



Delta Dispatch

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Preparing for a Semester of Success Alumni Focus on Maintaining the Delta Chapter House

As the fall season approaches, I look back on our accomplishments over the summer and look forward to another semester of brotherhood, camaraderie, and academic excellence. Alumni officer elections were held during the virtual annual meeting in June. Brothers **Matthew Braun '94**, **Patrick Cox '01**, **Jeff Schneider '78**, **Mike Rohan '93**, and **Dino Tsoukatos '96** were reelected to the offices of president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and alumni relations chairman, respectively. We extend our thanks to Brother **Daniel McGovern '15** for five years of service as active relations chairman and wish him well in his new endeavors in Texas. Congratulations to Brother **Shyam Upadhyay '22** on his hard-fought campaign to succeed Brother McGovern.

The improvements to the house have resulted in a significant increase to the assessed value of the property. Based on this year's assessment, property taxes due next year will be more than double this year's levy. During the summer, Brothers Cox and Rohan, along with Brother **Jeffrey Leesman '03**, our renovation project manager, worked through some lingering issues with the curtains, air conditioning, and dishwashing system. Based on our experience last

winter, we are looking into adding several supplemental electric heaters on the first floor. The combination of these expected and unexpected expenses has delayed completion of several remaining minor improvements, including replacement of several old windows and repairs to the front porch. Your continued commitment to capital campaign pledges and donations to the general fund helps us meet these financial challenges while maintaining costs for in-house living below the university average for private housing.

The fall quarterly meeting will be held in conjunction with Homecoming festivities. Our traditional schedule includes the Friday Homecoming Parade and an evening meet-and-greet, Saturday morning brunch/tailgate, Illini football (11 a.m. Kickoff), Saturday post-game dinner, Sunday morning active/alumni flag football game, and the alumni meeting.

If you haven't had a chance to see the improvements at the house, the weekend of October 14-16 is a great time to do so. I hope to see you then.

Fraternally,
Matthew Braun '94
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Always Room for Improvement

BROTHERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Lucas Zazcek '23 leads a rafting crew in Boise, Idaho, during an internship retreat. Lucas interned at Micron Technologies this summer.

We kicked off this past year with a short brotherhood work weekend. Our house manager, **Nick Bingenheimer '23** (Elmhurst, Ill.), organized a deep clean of the house for a fresh start to the year. We also made small improvements around the house, including an updated lock on the kitchen door, new curtains for common spaces, new shades for rooms, and a new mural in the basement, courtesy of our spring 2022 historian, **Andrew Beusse '23** (Bethesda, Md.).

Events at the house have continued to be a massive success; over the year, we hosted Alpha Omega Epsilon, Phi Sigma Rho, and Phi Mu at various themed events. In addition to small mixers with other organizations, we also held successful blacklight and room parties. Vice Chief Engineer **Matthew Lotarski '23** (Buffalo Grove, Ill.) also organized a reverse career fair at the house along with several events to improve our brothers' professional development.

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Our philanthropy chairmen, **Alex Galik '23** (Darien, Conn.) and **Will Greene '24** (Lake Zurich, Ill.), hosted a waffle brunch the morning after our semi-formal, raising \$980 for Crisis Nursery!

Our campus involvement also remains strong, and multiple brothers have expanded their networks through leadership positions in several organizations. **Akarsh Vankayalapati '22** (Naperville, Ill.) finished his Engineering Council term as EXPO co-director; **Ravyu Sivakumaran '24** (Singapore) leads as president of the UIUC Singapore Students Association; **Riley**

Loveday '23 (Centreville, Va.) is the arena chairman and ESPL coordinator of Illinois Robotics; and **Matthew Lotarski '23** was named the assistant vice president of recruitment for the Interfraternity Council.

The future of our brotherhood looks bright; not only did we earn a 3.34 chapter GPA this spring, which is higher than the IFC and undergraduate GPAs, but many brothers secured internships over the summer and jobs after graduation. Some of the companies our brothers will be working for include Amazon, Facebook, Northrop Grumman, Ford, Enercon, BP, ExxonMobil, Space-X, and Psyonic.

Additionally, at this year's Engineering Open House in April, **Steven Dimov '23** (Carol Stream, Ill.) took the lead on creating Guitar Hero on a field-programmable gate array (FPGA) from scratch, which was a great representation of how the brotherhood has grown professionally over the past semester. Overall, last spring showed lots of improvement, and we can't wait to see what this fall will bring.

