

### Welcome

### Message from the Chapter President



#### Aziz Al-Sulaiti '19 | President Doha, Qatar

My fellow Brothers,

It's a long-standing tradition for the Syracuse Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity to create and publish The Bazoo Alumni Newsletter. I'm happy to welcome you to our August 2018 Edition. The Bazoo is meant to share what we accomplished and learned, and to connect the Undergraduate Chapter with the Alumni Chapter.

Before I leave my message, I wanted to say thank you to each one of you that contributed to the return of our Chapter back on Syracuse University campus. On July 28, 2018, the Syracuse Chapter delegation at Delta Upsilon Fraternity's Leadership Institute received its official charter, recognizing us as an official Chapter of DU internationally.

This is due to the culmination of hard work and determination over twenty years by the Alumni Chapter and nearly two years of dedication by the Undergraduate Chapter. This achievement could not have been possible without the selfless acts of brotherhood exemplified by all of you who came before us and the Founding Fathers.

I have seen Brothers dedicate many hours to tutor local students in need, or even coach them on how to play basketball. I have seen Brothers defend what is right and speak up for our core value, justice, when injustices were happening in our campus community. I have even seen the youngest of our brothers remind us that through our actions and generosity, it is each of our obligation to care for our communities, work diligently against those who doubt us, and above all, to care for one another. The reach of our brotherhood is not only confined to our college years or individual communities, it goes well beyond that. For everywhere we look, there is work to be done within the fraternal community. Fraternities across the country are at a critical point. To exist and prosper, we must understand the challenges on campus and in the fraternal industry as a whole. The North-American Interfraternity Conference, an association that represents over 60 IFC fraternities and more than 6000 chapters internationally, including Delta Upsilon, recently reshaped their vision and goals to focus more on building healthier Greek communities.

This change and cultural shift from the NIC is already seen from national headquarters across the country changing and implementing new policies to meet the transformative goals set by the NIC. In May, DU's international headquarters announced a Substance-Free Housing Policy which will be implemented incrementally starting Fall 2018, and will take full effect by 2020. I encourage you to read and learn more about the policy and how it impacts our Chapter by visiting the following link: https://www.deltau.org/substance-free.

IHQ's substance-free policy comes at a critical time in which the Greek community in Syracuse is already under the microscope and is being audited by non-SU Greek experts due to numerous Greek incidents in the past year. We believe this is an important time to embrace change and set the path for future DU SU generations by early-adopting the policy. Adopting such major changes will not be possible without the support of the Alumni Advisory Board and the Alumni Housing Corporation. We look at the future of this policy not as something out of our control, but as something we can shape for the better through collective effort. Our challenges may be new, but the values and principles upon which our success depends on are not.

Thank you all for taking the time to read my message, and I hope you enjoy reading the rest of The Bazoo release. I look forward to seeing you at the Alumni Event at our new Chapter House, make sure to RSVP! If you'd like to chat or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email at aalsulai@syr.edu or on my cell at 315.870.8155.

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# CHAPTER NEWS



#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPTER ADVISOR

Michelle Marchand Senior Director of Chapter Development Delta Upsilon IHQ

It was a pleasure to work with the Syracuse chapter during the spring 2018 semester. To see how far this group of men has come in such a short amount

of time is certainly impressive and, undoubtedly, the sky's the limit for their future.

Following the chapter's chartering ceremony in January 2018, they completed a successful spring formal recruitment, bringing the total Delta Upsilon membership to 89 men. The chapter's Advisory Board continues to be one of it's greatest strengths, providing the undergraduate officers with the essential guidance, mentoring, and advice needed to be effective long-term. DU is poised to be a leader on the Syracuse campus, particularly amidst the changing cultural dynamics in the fraternity/sorority community. The chapter has also built a solid base for performance in the Fraternity's Men of Merit Standards, with room for growth in educational program involvement, service, philanthropy, and CEP. With strategic goals set around these areas for the year ahead, it's very possible for the chapter to emerge as one of DU's top chapters internationally over the next year.

