 1990
Christopher Ryan Garner 2011

Delta Brotherhood Level (Up to \$49.99)

Ralph W. Hoekstra 1965
Gary J. Gross 1968
Raymond G. Prill 1985

ALUMNI UPDATES

We want to hear from you!

If you don't have your email address on file with us, you are missing out on vital monthly communications. Update your email address today!

Simply visit <https://spdillini.2stayconnected.com/> or send an email to : feedback@affinityconnection.com (reference Illinois Sigma Phi Delta).

Please also include any highlights in your life that you want your brothers to know about- we'll share them in print!

ALUMNI PROFILE

An Illini In Space: Michael S. Hopkins

In the August eletter, we shared that University of Illinois alum Michael Hopkins was seeing a dream come true, as he was chosen as one of six members of the Expedition 37, traveling into space to work on over 200 scientific experiments. He was selected as one of nine candidates for the NASA's 2009 astronaut class after receiving 3500 applications. He lived on the international space station during the mission, and returned to Earth on March 12.



Space Agency. They were later joined by Expedition 39 commander Koichi Wakata of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and flight engineers Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin and U.S. astronaut Rick Mastracchio.

During his stay aboard the space station, Hopkins and Mastracchio conducted a pair of U.S. spacewalks to change out a degraded pump module for a total of 12 hours and 58 minutes. Hopkins, Kotov and Ryazanskiy returned to Earth on March 10, 2014 after 166 days in space. During the expedition, the crew completed 2,656 orbits of the Earth and traveled more than 70 million miles.

Born in Lebanon, Missouri, Hopkins grew up on a farm outside Richland, Missouri. He played

defensive back and was a team captain at the University of Illinois. He also was a member of the ROTC and a social fraternity. He graduated in 1991, with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, and holds a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from Stanford University, 1992.

Honors include Distinguished Graduate, Reserve Officers Training Corps, University of Illinois; Distinguished Graduate and top flight test engineer in United States Air Force Test Pilot School Class 96B; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Aerial Achievement Medal; two Air Force Commendation Medals and three Air Force Achievement Medals.

He is married to the former Julie Stutz of Peoria, Illinois. They have two sons. Recreational interests include backpacking, camping, snow skiing, weight lifting, running, hockey and football.

Building Fund

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- Buy and sell decisions rely on the future predicted performance of each stock or Exchange Traded Fund (ETF). DCM's proprietary performance prediction process uses fundamental and technical indicators, including measures of value, growth, and efficiency.
- The majority of the stock market research performed by DCM has been on common stocks and ETFs listed on United States exchanges. Therefore stocks and ETFs that trade on US exchanges make up the majority of clients' investment portfolios.
- DCM invests in American Depository Receipts, micro-cap stocks, small-cap stocks, mid-cap stocks, large-cap stocks, stock ETFs, commodity ETFs, precious metals ETFs, and bonds. DCM invests in both growth stocks and value stocks.

DCM is located in Bloomington, IL. If you would like further information about Douglas Capital Management, LLC you can contact Brett at brettdouglas@dcm-llc.com or (309) 807-5637.

Email Crisis!

We're Missing Email Addresses for More than 300 of Our Brothers!

You may be missing out on important Sigma Phi Delta communications!



The Delta Chapter Alumni Association Board will be periodically sending out emails to all alumni as part of our communications program. Ensure you're receiving your copy of these emails by verifying your email address today!

If your email address is one of those that we're missing, please update it on the form below or by emailing our alumni relations

office with your full name, grad year, and "Sigma Phi Delta Illinois" to updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com.

The more email addresses we have, the more we can keep you in the loop throughout the year.

Thanks for helping us to stay connected with you more frequently!