

Delta Upsilon

Syracuse University



The Bazoo
DECEMBER 2020

President's Pen Points



Brothers,

Welcome to the December 2020 edition of the Bazoo. This past year has been very difficult for a large number of people across the country. Worries of not being able to attend school were on every undergraduate brother's mind as the summer was coming to a close. Upon receiving the news that we would be allowed back on campus for the Fall 2020 semester, the undergraduate brothers knew this was going to be a time in which our brotherhood was going to have to persevere and overcome all obstacles in our way. Despite a few COVID-19 scares and the school's restrictions, the undergraduate brothers showed resilience and were able to have a successful and fantastic semester. The brotherhood remained safe and healthy while our bonds grew exponentially stronger. The chapter was able to recruit 3 fantastic men to join our brotherhood who have already made an impact by taking various chair positions and committee roles just weeks following their initiation. Elections were held in early November and were followed by a two-week transitional period

that left the new Executive Board prepared to do their given tasks and driven to do much more. I want to thank the former executive board who made this such a seamless transition. I also want to give a special thank you to Brother Joshua Davidoff ('21), who although his role of Executive Vice President has ended, has continued to give his support and hard work to make sure we get off to a great start.

The brotherhood had fun and covid safe events planned by brotherhood chairs Aaron Swartz ('22), Jack Murray ('22), and Jared Pohl ('22), along with our Athletic Director Brendan Berman ('23). These events included paintballing, cliff jumping, and the formation of the official DU Flag Football league. We enjoyed these events so much and we hope they continue in future semesters.

I would like to acknowledge the generosity and thoughtfulness of our alumni. When Brother Marcello Lattuca visited for a weekend to check out the house --and coach a flag football team, of course-- he noticed some aspects of the physical house that were in need of improvements. With the generous support of many alumni brothers, 801 Walnut has been transformed into the house this brotherhood belongs in. Ken Hyman ('88), Mark Linnan ('85), and Peter Maescher ('90) arrived in Syracuse and worked nonstop to renovate the main floor. Now, the brotherhood has a beautiful dining room set-up that can host everyone during meals and a brand new mounted television so we can all kick back and watch football together every Sunday.

Although there were many challenges along the way, both the undergraduates and the alumni persevered and pushed this Fraternity to new heights this semester. In September 2020, the Syracuse DU Chapter was named a Sweepstakes Semi-finalist by International Headquarters. There are 68 active DU Chapters across the U.S. and Canada and this means we are among the 15 best Chapters. An amazing achievement considering we earned our Charter only 3 years ago. I am ecstatic to take the reigns of such an amazing chapter and I look forward to upholding the great legacy and traditions that have been passed down to me.

If you have any questions or would just like to have a chat, feel free to reach out to me at arkornbl@syr.edu, or over the phone at (516) 647-3172.

Austin Kornbluth
Chapter President

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Spring 2021 Leadership

The Executive Board

President - Austin Kornbluth ('22)

Executive Vice President - CJ Sevola ('22)

Vice President of Loss Prevention - Jared Pohl ('22)

Vice President of Internal Relations - Reid Wight ('22)

Vice President of External Relations - Chris Klein ('22)

Vice President of Finance - Antonio Campomanes ('22)

VP of Associate Member Education - Matt Callan ('22)

Housing Manager - Tucker Gralewski ('23)

Secretary - Colin Rigley ('22)

Rush Chair - Aaron Swartz ('22)



Spring Chairmen

Social Chairs - Jared Zippin ('22) & Jack Ramza ('22)

Brotherhood Chairs - Sean O'Brien ('21) & Connor Pignatello ('23)

PR Chair - Ben Eichler ('23)

Academic Excellence Chair - Ronan McCabe ('24)

Historian - Evan Hummel ('22)

Philanthropy Chairs - Doug Lattuca ('23) & Brendan Berman ('23)

Community Engagement Chair - Hugh Medvecky ('23)

Governance Chair - Sebastian Swartz ('24)

Alumni & Family Relations Chair - Ross Lachtman ('22)

Assistant Treasurers - Josh Davidoff ('21) & Chris Riek ('23)

Athletic Director - Brandon Lantz ('23)