On the Fraternity's Membership Outcomes Assessment, the chapter saw a decrease in their social status importance measure, which is a positive sign, showing the chapter's willingness to stand up for what is right on campus, even in the face of adversity. The chapter has a higher than average tendency towards valuing justice and they exhibit positive self-esteem and communication skills. Entering their third year back on campus, it will be important for the chapter to focus on increasing belonging among the members through positive brotherhood engagement and events without alcohol. Overall, the Syracuse chapter is in a good place with much opportunity in the year ahead. The continued support of the Syracuse alumni, as evidenced by receiving the Outstanding Alumni Chapter award at the 2018 DU Leadership Institute, is a key component in the chapter's continued and future success.

# **CHAPTER IN REVIEW**

### PHILANTHROPY 🐇

Development of Character

This year, the Undergraduat Brothers **raised \$1500 for Global Service Initiative (GSI**) which supports development efforts in Jamaica. Brothers are very pleased to have raised more money than the previous year. Additionally,the Chapter finds it humbling to play



a role in creating tangible change. Brothers fundraised through various events like their Delta Dogs philanthropy where they sold food and had dogs throughout the Chapter House. These events also allow the brothers to engage with the entire Greek Community at SU.





Academics have always been at the center of Delta Upsilon. Last year the Chapter held an average GPA of 3.36, making them **the IFC** 

**Chapter with the highest GPA on campus and higher than the men's average at SU**. The Brothers are proud of this accomplishment and are working hard to improve it each semester. The newest Associate Member Class can attest to that with an average GPA of 3.65. Vice President of Academic Excellence, Donovan Harris '19, can be credited for helping the chapter reach this goal through organizing weekly study hours and incentivizing the house with an academic excellence points system. The point system credited brothers for high scores, attending study sessions, and incrementally improving their GPA. Brother David Mishkin '19 was rewarded for receiving the most academic excellence points this past semester.

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Promotion of Friendship

The Undergraduate Brothers' experience in the fraternity has significantly changed for the better ever since acquiring a Chapter House at 801 Walnut Ave. They are forever grateful to all the Alumni that put in their time, talent, and treasure into making this come to life.



Having a place that our brotherhood can call their's truly changes the dynamic of our fellowship and programming. This upcoming school year about 25 brothers will live in throughout the two semesters and over half of the brothers will be on the house meal plan.

### CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

The Undergraduate Brothers are constantly working to improve the chapter and bring our brotherhood to the next level. High expectations have been set for this year's executive board and chairmen.

#### **CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President: Aziz Al-Sulaiti '19 VP Member Education: Colin Spauling '19 VP Recruitment: Spring- Josh Gallup '19 Fall- Byron Tollefson '19 VP Finance: Ben Nordwick '19 VP Loss Prevention: Liam Burns '19

VP Ex. Relations: Spring- Curtis Jorgensen '19 Fall- Andrew Regalado '20 VP Academic Excellence: Donovan Harris '19 VP Administration: Marc Kurek '19 Social Chair: Noah Cyr '20

#### **CHAPTER FALL CHAIRMEN**

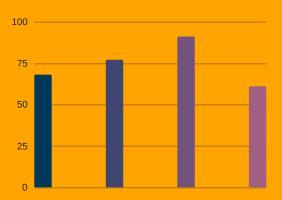
Alumni & Family Relations: Kevin Sheahen Assistant Treasurer: David Mishkin Associate Member Educator: Ben Bierstaker Athletic Director: Chris Romano Brotherhood Chairs: Alex Khan & David Raice Community Engagement: Michael Lockfeld

Governance Chair: Vinny DiPaola Historians: Ryan Desko & Sean Andersen House Manager: James Twyman Philanthropy Chair: Zack Spada Public Relations: Max Kennedy

# **BROTHERHOOD STATS**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- ENTERING FALL 2017 68 BROTHERS
- END OF FALL 2017 77 BROTHERS
- END OF SPRING 2018 89 BROTHERS
- ENTERING FALL 2018 66 BROTHERS



#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

#### **COUNTRIES REPRESENTED**

Canada, China, France, Italy, Qatar

#### **STATES & TERRITORTIES REPRESENTED**

CA, CT, DE, FL, IL, MA, MD, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SD, TX, VA, & PUERTO RICO

#### **EDUCATION**

#### SU COLLEGES REPRESENTED OVER 38 DIFFERENT MAJORS

- THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
- SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
- THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE
- THE DAVID B. FALK COLLEGE OF SPORT & HUMAN DYNAMICS
- SCHOOL OF INFORMATION STUDIES
- THE MARTIN J. WHITMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
- MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP & PUBLIC AFFAIRS
- S.I. NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS
- COLLEGE OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

