

THE BAZOO

Delta Upsilon has returned to Syracuse University!



Check out our first alumni newsletter!

With January's colonization ceremony, spring recruitment, an April alumni cookout, ΔY - $\Delta \Phi E$ Dodgeball, and more!

by Byron Tollefson, VP of External Relations

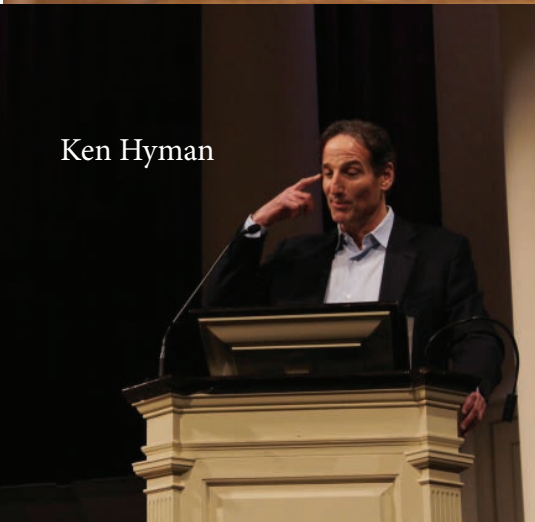
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Colonization

On January 28, 2017, following years of alumni work, Delta Upsilon officially recolonized at Syracuse University with a ceremony at Hendricks Chapel. More than 150 people attended. The next morning, the colony's 60 new members attended an all-day retreat to kick off the associate member process. Here are some highlights from the ceremony. Thank you to all who attended!



The colony's 60 members



Ken Hyman



John Lauer

Dick Thorpe '63



President Vinny DiPaola



The brothers huddle up after officially colonizing

Recruitment

Jacob Ellis and Hayden Rahn, DU's leadership consultants, arrived at SU in October with the task of rebuilding a colony from scratch. They held info sessions, 1 v 1 meetings, and tabling at Schine Student Center to recruit new members. By January, the pair had recruited 60 members to the colony.



One of the early info sessions



Jacob Ellis, Purdue '16

Jacob seemed to be very passionate and hard-working. The qualities that I think him and I share is our willingness to give back to the community and how we want to make a difference. Once you get into it and you start doing things it changes you. You look at things from different perspectives.

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We participated in spring recruitment in February, seeking the second batch of founding fathers. Delta Phi Epsilon was gracious enough to let us use their house for rounds. Invite and bid nights took place at Syracuse's location of Hillel International. While the recruitment committee is still meeting with potential new members, DU's first pledge class as of 3/26 is 13 men. The colony aims for a final tally of 18.



The prospective members meet for the first time

We've brought in some stellar men and we're very excited to have them as a part of our DU family.

*Justin Bachman
VP of Recruitment*



Service

The brothers wanted to make an impact in the community quickly, even while Jacob and Hayden were still recruiting. Below are some of the highlights of our service work from last semester. This semester, the brothers are required to do at least 10 hours of community service. We're teaming up with the Samaritan Center's soup kitchen on Thursdays and Fridays for service hours.

OTTOTHON



Brother C.J. Santosuosso was M.C. for Otto-Thon in November, Syracuse's annual 10-hour dance marathon raising money for Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. Delta Upsilon, consisting of just 40 men at the time, raised over \$1000 for the event. That total was the second highest of any IFC fraternity.

Being MC was incredibly rewarding. But what meant a lot to me personally was seeing my brothers turn out and dance and support me and the children.

C.J. Santosuosso

We set up our own Delta Upsilon team for SU's Relay for Life, which takes place from April 21-22, 6pm-6am. Our goal is to raise \$1000 for the American Cancer Society. Please consider making a donation with DU via the link below:

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/DeltaUpsilon>



BOYS + GIRLS CLUB CARNIVAL



In December, DU teamed up with Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority to host a winter carnival for the Syracuse Boys and Girls Club. They helped kids build gingerbread houses, make paper snowflakes, and write holiday letters to their families.

They kept smiling, laughing, and asking for piggy-back rides. I think we really made their day and I can't explain how rewarding that feels.

Byron Tollefson

What's Next?

Delta Dodgeball on April 2nd

We see our first philanthropic event as our introduction to the campus. Ever seen the movie Dodgeball? That's what this will be like. We're partnering with Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority for a massive dodgeball tournament on April 2, from 11-2 PM. 15 Greek organizations have already signed up. But Syracuse has over 300 student organizations and we want the entire community to get involved, from club sports to multicultural organizations. The teams will consist of 6 members. DU and DPhiE will be refs, coaches, and trainers. We're capping the amount of teams at 40. But in short, we're expecting big turnout and Delta Dodgeball to be a huge success.



So far, it looks like we'll have a good turnout and we're all working hard for more. This could be a really successful first event and I'm excited to see how it will turn out.

Philanthropy Chair Curtis Jorgensen

Alumni Scholarship Cookout on April 29th

We're hosting an afternoon alumni BBQ cookout in April! Food, beverages, games, and more will be provided. In addition, the Ray Ranellucci '89 and Dave Thorpe '64 scholarships will be awarded at the event!

Date: Saturday, April 29

Location: TBD, will be announced soon.

Time: 2-4 PM

If you are interested, RSVP to our Big Event Chairman, Ben Nordwick (btnordwi@syr.edu)! We would love to see you all there!