Philanthropy



This semester our philanthropy was limited by the health and safety measures taken on campus. Despite this semester being far from normal the chapter decided it was still important to give back in a new and creative way. To achieve this we created a new philanthropy known as “Delta Dye”. Inspiration was drawn from our Reggae Bash in the 1980s when the SU chapter used to sell tie dye shirts along with the famous event. This semester we received nearly 200 custom orders, with the plan to tie dye the shirts with the specific colors requested. These orders raised a total approaching \$1000 to be donated to the Syracuse Chapter of Pencils of Promise. Pencils of Promise is an organization that builds schools and promotes literacy across the globe. Much of its fundraising and activism used to be sourced in a lively and active network of college chapters, but their presence has fallen off. Two members of our Spring ‘21 E-Board Collin Rigley (‘22) and Matt Callan (‘22’) were both founding members and instrumental in establishing the Syracuse Chapter of Pencils of Promise. They hope to start a chain reaction and connect with more campuses to start chapters and join the movement in promoting education.



Brotherhood

In a semester unlike those we've ever seen before, DU Syracuse was able to make the most of being able to live on campus. Thanks to the work of Brothers Jared Pohl ('22), Jack Murray ('22), and Aaron Swartz ('22), our Brotherhood was able to hold a plethora of fun events throughout the semester.



Brother Matt Callan ('22) takes a plunge on the Brotherhood cliff diving trip.



Sal Dedona ('22), Marty Hirschberg ('21) and Clint Garrahan ('21) enjoy a bonfire at the senior house.



"Game respects game as star receiver Ian Benepe ('22) swaps jerseys with commissioner Brendan Berman ('23).

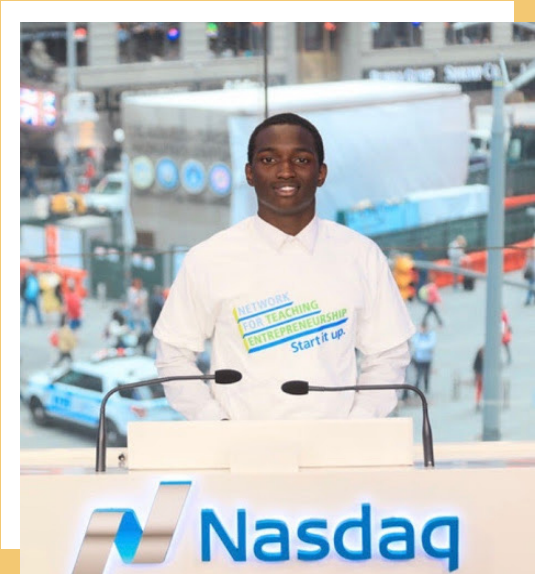


Brothers Nick Mingione ('22) and Will Bulmer ('23) participate in the #GreekLifeStaySafe initiative to encourage social distancing.

Welcome to the Iota Class



Brandon Lantz ('23)
Montgomery, NY



Ish Anandane ('22)
Bronx, NY



Martin Mosquera ('23)
Union City, NJ

Diversity Committee

This semester, our chapter formed a Diversity Committee. With the nationwide civic unrest that had occurred this summer, we felt that we could do better as a chapter to uphold and celebrate diversity within our fraternity as well as in our community. The goal of the Diversity Committee is to usher our house in becoming more involved in multicultural affairs within the Syracuse community. Whether that is pairing with Multicultural organizations on campus or within the city of Syracuse, the committee planned a course of action for our house to become more involved.

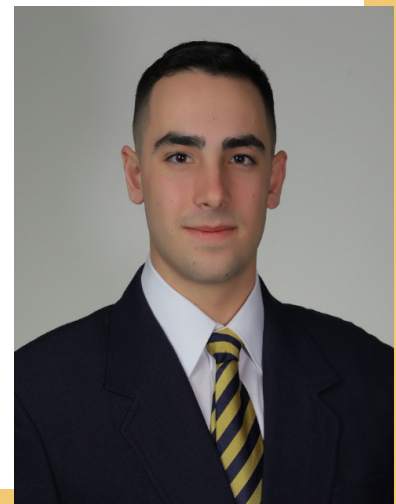
It has been difficult to carry out these plans due to the social limitations of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the framework for becoming more involved within Syracuse's multicultural affairs has been set for years to come. Brothers John Fizman ('21), Jared Pohl ('22), and Brian Bauer ('22) lead the committee this fall. For the Spring '21 semester, a brand new Multicultural Chairman position was recently created to lead this committee. The Brothers of Delta Upsilon at Syracuse strive to act as leaders within our community, and this new initiative that was started is just another example.



