# Delta Upsilon

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# BAZOO

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SYRACUSE CHAPTER

# Welcome

#### President's Pen Points



Brothers,

I am excited to welcome you to our December 2018 Edition of The Bazoo. This publication is meant to connect the undergraduate chapter and alumni. I am proud to provide a small contribution to the time-honored tradition of the Syracuse Chapter Bazoo by highlighting our chapter's accomplishments and leaving a brief message. For the undergraduates this has been a landmark Fall Semester. We have fully moved in to our Substance Free Chapter House at 801 Walnut and have made it our home on campus.

Having a chapter house has been an important new experience for our chapter. It has been a driving force in fostering a closer brotherhood. We currently have 22 brothers living in and project 30+ beginning in Fall of 2019. 801 Walnut has truly solidified us on Syracuse's campus and the brotherhood could not be more thankful.

Our philanthropy DU Mud Tug was extremely successful and almost every Panhellenic sorority was in attendance. Other DU chapters have reached out asking how they can do a similar event. Fall recruitment for our Epsilon class produced 10 outstanding new brothers. Most of these new members have already stepped up into leadership positions as chairs for this upcoming Spring. Regular social relationships have been built with sororities and groundwork has been laid with other houses. This past Fall was extremely productive for our chapter and I'm proud of our brothers stepping up to make it a reality.

As we move into next semester there is great excitement for recruitment of our Spring Zeta class. This upcoming spring class has the potential to be one of the largest pledge classes to date. As the chapter faces 30+ members graduating in the spring, it is imperative we ensure the chapter is sustainable. This will be a challenge for our chapter but one we're prepared to take. Recruitment preparations are already underway, and we plan on exceeding our goals. There is a lot of interest in our chapter, we are no longer the new guys. As DU continues to gain momentum, our dedication to recruiting quality men has not changed. We strive to find those who not only uphold the ideals of Delta Upsilon but will be another unique piece in our DU family.

#### Alumni:

You have influenced every aspect of our chapter. The guidance has been invaluable in ensuring we grow into a strong chapter steered by the ideals of DU. Without the unwavering drive to see us succeed, we would not be on this upward path. The support for our chapter is clear. You have set us up for the future. With your guidance, we can continue to build into a well-respected chapter at both the campus and national level. We look forward to capitalizing on every opportunity to grow the brotherhood and shape our future. We are proud to be part of a fraternal organization much larger than ourselves. For those I have met, it has been a privilege. For those I haven't, I hope to see you at our annual alumni event next Fall! Thank you for your continued support, without it we would not be where we are now.

I hope you enjoy reading through this edition of The Bazoo. Thank you to brothers Kevin Sheahen 21' and John Fiszman 21' for working hard to ensure the tradition continues. Also, a special thanks to Aziz Al-Sulaiti 19' and his Executive Board for leading our chapter this past year and dedicating countless hours of time and effort to ensure we succeed. If you have any questions or would just like to chat please do not hesitate to reach out at cyrnoah@gmail.com or by cell at 860-608-5229. See you in the Spring!

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# 2019 Chapter Leadership

#### **Executive Board**

President- Noah Cyr

Executive Vice President- Sean Andersen

Vice President of Loss Prevention- Matt Campos

Vice President of External Relations- Kevin Sheahen

Social Chair- Clint Garrahan

Vice President of Internal Relations- Quentin Lehn

Vice President of Finance- Ross Liechtung

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Secretary- Adam Adler

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#### Spring Chairmen

Philanthropy Chair- Aidan Wisher
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Alumni and Family Relations Chair- John Fiszman
Public Relations Chair- Brendan Ryan
Assistant Treasurer- Sean Gorman
Brotherhood Chairs- Vinny DiPaola and James Jensen
Academic Excellence Chair- David Mishkin
Athletics Director- Ryan Congdon
Governance Chair- Aziz Al-Sulaiti
Historian- Austin Smykal

# Chapter in Review

### **Alumni and Family Weekend**

This Fall semester we hosted our annual Alumni Weekend in September as well as our first annual Family Weekend on the weekend of October 26th. We successfully had more than 20 families and friends attend our formal dinner at the Delta Upsilon chapter house on Friday the 26th. Where we restated our mission to building better men to active brothers families as well as associate members families. The following day we held a BBQ and tailgate for the North Carolina State vs. Syracuse Football game.





