

# Delta Upsilon Syracuse University



The Bazoo  
November 2021



Brothers,

## President's Pen Points

Welcome to the Fall 2021 edition of the Bazoo. What a year! In December 2020, when the Executive Board took their positions, we looked at the Spring '21 semester with both excitement and also a little fear. With vaccinations rolling out and the need for a large recruitment, the brothers knew the expectations for the semester and what needed to happen to execute it to perfection, and perfect it was. Through all adversity and speed bumps in the way, the brothers were able to have a very successful semester in every aspect. The brotherhood was able to welcome in a 25-member Kappa Class in the Spring. The Kappas exuded an energy and passion for Delta Upsilon that was a much-needed spark plug for all brothers. This passion was shown almost immediately as almost all of them threw their name in for consideration for a wide array of chair positions following their initiation. Two of the newly initiated brothers in particular, Marco Tinetto and Ben Harris, ran and won the latest social chair election. The class is a snapshot of what the brotherhood strives to represent; a group of classy and respectful gentleman who all come from different backgrounds to form a simply phenomenal brotherhood.



The brotherhood had its share of COVID-19 scares, but we managed to persevere and came out more tight-knit and stronger than ever before. Throughout the semester we were able to do a plethora of COVID safe events planned by brotherhood chairs Connor Pignatello '23 and Sean O'Brien '21, along with our Athletic Director Branden Lantz '23. The continuation of the official DU Flag Football league was a great success, and the brothers were able to find many other ways to enjoy each other's company while staying safe.

As I mentioned in the last edition of the Bazoo, this academic year was full of both fun times as well as extremely generous donations and help from our amazing alumni. Whether it was through mentoring the undergraduates in both academics and brotherhood or helping our physical chapter house reach its full potential, the undergraduate brothers are extremely thankful for the path that has been paved for us. Mark "Minty" Linnan was one of the biggest supporters this year. Whether he was coming up to Syracuse to lend a helping hand (and tools!) with improvements or jumping in to take the reins of the Alumni Housing Corp, his time alone has been extremely generous. It is because of this that the chapter decided to name the great room after him. The room that gets the most use by the brotherhood will now always bear the name "Minty's Great Room" to give our thanks to all of the support he has given us.

Although there have been many challenges along the way that tested the brotherhood, both the undergraduates and the alumni persevered and pushed this Fraternity to new heights this semester. In a very short time since our charter Delta Upsilon Syracuse has created a great legacy and tradition that has been passed down from brother to brother. The future is extremely bright for this chapter and I look forward to watching these young men flourish to reach, and exceed, every goal in mind.

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

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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 - Doug Lattuca ('23)
- Vice President of Internal Relations - Reid Wight ('22)
- Vice President of External Relations - Christopher Klein ('22)
- Vice President of Finance - Antonio Campomanes ('22)
- VP of Associate Member Education - Evan Lane ('23)
- Housing Manager - Tucker Gralewski ('23)
- Secretary - Brendan Berman ('23)
- Rush Chair - Charlie Burns & Jack Lyons ('22)



## Spring Chairmen

- Social Chairs - Ben Harris ('22) & Marco Tinetto ('23)
- Brotherhood - Chase Connolly ('23) & Anthony Hack ('23)
- PR Chair - Miles Isrig ('23)
- Academic Excellence Chair - Ronan McCabe ('23)
- Historian - Chase Groux ('22)
- Philanthropy Chairs - Ben Grainger ('23) & Dom Clinch ('23)
- Community Engagement Chair - Hugh Medvecky ('23)
- Governance Chair - Nick Grande ('24)
- Alumni & Family Relations Chair - Geoffrey Goose ('23)
- Athletic Director - Collin Rigley ('22)