John Fizman ('21)



Jared Pohl ('22)



Brian Bauer ('22)

Undergraduate Spotlight



For this Semester's Undergraduate Spotlight we would like to take the time to recognize Jack Ramza ('22) for being named as one of five 2020 Martin Luther King Unsung Hero award winners. This award is given to those who go out of their way to make a difference in the lives of others but are not always recognized for their efforts. When asked about the award Ramza said "The award was really a surprise. You just do the things in life that you are passionate about and that make you happy without being recognized, but it meant a lot."

Ramza is truly an example of living out his values. He has been an active member of the brotherhood formerly holding the position of Rush Chair and is currently serving as our chapter's Social. Ramza is also an active leader on campus through his role with OrangeSeeds. OrangeSeeds is a student empowerment program meant to help freshmen and transfers grow into dynamic campus leaders.

Ramza works directly with community organizations to coordinate weekly community service activities in his position in OrangeSeeds. These organizations include The Nottingham senior living facility, Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse, OttoTHON, We Rise Above the Streets and more.

Ramza brings this same commitment to positive change in his positions across campus. He is a peer mentor for the Martin J. Whitman School of Management and a former competitor in the Hult Prize through the Blackstone Launchpad. Ramza is dual enrolled in the Martin J. Whitman School of Management and S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, where he earned the D'Aniello Freshman Merit Scholarship and Newhouse First-Year Achievement Award. We are proud to have men like Ramza as members of our Brotherhood!

The Chapter Advisor of the Year

Ken Hyman ('88)



Pictured here is Ken Hyman ('88), Josh Davidoff ('21), Jack Ramza ('22), Aziz Al-Sulaiti ('19), Vinny DiPaula ('18), Noah Cyr ('20), and Rick Holland ('83).

For this semester's Alumni Spotlight the Brothers of Delta Upsilon want to congratulate Ken Hyman on being named the 2020 Chapter Advisor of the Year. This Award aims to recognize an advisor who is vital to the success of their chapter. To anyone who knows Ken and his contributions to the brotherhood they know Ken is a singular example of the commitment, passion, and vision that every chapter advisor should strive for.

Ken's guidance was integral in the process to bring the chapter back onto campus in 2016. He has served as the chairman of the chapter advisory board consisting of 8 alumni. Ken has advised every single DU president since our

return to campus and it is his continued involvement that has allowed this chapter to grow and thrive. In addition to his role as presidential advisor Ken acts as the liaison between both the alumni and the housing corporation as well as the Diakaia foundation. Ken has a central role in planning the annual Dikaia Foundation Scholarship event which is a source of pride to our chapter. Ken's guidance was more important than ever when facing the COVID-19 pandemic this past semester. The way Ken handled this crisis was truly a testament to his character and love for the brotherhood. His unmatched level of preparedness and his hands on style ensured a safe and successful semester at 801. Current President Austin Kornbluth says "Although we have only recently started working together I am not surprised to see Ken recognized by our Nationals. His work ethic has already inspired me to push myself to be the best president I can be." The fact that Ken's involvement is driven by his everlasting love for this chapter and its members is apparent to those he advises and serves as a lesson to the rest of the brotherhood. Former DU president Vinny Dipaola found it hard to find words that truly grasped the magnitude of Ken's impact on our chapter. Vinny said "Considering we literally would not be here without him, let alone become who we are, no one deserves this award more than Buster."

Renovations at 801

The chapter would like to express our thanks to the Alumni who came together to revamp the interior of 801! A summary of the new additions includes two 10ft tables, 24 chairs, a new dining room table set, new lights and lighting for the chapter room and main floor, new rolling chairs for the chapter room, and a brand new smart TV mounted to the wall. Special thanks goes out to Marcello Latuca for his involvement as well as Ken Hyman, Paul Simon, Mark Linnan, and Peter Maescher for their role in the actual installation process. The active Brothers would also like to send our gratitude to Bob Vrooman, Dave Rotell, Greg Delmonte, Mike Altman, Alan Schanzer, Adam Dambrov, Oliver Lay, Gerard Maione, Craig Zottola, Phil Pell, Scott Maney, Howard Streetwood, Warren Wolf, Keith Kaplan, Paul Simon, Edward Castagna, Mike Slovin, and Dan Gacetta, as the project could not have happened without you!



