



# Delta Dispatch

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## STAYING IN THE LOOP

*Delta Chapter Thrives Thanks to Loyal Alumni*

**I**t's been a relatively uneventful six months since our last update. Standout events include our winter meeting on February 4 at Beerhead Bar and Eatery in Elmhurst.

In April, we hosted a successful Alumni Work Weekend. The event featured a Friday night dinner at Blind Pig Company in downtown Champaign with pizza, drinks, and darts. On Saturday, we met at the house to spread gravel over the back driveway and take care of several other minor projects. Additionally, we cataloged and photographed all the memorabilia at the house for historical and insurance purposes.

The annual meeting and elections for the alumni board of directors will be hosted on Saturday, June 17, at noon (CDT) via Zoom. You do not have to be present at the meeting to nominate someone or to run for a position. If you have an interest in running, have questions about the responsibilities, or wish to nominate someone, see my contact information below. Nominations for officers may also be submitted in advance to Secretary **Mike Rohan '93** at [mprohan@comcast.net](mailto:mprohan@comcast.net).

Now that the capital campaign for the house renovation is wrapping up, please resume your regular donations to the alumni general fund and complete any outstanding campaign donations you may have. We rely on donations to cover recurring costs of maintenance, unexpected repairs, alumni communications, alumni events, academic scholarships, and future house improvements.

Whether you graduated recently or 30 years ago, there are many opportunities for you to stay connected with Sigma Phi Delta. As the weather gets warmer, we have several events where you'll be able to connect with brothers from across the years. When you attend meetings, run for office, donate to Delta Chapter, or even just text a brother from your pledge class to tell them about one of these events, **you are supporting the legacy of Delta Chapter for years to come.**

Fraternally,

**Matthew Braun '94**

President of Delta Alumni of Sigma Phi Delta

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*(1) Alumni enjoy good food and great company during a meetup at the Blind Pig.*

*(2) Alumni pour new gravel during Alumni Work Weekend.*

*(3) Thanks to our alumni for their hard work!*

*(4) Preserving posteriors for posterity - HA!*



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# ΣΦΔ Was the Place for Me

*Bob Stanley '94 Talks about the Brotherhood That Changed His Life*



*Bob enjoys autocross in his Shelby GT350.*

**B**ob Stanley '94 is a licensed professional engineer in 14 states, 2003 Young Engineer of the Year, and the managing director of Walker Consultants' Western region. But before all these accomplishments, he was simply a young man on campus looking for a sense of community. When Bob found Delta Chapter during spring recruitment, he knew the brotherhood's balance of academic and social experiences was right for him.

## DELTA DAYS

"I would not have been able to achieve all that I have had I not been accepted as a pledge in the spring of '89," Bob states. His active years had a healthy mix of fun and responsibility, including enjoying his pledge walkout to Angola, Indiana, as well as being chairman for two Homecoming floats.

While Bob's active years were fun, they also taught him leadership duties as social chairman, house manager, CWCC, vice chief, and ultimately chief. He even served as chapter counselor during graduate school, replacing **Keith Brandau '83**.

"I learned a lot of leadership from participating in the house." After college, Bob began working with the Illinois Department of Transportation before joining Keith's private firm in Champaign as a project structural engineer. "It was a small firm, and I got to learn a lot about everything from bridge design to forensics and geotechnical work."

*"I was happy to see us make an investment in the house renovation, and I hope the actives are enjoying the new digs. I got to see it for the first time in many years this past Homecoming. The house is an important hub for developing relationships that will last a lifetime, which is why I was compelled to help in the cause."*

## WORKING WITH WALKER

In late 1996, Bob joined Walker Consultants. "Walker is a very family-oriented, employee-owned company and known to be the world's leading expert in parking," Bob mentioned. Transferring to Denver, Bob continued to climb the ranks to the director role he holds today.

Bob urges today's undergraduates to find places that will challenge them to grow, like Sigma Phi Delta and Walker did for him. He is proud to remain connected, including taking vacations with alumni brothers, and he was especially pleased to see the recent updates to the chapter house.

Bob and his wife, Stephanie, celebrated their 25th anniversary in July 2022. They have two children: Hannah (23) is working toward an anesthesiology assistant career, while Jake (18) is studying computer science at the Colorado School of Mines.