# New Initiates: Kappa Class



Phillip  
DiGregorio

Geoffrey  
Goose

Bailey  
Gorman

Ben  
Grainger

Nick  
Grande

Chase  
Groux



Jacob  
Leisawitz

Ford  
Lenchner

Ben  
Harris

Jackson  
Haugenes

Miles  
Isgrig

Akshay  
Kapur



Jared  
Aaronson

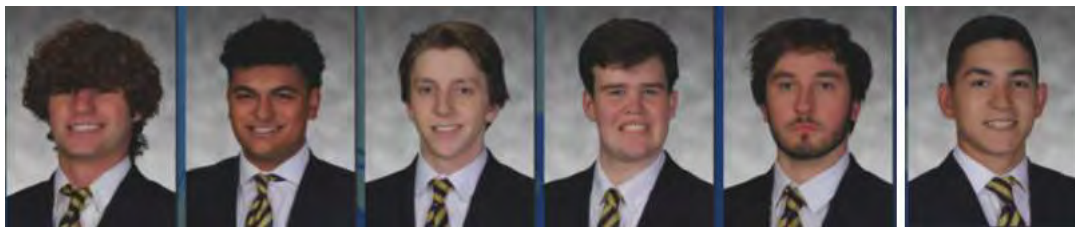
Anthony  
Hack

Corey  
Bruno

Zach  
Byle

Dom  
Clinch

Chase  
Connolly



Brown  
Osteen

Thomas  
Posada

James  
Roberts

Hayden  
Schmidt

Marco  
Tinetto

Alex  
Mendel

# Chapter Philanthropy

This past semester (Spring 2021) the Delta Upsilon chapter at Syracuse University founded DU Madness, a March Madness philanthropy pool in an effort to support educational equality in the Syracuse area. Delta Upsilon teamed up with Pencils of Promise in Syracuse, a global community that believes everyone deserves access to quality education. Pencils of Promise is a for-purpose organization working to increase access to quality education for children in Ghana, Guatemala and Laos. In just 9 years, Pencils of Promise has built over 420 schools and serves over 74,500 students every day. The philanthropy bracket featured over 100 contributors and raised over \$1400 in support of Pencils of Promise in Syracuse. In its inaugural showing, DU Madness was both competitive and effective in supporting a great cause. DU at SU hopes to continue this philanthropy for years to come!

## DU | Pencils of Promise

Group   Email Group   Invite Friends   Group Directory

Group Type: Private

Group Motto: "Building Better Men"

Group Size: 140+

Group Entries Per User: 25

Locking Rules: Locked - Brackets may leave/join group only before the Round of 64 begins

Group Rank: 25k (Top Groups)

Average Points Scored: 755.38

Group Creator: [douglas lattuca](#) 

Group Message:


This tournament season DU has decided to team up with Pencils of Promise in Syracuse, a global community that believes everyone deserves access to quality education. The winnings will be split 50/50. <https://pencilsofpromise.org>

Group Password: [dikaia](#)



Invite to Group

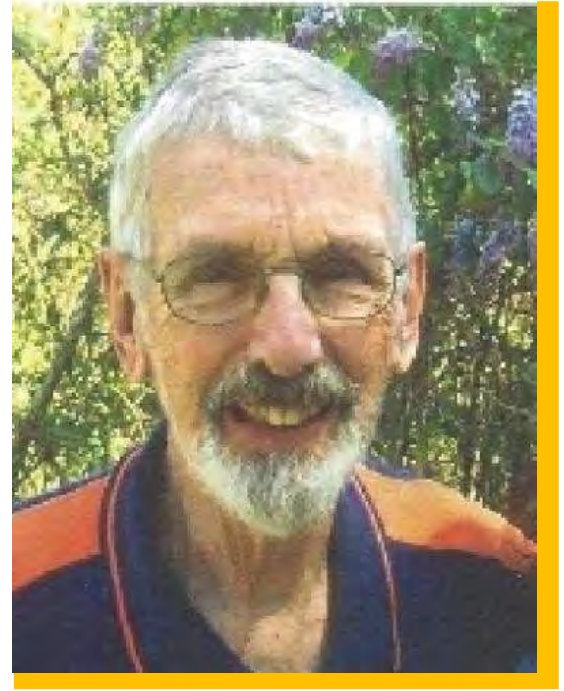
 Facebook

 E-Mail



## In Memoriam

I've known Bruce Laidlaw, '55, for 35 years and we became great friends, we were on the board of directors of The Delta Upsilon Society of Syracuse for over ten years and one year we even traveled to Denver to attend Delta Upsilon's annual convention. I knew a side of Bruce that most of you don't know, in addition to being his friend I also was his financial advisor for the last 23 years. He was a man of wealth that lived a modest lifestyle so he could help others. He funded travel, sports and educational expenses for many kids and their families, he provided cell phones, clothes and shoes to countless kids, he even once bought a family a minivan that needed a vehicle. In addition to financial support, he was always driving someone around or volunteering at a local school. We would meet for lunch 2-3 times a year, either at Cosmos (until it closed), Varsity or Applebee's (the man loved Applebee's) often over a beer or two. We would always talk about the same things, his love for DU, SU sports, politics and did he have enough money to continue helping people. He was one of a kind and I will miss our brother Bruce!