Update From Housing Corp

This semester was undoubtedly a tough one at the 801 Walnut Avenue, Chapter House. Due to the continuing impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic, chapter programming and use of the house beyond a strictly residential sense was limited. Nevertheless, 28 undergraduate brothers took up residence in the Chapter House this Fall '20, with a similar number expected in Spring '21. With many "live-in" brothers spending the majority of their time in the house, work commenced on upgrades and repairs to enhance the environment at 801 Walnut and make it a more desirable place to spend this new, hopefully temporary, era of Covid-19.

Special recognition should go to Mark "Minty" Linnan ('85) who led the effort to renovate the Dick Thorpe Chapter Room. With his leadership, hard work, and the generous contributions of many alumni, the state of the room has been substantially improved. The room was repainted top to bottom with new overhead lighting and ceiling tiles installed. The hardwood floors were sanded and refinished and new matching furniture and high quality office chairs were brought in, in addition to several dozen brand new folding chairs. Two new TVs were installed and the adjoining storage closet was cleaned, organized, and improved with new shelving.

A professional IT company was hired to upgrade the network infrastructure in the chapter house, boost coverage, and support a greater number of users at faster speeds. New network hardware was set up, greatly improving reliability of the internet throughout the house. Thank you to the Dikaia Foundation for their contribution to this project.

A renovation of the first floor bathroom will be completed by the start of Spring '21.

New dining room tables and restaurant-quality chairs were bought, transported, and set up by alumni, expanding and greatly improving the seating capacity in the dining room area. The lighting in the first floor great room was upgraded to be warmer and more inviting. Additionally, a TV was purchased for the Game Room.

A '85 Winter Formal banner now sits framed in the Game Room. Thank you to Brothers Marcello Lattuca and Gerard Maione.

An improved HVAC solution for the Chapter Room and upgrades to the basement laundry room are now in the planning stages and in need of alumni support.

If you are interested in contributing towards future projects for the Delta Upsilon Chapter House, please contact David Sugrue ('90) by phone (716-341-2824) or email (davidsugrue@msn.com).

The Delta Upsilon Syracuse Housing Corp.
Steve Hochberg ('83), David Sugrue ('90), Mark Linnan ('85), Bill Etson ('92), Noah Cyr ('20), Sean Andersen ('20), Ken Berlin ('92)

Dikaia Scholarships



For the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 academic year, the Dikaia Foundation has selected Brendan Berman ('23) as Dikaia Scholar from a group of highly qualified candidates recommended by the Chapter Executive Board. The Dikaia Scholar is a new role created in 2019 to represent The Dikaia Foundation on campus, providing support to Dikaia's Grants and Awards Committee led by Peter Gaines ('79). The Dikaia Foundation will grant \$15,000 in scholarships in February 2021 including a \$500 award to the Dikaia Scholar.

The awards application portal opened December 1 and closes on December 31, 2020. Brendan is a sophomore from Roxbury, New Jersey majoring in bioengineering. "I am honored to be the Dikaia Scholar this year and look forward to working with Peter Gaines and other

board members to further Dikaia's mission. I know that Dikaia can have a meaningful impact on our brotherhood and I look forward to contributing my time and energy to make the 2021 award process efficient" said Brendon. "We are thrilled that Brendan was selected by the Dikaia Board as the Dikaia Scholar for this academic year" said Chapter President, Austin Kornbluth ('22), adding "Brendan joined our Chapter in the Spring of 2020 as part of the "theta" class and has become a valuable member of our house. We expect he will become one of the future leaders of our Chapter". Brendan has been coordinating the scholarship application process with Peter Gaines as well as Dikaia President, Kevin Stein ('83) who commented "Brendan has done a fantastic job. He has already impressed me with his communication, organizational skills, and his positive attitude. The first Dikaia Scholar, Andy Umanzor ('21), set a high bar with his contribution last year. I know that Brendan will benefit from Andy's mentorship and make his own valuable contribution to the Dikaia Foundation." We encourage active members of the chapter to apply for numerous scholarships which reflect Dikaia's mission to aid, encourage, promote and contribute to the education and well-being of members of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Syracuse University. The Dikaia Awards Event is scheduled for February 27, 2021.