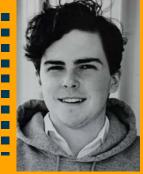
### **SPRING PLEDGE CLASS** EXPANDING THE UNERGRADUATE BROTHERHOOD TO 89



Adam Adler '21 Toronto, Canada **Bandier Program** 



Ethan Barnowitz '21 Dix Hills, NY Sports Management



Coleman Casey '20 Rapid City, SD **Political Science** 



Ryan Desko '21 Syracuse, NY **Bandier Program** 



Clinton Garrahan '21 Arlington, MA Engineering



Quentin Lehn '20 Richmond, VA IMT, Communications



Jordan Heller '21 Jericho, NY Sports Management 



Ross Liechtung '21 Ocean, NJ Pre-Med

Zack Spada '20 Rockaway, NJ Pre - Med



Michael Joyce '21 Mountain View, CA Marketing



Michael Lockfeld '21 Selbyville, DE IR & French





Max Kennedy '21 Virginia Beach, VA Entrepreneurship



Kevin Sheahen '21 Glen Rock, NJ Information Mgmt

Zilin Chen '21 Tianjin, China Information Mgmt

### GRADUATION

This May, 23 brothers from Delta Upsilon graduated from Syracuse University. These brothers were part of the first two associate member classes and played a large role in re-establishing DU at SU. Our new alumni plan to continue supporting DU as they begin making their mark in the world. Many are already employed in various fields ranging from the finance sector to communications industry. We will always remember these founding fathers and their dedication to the Syracuse Chapter of Delta Upsilon. Graduated Brothers as follows:

- Adam Czudack
- Bryan Matta
- Chris Panaro
- Chris Polera
- Evan Decastro
- Hansl Mo
- Kellan Massino
- Kevin Porter
- Jack Woltman
- Jacob O'Hearn
- Jake Ryan

- James Franco
- Larry Stansbury
- Lazare Di Montille
- Matthew Gauthier
- Matthew Neumann
- Max Cohan
- Paul Lukaitis
- Ryan Czerwinski
- Ryan Errico
- Ryan Woods
- Sean Tierney
- Zach Johnson

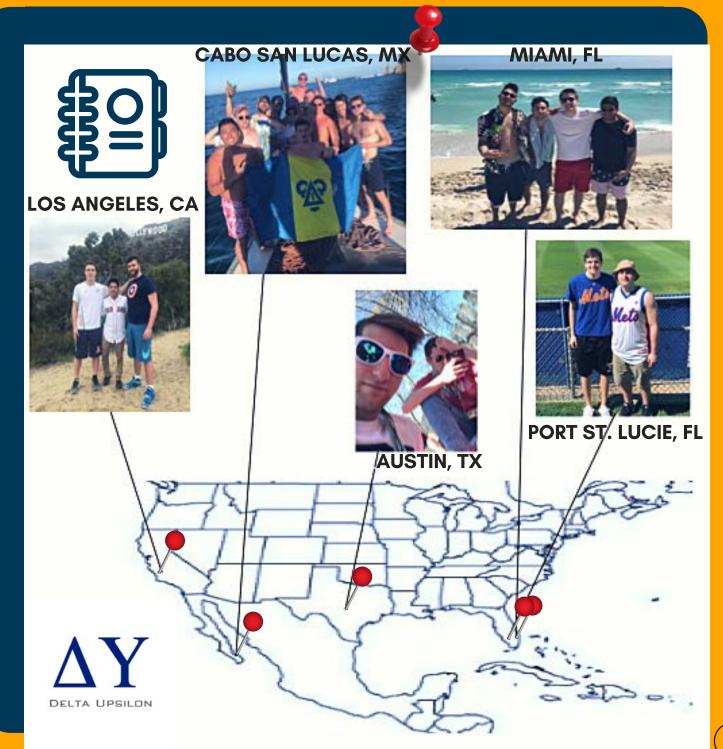


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### **SPRING BREAK**

The brothers enjoy creating memories to last a life time. Below you will find where a few of our brothers traveled together over Spring Break. It is also very important to note that after just two weeks participating in the Associate Member Education Program, Brothers Adam Adler '21, Ethan Barnowitz '21, Jordan Heller '21, and Ryan Desko '21 traveled together. We are proud of the bonds created within Delta Upsilon and are looking forward to all there is ahead.