Submitting Chartering Proposal by May

When President Vinny DiPaola arrived at President's Academy in Indiana, the group wasn't even a colony yet. But he had one ambitious message for the chapters of Delta Upsilon. "I give you all my word, by the time I'm here next year, my nametag won't say Syracuse Colony, it'll just say Syracuse." Yes, we plan on submitting our chartering application by May. The executive board outlined an ambitious plan to meet all 11 requirements. Most have already been met. Our plan is to develop the strongest proposal DU International Headquarters has ever seen.

Member Highlight



by Justin Bachman, VP of Recruitment

I have been different for my whole life. When I was younger, I would have these terrible rage fits, uncontrollable ADHD and was terrible at making friends. For a very long time I had these little things that I did that nobody really understood. I didn't know how to stop them and I had never thought about it until they got more complex in 6th and 7th grade. These "little things" went from small blinks to full on neck and head movements and I had no idea how to stop them. That was when I was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome (TS).

TS is a medical condition that causes people to have uncontrollable twitches and vocal outbursts called tics. These "little things" I had been doing my whole life were all just tics, I just didn't know that. After 7th grade, having a diagnosis of TS allowed me to talk about who I was, I finally had an identity, something that ex-

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Justin Bachman

plained why I was doing what I was doing, and that made me feel like I could take on the world. When I was in 8th grade, I was disqualified from a cross country meet because the officials refused to understand my TS.

That was the first time that I had really faced a situation that I simply couldn't beat because of my differences. I was crushed, and I never wanted to face anything like it ever again. I also knew that I was not the only person facing issues like this intolerance because of a difference I was born with. I had two choices: stand up and take action or sit back and let things like that meet happen to myself and others.

I chose the former, and decided to start speaking and sharing my stories of being different. I wrote a speech called "Living Loud: Can You Hear It" which is all about being proud of who you are and showing it off to others. Since my first speech in 8th grade I have spoken in 16 states, over 150 schools to a total audience of over 90,000 people. Living Loud has always been evolving and changing, stories get tweaked and swapped around, new things come in and old stories get removed, pretty normal over a 6 year span. There was; however, one key change in the progression of Living Loud, and that is when I began talking about my suicide

Member Highlight

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attempts on stage. For a very long time in my life I was not comfortable talking about the three times I attempted suicide before I was 11. I had blocked those years out of my memory, and had never considered talking about them on stage in the slightest. But as I got better at speaking and wanted to be able to make more of an impact and connection with audiences I knew that that was the best way to do it. I remember sitting in my room as I wrote the first draft of LL's new intro where I detail the second time I tried to end my own life. I was sitting at my desk with tears streaming down my face: these were the hardest words I have ever written. I wasn't sure if I would be able to present them well, but when the time finally came to give the first "new" LL speech it just felt natural, like I had been telling that story forever. The crazy part of all of this came after the speech. Usually there are one or two students that stay after my speeches to ask more personal questions, but this time there was one girl who stayed back. I went up, introduced myself like I usually do, but I could tell that she had been crying. She then told me that she had planned on committing suicide that night, but after hearing me talk about my darkest times and how I got through them, she knew that she could too.

That has happened 19 other times since, students having a plan to end their life but deciding not to after hearing Living Loud. It is an indescribable feeling to know that you have the power to save a life, but it's also one of the biggest reasons that I keep doing what I do with Living Loud. Knowing I have the power to help others is what keeps me motivated and inspired. DU has been an amazing experience for me thus far. I wasn't 100% sure what I would get out of it coming in, but it has definitely surpassed any expectations I had. The brothers I have gained are friends I can see being with forever, and the ability to shape DU for the future as an Eboard member excites me every day. I remember going through rush before joining DU and the jaded attitudes of superiority that most of the houses held disgusted me, but I don't feel that with DU, and I am very proud of that.

Justin Bachman
VP of Recruitment
SU Class of '19



Thank You

DU Syracuse Alumni,

I went through Syracuse's rush process once before. I asked the same question at every house. I'd ask the brothers what made their fraternity special. Every single time, I got the same exact answer. *Just the brotherhood, bro. The guys are the best part about it.* I never got that. I thought it was just a cop-out answer. But ever since I joined Delta Upsilon in October 2016, I finally realized what that meant.

When you came up for our colonization ceremony, some drove hundreds of miles to do so. Some of you hadn't seen each other in years, but it didn't seem like it. After all of this time, it was clear you were still the best of friends. Whenever I brought up 711 Comstock to an alumni, he'd pull over a brother and tell me a crazy story they experienced together. Each tale was distinctly different. Each tale made me jealous.

It's evident that brothers become closer when they're living together. We've experienced this first-hand. Two brothers reside in a small apartment on South Campus. That location hosts what we call our "after-hours", a place for brothers to be together on any day of the week. The other weekend, I drove over on a Saturday morning. I found 20 brothers squished and huddled around the couches. They were eating pancakes with their bare hands, laughing, and telling stories about the night before.

We've known each other for just a few months. But I've truly never felt this close to anyone before. These guys are my best friends.

Many of you graduated at least 20 years ago, yet you've worked your hearts out over the last few years to bring back our chapter- for a bunch of college kids. That dedication speaks to the love you have for this fraternity. That dedication speaks for the love you have for each other.

I believe the bonds in DU can transcend generations. We have a lot planned for the rest of this semester. We hope this newsletter has you excited as much as we are. But more importantly, we hope it makes all your sacrifice feel worth it.

DU Syracuse Alumni...thank you.

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VP of External Relations

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