- Dan D'Andreano



On September 26, 2021 our brother, friend and absolutely wonderful person, Rick Barry, '84, passed away. Rick was physically big and possessed a lightness of spirit joined with incredible generosity. He had the rare ability to make absolutely everyone around him feel special, worthy, and important, regardless of their age. He lived on Cape Cod and loved the water and fished every chance he could. His smile will burn brightly in our minds for eternity! He leaves behind a wife, a son and a daughter. May he Rest In Peace and may we keep his spirit alive by being kind to all!

- Larry Cantor, '84

# Chapter House Renovations

Following the successful program in 2020, momentum continued at 801 Walnut in 2021. Improving the house helps with Associate Member recruiting, increases the number of brothers who want to live-in and enhances the day-to-day experience of 801 Walnut. Projects this year included bathroom renovations, risers for the living room seating, new bedroom furniture, new vinyl plank flooring, radiator covers, kitchen equipment, landscaping, painting, better wifi and (lots and lots) of cleaning! Alumni donations for these improvements are greatly appreciated by the undergraduate brothers and as you can see from the pictures, have really made a difference!





## Brother Spotlight

One member of this Fraternity who deserves some attention is brother James Jensen. James is a 2-time brotherhood chair and a 1-time recipient of the Jeff Ploshnick Friendship and Participation award. His presence in this chapter has been felt for a long time, as he is a member of the Epsilon class and finishing up his last semester as an Economics major in the college of Arts and Sciences.

While his time is coming to an end as an active brother, his long-lasting impact on all brothers throughout his time will continue to shine. James is a guy that you can talk to once and never forget, and fortunately for most brothers we get to see him daily as he has lived in for 2 and a half years. Many brothers have formed everlasting relationships with James, and he is truly a one-of-a-kind person who will always look out for those closest to him. He is one to rarely miss a brotherhood or social event, and never a chapter.

James is a guy that truly values this brotherhood and exemplifies what a DU should be.



# Reunion Weekend Chapter Meeting

During DU Alumni Reunion Weekend, a Chapter Meeting was held on Saturday, October 16, 2021. The brothers of Delta Upsilon, alumni and undergraduates started by singing "Wherever You Find Two Rivers." This was followed by heartfelt sentiments from Alumni Pete Gaines '79 and Larry Cantor '84 on behalf of passed Brothers: C. Bruce Laidlaw, '55 and Rick Barry, '84. Ken Hyman '88 then spoke about all we've accomplished and fulfilling DU's mission since reestablishing DU on campus. Ken highlighted the tremendous amount of work it takes to establish a Chapter, and then awarded Vinny DiPaola '20 with the 2021 Presidents Award for all of his "dedication and devotion that he has shown to our brotherhood, for his efforts in forming it, growing it, and for strengthening it."



Kevin Stein '83 then gave a review of the Alumni Organizations for DU at Syracuse, highlighting the three legs of our governance: the Dikaia Foundation, the Chapter Advisory Board, and DUSU Housing Corporation. Mark Linnan, '85 then thanked Steve Hochberg '83 for his assistance extending the lease with Delta Tau Delta for 3 academic years, with a potential option for a 4<sup>th</sup>. He went on to state that at the end of the term (i.e., by Fall 2024 or Fall 2025) DU will need to find a new location.

Linnan went on to explain that we recently engaged a firm, Columns Studies, to evaluate the feasibility of a fundraising campaign towards the purchase a new (permanent) house for Delta Upsilon at Syracuse University. The Columns team (principally co-founders David Carico and Mark Wilkison) will be reaching out to a cross-section of alumni to ask for your thoughts, advice and opinions. Housing Corp asks that you please respond if they contact you and offer your honest feedback and counsel. Although Columns will talk about a potential campaign and whether or not you would be likely to support Delta Upsilon, please know one thing... you will not be asked for money on this call!



President Austin Kornbluth, '24 presented the Key Leadership Pin to Mark Linnan for his outstanding efforts as President of the DUSU Housing Corp and for his dedication to the Brotherhood. Finally, the undergraduate brothers in attendance sang Ode to Delta Upsilon.

## Dikaia Scholarship Update

For Fall 2021/Spring 2022 scholarship, The Dikaia Foundation has selected **Miles Isgrig '23** as Dikaia Scholar from a group of highly qualified candidates recommended by the Chapter Executive Board. The Dikaia Scholar was created in 2019 to represent Dikaia at Syracuse University and support Dikaia's Grants and Awards Committee led by **Peter Gaines '79**.