Fraternally,
Dino Keserovic '23
Chief Engineer



Michael McGinnis '22 and Dillan Kenney '22 celebrate their graduation with Alma herself. Congratulations class of 2022!



Shyam Upadhyay '22, Jason Drews '22, and Dino Keserovic '23 travel to Berlin to see some great bands perform at Tempelhof Sounds 2022.



Ishaan Murarka '23, Brett Patterson '22, and John Armgardt '22 get lunch at the Hampton Social before heading to Lollapalooza Chicago 2022.

STRIVING FOR THE BEST EXECUTIVE BOARD SETS BROTHERHOOD GOALS—CHAPTER DELIVERS

Delta Chapter's executive board shared three large goals this year, and so far, our members have delivered. This fall, we look forward to improving in each of these areas to strengthen the brotherhood.

Financials: The renovation was a large hit to the chapter's finances, as multiple purchases and fixes needed to be made to keep the house operating. Our business manager, **Grant Brown '23** (Mahomet, Ill.), has worked with the executive board and chapter to save over \$8,000 with cost reduction and income creation strategies.

Recruitment: With the challenges of spring 2022 and the lessons learned of a post-COVID-19 chapter, we want to revamp and innovate our recruitment process. Delta Chapter is working closely with the Supreme Council and IFC to develop valuable strategies in recruiting the best men we can find.

Chapter Culture: With online pledging and operations in the 2020-21 school year, the chapter saw many changes in how we interact. While many positives and negatives have risen from this, we want to capitalize on our experiences. Socially, the spring semester was important in bringing the brotherhood closer together and reestablishing the value of our house.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chief Engineer
Dino Keserovic '23

Vice Chief Engineer
Matthew Lotarski '23

Assistant Business Manager
Will Greene '24

Assistant House Manager
Steven Dimov '23

Historian
Kent Lullo '24

Chaplain
Steven Rumbaugh '24

Commissar
Steven Dimov '23

Pledge Master
Andrew Beusse '23

Risk Reduction Chairman
Owen Shin '23

Philanthropy Chairman
Hrishi Kini '25

Expansion Chairman
Kent Lullo '24

External Chairman
Cam Cagas '23

Scholastic Chairman
Sanjiv Iyer '24

Merchandise Chairman
Ishaan Murarka '23

Athletic Chairman
John Goodpaster '23

Network Chairman
Sanjiv Iyer '24

Social Chairmen
Riley Loveday '23
Corey Michaels '23

Recruitment Chairmen
Gavin Metzger '24
Anthony Rihani '24
Carter Smith '24
Jacob Stocco '25
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Float Chairmen
Alex Galik '23
Owen Shin '23

Why I Joined Sigma Phi Delta

“To meet and learn from a group of people with similar interests and goals as me.”

“I saw that SPD was a welcoming group of like-minded, motivated people who are always looking out for one another.”

“I joined due to the opportunity to elevate my studies and the realization I’d be joining a group of individuals I’d choose to call family.”

“I felt that, during recruitment, I met a genuine group of guys who cared about each other and wanted to see each other succeed in the academic/professional world.”

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Kishan Challagulla '25
Streamwood, Ill.

Evan Drew '24
Clarendon Hills, Ill.

Jay Kwon '25
Incheon, South Korea

Anthony Rihani '24
Orland Park, Ill.

Alexander Romo '23
Chicago, Ill.

Carter Smith '24
Hinsdale, Ill.



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— *Save the Date* — **2022 Homecoming Weekend**

Please mark your calendars for the weekend of **October 14-16, 2022**, as we gather to celebrate Homecoming at the University of Illinois. You can expect many of the traditional Homecoming weekend events running from Friday through Sunday, including:

Friday

Evening dinner/gathering.

Saturday

Brunch/tailgating for Illini vs. Minnesota, and a post-game gathering at the house.

Sunday

Active/alumni football game and alumni meeting.

Additionally, the active chapter will be hosting a career fair where alumni can discuss their professional experiences with actives and pledges. If you haven't made it back in a while, this is the year! Come join us, reunite with old friends, meet our thriving chapter of actives and pledges, and see the future of Delta Chapter.

*You should have received an email with a link to a survey regarding participation in the Homecoming events. If you have not, please contact Alumni Relations Chairman **Dino Tsoukatos '96** at dino.tsoukatos@outlook.com.*

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF DELTA CHAPTER TODAY

The dedication of our alumni ensures the continued success of Delta Chapter at the University of Illinois. Your support helps us maintain our home while providing a low cost of living for our active members. Make a gift today by visiting tinyurl.com/DeltaChapterCampaign.

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