## **SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**

#### **BEN NORDWICK '19 | Resolution Analytica**



Our very own Brother and Alumnus, Kevin Stein '83, was generous in extending an internship to Brother Ben Nordwick at his company. Using technology, data, and analytics, *Resolution Analytica* dramatically lowers collection costs and increases collection yields for judgement pools, unlocking value for judgement creditors. Brother Nordwick is very thankful to Brother Stein for the opportunity to get hands-on experience and develop his skills at Resolution Analytica.

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#### JOHN DOWLING '19 | Suncoast News Network



Brother John Dowling is interning at Suncoast News Network in Tampa, FL. He works with reporters in the field gaining invaluable insight and knowledge of the industry. Brother Dowling recently had one of his stories run on air, which he described as "one of his favorite moments working there." He is ready to return this Fall with new perspectives and insight on broadcasting.

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#### **COLEMAN CASEY '20 | Reptile Gardens Zoo**



Brother Coleman Casey is working at the facility that holds the world record for Largest Reptile Collection believe it or not. His daily responsibilities include caring for three Aldabra Giant Tortoises, the youngest is around 53 and the oldest is 112. He also make connections with guests and have them interact with the tortoises. On days he does not work with the tortoises, he is with the python. Brother Casey is very passionate about his job and loves working directly with the animals.

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#### LIAM BURNS '19, BEN GRODSKY '19, JON NUNES '19 | ConnectPay







This summer we had an exciting combination of brothers interning together for 10 weeks. Brothers Liam Burns, Ben Grodsky, and Jon Nunes have been working for ConnectPay in Massachusetts. During the Spring Semester they met Syracuse Alumnus Michael Young during one of their classes. They were all able to secure an internship and perform Sales and Marketing for his company.

# ALUMNI NEWS

# SPOTLIGHT DOUGLAS PRESENT '86 | CEO



Brother Doug Present has had a long and accomplished career focused in the services sector of the United States health care system. He is currently an investor in, and advisor to, middle and upper market private-equity-backed health care services investments. He serves as Chairman of the Board of Connolly Inc., the nation's leading payment integrity provider to CMS and other top commercial insurance plans.

From Nov. of 2001 through May of 2013, Brother Present served as the CEO of Managed Health Care Associates, Inc. (MHA). He graduated with a BA from Syracuse University in 1986 and with an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1990. He lives in Summit, NJ with his wife and two children.



The undergraduate brothers are excited to welcome back Brother Doug Present in October 2018 for their inaugural *Coffee with a CEO* lecture series. This lecture series is one of the initiatives to better professional development for the undergraduates. They are greatly looking forward to learning about Brother Present's time in Delta Upsilon and his journey towards being one of our country's leading healthcare professionals. Thank you Brother Present for setting time aside to travel back to Syracuse to give back.

# SPOTLIGHT



#### MAX COHAN '18 | NEWS REPORTER

Brother Max Cohan, recently graduated and immediately started working as a News Reporter. Brother Cohan works five days a week as a general reporter in Pocatello, Idaho covering everything from local crimes and bears breaking into the

zoo to a man tragically getting impaled. He has to go out into the field to find his own stories and often travels upwards of an hour in each direction. He is also being tasked with plenty of live reporting on various events, sometimes five times in a day. As a multi-media journalist, he writes, records, and edits each story himself. He even handles the social media associated with the stories he produces. He described some days as being harder than others but, that he is enjoying each second of it. Brother Cohan is only one example of a young DU alumnus making an impact.



@MAXCOHANTV TUNE IN THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON LOCAL 8 NEWS - POCATELLO, ID Two years ago, It was very important to the Undergraduate Founding Fathers to ensure sustainability in regards to the chapter's growth and future. Thus, they are thankful to now have a growing alumni network that is ready to work hard to continue giving back to their respective communities and Delta Upsilon. Congratulations once again Max on your move to Idaho! The brotherhood is excited to see you soon.

# - LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Both Undergraduate & Alumni Brothers attended the annual Leadership Institute in Scottsdale, AZ.

Here, the Syracuse Chapter received its official charter. Our brotherhood is officially reinstated!