Miles is a sophomore from Manhattan Beach, California majoring in Television Radio and Film and minoring in Business Administration. Miles stated "I am humbled to receive the honor of Dikaia Scholar. I am eager to be a driving force to further our brotherhood's achievements, and I am prepared to dedicate myself to making the 2021 award process beneficial to the brotherhood." Miles noted the awards application portal opens December 1 and closes December 31, 2021 and said the Dikaia Scholar will receive a \$500 award in February in conjunction with the annual Dikaia Awards Event where over \$26,000 will be given.

"We are thrilled to announce that Miles Isgrig was selected as the Dikaia Scholar for this academic year" stated Chapter President, Austin Kornbluth '22, adding "Miles joined our

Chapter in the Spring of 2021 as part of the 'Kappa' class and has become an important member of our house. We are hopeful he will become one of the future leaders of our Chapter."

Miles has begun working with Dikaia President **Kevin Stein '83** who stated "Miles has already demonstrated his passion and leadership skills. Brendan Berman set a new standard for what the Dikaia Scholar could be, and I'm looking forward to seeing what Miles can do to bring the role to the next level. I'm certain Miles will be able to learn and grow upon the precedent that Brendan has set for Dikaia."

We encourage active members of the chapter to apply for scholarships which fulfill Dikaia's mission to aid, encourage, and promote the education and general well-being of members of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Syracuse University. In February 2022, Dikaia will announce over \$26,000 of awards to brothers of the Chapter. The annual Dikaia Awards Event is scheduled for **February 26, 2022** on the campus of Syracuse University. All family, friends and alumni are invited and encouraged to attend in person or via Zoom. Details for the event will follow.

For more information on The Dikaia Foundation and the scholarship application, please visit [www.dikaia.org](http://www.dikaia.org).

# The Dikaia Foundation Annual Campaign

## Thank you from the Dikaia Board of Trustees

Our 2020-21 fundraising campaign for the Dikaia Foundation (which concluded on April 30) was a huge success, raising approximately \$27,000! The Foundation's Annual Campaign, which runs from May 1 to April 30 each year, is the reason we can provide scholarships to our undergraduate DU brothers. **Please be on the lookout for an email later this month (November) asking for your gift to the 2021-22 Campaign.**

And please join us in extending special thanks to the brothers listed below who contributed to the 2020-21\* Campaign:

Aziz	<b>Al-Sulaiti</b>	Jeff	<b>Gugick</b>	Andrew	<b>Regalado</b>
Sean	<b>Anderson</b>	Steven	<b>Hochberg</b>	Matt	<b>Reiser</b>
Constatine	<b>Barbounis</b>	Rick	<b>Holland</b>	Denis	<b>Robitaille</b>
Mike	<b>Barkann</b>	Ken	<b>Hyman</b>	Bob	<b>Sack</b>
William	<b>Barnes</b>	Larry	<b>Issacson</b>	Howie	<b>Sashin</b>
Peter	<b>Bayer</b>	Paul	<b>Johnson</b>	Andrew	<b>Schirmer</b>
Brian	<b>Boyle</b>	Kurt	<b>Kalafsky</b>	John	<b>Segaul</b>
Larry	<b>Cantor</b>	Scott	<b>Kronick</b>	Rich	<b>Shelley</b>
Brian	<b>Cleary</b>	Greg	<b>Larson</b>	Greg	<b>Simon</b>
Noah	<b>Cyr</b>	Jon	<b>Levy</b>	James	<b>Soch</b>
Jack	<b>Dytman</b>	Ted	<b>Limpert</b>	Al	<b>Stauderman</b>
Robert	<b>Elliot</b>	Mark	<b>Linnan</b>	Kevin	<b>Stein</b>
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Jon	<b>Frankel</b>	Mike	<b>McHenry</b>	Bill	<b>Strickland</b>
Bill	<b>French</b>	Jim	<b>McKay</b>	David	<b>Sugrue</b>
Pete	<b>Gaines</b>	Tre	<b>Mischka</b>	Scott	<b>Voorhees</b>
Dick	<b>George</b>	Bill	<b>Mulroy</b>	Robert	<b>Vrooman</b>
Jeff	<b>Gold</b>	Phil	<b>Nardone</b>	Mike	<b>Whalen</b>
Mike	<b>Greene</b>	John	<b>Newhouse</b>	Mike	<b>Wodchis</b>

\*Note the list is as of April 30, 2021. All contributions after that date will be included in the 2021-22 Campaign.

Please visit [www.dikaia.org](http://www.dikaia.org) for more information on The Dikaia Foundation and for payment options including credit card, Zelle, Venmo and personal check. Crypto options coming soon!

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