Since becoming empty nesters, Bob and Stephanie are building a home in Larkspur, Colorado. In his spare time, Bob rides his Ducati through the mountains, scuba dives, golfs, and races his Shelby GT350 in autocross.

*You can connect with Bob at [bmwbob1995@gmail.com](mailto:bmwbob1995@gmail.com).*

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

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**Ravyu Sivakumaran '23**

Business Manager, Chaplain  
**Will Greene '24**

# Engineering Success on All Fronts

*Delta Chapter Ends the Year on a High Note*

## DEEP CLEANING OUR HOME

Under the supervision of our new house manager, **Jacob Stocco '25**, the semester once again started with a deep cleaning of the house. The old doors, having seen more than their fair share of wear and tear over the years, are in the process of being repaired or replaced. The back doors were the worst offenders and, as such, have had their emergency bars, linings, and locks all updated. Any alumni who may have taken a back door key with them as a souvenir may need to come back and ask for a new one.

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ON CAMPUS

The house has hosted AOE, PSR, and Phi Mu at social events this semester, which allowed us to continue developing our relationships with each group of sisters. In addition to joint events with other organizations, the house has also hosted some classic favorites, including Blacklight and Room Parties. Both went incredibly well thanks to Vice Chief Engineer **Hrishi Kini '25** and Social Chairmen **Alex Galik '23** and **Owen Shin '23**. Our pledges this semester also worked with the candidates of AOE to raise a total of \$513 for the Eastern Illinois Food Bank over the course of a week.

## STRENGTHENING OUR FUTURES

The future is looking bright! We have a chapter

GPA of 3.36, which is not only higher than both the IFC average and the undergraduate GPA but also places us 12th among all fraternities on campus. Not bad for the engineering house! Many brothers have also been accepting both internships and full-time offers at companies such as Amazon, Northrop Grumman, Caterpillar, Ford, SBL, Procter & Gamble, and GE. We wish all our graduating seniors the best of luck in a world without Kam's.

## FOCUSING ON RECRUITMENT

This semester, the executive board has been preparing for the coming year. We have a graduating class of 22 seniors, which represents almost 40% of the active chapter. We had a phenomenal year for recruitment, initiating 18 new members, but unfortunately, we will be taking a hit to our numbers for the second year in a row. Thankfully, this is a smaller decrease than the spring of 2022, and with the influx of newly initiated brothers (currently 30% of the chapter), we plan to recruit as many quality new members next year as possible. In time, we believe that as long as our strong recruitment momentum is maintained, Delta Chapter will not just recover but become stronger than ever!

Fraternally,  
**Shyam Upadhyay '22**  
Former Chief Engineer

# WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**Sean Choo '25**, Singapore

**Akhil Gogineni '26**, Aurora, Ill.

**Alex Luckett '26**, Naperville, Ill.

**Hamza Otry '25**, Orland Park, Ill.

**Cole Profitt '26**, Granite City, Ill.

**Fedor Shemetev '26**, Moscow, Russia

**Chris Taylor '26**, Los Angeles, Calif.

**Josh Zhang '26**, Wood Dale, Ill.

## Why Sigma Phi Delta?

*"For the brotherhood and the meaningful connections we make for life."*  
—Sean Choo '25

*"The balance between academics and having fun."*  
—Akhil Gogineni '26

*"It's the house where you can be at home."*  
—Fedor Shemetev '26



(Top) Brothers Ravyu Sivakumaran '23, Cam Cagas '23, Ishaan Murarka '23, Steven Rumbaugh '24, Chuck Mandavilli '24, Jack Stubenvoll '24, Corey Michaels '23, and Riley Loveday '23 enjoy the sun during their spring break in South Padre Island, Texas. (Bottom left) The aftermath of  $\Sigma\Phi\Delta$  and AOE executive board members getting "pied" for charity. (Bottom right) Brothers "Paint with Bob Ross" during a joint event with the sisters of Phi Mu.

# Giving Is Easier Than Ever

## *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](http://tinyurl.com/DeltaChapterCampaign) or scanning the QR code.



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