We are extremely grateful for all those families that were able to attend. One of the main goals of the Syracuse Chapter of Delta Upsilon is to build and foster a great relationship with Families. Also a special thank you to all Alumni that gave up their time to come and connect with all the undergraduates.

# **Philanthropy**

This fall the men of Delta Upsilon
Syracuse Chapter raised over
\$3,000 for GSI with their philanthropy
DU Mud Tug. It was a bracket-style
tug-of-war contest with a messy
twist: a pool full of mud awaiting the
losing team! There was also a dunk
tank where throwers would be
charged a small fee to dunk a
brother of their choice, as well as
Loaded Tuggin' Tenders being sold
to hungry participants and onlookers.





The men attended a lot of philanthropies themselves throughout the semester, and the favorite was thrown by our good friends at Phi Sigma Sigma. They host an annual philanthropy event called inferno which is a round-robin style tournament between other greek organizations that test participants' athletic and physical ability, as well as their teamwork and creative thinking. The fundraiser goes towards supplying children in inner city Syracuse with school supplies and textbooks to aid in their scholarly success.

# **Brotherhood Stats**



#### **Membership**

- End of spring 2018-89 Brothers
- Entering Fall 2018- 66 Brothers
- End of Fall 2018- 74 Brothers

#### **Involvement**

- 7 of the 10 members of the Epsilon class are assuming Chair positions
- 8 of the 14 members of the Delta class are assuming either Chair or Executive Board positions

#### **Education**

- 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

# Fall Pledge Class



Austin Smykal
Politcal Science
Orange County, CA



Ryan Congdon
Systems
Information
Science
Fairfield, CT



John Fiszman Supply Chain, Entrepreneurship San Francisco, CA



Marty Hirschburg
Physical
Education
Rochester, NY



Jack Dolitsky Sports Analytics Cedarhurst, NY



James Jensen Economics, Pre-Med Denver Colorado



Sean Gorman Accounting Dix Hills, NY



Brendan Ryan
Public Relations,
Marketing
Yonkers, NY



Aidan Wisher Sports Management Westport, CT



Matt Arkema Film Glenview, IL

# **Brotherhood Events**

This past semester the Brotherhood has had some memorable times together. From gorge jumping in Ithaca to friendly competitions among brothers we found entertainment. Our two Brotherhood Chairs Alex Khan and David Raice helped to organize other trips to Turning Stone, Dave n Busters, and many others. We look forward to expanding our Brotherhood budget next semester to include more monthly events. We are very excited with our new Brotherhood chairs, Vincent DiPaolo and James Jensen. We wish them the bust of luck in finding new and creative ways to bring our brotherhood together.





# Undergraduate Spotlight

#### **Brother Curtis Jourgenson**

For our Undergraduate Spotlight we will be taking a look at Curtis
Jorgensen. Curtis is a TV, Radio and
Film major at the Newhouse School of
Communications. As a Senior he will
be spending his last semester in Los
Angeles taking classes as well as
interning at Times10 a digital and
social media branding agency. On top
of working 3 to 4 days at Times10 he
is also exploring the possibilities of an
additional work experience. In the
future Curtis wishes to work in the
sports industry specifically the
entertainment side of it.





While he is there he is looking forward to enjoying Dodger and Laker games, as well as getting a feel for the city. More than that Curtis is excited for "enjoying the warm weather, unlike Syracuse". All the undergraduate brothers wish Curtis the best of luck and are excited to see him back in Syracuse in May when he walks for graduation.