Brother Rick Holland '83 was inducted into the **Anti-Secret Confederation** for his commitment to Delta Upsilon and exemplifying our core values each day. Also, the Syracuse Chapter was recognized as the **Outstanding Alumni Chapter** out of all chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. Thank you to all Brothers who continue to support our mission!





SU DU brothers attending the 2018 DU Leadership Institute (L. to R): Garrett Greco, Vinny DiPaola, Aziz Al-Sulaiti, and Mateo Diaz



Brother Al-Sulaiti represented the Syracuse Chapter during an undergraduate legislative session at the Leadership Institute

### SYRACUSE CHAPTER SHINES ON DELTA UPSILON'S BIGGEST STAGE

Crowd of Nearly 500 DU's From Across North America Cheer SU Brotherhood's Official Re-Chartering

It all came down to a precious, coveted piece of parchment, sealed in a handsome wooden frame: the Charter of the Syracuse Chapter of Delta Upsilon.

Withdrawn in 1996, the charter was officially reinstated in a ceremony at Hendricks Chapel earlier this year (on January 27). But the official charter document, engraved with the names of "founding father" undergraduates (who took the chapter's membership from zero to 66 in only 18 months, was presented on July 28, at the annual Delta Upsilon Leadership Institute.

"I definitely felt proud of all the hard work and dedication that everyone put forward to get the charter," said Syracuse Chapter President Aziz Al-Sulaiti, '19, describing his emotions at the Leadership Institute presentation ceremony. "I was most proud of everyone who came together to make it happen and make it a reality – undergrads, along with alumni, university staff and DU Headquarters staff to guide us."

Brother Al-Sulaiti was part of a Syracuse delegation that included Brothers Garrett Greco, '19, Vinny DiPaola, '19, Mateo Diaz '18, and Rick Holland, '83. All of them journeyed to Scottsdale, AZ on the last weekend in July (yes, it was hot) to attend this year's DU Leadership Institute – the Fraternity's largest leadership education event of the year, drawing about 500 undergraduates from Delta Upsilon chapters throughout North America.

But the accolades at this year's Leadership Institute for the SU DU's were not limited to the presentation of the new charter.Syracuse also received recognition with the **"Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award,"** given to a chapter's alumni organization that demonstrates excellence in three areas of operation: advising undergraduates, managing a chapter house property, and fund raising.



Rick Holland, '83, gave the speech (known as "The Charge") at the model initiation ceremony at the 2018 Leadership Institute.

"Even back in ancient times, when I was an undergraduate, we were absolutely blessed to have incredibly strong alumni support and involvement," said Rick Holland, '83, a member of the SU DU Alumni Chapter. "The recognition we received from DU International is a testament to hundreds of our alumni who have truly stepped up over the past three years with gifts of time, or treasure, or both."

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Meanwhile, the total immersion experience to spend the Institute weekend with 500 fellow DU's, promises to pay dividends to the Syracuse Chapter during the upcoming academic year.

"I sort of went into [the Institute] thinking it might not be of value to DU at Syracuse, in the sense that some of the content wouldn't be applicable to our situation," said Al-Sulaiti. "But we had so many informal discussions that gave us the chance to learn about all these different chapters, and their ideas – that was really beneficial."

Greco was inspired by alumni from other chapters who attended the Institute. "One of my favorite parts of the [Institute] was meeting some of the older guys, talking to them, and understanding how deep DU goes in their bones -- and that they're still friends with some of the brothers they lived with in their DU house."

An attendee at both the 2017 and 2018 Leadership Institutes, DiPaola treasured the friendships he's made with DU's from chapters that are thousands of miles from Syracuse. "It's been great to reconnect with some of the friends I've made in DU chapters across the country," DiPaola said. "Being able to talk to them and network with them, and set our own chapter up for leadership [recognition] within the DU International; they've just been great experiences."

Al-Sulaiti shares Brother DiPaola's sense of ambition to keep the Syracuse Chapter in the limelight at future Leadership Institutes. Recognition as the top undergraduate chapter in Delta Upsilon, called the "Sweepstakes Award," is presented at the Leadership Institute each year.

#### FUN FACTS ABOUT DU LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

It was first held in 1847 in Schenectady, N.Y.
Syracuse hosted the meeting in 1900 and 1924.
It was known as the "DU Convention" back then.

- Indianapolis will host the meeting in 2019
- Each summer, it draws about 500 DU's from chapters in North America, making it the largest leadership education program in the Fraternity

• Thanks to a leadership education endowment from the Syracuse Chapter's Dikaia Foundation, registrations for three SU DU undergraduates are fully paid each year

- The Institute program includes annual awards for individual student and chapter excellence
- DU at Kansas State University has won the top chapter award for five of the past six years
- Syracuse won top chapter award in 1983

• More info at www.deltau.org/li

"We're bringing a bunch of ideas back from the Institute this year," Brother Al-Sulaiti said. "And we're going to be working hard on answering the question, 'How do we take steps to be a Sweepstakes Chapter next year?"

The Syracuse Chapter has carved out a reputation for setting high goals over the past two years ... and reaching them. Just because they're a new chapter, don't count them out next summer, when the 2019 chapter excellence awards are presented.

### **ALUMNI LEADERSHIP**

#### CHAPTER ADVISORY BOARD

- Ken Hyman, Syracuse '88, Advisory Board Chair
- Chris Naum, Syracuse '80, Chapter Advisor
- Kevin Stein, Syracuse '83, Advisory Board Secretary
- Peter Maescher, Syracuse '90, Advisory Board Treasurer
- Mike Whalen, Syracuse '87, Membership Recruitment Advisor
- Jerrel Burgo, Office of Multicultural Affairs Academic Advisor
- Dennis Nave, Rochester '11, Loss Prevention Advisor
- Tom Kaczmarek, DePauw '07, Membership Education, Advisor
- Mercy Lavado, Office of Student Activities External Relations Advisor

#### TASK FORCE

- Mark Linnan, '85, Chairman, Housing Committee
- Rick Holland, '83, Chairman, Fundraising Committee
- Ken Hyman, '88, Chairman, Undergraduate Advisory Committee
- Al Stauderman, '58, Chairman, University Relations Committee
- Kevin Stein, '83, Chairman, Communications Committee
- **Oz Street**, '80, Chairman, Finance Committee
- Mike Whalen, '85, Chairman, Legal Committee

#### HOUSING CORPORATION $\diamondsuit$

- Steven Hochberg, '83, President
- David "Sarge" Sugrue, '90, Vice President
- Bill Etson, '83
- Ken Berlin, '83
- John "Otis" O'Brien, '88
- Christopher Naum, '80

# THANK YOU!



Thank you to our Alumni Leadership for their unwavering commitment to DU. Additionally, thank YOU for supporting our chapter's mission towards bringing DU back to the top! If you would like to keep the spirit of Delta Upsilon alive at Syracuse University, please consider giving a gift at the following link: https://www.gofundme.com/du-syracuse-

chapter-house-fund?member=540504

### SAVE THE DATE

The brothers of Delta Upsilon will be hosting our **1st Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend** from **September 14** – **16**. It will be a weekend full of making memories that you won't want to miss! The itinerary includes the following:

- Golf at Drumlins Golf Course
- Syracuse vs. Florida State Football Game
- Alumni Chapter Meeting
- Much more!

We invite all DU's to come and enjoy the weekend with the Undergraduate Brothers. Look for your email invitation coming within the week with a detailed schedule of SU DU Alumni Weekend events!

### **ALUMNI WEEKEND**



# THANK YOU FOR READING

#### Message from the Editors



#### ANDREW REGALADO '20 VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Joining the Beta Pledge Class in Spring 2017 was one of the best decisions I have made in my college career thus far. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to watch our chapter grow from meeting in a South Campus apartment to gaining its charter and own Chapter House. The memories made in the 2017-2018 school year were unforgettable and I hope this edition of *The Bazoo* was able to give you insight to what it meant to us. Thank you to Kevin for being an outstanding chairman and working diligently to expand our relations with Alumni from all across the country. We cannot wait to continue sharing all the great events this upcoming semester!

#### KEVIN SHEAHEN '21 CHAIRMAN- ALUMNI & FAMILY RELATIONS

Joining Delta Upsilon this past Spring with the Delta Pledge Class has been a very memorable time. Having the opportunity to become Alumni & Family Relations Chair is a great honor as well. Through the excellent work of our Alumni and Andrew, we have revamped the *The Bazoo* and planned much more this upcoming year. A special thank you to all the Brothers past and present who helped with the making of this newsletter. Andrew and myself look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Alumni Weekend in September!