# Coffee with a CEO

Doug Present, '86, shares life lessons and career tips with undergrad brothers

By his own admission, coming out of high school, DU Brother Doug Present, '86, was not a candidate for the "Most Likely to Succeed Award."

"Academically, I didn't really apply myself in high school," Present told a gathering of about 35 DU undergraduates, at the inaugural "Coffee With A CEO" event, held in mid-October at the Watson Theater on the SU campus. "My [high school] grades were good enough, but far from great," he added. All of that changed when he got to Syracuse and decided to focus on his studies. "I recognized that I wasn't necessarily going to be the smartest person in my college classes, but I knew I could be among those who worked the hardest, and that's what I did," said Present, who went on to excel academically at SU.

Present's appearance with the undergraduate brotherhood was sponsored by the Syracuse DU Alumni Task Force, and marked the start of a new, continuing speaker series that brings outstanding DU alumni leaders to



campus to share their advice, guidance and lessons-to-live-by with the DU chapter. By way of professional background, Brother Present served as CEO of Managed Health Care Associates, Inc. from 2001 to 2013, during which the company's client base grew from approximately \$700 million in contracted sales to approximately \$6 billion. In 2013, the company was sold to Roper Industries for \$1 billion.

# **Continued**

During his session with the DU brothers, Present covered a variety of topics, describing his personal and professional evolution from the moment he pledged DU to now. "I knew I did not have the personality or the stomach to be hazed ... so I rushed one house [DU] with my best friend, Jon Frankel." Both Present and Frankel received bids to join DU, and went on to each



serve terms as Chapter President. "I had a fabulous experience and learned a lot about leadership," Present said. "[DU had] a terrific group of guys, and I lived in the fraternity house for 2 ½ years, it was my home here at Syracuse."

Upon leaving SU, Present did a short stint on Wall Street, then attended the Wharton School to earn his MBA. Brother Present has continued his association with Wharton and for the last 12 years has taught health care services to second-year MBA students. He's excelled in this role as well, as a four-time winner of the school's "Excellence in Teaching Award."

The undergraduate brotherhood and the Alumni Task Force are deeply grateful for Brother Present's generous gift of time and wisdom during his Coffee With A CEO talk, and we're proud of his continued commitment to SU, as a member of the Advisory Board for the Whitman School of Business. The Coffee With A CEO series continues in Q1 of 2019 (tentative date is March 5), as the brotherhood welcomes Brother Phil Nardone, '82. Brother Nardone is President and CEO of PAN Communications, a PR Agency based in Boston with offices in San Francisco, New York, and Orlando.

# Alumni Spotlight

#### **Brother Sean Tierney**

For our Alumni Spotlight we would like to focus on a recent graduate of Syracuse University and someone close to the undergraduates at Delta Upsilon. Sean Tierney graduated from Syracuse University in May of 2018 and enlisted in the Marine Corps in August. For the past 5 months he has been training in Quantico, Virginia to become an officer. Sean hopes to make a career out of the military and he has taken a great step in making that become a reality.



Sean has a strong passion for helping others and as he said "felt an internal desire to join the Marine corps and defend those that need it". We are extremely grateful for what Sean has sacrificed and what he will continue to do in order to serve our country.

Besides the Marine Corps Sean Tierney was a founding member of Delta. As a founding member him and fellow members of the Alpha Class paved the way for succeeding classes. His time and work here at Syracuse like many Alphas was vital for Delta Upsilon's resurgence. With that said all the Alumni and Underclassmen thank Sean and those Alpha Class members.

# **Alumni Donations**

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If your name is missing from this list, follow this link:

www.gofundme.com/du-at-su-145th-anniversary-campaign to join the crowd!

The names of almost 150 SU DU alumni made financial gifts, large and small, to support our undergraduate brothers and alumni brothers in need during the past year. These alumni combined to contribute nearly \$95,000 to a variety of DU causes between January 1, and December 15, 2018. We honor and acknowledge their generosity and lifelong commitment to the brotherhood!

# Happy Holidays and we hope to see you in the New Year

